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There are in Britain over 30,000 full-time "sandwich" students from overseas. Only 7,000 of these come from countries with a good educational system of their own. Birmingham University has 599 full-time overseas students. The Government have decided that the fees for foreign students should be increased from an average of £70 a year to £250. This is expected to save £5-m. a year.

FOREIGN STUDENTS TO PAY MORE

MEASURES which will almost certainly reduce the number of overseas students in Britain have provoked strong criticism. The Government have decided that the fees for foreign students should be increased from an average of £70 a year to £250. It was estimated that the Government would be able to save £2-m. during the 1967-68 academic year and £5-m. in subsequent years, when the changes have become fully effective.

Tony Klug has written a letter to "The Times" together with other student presidents. Guild Council last night passed a resolution that "Britain has a real obligation and responsibility to promote economic and social advancement of the developing countries." Council have instructed the president to send a letter of protest to the Department of Education and Science.

Ray Phillips, proposing the motion, accused the Government of "using a sledge-hammer to crack a nut." He said, "They are making no distinction between students from developing and developed countries. The harm done to goodwill abroad will probably far exceed the modest increase in receipts."

Protests

The announcement has also provoked strong protests from student organisations. The Co-ordinating Committee of Overseas Student Organisations said they were particularly concerned at the Government's "complete failure to conduct any consultation with the responsible bodies of students." It seems that no account would be taken either of the increase of students already engaged in courses of study or of the probable decrease in the number of students from abroad.

"Britain's contribution to the education of students from the developing countries is at present one of her most important forms of aid to these countries," the committee said. "It is true that a proportion of overseas students remain in Britain when qualified and a drop in the numbers qualifying in the next few years will represent only a loss to Britain, for example, of qualified doctors."

N.U.S. have said they regret that the Government took such a far-reaching step which could drastically reduce the number of students in Britain from developing countries, without any prior consultation with the student body.

"The allocation of higher education to these students is one of our most valuable forms of overseas aid, and the new Government measures will not only deter new students from coming to Britain, but will force students at present studying here to find an extra £250 p.a. or return home without a degree."

Some two-thirds of the overseas students in Britain receive no financial help from sources other than their own families, the Union said.

N.U.S. have written to Mr. Crosland protesting at the increase.

POYNTER



We don't know if it's because Wendy Brown and Di Slater (Physics 1) helped the sales campaign, but "Poynter" sold out within a few minutes of publication yesterday.

"Poynter" is a new Physics Dept. news-sheet produced by four second-year students, Ian Nelson, Dave Orchard, Ray McCann and Alan Dunthorne, ex-Redbrick "View" editor.

Said Alan: "We think that the Physics Department could do with some shaking up, and we reckon this will do it."

FUN AND GAMES IN TRAFALGER SQUARE

BIRMINGHAM students were among thousands at the highly publicised "Help Rhodesia" rally in London's Trafalgar Square last Sunday.

"It was the biggest political clash of the year," Lib. Soc. Chairman J. Buchan told "Redbrick." "And it shows the great opposition to the Government's vacillating policy over Rhodesia, and the Conservatives' lack of concern for the four million coloured people in Smith's police state."

However big the crowd was—estimates vary between six and ten thousand—they managed to drown the speakers (metaphorically, that is). "After 1½ hours of incessant bedlam, during which four M.P.s tried to make themselves heard, we marched out of the square and down the Mall" whispered one rather hoarse student.

The fighting and the incident in Downing Street reported in the National Press seems to have been caused by extreme socialists and right-wingers.

But the Young Libs. claim to have done nothing naughty. "We just sang." In fact they sang everything from "We Shall Overcome" to "We'll hang Ian Smith on a sour apple tree," and,

"Smith is a traitor, he will be removed,
Wilson is a Tory, he will be removed,
Like the scum upon the water, they will be removed."

Then, of course, like all good Libs they finished up with "Lloyd George knew my Father."

One student who did not attend was Gus Clark, Editor of "Left." He sat up until the small hours designing a banner, then overslept and missed the rally completely.

Finally the students marched to party H.Q. in Smith Square and renamed it "Red Guard Square."

Duncan Sandys, former Commonwealth Secretary, was the main speaker. His pleas for Britain to help Smith were unheard above the chanting and assorted noises from bells whistles and rattles.

But they had gone to demonstrate not to listen to speeches. "All we heard of the speeches was something about unemployed car workers somewhere," said one weary student as he drove back through Longbridge.

Students on Senate—a waste of time

PROFESSOR S. H. TOBIAS of Mech. Eng. Dept., recently referred to student representatives on Senate. He was appearing with Geoff Martin, president of N.U.S. on the TV programme "The National Stakes."

One of the points raised was that students should have a greater say in University Government. Professor Tobias told "Redbrick": "I asked would it mean student representatives on Senate? When the reply was 'yes' I said, 'I do not think this would really help because Senate is not where the real power is. If somebody wants to attend in my place he's welcome to do this'."

Bradford

Meanwhile in Bradford: "Further Education Establishments throughout the country would benefit by taking account of students' opinions."

This was the comment made by Mr. Brian Atkinson, post-grad. management student at Bradford University on his appointment to the Council of the University. He is the first student to be appointed to the Council of an English University and he will serve until July 31st.

Mr. Atkinson, who is president of Student Union was nominated by the students of the University. He wants a voice in the policy and affairs of the University, and his co-option to the Council is an important step in student-administration relationships.

Reaction in the other universities has been one of hope, for a new era of student participation in university affairs.

Mike Redhouse, Guild Treasurer, said that Bradford University was extremely lucky. Its new charter had been drawn up after some consultation with the N.U.S., unlike Birmingham's, which is over 60 years old, and would have to be taken before the Privy Council before it could be changed to allow a student representative.

There is a commission looking into this situation in Birmingham, but any amendment would take a considerable time to approve, and put into effect.

V.C. away

THE Vice-Chancellor, Sir Robert Aitken, is at present in Katmandu, Nepal, where he is advising on the expansion of Tribhuvan University.

Sir Robert, who is there at the invitation of the British Council left on December 28th and is expected to return in early February.

He is accompanied by his wife.

LATE NEWS

K. Berryman, elected Chairman of Catering Committee.

R. S. Morrod, elected Chairman of Athletic Union.

A. Dunthorne, elected Editor of "Wall."

B. Whitaker, elected Editor of "Redbrick."

Med. school computer

MORE intensive medical research into leukemia will be possible with the latest computer expansion at Birmingham University.

This is due to the acquisition of an IBM 1440 computer by the Medical School which will meet the joint needs of the Medical School and the United Birmingham Hospitals.

The computer will also be used in the field of medical research; clinical investigations and patient care; hospital administration, education and finance.

T.V. LIBRARY

SCIENTISTS working in York University's chemistry department are now able to consult books in the library without leaving their desks.

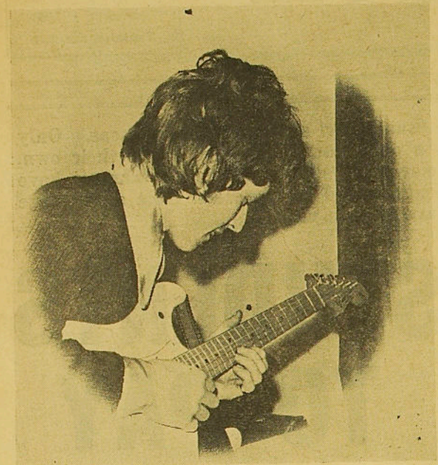
Closed-circuit television, which links the laboratory with the newly-opened Central Library, enables the scientist to see any selected book. He phones the library, and within three minutes the appropriate page is placed before one of the two cameras employed in the system.

It is planned to extend the scheme to cover the physics and biology laboratories which are to be opened shortly.

Book tables

ALL activities wishing to set up stalls in the New or Old Entrance Halls during lunch periods must hire them beforehand at Reception. Special booking sheets are provided and each day four stalls are available in the New Entrance Hall and two in the Old Entrance Hall. No one activity may hire more than one stall. As part of the service the stewards will be responsible for actually setting up the stands.

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STEVE WINWOOD KEEPS ON STRUMMING

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POPSCENE:

The second coming

DRINKING a double Scotch and bitter lemon, Spencer Davis relaxed in the Coffee Bar and remembered the old times when he was a Birmingham undergraduate.

"I really enjoy being back here in the Union," he said. "When I was a student I used to spend most of my time here."

Spencer remembers his first day at the University, for he went up to the Deb. Hall and Don Campbell was playing with his jazz band. Spencer told us:

"I asked if I could sing along with them,"—and from that time his main preoccupation during his stay at Birmingham was music.

Despite this, he obtained a B.A. —"I am very glad to have a degree especially here in Britain where people are more degree-conscious than anywhere. Actually, getting a degree surprised me, as I never did any work."

Predictably he belonged to the Rhythm Club, and he was also a member of the Socialist Union, where he stood up and shouted, "The Berlin Wall's a disgrace."

Q: "Do you like your music and your job?"

A: "Yes, the music I play now may appear to be different from my original style, but it is merely a logical development. I will always play this kind of music, regardless of its popularity. Still, one of the joys of the job is the money, not for its own sake, but for the things it enables me to do for my family." (Spencer has bought a house in Potters Bar, near London)

Q: "What is an ideal pleasant moment in your life?"

A: "There is nothing I enjoy more than spending my time with my family, watching my two small daughters growing up."

Q: "Which, in your opinion, is the best country to live in?"

A: "I think Britain is by far the best. We tend to complain about the peculiar political machinery, but we don't realise how good we've got it here."

Q: "What is your ambition?"

A: "I want to keep improving all the time, but other than that I don't really know."

Before Spencer left, he showed us a tie he had specially designed in the University colours, and said it was really great. "When I wear it, I'm sure everyone will like it."

It was indeed a singular tie!

EATING IN:

Eating Chinese in the bed-sit

CHINESE fried rice is one of those basic dishes which has almost unlimited possibilities for variation, according to one's resources. The essential thing is to begin with perfectly boiled Patna (long-grain) rice, each grain separate, white and fluffy, and a clean frying-pan with a little cooking oil in it.

The secret of perfect rice is simple—add a little salt to the water, and a few drops of lemon juice to keep the grains white, then dribble the grains into the water through your fingers, stirring continuously. Stop the cooking at the point where the rice is just beginning to get soft for the best results.

When the rice is ready stand it on one side, and fry finely-chopped onion until it goes brown. Then add the other ingredients and saute until the whole is about half done before adding the rice. When the mixture begins to brown add a little soya sauce, and other seasoning to taste, and serve hot.

The other ingredients can be as varied as you like. Left-overs, with perhaps mushrooms added would be excellent. A small tin of mixed vegetables will give a solid background for the meat, whatever it is. Prawns (or shrimps) with mushrooms also make a good fried rice dish. If mushrooms are used they should be washed and put in the frying pan a couple of minutes before the other ingredients. The mixture in the frying pan should be stirred from time to time as it cooks.

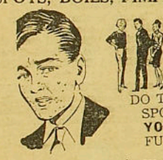
A sample recipe: For four people:—

12 oz. cooked rice, about 10d.
½ lb. mushrooms, 1/3
1 tin shrimps, about 3/-
Small tin mixed veg, 10d.

TOTAL 5/11 for four people, about 1/6 each. Add to this a tin of peaches (2/- say) and a 1/- Midland Counties Table Cream and the total is something like 2/3 per person. The fried rice will take about 40 minutes in all, allowing 15-20 minutes to boil the rice, though this can be done at any time before the meal is required.

Tins of ham, pork, Luncheon meat etc. would go very well in this dish if finely chopped.

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THEATRE:

Cinderella and the sleeping pussy

PUSS IN BOOTS

AS is usual, the three Birmingham theatres are at present pre-occupied in purveying their annual Christmas fayre. You have until February at least to sample each offering. At the Alexandra, Derek Salberg's "magnificent pantomime Puss in Boots" stars Des O'Connor and the Three Monarchs, who have some harmless, if not hilarious, clowning.

Perhaps I'm prejudiced (who isn't?) but my very first theatre visit was to this pantomime at Amersham Rep. 15 years ago this Christmas (how aged I sound). I can't honestly remember much, but it was a lot better than this one, not least because it had a strong story line, i.e., it stuck fairly close to the original fable. The story at the Alex is practically non-existent; the bulk of the evening is taken up by such diversions as an acrobatic team, and an inaudible queen (I'm not sure how you spell that) who has a bathroom scene, which consists mainly of jets of water spraying up his/her dress, badly timed food throwing and a bra-and-all dress sequence in silhouette. Not for me, I' m afraid.

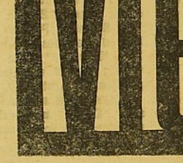
SLEEPING BEAUTY

Then there's "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Birmingham Theatre. An attempt at lavishness has been created in colour scheme of yellow and purple—which is hideous. The plot has been elaborated so that the prince has woken the Sl and taken her on a grand tour of the world before the interval. What, one asks oneself, is going to happen now? (The answer, in fact, includes a wicked witch, a good wizard, and a white dove.)

The saving grace of this whole thing is, of course, Morecambe and Wise. Fortunately when the cast is put to sleep by a fat old fairy who speaks rhymed couplets and flutters her silver eyelashes, Eric and Ernie (King and Court Jesters are allowed (clever bit of plot coming up) to assume other personalities to guard the enchanted castle. This bit hasn't got anything to do with "The Sleeping Beauty" (nor have their ten minute spot, and life-guard routine in Part Two), but it's the evening's main pleasure.

To be fair to the "straight" characters. Patricia Bredin and Kevin Scott sing well. But why on earth (apart from the Christmas trade by putting on a pantomime the management didn't stage a Morecambe and Wise Show, with singing spots for Miss Bredin and Mr. Scott, I cannot understand. Those four people and half a dozen capable dancers (not the peculiarly inept lot here) could have provided a really entertaining show.

There is also in the present case another drag Queen, who is fairly harmless, but ever so old fashioned and rather inaudible.



CINDERELLA

Am I cynical? Am I, as a young actress once accused me, one of those people who never enjoy anything? No, I think that's a bit hard on me. But I have other Christmas shows to compare these with, in particular one which will be running until at least Easter, the Palladium's "Cinderella" (same author and management, incidentally, as for "The Sleeping Beauty"). I make no bones about it, I thoroughly enjoyed this, even the "adorable" little elephant who dances and performs tricks. True, it was inaudible at times (from the back row of the gallery — price 7s. 6d.), the heroine, though competent, doesn't make much of her admittedly small part, and there's a really bad good-fairy. But the compensations are overwhelming.

I don't know whether Cilla Richard can act, but he has a charming personality, extreme ease (dancing as well as singing), and of course, he sings. If you've only seen him on film I think its unfair to judge his potential, as in "Cinderella" he (and the Shadows who wrote all the music—and they do well too) are a hundred times better than in last week's trash for "Finders Keepers."

Now let me really enthuse. Hal Lloyd doesn't get much of a chance as the good Ugly Sister, but is a perfect foil for Terry Scott's man-hunting monster. Scott is quite brilliant, especially in his stripping routine. I don't usually like "drag" performances (I except Arthur Askey, another good Dame, who remains firmly masculine in his boots) but Scott can do no wrong in "Cinderella"—it's all a question of timing, and, I think, avoiding salacious overtones—and, by Fairy fault!—he does.

I will not forget the dance which is very professional, the most unexpected, some really lovely scenery and costumes, evoking Watteau and Fragonard in their delicate eighteenth century beauty (right: the Palladium's got the cash to employ these stars and design this production. But it's worth it). I'm afraid I cried (out of joy) when Cliff made his first entrance on a real horse. What have we missed? I'm a romantic, that's all.

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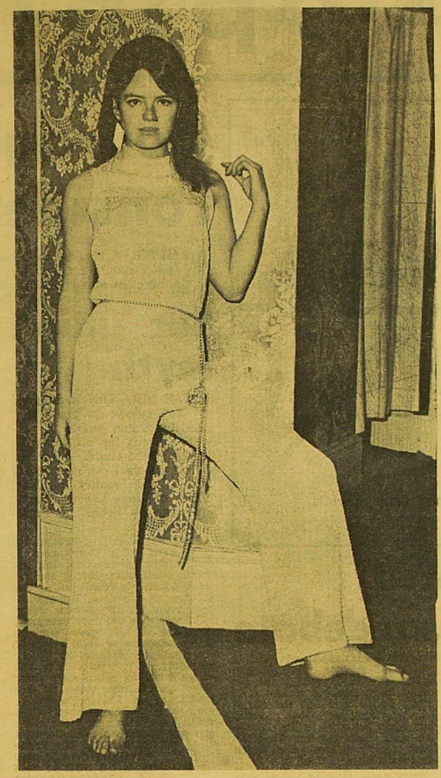
Mini-skirts and central heating

PROBABLY the best way to keep warm on a cold day is to burrow into a mound of Sunday paper travel supplements full of solar promise and hibernate until the end of July.

Alternatively for those aficionados of the thigh skirt a hot water bottle strapped to the inside of each knee is imperative. On the other hand the by now familiar trouser suit is not only warm and attractive but highly adaptable if carefully chosen. The main emphasis is on the full-length coat, narrowed to the waist with a fairly generous flair.

With this basic shape in mind the focus can be laid on either double-breasted buttoning with wide apart collar, German military style or a continuous single line of many tiny buttons with stand up collar similar to the uniforms of the Chelsea pensioners. With this amount of detailing on jackets or coats bell-bottomed trousers tend to look fussy especially when they are tightly narrowed at the knee. The flair should start above the knee, where the coat ends but a completely straight cut is often effective, being wide at the knee and at the ankle.

Cat Suit (9gns) courtesy Chanelle.



THE CAT SUIT IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS NONE OF THESE THINGS AND IS STRICTLY FOR THE WARM BLOODED WITH SNAKE-LITHE BODIES. IF EVE HADN'T TOLD ADAM ABOUT THE APPLE HE WOULD HAVE EATEN THE SERPENT.

WORLD WAR II

Piecemeal history

THIS week the sixteenth instalment of Purnell's "History of the Second World War" will appear, marking the end of the first volume of what is, up to now, an excellent series.

All the resources of good magazine journalism have been brought to bear on this project, and the resulting admixture of words, pictures, vivid diagrams and maps all combine to give a clear explanation of events which were often exceedingly complex. As with any venture of this size its aims are limited — it is a military history of the war first and foremost — but all the relevant political and social events of importance are filled in quite adequately.

For example, in issue six, entitled "Hitler Strikes North," and dealing with the military aspects of the invasion of Norway, there are two other articles, one dealing with "the life of men and women in the blacked out streets" in the period of the "Phoney War," and the other dealing with the political events which finally brought Winston Churchill to power on the day the Nazis invaded Holland and Belgium. Both deal with their subjects in enough depth to give a clear picture of what was going on, yet they do not detract from the central theme of the issue, the German military moves in the far north, and the feeble British attempts at counter-attack.

Norwegian

Another excellent aspect of the series is that it always attempts to get two views of everything. The Norwegian invasion is described from the British viewpoint and the Norwegian; a Dutch officer describes the German assault on his country, whilst in the same issue British officers analyse the military balance, and a German gives a first-hand account of the assault on the "impregnable" fortress at Eben-Emael; Dunkirk is seen through the eyes of the chief of staff of Guderian's Panzer corps and a British Historian. And so it goes on.

But if one sets out to give history at any restricted period, such as this is, the difficulties occur at the beginning and end of the history, for it is necessary to fit the whole thing in a context. For example, no history of the war would be complete without an account of the rise of Nazism in Germany, and the political conditions which moulded Europe in the years before the War, and these in turn would need some knowledge of the First World War and its antecedents. The editors of the present series made an attempt to do this in their first issue, giving an account of Hitler's rise to power, and expressing the view that the war was, more than anything else, Hitler's doing.

Convenient

This may have been very convenient from their point of view, allowing them to skip over the pre-war years in one edition, but their correspondence column has shown quite clearly that many readers had misgivings about this approach. An Oxford don suggests in one issue that "there might be a case made out for less responsibility for Hitler and more for other factors, i.e. the German People, the European Situation, etc." But the editor firmly believes "that Adolf Hitler, and not the German People, was the main cause of the war, although Germany's problems would obviously have vexed and disturbed Europe with or without Hitler." Obviously there are arguments on both sides in this question, and on this I would not only disagree with the editor, but would criticise his presenting only one side's view in what purports to be an impartial history.

It remains to be seen how Purnells treat the Russian campaign, and the events leading up to the final catastrophic collapse of Germany. If their "absolute impartiality" manages to cut across the rigid attitudes and dogmatic beliefs engendered by the cold war, and gives the Russians a fair share of the credit where it is due, all well and good. I fear, however, that too many generations of English children have grown up in the comfortable belief that Britain won the war, and that the truths which should come out in the final stages of the History will still be unacceptable to many, even after 20 years. If Purnells indulge in the fashionable cold war game of playing down as much as possible the Russian's achievement in the war I shall be very disappointed.

But despite any reservations, the impact of "living history" as presented in this series is truly tremendous. Every aspect of Europe at war comes to life in the pictures selected from the mass of material at the Imperial War Museum, and the use of many first-hand accounts brings the thoughts of many of the participants to life again. For those who want to follow the war in this way week by week this is the best account I know of.

DER PLAY

The good woman of Sezuan

FOLLOWING G.T.G.'s production of "Galileo" last term, the German Society is this week performing another of Brechts masterpieces: "Der gute Mensch von Sezuan," in the original German.

Like "Galileo," this play is very relevant to present-day ethical and social problems. It is about the difficulty of leading a good life in a corrupt and impoverished society.

True to his Communist leanings, Brecht regards the capitalist exploitation of the people of Sezuan as the root of the poverty and unemployment which have driven the heroine of the play, Shen Te, into prostitution.

However, Brecht is not naive enough to imagine that things would change overnight given a different economic system. The greed, laziness and selfishness of the people of Sezuan are such that they in turn exploit anyone who is willing to help them.

In order to survive, Shen Te is forced to assume a split personality and appears intermittently as her own cousin, Mr. Shiu Ta, a very different character from the kind-hearted Shen Te.

This was a fine production and the German Society should be congratulated. Almost all the large cast gave excellent performances, and Judy Smith, who handled the dual roles with great skill, Martin Walker as Yang Sun, and Ian Davis as Wang deserve special mention.

The songs were well sung and played, and most of the smaller parts were well up to the standard of the leads. The slight lack of co-ordination in the scene changes will no doubt be eliminated as the production finds its feet.



A SCENE FROM THIS WEEK'S GERMAN SOCIETY PLAY.

OPERATION MATCH

Computer dating

TO find one's ideal date by computer is the aim of Operation Match. For the price of £1 any frustrated student is being given the chance of a lifetime to find a completely compatible partner.

Operation Match, run by Computer Compatability Research Ltd., was begun in America two years ago.

Last year, the scheme was introduced in two London Colleges and resulted in 20,000 responses from all over the country.

Although the project is specially angled towards students, several famous personalities took part last year including David Frost and Dudley Moore. The last scheme ended only eight weeks ago and already one marriage has taken place and another engagement has been announced.

Operation Match answer sheets are processed and analysed by a Univac 418 computer. Operation Match forms have been sent to training colleges, nurses' homes and other universities as far afield as Keele and Leicester. They have also been distributed to many southern universities.

The computer matches couples by first taking the characteristics of one woman, and using these to pick out all the males who are compatible with her. The characteristics which these men require in their girl-friends are then compared with the characteristics of this woman.

Whenever the characteristics match those required the computer types out the names.

When the scheme was run in London only two people gave the computer any trouble. They were two girls who were so middle-of-the-road in everything that the computer found them 200 perfect soul-mates each. Unfortunately for the girls the computer programme has now been altered, so that it is impossible for any girl to be matched more than seven times.

When the computer has selected partners, and addresses are sent, before February 14th! Happy Valentine's Day.

THEATRE

G.T.G. in Camera

NEW G.T.G. production: Sartre's "In Camera" in Fifth House next Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Directed by Angela Moore, the cast includes Isabel Jones, Judy Loe, and David Rees. Warning: Only 25 seats available each night, so "book now to avoid disappointment."

IN VIEW

TONIGHT

GREYHOUND Racing: Alcester Lanes End, Kings Heath, 3 p.m., Walsall Road, Perry Bar, 7.30 p.m., York Road, Hall Green, 7.30 p.m.

ASSOCIATION Football: Hawthorns, West Bromwich v. West Ham, (League Cup), 7.30. p.m.

FOLK: Town Hall, Bert Jansch, 8 p.m.

JAZZ: Golden Eagle, Hill Street, Ken Ingram's Eagle Jazz Band, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

CONCERT: Town Hall, C.B.S.O., 7.30 p.m.

FOLK: Civic Hall, Digbeth, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOLK: Birmingham Arms, Moat Row, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL: Hawthorns, West Brom. v. Everton, (L.1), 3 p.m., St. Andrews, Birmingham City v. Preston North End, (L.2), 3 p.m., Villa Park, Aston Villa v. Blackburn Rovers, (C.L.), 3 p.m.

GREYHOUND Racing: Alcester Lanes End, Kings Heath, 3 p.m., Walsall Road, Perry Bar, 7.30 p.m., York Road, Hall Green 7.30 p.m.

JAZZ: Civic Hall, Digbeth, 8 p.m., Old Crown, Digbeth, Ken Ingram's Eagle Jazz Band, 8 p.m.

Cinemas

CINEPHONE: The War is Over, 2.25 p.m., 5.05 p.m., 7.45 p.m.

ABC CINERAMA: Dr. Zhivago, 6.45 p.m.

ODEON, New Street: Finders Keepers, 12 noon, 2.55 p.m. 5.55 p.m., 9 p.m.

GAUMONT: The Sound of Music, 2.05 p.m., 7.05 p.m., Sunday 6.05 p.m.

WEST END CINEMA: Psycho, 1.15 p.m., 4.55 p.m., 8.40 p.m.

GALA SUPERAMA: The Yellow Rolls Royce ,and The Village of the Damned.

ABC, New Street: One Million Years B.C., 12.10 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 5.55 p.m., 8.50 p.m.

FUTURIST: The Screaming Skull, 2.35 p.m., 5.50 p.m., 8.55 p.m.

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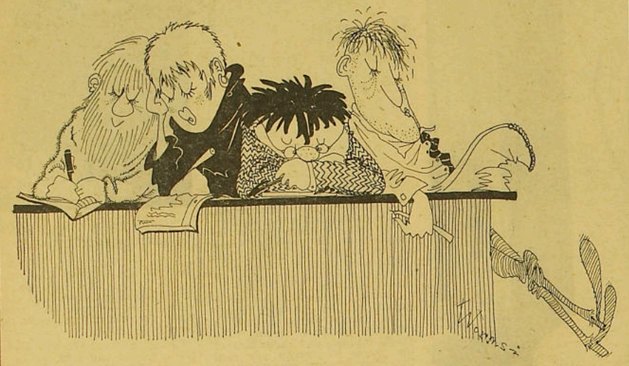
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THIS IS YOUR opinion



A society of sleep-learners has been formed. But as Wormsi shows, there is nothing new about this.

Jack Dash and 'bigoted fabrication' in capitalism debate

DEAR SIR,—It seems strange to me that "thinking members of a university" should have fallen headlong into the pit of blind belief which Mr. Dash so plausibly revealed for them at last week's debate.

His so-called history of capitalism was bigoted fabrication from start to finish. Does he (as the House apparently did) really believe that feudal ties to baronial lands were grinding the proletariat into the remorselessly-exploited earth in the 18th century? Such misrepresentations of fact constituted the greater extent to which capitalism corrupts was an all-time low. So capitalism is the progenitor of the call-girl racket in big business in the U.S.A., is it? Forty years ago the Soviet hierarchy announced that prostitution could not exist in their Socialist state. One wonders what Mr. Dash would call the system which does exist in the U.S.S.R.

Dragging in the world's oldest profession as an indication of the

The House rejected by its vote the one speaker from the floor who asked us to consider the real heart of the matter—people themselves and human nature. Communism is a negation of the existence of human nature: that is why it will never succeed. Capitalism, on the other hand, allows the individual freedom of thought, allows human nature to follow the course it chooses be it for the good of society as a whole or not.

Nobody will deny that corruption exists within the capitalist framework. To say, as that motion implied and as the House acepted, that capitalism corrupts per se is only to invite the selective travesty of a proposition we suffered, and to which 70 per cent of those present sacrificed their objective integrity.

P. B. GALE
(History II)

COMPULSORY SPORT

I SHOULD like to bring to the attention of all your readers a disgraceful anachronism which still rears its ugly head in the lives of all first-year students. I refer to the controversial question of compulsory sport, which was brought before Guild Council towards the end of last term during question time and is likely to come up again soon in the form of a motion. However, there must be enough student concern shown to warrant such a measure, and it is up to each and every fresher to prove their lack of apathy by taking a firm stand on this issue—firstly by making their opinion known to their representatives on Guild Council.

We do indeed have a brand new Sports Centre with excellent facilities to cater for almost every type of sport conceivable. This is as it should be. But to suggest that it should be compulsory for students to attend weekly sessions there is as ludicrous as the idea of compulsory regular visits to the library or medical check-ups.

The very fact that this ridiculous ruling applies only to first years indicates the University authorities' reluctance to apply this relic of school-day coercion to older students, no doubt more active and experienced in organising resistance, part of his tendentious argument.

There is indeed a tendency to regard this question as a "non-issue," especially by older students outside its reach, but in fact, it affects nearly one-third of the population of this campus and should be treated as one of the factors of life here which urgently needs revision.

I therefore plead for support for my case from everyone who dislikes coercion and blindly authoritarian rulings, and who supports the right of every student to protest against such measures.

CINDY ASHWORTH
Mike Redhouse, Guild Treasurer, is investigating the situation.—Ed.

The forgotten minority

DEAR SIR,—Is it really necessary for over a half of the union building to be taken over when a dance is held, as happened last Friday night with the Spencer Davis dance? I have been accustomed in the past to going into the Mermaid bar each evening for a quiet half-pint before returning to my digs, but was annoyed to find that it had been taken over for the dance.

Incidentally, access to the hot and cold drink machines was also denied, and these are the only source of coffee, etc. in the Union after 7.30 p.m. I am led to understand that the reason for taking over the whole of the old wing was to avoid the use of pass-outs between the debating hall and the bar in Founders room. Surely it would be better to have the bar for the dance upstairs in either the mixed lounge or lesser hall and thus disturb the normal Union facilities as little as possible.

S. J. GLENN
(Physics II)

Courage and consideration

DEAR SIR,—I would like to bring to your attention, the courage and consideration shown by two of your University students on the night of Monday, November 28th, 1966.

My wife, daughter and myself returned home in the evening and discovered that our house had been broken into and it was obvious from various noises that we had disturbed the intruders.

I went into the house and my wife ran out to Norfolk Road to get some help. Several cars refused to stop until two of your students came along. As soon as they were told what had happened, without any hesitation they grabbed the nearest heavy object (a torch) and rushed into the house to help us fully aware that they were in danger of being attacked.

When the police arrived, the two boys slipped quietly away without giving their names, and the only information we have is that they were on their way from the University to their flat in Bournwood, travelling up Norfolk Road at approximately 10 p.m. on Monday, November 30th, 1966.

I do sincerely hope that you will be able to trace these two young men, and convey to them, on behalf of my family and myself, our most sincere appreciation of their courage and very valuable assistance, on this unfortunate event.

Yours sincerely,

H. S. LIMMER

Blythe Court,
Norfolk Road,
Edgbaston.

Soc. union myth

DEAR SIR,—This is designed to explode the myth that Socialist Union exists to provide a focus for all left-wing feeling in the Guild. After last week's debate I can now reveal that it is in reality the local office of the Labour Party, operating on behalf of Transport House.

The motion at this debate was quite clear. The Government is economically incompetent, and has shown itself incapable of any decisive action which will put an end to stop go policies. However, it does represent the Labour Party, so Socialist Union automatically supported it last week. Socialist Union seems to be quite unable to see that the Labour Party can be wrong, or its critics right, and so we have the ridiculous position where people who voted for last week's motion, i.e., for a change, are accused of being Conservatives, whilst those who accept the status quo call themselves revolutionaries.

A BOURGEOIS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY AND RUNNING DOG OF THE FASCIST HYAENA CAPITALISTS.

A gentleman braves the hazards of the west car park

SIR,—The spirit moves me to utterance, even as the mud and filth moves beneath the soles of my feet at such times as I emerge from my motor car into the quagmire to which is attributed the misnomer of the "West Car Park." I beg to be permitted to elucidate further.

It is well-known to those fortunate enough to possess private means of motorised locomotion, and, at the same time, unfortunate enough to study in the West End (of the Campus), that the West "Car Park" is easily converted, by even a light shower of rain (or other meterological precipitation) into an unpleasantly dirty state. Recently, however, a worse situation developed.

Severe ground frost caused loosening of underlying material. Upon the subsequent thaw, this loosened material became converted into a veritable sea of indescribable filth to a depth of about an inch. The sole of the average gentleman's shoe being about a half-inch, or less, in thickness, (that of a lady's shoe being somewhat less), it became impossible to arrive at one's department by means of one's personal motorised locomotion having maintained a state of decency about the feet; to say nothing of the undoubtedly deleterious (and possibly dangerous) effect which such a surface has on one's vehicle. The state of my footwear causes me some distress: I have little doubt that it causes even more distress to less stoutly shod ladies.

The above complaint has been made before—oftimes, and by sundry persons; I make no apology, nevertheless, for raising the matter yet again. Students are expected to part with no less (and in some cases more) than five pounds sterling for the privilege of leaving their vehicles on the perimeter of the Campus. Are we not entitled to expect the University to provide facilities commensurate with such an outlay, which is, for the student pocket, not inconsiderable?

Space does not permit me to elaborate more fully in your column(s), Sir, upon all aspects of victimisation of student motorists (both as this University, and others in Britain), but I do not intend to convey the impression that this letter is solely a moan about the rigours imposed on my footsteps by the abovementioned factors. I feel most strongly that the time has come when the public in general, and "University Authorities" in particular must realise that students are members of society at large, no less than other (perhaps more usefully employed?) individuals, and, as such, are entitled to less unreasonable treatment.

I would be interested to hear, through the medium of your column(s), the reactions of other students to the type of situation outlined above. Perhaps many are now at a point when you might consider devoting a weekly half-page or so to letters on the subject of student motorists' attitudes to the University's car parking provisions, and to the state of the latter—or should I say non-facilities?—provided. It would be, of course, up to student motorists to contribute adequately, and in sufficient quantity, to justify such a course of action on your part.

What about it?

I beg to remain, Sir, your obedient servant, and loyal correspondent,

ROGER W. MATHEWS
(Biochemistry II)

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A last look at Christmas



What did last Christmas mean to the average person? What part did religion play? Are we becoming hedonists only appreciating what the advertisers lead us to believe is the ideal in Christmas?

by Rod McDonald

NOW that the cheering glow of the Christmas celebrations has subsidised into the furred tongue and throbbing head of the morning after, few thoughts are turned back to what has been celebrated.

Indeed during the festivities, few thoughts were directed towards the understanding and appreciation of the religious rites which were allegedly being observed. The physical manifestations of the period are known to all who participate but this knowledge often seems to preclude the so-called spiritual basis around which all the current embellishments have been so meticulously attached.

The maxim that: "Christmas is primarily for the children" is easily demonstrable, since childhood memories enhanced by the rose coloured passage through adolescence always seem to present a glowing picture of Christmases of long ago, infinitely more enjoyable than the present orgy of parties, drinking and gorging.

Sprig of conifer

To a child, Christmas is receiving presents (significantly more important than giving presents), sitting round a decorated sprig of some conifer which has been carefully decorated with glittering glass and metal foil, and lovingly draped with twinkling coloured lights. The image of a reindeer-drawn sleigh delivering a bearded bloated benevolent clown dressed in red and white is strong in the child's imagination having been carefully nurtured by the chain-stores and supermarkets. Other seemingly seasonal features of the rite are on closer examination not even remotely connected with the true reason for celebrating Christmas. The almost legendary Christmas snow, turkeys and cards fall into this category.

It can be seen without any difficulty that Christmas has degenerated into a spree of pleasurable activities and little else. When the question of religion or religious significance arises, it is often a sense of obligation which brings it into the focus of attention. Admittedly some families or individuals ritually attend a Christmas service at their local churches and chapels—the fact that they rarely ever enter a church during the rest of the year seems unimportant—especially when viewed from the standpoint that in the Christian calendar, Christ's death and resurrection are more important than the celebration of His birthday. However, the celebration of Christmas is deemed paramount by these momentary Christians. The number who leave a half-finished glass of wine and rush reeking to the church, then rush back to rejoin their less adventurous associates at the party is obvious by a simple observation of the alcoholic voices of the bleary-eyed corpulent gentlemen who always seem to occupy the back few rows of any church on the eve of Christmas Day. Thus the singing of carols is realistically reduced to the level of bawdy singing in the local tavern.

Pious Christians

There are, somewhat irrelevantly it would seem, a number of so-called pious Christians who adhere strictly to the celebration of the birth of their King, and celebrate only the aspects of the rite which are directly related to that event. Or are there? Or, more important, what is directly related to the event? Most people will immediately jump up, hackles bristling on the defensive, spouting odd and often insignificant gleanings from Christmas carols and childhood religious education—which brings us round almost in a complete vicious circle. Let us face squarely up to the facts: Most pseudo-Christians (and this term includes the swarms of malingering non-committal agnostics and atheists which plague society) are content to participate hypocritically in what they vaguely believe to be a Christian celebration—although they cannot, understandably, really see what it has to do with Christianity—while really, all they want is an excuse to have a pseudo-Caribbean carnival mixed with a feeling of vaguely spiritual justification for what they are doing.

THE CARNIVAL KICK

That's what it's all about

SIX weeks from now a crowd from Civ. Eng. will begin to push a huge monolith from Stonehenge to Birmingham. The monolith, made of scaffolding and polystyrene, plays an important part in Carnival 44, and it's just one of the many stunts being organised this year.

Of course, as we all know, the **real** aim of Carnival is to raise money for charity, and, as usual, there are plenty of ways of doing it.

One of the methods this year will be "raids" on shops. Letters are being sent to local firms and shops offering immunity if they make a donation. Those who don't pay up are likely to find a hundred or so students descending on them during peak shopping times.

Then there are the two big money-raisers — Car Tickets and "Barb." So far, sales for the Car Ticket Competition haven't been too good. But between now and Carnival Day the pressure is going on to increase sales. The two main prizes this year will be an Austin 1100 de-luxe and a week's holiday for two at Pontin's.

For Carnival 44 40,000 copies of "Barb" are being printed—5,000 more than 1966. Lectures are being cancelled on the last three days of Carnival (March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th), so that people can go out selling "Barbs" and Car Tickets. The best method of selling is the Pub Crawl—good sales are certain here, particularly at the weekend.

One innovation this year is that Carnival is being held in conjunction with the University of Aston. The University authorities here decided to move the date back from June to March, so, rather than having two separate Carnivals, the universities have joined forces.

Featured groups will be Manfred Mann and the Searchers. They appear at Carnival Ball on Monday, February 27th in Gay Towers Ballroom, Ivy Bush. The previous Friday, Alexis Korner entertains at the Pyjama Hop, organised by Pure Sciences. The other big feature of the week is a Beauty Competition.

The climax to Carnival comes on Saturday, March 4th. Besides the usual procession, there will be one by torchlight, another new, money-spinning idea. Then, the whole thing will be brought to a close with a dance at Aston.



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I think about abortion

...ate should be one of the liveliest and ...ersial of the year. The motion, "That ...s a right to an abortion," will be opposed Hugh McLaren, who declares, "I'm ...rd to taking a great smack at public copulators."

...mpton interviews Prof. McLaren

A BUTCHER.

PROFESSOR MCLAREN, who has been Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology here since 1951, is a prominent opponent of Mr. David Steel's Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill now in its Committee Stage. Below he expresses his opinions on various aspects of abortion.

Presumably you would carry out an abortion under certain circumstances?

"Oh, yes. But, first—I am a protestant and an elder of the Presbyterian Church—this is important. Now, ethical problems are common in obstetrics—we come up against them every day. You ask, 'Does the mother come first or the baby'? I never have any hesitation in putting the mother first. When it comes to the crunch I'll terminate a pregnancy. But if I want her to take a slight risk for her baby, I sometimes ask her to postpone the operation.

"When they come for advice, they expect the doctor to do what is best for them. It is abnormal for a woman to want an abortion; if they do, it's because they're ill. Healthy women don't ask to have babies destroyed before birth. The illness can be mental as well as physical. For instance, supposing a girl is not only pregnant but has been deserted; she will be in great mental anguish. She needs care, sympathy, sleep, more sleep and protection from outside social pressure. This is a purely personal medical line which I take with a patient. I treat them; I never discard them or snub them.

"My attitude is: this is an unborn baby and I am an obstetrician, not a butcher. And if they say, "I don't want the baby," that's very sad. We know they will start to love the baby as soon as it begins to kick in the womb. If it's unwanted I will offer to sterilise them. We think that about two thousand are sterilised in Birmingham every year.

"I scoff at people who talk about 'a ball of cells.' These tiny foetuses are not just 'balls of cells'—they're complete in all respects. When a mother is pregnant she wants me to deliver her baby. It is not a doctor's job to take life."

The new Bill would permit a doctor to terminate pregnancy if there's "a substantial risk" the child will be born abnormal in some way. Do you agree with this?

"When my eldest daughter was about to be born there was an outbreak of German measles. Fortunately, we didn't know then what we know now of the terrible effects of German measles. She's a perfectly normal girl with a good degree from the university here, but a doctor today would tell me that my daughter would probably be born maimed. They would say that there were two chances in ten that a child born in such circumstances would be physically abnormal—deaf, for instance. But think of the eight normal, healthy children I would be destroying in destroying the two maimed ones. I will remove a pregnancy if that woman is so anxious about what is in her womb that it makes her ill. In order to keep her from a mental breakdown I will remove the foetus for the mother's sake. But I will not remove the foetus for the baby's sake."

What about imposed pregnancy; through rape, for instance?

"Rape is so difficult to prove. If in doubt, a woman should not be aborted, as it would prejudice the trial of the man concerned. I would certainly try to delay. A man who has been in prison for rape is ruined. And I don't want that responsibility."

The Bill also applies to women who become pregnant while under the age of sixteen.

"I would not terminate merely because a child is under sixteen. If there's a pregnancy and no question of rape, (1) she would have to agree (2) so would her parents. Then I would put it to them that there is nothing wrong with the child—mentally, it's better for her to have the baby and have it adopted than to have it destroyed. The child must be given a long chat on sexual morals and chastity. If this is rejected, contraception should be suggested to the parents. If this is rejected, then they must be told that in future there will be no abortion.

"Any woman is welcome to come and consult, but not to demand an abortion. It's wrong ethically and wrong physically. I don't want someone in Parliament to tell me I must do such and such a thing. I only want permission to do what is right for my patient."

What about unwanted pregnancies, the result of failed contraception?

"I'm in favour of chastity, of young marriages; a defender of the family every time. I would tramp on those who say a bit of copulation's good, pre-maritally. Still, it's a matter of opinion, and that's my opinion. All this 'abortion on demand'—they're deceiving young people. They're false prophets. I'm looking forward to taking a great smack at public copulators at the debate."

And the debate, Deb. Soc's second late-night debate, is at 7.30 tonight.

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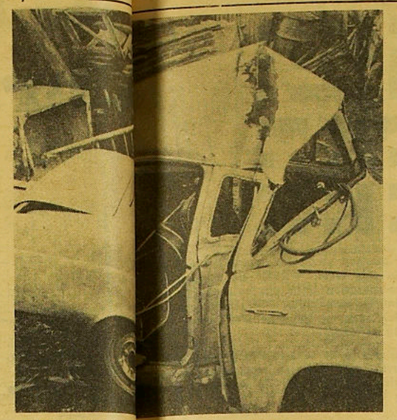
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ANOTHER CAR HE... ITS WAY TO THE ... YARD. HOW MANY ... THIS ONE?

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How to end tragedy on our roads

Road accidents are now so common that we often take them for granted. More and more cars appear on the roads every day. What is the Government doing to prevent accidents and make cars safe?

Chris John Reports

ONE hundred and ...le killed in four days over Christmas. The ...ty figures ever. So for many the festive season ende...

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How is this money ... Briefly, two distinct ... are undertaken by the ... the investigation of ... conditions, and the ... periments to find ... proving these condition... is carried out by four ... of the Laboratory, ... safety, design and ... divisions.

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Causes of accidents ... ted by the Safety D... ing with police co-op... collect facts about a ... of accidents and try ... type of accident and ... tained to relevant co... as weather, lighting, ... design, the condition ... whether the vehicle ... had been wearing ... whether the driver ... ing, and so on. The ... uses of the information thus ... are far-reaching, and in... ...ar design, e.g., positioning ...rors and indicator controls ...t they are more convenient ...ossible; design of road junctions, and positioning of signs so that drivers react to them in the safest way. Also it is obviously important to know how drivers are going to react to a given situation.

Experimental work in this division includes street lighting, design of so-called "safety cars," influence of tyre and road surface characteristics on driver and vehicle behaviour, and the design of road-side furniture (such as lamp-posts, road signs and fences) to minimise injuries in case of impact with them.

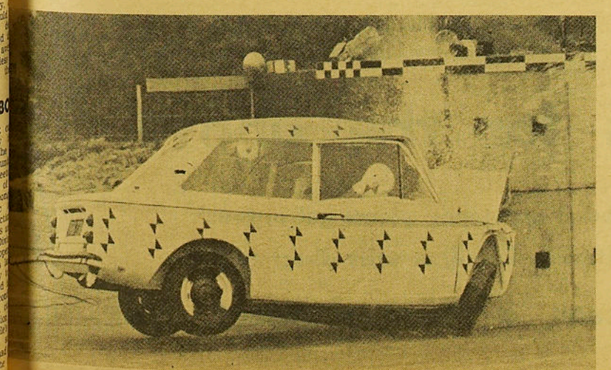
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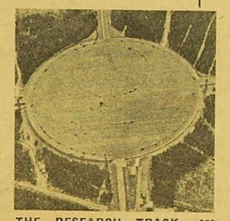
Although the new centre at Crowthorne is not yet fully occupied, its most important single feature, the research track, has been in constant use since it was completed six years ago. Built at a cost of half a million pounds, and covering an area of 250 acres, it is the shape of a figure eight, with an overall track length of three miles. At the central intersection there is a circular paved area, 300 yards in diameter, which is used for experimental layouts of road intersections and traffic control, and also for investigations of sign visibility, vehicle impacts, and handling and stability characteristics.

One of the loops of the figure eight incorporates a half-mile, high-speed straight, where tyres and experimental road surfaces are tested for skidding resistance, at speeds in excess of 100 m.p.h. Other parts of the track have provisions for experiments on the effect of different-coloured road surfaces and various types of street lighting on visibility, and at one point a large prism is set into the roadway, enabling tyre-tread patterns to be photographed from underneath during various manoeuvres, employing total internal reflection in the prism.

Fog and night-driving may be greatly facilitated as a result of another experiment which will involve the laying of cables beneath the road surface. High-frequency impulses passed through these may be detected by suitable devices fitted to the vehicle, and used to operate signals on the dashboard, enabling the driver to follow the road at a reasonable speed even when he cannot see it. Alternatively, a servomotor may be incorporated in the steering, making it completely automatic. Such devices are used in high-speed collisions, staged to test safety belts, for example. Similarly wire loops may be laid to detect the presence of other vehicles, and have uses in anti-collision systems. Yet a third use of such cables being investigated is an advance warning system of fog, ice or other road hazards, since the cables readily lend themselves to the transmission of speech signals, which may be picked up and relayed by a simple receiver in the car.

So much for the work being done at the Laboratory; how can their findings be applied to reducing the number of road casualties?





THE RESEARCH TRACK, 250 ACRES IN AREA, HAS AN OVERALL TRACK LENGTH OF THREE MILES. AT THE CENTRE INTERSECTION OF THE TRACK, WHICH TAKES THE FORM OF A FIGURE-8, IS A CIRCULAR PAVED AREA, USED FOR LAYOUTS OF ROAD INTERSECTIONS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. IT IS ALSO USED FOR EXPERIMENTS CONCERNING VEHICLE IMPACTS, HANDLING AND STABILITY CHARTERISTICS.

The 70 m.p.h. speed limit is amongst some of the more obvious results of the work to be seen in recent Road Traffic Acts, as is the forthcoming Bill intended to put stiffer penalties on drunken drivers. Many other less controversial measures—such as improved street lighting, the re-surfacing or even re-siting of bends where skidding is likely, the building of by-passes, and improvements at junctions—are taken for granted, although it is estimated that not only could such improvements reduce accidents by up to 13 per cent, were they carried out at all the places where they are required, but that their cost would be, economically, less than the cost of the accidents saved.

PROPAGANDA

Casualties, on the other hand, could be reduced by about 30 per cent were all road users to employ crash helmets, or safety belts, as appropriate. Propaganda has been partially effective, but legislation on this point, although difficult to enforce, cannot be ruled out.

Speed limit enforcement, achieved by increasing police patrols, can definitely reduce accidents. Experiments suggest that a ten per cent increase in the size of the police force might reduce casualties by up to 25 per cent, whilst the financial saving thereby incurred would pay for the extra police several times over.

Much publicity has been given to the effects of drink on driving, and there is no doubt that this is the cause of many accidents, especially at Christmas time. Nevertheless the saving in accidents over the whole year which even complete abolition of drunken driving could bring about, would only be half of that to be incurred by banning all parking on public roads.

Difficulty, obviously, would be found in putting into practice many of the above measures, even only in part. But it seems likely that if they could be achieved, accidents might be reduced by up to 75 per cent.

Chance missed on promising hand

THE 'A' team, consisting of M. Whysall, B. J. Warren, P. Spittle, and J. L. Gregory, won against Moseley 'C' at the end of last term in Division III by 61 i.m.p.s to 38.

One interesting hand from the match on which neither side took full advantage, was the final board (32):—

	S—J 9 5 4 H—K 10 5 D— C—A 8 7 6 5 4	
	North	
S—Q	W	E S—10 8 7 6
H—Q 9 6 3 2	e	a H—J 8 7
D—Q 9 5 4 3 2	s	s D—A 8 7 6
C—2	t	t C—J 10
	South	
	S—A K 3 2	
	H—A 4	
	D—K J 10	
	C—K Q 9 3	

Game all, dealer East. In both rooms N/S bid as follows:—

S	N
2NT	3C
3S	4S
Pass.	

Against this contract Warren led the two of hearts and, when Whysall incorrectly played the J on North's 5, declarer made 12 tricks. Assuming that South has either the Ace or Queen of hearts for his two

Hugh Darwen

no-trump opening bid, it cannot cost anything for East to play the 7 on the opening lead. In the other room Gregory was held to 11 tricks on a diamond lead.

The interest in the hand, however, lies in the possible contracts of six or seven clubs. Providing the trumps are 2—1, six clubs is, in fact, lay-down. South wins the opening heart lead and cashes the KQ of clubs. A diamond ruff is followed by King of hearts and heart ruff, diamond ruff, top spade and (assuming the Queen doesn't fall) another diamond ruff, leaving:—

S—J 9 5	
C—A	
S—K 3 2	
C—10	

North's Jack of spades is led. If East follows small, South plays low. If West wins, the suit has been broken; otherwise North's Jack wins. If East shows out, South plays low and West wins the Queen but must now either lead away from his 10 of spades or concede a ruff and discard. If East plays the Queen of spades, South plays low, and if West shows out, East is end-played.

Seven clubs is an inferior bid but makes as the cards lie. Trumps are drawn, followed by three rounds of hearts, South ruffing high. The three of clubs is now led and North plays off the trumps to squeeze East between his Ace of diamonds and guarded 10 of spades.

Good bidding should reach six clubs; I think the following sequence is quite reasonable:—

S	N
2NT	3C(a)
3S	4C(b)
3H(c)	6C(d)

Notes

(a) Asking for four-card suits to be bid in ascending order (both teams were playing this convention).

(b) There is no harm in investigating the possibilities of a club fit—he can always retreat to spades if it doesn't work.

(c) This can only be a cue bid agreeing clubs. If he had a heart suit he would have bid it over 3C, instead of 3S.

(d) 4H was just what he wanted to hear, so he goes straight to the slam. Since he knows his partner has four spades he is too wary of the possibility of a spade loser to bid the grand slam. A cue bid of five diamonds would be pointless and dangerous, as partner might easily take it as showing the ace and be able to count thirteen tricks (as he would on the actual hand).

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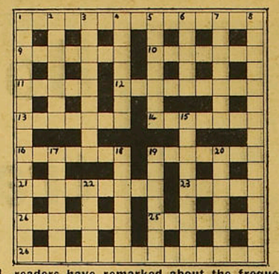
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Crossword by Fred



SEVERAL readers have remarked about the frequent misprint in our crosswords. So this week "FRED" has decided to clarify the situation. In co-operation with our printers he has placed a deliberate misprint in each clue. In every case the misprint is in the "definition" part of the clue. For example in 1 Across "cape" should really be "care."

Prize of one guinea. Entries to be sent to FRED, MISPRINT CROSSWORD, c/o "Redbrick." Competitors must also provide another clue (complete with misprint) for 19 Across. Closing date: Friday, January 27th.

ACROSS

1 Not taking any cape, need a covered platform—all cold outside (15).
9 Foreigner in the street is striding (7).
10 Has no good looks—very first to be included (7).
11 What they owe for the iridium (5).
12 Make stranger check the strength (9).
15 Taunted, messed about, and made to spit (7).
14 Exported eggs—"Get rid of Heath" is heard (7).
16 Where fast growers play and slower growers work (7).
19 Still, it makes me stray all over the place (7).
21 It involves roamin', but there are always dangers in it (9).
23 Repeat, and select for the English team again? (5).
24 You'll find us in India, protecting scalps (7).
25 An old ruminant says "Moo"—I'll amplify some of it (3-4).
26 Obviously no cultivator of the fairer sex, he lets others do the killing (9-6).

DOWN

1 Mines hasn't lights? Now That needs to be change (4, 4, 7).
2 Bring in a player (7).
3 Wondering where to toss cake nearer (9).
4 Ate dirt to become clotted (7)
5 For a change, S.E. Isles are fi ting (7).
6 The refuge the church affor inside (5).
7 Baby care is allways allowe outside (7).
8 Its nets must be one day o dated (10, 5).
15 Where the hussies live, Faust beheaded with the king an others (9).
17 The last time to bump into A —point taken (7).
18 Three foot branch used b tailors of old for hanging (4-3).
19 My French immediately cause pain in India (7).
20 To make an intersection—a range without malice, a cr (7).
22 The bard who wrote part o famous elegy (5).

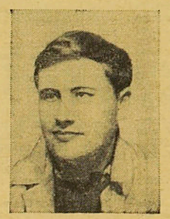
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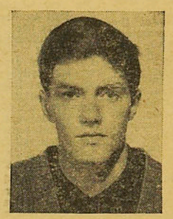
RICHARD HUNTER (21), a graduate (Economic History/History), of Queen's University, Belfast, now teaching at Bau Govt. Secondary School, Sarawak.



ALISON POTTS (22), a graduate of St. Andrew's, with a post-graduate Diploma in Librarianship, now working at Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.



ANDREW STONE (24), a graduate (English) of the University College of South Wales, now teaching at the White Nile Secondary School, El Dueim, in the Sudan.



ANDREW SIMPSON (21), a qualified teacher from Loughborough College of Education, now teaching at a Secondary Technical School in Sierra Leone.

Replacements for the above

If you think that you can be of assistance, please get in touch with your nearest Appointments Board, or write direct to

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Top debaters at model U.N.

TOP Union debaters Mike Redhouse and Mike Hartley-Brewer will be members of the four-man American delegation at a "model" U.N. assembly beginning in London on March 29th. The assembly, which will be attended by 500 student "delegates" as well as large numbers of diplomats, is being organised by the 10,000-strong U.N.S.A., the student section of the United Nations Association.

Topics for discussion will be the situation in S.E. Asia, economic development and disarmament. It is possible that an emergency motion will be tabled on the situation in southern Africa.

A successful assembly needs more than mere debating skill. U.N.S.A.'s Ron Ockwell told "Redbrick," "The delegates will not come from the country they represent but will have to study its political and economic background to understand, and then faithfully pursue its policies in the Model Assembly."

This is the third Model Assembly, and its aim is again to make students aware of the difficulties of political and economic realities, and of the military and historic ties which hamper international co-operation.

Before the opening of the assembly, Mr. George Brown will attend, and is expected to make a major policy speech.

The University U.N.S.A. is joining with Westhill Training College for the project. Members of our society will also represent Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Kuwait, and other Birmingham students will represent Israel and Jordan.

Neuroses in the arts faculty

MORE students studying arts than those studying science are liable to mental stress, according to a survey taken in Leeds University. Out of a student population of 7,000, 849 students consulted doctors about psychological conditions.

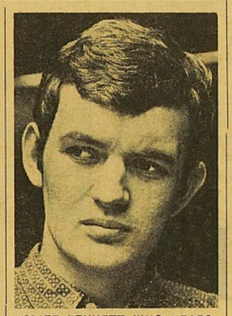
Most of the patients were suffering from depressive illnesses while the others were divided between schizophrenia, obsessions, hysteria and phobias. More women than men were affected by the emotional stress, and Dr. Still, the University medical officer, suggested that the type of student choosing an arts faculty would be more likely to suffer and that the scientist had such full time tables that they had little time to "brood."

"There is no reason to think that students are in a worse state than a corresponding group of people outside the university," added Dr. Still.

Personal

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AUCTION of Tony Klug and Charlie Kent. — Council Chamber, 1.15 p.m. today. Great reduction in all sizes. World University Exhibition in Old Entrance Hall.
ALL THE BEST, John and Guin: from Chem. Eng. Res.
BAXTER.—I wish you would keep your mouth shut.—Brian.
RAMBLING Charles Wright, Leaping Max Lambert, Phenomenal Ray Phillips, Roughhouse Redhouse, Friday, Debating Hall, 1.15 p.m., Tag Match extra plus Mangling Mike versus Jumbo Johnnie.—Jim Hiley commentates. Chick Refs. W.U.S.
L.B.J. Stop it now.—A.K.
STUDENT Discipleship Conference, 2.15 p.m., Council Chamber. United Conference Service, 6.30 p.m. Barn Dance at Catholic Chaplaincy, 8.00 p.m.
METHSOC goes to the Unity Congress in the Council Chamber on Sunday, January 22nd. Starts 2.15 p.m.
PROBY: Happy twenty-first on Friday.
LIBERAL SOCIETY. George Kiloh on International Relations, 5.15, C.R.1, Monday-January 23rd.
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CLIFF BENNETT WHO HEADS THE BILL AT HIGH HALL RAVE NEXT FRIDAY.

HIGH HALL RAVE

THE tickets for Friday's High Hall Rave have again sold out a week in advance. "The demand for tickets has been even greater than at the last Rave," said Ken Littlewood, J.C.R. President. "High Hall is of course a marvellous place to hold dances of this sort," he continued, "also we try to give value for money. We never make a large profit on our dances."

University art exhibition

STUDENTS are invited to submit up to four original works of painting, sculpture etc. for this year's Staff-Student Exhibition which will be held in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Refectory from February 20th-26th. It is hoped to exceed last year's record of 100 entrants and over 150 works.

The Exhibition, financed jointly by the Guild and the University staff, will be giving money awards for the best entries. Dr. Heather Beaumont of the Medical School, Dr. Garlick from the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, and Mr. David Prentice from Birmingham College of Art and founder of the Icon Gallery, will be amongst the judges.



RAY PHILLIPS IN ANGUISH DURING A PRACTICE BOUT WITH MIKE REDHOUSE AND CHARLES WRIGHT.

All-star wrestling for WUS

THERE'S an all-star bill for Friday's great W.U.S. wrestling bout in the Deb. Hall. Stepping into the ring at 1.15 p.m. will be Ray "Pretty Boy" Phillips, "Smoke-Ring" Max Lambert, Charles "Flowery-Tie" Wright and Mike "Moneybags" Redhouse.

Once in ring, these well-known Union personalities will lay aside the mask of courtesy they normally wear, and the Medical School is expected to be kept busy with the results.

A commentary on the whole ghastly spectacle will be provided by Jim Hiley, the silent man of G.T.G., and a collection for World University Service will be taken during the event.

Another event which promises a few laughs is taking place today in the Council Chamber. It is the auctioning of our very own Tony Klug and Charlotte Kent. Nobody is quite sure what to do with them if you win them—book-ends, perhaps? The main incentive in this event will probably be the 25 cigarettes to be awarded to the winners.

Despite the light-heartedness of these two functions, they have a serious purpose. They are to raise money for the W.U.S. to provide books and aid students in other countries who would otherwise find it extremely difficult to continue their studies.

The target this year is £300, £250 more than was raised last year.

CHURCH UNITY —THE NEW APPROACH

AN agnostic's comments will be heard at a conference in Council Chamber on what it means to be a Christian student.

Charles Wright, Deb. Soc chairman, will be among the speakers next Sunday at the University's annual meeting for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. R.C.s and Protestants will be meeting for a full Sunday afternoon to work out together what it means to be a Christian student.

"Christian conferences can easily be very one-sided and cut off from the rest of Guild life" said the Rev. Bob Hughes, "we hope that Charles Wright will bring us down to earth."

Discussion will be based on three aspects of the Christian student's life; John Brazier, (Chem. Research), will speak about study, Roger Hird (Physics Research) will speak about the part the student should play in Guild life, and John Simkins (Medicine) will speak on Evangelism.

The conference will end with a united service is S.P.H. and a barn-dance at the Catholic Chaplaincy.

LIVING SIN AT WYDDERS

Phil Irving reports on the first Halls Debate

THE J.C.R. of the Wyddrington Hall was packed last Sunday to hear the first of a series of Hall debates. The motion that "This house prefers living in sin to marriage" produced an appreciative, if uncritical audience who were not deterred from enthusiastically talking about the joys of marriage by the smell of Sunday dinner which hung around the room till late in the afternoon.

The motion was proposed by Barbara Tarantiento who, looking demure and comely, stated that as far as the motion was concerned, no arguments were needed to prove it. Having said this, she went on to illustrate that she had no arguments. "Love does not exist," she stated; and "If we have no marriage then there is no divorce."

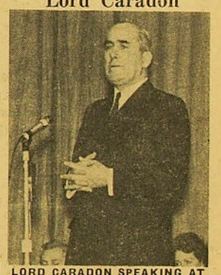
Miss Sue Klein, arising in opposition to shouts of "the sun's gone in now," said that she was going to read an expose of the male sex. After she had finished insulting the seconder of the opposition (Andrew Hamilton), she called for the females of the house to fasten their chastity belts and vote for the security of children and the happy home.

Seconding for the proposition, Andrew Hamilton succeeded in bringing politics into a sex debate, and said that it was the right of every conservative to have free love. In this, aim, he was frustrated by Mr. Roger Matthew who, seconding for the opposition, was for once trying to speak seriously. "The result of sex was progsny" he claimed.

The floor speeches were short and irrelevant and after the summing up speeches a vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

The life of a U.N. delegate

Lord Caradon



LORD CARADON SPEAKING AT ASTON LAST WEDNESDAY

LORD CARADON, Permanent U.K. Representative at the United Nations, speaking at Aston University on Wednesday gave some indication "of the tense and exciting situations which arise in the life of a U.N delegate."

"United Nations is not perfect," admitted Lord Caradon, "but it is our only hope and, however slowly, we are moving in the right direction." He revealed that the British Government's instructions were to support that which strengthens, oppose that which weakens."

On Vietnam, Lord Caradon said it was impossible to act when permanent members were directly involved and that North Vietnam would not accept a United Nations decision anyway. China, he hoped, would join United Nations next year although she had drifted away over the past year. In Rhodesia he could see sanctions biting heavily into her exports.

Lord Caradon accepted the invitation extended to him to become Life President of Birmingham U.N.S.A.

Prof. Hubble signs for abortion

PROFESSOR DOUGLAS HUBBLE, of the Institute of Child Health at Birmingham University has signed a statement encouraging public support for the proposed amendments to the abortion law.

At present there is no guide as to when a termination of pregnancy is lawful, and a woman's right "to receive proper medical treatment" often depends on outside factors.

The statement is not extremist in its views, and believes that the majority of the public supports abortion in certain carefully considered cases.

Ray Phillips wants brains

RAY PHILLIPS is this week looking for three undergraduates to represent the University in a new radio quiz programme.

The team, consisting of one student from each year, must include a girl. It is stressed that intellectual genius is not essential and Ray Phillips hopes a wide variety of students will see him by Monday, January 23rd. He is looking forward to holding his own trial quiz in the Union to help select the team.

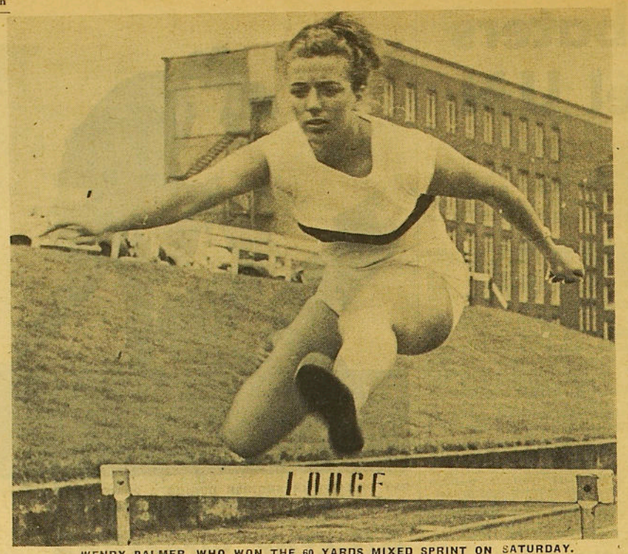
Athletics

Irani Ousts Hayes

IN last Saturday's victory of the U.A.U. over the R.A.F. in an indoor athletics match the University were represented by D. Irani (shot), T. Browne (hurdles), M. Dawson (60 yd., relay), I. Farrington (relay) and P. Victor (300 yd).

Each Birmingham competitor beat the R.A.F. opposition and it was pleasing to see Dinshaw Irani so close to Mike Lindsay, the British International, in the strong man's event.

The highlight of the meeting, without doubt, was an open 60 yards race in which the competitors were in finishing order: Wendy Palmer, Dinshaw Irani, Mike Hayes and Ruth Martin-Jones. Although the winner's time was not a record the spectators expressed their approval of seeing men and women in the same race, especially when the women were the victors.



WENDY PALMER, WHO WON THE 60 YARDS MIXED SPRINT ON SATURDAY.

"One . . . important aspect of the physicist's work . . . concerns the design of apparatus to carry out the many special measurements for which no commercial equipment exists. For example, this has involved the design and construction of mass spectrometers, and more and more instruments of various kinds are being developed not only to measure a property continuously, but to use this measurement for control of a manufacturing process. Obviously, for small manufacturing units instrumentation will tend to be simple and robust, but for large-scale continuous manufacture, representing turn-over values of many millions of pounds per annum, much more sophisticated methods are feasible. Here . . . the physicist will find himself, in collaboration with colleagues with different training and interests, using the most powerful ancillary techniques, such as digital computers . . ."

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Hockey

WOMEN LOOK TO CRYSTAL PALACE

ALL members of t Women's Hockey Club a looking forward to the com weeks with the hope that bo the 1st and 2nd XIs will playing in the W.I.V.A.B. fina at Crystal Palace at the end February. The semi-finals w be played at Wast Hills on Ja uary 28th, the opponents bei Bangor.

Before this important match teamis face two stiff games again Moseley and Oxford which shou give them much needed mat practice after the Christmas Va and the long break at the end last term when a number matches were cancelled.

However, on the last Wednesd of term the first XI survive numerous early attacks by Read and defeated their opponents eight goals to nil, Rosemary Lo scoring five.

So far this season the first have won four of their six match with a goal aggregate of twen four for and seven against. T second XI are unbeaten with aggregate of thirty-one for and s against. The leading scorers w Rosemary Lown (eleven) and C Smith (five) for the first XI a Melanie Martin (nine), Je Nicholson (seven)and Ruth He (five) for the second XI.

Wanderers

Five goal win

Wanderers 5, Barford Tigers

AT last Wanderers have t turned to winning form On Saturday they easily d feated a young and inex perienced Barford Tigers team which consisted entirely of Indians and Pakistanis. Wa derers quickly took comma on the soft Row Heath pitch and were soon a goal up. Wit the return of Rasal Bayat th forwards were playing much better than they did towards the end of last term.

Pete Hutton donned knickers an pads at the last moment as th regular goalkeeper was ill, and w hardly troubled in the Wanderer goal during the first half. He p a creditable performance at his fi attempt in this position, comp tently dealing with anything th went his way.

Wanderers, despite constant pre sure, were unable to score aga before half time. In the secon half the Tigers began to attac more often, and, with the inn perience of Hutton beginning show, it needed a last minute d flection by John Slocombe to pr vent a certain goal.

However, Wanderers' forwards with John Image as industrious a ever, now found the back of th net with greater ease. Betwe them they scored four more goa before the end of the game. Th defence played better than usu with good performances by Hutt and Slocombe who even found ti for attacking raids. Weaknesse still exist though and would pr bably have been exposed by stronger team.

Trojans

Magnificent victory

Trojans 11, Sutton Coldfield 1

IN spite of the slightly soft co ditions on Bournbrook Saturday, Trojans began an exc lent start to the term by a magn cent win against Sutton Coldfie whom they beat 11-1.

Good teamwork in midfield th the forwards every opportunity these were not wasted. R. Ba ridge scored six by himself. U fortunately complacency in t second half allowed the opposit to score a neat goal but the Troja were able to regain control of t game and continue to score steadi I. is always a good sign if face sides as well as University sides c turn out good hockey and Troja deserved their win.

WHY IS B'HAM SPORT SO BAD?

"We lost but it was a good game." This, says R. Cooper, of the Physical Education Department, is the too frequent post-mortem verdict on University matches. The question is Why, and What are we going to do about it?

HOW often during your time here have you heard the words "we lost but it was a good game" or equally "we lost but I'm sure we were the better side"? These phrases are regularly turned out on Saturday and Wednesday nights when the inevitable post-mortem on the game is held. Don't you become more than a little tired of hearing them? I do.

Sports Editor: *Clive Moon*
Asst. Sports Editor: *Dave Meacham*
Photos: *Geoff Carter, Graham Sharples*

In certain sports for too long now Birmingham has suffered the stigma of being anybody's pushover.

Now with the advent of Wast Hills and the New Sports Centre, isn't it about time we did something about it and shook off this couldn't care less attitude? This isn't to say that we are not successful in sport, in certain fields we are, but with out student numbers being so high and our facilities so exceptional, surely we could be even more so?

I wonder how many students participated fully in the sporting life of their school, yet on coming to University, either decided they wouldn't bother or, on not being immediately successful in trial matches, just packed up and became critics. All too many are content to sit on the side lines and knock an unsuccessful side instead of thinking how best to help them. It is active participation on and off the field that is required and without this we cannot hope to become the sporting power we should be both in the Midlands and in university circles.

The other side of the coin is represented by the person who will not play for various reasons for his University but prefers to play for outside clubs. This is a deplorable attitude in many instances and is one that typifies the attitude of many to University Sport. We must not think we are alone however, many Universities have this same problem but we are lucky in that we possess facilities that can help us overcome this.

The onus for this recruiting of support does not however only fall on the individual but also on the clubs and officials concerned. Too many clubs don't open their doors wide enough to fresh talent or once new talent is presented make insufficient arrangements to cater for it.

Also I'm sure that too little is done by members of staff to aid student sports. We seem contented just to see our names reproduced year after year under the Vice-President's lists in Guild diary and then sit back and think what good chaps we are. This is not enough! Our active, vocal and financial support is required by all clubs if they are to become successful.

Let us all, staff and students, wake up to the fact that our presence would be more than welcome in all sporting circles and then lets go out and do something about it. We have all the ingredients on hand to make this possible, it is just participation that is missing.



BIRMINGHAM SCORES! THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO SEE MORE OF

SPORT

Lacrosse

Ladies win at Nottingham

Nottingham 2, Birmingham 5

THE Ladies' Lacrosse team's success at Nottingham on Saturday augurs well for the rest of the season. After being beaten in the W.I.V.A.B. championship for the first time last term, Nottingham University were out for revenge against a team which had lost two of its best players to the Midlands Reserves for the day.

With near-perfect weather and a slightly slippery pitch the game got off to an exciting start when, no goal having been scored for ten minutes, Birmingham's first goal, from S. Farmery was immediately followed by a Nottingham equaliser. These were followed by a tightening of the defence play which forced the attack to shoot from difficult angles against very efficient goal-keeping. Two well-deserved goals were scored by J. Stonehouse and J. Thomas making the score 3-1 at half time.

Previous experience had taught us to expect a stiff come-back in the second half. Perhaps because of lack of fitness this did not materialise and although the game was closely fought our lead was never seriously challenged. The first goal in this half was a well-executed shot by the Nottingham second home from behind her defence. Despite heavy pressure the Nottingham goalkeeper remained unperturbed and only two further goals were scored by Birmingham. Both were beautifully positioned, by J. Stonehouse across the goal into the bottom corner and by S. Farmery just to spin under the crossbar.

The most encouraging aspect of this game was that it showed conclusively that the team now has depth to its strength and is no longer completely dependent on the presence of individuals. The newcomers have proved themselves capable of a consistently good personal standard while retaining the adaptability necessary for fine team play.

Soccer

In line for promotion

This Christmas the club had three fixtures, and did well to win one 2-0 against Birmingham Telephone Area, but lost to Sutton British Legion 6-0 on Christmas Eve. The third fixture was postponed because the pitch at Bournbrook was not playable.

Saturday's league fixture against Welwyn was a most important one, and despite a late change in the line-up, the team arrived at the ground, in rather agricultural surroundings, to face a hard task. Despite a horse in the dressing-room and a field looking like best grazing land—helped by manure which the home team kindly removed beforehand—the club played good football and deservedly won 3-0. R. Edwards again played an important scoring role.

After the first goal was scored by Boardman mid-way through the first half the team never looked like losing, and two goals by Edwards—just before half-time, having dribbled past the centre-half and the goalkeeper, and a 30-yard shot while the goalkeeper was out of position ensured the convincing win that Mermaids deserved.

The club is now looking forward to great success in the league and the dreams of promotion may not be all that unrealistic.

Touchline

I.D.S. SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

Chemistry	7	0	0	27	7	14
Biology	5	0	2	30	16	10
Brew XI	4	1	1	18	13	9
Spanish	4	0	2	29	14	8
Elec. Eng	3	2	2	16	11	8
Maths	3	1	3	17	15	7
Chem. Eng.	3	0	1	6	4	6
Meth. Scc.	2	0	2	6	7	4
History	2	0	3	19	22	4
Manor H.	2	0	4	18	23	4
Geology	2	0	5	19	26	4
Law	2	0	4	18	27	4
Dentals	2	0	2	8	11	4
Physics	1	1	4	21	19	3
Civ. Eng.	1	1	4	10	26	3
Metallurgy	1	0	5	1	22	2

RUGBY
1st xv v. Camp Hill, lost 3-6

HEN'S HOCKEY
Wanderers v. Barford Tigers, won 5-0.
Trojans v. Sutton Coldfield, won 11-1.

SOCCER
Mermaids v. Wolverhampton Coll T., won 6-2.
No 1st or 2nd games.
Medics v. Dudley T.C., won 12-2.

Soccer

MEDICS SUPREME

Medics 12, Dudley T.C. 2

AFTER much uncertainty as to the whereabouts of their visitors, Dudley T.C. third eleven, the Medics game eventually started ten minutes late on the Bournbrook pitch. Conditions were perfect and, considering their long lay-off the Medics started with good football.

They penned the visitors in their own half by virtue of their strong grip in the middle of the field. They maintained this pressure throughout the first half and turned round leading by 5-1. Lloyd in the Medics' defence was having a superb game; the goals were scored by Brotherton, Thompson and Wilkinson.

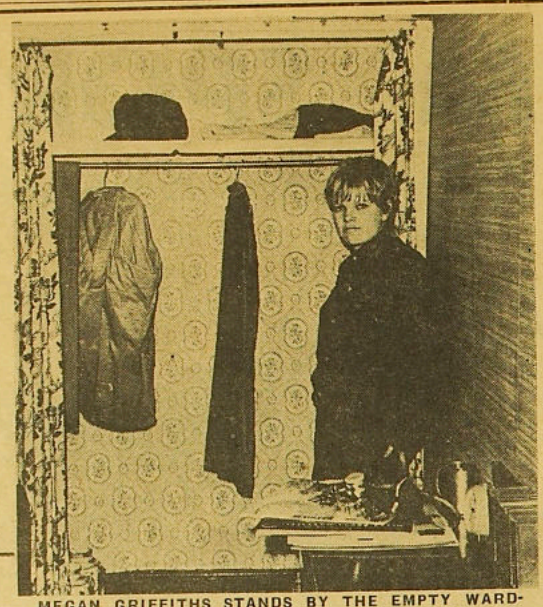
In the second half the pace slowed considerably and the game was even more one-sided. The Medics were allowed to push the ball from man to man with as much time as they needed.

They scored a further seven goals through Boughton, Brotherton and Thomas and missed even more easy chances. Dudley scored their second goal from a breakaway. Ordman, in Medic's goal, who had played very competently was only able to parry a shot, and a Dudley forward, following up, pushed the ball into the net.

REFS WANTED

THIS term a determined effort is being made to put the soccer club back on its feet. One of the things we need to achieve this is referees. We want people within the university. Unfortunately we are not a wealthy club and cannot really afford to pay people, but what we can promise is a free hot meal after every game and a chance to sample life of the club (i.e. drinking). So please, if you've had any refereeing experience, contact Athletic Union (Int. phone 5405). Your services will be much appreciated.

Operation Match — Fill your form in NOW!



MEGAN GRIFFITHS STANDS BY THE EMPTY WARDROBE. "ALL MY RESPECTABLE CLOTHES HAVE GONE. THEY LEFT ME WITH THREE TATTY SKIRTS AND A COUPLE OF SWEATERS AND THAT'S ALL," SHE SAID. BESIDE HER IS A VALUABLE SILVER TANKARD, A CLOCK AND A NUMBER OF L.P.s ALL OF WHICH THE THIEVES MISSED.

"I've nothing to wear"

STUDENT'S CLOTHES STOLEN

by our news staff

THIEVES raided a student flat on Bristol Road last Friday. They got away with clothes and a suitcase valued at over £45. Megan Griffiths of Education returned to find almost all her clothes missing.

"I was absolutely horrified," she said. "All my respectable clothes have gone, they left me with three tatty skirts and a couple of sweaters and that's all. But I can't think what good the clothes would be to anyone else."

"Although the front door of the house was locked," Meg continued, "there was no lock on the room from which the clothes were taken. It fell off a few days before and the landlord had not got round to having it put back on again."

Little hope

The police are holding out very little hope of finding the clothes but are going round second-hand shops in the Balsall Heath area. "In the mean time I am stuck with nothing to wear," said Meg on Sunday. "It will cost me a small fortune to replace everything that was taken."

Untouched by the thieves was a valuable silver tankard, two expensive ash-traps, a number of L.P.s and all Meg's books.

A student in the same building has a lot of electronic equipment, but since Friday's incident he has had it insured and securely locked up.

NOTE: Although second-hand clothes do not fetch a very high price, they are easily disposed of in some parts of Birmingham, and are not readily identifiable. In case this is the first in a series of thefts we advise students either to make sure their rooms lock up properly or have their belongings insured.

How to learn—the easy way

A NEW Society to promote learning while we are asleep has been launched.

The Society for Hypnopædia, at King's Heath, claim a new, exciting method of taking in facts without effort. They believe future sleep-learners will still enjoy relaxed, deep sleep, while they are absorbing any kind of factual information.

Under-pillow speakers give soft, relaxing instructions at a pre-determined time.

Sleep-learners will not remember details as soon as they awake, but during exams, studies or conversation, they will be able to pour forth the knowledge they absorbed during the night.

Peace action

"ACTION FOR PEACE," a new Guild Society, will be launched today. Its aim is to co-ordinate activity within the Guild on three related topics—Vietnam, disarmament, and support for the United Nations.

The project has already received favourable comment from Kevin Brehony, Socialist Union chairman, who said, "With the running down of C.N.D. there is now a need for a large Guild society with a purely peace platform, especially in view of Birmingham's lack of action on Vietnam."

Bruce Buchan, Liberal Chairman, said he was "very interested" and Clive Whale, C.N.D. Chairman, said, "I've felt for some time that the University has lacked a broadly-based group to act on matters concerning world peace."

The inaugural meeting, at 2.15 in committee room 2 today, will discuss policy and elect a committee. Margaret Stanton, of Birmingham Council for Peace in Vietnam, will speak on "Action for Peace '67."

Bye-elections

THERE will be Guild Council by-elections in several constituencies on January 26th. Ordinary vacancies are in the English, Combined Honours and Dentistry departments.

In addition, there are some "open seat" vacancies for which any Guild member may stand providing he has the written support of the constituency concerned.

Regulations approved

NEW lodgings regulations negotiated last term by a joint staff-student committee have been ratified by Senate. First-year students over the age of twenty-one may now live in an approved flat provided they share the flat for their first term with another student over twenty-one of the same sex or there is a responsible person on the premises, and second and third years will be allowed to live in an approved flat with a responsible person on the premises if they are under twenty-one. The differentiation between the sexes in the regulations concerning digs have also been altered.

Librarians help with mopping up

TWO members of the University Library staff are in Florence assisting in the restoration of books and manuscripts damaged by the recent floods.

Mr. Charles Nickless and Mr. Peter Tannett of the Bindery Department left on January 2nd to work under the auspices of the Italian Art and Archives Rescue Fund.

Much of their work consists of supervising unskilled workers of whom many are students. They are spending four weeks in Florence.

The Library bindery began with one craftsman 14 years ago; today, with a staff of eight men and six women it is one of the largest library binderies in Europe.

Mr. Nickless came here twelve years ago from the Oxford University Press. Mr. Tannett, formerly of the National Library of Wales, has been on the staff here for ten years.

A collection box has been placed in the entrance to the library for anyone wishing to contribute to the restoration fund.

GTG: SETBACK—BUT NOT DEFEAT

by DEREK PALMER

"GALILEO," G.T.G.'s entry in the Major section of the 12th N.U.S. Drama Festival in Cardiff, was described by "The Western Mail" as "an auspicious start to the five-day festival."

Unfortunately, this view was not shared by the Festival's adjudicators, led by the well-known drama critic, Harold Hobson.

The actual performance went down extremely well. Backstage there was tremendous jubilation with actors and stage-staff congratulating one another and running around in a state of exultation.

Then came the "discussion" of the play. Despite the attempts of Professor J. R. Brown, head of Birmingham's Drama Department, to obtain constructive and intelligent criticism, there was a tremendous amount of what seemed to be "pseudo-intellectual bitchiness"—to quote one disillusioned G.T.G. member.

Discussions throughout the week were, in the opinion of Jim Hiley, worthless apart from Birmingham's contribution:—

"At a gathering where so few were prepared to think constructively the numerous contributions to discussions, broadsheets etc. by many members of G.T.G. were outstandingly thought-out and useful."

Soon to appear

Birmingham's other entry, "Spare," won considerable praise but it was not placed in the final adjudication, which placed Max Frisch's "The Chinese Wall" (by Leeds) first in the Major Section and Obaldia's "Jenousia" (by Oxford University Experimental Theatre Club) first in the one-act section. These two plays will appear at the Garrick Theatre, as Dostoievski's "Notes from the Underground" adapted by Sussex University and Lancaster's production of "John Thomas" will also appear.

Many participants in the Festival believe that it achieved very little. The discussion groups were large and did not last long enough; there was no mingling of groups; the awards took twenty minutes to present, although the adjudication took only seven minutes.

Jim Hiley refuses to be deterred from the popular theatre policy which G.T.G. advocates. The success of "introverted, aimless, esoteric, cliché-ridden drama" has convinced G.T.G. that they must advocate "renewed vigour" to achieve true popular theatre with all social relevance.

Pop cult studies

THE University Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies is contemplating making a study of "Pop" culture in Birmingham.

The Centre, under the directorship of Professor Richard Hoggart, says in its annual report that "Such a study would throw light on one much discussed aspect of contemporary culture—the phenomenon of Pop."

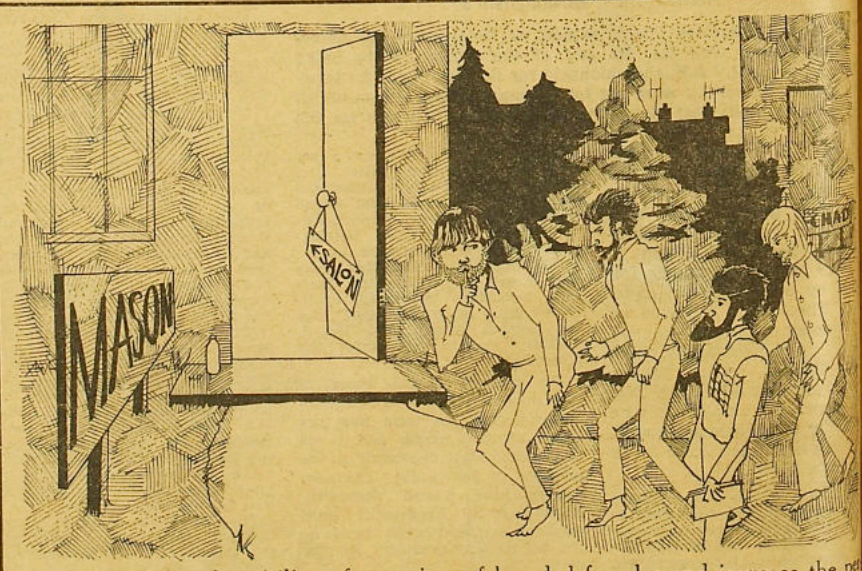
Various aspects of popular taste will be studied—audiences, performers and fashion leaders in the field of pop music, and its related cultural off-spring. "Such a study," says the report, "would involve analysis of materials, audiences, social context, economic organisation and cultural meaning and significance."

Other areas of research suggested by the annual report concern foreign work and the field of education. The report claims that a great deal of foreign work is virtually unknown in Britain due mainly to "intellectual provincialism" among the nations engaged in this type of research.

With regard to education the centre would like to have the opportunity of making its work "operational" in this field and establish firmer links with teachers and educationalists.

Press Council

AT a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee last week, the proposal for the establishing of a Press Council within the University was ratified.



Doubts about the virility of men in Chad and the feminity of women in Mason seems to be raised by the fact that shaving points have been installed in the ladies' hall but not in the men's.

"It seems as though the University authorities want to cut down the incidence of bearded females and increase the percentage of bearded males," said Chris John, one new Chad resident.

Another student said: "My Dad gave me an electric shaver for Christmas, and now I can't use it."

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