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Max Mosley's surprise at debate decision

INCREDIBLE, SAYS MOSLEY

Guild News Reporter

"IT seems incredible that in an English seat of learning there should be people who are incapable of listening to someone with whose views they disagree without this leading to violence."

This remark was made by Mr. Max Mosley following reports in the press that there had been "a storm of protest" when it was announced that the invitation for him to speak at a Birmingham debate had been withdrawn "at the 11th hour."

"The storm of protest referred to in the 'Evening Despatch' has not yet reached Birmingham. I explained to Mr. Mosley that the debate would have only been deferred, but because of his Bar examinations and academic activities here no other date for months ahead is possible. He does not seem to have quite taken this point."

Strange

Mr. Mosley said "I understand that one of the leaders of the group of people who wished to prevent my coming to Birmingham was a young lady. It seems strange that she was not prepared to meet me in an open debate. These people are pretty good at discussing things when the opposition is not present, but they look pretty silly when they are asked to speak in a debate."

When a motion to rescind an invitation to Mr. Mosley was proposed at Hull University, the motion was apparently defeated by only seven votes. However, it was a lively debate and he was given a good hearing.

Mr. Mosley concluded by saying "The sensible thing would have been for anyone who disapproved of the motion for debate to have stayed away.

Debating Society Chairman, Mr. Terry Staples, commented while drying out at his digs, his landlady reported that he hadn't touched his breakfast.



● **The President-elect in unusual garb. We understand that he has his serious moments.**
(Photo: Arthur Burgess).

Klevan tops the Poll

THE Hustings took place on Wednesday, 9th May, in the Deb. Hall. Depending on who you are, this proved either an hour's entertainment, at a level above ITV or an invaluable democratic institution, testing nerve, wit and integrity, or a traumatic experience.

The out-going President, Mr. Arthur Large, sat in obscurity back-stage on someone's knee (did everyone see ?).

The first Presidential candidate, Mr. Ahmed Qidwai, spoke fluently and everything went pleasantly.

Mr. Chris Mackie next tried to speak in competition with a bearded heckler, armed with a microphone. Mr. Mackie has a nice voice, can quote a line of Keats and likes talking about money.

Mr. Rodney Klevan, steeped in "J.J.", Shelley (Burman), Sellers, Capp, and the rest, got more words over than anyone else in the Deb. Hall. It would have been nicer if he had not read them. However, Mr. Klevan engaged in and won simple repartee with the bearded man. Was it collusion?

Opportunist

Mr. David Hugill said we would know best. One side of his face was coloured red, and the other blue. Liberals are political opportunists.

Mr. Bob Bootle suffered severe phase lag, or was someone taking the mickey? The safety curtain fell, but Mr. Large fought his way round to the very front. All dead pan. Well, who's to know with a moustache like that?

Mr. Rodney Klevan (Law) was elected President, with a majority of 280, polling 46 per cent of the votes cast, 28 per cant of the Guild voted.

In accordance with a year-old tradition, he paddled a lap of honour in the fountain.

ADMISSION TO BE MADE EASIER

Clearing-house system

SIXTH-FORMERS, their teachers and the university tutors for admissions who exercise an indirect influence over their work should all be saved a lot of headaches by the new central clearing-house to deal with applications for admission to universities which was announced by the Universities' Central Council on Admissions last month.

Birmingham is represented on the Central Council by the Registrar, Dr. Geoffrey Templeman, and Mr. R. H. Knight, admissions tutor in the Faculty of Science.

The scheme will be starting its "running-in" year on September 1st of this year. During the year, the full scheme will only apply to applications to courses in Technology.

In future, candidates will fill in a single application form for up to four universities which will be sent, together with the headmaster's report, to the central office in London. Photographic copies of this will then be sent to the universities of his choice.

Oxford and Cambridge are not included in this scheme, but they are going to co-operate in arranging to carry out their selection early in the year. Aberdeen, Glasgow, St. Andrews, Queen's Belfast, and London University Medical and Dental Schools will have to be applied to direct.

Dr. Templeman said: "This does represent a very considerable step forward in making the job of trying to enter a university easier for the candidate. It is designed as far as possible to give the maximum freedom to both the University and the candidate compatible with systematic handling."

LATE NEWS

Five fire-engines were called to a fire in the Physical Metallurgy dept. at 5.30 yesterday afternoon. This was the second fire in the University in three days.

The blaze was discovered by two lab assistants who saw smoke coming from the solvent store where they found a large pile of rags burning briskly.

One of the firemen hazarded a guess that the fire was caused by an electric fire which was standing switched on, next to the rags.

DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH!

THE Berlitz School of Languages are looking for English teachers to take posts in their school in Paris. The custom is for staff to teach only their native languages.

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Those interested should obtain references from their tutor.

TRAVEL BUREAU SCHEME FOR UNION

Independent of NUS

THE Union is to have a travel bureau. It will not be part of the N.U.S. facilities at present available. It will be opened in the next fortnight to help students to travel round Europe at reduced rates.

One of the full-time Union secretaries will be in charge of the Bureau. She is Miss Edna Moxon, and has been specially trained as a travel assistant to give information on routes, insurance and methods of travel as well as taking bookings.

Among the N.U.S. facilities that will be available are student charter flights, which range as far afield as Istanbul, and Tel Aviv and special train group facilities at greatly reduced rates. The fare from London to Dusseldorf, for example, will be £5/6/-.

Inclusive holidays will also be available, such as a 22-day tour to Moscow and the Caucasus for £68/10/-.

The bureau will be open daily, probably in the steward's office, and although it will be using several N.U.S. facilities it will be virtually autonomous.

The commission from bookings is expected to cover administrative expenses.

COFFIN WANTED

A SOUND carvel-built coffin and an outboard motor are urgently required at the Medical School. Plans there are well advanced for an attempt on the world coffin water-speed record.

Current holders are the Battersea College of Technology with an average speed of around 4.8 m.p.h. over the measured mile.

Subject to the procurement of coffin and engine, which must not exceed 100cc. capacity, the attempt is expected to take place some time in June, probably on Lake Coniston.

A carnival motorised treasure hunt will be held on June 17th. Entries must be in by June 14th.

Students will be admitted free to the Birmingham Water Carnival in order to sell Carnival magazines and car-tickets. It is to take place on Saturday, June 16th at Edgbaston Reservoir.

Launching Ceremony

ORD, the Organisation for Relief and Development, was inaugurated at a meeting in the Council Chamber on Tuesday. Its aims were outlined by Mr. Asher Kelman.

The task facing O.R.D. was to educate the student body not with vague generalisations but with stark facts. Professor Yudkin of London University, a world expert on nutrition, had accepted O.R.D.'s invitation to speak at the Academic Festival.

Three delegates from the organisation have been invited to serve on the Lord Mayor's Committee for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Attendance at the meeting was surprisingly good. The majority responded to the invitation to subscribe to O.R.D. and accepted a constitution proposed by an ad hoc committee. It was decided to apply for Guild membership.

CHEM LAB DAMAGED

A FIRE, which broke out early on Monday morning in a research lab in the Chemistry dept., caused considerable damage to equipment and fittings.

The fire was discovered by the watchman during his six o'clock round of the Hills block. It is thought that the lab will be out of action for the next fortnight, and that it will be three or four months before it will be fully repaired.

PRESS POST

GUILD NEWS

The Birmingham University Newspaper

Lodgings Policy

A REPORT from an ad hoc committee on student accommodation was presented at the last council meeting. It created a great deal of controversy and Council was almost evenly split over the usefulness of the report.

The summary states that "it was in no way a fact finding committee," and indeed the report is devoid of any factual support excepting an accommodation survey which was carried out at Leeds University. It does not even contain any statistics on lodgings in Birmingham which must be available from the Lodgings Warden. The Bursar's department have just carried out a transport survey which has yielded valuable information on lodgings distribution. This was not consulted.

The object of the report was to enable the Guild to formulate an accommodation policy, and appended to the report are a list of recommendations. Many are sensible and show that the committee has done some hard thinking. However, some points are dubious and could not possibly be used as Guild policy without factual backing.

Take, for instance, the recommendation that "evening meals in lodgings to be discouraged by the Lolgings Warden and also by some reference in the Fresher's Handbook, etc." If this were done "more digs might be available," claims the report. But the committee makes this claim without consulting either the landladies or probing student opinion as to how many people prefer evening meals.

The report provides some interesting ideas, which could form a basis for a statistical survey, but as a guide to Guild accommodation policy its usefulness is questionable.

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Mosley decision under fire

SIR,—Mr. Terry Staples, in his extraordinary letter in your last issue, gives three reasons for his cancellation of the invitation to Mr. Max Mosley.

Firstly, he says that "some people think really deeply . . . that Fascist speakers should not be allowed to speak in the Union." This is one of his reasons for cancelling his invitation: but what does he think of the other people who feel equally deeply, and feel equally passionately that to restrict the Debating Society's scope for discussion and debate is a betrayal of all that the Society stands for?

Are their feelings and thoughts of less importance because they are in a majority?

His second point is rather like his first: "This question has not been sufficiently widely discussed." What discussion, may I ask, does Mr. Staples expect to follow the closing by himself of the whole affair? Surely to debate the motion, with Mr. Mosley present, is the best way of discussing it?

Prophet?

Thirdly, Mr. Staples' "practical point" is that the "debate would . . . not rise above the level of invective . . and potential violence."

Sir, leaving aside Mr. Staples' evident gift of prophecy, what does he think the chairman exists for, if not to preserve the decencies of debate? Or has he so little confidence in his own abilities?

Opposed

Before closing this letter, I would like to quote from your own report of Mr. Staples' speech in defence of the invitation: "We invited Max Mosley because we thought it would be a good debate . . We want him to come here and have his ideas attacked and debated . . the best debates are between strongly-opposed views."

How can Mr. Staples reconcile this with the views expressed in his letter?

I shall say nothing of the fact that no member of the committee knew of the cancellation before it was done: that is a matter for the committee itself.

Nor shall I labour the obvious point that to extend an invitation to a guest speaker, and then to withdraw it two days before his arrival is, to say the least, a questionable example of courtesy and politeness.

I must apologise, Sir, for the length of this letter; but this is a matter in which brevity is not the least consideration.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN McVEAGH

SIR,—The Mosley affair has implications greater than those specifically associated with the abortive debate. I hold no brief for Mosley or his party. In fact I would have preferred the invitation not to have been made.

It seems abominable however, that a small politically-minded group will, in all probability, continue to dictate who shall not speak to the Guild.

Communists, who after all represent a much more practical threat to our lives and our liberty, speak with regularity, almost unnoticed within our walls.

By what right should they be granted a monopoly of the expression of what are to most of us fringe view points?

The next President of the Guild should take steps to consult members as a body on the matter of principle, so that a constitutional ruling will avoid these periodic outbreaks of chaos caused by dubious precedents.

Yours faithfully,

J. C. RYLE.

● **The Editor thanks all other correspondents on the subject.**

Minority Rights

SIR,—May I make a few comments on the letters of censure on my action from Messrs. McVeagh, from Messrs. McVeagh and Ryle.

Firstly, the point is that although there was probably a majority of people who as a matter of principle were opposed to a restriction of the Society's scope, few of them wanted in practice specifically to hear Mr. Mosley and Mr. Hamm, whereas the other people had a particular and personal objection and, rightly or wrongly, would have felt insulted if they had come.

It's a question of the rights of minorities; there's far more to democracy than a majority vote. Giving offence to 49 per cent in order to gratify the idle curiosity of 51 per cent may be Mr. McVeagh's idea of "all that the Society stands for," but it is not mine.

Secondly, Mr. McVeagh charges me with presumption, but in fact to have let the debate go ahead as planned, after 363 people turned up at the S.G.M. to discuss the matter only to be baulked by a technicality in the Constitution, would have been to presume what the result would have been.

Since the Society vote of the previous Thursday, a fresh issue in the shape of Mr. Hamm, had arisen; and it was because I could not presume anything, that cancellation seemed the wisest course. **I would have deferred it only,** but because of exams there was no other possible date this term.

Leaving aside Mr. McVeagh's evident lack of knowledge of history, the point is that with "the decencies of debate" preserved, there would have been nothing much left.

I had not previously realised that the "strongly opposed views" would respectively be supported in the ratio 99:1. And as the committee was evenly split on this matter, as soon as I changed my mind the balance was swung. To "questionable courtesy" I must plead guilty. The mistake lay in inviting him before the matter had been comprehensively thrashed out.

Yours etc.,

TERRY STAPLES.

Money well spent

SIR,—The new lounge bar is open. Something for which many members can congratulate those responsible for not only providing somewhere to have a quiet drink with a special guest or girl-friend, but for having done it all in double-quick time.

But on reflection I wonder whether these congratulations are at all justified.

Until recently I felt confident that all such matters were properly discussed by them.

I felt confident that every item of the £3,500 estimated expenditure on the bar was carefully scrutinised by Council; that every effort was made to approach as many firms as possible to secure the lowest reasonable tender; that independent professional advice on such tenders was finally taken before any was accepted and any expenditure authorised.

Justified

I felt confident that Council was satisfied that the demand for a lounge bar was sufficient to justify endangering the profits of the other bar. Moreover I could not imagine Council not discussing the other demands on expenditure in relation to this proposed scheme—for example could they justify the Lounge Bar while cutting grants to G.T.G. and the Arts Committee? What about the shelved launderette service? What about more pay for the Vernon Grill waitresses, what about famine relief?

I do not think such considerations are irrelevant when items such as doors, £104; bar rail £38; arm chairs £10 each are included in a scheme.

But I have spoken to Guild Councillors and even a Vice-presidential candidate none of whom can remember such a discussion in Council.

Is there any councillor who can restore my faith in this democratic machinery of ours? Was there proper discussion or was the whole thing bulldozed through?

If it is congratulations, let us reflect that whilst we have the best lounge bar in Birmingham we cannot afford the pictures that nearly every other University in the country have been investing in since the war; that we let our drama group, one of the best in the country, go bankrupt.

If it is denunciation let it be so thorough that no Council will forget that for every penny spent they should give adequate justification to every member of the Guild. This is the raison d'etre of Council, to protect us from the injustices of spendthrift committees.

Yours etc.,

JOHN L. ROBERTS.

● **Mr. Powell-Smith comments: The whole question was discussed exhaustively on Finance and Union Committees—specialised committees elected by Council to deal with detailed enquiries. This is the normal practice in organisations such as the Guild. Mr. Roberts may rest assured that his democratic rights have not been infringed!**

IN THE EYE

SIR, — Of course "Guild News" is "commendable." We already knew that. But it manages to be so in spite, not because of, the features cited at the Student Journalists' Conference, i.e., its use of banner headlines.

Your last week's banner was ¼ of an inch tall, or even three times those of the "Guardian," "Telegraph" and "Observer," bigger even than those of the "Express" or "Birmingham Mail" and in spite of your relatively small page size!

I agree it is occasionally useful to be able to read "Guild News" at distances of up to 100 yards, but often I gain the uncomfortable impression that I am being yelled at as though I were some sort of undiscerning Molesworthian myopic moron about to fail his "O" level.

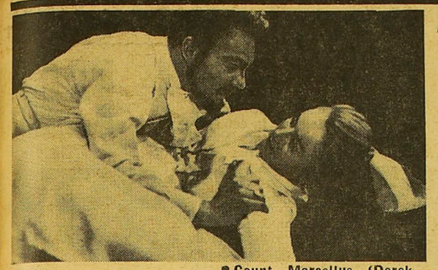
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P. E. TENNANT.

[Although I cannot agree that a Conservative type of layout suits "Guild News" page size or type faces, I am delighted to see Mr. Tennant's interest in newspaper design.—Ed.]

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REVIEWS PAGE



● **Count Marcellus (Derek Jacobi) tussles with Lucile (Jennifer Hilary) in a scene from "Duel of Angels."**
(Photo: 'B'ham Post & Mail')

Theatre *Geoff Elwin Terry Staples*

RED, WHITE AND BLACK

CURRENTLY being performed every evening at 7.15 p.m. on the stage of the Repertory Theatre, Station Street, is a fine production of Christopher Fry's translation and adaptation of Jean Giradoux's last play, "Duel of Angels."

Set in provincial France in the late nineteenth century, the play is a Morality, presenting the conflict between promiscuity and chastity. The white angel and wife of the town magistrate, Lucile, has a pathological loathing for any sexual relations outside wedlock, to the extent of claiming to see slugs and maggots crawling over the face of anyone who is or has a lover.

Devoted

When she tactlessly refuses to acknowledge anyone involved in infidelity, the anger of the town is provoked. Paola, a red angel, single-minded in her devotion to love but not to individual lovers, accuses Lucile of deceiving herself in denying her physical desires, even of being afraid of her own body.

Acting, she claims, on behalf ol all the women of the town, Paola seeks revenge with an attempt to destroy Lucile's innocence by showing it to be based on a hollow self-deception. To this end she engineers a supposed downfall for the faithful wife . . . .

As the title perhaps indicates, neither side has the monopoly of audience sympathy, and this is what makes it such an absorbing play. Jennifer Hilary as Lucile, has a religion of purity which can be beautiful in its passion but is at other times cold and cruel; and Lesley Nunnerley's Paola has the allure of inconstancy mixed with a frightening methodical malice. Neither of them eventually wins, in any absolute sense of the term, but each has an effect on the other.

Compared with the focus that the play puts on Lucile and Paola the three men involved are almost incidental. Two of them happen to be husbands and the third happens to be a professional seducer. In this latter capacity Derek Jacobi is not sufficiently roué to be completely convincing, but the smooth glozing words that the author gives him roll trippingly off his tongue, and though he is personified Vice, he has moments of dignity.

As one would expect in a translation by Fry, the dialogue sparkles with poeticality and ingenuity, such as, "What a tragedy it is to lie down a martyr and rise up a virgin." and, "God has been pipped at the post by your husband." and "She shines with the light of death—all blood and suns."

Gallic

The setting is simple and non-naturalistic with a red, white and black colour scheme, designed, as the producer John Harrison tells us in a programme note, "to underline the Gallic clarity of the play." This it does effectively for most of the time but the arbitrary symbolism of the huge white disc over Lucile's head at the end of the play is merely distracting.

T.V.

Z-CARS

TELEVISION is a good outlet for those of us who are morbidly curious about other people's jobs, particularly when those jobs are directed towards dealing with some section of the community which is in some way unfortunate.

"Emergency Ward 10" and "Dr. Kildare" allow us to put an eye to the keyhole in the hospital door while telling us that we are thereby stemming our fears of the surgeon's knife. "Z-Cars" takes us into the policeman's job of work, not into a "whodunnit" but into the day-to-day progression of what we know is an exciting occupation. We know this because had it not been so there would never have been a "Z-Cars."

All coppers

There is an old song which says "All coppers are bastards." "Z-Cars" portrays coppers who may be bastards some of the time, it also shows why they may appear to be so. The policeman is a human being and as such liable to lapse from any ideal image of himself. However, insofar as we may now understand why a copper may be a bastard at any particular instant, "Z-Cars" gives us no reason to expect him to be any than otherwise, certainly the injunction "Never trust a copper" must still remain at the back of our minds.

WYNDHAM.

Books *Tim Betts*

AIR THAT KILLS

GEORGE ORWELL has been dead just over ten years. Until recently popular knowledge of his work was limited to his later books, "Animal Farm" and "1984."

But more interest is now being shown in his earlier works, most of which are pre-war. This probably is due to a greater general interest in the intellectual climate of the 'Thirties.

Two publishing houses have recently recognised the trend by bringing out some of these earlier pieces. Mercury Books have the "Collected Essays" at 12/6 and Penguins "Homage to Catalonia," "The Road to Wigan Pier," "Keep the Aspidistra Flying" and "Coming Up for Air." All are obtainable at Hudson's University Bookshop.

Orwell is, of course, left-wing; but he lacks the ruthlessness and toughness of the typical left-winger of the 'thirties.

Perhaps this was because his experience of the things he wrote about was first-hand. He had been down and out, he had starved, he had fought with the Reds in Spain.

And so, when he sees the social revolution which he applauded destroy the values he still clung to, he cannot hide his disappointment. Orwell's dilemma is that he was half in love with the things he attacked.

And, when he saw something wholly good like the English countryside destroyed, his disappointment is complete. In "Coming Up for Air" (about a man going back to the village he was born in and seeing the damage done, in the name of progress, to the countryside he loved), disillusionment—that was to end in "1984"—creeps in.

But Orwell's genius lies in his humanitarianism (unusual in a political writer). It is people he really cares about: his happiness lies in describing the warm comradeship of his miners and Red militia-men. And this is why, in his peculiar, muddled, English way, one cannot help liking him.



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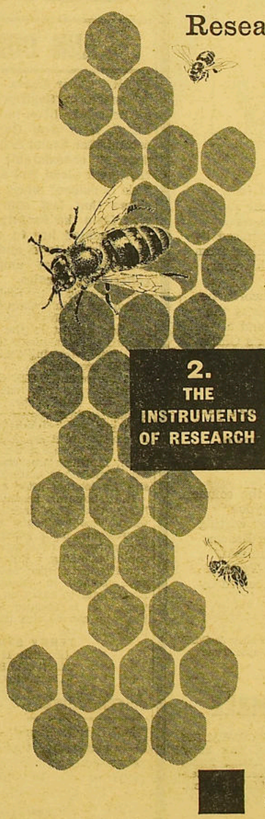
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Instrumentation may not have revolutionised chemical research, but it has had a marked effect on the practice of it; particularly in the last decade or so when several new and important instruments have been made available. Their purpose has not been to make research easier, or experimental technique less necessary.

One cannot go far at all without a sound technique: with it one can make progress with quite simple apparatus.

What the new instruments are doing is to extend the boundaries of research, in the sense that much of the knowledge acquired thereby would not have been available otherwise. They make use of physical phenomena to throw light on chemical structure.

Some of the techniques—ultraviolet, visible, infra-red and X-ray spectrometry—are now widely established. Mass spectrometry, on the other hand, has only recently achieved its potential with technical advances in instrument design. Other techniques are still in a process of active development, but two—gas chromatography and nuclear magnetic resonance—are so far advanced that already they contribute significantly to the sum of scientific knowledge.

Recent trends have been to simplify the design and operation of some instruments, so that they may become part of standard laboratory equipment; but the maximum contribution to research will always come from specialist groups working collaboratively on problems with other scientists.

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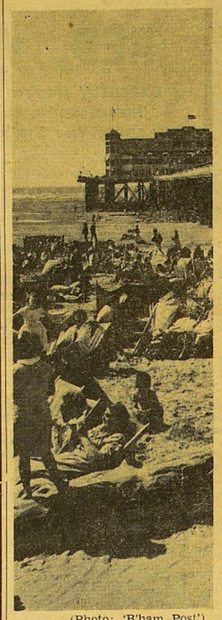
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says BRIAN HILL

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Tact

Secondly, one must possess a considerable amount of tact. What time do we leave? How far to go? Where do we stop? Can you clear my plug? What is that building? Why are we on the right-hand side? Could you stop the coach, my wife wants to . . . ?

A continual barrage of questions is bound to follow the courier wherever he goes. Patience must always rule and the clients must never realise that the courier is bored and fed up with them.

One must learn to be hard and watch out for tricksters. Everybody in the tourist trade is trying to wrest lucre from the tourists—men selling bangles, waiters changing money, sleek women, charming bachelors away (the courier can expect commission on all services)—all trying to fleece the clients. One must look after them and make sure all the money is diverted into the proper channels—the courier's pockets.

There are several advantages in the life. Something is happening all the time and one can never complain of monotony. One can see the most beautiful sights in Europe without paying a penny (sometimes rather uncomfortable). One day can be spent skiing at the top of the Jungfrau, and the next, sunbathing by an Italian lake. Financially the job is well worth while.

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significance of "Damen" and "Herren" in German-speaking countries.

One worthy gentleman, however, who sported a clipped military moustache did not have the necessary intelligence. Five minutes after I had directed him to the toilets behind a rustic little Gasthof, he returned seething and very angrily and quite seriously,



said, "I've found the Herren but where the hell are the Hissen."

The journey up to the fabulous Jungfrau peak, which is continually snow-covered and where one can ski, take sleigh-rides and look out over the whole of Europe, is reached through a brilliantly-constructed tunnel cut through the solid granite of the Eiger mountain.

One old man on having reached the top did not seem at all impressed by man's feat, or by the view. "Yer've fiddled me, mate," he said. "Could've done this from Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square and only fourpence."

As well as the pleasant side, there are of course several drawbacks in a courier's existence.



● **Some of the best views in Europe are open to you, free, if you try the life of a courier.**

One eventful day we got stuck in a large coach on a sharp corner on the St. Bernard Pass. The door was so close to the 1,000-foot drop that everyone had to climb out through the windows. Panic reigned for half an hour.

Going through France the whole party managed on one one occasion to contract food poisoning. I was running up and down the coach for the rest of the journey, sand and bucket in one hand, soda-water in the other.

The husband of a diabetic got stranded up a mountain and every few hours that night I had to perform with syringe and injections.

The biggest dangers are probably personal ones. After a time one comes to regard people as names rather than human beings. As soon as one meets the party, the tourists are immediately put into categories ranging from easy-going to cantankerous clown.

It is too easy to develop a façade and to lose genuine contact with people. Finally, there is probably no job where one is exposed to so many exciting temptations. . . . Perhaps this is one of the reasons which makes me certain that nothing will stop me meeting Tour SC 3 to Interlaken every other Tuesday this summer.

LEADING LADIES

ANN DORAN



(Photos: Arthur Burgess)

BORN under Pisces, with the moon in Sagittarius, favourite colour lilac, lucky number 7, Miss Ann Doran is a second-year Social Science student of considerable distinction, both social and academic. This is evident when one considers that last summer she won from the Faculty a prize that enabled her to attend a course in Holland and yet she is well known among the coffee-room barflies.

She manages to combine the two so successfully because she has what "Guild News" called when she was finalist in the Freshers' Debating Tournament 18 months ago, "the reforming zeal of a revivalist preacher."

At the recent N.U.S. Council in Liverpool, she was one of our delegates who spoke, and has otherwise been active as sales manager of "Moment," W.U.S. Committee member, Guild councillor and Debating Society treasurer, in which last capacity she has displayed a natural propensity for looking after guests.

It is, however, because she believes that the days are over when Vice-Presidents were just figureheads, mere pourers of tea and purveyors of sympathy, that she is standing. This year the Vice-President has been, as it were, second in command, and Ann wants to carry on the good work. It is because we believe that she can do this that we are proposing her.

TERRY STAPLES
(English III)
GLYN ALLEN
(Chemistry Research)

Manifesto

POURING tea and purveying sympathy though not paramount, are important parts of the Vice-President's job. My qualification for this aspect of the work is simply that I enjoy meeting people, both students and staff, at Birmingham and elsewhere.

However, the V.-P.'s most important job is, as a member of the Executive, to keep in touch with the Guild.

If elected, I shall not generally be available in the Presidential office to anyone with complaints or suggestions—I'll be in the coffee-room, the bar, in the refectory, at lectures, and I feel that would be an effective way of carrying out the tasks of Vice-President.

ANN DORAN.

ISABEL WOOD



THAT a girl in her first year at University should stand for Vice-President marks her out as something special. Yet few will find it surprising to see the name of Isabel Wood on the ballot papers. Why is this?

Firstly, because she is a great mixer at all levels of Guild life, as likely to be seen down the bar on a Wednesday evening as at a Guild Ball. There can be few who still ask, "Isabel Wood—who's that?"

The Vice-President must be more than an administrator. She must be a person who, while fulfilling the arduous social duties her position entails, must at the same time bridge the gap which lies between the faceless administration of Guild Council and the vast majority of the Guild. Isabel Wood is fully capable of both these tasks.

ANDREW SUTTON
KEITH CROWSHAW

Manifesto

THE basic running of the Guild is smooth, and the existing flaws could easily be rectified—the executive framework should be looked into, there should be compulsory hustings for elections and fewer free tickets.

Incongruities outside the walls of the Union are harder to rectify. My own ideas are progressive, even if not revolutionary. The Halls of Residence regulations, and those pertaining in some digs can lead to little other than irritation and deceit.

I would be in my 2nd year and not overloaded with academic commitments. I should have time for mixing with everyone instead of sitting in state with in the sanctuary of Exec. Office. There is more to do in the bar.

ISABEL WOOD

JILL SALISBURY



WHY are we proposing Jill Salisbury? Clearly, because we believe that she will make an excellent Vice-President. About to enter her third year as a Social Scientist, she was a Guild Councillor last year, and this year served on the External Affairs Committee and Grants and Welfare Secretary, and represented Birmingham at three N.U.S. Council meetings.

We mention this effective evidence of her interest and competence in Guild and student politics in case anyone, having seen her delightfully "dotty" performance in one of G.T.G.'s autumn term productions, should doubt her ability to think seriously!

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JUDITH PRIDEAUX
(Chemistry II)

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JILL SALISBURY

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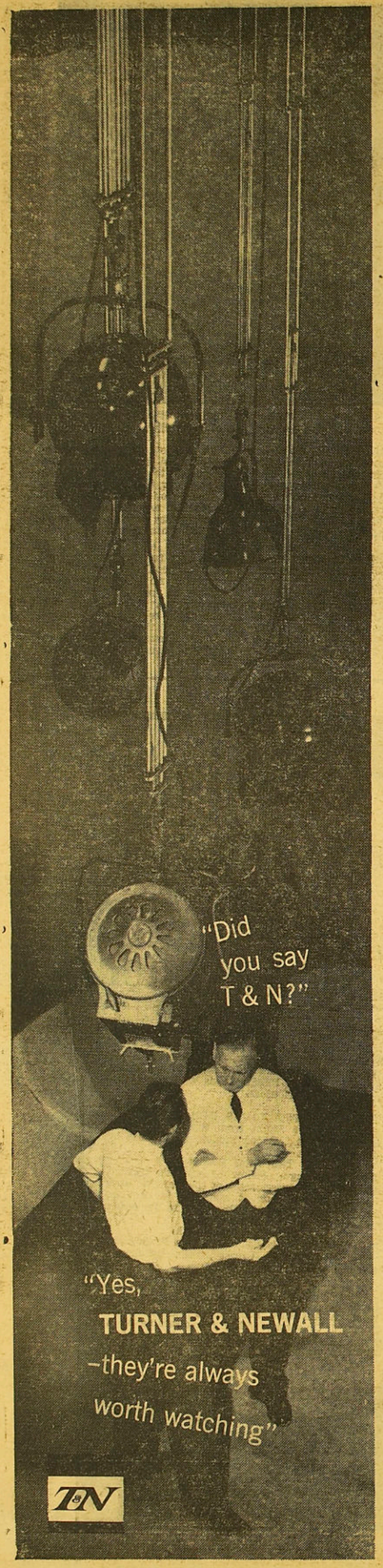
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Recently there have been a number of attempts to stop so-called fascist speakers from voicing an opinion in the Union. Below BRIAN GIBSON says

NO ROOM AT THE UNION



● **When Sir Oswald Mosley spoke at the Birmingham Town Hall last March, violence broke out when hecklers refused to leave.** (Photo: "Post and Mail.")

THERE is great concern in the University today about the trend of inviting Fascist speakers to give their point of view. The argument usually advanced in favour of such an action is that this is a democracy and free speech for all should be allowed. This argument is valid to a certain extent but there is some confusion about the meaning of free speech in a democracy.

It is important to distinguish carefully between allowing free speech and going out of one's way to give the convenience of free speech to people who are irrevocably against it and positively totalitarian in outlook.

After all, democratic governments recognise this distinction, have not university students this political consciousness too? It is not illegal in this country to be a Fascist, but are Fascists given free access to air their views on TV and radio, or in the Press? There can be no such thing as absolute freedom and hence there comes a time when democracy must be defended.

Restraint

It may seem extremely paradoxical to many, that restraint must be placed on the freedom of certain elements in the community in order to secure the liberty of the majority. Even if a majority were gained in Parliament by a Fascist party democrats surely could not accept this indifferently as a "democratic" decision, for this would be a sacrifice of the people to rule themselves. Democracy is a positive principle which should be defended.

In my opinion there is an implicit assumption that in allowing free speech in the university at debating societies, speakers will put forward their views which will be digested by the audience. Having considered the arguments, they will impartially decide in the light of reason, whether to accept or reject them.

Irrational

The clever Fascist however is a master sophist. He will put forward charlatan economic, political and sociological arguments. Any attempt to defeat him in rational argument is hopeless. Ask him if he supported the murder of millions of innocent Jews by the Nazis and he will say he deplores all violence and this brand of Fascism is not his.

He may even deny being a Fascist. Can any concrete evidence be provided showing Fascism to be the benevolent and just system its supporters would have us believe it is? No—the virtues of the system exist merely in theory. Fascism in action is a different kettle of fish.

The doctrine of Apartheid is a prime example. To the impartial observer examining the theory, it may sound very fair and just. The exponents of the theory would appear to be well-meaning, altruistic people who think it sociologically desirable that whites and blacks should live in separate communities, free to develop themselves separately and live their respective lives as they find best.

In practice however, the whites have the economic power, live in the best surroundings, have the top jobs, and their children are given the best education their system can supply. And the blacks? Anyone who has read Alan Paton's moving descriptions in "Cry the Beloved Country," or the Reverend Huddleston's account in "Naught for your Comfort," cannot fail to feel compassion for the way these people are treated.

Unfair

Another beautiful and benevolent idea, is that of the division of Africa into black and white territory. Two thirds for the blacks and one third for the whites with voting rights allowed only to inhabitants of their respective colour territories. It seems fair, but in practice it would mean the whites taking the richest districts with a large cheap labour force of blacks who could not afford to move to a territory governed by their own people, even if they wanted to.

Of course the Fascists would deny this. It would be our job to build up the black territory, give them financial aid etc. until they are fit to govern themselves, they would tell us. This is sheer quackery. What have the Portuguese cared about the people in Angola?

When Fascism is reduced to its fundamentals, its economic and political arguments are irrelevant to its theory. Its basis is power for the few, and to gain power they will adopt any political and economic ideas likely to appeal to the masses.

Insecure

The clever Fascist orator appeals to the insecure type of person by exploiting this insecurity and directing their fear at a minority group which they come to hate.

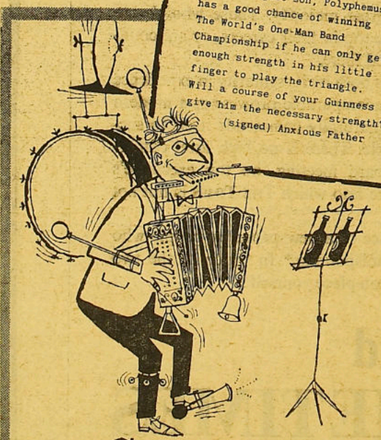
Hitler used the Jews, while today it is mainly the coloured people who are discriminated against.

There are a number of coloured and Jewish people at this university. They have been invited to study here because presumably it is believed that they have as much right to a good education as we have.

It is an insult to these people to allow Fascist speakers at the university, who have no respect for a person if he happens to be coloured or a Jew. Besides which, it is the height of hypocrisy to invite people to this university irrespective of colour or creed implying we stand for a principle, and then to violate this principle in such a disgusting fashion.

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KNOCK-OUT BLOW FOR BOXERS

DESPITE the brave efforts of Mr. Zivko Jaksic, the Boxing Club has failed to beat the count and no further action will be taken to revive it, for this term at least.

The largest attendance at a training session has been three, even though ten replied to the original appeal. Meanwhile, Mr. Jaksic has been approached by a local youth club, which offered University boxers full training facilities in exchange for coaching their young members, but obviously nothing can be done if the University boxers are not prepared to co-operate.

Mr. Jaksic has been joined in his fruitless battle by Jim Wood, a Mechanical Engineer, and between them they hope to stimulate sufficient interest at next session's Freshers' Conference to make the Club a going concern in 1963.

Sailing offer

THE Sailing Club offer instruction after the exams. Anyone who is interested will be very welcome up at the pond. The scheme is for absolute beginners as well as those who have sailed before. For further details see the Sailing Club notice-board.

SHOOTING STARS



● **Champions John Foister (left) and Cedric Ashley with their awards.** (Photo: Arthur Burgess).

THE U.A.U. Rifle Shooting Championships were held at Leeds on May 5th. The record entry of ninety-four competitors enjoyed a good day's shooting despite a fairly strong wind.

The University did well to take two out of three individual trophies and providing a new champion in John Foister, who won the title by three clear points. His excellent performance at all three ranges earned him a place amongst the first three in every individual event.

The other trophy—for the Handicap Competition—was won by the captain, Cedric Ashley, with Foister second.

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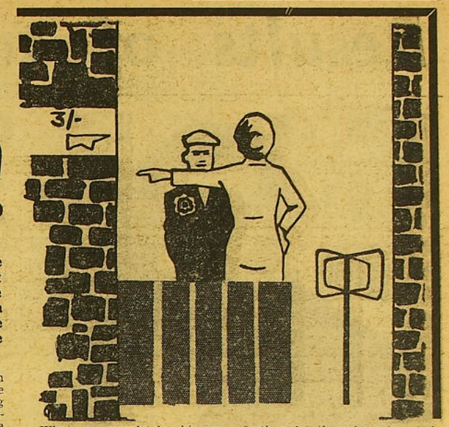
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The Sports Editor Warns

Women, Keep Out!



WE read in the papers and hear a lot talked about the invasion of American influence in this country, about the invasion of Communists into trade unions and about the invasion of advertising on our inner minds. But there is a more important invasion afoot; one which is taking place slowly, quietly and methodically, and which is therefore more insidious than the other, more blatant invasions.

I refer to the invasion of **WOMEN.** There was a time, not so long ago, when these creatures were kept in their place along with the aspidistras and the antimacassars. Now look at them! They're everywhere!

A man can take just so much. He is by nature a tolerant and good-humoured animal, but he can be pushed too far. And this has happened. This time women have really overstepped the mark.

Last month the results of a £6,000 six-month survey conducted on behalf of the Football League were published. The object of the inquiry was to discover why soccer has lost eleven million fans in the space of ten years. And what was one of the biggest causes for decreasing attendances? Women, the oldest reason for anything, were accused of keeping husbands and boy friends at home.

What right

How dare they! Who do they think they are? What right have they to carry their perfidious siege on to the soccer field? Keep off, madam!

It is high time that the little woman was told, tactfully but firmly, that there are certain things in a man's life, such as beer and other women, that are entirely his own affair. Football is one of these things.

The report presented to the Football League says: "Attempts might be made to encourage wives and girl friends to be a little more self-sacrificing by letting their menfolk go out to watch League matches.'

What a completely bizarre and erroneous attitude! It puts men in the position of little boys asking mummy if they can go out and play in the street. It shouldn't be a question of a woman **letting** a man go to a football match.

In a normal, healthy, civilised relationship the man will simply make a firm statement: "I am going to a football match," and the woman will reply meekly, "Yes, dear," and never dream of stopping him.

Freedom

After all, the Saturday afternoon soccer match is a man's one bit of freedom left in the week. Is he to be deprived of this, too? No, gentlemen, he is not. Let us, like Tom Paine, stick up for the Rights of Man—while we still have some left.

And before the women carry their treacherous invasion any further, let them bear in mind these points:

REMEMBER that Adam was knocking around before Eve came on the scene.

REMEMBER that Eve was, in fact, conjured up from one of Adam's ribs while he was asleep (Genesis 2 xxi-xxii), and is therefore of considerably less consequence.

REMEMBER that women were only given the vote by the gracious condescension of an all-male Parliament.

Privileges

Ladies, do not abuse the privileges that we men have generously accorded you, and do not, I beg you, try and prevent us from enjoying our Saturday soccer.

And gentlemen, do not let yourselves be bullied or coaxed into submission. Stand up for yourself. Are you a man or a mouse? Come, sir, squeak up!

ATOMIC ENERGY TODAY:

MAKING A CHOICE

When it is proposed to develop a reactor system for commercial purposes, the design engineers first produce an outline design of the reactor and set out practical limits of shell sizes, core sizes, moderator and the many other features of the reactor and its associated equipment. Some of these features, such as the diameter of the fuel elements, may be variable, others, such as the number of heat exchangers, may be fixed. Somewhere, however, between the variable limits presented by the engineers will be found the optimum design of the reactor: the design which produces electric power at the lowest cost.

Detailed theoretical studies and calculations are therefore undertaken to assess performances, and in the light of these to decide which design features should be varied. Stresses on pressure vessels of different sizes; pipework and fuel elements; fluid flow and thermodynamics; calculations of criticality for core assemblies of various shapes; neutron flux distributions; fuel cycles—these are a few of the many details which must be studied and worked out by the physicists, mathematicians and engineers.

The data resulting from these studies are related mathematically, and the variable quantities programmed on a computer to ascertain which of the innumerable combinations offers the best parameters for the reactor design.

The calculations required are many and varied, but the speed and versatility of the computers enable many designs to be investigated.

The problem of choice is therefore a comprehensive scientific investigation and constitutes the basis upon which the reactor will be designed and constructed.

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Results of traffic survey aid planners

16% Students run cars

ALMOST 300 students do not come to the University on a Tuesday. This is one of the findings of the Transport Survey conducted last term by the Bursar's Department, with the help of the Department of Highway and Traffic Engineering.

In connection with the survey, a cordon count of all vehicles entering and leaving the main University site (excluding the perimeter car parks) was made on four successive days.

This was in addition to the questionnaires sent out to all academic staff and approximately one-fifth of all students and technical, secretarial and maintenance staff. Response to this was good; returns were 75 per cent from students, 97 per cent from academic, and 62 per cent from technical staff. Among students, scientists returned the highest and medics the lowest proportion of forms sent out.

Results now available show that 16 per cent of all students regularly run cars while attending University. The figures for academic and technical staff are 69 per cent and 18 per cent respectively.

Just over twelve hundred cars are driven to the University daily by staff and students (i.e. excluding visitors). 46 per cent of these are student vehicles.

6.2 per cent of students, 14 per cent of academic and, surprisingly, 12 per cent. of technical staff apparently do not come into the University on a Tuesday. Of those students who do attend, the first arrives at about 6.30 a.m. and the last shortly before 10.30 p.m.

Arrival and departure figures indicate a considerable "nine to five" tendency. Nearly 200 arrive in the peak five minutes up to 9 a.m. There is a smaller peak at 10 a.m., after which the number falls off steadily.

Departures proceed steadily from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thereafter the rate is much reduced until 10 p.m.

Forty-seven per cent of students live or lodge within two miles of the University. Of these, a third are less than one mile away.

The densest student population is in Birmingham 15, being 16 per cent of the total. Next comes Birmingham 29 with 11 per cent.

The results of the survey are now being closely studied by the University Planning Authorities. Previously there had been little or no precise information about the use of the University's roads, whether by car owners, cyclists or pedestrians.

To supply such information it will probably be necessary to carry out further surveys of a similar nature in the future. The present one has no direct connection with the proposed charging of car parking fees.



● Mr. Louis Verdegem, the retiring catering manager.

SUCH SWEET SORROW

MR. LOUIS J. VERDEGEM, Catering Manager of the Union, is to leave the Guild of Undergraduates after ten years, to take up the equivalent position in the new Staff House. He first came to the Union in 1957, and before that worked at Great Charles Street.

Mr. Verdegem was first trained as a baker in Loon op Sond, outside Amsterdam, by Mr. Vandehoven, whose daughter, Krista, now works on the Union staff. He worked his way through all the branches of the catering business, gaining many certificates from various Dutch and English catering associations in the process.

In his years at the Union, Mr. Verdegem has had to call on his wide practical knowledge and experience in the management of the various aspects of Guild catering.

Before he came to Selly Oak, Union catering ran at a loss, but within his first year, Mr. Verdegem reversed this tendency, without however increasing the price of Union food.

This has not been without noticeable effects in the Union—one of Mr. Verdegem's major innovations was the opening of the Vernon Grill evening waitress service in 1959, which has introduced a modicum of sophistication and variety into an otherwise very prosaic and monotonous student diet.

In recognition of his services to the students at Birmingham, Mr. Verdegem, the plump, cheerful, patient, was made an honorary life member of the Guild of Undergraduates at this year's Guild Dinner. This article is intended as a further tribute to a man who has served the Union unselfishly and wholeheartedly during the last decade.

NEW DANCE FLOOR

DISCERNING hop-goers will doubtless be glad to learn that the Debating Hall of the Union is to get a new floor during the long vacation. The decision to re-floor the Debating Hall was made by Union Committee before Christmas, but owing to the length of the job it cannot be undertaken until the end of the Session.

OBSERVER MACE TO BE HELD AT BRUM

THE "Observer" Mace will be in Birmingham next Friday for the finals of the N.U.S. Debating Tournament, when the motion will be "This House regrets the Affluent Society."

Three teams and two individual speakers will be debating. Proposing the motion will be Mr. E. Swarbrick and Mr. L. Moore (King's College, London), and the two individual speakers: Mr. G. Galley (Manchester Faculty of Technology) and Mr. J. Murtagh (Queen's University, Belfast).

The opposition will come from Mr. R. Gravil and Mr. M. Carney (University College, Bangor) and Mr. J. Smith and Mr. G. Hunter, the team from Glasgow University.

Although the final is being held in the Birmingham City Council Chamber, the speakers will visit the University for a dinner in the Union before the final.

The Vice - Chancellor, Sir Robert Aitken is among the adjudicators, who include Mr. Kenneth Harris, Mr. Powell-Davies (N.U.T.) and Mr. Blom Cooper, from the "Observer."

Coaches will leave the Union at 7.30 p.m. on Friday for anyone who wishes to go.

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TECHNOLOGICAL TEXT BOOKS

"SHORT-LIVED textbooks" was how Professor Stacey of the Chemistry Department described the new paperback series to be launched later this month by the Pergamon Press, Oxford.

The Commonwealth and International Library will cover a wide field of topics in science, engineering and technology and is intended for world-wide circulation. One thousand volumes are planned, the series to be completed by 1967. One hundred and fifty titles will appear this year. The books will be published in five languages: English, French, German, Spanish and Russian.

The aim of the publishers is to provide a series of well-informed, precisely-written textbooks at a price which will make them expendable. With developments in modern science taking place as rapidly as they are, precision and low price are virtues of no small importance in any text-book.

Written by experts, the series should be of considerable interest to students reading for a first degree. It is at them that it is principally aimed.

Many of the University teaching staff are giving the scheme their support. The Vice-Chancellor is among the honorary advisers.

GALSWORTHY GIFT

Treasures for Library

MR. K. W. HUMPHREYS, the University librarian, travels to Stroud today to collect part of the assemblage of Galsworthy papers, letters and other personal belongings which has been offered to the University on permanent loan by Galsworthy's relatives.

The papers will be handed over by Mr. Rudolph Sauter, the painter, who is a nephew of Galsworthy, and on their arrival here will be housed in a special room of the University library.

"This is a most exciting offer," said Mr. Humphreys, "and the University is deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Sauter and the Galsworthy family for their generosity."

The playwright's widow, Ada, expressed in her will a wish that all her husband's original documents, together with the family portraits and some of his furniture, should be collected under one roof.

Mr. Sauter has persuaded the five surviving relatives who own the papers to allow Birmingham to keep them on permanent loan. "A very public-spirited action," said Mr. Humphreys, "since many Americans would be glad to pay enormous prices for such rare items."

The collection includes the holograph manuscripts of "Justice" and "The Silver Box"; "The Dark Flower," "Fraternity," "Flowering Wilderness"; and of 197 letters to Galsworthy from Conrad written between 1894 and 1924.

Among the portraits are those of John and Ada Galsworthy by Mr. Sauter and his father, Professor George Sauter, respectively.

The University collection already includes, among other items, the State papers of Joseph and Austen Chamberlain, the Brett Young collection and a small but excellent Baskerville library.

Lucky Ones

OVER the last five years the Medical School has been able to accept about 31 per cent of applicants for its places—according to a report just published by the B.M.A. In the last year there were so many applicants that only 20 per cent could be accepted.

The report also found that, as forecast in "Guild News" last term, the shortage of doctors is likely to reach "a critical stage" in the near future.

Professor A. L. D'Abreu, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, was quoted as saying in the "Birmingham Post" that "the sons of doctors, especially graduates of our own school, are favoured if academically good enough."

INJURED

AT a "Cave-Rave" held at the Redstone Caves, Stourport, on Saturday, third-year medical Michael McEvoy fell thirty feet down the cliff face. McEvoy, son of a local doctor and prominent member of the Sailing Club, is now seriously ill in Kidderminster Hospital, with a fractured spine, ribs, arm and collar-bone.

Police are appealing for students who were at the party to assist them with their enquiries.

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