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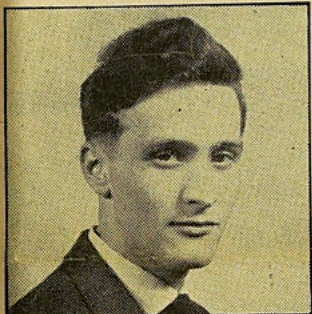
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MORE EXEC.

This session's newly-elected Chairman of External Affairs is one of the many Chemists in our midst. His claim to the post is strengthened by the fact that he has been local N.U.S. Secretary up-to-date, and so knows much of the organisation, a major requirement for this position on the Executive.

As Chairman of External Affairs he will shortly be leading the University Delegation to the N.U.S. Conference in Bangor where his experience as Grants and Welfare Secretary last year will serve him in good stead in the many motions to be discussed concerning the triennial assessment of grants.



JOHN B. SNOWDON

The post of Guild Treasurer is not an enviable one, especially when one recalls the precious little amount of money that he has with which to balance his books. He must be strong in mind and body, and we feel sure that this description fits Brian Luby to a T. He came up here after completing his National Service (a fact which manifests itself on observing the meagre—perhaps laconic is a preferable word—notes which he still enters into Company Report Books!). In his first year he was elected to Guild Council and, as one might expect, to the Commerce Association Committee. It is a tribute to the attention that he has paid to both of these that he has risen in office in their several fields. He is now Chairman of the latter association and Treasurer of the Guild.



BRIAN E. LUBY

CARNIVAL ENIGMA

In three weeks time the final total of money realised by the Carnival 1958, will be known. Many factors will determine the size of this sum, and all we can do is to consider what they may be.

Five factors fall under the heading of Internal: Student enthusiasm, Guild relations, *Guild News* co-operation, efficiency of Carnival Committee and the work of Carnival reps. These factors are inter-connected and interdependent.

The enthusiasm of students is extremely important, if the bug of apathy bites at the wrong time, Carnival may be ruined and the total only a fraction of what it would be with the active support of the whole of the student body.

Relations with official bodies within the Guild and with *Guild News* are relevant and the support of these groups is essential.

Carnival Committee must make itself efficient in all the aspects of its work such as organisation of the inter-society competition and the creation of a spirit of friendly rivalry between the different departments of the University.

The committee also exists to carry the burden of business organisation and this work will be going on for nearly two months.

The Carnival representatives form the most important link between the committee and the students, and their work is the main determinant of the success of Carnival. A good set of representatives who impart their enthusiasm to their departments, organise stunts, lorries, floats and collections is another vital factor on which Carnival depends.

These items can be contrasted with the following external

factors, many of which are beyond control to a greater extent.

The biggest offender against the Carnival is bad weather. As much as £4,000 can be lost if it rains at procession times.

Tolerance and interest from civic authorities must be good, especially relations with the police. The Press and television services can be most helpful in as far as they can give us good or bad publicity and affect the opinion of the general public.

The support of the public is also related to the existing financial situation. The historical aspect must also be mentioned—to some extent one Carnival will influence the potential of the next... Carnival magazine sells on last year's edition.

In the light of these facts let us examine this year's Carnival. The internal factors this year were very favourable, as also were civic and police relations.

We had a very good coverage

from the Press, thanks to many eye-catching stunts such as Mill Meece, Bristol and Nottingham, as well as stunts in the city centre organised by the representatives, several of which also received television publicity.

The weather was reasonable, except on Carnival evening. The financial situation doesn't affect the total to any great extent, suffice it say here that it wasn't any worse than last year.

The enigma arises clear in view of the fact that we are expecting a somewhat lower total than last year and as has been shown all the important factors concerned in raising the total proceeds of Carnival were very favourable. The most important factor of all those mentioned above, student enthusiasm in general, which is immeasurable and extremely difficult to estimate to any degree, will be responsible for the ultimate success or failure.

OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS

Technowledge, the magazine of the College of Technology Union in the University of Manchester, until recently a "typewriter and stapling machine" type of production, has now blossomed out into a 7in. x 10in. glossy fortnightly magazine. This new edition to the ranks of student newspapers is especially interesting in that it comes from a college inhabited solely by technologists, a class of human being often accused of being devoid of artistic ability or

aspiration. A glance at this well laid out and interesting magazine will readily disprove this idea.

The *S.U.N.*, Birmingham Technical College's newspaper, carries a report that the Birmingham Colleges hope to stage their own Carnival at some time in the New Year. Their editor in his comments on this decision reiterates the old charges that our unwillingness to include them in our Carnival is due to snobbery. He also says "We must all admit that they (the University) have built the Carnival into what it is (pornographic?) and that they have every right to zealously guard their traditions." Events so far suggested for this Rag Week include such original ideas as pole-squatting, scooter-racing, pie-eating contests, dances, concerts and "reviews" (their spelling).

Gongster (Nottingham University) recently reported the founding of a Masonic Lodge within the University. Apparently the same edition carried an article critical of the Masons. Whilst, to judge from

the subsequent discussion in *Gongster's* pages, the charges were the old familiar ones of sectarianism and nepotism and may perhaps not have been in the best possible taste, it brought in reply an incredible letter, apparently anonymous, from a Freemason which contained the following paragraph: "You may not heed this friendly warning; I know that you are probably young and extreme in your views of those things which you do not fully understand, but one day, you may have cause to regret your attitude towards Freemasonry, for these things may not easily be forgiven or forgotten."

Whilst one must support the right of Freemasons to defend their organisation against the attacks of outsiders who are probably misinformed or uninformed upon the nature of the organisation, one cannot believe that the tone adopted by this writer will either advance the cause of Freemasonry or, one hopes, express of the majority of members of that organisation.

NEWS OF N.U.S.

N.U.S. has just released statistics to show that 3,700 students from this country went abroad last vacation using the facilities provided by the N.U.S. Travel Department. It is interesting to note that Italy was the most popular country with 864 visitors. Only 663 students went to France, the second most popular country, and Austria was third with 417. At the other end of the list we find Finland (2), South Africa (2) and Turkey (3).

The Iron Curtain countries were remarkably popular, 25 people participating in an educational tour of Russia and 27 going on holiday to Poland. Yugoslavia was very popular, receiving 162 visitors. More than 2,800

students from abroad came to this country this summer, and included people from both East and West.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES KILLED

It has been reported that several student leaders returning from the Fifth World Student Conference were among those killed when a Russian TU104 jet crashed on October 17. Among others were the presidents of the Czechoslovakian, Hungarian and Guianan Unions; also representatives of organisations in Morocco, East Germany, Roumania, U.S.S.R., Iraq, Madagascar, and also Cypriot and Ceylonese students studying in England.

FINDING A JOB

The N.U.S. have produced a new edition of their popular "Choosing a Career." Among articles on various types of careers is one on Journalism. It is to be hoped that the present account of a journalist's life arouses less ire in certain places than did its predecessor.

DRAMA IN LONDON

The N.U.S. Drama Festival to be held in London from December 29 to January 3, has this year attracted a record entry of 37 plays, of which 29 will compete for the "Sunday Times" Trophy. Birmingham is entering "Six Characters in Search of an Author" by Luigi Pirandello. (The above information is based on items appearing in the N.U.S. Student Press Release).

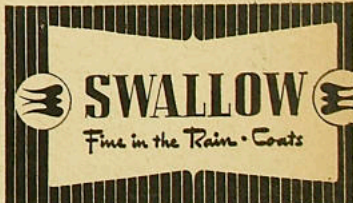
Gongster has also been under attack from Union and University authorities for an alleged "policy of irresponsibility" culminating in an article in "A.P.S. Newsletter" which after making criticisms of irresponsibility says: "Perhaps the editorial board has achieved its ambition, however, for at the Students' Union Conference held this year in London, *Gongster* was awarded a cup by the Editor of the "Daily Mirror."

Even if the charges of irresponsibility are sincerely made, and to the staff of "Guild News" no marked irresponsibility has been evident, to state that the award of the cup so generously given by the "Daily Mirror" is a proof of irresponsibility shows no understanding of the nature of this award and is furthermore a most shameful way to reward the magnanimity of this national newspaper.

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Last week we provided a bumper *Guild News* which broke all records for sales. Many will not realise the fact that those eight pages were equivalent to an 11-pager of last year, nor will the cost of producing such an edition worry the Guild at large. Yet it is their concern, just as much as their rather nebulous rights in regards to matters of gastronomic and recreational activities. But two weeks ago we were criticised by several rather short-sighted members of the Guild because of our four-pager, and this must be answered. Firstly, and it is the older members who are to blame for this, it has scarcely been recognised that our paper size is much larger than last year's; this means that our four-pager is equivalent to the old standard six-pager. Thus there is no appreciable drop in reading content. Secondly, there is the question of finance to be considered. If *Guild News* is to be self-supporting, then it must receive adequate advertising revenue in order not to be a drain on the funds of the Guild. In the main, it is our intention to make this year's standard edition a six-pager, and the present size is a very occasional and, we hope, temporary measure.

But there is a third side to this, one of which I am extremely conscious at this moment, and that is the question of material. The paper is intended to be a reflection of the Guild, and therefore if the entire paper is being written by members of our staff (which it is not as yet), then it is not fulfilling its function. The response is not sufficient, and YOU, THE READERS ARE TO BLAME. We cannot be expected to fill a large paper with exciting vital matter if it is coming from our pens alone. Carnival seems to have thrown everyone into a complete literary inertia, and it is for this reason alone that we must restrict our size this week. We appeal most sincerely to members of the Guild to repair this deficiency, and to enable us to provide you with a large, readable, informative paper.

Exclusive interview with....

The first band that Duke Ellington formed was for the purpose of playing at a private party in Washington, as long ago as 1916. The woman who engaged them to play was so enthusiastic about their music that her opinion made the Duke's mind up as to the way he wanted to spend his life. Before, it had been a toss up as to whether he should be a commercial artist or a pianist. After this first encouragement he decided that he was going to pursue his music, and he has been doing this ever since, and has not once had cause to look back.

Personal impressions

I was very fortunate in meeting the Duke during shows. I found him dressed in a brown and white check dressing-gown, a scarf wrapped around his head, drinking Indian tea with lemon. He was very pleased to be back in England, and to him it

THE DUKE

did not seem all that long since his previous visit. I hastened to assure him that it was in fact 23 years. He asked me if I had heard him then, and I had to admit that I had not, but through no fault of my own, as I was not born at the time. He thought that was "too bad" and wished he could have done something about it!

I found this legend of a man very likeable, very ready to smile, very glad to meet people and to talk to them, and a perfectionist into the bargain. He has one foible, he likes food prepared the way he likes it, and not the way many chefs like it to be, and he takes great pains in explaining before every meal exactly how he wants such and such a dish to be cooked. The night I interviewed him, he was explaining at great length just how casserole chicken should taste to his manager, who had to instruct the chef at the hotel. I am still wondering if it tasted all right in the end. The last I saw of the Duke was at the close of the show, when he was sending his over-wrought manager in search of a shower attachment for his bath, as the hotel plumber could not fit one. The time was 11.15 p.m.; I wonder if he got it.

JAK

NYBDA'S DIARY

Carnival seemed to have brought out several of the socialites last week, and even the most staid were prevailed upon to perform noteworthy feats. We must thank the Circulo Hispanico for their colourful outings, especially the bull fight, though dare we infer that MR. BRIAN KING is jeopardising his chances of a seat in the House by his accidental allegiance to Francoism. In guitar and poncho he led in his little animal, much to the horror of several Founder's Room females. "King leads the liberal cow to a free trade market?"

Our humble columns have brought fame to people in the past, but not always in the way that Miss Topsy Legge might have believed. TV Topsy, who came second in the Carnival Queen Competition, was photographed in "Guild News" a few weeks ago. News will leak, and so Topsy found herself the centre of attraction for University College, London, and last Saturday was kidnapped by that august body, her presence being missed from the procession. Strange that no ransom was required.

Halloween passed unnoticed to most of the Guild... except G.T.G. who held an excellent party in the Mixed Lounge last Friday night. Decorations, prepared by Margaret Oates and Co., were apt, and your Editor had great difficulty in proving that he was not an appendage to the "batty bats." The Jazz Band found the walls rather constricting, though by his expression John Dowell was oblivious to the fact. A naughty but nice cabaret showed Norma Collins in a saucy mood, and she and Annette Filmer gave us a brilliant comical Charleston. Lis Canneaux wielded her hockey stick with wicked gusto, and showed her mastery stage presence. One could not help but sympathise with Mike Dames' marital problems, but his rocking dispelled any fear that he takes it too seriously. All in all it was an excellent evening, demonstrating the general sociability of G.T.G., though we wonder how many slept after Bob Germans' ghost story...

At a party last Tuesday night, "Mermaid" Editor, BEN COWLEY, suffering from an inordinate surfeit of happiness, promised to take all the ladies of his department to see "South Pacific." When the full significance of this came to him in the cool clear light of day, he is said to have thrown a brick at his motor cycle and thus immobilised himself. It is rumoured that KEITH TANCOCK can provide further information.

"Oh what a glorious thing to be
A healthy grown-up busy
Dominiel!"

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"BELIEF IN JESUS CHRIST and Forgiveness of Sins" is the subject for the Congregational Society meeting on Sunday, November 9. At 4 p.m. in the "70 Club" room at Carrs Lane Church, Rev J. E. Palmer, M.A., of Solihull, will speak to us on this most fundamental of all Christian concepts. New friends will be specially welcome. For directions to Carrs Lane see Cong. Soc. Notice Board.

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SWIMMING LESSONS urgently required by John Gunn.

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PRESS POST

Lionised catering

Dear Sir,

One expects to pay the price for the lion which appears on the University crest in the purchase of blazer badges, etc., but should one pay the incredible price attached to the "little lion" which appears on Union eggs? Not everybody needs a blazer badge to adorn their outsides, but just about the entire University population needs an egg to adorn their insides!

I notice also from the menu that corned beef seems to be working out at about eight shillings a tin, (small size) ... and with milk at 1s. 4d. a pint, mum, I'm coming home.

Yours, etc.,

BILLY BUNTER.

Curried beef

Dear Sir,

Catering charges seem to be getting out of all proportion. Whilst we can see that a slight handling cost may be exacted, we see no reason why such exorbitant profit should be exacted from students, especially in regard to mild.

Moreover, these charges are rising arbitrarily. Last week at Guild Club, for example, curried beef and rice cost 1s. 3d. The very next day, without warning and without the usual official pote to the effect, it had risen to 1s. 6d. If the price of a new catering manager is to be extracted from our pockets, then we should prefer a return to the organised chaos of before. Or are we wrong in assuming that the Guild is a non profit-making organisation?

Yours, etc.,

THREE IRATE EATERS.

Executive pantomime

Dear Sir,

Your reference in last week's edition (NYBDA'S Diary) to Mr. Gledhill's new role as Aladdin leads me to disclose that I have it on excellent authority that the whole of the Executive, mindful as ever of the comfort and wellbeing of the ordinary student, intend to produce a pantomime in the last week of the present term in which they will all take part. It will be readily appreciated that so much talent cannot be easily knitted into a cohesive whole and thus it will be seen that the roles they play are drawn from several pantomime themes. The immediate Past-President will of course, be Cinderella, and will, as of yore, receive able support from the President and the Guild Secretary as the Ugly Sisters. The Vice-President will play the Principal Boy, whilst the Union Secretary, that evergreen comedian, will be seen as Buttons. Difficulty was encountered in deciding whether the Union Treasurer would be best fitted to the part of the Fairy Queen or that of Humpty Dumpty, eventually he was cast in the latter role. The sinister smile of the Chairman of External Affairs makes him an obvious Wicked Uncle, and the Babes will be portrayed by those bright-eyed boys, the Guild Club Secretary and the Chairman of the Debating Society, the latter called in to fill an obvious gap in the production. Of course, R.T.J. has just that right touch of benevolence to fill the role of the Fairy Godmother, and choral accompaniment will be given by means of a low and continuous murmur of "Aye" from Guild Council, if they can ever be got together to rehearse. It will be observed that the Guild Treasurer is not cast; the general feeling is that with such a star cast he will be too busy occupied taking the money.

Yours, etc.,

COLUMBINE

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CHAD HILL COTTAGE



"Chad Hill Cottage" ... Those words seem to have been on many lips lately, followed at times by a rather puzzled expression. Perhaps it would be worthwhile to explain what they really mean.

The first thing to notice about Chad Hill Cottage is that it is unique in the University. Officially styled as a "Students' Centre," it has facilities which are available to ALL students.

The original idea came from some of the residents of Edgbaston, who felt that with their initial support, both financially and in the administration, it would be possible to found the centre they felt of mind, and so at the beginning of this year, Chad Hill Cottage was taken over, equipped and opened.

Ever since those early days the Centre has been controlled by a council, on which there are local representatives, representatives of the University, and happily, in term time, of the students themselves.

"Cottage" is a very inept term to use in describing the Centre. "Manor," "Hall" or "House" would no doubt be more suitable, but as these terms already have well-known associations, "Cottage" seems to me to be a very satisfactory alternative.

The Cottage is set in large and to say the least pleasant grounds, with lawns, flower beds, trees, bushes, etc. Included within its walls there is a study, the centre of sorrow and tears, with separate tables, table lighting, and bookshelves, and a recreation room, with television, a radiogram, a piano, dartboard, table tennis tables, and of course, easy chairs. Here, incidentally, and throughout the Cottage, the furnishings are completely new and up-to-date.

In addition, within its walls one must not forget that there are eight resident students, and of these one or two are just a little more crazy than the rest.

The Cottage is under the guidance of the resident Hon. Warden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Healing, and thankfully, it would be difficult to find anybody more like the normal warden type. Should you ever wish to contact them, just ring EDG 4001.

The original plans to make the Cottage a centre not only for residents but for all students who wish to go along have, in this term, been a success. Nearly fifty people attended to see the film "The Prior Claim," in the Fact and Faith series, and to join in the following discussion and refreshments. Cdr. L. M. Stileman, who introduced the film, had travelled especially from Portsmouth and considered his journey well worthwhile.

The following week the gathering heard a fine illustrated talk on "Choirs and Places Where They Sing," a history of English Church Music, given by Anthony Cooke.

Next week Professor Fraser Mackenzie, one of the members of the staff who takes a very active interest in student life, will be introducing at Record Evening at 8.30 p.m. Later in the term, speakers include both Mr. G. L. Barnes, University Secretary, and an Honorary Life Member of the Guild of Undergraduates, and a member of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

"Chad Hill Cottage" ... Next time you hear those words, I hope they will mean something. You may even want to go along and see for yourself at 165, Harborne Road, just opposite the "White Swan," known locally as the "Mucky" or "Dirty Duck."

Open lecture

The next Open Lecture will be of particular interest to music lovers, though the speaker will doubtless interest even its opponents, for Sidney Harrison, the well-known television personality, has a gift for being able to make even the most serious of musical topics sound gay and alive. The meeting will take the form of a Piano-Lecture-Recital, and everyone is invited to attend. This lecture will be on Tuesday, November 11, and transport is laid on for Edmund Street members as per usual.

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Ed. Street column

Some still wear skirts, (i.e., some don't wear slacks), but the extinction of female characteristics is occurring amongst a large majority of our fairer sex. Between the extremes of head—"Heaven knows what colour it'll turn out next week"—and calf—"She can't wear the shorter length because of her knees" (rheumatism?) something happens. Just what depends on the motives of the individual concerned.

Sweaters are coming in two sizes—tight and loose; the trend is towards complete amplification or complete suppression with no medium wave. The tight variety is the result of either pessimism in the purchase, disregard for washing instructions (this also influences the colour) or merely your proportions, Madam. The loose effect can be achieved by a loan from father, brother or boy friend or by the addition of a hundred stitches to the knitting pattern. It must also be long in case of emergency.

The knee-sock is gaining in popularity despite strong opposition from the nylon and men. Not to be worn with short or full skirts because of hazards from couches in Founder's Room and high winds.

SKIRTS-VIDE ABOVE

Perhaps the answer to the sartorial question is to invest in a "How to Dress Well in Practically Nothing."

JAZZ WAR

ON Monday, October 27, I attended the "Carnival Jazz Concert" at the Town Hall. Two bands played: The Merseyside Jazz Band and the Alex Welch Jazz Band.

The Merseyside opened playing in their usual clear-cut co-ordinated style. As usual they showed their mastery of using two trumpets. There were two vocalists with this band, who sang a few numbers each but neither was outstanding.

Alex Welch then took over and played some very fine jazz. He had brought Beryl Bryden to sing with the band, and she proved to be one of the highlights of the evening.

About a quarter of an hour before the interval the Carnival spirit was beginning to infiltrate. The background noise was getting steadily louder, which added to the bad acoustics of the Town Hall and made it impossible to appreciate the finer points of the music.

The second half was heralded by a short fanfare from a hitherto unknown musician in the back stalls, and the proceedings degenerated into a cross between the Elton wall game and Saturday night in the bar. Rolls of a thin tissue-like material streamed through the air in a wide selection of directions, while the Merseyside Band in their spare moments threw paper darts at those seated at the rear of the band. A fine hose was unrolled at one stage but due to the timely intervention of the management nothing came of it. By the end of the concert it was clear that this was "Midnight Matinee" 1958.

CRAX

What has happened of late to this most popular feature of "Wall"? Is it just our imagination, or are "Crax" of late getting fewer? The fault, gentle reader, lies at your own door; either you are making fewer carefully-timed "accidental" remarks than you used to, or else you are not being sufficiently diligent in the collection of those which your friends have spent all night thinking up, and the past half-hour carefully manipulating the conversation in order to introduce.

CONCERT DIARY

The news that Panufnik is leaving the City Orchestra in order to concentrate on composition is, I think, an indication that he wishes to develop further his musical personality. While he has largely mastered the technique of writing, Panufnik relies far too much on other composers for his orchestral effects. In his Sinfonia Rustica, for instance, Bartok and Shostakovich rub shoulders rather uneasily with Copland and Gershwin so that one gets the impression that Panufnik has only half absorbed the idioms of these other composers. In many ways the Sinfonia Rustica is said of his Sinfonia Elegiaca.

The opening bars of this "song of mourning" sound promising enough with a free cello melody played against pizzicato strings. This expansive theme, when developed by the strings playing at the top of the register, recalls the prairie sequences of Thompson's "The Plow" (!) that Broke the Plains, while the swinging horns, harmonically at least, are almost pure Copland. All this is entirely successful until the composer forsakes his astringent, of eclectic, vein and allows the counter angles to pour forth its lugubrious soul. Sibelius could write for this instrument, Dvorak only just, but Panufnik, falling into a ready trap is a disastrous one. K.T.

The last movement is very much a recapitulation of the first except that the theme is now slurred by portentous strings so that instead of grief we have Schmalz. The inspiration of the work lies, I suppose, somewhere between Gliere and Shostakovich with a sufficient number of references to the modern American school to ensure that the meeting of east and west is a disastrous one. K.T.

MED. SCHOOL COLUMN

They have tried them in nylon, so I was told by a shop assistant, but found that they did not stand up to it quite as well as rayon; it appears that holes appeared when they were washed, and that, you must agree, would be disastrous. I don't quite understand why they should come out in holes, after all the fairer sex seem to manage most successfully with nylon, it is easily washable and dries quickly. You think I am talking of socks? Guess again! Of course, nylon might ladder, but my nylon socks don't so I don't see why these should. Also, no longer do the fairer sex have a prerogative of patterns and colours.

I have come across a wonderful set, specially for drinking parties, so that when you run out of toasts you just take your trousers off and anyone around can carry on toasting by just reading 'em off. Yes, your X, Y, and A now come in fascinating designs and colours. Anything for a brighter lighter Britain!

Harping back to the old subject of Carnival, did you see that pair of legs leading the procession? As a myopic old gent said to me, "Cor, they got big policemen these days, an' they seem a bit forgetful." Then, as I was also at a loss, the box under my arm rattled (Albert again), and I was given to understand that if my beloved skeleton could have another look at the St. Trinian girls, he would

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EDITORIAL

Guild Finance Committee will be meeting to-day. In comparison with most other universities, sport here receives very little money. At one provincial university a sum of three pounds per student per year is made over for the use of the athletic clubs. If this scheme were to be instituted here, it would mean an annual income of over £11,000 for the athletic union. However, it has never been A.U. policy to attempt to tie income to the number of students alone. Attempts have been made to regulate the income according to the varying needs of general expenditure, and of the clubs—a far more flexible system.

Now that the A.U. is expanding, both in the number of clubs and in the scope of its activity, it is to be hoped that a really serious attempt will be made by the Guild to provide a realistic income for the Athletic Union.

For example, last year the general account spent £1,436, the clubs £2,148 and other expenditure amounted to £227, amounting to a total budget of £3,811. In the last small item of £227 comes Inter-departmental Sport, with an allocation of only £102! If we are to retain our position in inter-varsity sport we cannot cut club expenditure, indeed some clubs are desperately short of essential equipment; so some additional funds must be found for such rapidly expanding items as inter-departmental sport.

IT IS THEREFORE OBVIOUS THAT A.U. MUST HAVE A VASTLY INCREASED GRANT IF IT IS TO FULFIL ITS PURPOSE IN THE GUILD.

FIRST U.A.U. MATCH

On Wednesday the University soccer team entertained a strong Loughborough side in the first round of the U.A.U. Competition. The Loughborough team, who have been doing well in the Amateur Cup, fielded three internationals in a side in which most players had received representative honours.

The University held their own in the early exchanges, though neither side looked very dangerous. Loughborough took the lead when their Welsh international inside-right headed home a high cross despite the attention of two defenders. Loughborough held this lead until half-time.

After the interval Birmingham made an all-out attempt to equalise, but the visiting defence was very sound. Rather against the run of play Loughborough managed two quick goals. These were partly due to errors on the part of Tipples, usually so safe in the University goal!

BLUE SAILS IN LEAD

THE Regatta, which was to have been sailed on Sunday, November 2, between the University Sailing Association and the other member clubs of the Birmingham Students' Sailing Association was unfortunately postponed because of fog, rain and almost total absence of wind!

It was, however, decided to have a friendly match later on in the day when conditions improved. The University raced three boats in a field of eight, our own two Enterprises and a G.P. dinghy, loaned to us for the occasion.

As it turned out, the G.P. was not very successful, probably due to the fact that our members have not had very much experience in this boat. Bob Latin and Graham Farley acquitted themselves well, though, and should be a valuable asset to the team in future matches.

The laurels for the day must go to John Keen, the team captain, and Joan Brown, who sailed brilliantly to win both races, the second by a margin of eight minutes! This was a remarkable achievement in view of the light wind and the fact that the race was over in fifty minutes. On this form the University should do very well in the coming season.

Don Tipper, sailing with John Welch, was unlucky in hitting a buoy while lying third in the first race, but regained his reputation as a fine helm by coming a confident second in the second race.

The overall result was a win for the University team, with the College of Technology and the B.A.I. following very closely behind. The College of Architecture only had one boat racing and it is therefore perhaps a little difficult to judge their performance.

It was decided to hold the Regatta on November 23, and this should prove a very close match. Two trophies are being competed for and, on present form, it is not unlikely that the University will bring at least one of them home!

GOLF CLUB WINS FIRST UNIVERSITY MATCH

After being unbeaten in University fixtures last year, Birmingham beat Nottingham University by 4½ matches to 3½, a result giving promise of a similar record this coming season.

The light failed towards the end of the match, but this had little effect on the good conditions, and the standard of play remained high in a close and interesting match.

MEN'S HOCKEY RESULTS

Dunlop 0, University 0

On Saturday, Carnival Day, the 1st XI were at home to Dunlop. The University play was deplorable and they made very many mistakes. The first half was a sad affair, Dunlop having the better of the game. The defence was shaky and tended to get confused easily. Miles made a good save when he stopped a chest high shot on the goal-line and managed to clear. Jennings, in goal, played a very fine game. In the second half the University played better, the forwards especially playing with more confidence. Hurst put in a shot that hit the post, but unfortunately there was no one to follow it up and put it in. The defence did manage to hold out though there were some anxious moments. On the whole, the University missed more better chances in the second half than did the visitors. The Carnival seems to have had some effect on the team, which will have to improve considerably if it is to do well in the U.A.U. games which started yesterday, November 5. However, we are glad to note the return of R. M. Gray, the captain, at outside-right after an ankle injury and our congratulations are due to R. Flood for being chosen as Warwickshire II goalkeeper.

Shropshire 'A' 0, University 1

Last Wednesday the 1st XI beat the Shropshire 'A' team by 1-0. Play was evenly distributed in the first half. Chances were missed on both sides, but the University had perhaps the greater opportunities. At half-time there was no score. The University defence was still not sure of itself, and the forwards tried to put the ball through the middle too often instead of using the wings to open the game. Halfway through the second half, Phillips, the University centre-half, was injured and could not do very much for the rest of the game. The University scored when the Shropshire goalkeeper miskicked, and the ball rolled to Sood, who put it in, making up for a couple of missed chances.

HIGH SCORES IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY

On Wednesday the Hockey Club chalked up their finest victories this season when Manchester University visited Birmingham. Manchester's 1st and 2nd XIs were soundly beaten, our 1st XI scoring ten goals without reply and the 2nd XI scoring nine but conceding two.

The 1st XI match was played at a very fast rate throughout, and was by no means as one-sided as the score suggests. A feature of the match was the continued success of Verona Bolan, the Birmingham centre-forward, who scored eight of the ten goals, which brings her personal tally up to 17 goals in four matches! After a fast first half, Birmingham were leading by 3-0 and were playing together much better than in the three previous matches.

Particularly in the forward line was the improvement noticeable. In the second half the Manchester defence was quite unable to clear the

ball from their own goal for any length of time, and only on two occasions were the Manchester forwards able to attack the Birmingham goal. Birmingham's other scorers were Valerie Catliff (1) and Anne Edgington (1).

WOMEN'S BADMINTON

The first team had a very close match against Leicester and lost 4-5. However, the match gave the new members of the team a good hard match with which to start the season. Of the Freshers in the side Mary James was outstanding, and partnered by Ann Delth she won two of her doubles matches and only narrowly lost the third.

Manchester were an altogether stronger team and proved far too strong for the home side. The only Birmingham pair to win a game were Misses Roberts and Rogerson, and so the match resulted in an 8-1 defeat.

The play in these two matches has shown that if the team is to be successful this year, much more practice and attention to team tactics are necessary.

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CHANCELLOR'S HALL RUGBY

During the week Chancellors have had mixed fortunes in their rugby matches. Against the Chemical Engineers on Wednesday, they won 19pts to 9pts. This score was gross flattery for the Hall, as the Engineers were a man short throughout. The Engineers led 9-5 at half-time, but Hall pulled together more after the interval and tries by Vincent, Tilt, German and Field enabled Hall to retain their record.

On Saturday, however, this record went when the team lost 11-9 to a Worcester "B" side.

Sport in brief

Men's Hockey

2nd XI v. Dunlop 2nd XI, drew 3-3.
3rd XI v. Dunlop 3rd XI, lost 2-1.

Soccer

2nd XI v. Loughborough 2nd XI, lost 5-1.
3rd XI v. Loughborough 3rd XI, won 6-1.
"A" XI v. St. Philips G.S.O.B., lost 2-1.

Water Polo

2nd VII v. Bristol University, lost 4-1.

Rugby

1st XV v. Old Eds., won 23-5.

Inter-departmental

Biol. Soc. (3 own goals) 0, Dentals 8.

Swimming—two matches

The Swimming Club has had two fixtures during the past week, one at Bristol on Wednesday, and the other a "B" team match against Oxford Dolphins on Saturday.

The Bristol event was an unqualified success as far as the swimming went, both men's and women's teams beating our old rivals with greater ease than for many years. Anthea Andrews took the ladies' butterfly in a good time, and Bob Kerry in the men's butterfly came a very good second. He showed that he had nearly thrown off the effects of the vac. when he gave the Birmingham team an unbeaten lead in the medley team race. Indeed the only races lost by the University throughout the evening were the men's backstroke in which Coultas lost narrowly to Bristol's Alan Searle, and the ladies' squadron.

The polo matches had added interest due to Birmingham's best

player of last year, John Darley, having returned to Bristol.

Darley made himself felt in the first team match, scoring six goals in Bristol's easy 10-2 win.

As usual the match with Oxford Dolphins proved a very enjoyable fixture, despite the University "B" team losing narrowly in both swimming and polo.

Many of the races were very close indeed two dead-heats occurred. Birmingham did particularly well in the men's freestyle when Coultas and Donovan took first and second places respectively. Another pleasant surprise took place when B. Shrimpton managed a creditable second place in the backstroke. The most exciting finishes of the evening, however, took place in the medley and freestyle relays, when Birmingham missed the medley by a touch and dead-heated in the freestyle. The polo was a close match and Birmingham did well to hold Oxford to a 4-4 victory.

Med. School Rugby

Medics 8pts., Mermaids 6pts.

A mid-week match against the Mermaids resulted in a very lucky win for the Medics. Mermaids were definitely the better side individually but they lacked a knowledge of their fellow team-mates' capabilities whereas the Medics, except for three or four members, had played together several times. Mermaids were leading 6-3 up to the last minute when the Medics touched down following a scrum in the Mermaid 25. This was converted to give the Medics the lead as the final whistle blew.

Medics 9pts., Handsworth 1st XV 5pts.

On Saturday last the Medics, again played Handsworth 1st XV. After our victory a fortnight ago hopes were high. Playing on the Metchley Lane pitch with the wind in favour of the slope, the Medics chose the favourable end. This choice was rewarded, and the Medics were leading 9-0 at the interval. During the second half Handsworth touched down and converted, but apart from this there was no score. Against a side which must have been nearly half as heavy again, the Medics made a commendable performance. The scrum heeled well, and the jumping in the line-out was excellent. After a change round in the three at half-time, the opposing three were well covered and our own three made good use of the ball.

Departmental Rugby

Miners 9pts., Metallurgists 11pts.

The Metallurgist backs certainly had much more idea of what to do with the ball once they had it than had any of the Miners, and thus fully deserved their victory by a goal and two tries to one and two penalty goals.

In the first half both tries scored were good ones, the first resulting from a cross kick following a break by the scrum-half, which led to a quick passing movement across the field ending with the left wing going over. Soon after, the Miners' left wing also scored. Just before half-time the Metallurgists went ahead again by an opportunist try scored by the wing forward, the attempt at conversion failing.

After half-time the Metallurgists were penalised twice under their posts during an energetic rally by Miners and both kicks sailed between the posts. This was followed by a rally from the Metallurgists and the tiring Miners were kept in their own half for the last fifteen minutes of the game. During this time another try was added by the Metallurgists to equalise.

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