

GUILD NEWS

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Women out-talk men

"Is this a debate or a hiking society?" enquired Mr. Bunny Reed at one point during the debate that "A Woman's place is not in the University." Perhaps he was right to enquire, for there was as much walking as talking.

Chief walker and proposer, Mr. Ted Ash, was, as ever, Mr. Ted Ash. He would have divided women into three classes, the beautiful, the brainy and the vast majority (cheers) and on the vast majority he had conducted an Ash-poll. Very little positive had emerged from this, except that he concluded Woman's place was not in the University.

The House reeled in surprise at this decision and Mr. Ash seized the chance to leap in with several smashing body blows.

What was the real place for women? He had several suggestions. How many great figures in literature or history were women? The only subject in Genesis on which God's favourable opinion was not given was the creation of Woman. He begged leave to propose.

Unable to lose

Miss Margaret Righton thought Mr. Ash was sweet. She pointed out that the opposition could not lose, for if they were flighty they would not lack for suitors; if they were clever they would win the debate.

Carefully skirting the idea of trousered feminists, she said that where Man was, Woman had a right to be.

During the war men had not scorned to call on the aid of feeble women for help, so why should they be scorned now? Da Vinci was great, but how much greater was Woman whose beauty inspired all things?

Surely this inspiration of Man entitled Woman to follow him everywhere.

But it was indeed better for a woman to wheedle a man than destroy him by intellectual processes; thus Mr. Fred Blader, whose marital happiness will doubtless suffer as a result of his speech. Woman's whole basis

being emotion, society required her to provide a happy home for her family; and at home was where Woman should be.

Miss Maureen Jones, conceding that it was a man's world, urged the need for women to be able to understand their husbands; and what of those unfortunates who never married? The mind was a sexless thing, and, University existing to satisfy the mind, women had a right to enter.

DANCE BACKWARDS

Speeches from the floor were numerous. Mr. Kamaruddin made the cleverest, Mr. Qidwai the most pointed and Mr. Huggill the funniest. If women were barred, he cried, who would play the Duchess of Malfi? Who would be Vice-President? Who would dance backwards at the Hops? Mr. Levy, making a welcome return, declared the only thing above Woman was the Law and at one point it looked as if he would strike Mr. Ash.

It appears that the House will never be able to withstand its subtle persuaders for, swayed by the eloquence and charm of the opposition, the majority of men joined the ladies to overwhelmingly defeat the motion.

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SUMMER CARNIVAL PLANS

Chairman named

At last week's meeting of Guild Council, Mr. Pat Whitehead, a post-graduate student doing research in experimental Pathology, was elected unopposed to the post of Carnival Chairman.



Pat Whitehead
Photos: Dolphin

Until the whole Committee has been elected, nothing definite can be decided; but Pat told "Guild News" that he wants to make several changes from the traditional form of Carnival. In past years, he feels, the appeal of Carnival within the University has been too restricted.

He thinks that the next Carnival should contain as many new and unfamiliar features as possible; in the past many members of the Guild have complained that Carnival, having been much the same from year to year, has got into a rut. He has several ideas for remedying this state of affairs; a revival of the Midnight Matinee, which was so successful several years ago, should prove attractive, and a Monster Baby Show might well be a howling success.

Pat would also like to see a larger Committee, which would perhaps include more women than in previous years; and he suggests that two new posts should be added to the Committee. These would be a Director of Stunts, whose job it would be to ensure that on Carnival Day there are stunts in all the suburbs, and not just in New Street; and a Member appointed to encourage more students to take advantage of the publicity and fund-raising value of colourful fancy dress on Carnival Day.

Pat has given "Guild News" this statement: "No-one realises more fully than I the difficulties of organising a Carnival under exam conditions, but I believe it can be done, and indeed must be done if Carnival is to survive its uprooting."

"Very briefly, I shall work on the following lines: Most of the background work will be done in the Spring Term, and by the end of that term, everything will be ready to swing into action immediately after the exams. Over the Easter Vac. and examination period no further activity will take place, so that everyone helping will have the opportunity of working for their exams."

First essential

"The first essential, however, is an enthusiastic Committee. If you are interested please drop a note, giving your name and department, in the Carnival pigeon-hole."

Carnival next year will be in June; it will be different, and, with your help, a big success. It has got to be, for if it isn't it will offer little encouragement to future organisers.

However, I feel sure that I can count on your full support and look forward to meeting you, and to an exciting new June Carnival.

Remember, it's YOUR Carnival!"

LEONARD BEHRENS

speaks in

LESSER HALL

Today, 1.45 p.m.

ANGLICAN CENTRE OPENED

A NEWLY-CONVERTED house standing in spacious grounds on the corner of Richmond Hill Road and Farquhar Road was officially opened by the Pro-Chancellor, Stephen Burman, C.B.E., last Saturday, as the new Anglican Chaplaincy. St. Bartholomew's House, as it is to be called, offers accommodation for 22 students in individually-decorated rooms. There is a small chapel and rooms large enough to accommodate large breakfast parties after Sunday communion services.

The opening ceremony was attended by approximately 200 people who included the Bishop of Birmingham; Sir Richard Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe, Bt. whose company let the site at a nominal ground-rent; and the Vice-Chancellor.

Brief history

Canon Allen opened the proceedings with a brief history of the movement which has culminated in this new house; the Pro-Chancellor performed the opening ceremony and, after a vote of thanks moved by the Vice-Chancellor, the Bishop of Birmingham blessed the house and later dedicated the chapel.

Further aims of the House include reunions and Tuesday guest nights. During the vacations the accommodation will be available to students. Any interested in using the House should contact the Warden, the Rev. Bob Turnbull.

Finally, "Auto Da Fe" by Tennessee Williams was a fine rendering of a study in obsession; obsession with purity and obsession with foulness, a mother and son fighting with unspoken words. Perhaps Janet Cowen could have conveyed a little more by suggestion; perhaps the producer made rather too much use of sound effects to create an atmosphere; but in general this was an interesting end to a valuable evening.
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ARE YOU A FRESHER?

If you are a fresher you will doubtless know that soon it will be time to elect representatives from among yourselves to Guild Council. (As Publicity Officer it is my lot to convince you lot to put up for that lot (if you see what I mean!))

In spite of the cynic in the last edition, there was some truth in the letter upon which he commented: "Guide for the Bumptious." If you have any interest in Guild life or any concern for what goes on here in Birmingham, especially at this time of strain and overcrowding, then (for Heaven's sake) stand for Council. We may not all be "Guardian"-type people, but some are more lively than others and we need people like that on Council.

QUALITY

That august body stands or falls by the quality of its members, and fresh and vigorous minds will keep Exec. on their toes and give the lie to those who use it as a projective stimulus at whose door all ills are laid. This is a time of great changes and those who speak and act now will be shaping the pattern for years ahead and will receive the thanks or curses of their successors. The first three years of that future belong to you, so make sure it is shaped as you would wish by electing worthwhile representatives who will state your views and guard your interests in a year which many believe is going to be a landmark in the life of the University.

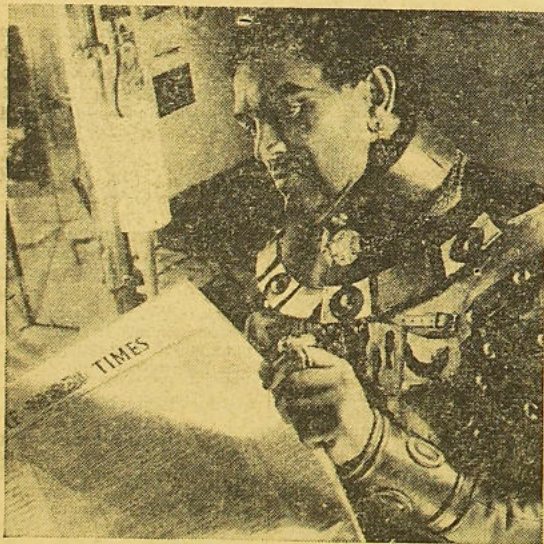
BRIAN PIPER,
Publicity Officer.

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PRESS POST

Matter of degree

Madam,
The Chairman of the Newman Catholic Society had obviously not read the advertisement on "Family planning" that was in your pages.

If he had, he would have seen that it was not advertising contraceptive pills; only suggesting that men and women should inform themselves on the subject; a laudable object for any society, married or unmarried.

He was concerned with the means of contraception that were morally acceptable. May I say that the difference between family planning by the use of the infertile period and use of some mechanical or chemical means is merely a matter of degree. Either way we would interfere with "Nature," but it is this sort of interference that elevates us above the beasts. As for morality, may I suggest that if anything we do is done with kindness and tolerance then it will probably be a moral action.

Yours etc.,
D. HUGILL.

OVERSIGHT

Madam,
I feel that the critics of the "Family planning" advertisement have overlooked one very significant fact. With a relatively small readership of "Guild News" of at the most 4,000, the Company is obviously aiming at enormous increases in turnover from the replies to their advertisement.

The Company concerned is advertising widely through the student newspapers of this country. Should Birmingham then be the exception because certain fractions of its student population choose to believe that its unmarried members cannot think rationally for themselves?

Two choices
Therefore I put it to these critics that such advertising can be of two kinds; firstly for the purpose of increasing turnover substantially, and secondly for the purpose of encouraging some rational thinking on the subject matter of the advertisement. I hope the critics will think once again before condemning this type of advertisement.

Yours faithfully,
P. W. CARR.

PESC CONTROL

MADAM.—I read in the last edition of "Guild News" that a new society called Pesc has been formed. This society seems very interesting and original and I would like to know what I must do to join the society, as this seems to be the sort of society I hoped to find here.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN HALL
(Physics).

MADAM.—In so far as I understood the PESC article in your last issue, a pretentious group of Undergraduates, having lost any sense of purpose in their lives, have banded together in an aimless mutual admiration society. It is a pity that such people have so little sense of social responsibility and cannot fit themselves into normal University society.

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IMMORAL RESTRAINT

Madam,
Mr. Gebbels thinks that contraceptives are immoral because they "deliberately interfere with the natural power of reproduction which God has given us." He does not see that by this token "the exercise of a certain restraint" is equally immoral, since it too interferes with the natural process that the Good Lord has implanted in us.

If we accepted Mr. Gebbels' precepts and acted perfectly naturally, the number of children produced would be rather too large for us to feed. This, apparently, would be the most moral state of affairs conceivable.

Puzzling

But suppose Mr. Gebbels shelved the belief that we should all act naturally, as at first he seemed to do. Is there any other argument that would tend to prove that birth control is wrong? One is mentioned: "The purpose of the act is destroyed while the pleasure of the action is stolen." This is a very puzzling assertion.

Whose purpose is destroyed and from whom is the pleasure stolen? The purpose is God's I suppose, though I shudder to think that the pleasure is His as well. I do not agree that all physical pleasure is inherently bad, and that it should only be endured for some more pure and divine end. Pleasure is not "stolen" if it does not serve some end beyond itself.

I am now going to write to Mr. F. H. Booklets. It will be a change to read something that is advertised as Truth and really contains it.

Very sincerely,
TIM GOODRICH,
(Philosophy).

MORE LOCKERS, PLEASE

MADAM.—I would like to express my disgust at the attitude of one or more so-called intelligent members of the Union. On Friday, for the first time, I accidentally left my wallet in my overcoat which was in the basement. When I returned to fetch the wallet I found that a very considerable sum of money had been stolen from it. The wallet was not visible so it could not have been a case of sudden temptation. As this sort of thing seems to be quite common it appears that it is about time to install more lockers, or if the culprits are "outsiders," Council should take the action with which it is empowered, and hold periodic membership card checks.

I know that this could be very inconvenient but so is the fact that we cannot leave our possessions in the Union without risking having them stolen.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. SPANN
(Elec. Eng. 2).

CONCESSIONS

Members are reminded that concessions for the CBSO Concerts are being continued this year. Further details will be found on the External Affairs Notice Board.

FUTURIST

October 30th—
"INHERIT THE WIND" (a)
Freddie March
Spencer Tracy
Gene Kelly

Political Forum

A PAPER DIES

FREEDOM is expressed in the object of choice and in choice itself. With the end of the "News Chronicle" free expression in Britain has suffered one of its greatest setbacks. We can expect others, for such is the state of modern newspaper productions.

Liberals everywhere, as Mr. Grimond has pointed out, have lost a friend. More than that, they have lost a voice, and at a time when it might have been a decisive factor.

Evidently a merger was necessary under the conditions, yet it might have been avoided by action a year or so ago. Perhaps a better match could have been found. The "Mail" is not exactly notorious for its liberal-mindedness. Yet what is tragic about the "News Chronicle" affair is not that a Liberal paper has been lost, but that modern business should make such an event at all necessary.

Real issue

Let us not lose sight of the real issue. The number of opinions which we may now consult has grown less. If we, whether Tories, Socialists, Communists or Liberals, really believe in democracy and freedom, we must regret this as much as the ordinary reader of the paper. What happened to the

"News Chronicle" could well happen to other papers. We are in a situation which is inhibiting free expression much as the post-war shortage of newsprint did. The real significance of the whole sad affair lies in its reflections on our way of life.

A Challenge

Madam,
In "Political Forum" last week, Politicus does himself great damage by trying to be impartial. His attempt to summarise three party conferences in about 220 words is beneath contempt.

There are indeed a FEW politically responsible people in the Guild. They are the committee members of the three political societies. They have the task of promoting political interest in the face of the passive conservatism and ignorance of students like Politicus, whoever he may be.

Societies' role

The role of the political society, or of the religious society or of the independent groups such as New Thinkers, is to form the basis of intellectual life in the Guild. The response to this effort is invariably negative. To sneer at those who devote their leisure to these ends is uncalled for. The political societies lead the Guild in serious thinking—the Liberal Society produced "ad lib" with great success.

If "Politicus" wishes to discuss these problems Lib. Soc. is prepared to extend its facilities to this end. Indeed, I personally challenge him to defend his immature and immature views at a public meeting. "Political Forum" has done great damage to the advancement of a political education, and to journalism, which is something we cannot afford.

Yours etc.,
S. L. STOCKDALE.

BREAD AND CHEESE

AFTER due thought Guild Council has once again agreed to sponsor bread and cheese lunches, which are held each Tuesday lunch time in Rinders Room. The money thus raised will be given to the World University Service, and go to students in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves.

We don't ask you to give the whole of your grant, but only the price you would normally pay for a meal in return for a hunk of cheese and a few slices of bread. Then you will see what it is really like to live at subsistence level.

NO COMPARISON

MR. LEONARD SCHAPIRO'S subject at L.S.E. is Comparative Government, but the theme, and moral, of this Open Lecture on Tuesday was that the government of Russia can on no account be compared to that of any other country at any time.

In the 1930's it was assumed that governments differed from each other only in the degree of democracy or oppressiveness within them. That this criterion is invalid when applied to Russia is illustrated even by political terminology; the Communist "Party" there is something entirely different from our Conservative "Party."

The whole government apparatus of Russia is controlled by this one party. This ensures that a "unity of purpose" should pervade the whole system; that the proletarian should be influenced to keep him in the straight path of nationalism. Lenin's statement: "Spontaneity, is the deadliest enemy of all," still applies.

Mr. Schapiro went on to describe aspects of Russian government; the process of "normalisation" after the abnormal period of Stalin's despotism, and "a return to the principles of Lenin." Now, although the Party is still run from the top, Party organs meet more regularly and are more representative. There is swifter promotion of young men, and to cure over-centralisation, control has expanded over more fields.

He could not predict how the Party would develop in the future. When a government has lost its revolutionary flavour, it usually becomes more liberal; the dual system of control in Russia prevents this, or has to adapt itself to public opinion—the usual course of events. This will not necessarily be the case

LAWYERS LIKE U.N.

AT the first meeting of The Holdsworth Club at Edgbaston, the motion was that "The U.N. is failing in its purpose." Tony Bradbury and Harvey Jarvis proposed, and cited many examples of the failure of the U.N. to deal with troublesome situations, urging that it had failed its members and itself. John Hurdley and Gerh Jenkins led a spirited defence of the organisation, averring that we owed the present peace to its efforts.

Speakers from the floor included Mr. Powell-Smith, making a plea for the Empire in his own inimitable fashion. Mr. Plant, who told funny stories. Messrs. Thomas, Kaimarudin, Miller, Roger Smith, Haden and Klevan. The motion was defeated.

SMALL ADS.

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THE N.U.S. Travel Service is well-known for its efficiency and cheapness, and yet surprisingly few people take advantage of the facilities offered. Every member of the Guild is entitled to use all N.U.S. services, but many members seem to prefer spending more than is necessary to have a good time.

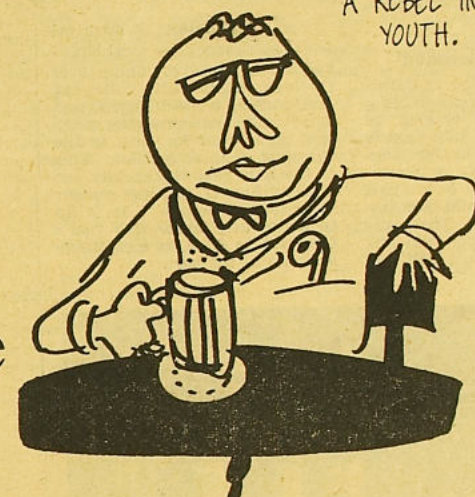
Travel broadens the mind and tired students can return invigorated and refreshed after a visit to some exotic far-off place. Winter holidays are becoming more and more popular: winter sports are tops for fun. This Christmas vac. N.U.S. offer an amazing variety of holidays within any student's budget. 8 days in Paris costs £16 5s. inclusive. Ten days in exclusive San Moritz, with special reductions for skiing facilities, costs

only £21.
Details of these and other holidays can be had by dropping a line to the Travel Secretary, via the N.U.S. Pigeon Hole in the Union.

FRESHERS' CHANCE

THE Preliminary Round of the Fresher's Tournament will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 2 p.m. in the Deb. Hall. Judges:—Messrs. Ash, Klevan, and Powell-Smith. The motions give plenty of scope for speeches humorous and serious; come along and support the Freshers in their ordeal! The Final Round, which will be judged by Dr. L. Neville Brown, Dr. Jasper McKee, and Mr. Arthur Large will be held on Thurs., November 3rd, at 7 p.m. in the Deb. Hall. Deb. Soc. is one of the "Societies of the Guild": give it your support.

I USED TO BE
A REBEL IN MY
YOUTH.



Have you discovered Feiffer?

A LITTLE WHILE ago Pendennis in The Observer examined the strip-cartoon characters in other newspapers (Colonel Pewter, the Gambols, the Bumsteads, Andy Capp, etc. . . .) with a kindly interest in their besetting sins (Pride, Envy, Sloth, etc. . . .). He made no mention of The Observer's own weekly cartoon strip by Jules Feiffer, for Feiffer's cartoons are not devoted to the adventures of any particular set of characters, or to any particular indulgences. But if you are beset by Doubt, Feiffer is your man. . .

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Feiffer-addict may respond to a Feiffer cartoon by shouting for joy or by going away quietly to weep and wonder.

A young man called Bernard (but sometimes Howard) loses battles against his girl, his boss, his friends ("you can't win you can't win you can't win"). A long-robed patriarch 'reviews' the Old Testament—favourably. An Oedipus-like figure on a psychiatrist's couch skims through his lurid life ("My daughter's seeing you tomorrow. Boy, has she got problems.")

Jules Feiffer is young, unmarried, hip, an Eastern American with inherited puritanism, a citizen of Greenwich Village with a pass to every other Bohemia. Of his readers in The Observer, a majority says nothing, while two minorities applaud and hiss. It's a test of something . . . and not merely of cleverness. It's liable to grow on you. Have you discovered where you stand? J.B.L.

This time last year

"CARNIVAL? What's that?" said the ingenuous Fresher. This time last year a remark such as this would have been impossible. But this year Freshers have had little chance of realising the implications of this word. By delving into the dark recesses of the minds of some Guild members, certain things have come to light . . .

The first impression in President Tony Goss's mind was of padding in the fountain in Victoria Square at midnight on the eve of Carnival Day, only to be confronted by an irate policeman who was shouting "The next one in there goes inside!"

Last year Chem. Eng. fore-stalled the Minister of Transport by unofficially opening the M1 with a covered wagon which was dragged to London. This feat took two days. Commerce, too, provided an original stunt when one of their number, dressed as a Maharajah, was met off the London train at New Street Station and escorted to the City Art Gallery, where he addressed his "loyal subjects." One of these proved a little disloyal, however, and attempted to assassinate him.

Torchlight procession

One of the features of Carnival is the grand torchlight procession, with floats entered by the Departments. Last year's procession was led by the then President dressed as a policeman, accompanied by a small member of the Guild wearing policeman's uniform. The highlight of this procession was undoubtedly the Sphinx which was

entered by the Physics Department, and which was drawn by slaves. Not to be outdone, female members of the Biological Society, wearing lab coats and placards proclaiming this as the results of recent experiments, led male members of the Society down New Street.

Mercian army

Bristol University are our great rivals during Carnival. Every year we are invaded by the Men of Wessex, wearing red woad, and are defended by the Mercian army, headed by Chem. Eng., wearing a more conventional blue. Birmingham kidnapped the Bristol President and Bristol very kindly redecorated the Union. Joe, too, was not forgotten, being adorned with Bristol flags.

The main object of Carnival is to raise money for local charities. This involves taking over the city buses with collecting tins, raffling a Ford Anglia, and many, many pub-crawls. (Strange how these were foremost in the thoughts of most people). This is the only real opportunity the student has of making contact with the "Bummie." It is up to us to help make this year's Carnival, in June, as memorable as those in the past.



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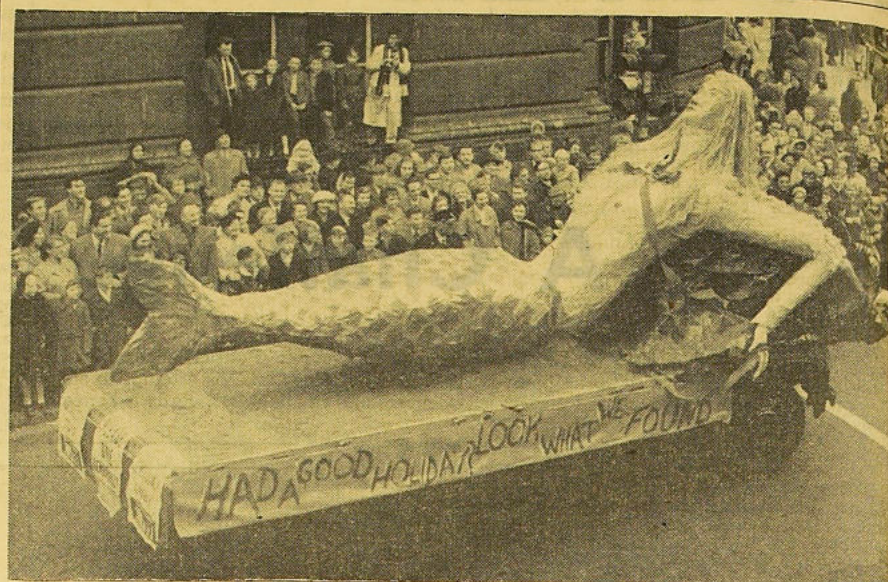
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WOT NO ROOM!

by Mike Down, Sports Editor

LAST week, in mentioning the Wolfenden Report, I alluded to the golden future that lies in store for coming generations of our sportsmen. But what about the present? The picture here is not so rosy. The dearth of changing accommodation is being felt more and more. It seems a crying shame that the many promising sportsmen at this University have to be greeted by a "fres-for-all" every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon in the changing rooms—sorry, room—in the Physical Education Department.

Three hours of near chaos ensue before everyone has left on these afternoons, and up to now it has been mainly Birmingham people who have had to fight their way in and out of the changing-rooms. Who knows what will happen when the menacing hordes from other universities descend on us?

The pavilion on the playing-fields is now catering for soccer, rugby, hockey and cross-country teams, supposedly. But even here there has been confusion. One visiting team was directed from the Physical Education Dept. to the pavilion, and, on arrival, were refused entry on the grounds that they had no right there. They were then conducted back to the Physical Education Department to join the fracas there, much to the embarrassment of the officials of the club concerned, and to the annoyance of the visiting team. Must this sort of thing continue?

Well, I understand that there is to be no increase in changing facilities until the New Sports Centre is completed. This is already eight months behind schedule, and will probably not be completed before 1963 or 64. However, throughout this period, the University will be rapidly expanding its student population. What will happen then, when confusion reigns now?

Surely something must be done about it? It is not fair to visiting teams, nor even to our own students, to have to face such inconvenience for another three or four years. Is it not possible for "the powers that be" to set up some temporary accommodation? I sincerely hope that something will be done about it, and that some favourable decision will be reached in the not-too-distant future.

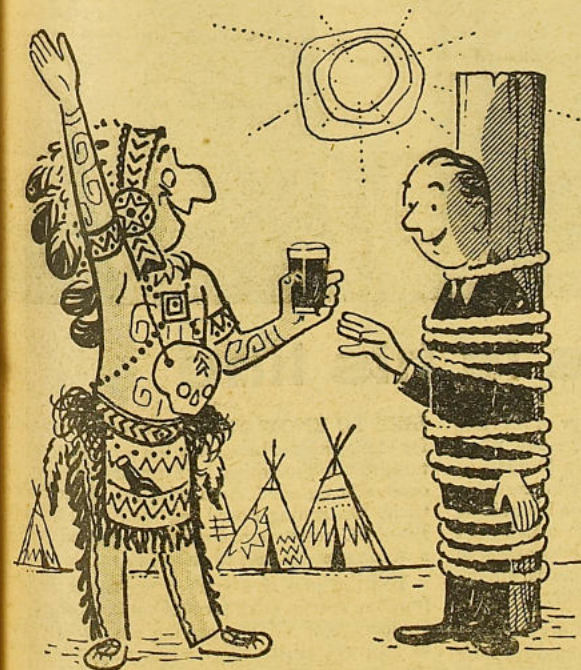
POLO PLAYERS FIPPED

LOUGHBOROUGH won a close game at Northfield by 3 goals to 1. Birmingham, playing better together than for the whole of last year, although it was their first serious match, went into the lead early on. However, they were not quite fit enough to keep up the pace, and Loughborough slipped in two of their goals in the second half. We can hope for great things from our players, for now we have the services of an expert Polo coach—Vic Emery, late captain of Cambridge and now Research Fellow in the Mathematical Physics Department.

ad lib.

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Medicine Man say,
GUINNESS—HIM STRONG
for paleface

THE BARMAN.

7 Points in it

FOLLOWING their great win against Cambridge last week, the basketball team in their closest game yet this season, beat Loughborough last Wednesday in the first round of the U.A.U. championship.

The game started disastrously for Birmingham, who failed to combine together as a team, and Loughborough quickly established an early lead.

Birmingham seemed unable to beat their opponents' extended zone defence, and many attacks broke down through careless and hasty passing.

However, as the game progressed, Birmingham gradually took command, as Imre and Dugas began to find gaps in the Loughborough defence, so that at half-time they were leading by two points.

This slender lead was slightly increased in the second half, although the result was in doubt until the last two or three minutes, when, after an exciting finish, Birmingham eventually won by 41 points to 34.

N.A.B.

BADMINTON BONANZA

THE Badminton Club opened the season with a 9-0 victory over Oxford's second team. The team consisted of four of last year's first-team members, D. Harts, L. Essex, S. Hardy and A. Cook, and two Freshers, R. Cass and J. Megson. Cass and Megson put up a very creditable performance in their first University match and hold much promise for the future.

The first U.A.U. match of the season took place on Wednesday, 19th October. The addition of G. Lawrie gave added strength to the University side. The result was that Loughborough, whose side was much weaker than in previous years, failed to score a game. This convincing win places Birmingham in a strong position in their zone of the U.A.U. team championship.

There was also a second team match against Loughborough which Birmingham again won, this time by seven games to two. The team consisted of R. Wallis, T. Hodgins, S. Choong and A. Boulton and two new faces, J. Megson and S. Tring.

The ladies' section of the club also won their first match of the season in the Birmingham League Ladies' Division against Dunlop last Monday by 5 games to 4. It was a very close and enjoyable game. The team included three Freshers—J. Watson, J. Prideaux and V. Shute. D.H.

LIFTING WITH FATHER

ON Saturday, the University Weightlifting Club defeated Sheffield, last year's Universities Champions, and Cambridge, beating both by a large margin. There were no outstanding individual performances, the victory being a true team effort, the team being Howard Payne, William Forshaw and Keith Wylie. We were pleased that our captain had returned from Nigeria and Berlin and other faraway spots he visited.

As a result of these mysterious visits he reports the birth of male twins. "Doing fine" is the paternal verdict. A barbell and weights are missing from the training room and the infants, it is whispered, are well beyond normal (which way, above or below, is uncertain). Also our coach, Terry Merther, was presented with a daughter, by his wife in September. We extend our congratulations to both fathers. If other members of the club follow suit, particularly of the latter example, then all wagers will be for the future pleasure of

HOCKEY NEWS WOMEN'S

THE first women's hockey Eleven won 4-1 against Leicester University last Wednesday in the first W.I.V.A.B. match of the season.

E. Jaundrell scored a quick goal and after this encouragement Birmingham settled down to play on easy tactical game. Leicester equalised but E. Jaundrell scored again before half-time.

C. Thomas added further goals in the second half.

Because half the first team were playing in final county trials, an A team was fielded against Sutton Ladies on Saturday. But the match was abandoned in the second half with the score 2-2.

Birmingham scorers: C. Thomas, L. Jenkinson.

MENS'

THE Men's Hockey Club started the season with games against T. A. Podista's Eleven and B.T.H. Rugby.

The team that T. A. Podista fielded against the University was probably his strongest team ever, including two Olympic players, John Sell and Howard Davies. We did well to lose only 4-1.

Lady Luck did not smile on the side for its game against B.T.H. Rugby, and were unlucky not to win. Score: 2-2.

Away to Oxford Occasionals, a good game resulted in a 1-1 draw.

On Saturday, Birmingham suffered their heaviest defeat for years, when they lost 6-0 to Leeds University away. They fell to a team which was fitter and more skilful, and each of the goals was a gem.

Cycling success

ON Sunday morning, October 16th, the Cycling Club scored a decisive team win in that most gruelling type of racing, the hill-climb. The event was the U.A.U. hill-climb championship, held this year on Fallinge Edge near Matlock in Derbyshire.

R. Goodfellow attacked strongly over the testing course to return a time of 7 minutes 5 seconds, and came second to M. Ryall of Nottingham. J. Waddams came fourth in 7 minutes 30 seconds. T. Randall was 9th with 8 minutes 7 seconds and M. Roberts performed well in this his first season to produce a time of 9 minutes 22 seconds. We won the team prize by over a minute from strong Loughborough opposition.

G.M.

OUTCLASSED . . . but not disgraced

B'ham 1, Loughboro' 4

THERE is no doubt that the first eleven were deservedly beaten by a team superior in every position, which gave them a much-needed lesson in teamwork. The match, played last Wednesday, was Birmingham's first game in the U.A.U. championship, and is regarded as their toughest fixture. If it is not, they are in for a disappointing season.

Yet the home side started encouragingly when Fleming scored after six minutes' play, converting a centre from Horton following a goalmouth mêlée.

Loughborough seemed rather surprised at this setback, but it did not take them long to settle down and, as soon as they had, Birmingham were never really in with a chance.

Some sweetly flowing moves, executed with almost majestic ease, brought many goal-scoring opportunities, and it was only a matter of time before they equalised.

The visitors continuously played soccer that was a joy to watch, their fluid attack changing positions cleverly on a number of occasions; but it took them 37 minutes to notch the goal they so richly merited.

Their lead was increased on half-time when the inside-right made amends for an earlier penalty miss.

Second half

The second half was little different from the first. Loughborough added to their lead with well-taken goals in the 52nd and 73rd minutes.

A team can only play as well as the other side lets it, and Loughborough did not give Birmingham many occasions to shine. Because of the necessity to concentrate on defence, the University attack was seldom seen.

The defence will, they must hope, seldom have a busier 90 minutes. They all played keenly, but it is distressing to note how much they rely on Gray and Atkinson to come to the rescue.

Perhaps a few games against less stiff opposition will help the team to gain in confidence and enable its players to display the talents with which they are obviously endowed.

RICHARD THORNE.

B'ham 2, B'ham Youth & Old Boys 1

HEAVY drizzle and a wet pitch were the dominating factors in a hard-fought match. The pattern of play was that of end-to-end raids, and only for short periods did either side dominate.

The University went into the lead after 14 minutes, when Boddy rounded off some neat work by Roper. Their opponents made things even when Dickens shot low into the left-hand corner. For the rest of the first half, play was evenly shared, but in the second half, the University began to get the better of seemingly timid opponents. The result of this domination was a cracking header by Roper from a Fleming corner in the 52nd minute.

Both sides played well considering the unpleasant conditions and Taylor had a promising debut on the right wing for the University.

PETE HUDSON.

HUMPH FOR THE BALL



Humphrey Lyttleton—and trumpet.

GOSS IN AMERICA

AS the other world personalities, Mr. K, Super-Mac, Castro and the rest, flew into New York, Tony Goss, feeling perhaps that Presidents were at a discount over there, flew out. We felt that the accumulated travels and impressions of his three months in the New World merited our attention and our Correspondent interviewed him for "Guild News."

Our Reporter (R.): Firstly, is it easy to get across to the States and to make out financially on the project?

Tony Goss (G.): Student charter flights from London to New York cost approximately £70, and high rates of pay make it possible for students to visit the country and return having covered all their expenses and even showing a slight profit.

R.: Presumably you arrived in New York. What impressions have you of the city?

G.: I stayed eight weeks in New York and, during that time, having a 35-hour working week, was able to see much of this city, which spreads both up and out. Certainly the height of the buildings is the most striking aspect to a European. The experience of soaring 1,000 feet up a building in a lift at one go is a strain both on the stomach and the imagination.

Manhattan seen spread out from the vantage point of the Empire State Building is an abiding memory, as is the awe-inspiring spectacle of tomorrow's history being forged in the beautiful United Nations Headquarters. However, the overall impression is of a vast cosmopolitan tangle of people rushing about their business in a huge confusion of cars, buses, taxis, etc. A place to see and to marvel at, but no place to live.

Other aspects

R.: But this is not typical of all the country? What other aspects did you see?

G.: The States are of course possessed of a vast variety of landscapes and ways of life. Driving across 5,200 miles to the West Coast with four French students in a 1950 Chevrolet, I learnt much of the friendliness and hospitality of the American people, and saw most of the natural wonders of the country; first of all, the Niagara Falls, where millions of gallons of

water thunder down the steep cliffs thrusting clouds of spray back up to the sky and forming an eternal rainbow. We drove on round the Great Lakes, inland seas, to the industrial heart of Chicago, then in striking contrast, across the Central States where to drive all day without seeing anything but gas-stations and fields of corn impresses one with the vast size of this country. Then we continued through the "badlands" of South Dakota, still studded with souvenirs of the wild days, of Buffalo Bill, of cowboys and Indians. Eventually we reached San Francisco by way of Yellowstone Park, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Hollywood.

Election campaign

R.: Did you form any impressions of the current Presidential election campaign?

G.: Of course, it's very different from our Presidential election! It is seemingly very undemocratic, with the Democratic Party Convention, covered by television stations, a glorified circus. It seems that the family connections and vast financial resources available to Kennedy were the deciding factor, and it has been estimated that up to ten million dollars had been spent on his campaign prior to nomination. Mr. Nixon presents the image of the man who has come up the hard way to his position, a safer, stronger candidate and, on balance, my favourite.

R.: We heard much about Kennedy's religious beliefs as a hindrance to his chances. Is this in fact a fair reflection of the religious attitude in the U.S.A.?

G.: Certainly the conflict between Roman Catholic and Protestant is more pronounced in the States and it can enter into politics as it does not generally here. Both parties are doing their utmost to play it down in this election.

WEDNESDAY, November 9th may seem like an ordinary date, yet it is on this date that one of the almost legendary figures in British jazz is playing in the Union for one of the big occasions of the year — Rhythm Club Jazz Band Ball. This is an old Etonian, an old Webb Dixielander, an ex-Guards officer and an ex-popular press cartoonist.

One of his ancestors was hung, drawn and quartered for complicity in the Guy Fawkes gunpowder plot whilst our man helps advertise Crunchy bars. His name, of course, is Humphrey Lyttleton.

Break with past

Unlike so many musicians grounded in traditional jazz, Humph has never been afraid of experiment. He introduced the alto saxophone into his front line at a time when the revivalist fans decreed trumpet, trombone and clarinet instead. A solo on any other instrument might result in a pleasant sound, but after all, it was hardly jazz.

Anyway it messed up their theories on the evolution of jazz from the third part harmonics sung by the Negroes in the cotton fields.

The present mainstream band has an easily identifiable, happy, swinging sound and although it still brings cries of despondency from the traditional diehards it is enjoyed whole-heartedly by

Witch way now?

"WE think we are as prophets new inspired."

Rajah's ill-omened vision last week of an unworkable partnership between Edgbaston and Ed. St. has this week been fulfilled by the appearance of PESC, an Ed. St. deviationist organisation, founded by our favourite Knight Chevalier, Mr. Vincent Powell-Smith.

Last week, after the usual formalities (kissing the Chevalier's hand, licking the Chevalier's boots, polishing the Chevalier's insignia) we were granted an interview with the Founder-member at which we were informed that PESC was based on ancient magical principles.

There would be 26 members, 13 of each sex mutata mutandis, and all of Satanic name; they would meet only on Friday the 13th; the President was an ex-officio member; meetings would be held in Founder's Room at midnight, the witching hour; and, furthermore, said he, tossing the butt-end of a cigar into a handy pentacle, where it immediately exploded, only Ed. Streeters might become members.

Rift in the lute

Here we see the rift in the lute. What will poor Edgbastards do while Lucifer and his coven dance widdershins about Joe on Walpurgis Nacht? Where can they hide during the May-day fertility rites? Where will all broadminded jazz enthusiasts. It also provides the basic ingredient for a good night's rave for anyone who just happens to have a free night.

they be amongst the cataclysmic events of Midsummer's Eve? We fear lest the burden of exclusion from PESC lie too heavy upon them. Withdrawing those incipient horns, O Chevalier, hold back your hand lest you split the University in twain!

Rajah.

MED. SCHOOL COLUMN

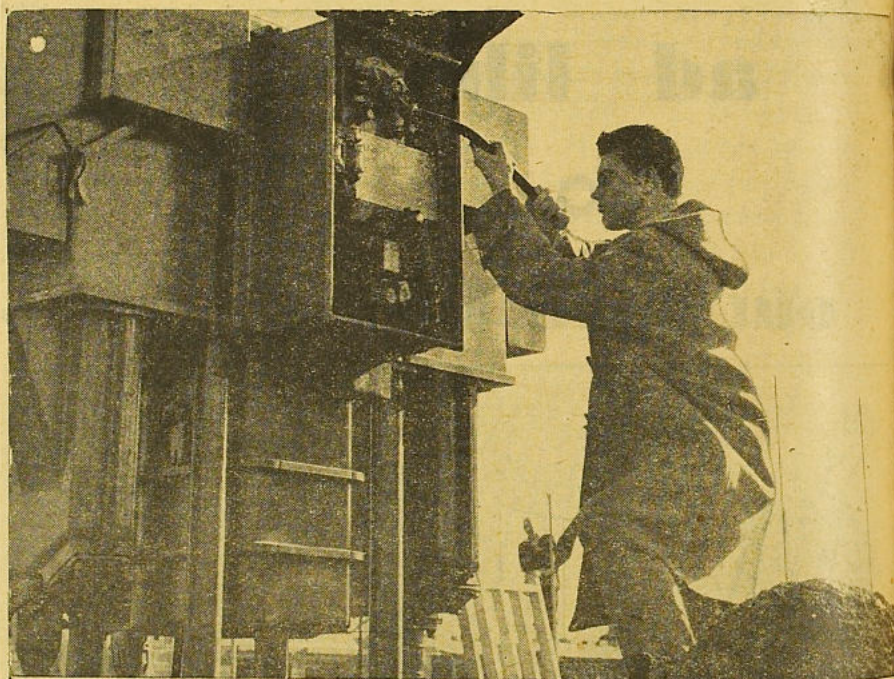
AFTER last week's low-down on the low-brows, these dedicated dead-beats clannish up and cried "Give us back our road." Mud-hating Medics, dislike essaying the oozy passage to the Union. Mud-wise they are right. Keen clinicians can comfortably queue in their own canteen, without taking the water-wading way to do it.

Pecunious physicians complain they can no longer drive directly to the Union: population pressure here, anyway, prevents the once easy parking.

Vaccination in the vacation is also blamed for Medics' mal-mixing; when term has finished, cold sterility settles on the teeming Union. Sports stagnate, the bar barricades, food freezes. Solitary surgeons are thrown into their own company.

Mixing-wise the Union is not with it. Something else must fill our lonely vacs. and relieve our enervating ennui. But must it be ourselves? Dig those crazy books, cultivate the brain-feeding Brummie! Get with it!

TABES



This is his line

He's 26 — and one of those in charge of bringing light, heat and power to a new housing estate. When he first joined the Electricity Supply Industry as a graduate trainee he was particularly interested in the industrial use of power. Later on in his training he became fascinated by the way in which lines drawn on a planning map turned into overhead lines and underground cables, and a barren stretch of ground became a thriving community.

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