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SUICIDE SURVEY

High rate among students

CLAIMING that many student suicides have been "disguised as accidents" by university authorities afraid of publicity, the N.U.S. has started an investigation into mental health and causes of death among students.

"We're worried about the apparent lack of concern at the stresses and mental strain at some universities," said the Union President, Gwyn Morgan. A recent analysis of death figures at seven British universities showed a suicide rate slightly higher than the national average. At Oxford and Cambridge especially the proportion of suicides among the student population was shown to be three or four times greater than that among people of a similar age not engaged in academic pursuits.

Commenting on these figures a member of the Student Health Officers' Association said recently that he felt the stresses of University life today were far more intense than they had been before the war.

This was partly because most students these days hold grants from Local Education Authorities, and they are conscious all the time that to retain their grants they must pass examinations. Another cause, he said, was the far wider range of backgrounds from which University students are now drawn: this brought all the problems involved in adjustment to a new environment.

Not unstable

There is, however, no evidence to suggest that students are a congenitally unhealthy or unstable group; in fact rather the reverse. The problem with which N.U.S. is concerned is that one breakdown can ruin a student's whole career.

As a result of the investigation recommendations will be made that university authorities should strengthen student health services: particularly that the psychiatric treatment available to students should be extended in an effort to help prevent or cure nervous collapses. The N.U.S. report will strongly urge that every student should have at least one psychiatric check-up each year.

TIME FOR A MOVE

THE results of holding debates in the Deb. Hall must, by now, have struck the committee as unsatisfactory. The loss of intimacy, the difficulty of filling the hall, the inexperience of speakers with the microphone (how Gladstone would have scorned to use one!) are all factors which would suggest that a speedy return to the Men's Lounge would be advisable. These points were all strongly emphasised in last Thursday's inter-Varsity debate that "Marriage is the first resort of the unimaginative."

Mr. Jeremy Butt, of Manchester, proposing, thought that love had a good press agent, too good an agent, in fact.

Many people married without realising the implications of the daily round and without appreciating that marriage was not essential for a full life. In this he was supported by **Mr. David Samuels,** of Liverpool, who drew a gloomy picture of the life of the average married man—breakfast, work, dinner, telly (cries of "And then?"). The best hobby to divert one's mind from marriage was women.

NOT MOTHERLY

An Irish lady, **Miss Joan Clancy,** also from Merseyside, and in opposition, denied that women marry to satisfy their motherly instincts. Looking straight at the "Guild News" reporter she said that it must indeed be a strong urge judging by some of the men present. Also on this side of the House was **Miss Pat Waight** painting an agonising picture of the world of women's magazines. "David is fair, broad and handsome and British to the core."

Mr. Plant seemed to recognise himself in this description and rose to acknowledge the cheers.

The final speeches were made by two home members. First was **Miss Jean Birrell** whose unmarried friends were **all** imaginative—or so she claimed. Impartially lambasting various prominent members of Deb. Soc. who were too gentlemanly to reply, she said that to deny ourselves marriage was not to deny ourselves love. Unimaginative people married early for the security of a home while others were content to wait for a few years.

OPEN PROPOSAL

Mr. Stroud, winding up for the opposition, created a huge sensation by publicly admitting to having lived in sin. It was a miserable existence, he said. Mistresses, were capricious, expensive, flirtatious and usually damn lazy. Outlining a day in the life of David Stroud as it was, he then suggested how "it was gonna be when he was married." He concluded with an impartial proposal to any lady in the House and the motion was then opened to the floor to enable Mr. Stroud to receive offers.

Floor speeches were indifferent. A rash of statistics and little-known facts appeared. **Mr. Osborne** said the people of Paraguay were 40 per cent illegitimate; **Mr. Plant** spoke learnedly on Scots Law; **Mr. Mallion** asserted the numerical equality of those who were married; and **Mr. Ash** discovered that single girls were buying bigger beds nowadays.

Although ladies were once again present in inordinate numbers, none of them had anything to say; however, unconvinced by all the imaginative unmarried gentlemen who had spoken, they helped in the comfortable defeat of the motion.



Miss Jean Birrell.

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Attention! All scientists

IN our daily rain-sodden pilgrimages around the mud-splattered, puddly paths of the University, we occasionally manage to raise our eyes above the level of our scarves (or lower them beneath the perimeter of our umbrellas) fleetingly to view our surroundings. Quite by accident we may espy some mysterious and sinister concrete hut or find ourselves gazing in at some well-lit laboratory crowded with strange apparatus.

What goes on behind these concrete walls? Why, and for what purpose are these new and unusual buildings springing up around us? Who live and work in these laboratories—and what are they doing or making?

Many of us know little about the work and projects of the University outside our own department. No-one ever tells us—except, perhaps, our friends.

In an earnest endeavour to improve this situation, we are going to experiment and produce a weekly column containing articles of general scientific interest. We hope to be able to include several full-scale features on projects being carried out within our own University. In addition we hope to be able to inform you of any scientific events or symposia dealing with topics of interest to many, and even to add odds and ends of news and views from our multitude of scientifically devoted departments.

To end with a touch of humour: Tony Edwards of the Geography Department, well known to many for his activities in rock-climbing and the Guild, left last week bound for the Antarctic. He will stay there for two years as a glaciologist. Anyone who wishes to relieve his misery in a land devoid of the normal necessities of life is invited to write to:

Mr. K. A. Edwards, B.Sc.,
Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey,
Stanley, South Atlantic.



Alone in the wastelands.

Monday deadline

MONDAY, 10.0 a.m. is the closing time for nominations for Freshers' Representatives on Guild Council. Last week I exorted you to make sure good lively characters were put up from constituencies and I only want to remind you now.

Have you thought who would make a good Guild Councillor? Who among your friends seems a lively and thoughtful personality? Are you?

I hope the enthusiasm and interest shown so far by Freshers will result in plenty of nominations and not the unfortunate gaps which were too much in evidence last year.

The choice is yours.

IS THIS A DAGGER?

RECENTLY a notice was put up in the Arts Block forbidding the wearing of stiletto heels in the building. No reason was given for this ban, but presumably it is made to protect the new flooring, rather than out of concern for the dislocated toes of female undergraduates who have to stumble over the building site.

Again perhaps authorities are afraid to let undergrads, liable to be sent berserk by continual hammering and din, remain in possession of a potentially dangerous weapon—translating from the Italian, "a little dagger."

Close examination of the Arts Block flooring revealed considerable damage to its surface, after only four weeks of occupation. The greater part, however, appears to be caused by dragging furniture and fitments across it and by treading in grit and mud, which will continue to be brought in from outside, unless a new rule is made ordering that students change into plimsolls on entering.

One consolation for the student who can afford to keep her wardrobe up to date—Fashion is forsaking the armaments drive and lower heels and less pointed toes were seen in the autumn collections of leading designers. But who knows, maybe we'll see barefoot Beatniks about the place soon.

SOLD OUT!

"Guild News" sold out last Thursday. This week make sure of your copy early.

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PRESS POST

WHAT IS A PLATITUDE?

I SUPPOSE you could define a platitude as one of those sayings so obviously true but so often used that its truth has become lost in constant repetition. It falls upon the ear and receives no response.

I am now going to deliver a few platitudes, which concern present conditions in the Union, because there is a danger that they may be forgotten in the hectic rush of living in each other's pockets.

Comments around the Guild and letters in "Guild News" show how frustrated people are by the cramped facilities; a fact appreciated by Council and Exec., but they are not fairies with magic wands and have to share these difficulties too (this letter was drafted during a 20-minute wait in the dinner queue).

Catering facilities will not be much improved I'm afraid until the new refectory is finished.

More flexible

Current difficulties fall under two headings—avoidable and unavoidable. The latter are due largely to staff shortages, a Union built for 1,500 students now coping with 4,400, and the aforementioned pressure on eating facilities. Coupled with this, the rigid time-table of some departments makes it impossible for students to stagger their meal times. Those who can be more flexible will help greatly by being so, if they are not already. Arts and Commerce people can well avoid eating on the hour and could try off-peak periods like half-past and a quarter to the hour.

Any ideas for easing the present problems are welcome, but largely it is a matter of recognising present limitations, accepting them and realising we have to share them. A little thoughtfulness for others will not come amiss and it is the little things which show this, such as not jumping the queue to be with friends who are "keeping a place," helping the staff when you can, bringing complaints to the notice of Exec. or Council when they arise and not letting them fester in silence.

Eased later

The situation will be eased but not cured when we open the extension next term, but in the meantime we must make the best of what we have. All the exhorting and pontificating from Exec. will solve nothing. It is on the frontiers of these daily human contacts that the difference is felt.

BRIAN PIPER,
Guild Publicity Officer.

No, not at all

MADAM,—In the latest issue of "Moment" an unfortunate misprint occurs which confuses the sense of our second editorial on "U.N.O. and the new Africa."

The second sentence of the first paragraph reads "One of the significant features of this new group of countries is their desire to lose their newly-won national status by committing themselves to one of the great power blocs."

This is of course patently wrong and should read " . . . their desire **not** to lose their newly-won national status . . ."

We hope this will clarify matters and clear up any offence or puzzlement, especially by our African readers.

Yours,
"MOMENT" EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

Which job . . . and why?

"WHAT will determine your choice of a job when you leave University—the worthwhileness of the job, or the salary, the pension—the security it offers?" This was the challenge put to the SCM Open Meeting last Tuesday by the Rev. J. G. Grimwade, Vicar of St. Mark's, Smethwick.

"This craving for the security of home, job and income seems to be symptomatic of our present society, and it is even extending into a demand for security in religion, whether through an infallible Pope or an infallible Bible. But University is a place where we seek truth even though this challenges all we have been brought up to believe. We cannot, of course, doubt indefinitely; we must come to decisions and commit ourselves. But we are still faced with the problem of where to draw the line between authority and freedom; between a right and a wrong concern with security.

Security

"Obviously it is right to seek the security of others; and also sufficient security for ourselves to enable us to do our job properly the measure of 'sufficient' being Christ's own: 'Be not anxious for tomorrow,' 'lay up treasure in heaven,' 'Lose your faith to save it.'

"Christian security is in the 'peace of God which passeth understanding.' This peace will not guarantee material possessions, but it will give us the faith and power to meet our material circumstances. Our peace is rooted in the eternal and through it we learn to use the temporal aright."

The ensuing discussion ranged from the value of certainty in evangelism to why we pray for peace.

ALL FOR REVIVAL

MADAM,—As Freshers may we express our disappointment at the lack of gowns at this University. Would it not be a good idea to revive the tradition of gowns now, when at last the University is united on one campus?

We fail to find any reasonable argument against the revival: indeed the purchase of 4,000-odd gowns would give a needed boost to the textile industry! The arguments stated last week in "Guild News" are very poor. Gowns a hazard in lifts, rubbish! Where, may we ask in our ignorance, are students permitted the free use of lifts? We have not found anywhere yet. Also, how can a gown be a hazard on the stairs? They are too short to cause any danger. Anyway, surely the antics of students at Universities where bikes are in vogue are much more likely to cause accidents. But even so they have not given up their tradition. As for storage, everyone has by now found a locker or some storage place.

No, we are all for a revival of tradition (except in labs. etc. of course). If some of the old lags do not care for the idea, let them be excused. Let us Freshers start the revival, so that in a few years' time everyone will have forgotten the time when gowns weren't worn.

Casual clothes

We are told so often that we are among the top three per cent of the country's brains, well let us behave and look like them. We are not against the so-called "casual" clothes, but some of us do need a distinguishing mark to show that we are not builders or workmen, as we look like at the moment.

We look forward to the day when this University decides to revive the tradition of gowns if only to keep out the wintry blasts of Birmingham on our many trips from one building to another.

Yours, etc.,
JANE LAWTON and SHEELAGH POWER
(Mathematics Dept.).

ED. ST. CULTURE?

MADAM, — The paradox of the eternal paradox is that it does not need to be asserted. PESC has degenerated perhaps into a schoolboys' "Secret Seven" with a "committee" who have rummaged through the Bible in the search for apparently suitable but ridiculous names. Where is the magazine whose tender title is so carelessly bandied about? Is this the kind of thing that Ed. Street has brought up for the cultural edification of Scientists and Medics?

Perhaps this letter will provoke an explanation—if there is one.

Yours sincerely,
B.B.

(This correspondence is now closed—Ed.)

DOUBLE THINK?

MADAM,—In a previous edition you carried a letter from Mr. Gebbels concerning the morality or otherwise of artificial contraception within marriage, to which I would like to put a contrary view.

The one that he advocates lays itself open to the charge of double thinking, for if artificial contraception interferes with reproduction, does not restraint or the use of the infertile period, also? In all these ways man is making use of the abilities given him by God to hold that the powers of reproduction are given him by God. To hold that thought and reason is surely unwise.

Man is not just an animal, seeking to leave replicas of himself, though he has been given the necessary powers. By his higher powers of perception, thought and understanding, he is also able to appreciate love and companionship, both of his partner in marriage, and through that of his Creator.

This is a far greater responsibility, but it has been the way of God with all His recorded dealings with man.

Perhaps the "Sex and Marriage" course will help your readers to make up their own minds on this matter?

Yours, etc.,
HUGH BODEY,
President, S.C.M.

The gift of God

MADAM,—I was shocked to see the letter from D. Gebbels concerning the Catholic viewpoint on birth control in your last issue but one. I assume that Mr. Gebbels is an undergraduate and therefore cannot be the complete narrow-minded bigot that his letter would suggest.

He generously allows that family planning as such is not wrong, but states that the use of artificial contraception is immoral because it interferes with man's power of reproduction. This I cannot see, since the power of reproduction is still there. I agree that contraceptives interfere with **reproduction** but not man's potential to achieve it.

What purpose

Mr. Gebbels then continues with one of the most remarkable statements that I have yet seen in print. To quote, "The purpose of the act is destroyed while the pleasure of the action is stolen." What does he think the purpose of the act is? If it is to reproduce, would he suggest that married couples perform the act only three times in their twenty plus years of married life were they only to want three children? This abstention would involve a degree of willpower probably not achieved in even the most pious Catholic families.

Finally, may I ask just what difference there is in performing the sexual act knowing that the woman cannot conceive at that particular time in the month; and performing the act knowing that the woman cannot conceive because of contraceptive precautions? If the purpose is to reproduce, surely the one is as morally wrong as the other. However, Mr. Gebbels would probably say that one is the gift of God, while the other is the immoral interference of men!

Yours etc.,
R. D. HOFFMAN

MORALITY DEFENDED

MADAM,—On reading the large number of letters in last week's "Guild News," defending the inclusion of an advertisement on "Family planning," I feel forced to write a few words in sympathy with the chairman of the Newman Catholic Society.

Although not agreeing with his views on the morality of "Family planning"—in this day and age the use of contraceptives by married couples is obviously a good and desirable thing—I do feel that such an advertisement is out of place in a University Newspaper.

Principles

We are essentially a young community, although by no means a Christian one, so it is to be hoped that the majority of students have certain moral principles and with several years of unmarried life ahead of us, the every day use of contraceptives does not arise.

It is a well-known fact, however, that some University students have "sexual experiences." From both a Christian, or purely a moral point of view, this is to be utterly condemned; I feel that this advertisement will at best do no good, and at the worst will increase the number of students who enjoy such experiences.

On this argument, I feel that "Guild News" should refrain from accepting such advertisements in the future.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. MACKIE
(Chem. Eng. 2).

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PLAY'S THE THING

"A STRANGE manifestation of our time," is how Mr. Peter Dews described television in the open lecture last week entitled "The Television Play and the Producer." Mr. Dews is well known for his present production of a series of Shakespeare's plays under the title of "An Age of Kings."

The actual work of a producer is to interpret the play for the actors and to present it to its full advantage on a television screen. Different producers work in different ways, and the speaker pointed out that he has learnt little from the study of others, but a great deal from his own experiences.

Two schools

There are two schools of thought as to the best way in which a producer may present a play. The first feels that the quality of an actor's performance is the most important aspect of the play, and therefore the actors should be relieved of as much worry as possible so that they may give of their best.

The second feels that, since television is more flexible than a stage production, more attention should be paid to the presentation of close-ups, and the setting. Mr. Dews felt that the best production is a compromise between these two extremes.

Disadvantages

He then went on to describe some of the disadvantages encountered by a television actor as opposed to a stage actor. For example, it is difficult to build up the correct atmosphere in front of a camera rather than a live audience—the actor cannot surmise how his efforts are being received!

However, these disadvantages are somewhat offset by the greater flexibility of the television production.

Mr. Dews concluded by saying that the most welcome congratulation that he could receive at the end of a play was for someone to remark that they had not realised that the play had been produced!

THE WATERS OF INDUS

THE Pakistan Revolution Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 25th October. Mr. U. A. Ansari, Press Attaché at the Pakistan High Commission in London, gave a talk on the Revolution and the Indus Water Treaty.

He said that the parliamentary system as worked out in Western countries had failed in Pakistan because of the entirely different conditions prevailing there. The present regime had now evolved a system of Basic Freedoms which suited the genius of the people. The Indus Water Treaty, he said, was a great landmark in the relations between Pakistan and India. It represented a desire on both sides to foster better relations between the two countries.

NEW V.P.

FROM the current edition of the "University Gazette," we learn that Professor K. Mather, C.B.E., F.R.S., has been appointed Vice-Principal of the University. In 1948, while still in his thirties, Professor Mather was made Professor of Genetics at Birmingham. He was a Rockerfeller Research Fellow in California and at Harvard, is a member of the Ministry of Agriculture Research Council and has written on genetics, cytology and statistics, being the author of "Elements of Genetics" and "Genes, Plants and People."

The death of Professor S. G. Barling, Emeritus Professor of Surgery and Member of the Court of Governors since 1931, in July this year is also recorded.

Political Forum

CONGO TUG-OF-WAR

by Barry Brown

NO settlement is in sight for the Congo: its image is one of a cauldron of chaos brought to the boil by faction and intrigue and spiced with atrocity, or a multilateral tug-of-war with the ends of the rope held by Messrs. Tshombe, Kasavubu, Lumumba, and Col. Mobutu. Each team is fostered by its group of supporters, local and international, and over them all presides the saddened, aloof figure of Mr. Hammarskjold, a referee whose impartiality is impeccable and yet questioned by everyone concerned. And each day the suffering and exasperation grows.

What should and can be done? No agency can lay a stronger claim to impartial action than the United Nations, but no other agency would be so hamstrung by internal disagreement as to the best course of action. With a mandate that cripples their effectiveness and exposes them to universal criticism, and a polyglot composition whose disinterest is not above suspicion, the U.N. forces, military and technical, are deposited in the Congo and (it seems) left to their own devices. Through no fault of their own they are given teaspoons to dig the foundations for a skyscraper.

Grimmer future

This is a grim appraisal, but the immediate future may be grimmer. It seems likely that the next development will be out of the hands of any of the personalities who reach the headlines today. Within months famine and disease will assert their authority, a régime more ruthless and unjust than any yet. Since July the bitter tribal fighting has created in its wake the tragic aftermath which Europe and Asia know too well—the refugee, the orphan, the starving and the deprived. The harvest is ungathered and next year's is not sown; the hospitals are abandoned and the sick grow worse, unheeded.

Where does hope lie for the future? It seems impossible that the Congo will solve its problems unassisted, but from whom and through what channels should that aid come? And who will distribute it on the spot?

Certain conditions are essential before any lasting progress can be made. Briefly they are as follows:—

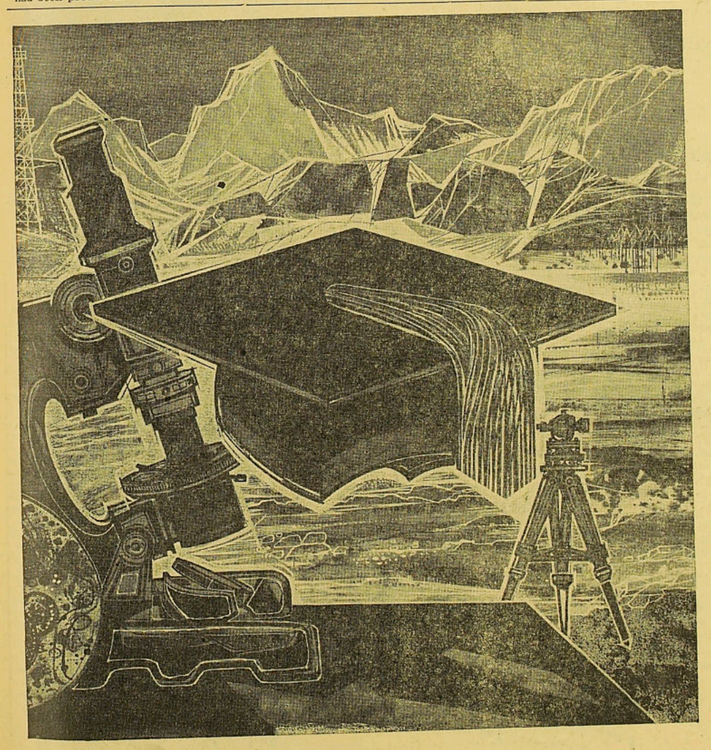
(1) A rapprochement between the present self-styled "authorities" in the Congo. The immediate aim must be the relief of suffering and a halt to the process of national suicide. There will be some big hatchets to bury, and it will need all the tact and patience of many intermediaries (Hammarskjold and his staff especially) to achieve it. It also needs their practical assistance, and whereas now each faction tends to play off the U.N. against individual "friendly" nations for its own purposes, a genuine rapprochement would probably lead to a more grateful acceptance of U.N. aid.

(2) Linked with this is the fundamental problem of the structure of government. Some compromise between the unitary state and federalism will have to be reached. "Federation" may be a dirty word in the Central African scene at present, but this is for rather different reasons, and it is difficult to see how an area the size of the Congo, torn with tribal dissent, can be welded into a single state overnight. The fair distribution of Katanga's mineral wealth is economically vital for the rest of the Congo, and this is one problem upon which the Congolese must agree among themselves.

Ultimate control

(3) Whoever has ultimate control in the Congo cannot base that authority solely on military power. Due to the dividing effect of tribalism and lack of officers (a legacy of Belgian paternalism), no one commander can ensure the loyalty of more than a section of the army, or can discipline that section. Lumumba found this out to his cost, and Colonel Mobutu is learning the same lesson now.

The next few months will be worse for the Congolese and a testing time for the U.N. If the U.N. fails, many more people in other countries will suffer in the future. If it succeeds, it will be one step further towards creating a truly international force for peace and stability in situations where minority ambitions and selfishness threaten the well-being of the majority.



Mortar boards, a shortage of

BRAINS ARE ONE THING. Trained minds are another. Brains abound, but industry has a responsibility for providing facilities to train them.

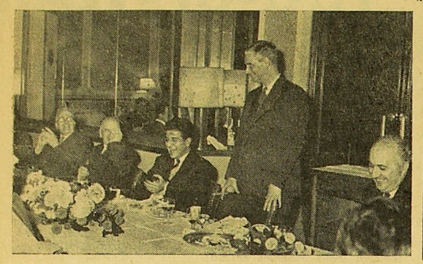
This is why The British Petroleum Company has evolved a farsighted training scheme. The Company has each year, both in Britain and overseas, some 2,000 salaried young men in undergraduate courses at universities or in student or craft apprenticeships at technical colleges or in its own training centres and workshops.

In addition to its extensive training activities in this country, BP is at the moment training apprentices in Aden and West Africa, plant operators in Canada, marketing specialists in Australia; to quote but four examples of a worldwide operation.

BP thinks it particularly important to train today the minds of tomorrow's team. BP believes in 'hats off to tomorrow.'

BRITISH PETROLEUM

PROF. GARNER AT IRANIANS' DINNER



The Vice-Chancellor at the Iran Soc Dinner.

ON October 24th, Professor Garner was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Iranian Students Society.

The chairman, H. Sheikhulesami, proposed the toast to the Professor on behalf of the Iranian students, past and present. He spoke of Professor Garner's contribution to the progress of modern Iran, and of his interest in all aspects of their civilisation.

Sir Robert Aitken then told of the return of the Professor to the University in 1942, and his hard work in developing the Chemical Engineering School. Sir Robert attributed the Professor's success to his interest in the individual as well as the subject. E. Nabavi of the National Iranian Oil Company referred to the personal help Professor Garner had given to Iranian students, and presented the Professor with a portrait of himself painted by an Iranian artist.

WHAT PRICE HAIRY MICE?

AT bread and cheese lunches the chance is yours! World University Service now has these lunches well under way, every Tuesday in the Lesser Hall and Thursday in the Medical School coffee room. Those who lack the exuberance to grow a beard, may be without bread, let alone the vitamins of cheese.

Your help is greatly valued in eating bread and cheese while contributing your lunch money. The beard-growing competition continues until 15th December, so pay your bob, get growing and yours may the champion beard.

VITAL NINE MONTHS

THE first in the series of six lectures on Sex and Marriage, organised by the St. Francis Hall Committee, was given in the Debating Hall last Monday by Dr. F. Lake. The Vice-Chancellor told the audience of some 600 that Dr. Lake was a medical man with over 20 years' experience in psychiatry and was at present a consultant psychiatrist in Nottingham.

SICK... SICK... SICK

ON Sunday, 23rd October, the first of a series of talks by professional men, entitled "The Christian looks at Medicine," was given to the George Grenfell Society by Dr. David Johnson, a local doctor.

He started by considering the medical profession as a vocation. He said: "Nurses and doctors carry out Christ's command to help the sick," but that this did not mean that his job was any more of a vocation than any other. "We can give the best service to God in the work we can do best," he continued.

The Christian attitude must be to do the job as well as possible. A Christian doctor then must be a good doctor, which meant keeping up to date with recent advances in the profession, etc.

Cog in machine

He said that in some modern research too much emphasis is laid on the results. The patient becomes a cog in a machine, when statistics become more important than the patient. He went on to say that there must be a mutual respect between the doctor and his patient. It was important to realise that there are three things making up a man—his body, mind and spirit." Without proper functioning of all three aspects disharmony will result.

A doctor who is not interested in psychological illnesses would never find any in his patients. This was revealed in the "British Medical Journal"—one doctor had noted 75 per cent. psychological patients while another had none. In the same way a patient could be ill spiritually and it was the doctor's duty to recognise this. In these cases it was his responsibility to introduce the patient to God. How he should do this was of course dependant completely on the patient and the circumstances.

Dr. Lake began his lecture by quoting the thrice divorced Hedy Lamar: "Men I like, Love I like, Marriage I can't get on with." Since Freud, Dr. Lake said, there had been some rethinking of the problems of personality and its development. The general view taken nowadays was that personality was more important than sex and that it develops in reaction to instincts.

Childhood memories

Speaking of his researches with the drug lysergic acid ditartrate, Dr. Lake said that this substance, when administered to patients, enabled them to relive vividly their early childhood experiences. It had been found that the way in which a person behaves in their personal relationships, e.g. marriage, depended on their very early experiences, particularly during the first year of life.

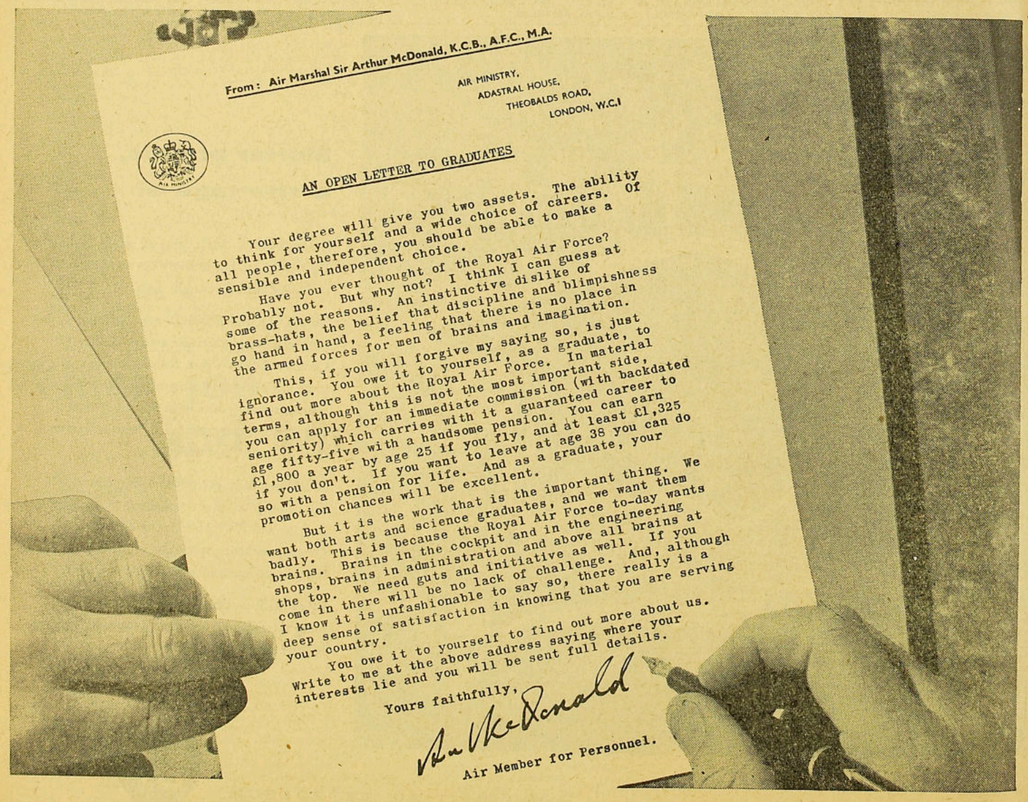
He said that in the first nine months after conception the fœtus is, psychologically speaking synonymous with the Mother's Being. In the months after birth there is a growth of the child's "Spirit" and it gradually becomes less dependent on the Mother.

This period, Dr. Lake said, was the most important in the development of the child's personality. It consistently demands attention and love from the Mother, who must give this love consistently, for the agony of the absence of love can have disastrous effects on the child's developing "spirit," effects which will colour the attitude of the child towards personal relationships for the rest of its life.

Dr. Lake strongly criticised the too early introduction of discipline into the child's life. The sudden apparent removal of love and the substitution of discipline can produce rage, hysteria, melancholy or an absolute and devastating dereliction of the child's "spirit."

Later in its life the child denies the value of personal relationships and seeks a substitute in itself. A person with such a background may never achieve sexual maturity, said Dr. Lake. He did not deny the value of discipline at a stage in the child's life when it is able to understand the reasons for it.

Dr. Lake said that a boy's attitude towards women is decided on his experience of his mother, and that a girl's attitude towards men is developed from her previous attitude to her father.



SOMETHING MISSING

By MIKE DOWN

THE first four weeks of the University season have brought somewhat disappointing results from our sports teams, particularly the major sports clubs. Only a few of the minor clubs, such as Basketball and Cycling, have provided any bright spots in a rather dismal start to the season.

Our congratulations must be especially extended to the Cycling Club for their victory in the U.A.U. hill climb championship, and to the Basketball Club for their giant-killing activities against Cambridge and Loughborough recently.

But we must ask ourselves what lies behind the failure in the main team games. Admittedly the weather has been a big bugbear, but then our opponents have been affected by this as well. Perhaps the obvious reason, as the captain of the Soccer team explained to me of his club's progress—or lack of it —is that the teams have not settled down yet to a cohesive formation.

Though this is probably true wherever there is a big influx of new talent into any team, we must remember that we are already nearly halfway through the term, and that U.A.U. divisional fixtures have started. The opposition has been stiff during the first few weeks of the term, true, especially for the Rugby Club, but this does not seem to have inspired the teams to success. The Rugby team, incidentally, have yet to cross their opponents line.

However, I have it on good authority—from members of the various teams—and have felt myself for some time now, that there's more in our failure than at first meets the eye. To put it bluntly, fitness is missing, and when playing conditions are made atrocious by continuous rain as at present, the fitness element becomes very important.

If we want good results to come during the next few weeks, the half-hearted approach to the job of reaching playing condition and fitness—so characteristic of some of our teams at the moment—must cease. If it does not, then there will be little check to the present spate of bad results.

One thing, then, must be stressed—fitness never was and never will be gained in the bar, but only by hard work on the fields and in the gymnasium.

Sports Editor

YOUR OWN FAULT, BRUM!

Birmingham 1, N. Staffs. 2

THE first eleven were unlucky to lose this match, their second U.A.U. championship fixture, but they have only themselves to blame for defeat.

They played much better than they have done so far this season; the teamwork has vastly improved, and the previously latent talent of many players is beginning to display itself.

They moved speedily on a pitch made greasy by much heavy rain, which persisted throughout the ninety minutes, and the only average opposition allowed them to concentrate for much of the game on attack, a pleasure which has been denied them too often.

Territorially the game was Birmingham's, and enough chances were carved for the home side to have romped to victory in the first-half alone. However, these went begging until the 84th minute, when Fleming at last found the net.

But it was then too late. N. Staffs had already scented the sweet smell of success with a goal in the 57th minute, and they went on to claim the winner three minutes from time.

RICHARD THORNE

CLEAN SWEEP CONTINUES

AFTER an easy victory at North Staffs on Wednesday, where seven of the first and second teams finished together in first place, the Cross-country team visited Bristol on Saturday, together with Exeter.

Over a difficult 6½-mile course a depleted first team won easily by finishing six runners in the first nine and recording 27 points to Bristol's 76 and Exeter's 142. The second team suffered their first defeat of the season, recording 157 points to Bristol's 146. This was to be expected, as several of the second team's regular runners were filling in places for the first team. The third team won their match by 214 points to 226.

There were 23 Birmingham runners in a field of 54. The course was very hilly, through wooded paths that were difficult to follow, and over a slippery leaf-strewn surface. As such, the home team had a distinct advantage, and at some uncertain points in the course, some of our runners got lost. This proved to be a particular handicap to Jim Feast, making his debut for the University, and Dai Davies, when they went very badly off course when in the lead. They both fought back magnificently, however, to pull back many lost places and finish first and third respectively.

Mike Down, running 'at home,' put in an excellent performance in splitting this pair. Pete Saville ran in fourth, going stronger than ever, after his recent injury. Freshmen Yale and Clayton completed the first team's six by finishing 8th and 9th. Walmsley and Groves, our other first-team runners, did not count but finished a creditable 11th and 12th respectively.

Judging by these performances, the future of the Cross-Country Club looks as promising as ever, as three of the first team were absent, including captain Dave Spence. This is also a good pointer to the strength of the second team, suggesting that they will also have as successful a season as last year.

I.M.

First XV scrape home

FOLLOWING an unfortunate defeat by 9 points to 6 at Liverpool on Wednesday, the University defeated Camp Hill Old Eds by 3 points to nil on Saturday with the gods on their side.

The University's points came from the boot as usual and only once did there appear to be any possibility of a try.

Camp Hill missed two penalties, saw an attempted drop-goal hit the post high up, and menaced the University line for a period late on in the second half.

A monumental improvement in the tackling was the feature most responsible for the victory. The back row of Atherton, Scard and Pole covered magnificently. Alan Jenkins, who has added much punch to the backs, was seen on two occasions to bring down both centres.

The forwards, on top all the time, played their usual hard game. But the revolutionary idea of playing a lock forward in the centre had a disappointingly negative effect. A try has still to be scored.

P.M.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

HOCKEY

The University started well against a much improved Dunlop side. After a number of narrow misses, they went ahead through a fine goal by Cossar. Dunlop then improved and helped by some weak marking, they took control of the game. It was only due to stout efforts by Flood in goal that Dunlop's score was kept down to 2. Result—University 1, Dunlop 2.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Playing in a sea of mud, Birmingham beat Studley Architectural College 13-0. The goalkeeper was outstanding, and Judy Summ made a welcome return on the wing. The attacks frequently muddled in front of goal, and tactics will have to be improved against stronger opposition. Sue Andrews shot 6 of the Birmingham goals, and Sheila Ward 4.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Harper Adams College Newport 3, Mermaid R.F.C. 0. The very heavy ground and the tactics resorted to by the Mermaids made this a player's revel and not a spectator's. The Mermaid's pack was considerably lighter than the College's, and they were out-shoved. By employing spoiling tactics, they managed to limit the margin of defeat to 3 points against a fitter, heavier side—a good effort against such odds. This was the club's first defeat after three comfortable wins.

RIFLE-SHOOTING

University first VIII 753, Bromsgrove School 762. The first match of the season was lost due to lack of match practice. F. R. Smith, a reserve fresher, showed great promise in his first match by scoring 97.

TIGHT SQUASH

THE first team played two matches last week, against Edgbaston and Manchester University. We lost 3-2 to Edgbaston, though Rod Embley only lost 10-9 in the fifth game to an opponent who had always previously defeated him. Maurice Coofe returned to the team after a year's absence (due to work) and won by 3-1. The other winner was hockey player David Miles.

For the first time in three years Birmingham won both first and second team matches against Manchester. Odd man out in a 4-1 first team win was Robin Greed, who lost to U.A.U. runner-up G. Thompson in the fifth game.

In case of undue optimism though, we must admit that Manchester were without their regular Nos. 2 and 3, and as we shall be without Julian Hobson after November, we shall have to play very hard to beat Manchester again if, as seems likely, we meet them in the U.A.U. semi-final.

FIRST DEFEAT

THE run of badminton successes this season was brought to an end last Wednesday when the University first team played Bristol at home. Bristol U.A.U. finalists last year, had a very strong team again this year and ran out winners by 7 games to 2. The Birmingham first pair, Les Essex and Dave Hartshorn beat the first two Bristol pairs but were narrowly beaten by the third, which bears witness to Bristol's all-round strength.

In the friendly match against Bristol University on Wednesday, October 26th, the ladies kept up their reputation from last year by a very convincing win of of recent coaching from Joy McFadyen.

SWIMMING VICTORY

THE University Swimming team met with mixed success against Bristol. The men and the water-polo teams won, but the women lost heavily, only Sally Groves being able to win the breaststroke. The men scored maximum points in butterfly and backstroke. Wiginton, who won both events was followed home by Haden and Shrimpton respectively. King was second in the freestyle, though below his best, and our relay teams fought back from behind to dead-heat in the medley and win the squad.

The Polo team played well to win by 6 goals to 2, King, Wagstaff and Richardson all scoring.

Bewitched, bothered and bewildered

Birmingham 1, London U. 3

SO bemused was Dave Gray, the captain, at the end of this match, that, instead of leading the congratulations to the visitors, he called for three cheers for Birmingham.

This faux-pas was quite understandable, for he, and the rest of the defence, had spent most of the afternoon chasing the cultured shadows of the London side, which, unfortunately, never had to exert itself to win the game.

Playing football came naturally to them. They moved the ball about freely; they used the open spaces intelligently. The defence was cool and efficient, the attack fast and dangerous.

Birmingham, on the other hand, made heavy of it. The covering of the defence left much to be desired; the sorties of the forwards were seldom combined and rarely fluent.

London's goals came in the 17th, 59th and 82nd minutes. Boddy replied for Birmingham in the dying seconds to make the final score sound more respectable.

The team for both matches was: Atkinson; Sibbett, Randall; Aberdeen, Gray, Johnson; Taylor, Fleming, Boddy, Roper and Horton.

RICHARD THORNE

Men's Athletics

THE Men's Athletics team have started their winter meets on Wednesday afternoons. The club suffered a big loss this year with the departure of Ian Ward from the Physical Education Department to America. Ian, always an energetic and industrious assistant to the club, was the force behind the introduction of winter athletics in track and field.

All members of the club are urged to get themselves in condition for the match with the Loughborough Colleges on Wednesday, November 9th. There will be a wide range of events, and much of the burden of upholding the club's good record will be on the shoulders of the freshmen. It will provide a great fillip for the summer season if we can give our keen rivals a close match.

JUDO CLUB'S PROGRESS

THOUGH the first match of the season was lost against Leeds on Wednesday, October 12th by five contests to two—Brian Jack and Gordon Lawson being the only two successful Birmingham members—the club has made swift progress since then.

An inter-club competition was entered the following Saturday and the club rose above all expectation by reaching the final, only losing in a well-fought match to Handsworth.

On Wednesday, October 29th a home match was held with Keele in the Sports Hall.

Birmingham fielded a team of seven but Keele had only a team of four, which contained two members who were ungraded. To put each contest on an even footing, three members of the Birmingham team were withdrawn. The result of the match, three contests drawn, one lost by half a point, bore out the fact that the teams were evenly classed.

A match was held against Nottingham on Saturday, October 29th. All the contestenants were evenly matched and everyone fought well. Birmingham, however, succeeded in winning by drawing one match and winning the other.

The teams consisted of six contestants, each contestant fighting twice, once in each match.

In the first match, which was drawn, there was an unhappy incident when Brian Jack's opponent, an orange belt, fell and fractured his collar-bone.

A CLASS AHEAD

BIRMINGHAM v NTH. STAFFS.

AFTER their splendid win last week against Loughborough College the University Basketball team entertained the University College of North Staffordshire on Wednesday, October 16th in the Midland Region of the U.A.U. Championships. Birmingham won an enjoyable game, to continue their winning streak.

It soon became clear that Birmingham were a class ahead of North Staffs, as they efficiently and smoothly built up a series of attacks from which as often as not they scored effortlessly. Star man Umit Imre was in fine form, piling up points with his fluid jump shots. Smith, Dugas and Komoly defended powerfully and Birmingham's tall squad out rebounded North Staffs.' at both ends. Birmingham continued serenely, scoring twice as quickly as the visitors, and by half-time had built up a 31-13 lead.

The second half began with Birmingham's reserve squad more than holding their own, thus showing up the weakness of North Staffs, when Yeomans and Reiss were off taking a breather. When the first five resumed, less Dugas, reclining in the sin-bin, the home side ran away during the last few minutes, scoring almost at will, finally won by the handsome margin of 65-29.

Birmingham's scorers were: Imre 30, Smith 13, Dugas 8, Komoly 7, Kempson 7.

In the second match three contests were drawn, two won and one lost.

Owen Davies and Elwen Davies, who won both of his contests, won by using a hold-down.

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PROFILE — RODNEY KLEVAN

ONE profile is hardly enough to delineate the many facets of Rodney Klevan's personality.

Born in Manchester of Jewish parents and brought up to have an acute awareness of his Jewish heritage, he is now a second year Law student and very proud of his nationality. It is partly because in the past the Jews have been persecuted and oppressed that Rodney is such a staunch opponent of prejudice. Deeply humanitarian, he is a man of strong moral principles and deep compassion ; so much so that it has been said that he values people too highly, but this is surely only an example of the extraordinary tolerance and understanding which he exhibits towards all people, without displaying any of the insensible aggressiveness and dogmatism which so often characterise moral rectitude.



Rodney Klevan

(Photo : Dolphin)

His eloquence and wit won for him the Freshers' Debating Trophy last year and he has been an active member of the Debating Society ever since. G.T.G., the Holdsworth Club and Guild Council are other spheres which have provided an outlet for his immense energy and wide interests. He believes, in Kipling's words, that self-realisation can only be achieved by filling every minute with sixty seconds of work well done. And to all he brings a mischievous sense of humour, a Pickwickian flair for seeing the incongruous.

It is this Chaplinesque charm and a talent for gently pricking the balloon of pomposity which endear him to all who meet him; for Rodney's tact and sympathy enable him to get on with everyone, and most important of all, he never takes himself too seriously.

Comic element

A born comedian, in the Touchstone-Feste tradition, he displays a tremendous awareness of the comic element in all human situations. He has himself played on the stage with remarkable artistry and self-knowledge. Those who saw the Jewish Society's production of "The Hamlet of Stepney Green" last session will remember his performance as Solly Segal, and in last term's revue he was outstanding not only as Surgeon-Lieutenant Klevan, but as Dictator Klevan of Moseley, Russian Commissar's Assistant Klevan and Caveman Klevan.

Rodney stands out in everything he undertakes for his honesty and sincerity and humanistic attitude towards everyone. Only a cursory eye could mistake for superficiality his genuine blitheness of spirit.

REVELS WITH THE REDS

DURING the vacation I heard from the Guild of Graduates that I was to receive part of their annual travel bursary, so I left civilisation for Jugoslavia with a £20 award, one rail ticket and Mr. Jones' blessing in my pocket.

by Ian Reid

It was impossible to stay in this communist outpost for much longer than three weeks, since the University term started in just over that time. My mind strained towards the fleshpots of Edgbaston. I had told the Guild of Graduates that I would study the influence of East on West, of Communism on Democracy "with especial regard to the state of the Church." Thus you could say that my trip was one continual rat-race aggravated by the fact that I didn't know more of the language than my phrase-book told me.

Wherever I went I tried to find the local University (far be it from me to contradict common belief but the Jugoslav does receive education) because there were likely to be some English-speaking students who could direct me where I wanted, a certain student hospitality and a bed for the night.

Sex symbols

Here is an intimate picture of Jugoslav life. Communism sits lightly upon them; they don't care a damn about Moscow, but circulate sex symbols, comics and chewing-gum and other signs of Anglo-American decadence. They read translations of the lives of our bourgeois heroes; Garth and Carol Day hold sway here, and Dan Dare is still exploring a Communist Phantos. They have not destroyed the middle class, but charge it rent for its own property.

A student took me to see a family in Belgrade where I waded through a luxurious sea of carpet, was marooned upon a costly stool and heard his mother sing in French to a German grand piano. The students ar far more musical than ours and those without some kind of musical instrument are socially ostracised. They gamble, are bold and lascivious. The peasantry have renounced religion, but keep ikons for decoration.

The villagers and soldiers have their private code of manners which I confess I have never managed to puzzle out. Though they fight in the corridors of the train for a seat, they are sufficiently fond of decorum to wipe their boots upon the window curtain to prevent the dirt giving general offence. They sleep literally on top of each other down south in the second-class train compartments; if you allow a Jugoslav to sleep on your shoulder you have made a friend for life; and I have a number of addresses to give to anyone interested.

Large bottles

In Jugoslavia things are not what they seem. The large bottles all over Macedonia marked "Pasteurised milk" contain clotted yoghourt. What appears to be a showerbath is generally a lavatory and what seems a washbasin isn't. Even the offensive little man who keeps the People's Museum in Sarajevo is Princep's brother.

The women come in three varieties. There are tall blondes around Zagreb who would put Miss Ekberg to shame, they burn with a sort of frigid fire; there are small, swarthy, more passionate women who roam Macedonia, and in the middle dwells the real Slavonic type bursting with muscular energy. Approach her with trepidation lest she burst in your direction.

They are a good-hearted people; a soldier gave me two tins of bully-beef from his own compot rations, while an old Serbian partisan refused to eat unless I shared a wing of partridge. They do however have one terrible habit known as "Kurzo" which consists of walking backwards and forwards along the main roads of their cities each evening with a relentless doggedness and they continue doing so (presumably) until their legs wear out.

Socialist system

The inlanders are generous and decorous like our Scots without their dourness. They will give their hospitality and refuse a dinar in exchange. But those on th coast around Dubrovnik will offer you a cigarette and pick your pocket with the other hand.

I believe the people like their government and unexaggeratedly adore Tito; they call their system pointedly socialist but, unlike the Russians, aren't so ill-mannered as to point out their merits without being asked. They told me what they will have in Jugoslavia in twenty years and, to judge by their spirit, they will have them in ten.

"MONSTROUS REGIMENT"

AFTER the debate on the place of women in University, it has been suggested that comment be made on women's place in the Medical School.

Women entering this establishment often find a rather cold draught of disapproval blowing round them. It is difficult to trace the source of it, but paradoxically much seems to come from their own womenkind. It is interesting that many women medical students have said that they would not dream of attending a woman as physician; only in a man would they have any confidence (nobody in their own year, of course).

Lifemanship

Men students are sometimes stung into demanding why women take up medicine when there is such a serious shortage of nurses. It sometimes seems frightening to see women essaying the more "Lifemanship" type of medical technique; Third-year physiologists gloat over the proverbial inability of "sweet young things" to swot frogs. Clinical students would rather have these same sweet things as potential help-mates than as real competitors, for women students have a bad habit of working, tending to make men walk around angry and guilt-ridden (some men, anyway).

Despite all this it is difficult to imagine the Med. School without women; an all-male year would be too beery and boring to contemplate—and think of the resulting pressure on nurses!

TABES.

THE 'MONKEY' TRIAL

by Anthony Stanley

HAVING seen **Inherit The Wind** twice, on successive evenings, I begin to feel qualified to praise it. Stanley Kramer's production of the trailer for this film went a long way towards preventing me from going to see it : but his production and direction of the film itself make it without doubt the best film I have seen this year.

Not only have Spencer Tracy and Fredric March combined to give excellent performances as opposing counsel in the trial scene which forms the major part of the film, but the script itself has moments of rare quality.

Thrilled

The incredible story of the trial of a teacher for the teaching of evolution in the nineteen-twenties is a true one; and the cast has managed to give very convincing portrayals of a particular phase of the American mind.

The handling of the musical theme of the beginning, a Revivalist song, "Gimme that good old religion" becomes a major vehicle in the building-up of an impression of fanaticism and hatred, as it becomes, from a solo by an unaccompanied voice, first a massed-choirs marching song, and then even a jazz theme. When it is serving as a marching-song, Brady, the fanatical politician whose performance by Fredric March is the outstanding feature of the film, appears, and carries the satire of American democracy a stage further, to the point of fear and revulsion. Brady is a man of such immense energy that he is capable of dominating crowds by sheer force of bigoted personality, crushing serious criticism by means of an enviably ready wit. Here is a man whose habits and expressions, his greed for food being a matter of particular emphasis, make it impossible to like him as much as we might have done if the portrayal had been confined to his energy. We cannot help being frightened: nor can we help being thrilled.

Warm, humorous

Mr. Spencer Tracy's performance: warm, human, humorous, showed him at his best; but the part did not give to him the same scope it gave to Mr. March. Once or twice one had the idea that he had not quite fully understood his part; but at others his idea of it quite clearly transcended the original conception. He played it well, as a conflict of personalities, rather than of ideas.

It is impossible to inform the reader about every aspect of this film which deserve praise; the fine beginning and ending, a fantastic religious meeting, numerous instances of wit and pathos, and in particular, a high standard of photography. Nobody who goes will fail to be impressed.

'Moment' for thought

by Wendy Burrow

"WE hope it will inform, entertain but above all, encourage creative discussion in the University." Such is the aim of "Moment," as expressed in the second edition's editorial.

This is by no means an easy task to achieve, but "Moment" does and does it well. The editorial contains three short features which should make the basis of any discussion. The range is broad—political, religious and, of immediate concern to us all, a provoking article on the community life in our University.

The information given about the state of the various Christian Societies in the University places them in their relation to the life we lead. You may agree or disagree with the view given, but it should certainly bring forth your opinion on the subject.

Modern art

The rest of the magazine is devoted to longer articles and some book reviews. Contributors' backgrounds are sketched and provide an impressive list. They are each thoroughly grounded in their subjects, and obviously maintain opinions of worth.

"Basic Form", written by a former art student, will enlighten many on the subject of modern art, and the basic training necessary to any artist. Mr. Craig presents his arguments for basic form in a lucid and convincing manner. It is the author's view that basic form training supplies the needs for creativity in the mechanically and unmechanically minded.

"The Christian World Mission Today" is the summary of a sermon preached in the summer term of this year and is a little disjointed at times. The points put forward are backed up by practical illustrations which should be more convincing to many University cynics. A criticism often levelled at Christianity is one of living in the past but Dr. R. K. Orchard's positive views, if criticised at all, cannot be criticised for that.

Provocative

Similarly, 'Trends in Redbrick' and the article on the World University Service express strong, provocative views supported by fact. The former, giving information on British University development in the future, should be of interest to every student; the latter should prick the consciences of almost as many.

"Moment" is what it sets out to be in an intelligent and lively manner. The initial appearance of the cover and the method of advertising befits the aim of the magazine and demands attention. All students interested in creative discussion, as all students ought to be, should read "Moment"—they will find it stimulating.

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