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HOLT GONE

DICK HOLT, last year's editor of "Wall," who made his reputation not just as a good editor but as a consistent and extremely successful baiter of engineers, has now resigned from "Redbrick."

Since last year he has edited and written most of the "Young Bumley" column, which he originated after leaving "Wall" at the end of the Easter term.

"Graham Barker said that he wanted a column in his new 'Redbrick,' so I proposed a gossip column. We couldn't think of a name for it, and we ended up by calling it after a 'Wall' character." Dick went on to say: "This is my last writing job in the Union; it's about time I got down to work on my degree."

The column is to be taken over by a postgraduate member of "Redbrick's" staff. It is hoped that "Bumley" will survive this and future changes of "ownership," for not only do its readers find it interesting, but it has also been praised by the "Birmingham Post" and "Evening Mail."



Dick Holt

A GIANT 48 HOUR TEACH-IN

The Guild is to ask the University for two days off later this term, so that staff and students can take part in a campus-wide discussion on the nature, functions and running of the University. This is the result of last week's dramatic call for direct action if the University does not accept the 'Student Role' report by November 27th; a strike was first suggested, but now has been rejected as a a negative, unconstuctive action.

This seems the best way to involve the entire campus in decision-making; it would be on the lines of a giant teach-in, with meetings at Departmental and Faculty levels as well. The plan was approved by Guild Council last night, and must now be submitted to a special meeting of the University Council for its approval.

The University is quite likely to be sympathetic to the idea; Dr. Hunter, the Vice-Chancellor said at a Press conference on Monday that he was hoping to meet student representatives in the "very near future," and went to say: "We are giving the question urgent and sympathetic consideration. The University is embarking on an evolutionary course. We must start to work out form and structure for the 21st century; I am personally committed to this."

In addition to the two-day teach-in, the Games Room is being taken over from today as a permanent discussion room, where anyone can go to air his views on any aspect of the University which he considers important. It will be open as long as the Union is open; at first discussion will be led by members of the Ad Hoc group, but it is hoped to make a forum for as wide a spectrum of student opinion as possible, and to do this as soon as possible.

The various questions to be considered were defined by Ray Phillips and other Executive members at a meeting of the Arts Faculty on Monday. The most important point to discuss is the nature of the University; the relation of the University to society and of individual courses to the University were also proposed for discussion. Representation on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and on the Planning and Priorities Committee are still important objectives; so, on a more immediate level, is representation on Departmental and Faculty Boards. Student participation will never be achieved until we have representation at these levels.



Naomi Goldstein, shapely organiser of the Southern African Student Fund.

Shattered glasses —disciplinary row

A MAJOR reform in the Guild's disciplinary procedure is to be considered by Constitution Committee this Friday following incidents in the main bar last week in which glasses were thrown about and smashed against the wall.

On Thursday night a dozen Chemical Engineers who were said not to be drunk smashed pint mugs until there was a carpet of glass two inches deep around their table. Ian Nelson, Union Services Chairman, who was on duty in the Bar under the new Executive Rota system, had the bar closed because of them.

The Guild Executive decided that as the procedure would be so complicated they would not summon the Disciplinary Board. They decided to reprimand the students involved and to tell them that if they were to repeat the incidents they would be punished for both offences.

On Saturday night, however, there was a similar occurrence when a first-year Chem. Eng. started another bout of glass smashing when he threw his glass into the air and smashed it on the ceiling. Ray Phillips, the President, who should have been on duty at the time, was reportedly not present. This time, however, Exec. has decided to call the Disciplinary Board to deal with the offence. Graham Lewis will be appearing before the Disciplinary Committee in the next week in connection with this.

The present system is that Executive calls the Disciplinary Board to consider cases. From this, appeal is to the Disciplinary Appeals Board and then to the University Council. It has been criticised for its long drawn-out procedure which was illustrated last year in the case of John White. The system was strongly condemned for the successive appeals which effectively prevented a decision being made and enforced.

The present proposals include the abolition of the Disciplinary Board and the substitution of Executive. Chris Tyrrell, Guild Secretary, believes that such a reform would considerably accelerate the whole procedure but for others it does not seem to go far enough. One member of Constitution Committee has demanded a far more radical reform of the structure.

Election Coverage

Guild Television is bringing out a special programme this afternoon to cover the results of the American Presidential elections. It starts at 1.30 p.m. and will include the most important sets of results, from states like California and New York.

In the studio to comment will be Professor Hawgood, of the History Department, Mike Hartley-Brewer, of the B.B.C., and prospective Labour candidate for Selly Oak, and an American postgrad.

Producer Alan Munton said that it would be the biggest project Guild T.V. had ever attempted, lasting a whole hour. The programme will also include University news, and humour.

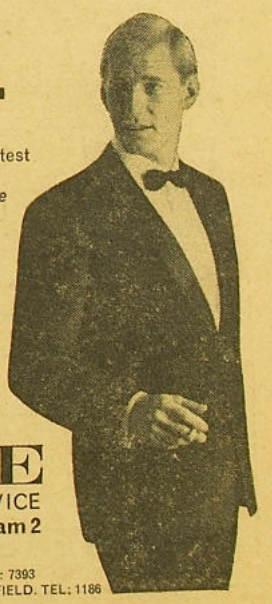
HALLOWE'EN MURDER

Vale site searched

FOLLOWING the murder of a South London man in Farquhar Road last Thursday night, a full-scale search was mounted in the Vale Site for the murder weapon. Police combed the grounds around the Halls in the early hours of Friday morning, but it was not disclosed if anything had been found.

On Friday afternoon, however, three Birmingham youths were taken into custody and later remanded on a charge of murder. The dead man was discovered in the road connecting Pritchatt's Road and Somerset Road, suffering from knife wounds in the abdomen. He was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital but was dead on arrival.

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MASSIVE STUDENT FUND DRIVE

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS in one week—that is the aim of the Southern African Student Committee, who begin a week of intensive collection in aid of the Southern African Student Fund tomorrow. Collecting tins have already been around the Union for some time: during the next week they will also be placed in the Refectory and Staff House. Over the whole year £2,400 must be collected to support one Southern African student here for three years; this makes it imperative that funds are drawn from as wide an area as possible.

Circular letters have been sent to University staff, other colleges, and to the sixth forms of Birmingham schools to encourage contributions. The committee is also to appeal to the University authorities to waive tuition fees, and to the Halls of Residence to donate free places in Hall. In addition to this the Committee are considering putting on concerts at which famous artistes would give their services free, and an application to the Royal Shakespeare Company's Theatreground for a free performance in aid of the fund.

There is also the possibility of a G.T.G. production in aid of it. Appeals are also being made to industry and to Carnival for funds; it is hoped that the £210 left from the fees given to the University Challenge team will help to get the fund off to a good start.

As a student from Southern Africa cannot be selected until at least three-quarters of the money has been collected it is vital that as much money as possible is collected as soon as possible. Various methods of selection can be used; it can be done either by the Baptist Missionary Association in Southern Africa or through the Student Unions in the various countries. The suitability of candidates is decided on the grounds of academic qualifications and on the subject which the student wishes to study; non-white students in Southern Africa have a great need for education in the fields of Engineering, Medicine, Education and Social Science.

LIBERALS' E.G.M.

THE E.G.M. of the Liberal Society last Friday saw some lively discussion on the role of a Liberal group in a University. Realising that resources are limited, and the work of political conversion by words difficult, the meeting came to the conclusion that the Society should rather concentrate on political action within the University than on the traditional course of propagation of Liberal policies.

The questions of University reform came up, and although official approval was not given to the Ad Hoc. committee, a member of that committee, Gerald Hitman, was elected as one of the two Vice-Chairmen, thereby forming a strong link with the reform movement.

Other officers elected were John Huntley, Chairman; Phil Jacobs, Vice-Chairman; Secretary, Laurie Gilford; Publicity, John Campbell. It was decided that in accordance with Liberal democracy all members should be able to attend Committee meetings and vote.

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB MASS WALK-OUT

THE entire committee of International Club have officially handed in their resignations to take effect from today. This action was finally decided upon when the chairman, Jerry Ogbeide refused the Committee's request to resign his office.

There has been growing discontent within the committee for some time. Many felt the club was badly supervised but were still more concerned at the lack of contact between the chairman and its members. As one committee member put it: "He has tried very hard but we feel he has not got the leader qualities necessary to achieving the aims of International Club—chiefly to forge strong links between students of all races." He went on: "If the club is going to function successfully, the response to its organisation and policies must improve. To do this it needs a dynamic leader."

The committee have also requested that a motion of no confidence in the chairman be placed on the agenda for the general meeting today.

When these views were first made known to Jerry Ogbeide he offered to resign, but later withdrew his resignation and said he would improve. Now, however, he has decided to resign, due not only to disagreement with his committee but to general lack of co-operation on the part of the Guild and other authorities, and to the difficulty in getting facilities (particularly a permanent meeting place) for International Club.

PERSONAL

FREDA are you still accommodating?
HISTORY Department.
MERMAID is . . .
I HOPE the choc biscuits choke you—thief—Jessa.
MERMAID is coming . . .
HISTORY Department. General meeting in Mason Lounge, 5.15, Thursday, November 7th. Details in Pigeon Holes.
. . . Thursday, November 21st . . .
DON'T forget the Motor Club's November Rally is on Saturday—come and cheer the cars off at 11 p.m.
. . . is coming . . . 44 pages . . .
FREE-MASONS! Look out for A-B!
MOTOR CLUB — Film show in Mixed Lounge at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th.
MERMAID is . . .
HISTORY . . .
MERMAID . . .
HAS anyone seen my file?—Al Ferguson, Mech. Eng. or High Hall.
GET a tandem; get a wife.
LEAVE Oscar's granddad alone.
DILETTANTE SOCIETY meeting & Tiddley-wink-in, Mermaid Bar, 8.0 Wednesday, Nov. 6th. All dabblers welcome.
WANTED—Drummer for original material group.—Contact Tom Sorraman.
JOHN DYSON wans a tandem.
RIDGE DISCO. Draggiest, switched off, natural retard sceance to date. Sock it to me, Ridge; forget it, High.
SAILING ASSOC. Social Teusday, November 12th at 8 p.m., Founder's Bar. Disco Go Go Boy. J.J. 2/-.
MARGARET.—You'll have to apologise before I'll speak to you again, you know.
OSCAR has a rubber neck!
MANOR BALL tickets now available from Manor House.
NEIL and Neville look forward to the promised car service on Sunday, Johnny boy.
COME to the Sailing Disco.
METHSOC, Sun., Nov. 10th. Campaigns, "What do they mean for me?" 4 p.m. Selly Oak Methodist Church.
BUGS Beat Ball, Avon Room, Friday, Nov. 15th. Four groups, bar, disco, food.
BARN Dance, Priestley. Sun., 7.30.
OCCULT SOC. Peter Underwood, chairman of the Ghost Club, speaks on "Ghosts and Ghost Hunting, some ghostly experiences and the work of the Ghost Club," next Tuesday. Nov. 12, at 5.15 p.m. in Lecture Room 1 of the Arts Block.
STAMP SOCIETY talk and display by Dr. Gibbs on Canada, Monday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Committee Room 3.
PRIESTLEY Barn, Sunday, 7.30.
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spectator

EVERYONE these days seems to be talking about minorities. Those who sat-in outside the Vice-Chancellor's door were a minority; those who demonstrated in London were a minority; those who want student representation on Council and Senate are a minority, and so on. Soon someone will say that the thousand or so who attended the meeting in the Debating Hall were a "minority of troublemakers."

The assumption behind all this is that minority views are necessarily wrong, dangerous, subversive, anarchistic: Bad Things from all conceivable points of view. A minority wish to abolish examinations. Therefore, it seems, examinations are good and must be preserved exactly as they are. The next step is an easy one. Minorities must be "rooted out".

A rather different view was presented by Mr. Richard Crossman in his recent Granada lecture, "The Politics of Viewing", and we think his words are worth considering in the context of the debate about university education:—

"The basic aim of participatory democracy is to develop the individual citizen's power of decision and choice, and since most people won't want to take an active part in politics, to ensure the emergence of a minority of volunteers who will become the activists, not only in the political parties, but in all the pressure groups and voluntary organisations which are the nerve-centres of any free community. Any organisation, whether a nation or a church or a boys' club, becomes participatory just so far as this minority of activists grows to a sufficient size to share in decision-taking."

We think that one of the healthiest developments in the University of Birmnigham is precisely the emergence of a minority of "activists" who are prepared to act as a "pressure group". We think further that they should be protected, encouraged, listened-to: certainly not "rooted out". Of all the communities which should know how to respect minority opinion, universities ought to be the first, and it seems to us that this basic principle is endangered by those who claim to "defend" academic freedom from the "attacks" of a so-called minority of students and staff.

Another curious feature of the present situation is the emergence of a number of people who claim to oppose the minority in the name of of "the majority of students." The "majority", we are told, don't want this, and don't want that. This argument has even been applied by conservative vice-chancellors—the very men who, until a few months ago, never thought to ask themselves what ANY students might or might not have wanted.

The obvious point, of course, is the one made by Mr. Crossman. The majority of students, like the majority of anything, want to be left alone to live their own lives in peace. The majority never leads, but it may follow. This is not to say, however, that they would not "want" a better or a changed system if one was offered to them, and movement towards change, by definition, must be activated by definition, must be activated by the minority who are prepared to work for it.

This issue has come up on the question of examinations. Those who want the system to stay as it is have been quick to claim that the "majority" of students are happy enough with things as they are. But no-one is in a position to know what the same "majority" would want if they were given the opportunity to experience some alternative method of assessment. The familiar and the known always have a special attraction, both for students and (in this case) for academics as well, but it is always possible that they would come to prefer something else if it were once tried.

This is an old dilemma, and it has an unfortunate tendency to breed enthusiasm on both sides. Most of all, we would like to see a willingness to experiment. Suppose a system of "continuous assessment" was adopted in place of final examinations for a trial period of, say, two years. Who could say what the "majority of students" (and of academics) might want then?

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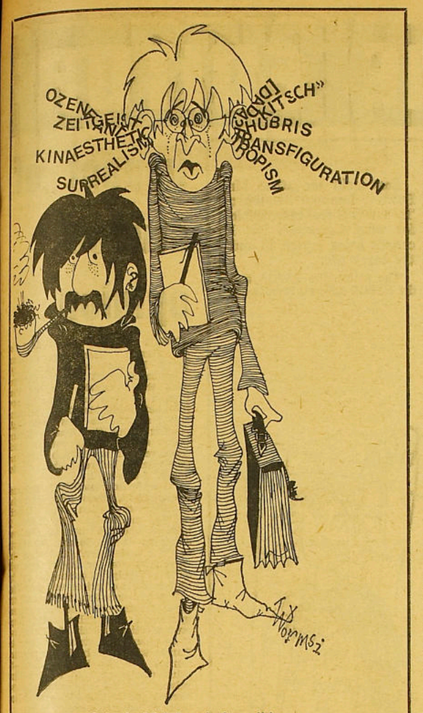
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—I don't think I took that all in. . .

Britain hell for overseas students

HOW easy it is for people to sit on their behinds and criticise others for their shortcomings and failures—not **constructive** criticism, I may add. Unfortunately, the word "International," when applied to University Societies or clubs seems to be understood as "everybody **except** the British." We intend to obliterate this misconception.

By Overseas Students: "I find mixing difficult especially with the English students. In class they talk to you, but outside (even within the University Campus!) they appear not to know you."

By British Students: "There are some people in this University who definitely have some reservations about overseas' students but without **hostility.**" How typical are these remarks in either or both groups of students.

by JERRY OGBEIDE
(Chairman, International Club)

I am convinced that while there is both hostility and indifference to overseas' students on the part of a small minority of British students, the majority do little to help simply because they do not realise how terribly lonely it can be in a foreign country.

An International Club is a tremendous help in establishing social contacts, filling a need which is **not satisfied** by the Students' Union (because it is too large) nor by the national societies because they are organised on a national basis. I do not in the least deny the importance of national societies (i.e. India Soc., Golden Horn, etc.). They fulfil useful functions, but these functions could be expanded in the interests of the university community. They provide a secure base from which overseas' students are able to venture into the larger community. But there is still a great deal which all national societies could do to become themselves more a part of a university community.

I suggest that national societies do much to dispel ignorance about countries they represent. To the British students I say "Come and introduce overseas' students to the British 'way of life'." To all students, I say: "Do not confine your social contacts to your fellow nationals. This way you perpetuate the problems that arise from lack of understanding of the attitudes and problems of people from other countries.

I am fed up to the teeth of seeing hypocritical efforts made to raise funds for overseas' ventures — the South African Students' Fund, Czechoslovakia Fund, etc., while overseas' students in our midst are having a hell of a time.

Please do not misconstrue me. I applaud the resourcefulness of the groups engaged in these ventures and would encourage them. What I want to say is that "charity begins at home."

I feel that the only way problems of race can be solved is by strong social links being forged between people of different races.

OBJECTIONS TO REFORM

by Steven Schonberg

MOST of us have heard about the "student activists" at this University. We know who they are: postgraduates with few social contacts, social scientists yearning to put theory into practice, law students who are (understandably) bored with their subject, and, of course, the power hungry.

And the ambitious feature-writer. But all this is no way detracts from the words and ideas these individuals may possess.

Unfortunately these ideas are much in vogue among the intellectual avante garde, and have tended to become clichés.

But again, even if a cliché means that one individual hasn't got the theoretical ability to think originally, it again does not mean that that particular cliché has no value.

But what right does a small band of individuals have to legislate for the majority?

The central assumption behind the often-raised question is that it is only the majority who have the right to legislate for the majority. Which is precisely the standpoint of the "small band of individuals". So if these objectors were really sincere, they would join our band. But they don't—out of laziness, apathy, indifference.

But why should these "militants" interest me, if I'm here to get a degree and (if there's enough time) enjoy myself?

Now this is precisely what is wrong with the present system; the university is meant to be "turning out" socially-conscious people who will eventually hold leading positions in society. If 'X' is here to get his degree and nothing else, he has no right in that leading position.

Shifting the argument on to more cynical grounds, a recent leader article in "The Times" Business News goes as far as to say that "student activists" would be welcomed in top positions — purely for their independence, vitality, charisma. So if 'X' wants to be able to use that precious degree, activism would not necessarily be a blind alley. And if 'X' wants to do something enjoyable, he will find the accruing self-importance entailed very much so.

But isn't all this "self-importance" in fact nothing more than big-headedness? Surely a professor, say, has much more of a right to determine the content of courses than his student?

Yes, it may be big-headedness; but it is only big-headedness in the context of the prevailing system of values. For we inhabit a society ruled by commissions, and sub-committees—ruled by people who have access to the facts. Often these people get there through money, ability, or sheer force of personality. A professor is one of these people; he has had access to facts before the student. That is all. And the "facts" that he has access to are usually highly subjective.

The point is simply that this view involves a statement of principle: the democratic principle that each person should have his say. Knowledge is but a secondary factor; for in the long run, true experience, true knowledge (not the "knowledge" of exam-passing), only comes from this individual responsibility of self-control.

Nothing at all revolutionary about this. The very founders of rational knowledge—the Greeks—realised this long ago. True knowledge begins with self-consciousness—not apathy—the consciousness that man is higher than the animal—and should use his talent in accordance. The whole system of Greek morality was based on the indivdual knowledge gained through responsibility—which would ultimately induce self-control.

They had confidence in the human being as a rational—if not God-like—being. They achieved an awe-inspiring civilisation. Our system inculcates no such respect for the human being.

Now this is all beautifully idealistic—and impractical. How CAN this free-for-all "pursuit of knowledge" be organised?

Practicality, unfortunately, is the bane of modern civilisation. If a thing is worth while means will always be found to implement it. Of course the essential feature of this new organisation will be its lack of organisation. For we have reached a stage where people, not structure, should count. This is the basic assumption behind "responsibility".

But surely the nihilists, anarchists and plain hooligans even would just use this non-system to their advantage?

Yes, they would. But then we have always organised ourselves on the assumption that we will have to deal with non-creative elements. A completely new approach is needed. One should have the effrontery to look UP to people; then the trouble-makers among us would be made to look ridiculous. And they would already have had their ego-drive satisfied.

This aim is infinitely more feasible for the university than for society. For surely the primary mental qualification for university entry is precisely this will to create. The university must lead society—not the other way round, as it is today.

Apathy or Activity—it's a recurrent question in Student politics. The apathetic often attempt to rationalise their position with arguments such as, "I'm here to get a degree not to demonstrate all over Grosvenor Square." Or they may condemn the other half as "big-headed bums." In this article, some of these arguments are closely examined — and countered with surprising force.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rash extremists

SIR,—At last Tuesday's General Meeting of the Guild, a motion was passed asking for acceptance of "Student Role" by October 30th. This motion considered no sanction to be used if the University authorities failed to accede to this request. This omission was recognised by Guild Council at their meeting that evening and, having put back the ultimatum by one month, they agreed that militant action would be necessary in the eventuality of the non-acceptance of the "Student Role." The possibility of strike action was mooted—and rejected—at that meeting. It is a striking example of the nature of some members of Guild Council that the only form of direct action they could contemplate was a strike. As for the blatantly destructive ideas of the Vice-President, they must be condemned, and the Ad Hoc Group dissociated itself from such childish extremism.

The people who formed the Ad Hoc Group at the beginning of this term were of widely differing political ideals. Membership varied from leading lights of the Monday Club to the chairman of Socialist Union. The common denominator was a shared belief that University administration belonged as of right, to the academic community and not to a group of ageing financiers and industrialists. As more people joined the Group, its horizon widened and the whole concept of University education and the role of the University in society is now being questioned.

The primary aim of the Ad Hoc Group was—and is now—to interest members of the academic community in these problems. This is the reason for the working paper we produced yesterday. We have been criticised by the Vice-Chancellor for not having any positive ideas. I hope that the working paper will correct the V.C.'s view but it is irritating that he seemed unable to see our attack on secrecy in University government as anything but anarchistic and destructive.

One of the principles of the Group is that it should develop no personalised leadership and all decisions have been taken by the Group as a whole. As it has increased in size it has coalesced into a political entity and when the Group adopts a policy which has widespread support, the idea of sanctions will have to be considered. Rash and destructive proposals formed in the heat of the moment, however, must be subordinated to reasoned argument, and direct action must be considered only in the final resort.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
GERALD S. HITMAN.

Representation ineffectual

DEAR Sir,—It was rather unfortunate that the motion at Guild Council last week containing the words "direct action" was interpreted by certain members to mean a strike. This has led many people to dismiss Guild Council as unreasonably militant and even in one case to sign a petition against striking when almost all Guild Councillors agreed that a strike would be impotent. It has also meant a masking of the real reasons for direct action and the true desires of the Ad Hoc Group.

The present Ad Hoc Group is not dominated by Leftists and anarchists. What has come over most forcibly at all its meetings so far has been the wide range of political opinions. It's one conglomerate opinion so far has been a desire for change for the simple reason that the present educational system is inefficient and reforms in education are hampered by the present administrative hierarchy of the University. It is not only students who are anxious for reform but also many of the staff and also the Vice-Chancellor, who has agreed with almost all the desires for reform, but he is also hampered by the present inefficient bureaucracy which has so far taken almost one year to pass a document asking for the most menial of reforms.

The recent interest created by the Ad Hoc Group in educational and administrative reform is the most constructive movement we have seen in this University during the past year, far more constructive than any group which has requested in polite terminology the attention of their superiors and then become apathetic towards its requests while waiting for them to be considered.

The necessity for direct action becomes obvious when one realises that any reforms which are requested after the Student Role will have to pass through exactly the same system as "Student Role," give or take a few unimportant and ineffectual representatives whose voice will be almost inaudible and very dependent on individual personalities.

Unless the system can be broken into now, the future is one of stagnation and belated regrets.

Yours in hope,

NAOMI GOLDSTEIN
RHYS VAUGHAN

A true opinion

DEAR Sir,—At the Extraordinary General Meeting of Tuesday, October 29th, apart from the more verbose members of Exec and the Ad Hoc Group, little or nothing was heard from the majority of the Guild. In fact, it seems highly likely that for most of the time the meeting was inquorate.

In view of this lamentable situation, Guild Council's resolution to pursue militant action if "Student Role" is not accepted by November 27th is a travesty of the democratic principles they themselves claim to uphold. We therefore suggest that a referendum be held immediately on Guild Council"s decision, as this would seem to be the only true method of ascertaining true Student opinion.

Yours faithfully,
R. L. PRINCE
P. D. GIMBER
P. J. GILBERT
S. C. GLOVER

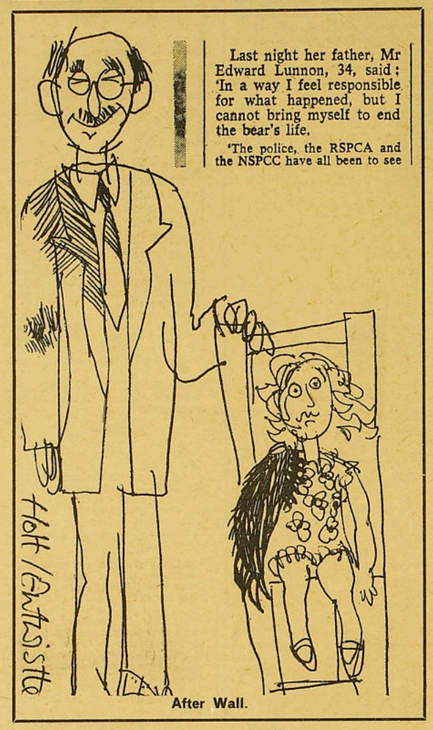
Recreate the vision

DEAR SIR,—My Christ! What a load of crap that review of the Incredible String Band was. They are NOT professional "entertainers"; they do NOT present you with a finished commercial product. They are NOT on an abstract plane—that was one of the reasons for the uninhibited stage chat and the audience participation. So where do you come in Glen baby?

I suggest that yours was the problem of the unenthusiastic "objective" reviewer, who wanted to be presented with an aesthetic entity from which you could grab the goodies.

The Incredible String Band rely on your involvement—the visions they have had must be recreated in your own mind.

Yours faithfully,
C. PAWLING,
(Comb. Hons. II).



Guild Council childish—unrealistic

DEAR SIR,—"I mean strike, I mean blow the place up . . ."

Miss Sue Jackson and her colleagues seem to have inflamed an admittedly important issue to an unreasonable extent. By the imposition of a time limit and the juvenile insistance of an "in toto" acceptance of Student Role, Guild Council appear determined to force a crisis, which, Miss Jackson apparently hopes, will lead to militant action. The effect of this on the University would be undesirable from several points of view. It would create bad feeling, not only between staff and students but amongst the students themselves, as is already apparent. The effect is more likely to be negative than positive by jeopardising the good relations already existing between staff and students in many departments.

Puppets?

DEAR Sir,—Thank you, Guild Council, now as always, interpreters of our subconscious desires, the ones we are not aware of. We open our "Redbricks" this afternoon and find that our desire in coming to the General Meeting one thousand strong was, in fact, for strike action.

The moderates are encouraged to leave by endless wrangles over minor points of precedence, then later in the evening the Militants, who have stuck it to the bitter end knowing that this will happen, force through an unrepresentative vote.

Is this our will? Is democracy only a marathon in which the last few people to survive prevail in their wishes? "The people who are absent are always wrong," goes an old French proverb. Not, I think, when we are manipulated so that this sorry state of affairs can arise.

Give a platform in your paper to people who don't want to strike or who have seen how futile such reckless and militant action has been in France; the same student or ex-student demagogues will always hog the microphones in public meetings.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFF WOOLLEN
(French IV).

In the welter of personal accusations and gross distortions of fact by all concerned it is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve a true picture of the situation. It is up to the students whether they want to be pressurised into ill-considered action by Guild Council or whether they prefer to continue working for reform in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

The threatened strike is itself unrealistic. How could it be organised? Who would form the vast number of pickets required, and would they use force? We would hope that the majority of rational minded students would ignore the strike in any case.

All that has arisen out of this situation to date has been a consistently childish attitude towards the University staff. Guild Council appear to think that members of staff are their natural enemies and deliberate liars. If this is genuinely their attitude there is little point in their continuing to attend this university.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE WOOD
PHIL MORTIMER
MONIKA ROSIE
BETHLAN JONES
CHRITINE WILLIAMS
ELEANOR JACKSON

Impact of student opinion

DEAR Sir,—As a student of French, your correspondent Trevor Henshaw seems remarkably ill-informed about recent events beyond the Channel. To say that French students are worse off now than before last May is quite untrue and I suggest he does some basic reading about the Faure reforms which are currently causing such controversy in the French Press and Parliament, before making statements of this kind.

On a broader political and economic front, it is true that the abortive revolution was largely counter-productive, in that it brought about a massive electoral swing to de Gaulle and his party of "law and order," and that the wage rises won for the workers will quite probably be cancelled out by higher levels of prices and taxation.

But in education the gains are real. At last the staffing atmosphere of paternalism and over-centralisation—which Mr. Henshaw, if he spent his statutory year in France with even half an eye open, cannot fail to have noticed—is being dissipated, and fundamental values, for so long regarded as eternal and immutable, are at last being called into question.

In Britain, likewise, it is on educational matters that student opinion, however expressed, will have most impact. The ubiquitous young lady, who at every available meeting proposes motions about students fighting alongside the working class is simply confusing the issue. So is Mr. Henshaw when he implies that educational reformers and revolutionary fundamentalists are one and the same thing—very few students **are** radically discontented with the system as a whole, but only with certain small areas of it which come within their direct experience. It is in these limited areas, I repeat, that student opinion will have its greatest impact, and rightly so.

Yours faithfully,
MERVYN LEAH
(Commerce Postgrad)

Up, up and away

SIR,—Will you have the courtesy to publicise the individual views of one of the occupants in the non-professional compartment of the V.C-10 on the front page of this week's "Redbrick"?

It should be evident that the plane will not get off the ground either if all the occupants are allowed into the decision cockpit. No sensible person will fly in an aeroplane if every passenger boarding it demands a say in how the controls are manipulated.

A good pilot, of course, must pay careful attention to the balance, and it may be necessary at times to move some of the passengers forward. On their part, the passengers should allow themselves to be guided by the crew, who, although outnumbered in a counting of heads, usually aggregate between them many more flying hours' experience than the passengers.

I have a great liking and respect for those of your readers whom I know personally. I should hate to be involved in a crash with them so I beg you not to cause a breakdown in communications by declining to publicise this message on your "intercom" page.

Yours sincerely,
R. G. BIRD,
Lecturer, Dept. of Civil Engineering.

STAFF ARE TO UNITE

OVER 50 members of staff sympathetic to student demands are due to meet formally for the first time today. They will discuss the rules governing students in halls, the opening of Staff House to students and support for the proposed strike on November 27th.

The meeting has arisen out of discussions between a small group of staff members which have been progressing over the last few weeks. The issues with which they have been concerned are students' rights, improvements of the University's educational system, the undemocratic features of the University and the intimidation of colleagues. They have called this meeting with a view to expanding the range and implications of their discussions.

"Intimidation of colleagues" has been a subject for much controversy. Several staff members have so far been unwilling to identify with the students for fear of reprisals. They have already noted a stiffening of attitude. One professor is reported to have charged them with gross professional misconduct, another to have said that they should be asked to resign.

"Students are seriously tackling many educationally important issues," said Liz Mackie, of the Russian Department. "Unfortunately, many sympathetic colleagues have been frightened by threats of reprisals."

Bob Holman, from Social Science, who was called before the V.C. after his article in the 'Birmingham Post," is urging his friends to take a stand. "We must act to prevent students and staff from being victimised," he said.

Many people now believe that University heads have adopted a common policy against radicals, which was formulated at secret meetings held over the summer. These meetings also led to the published agreement between the N.U.S. and the V.Cs. The National Union of Students' repeated statements against radicals has led some to feel that they were informed of the authorities' intentions.

In view of the fact that whole departments were dismissed at Guildford and Hornsea Art Colleges last summer, there is good reason for concern. Only last week the Governors and Director of L.S.E. stated that they were preparing to expel radical staff and students.

"We have already seen the first disturbing signs at Birmingham," said Dick Atkinson, lecturer in Sociology. "Some powerful and ignorant people would rather destroy the Universities than admit that there could be something seriously wrong with the status quo." Agreeing with those students who call for staff/student control, he added: "These ideals can only be enacted by democratic and active measures."

Those staff who have called for today's meeting are hoping both for a good turnout and that they will be able to persuade many colleagues to support student demands as well as to unite to protect colleagues in this and other Universities.

Rooting out the morons

WITH all the talk of militant action in the University, and accusations of apathy countered by accusations that the Guild takes decisions that the majority of students do not want, one department is attempting to bring the problems down to the "grass roots" by arranging a general meeting of staff and students. The Guild Councillors of the History Department, together with the Chairman of the School of History, Professor Rodney Hilton, have called the meeting to obtain the views of the Department and to initiate discussion.

Many people have no idea Dick Holt, a Guild Councillor for what Student Role is about," said History, "and there can't be more than three or four who have actually read it. This meeting is to tell people what is in it, and to get them talking about it. I want a complete turn-out on Thursday; there is no excuse for being absent. This is a matter which concerns us all, and only a moron could fail to be interested."

ABERDEEN DEBATE

TWO of Birmingham's Labour councillors, Colin Beardwood and Alex Collier, are to speak in a debate at Aberdeen University on Friday. They will be speaking in favour of the motion that prostitution should be legalised, and will be opposed by Councillor John Kidd, from Edinburgh, who started a controversy over a dotted-line drawing which appeared in the Edinburgh University newspaper "Student."

The two Birmingham Councillors are the ones who last year proposed that Birmingham should acknowledge the existence of prostitution by establishing municipal brothels with regular health checks. Councillor Kidd thinks this idea is "rubbish," and that the Birmingham City Council would do better to build council homes.

B.A.M.A. RALLY

A crew consisting of one officer and two officer cadets from Birmingham University O.T.C. competed against Regular and Territorial soldiers in the Western Command Driving Championships 1968, during the weekend October 26th/27th.

They won the Road Haulage Association trophy for the best performance on a night navigation run of about 250 miles over some of the roughest roads and tracks in North Wales. The team, driving a Land Rover, also came third overall in the other tests which included shooting and driving skills.

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OVERSEAS STUDENT ASSOC.

A NATIONAL association catering specifically for the welfare of overseas' students in Britain was established recently, and is to be called "The United Kingdom Council for Overseas' Student Affairs.'

The establishment of the organisation was prompted by two reports on the welfare of overseas' students: one produced by P.E.P., the other by N.U.S. and S.U.S. jointly. Its main aim is to co-ordinate the work done for overseas' students by various organisations, and to provide a link between the students and the Government and other authorities.

It is realising its objectives by providing an information and advice service, producing a newsletter, assisting in the implementation of the P.E.P. and N.U.S. reports and establishing special services as the need arises. It is also organising conferences on specific matters, and issuing pamphlets by experts on special topics.

One of the most important functions of the organisation is to promote public interest in and sympathy for overseas' students; this is particularly important as the organisation is a charity and therefore requires contributions from members of the public if it is to function properly. However, it also hopes to get financial support from trusts, industry and members' subscriptions; membership is expected to be largely composed of foreign students, although it is open to British students as well.

The Executive Secretary, Mr. Mills, said: "We are not aiming to create another hierarchy on top of a hierarchy. The individual overseas' student will benefit because we will be there to fight their battles."

Beaver: Scotland Yard

RECENTLY reported in "Beaver," the L.S.E. newspaper:—

Scotland Yard advice: It is dangerous to trap burglars in your home. Therefore, each time you go home, just in case there is one in there at that moment, caught in the act and liable to be violent, possibly armed, unlock the door loudly (to give him chance to bolt without mutilating you) and just to make doubly sure, call out: "Aaaaaaaaaaaaggggghhhhhh!"

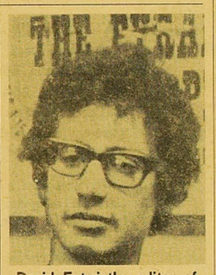
FREE MOTHERS

A HUNDRED students from Birmingham University have been invited to attend a recording session, free, at one of Brum's leading blues clubs.

Mothers, in High Street, Erdington, is to be the scene for a live recording session of the Shaky Vick's Blues Band's new L.P. on Saturday, November 23rd.

"It must be the first time that an L.P. has been recorded live at a Birmingham club," says Phil Myatt, director of Mothers. "We are hoping that students from the University will be well represented for the occasion."

So if you would like to be in on this historic event, collect your free ticket from the "Redbrick" office.



David Entwistle, editor of "Wall" and resident cartoonist.

ANNUAL WALL

"WALL" intends to produce by the end of term a lengthy publication, called provisionally the "Wall Annual." Said editor David Entwhistle in a rare appearance from the Welfare Office filing cabinet: "For the most part it will be a re-publication of the best of last year's 'Wall,' but we hope to use as much new material as possible," one of the outstanding quotes of the year.

Also in the offing is an edition of the Gospel According to Wall (the Christmas and Easter cartoons of last year in booklet form) but the date of printing is apparently a matter for God and the photocopying machine to decide.

Enquiries should be made to either, but not both, of the "Wall" offices, to which places all legal actions should be addressed.

MIXED DORMITORIES

AT an American University in Philadelphia an experiment on mixed dormitories is to be discontinued. Apparently "sex wasn't the problem, but the sexes."

They were unable to agree because the girls wanted private showers, quiet lounges and more closet space while the boys were content with communal showers but complained about laundry, closed lounges and rules keeping women out of their rooms.

YOUNG BUMLEY

Obituary

OLD Bumley passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, October 28th, 1968 at 11 p.m..

Bumley, late of 256 Edward Road, Balsall Heath, has for many years been closely connected with this University and very popular with its student population. He was renowned for his ready wit yet his opinion on serious matters was highly respected and indeed, frequently sought after. In his time with us, he devoted himself absolutely to the cause of journalism, revealing the true facts to his readers both in his contributions on "Wall" and in "Redbrick."

He was always alert to the dangers of injustice in any form and in his fight to combat it. Though at times misunderstood and wrongly condemned by various parties Bumley always retained the trust of his journalist colleagues whom he could rely upon to back him to the hilt on most controversial issues. (One such occasion being that of his passionate crusade against the students of the Chemical Engineering department in whom he could not have asked for more devoted support.)

Members of Redbrick staff will always remember him for the encouragement he so constantly gave them in their work.

His death occurred on the evening of the Redbrick staff party during which he consumed what can only be termed as excessive quantities of alcohol. The cause of death is not yet certain though alcohol poisoning would seem likely. Bumley has no surviving relatives except for an illegitimate son who bears his name." A quiet funeral will take place within the next few days — please, no flowers.

(*I am at present contesting my illegitimacy.—Young Bumley.)

Crash course

THE Chemical Engineering department has certainly excelled itself in its Fresher intake this year. The newcomers are either born engineers who have grown up with the standards of behaviour we have come to expect from a large number of this department, or they have undergone a crash course in bar behaviour supervised by the more experienced of the second and third years. I can honestly say that I have never before seen pint glasses thrown to the floor or against the walls of the bar with such grace and style. Nor has such a constant and successful shatter-rate ever before been achieved. Another interesting point to note is that these freshers are either sober when they begin their performance or they become inebriated on an almost negligible amount of alcohol.

So far I have witnessed two of their remarkable performances last Thursday night when they succeeded in getting the bar closed at 10 p.m. (remarkable) and last Saturday night when the glass flowed like water all over the floors of the Union, not merely in the bar. How can we fail to admire such behaviour? What a magnificent future this country can look forward to when these stalwarts are let loose upon society.

Anyway, that slender gentleman with blond hair and a red neck scarf, who has perfected glass-smashing to such a fine art — Bumley saw you, mate, even if nobody else did — your good times are coming to an end.

Idle B's still waiting

THE people of Birmingham seemed to be up in arms against we students. Last week Ray Phillips received an anonymous postcard from one of their number: "Down with the students, go to work you idle Bs. From the man in the street." What are idle Bs? The mind boggles at the possibilities. Still, it was a nice card with a beautiful picture of Smallbrook Ringway on the front.

And our President is not the only one who is receiving anonymous correspondence. Our good friend Gerald Hitman of Ad Hoc fame, also seems to be coming under heavy fire. He has received what can truly be said is a beautiful example of the perfect anonymous letter. It arrived in a charming violet coloured envelope and was prepared from snips of newsprint from all the best daily papers, stating emphatically: "If they reduce the voting age to 18 you will still have to wait." More letters have since arrived and I suspect there are many more to come. But pay attention prospective authors — to be effective you must get your facts right. I have it on good authority that Gerald Hitman is not 17 as you seem to suspect, but has arrived at his 18th year—just!

Dynamic Ad Hoc

I WENT to the meeting of the dynamic Ad Hoc Committee for University Reform on Monday lunchtime at which I heard the following positive and reassuring comments:

Paul Hardman: "I must admit that we haven't decided anything really";

Pete Gowan: "We were unable to put anything down on paper";

Gerald Hitman: ". . . no definitive position . . ."

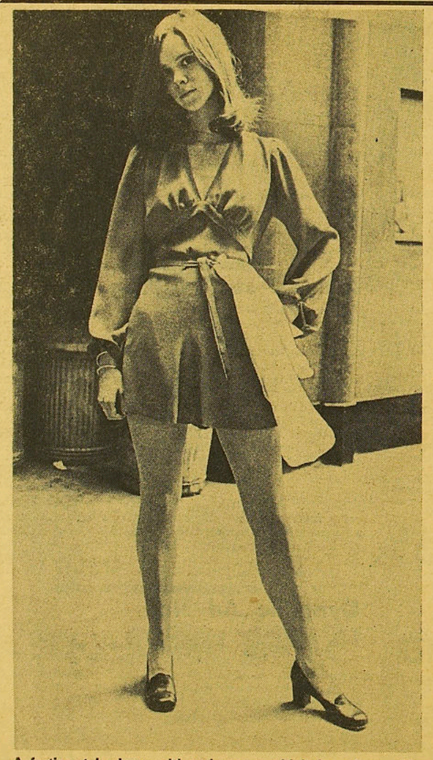
Bumley

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

MEN! . . . Do not read on unless you are the type who likes to buy expensive gifts for your bird, or you are the type who cares how birds in Birmingham are dressing.

A hasty bird's-eye view of the Birmingham boutiques revealed, among other things, the clothes shown on this page: what every well-dressed bird should be wearing.

Maybe at first sight you might think your grant would not stand up to the pressure of dressing like this. But don't despare; boutiques are not for the most part expensive, and home-made imitations can look quite as good as the original. Almost any bird can be fashionably dressed if she combines a little ingenuity with careful spending.



A forties-style dress, although you wouldn't have been able to wear a dress that length then without being arrested! In red or cream by James Monceer, seven guineas. White scarf at Marshall & Snelgrove. High-heeled shoes by Sacha, 99/11



This formal evening dress comes in black or white. The bodice is decorated by tiny glass beads and it costs 11 gns. at Miss Selfridge. Shoes by Sacha at 69/11.

A PLEASING facet of University life is that you can go "into work" possibly for the only time in your life wearing jeans, plimsolls and hairy sweaters and no-one will give a damn. Admittedly this is partially an economy measure and there are few women on the campus who do not window gaze enviously and put a lot of thought into each new garment they buy.

Whatever else you can say about Birmingham, it has at least got a decent shopping centre, where it is possible to buy trendy clothes at reasonable prices. We took £10 as being a very rought estimate of the amount of grant a girl student would spend on clothes per term and chose things accordingly. Some are rather more pricey than this but most of the ideas can be copied or adapted to suit the price range.

For our money, the three best boutiques were Sacha's in Corporation Street, for accessories, the Miss Selfridge boutique in Lewis's and the more expensive 21 Shop in Marshall and Snelgrove. For daytime wear there were plenty of dresses in jersey or wool, in checks and tweeds. A slightly secretarial trend was here in the guise of white collars, pockets and artificial bloused fronts. In the separates department the story again and again was waistcoats and trousers, both for daytime and evening wear. The trousers were baggy in both cases flaring out widely at the bottoms. This can look very stylish, but it looks better on tall people. If you are under 5ft. 5in. you run the risk of looking like a little Dutch boy. Daytime trews were either in woollen cloth or herringbone tweed, which looks fabulous (some attractive coats along these lines, too!). For evening there was a transition to black crepe or velvet for the affluent. With waistcoats, the general rule seemed to be "please yourself"; a purely ornamental bolero looks nice, especially worn with a baggy silk blouse for parties and a daytime weskit can end just below the waist or extend to sub-bottom level. In Miss Selfridge, the single breasted versions with matching skirts come in ultramarine or ginger and the double breasted versions are in brown, maroon or heather colours, both at very reasonable prices.

DEATH OF THE MAXI?

Everywhere there were rows and rows of maxis with the conventional slightly flared A-line —which brings me to a very sad subject — the Death or Hibernation of the Maxi.

Certainly fashion buyers were giving it another season; Vogue displayed plenty of maxi dresses in its Autumn editions, pattern manufacturers have designed for it, shops have stocked up—yet none seem to be worn. Possibly the line is basically unflattering to most of us, yet our mothers seemed to manage in skirts that length. Part of the trouble is that a maxi skirt needs a suitable jersey and a coat to wear on top — nothing looks worse than six inches of skirt material appearing from beneath a conventional length coat. Meanwhile all of us who bought one last year can either sit tight and hope the first frost will bring them back or else, gnashing our teeth, grimly devise ways of hacking [illegible] to mini-proportions!

Feature co[illegible] Celia Jones

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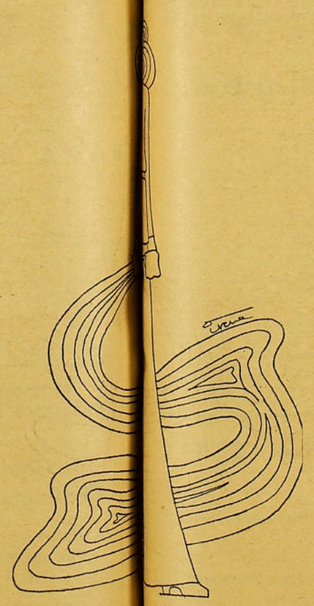
There was the usual colourful skinny sweater pon shirts are still (indeed, I think this become a classic) for general use too, hand pop groups-type image the satin, long cuffed lared, baggy sleeved would not have dis[illegible]

[illegible]Y FROCKS

[illegible] all this talk of trousers evening wear — possibly ght of as revolutionary when Marianne Faithfull walked into Covent Garden Opera House in a pair of gold lurex—it does not detract from the fact that there are plenty of —it does not detract from the the want of a better word) dresses. For once the ready to wear seems to have followed Paris lead and black is everywhere; plenty of up-dated "little black dresses" plus longer versions like the one our model wears. The U neckline reflects a "forties" influence that is even more apparent in the short style with its squared shoulders and bloused front. Crepe again is the main fabric. There is a good variety of pyjama suits and long culotte dresses in a large variety of (almost) psychedelic splurges of colour. Some "diehard" dolly rocker dresses linger on, on the rocks, but there is a definite trend for bias-cut mini dresses, the emphasis being on freedom of movement, rather than being encased in a sheath of material.



(a) Trenchant tweed trouser suit from Wallis, 12 gns.



(b) Black crepe [illegible] evening, 6½ gns., from [illegible]ops.

Shoes this winter are more clumpy with Cromwellian buckles or high tongues with thick wooden heels. They are predominantly brown with plenty of antique shading. Handbags are made to match in still leather, often sharply rectangular and many with gilt clasps such as you find on Victorian books. These are quite attractive but do not look like being the fashion hit that those supple, sausage-shaped bags with rings and/or buckled pockets were last year. Boots are high, elegantly shaped in leather with a distinct Russian look. The trouble with shoe shops is that there is so much duplication or near duplication of stock in them. Sacha's forms a pleasing exception because, while keeping to the lines dictated by fashion, shoes can come in a variety of unusual colours such as marsh green, maroon or slate blue with black patent trimmings. The shop can be heartily recommended for its wide range of styles, but the prices though not exorbitant do not come under the heading of cheap.

Thus ended our pilot survey of Birmingham boutiques. Doubtless there was a considerable amount of material which we overlooked and these ideas of what is fashion are strictly personal. But after all — our message is briefly this. Anything is in which is black, and it is even more in if it is in crepe but since dress is meant to be an expression of your own personality in any case—fashion is really what you make it, and whatever you look good in.



Distinct Mexican influence here. Black trousers by Simon Jeffery, £4 9s. 6d. The cream coloured blouse Alistair Cowen at £3 19s. 6d. The hat wasn't for sale, but the bolero was a distinct luxury item at £7 19s. 6d. from Gordon King. Sacha boots, five guineas.

We would like to thank the following for their assistance in preparing this feature :—

Marshall & Snelgrove's 21 Shop

Miss Selfridge at Lewis's

Sacha's in Corporation Street

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FILMS
HERSH ZEIFMAN

Cardboard tart-with-a-heart

"STEFANIA" (Cinephone) is a Greek variation on what I like to think of as the Hymn-and Whore movie—you know, the prostitute with the heart of gold, hiding it under a somewhat baser mettle, but requiring only the love of a good man to redeem her.

In this case; our heroine was seduced by her stepfather at a tender age, and found she rather enjoyed it. So naturally(!) she became a high-priced call-girl—until the vice squad discovered she was under age. Packed off to a reformatory, she meets the young, good-looking resident doctor who had known and loved her in her virginal days but who is ignorant of her sordid past. Amor vincit omnia? You'd better believe it.

Stefania's past life is told in a series of dreary flashbacks, juxtaposed against the hilariously unreal life of the reformatory. Although they're greatly muted, all the now-standard 'X' features are present: a hint of lesbianism, a bit of rape, a dash of quasi-incest—as well as a completely gratuitous strip-tease, ludicrously performed to Mancini's "Pink Panther" theme.

Director Yiu Daclianides has tried to liven things up by shooting a gimmicky "double" ending (one happy, one sad—take your pick), but the choice between them is minimal. After all, does anyone really care what happens to a cardboard caricature?



Two weirdies: another scene from "Duffy" at the Odeon, New St.



Susannah York as she appears in "Duffy" at the Odeon Cinema, New St.

BOOKS
JENNY WICKHAM

La vida del Puerto Rico

"La Vida", by Oscar Lewis (Panther, 12/6).

"LA VIDA" is the latest of Oscar Lewis'books to come out in paperback, and is compelling reading whatever one's interests may be. It is basically a socio-logical / anthropological document—fact presented as fiction, if such a paradox can exist.

The book tells the life stories of five members of a Puerto Rican family: Fernanda, her one son and three daughters. Each of them tells their story in their own words; the narrative was built up from long tape-recorded interviews made while Lewis, a professional anthropologist, was doing research into the lives of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico and New York. The fact that quite a lot of the book consists of transcribed interviews makes it rich in the slang and idiom of the Puerto Ricans, whose simple conversation style holds the reader's interest.

The setting of the book oscillates between La Esmeralda, one of the worst slums in Puerto Rico, and the U.S.A., where Fernanda and most of her family go at one time or another. One of the most striking points made in the book is the incredible difference of material and moral standards between Puerto Rico and New York, and between the slums of New York and the average middle-class Western society.

The incredible poverty of the Puerto Ricans makes sex the only form of entertainment which is cheap enough, and a mother who supports her children by prostitution respected more than one who farms her children out for others to look after. Marriage becomes an economic impracticability—couples live in free union and may have seven or eight "husbands" or "wives" in this way. Sex and sexual imagery is a dominant feature in the book, yet it never becomes obscene: how can it be when it is a basic part of the lives of the Puerto Ricans?

The value of this book as a literary work is debatable; but it has few parallels in the way it manages to make the reader aware of the massive gulf between Western prosperity and the "Third World" of the poor and underprivileged everywhere. If you enjoy "La Vida", read Lewis's "The Children of Sanchez" as well; in my opinion it is an even greater work.

FILMS
PHIL IRVING

Harmless corruption

ONCE more back in the well-worn trough of glossy fantasy, the Odeon this week offers "Duffy"—a film, so the Press blurb informs us, "Shows you how to put a little evil into your life—and love it"—the film or the evil? A little corruption never did anyone any harm, the screen play claims; and true nobody comes to grief and everyone ends up reasonably happy — they needn't have bothered in fact.

James Coburn as an unlikely looking American hippy living in Tangier, and enjoying himself very much thank you, gives the film what vestigial life it possesses. He's calm and he's cool and he's done it all before and been to everyplace where it's at, man.

He communes with the East in the approved jet-set manner, has all the chicks drooling after him, but looks altogether well fed to be credible. Being completely amoral, he fancies the idea of pirating a million or so—a scheme thought up by two half-brothers, Stafane and Antony—from their father, wealthy businessman J. C. Calvert.

Susannah York hangs around looking eternally seducible, provoking any sex the script-writers thought necessary.

The trouble is that none of it matters to any of them; the plot falls within itself. They dont particularly care whether they get the money or not; an elaborate exercise in devious plot management without any power behind it.

Photography is about Moroccan tourist board level—all the wonders of the East have finally come down through the colour supplements to provide background for a very unsophisticated fantasy.



Jane Fonda and David Hemmings in a scene from "Barbarella," retained for a third week at the ABC, Coleshill Street.

Cut up the bug-eyed monsters

COMPLETING a very indifferent week for films in Birmingham the ABC New Street has "Lost Continent," the latest offering from Hammer films. It's curious, the way all of their films, even when put into a relatively modern setting, as is this one, have a very old-fashioned air. Undertones of Victorian melodrama are everywhere and the film treads very unsteadily the razor edge between horror and outright farce.

This much is very true of all their films, but "Lost Continent" (loosely based on the novel by Dennis Wheatley) seems a little short on ideas. Hasn't anyone told them for example, that gooey monsters; convincing only as far as rubber advertising goes, do not produce horror even in the most unsophisticated audience. And if mock horror is the object of the exercise, then it has to be done a lot more slickly than the present half-hearted parody.

Eric Porter as the captain of a very doomed ship, cut on a voyage to South America with a shipload of passengers who inevitably all have dark pasts. Bug-eyed monsters, screams, caniobalistic weed abound throughout the latter half of the film—it takes a long time before the squelchy bits come to the fore—and prodded by their harrowing experiences, all start to discharge murky potted histories of their sad lives, and decide that they like each other after all. Hmm. Has anyone been here before?

With a few suitable cuts, it would be great matinee material.

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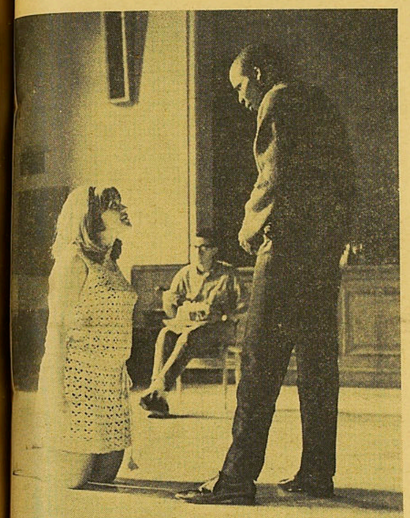
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THE new Guild theatre production, which opens in the Debating Hall this evening, should be an exciting and powerful experience. "The Car Cemetery" is a kind of modern version play, but the action takes place against a background of filth and human degradation. The brutality of the future backed by a totalitarian police gives this story of the persecution and betrayal of the individual a new relevance. The confliction is as sordid and disturbing as the rest of the play.

In the final stage of rehearsal the eventual performance is still developing. The main characters are still finding their relationsips, and the people in the cars have yet to convince themselves of the restrictions of their environment. Improvisation on the part of the car-dwellers calls for a great deal of orignality and energy both of which are there.

The sheer ferocity of the play contrasted against the peaceful deterioration of the car cemetery is becoming apparent. In rehearsal, the director, Sebastian Bergman, seems at first to be one of the cast, running around, urging the cast to greater and greater efforts, as the play becomes a living and painful reality.

In the final analysis, however, the success of this play will depend neither on the cost nor the director but on the audience. They will sit on the floor between the cars and the acting area, and they will be part of the play. If the audience is detached, if there is no involvement then the play will fail.



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EATING OUT
TANTALUS

Indo-Tibetan

THE Tibet Restaurant in Edgbaston Street was one of the first restaurants to be reviewed by "Redbrick," just after it opened a few years ago. The reviewer's verdict was definitely unfavourable, and several visits by other people led to the same conclusions. Times change, however, and the Tibet now displays a large sign proudly proclaiming "Under New Management." And it has improved for the change.

It is situated in the new block of shops under the Bull Ring, opposite the Rag Market and between St. Martin's and the Midland Red bus station. A rather garish display of coloured lights proclaims the presence of the restaurant in a jarringly un-oriental fashion and the interior, likewise, makes no concessions towards the mystique of the East. It is completely devoid of any atmosphere, and, indeed, smacks of extreme utilitarianism.

The tablecloths are not the cleanest, nor the service the fastest, that we have ever seen, and the water tastes more like liquid paraffin than pure Claerwen. The prices also are quite high, although they do vary more than in most places, the basic curries ranging from 8s. to 14s.

However, the food itself has improved immensely. In addition to the usual curries and supplementary English and Chinese dishes a small number of Tibetan specialities are offered. One of these is the potent Phal curry, quaintly described in the menu as "hot and tomatoes." It is, in fact, hotter than any vindaloo, and probably the hottest curry to be found in Birmingham. For those who can stand the heat, it consists of an interestingly flavoured combination of spices and herbs, surrounding meat which isn't too bad, albeit somewhat tough or undercooked.

Another interesting dish is the Tibetan Special Curry. This contains abnormally large portions of well cooked chicken in a well-spiced (but not hot) sauce which contains, amongst other things, bits of pineapple, banana and lychees. The only drawback is that the basic curry costs 14s., although it is probably worth it for the quantity you get. Other specials are available at £1 or more.

Unfortunately, the Tibet is quite popular amongst the louder classes of Brummies, but if you can put up with them, it's well worth a visit.

Chinese

Chinese food is prepared from a totally different basic concept from Indian cooking. With the latter one is expected to have a main course with rice or chapatti (the Brummies eat chips); with the former one eats rice but no main course. Instead one is expected to eat several small dishes, each with its own distinctive flavour. (Those who complain that Chinese food is tasteless are usually guilty of ordering only one dish.) To do this one must go either with a group, each ordering a main dish and sharing, or order one of the special meals that all restaurants advertise. This is probably the better method.

So we went along to the Hong Kong on the Hagley Road at Ivy Bush, and ordered a 30s. meal for two. Chicken and mushroom soup, hot and tasty, was followed by a meal of egg fried rice, chicken chop suey, sweet and sour pork, lobster balls, and chicken and mushroom. There was also a sweet and coffee.

No one could fail to be satisfied with the value and the quality of this meal. The food was good and cooked well, and the various dishes balanced in quantity and flavour, a provision that might not be met if one were to choose the meal oneself.

Service at the Hong Kong is good, but one wonders why Chinese waiters never smile (unlike many Indian waiters who seem to smile continuously.) And the restaurant is pleasantly decorated. The description of the bogs as the Sampan Rooms tends to put one off, but the bogs themselves are clean. Well, fairly.

The impression left is of a good restaurant serving good cheap food that is furthermore situated close to the Hagley Road student ghetto.

English

But of course, not everyone wants to pay good money for foreign food. There are still many traditionalists who prefer to know just what their food consists of, and who are not happy eating in restaurants where they believe that the meat is feline. And there is another, not inconsiderable group who like to eat in surroundings that are both comfortable and exclusive.

An ideal restaurant for these groups is the "Satis Cafe" in Cannon Street (off New Street). Very pleasant surroundings, plenty of wood that is for a change genuine and polished, the Satis provides food that is English, good and cheap. Lunches, afternoon teas and dinners are all catered for (ranging from sausage, peas and chips at 3s. 6d., to steaks at 10s.) and all are served quickly and well by pretty, friendly waitresses.

The clientele is, as one would expect, basically middle-aged and often identifiable as feminine, but there appears to be no objection to the student gastronome manifesting himself for the purpose of culinary replenishment. As a restaurant catering for more average tastes, this is possibly the "best buy" for any student wishing to eat well at little cost.

EATING IN
JENNIFER ECCLES

Glorious food

AS those of you who are having to provide your own food for the first time will by now have realised, eating is expensive, particularly good eating. Pasta, rice and potatoes are all cheap bases for meals, and bread is the inevitable space-filler. But none of this is particularly interesting; ordinary food, however, is easily glamourised.

Trqy, for example, adding some curry powder and a few sultanas to stewed meat. Mixed herbs and spices are a good investment, as they give things a distinctive flavour. A standard mixture of mince, onions and tomatoes is good with either rice or pasta; vary this with mushrooms, garlic, peppers, bacon or cheese.

Meat is an expensive item; bacon joints are cheap and succulent, and liver, properly baked with mushrooms, tomatoes, bacon and (great luxury) stuffing, is delicious. But a record low-cost meal is bacon pie at 7½d. per head. Fry bacon and onions, and put them in a casserole dish with a thick layer of tinned peas on top. Cover this with white sauce, top with a layer of sliced, boiled potatoes and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour—if your peas are cheap it will come out green but don't let this worry you.

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SOCCER

Davies stakes claim for first team place

FIVE goals in two matches—that was how Pete Davies laid claim to a regular first team place. His chance came with an injury to striker Mel Birkinshaw. Davies took it with both hands, scoring two goals against Warwick. One shortly before the end was a fine drive, making the result certain when Warwick had begun to fight back.

Inside six minutes in the U.A.U. match against Warwick he had laid on one goal and scored another. He scored a second just before the end with a fine drive after a breakaway, making Birmingham certain of reaching the Midland Area Final.

Davies went one better and scored a hat-trick against Nuneaton League side Stockingford in the County F.A. Cup. He completed it in extra time to put the University in the next round with some of the best amateur teams in the Midlands.

Birmingham Un. 3, Warwick Un. 1.

In the match against Warwick the early two-goal lead could easily have gone astray. Front runners Davies, Maille and Hughes received few good passes and consequently allowed Warwick to come into the game. Steve Hart was hooked by the referee just before half-time for a spectacular rather than bad foul.

Putting on the pressure in the second half, Warwick were rewarded with a goal and Ian Finch was prompted to make a spectacular save on another occasion. As the game drew to a close Maille took over from the injured Payne at right-back and Birmingham relentlessly defended their lead, then came Davies' decisive goal.

Birmingham University 4, Stockingford A.A. 2.

At Stockingford a two-goal lead did go astray. The early goals were laid on for Davies by Hawkins, and from then on the University assumed control of the match. The defence was doing the usual sound job and deputies Hanan and Starr were proving adequate substitutes for the injured Hart and Payne. The Stockingford team managed few direct shots at goal but on the stroke of half-time, a corner on the left resulted in their inside-right heading a fine goal.

by IAN FINCH

The University side worked hard in the second half to hold on but in the dying seconds, when the game looked as if it was won, the clever Stockingford centre-forward hit a tremendous half volley from 20 yards out into the net. This goal did not discourage the team: rather it had the opposite effect, for at this point the side seemed to be enjoying their football and were quite happy to play 20 minutes' extra time.

Again it was Davies who restored Birmingham's lead after five minutes of the first period of extra time. With experienced campaigners Rosbrook and Eastman holding a tiring defence together, and Riley adopting a "thou shall not pass" attitude, the team ran towards the climax.

The last seconds of the game produced the move of the match, when Hawkins headed a ball out to Dobson on the right, who outpaced a tiring full-back before crossing the ball into the centre where Maille was sliding in to hit it into the roof of the net.

2nd XI SOCCER

2nd DOUBLE FIGURES VICTORY

Birmingham Univ. 2nd XI ... 10
Warwick ... 1

BIRMINGHAM swept to their second successive double-figure win on Wednesday in the important U.A.U. match against Warwick.

Despite the large margin of the win Warwick played some good football in the first half. After Keith Gardiner had scored twice for Birmingham a moment's hesitation in the otherwise improved defence, allowed Warwick to pull one back before half-time.

In the second half Birmingham pulled another man back into midfield and with Fred Oldfield playing really well up front they completely overran a gradually tiring Warwick side. Gardiner rounded off a fine display with three more well-taken goals and the scoreline increased with further goals from Rog Dobson (2), Dave Hatton, Pete Homan and last and least Rob Stockley.

Team: J. Lyle, M. Storr, D. Collins, D. Barroclough, M. Shaw, P. Homan, F. Oldfield, R. K. Gardiner, D. Hatton, R. Dobson.

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RUGBY

Five tries for Stan Peters

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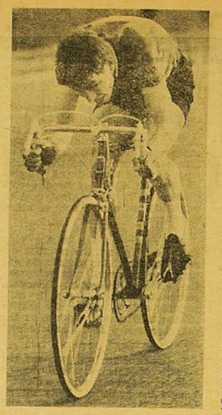
FOLLOWING this victory over Warwick, the seconds have only to beat Keele seconds next week to qualify for the semi-finals of the Midland section of the U.A.U. championships. Birmingham went ahead with a penalty by Hart, but Warwick quickly replied with a penalty try, after veteran Stan Peters was penalised for "obstruction." The score at half-time was 9-8 to the University.

The Birmingham pack completely outplayed the opposition and only allowed Warwick three strikes all afternoon. Late in the second half Bernie Walsh powered his way over from a five-yard scrum following a great interception and fine run by Dave Etherington.

2nd XV 28, London Hosp. 3.

The feature of the match was the five tries scored by Stan Peters; he had the knack of being in the right place at the right time. In the first half the University scored five tries, three by Peters, one each by Richardson and Bond, one of which was converted by Hart. This gave the University a 17—3 lead at the interval.

From then on the seconds tended to relax a little, but this only increased their confidence to open the game up and make use of their speedy threequarter line. Peters got two more tries before with the last move of the match, John Clark beat three men to go over between the posts. Birtwistle converted to make the final score 28—3, their biggest win of the season.



Martin Crowther—on his way to his 20th sub-hour 25-mile time trial.

CYCLE RACING

Personal best for Hallam in Mexico

THIRD year dentistry student Ian Hallam represented Great Britain in two events at the Mexico Olympics. In the 4,000 metres individual pursuit he went faster than ever before with 4min. 50.6sec. but failed to qualify for the quarter finals. His mentor, Norman Shell, twice amateur pursuit champion, may well mould him into a medal winner in the next Games. In the team pursuit Ian helped the G.B. team to a best-ever time of 4min. 28.4sec. the 12th fastest in the qualifying round, but four seconds too slow for the quarter finals.

It is interesting to note that Ian's individual time and the team time beat the previous Olympics records, although both outside the new records by 13 seconds.

In his last event of the season, University 25-mile time trial record holder Martin Crowther produced his 20th sub-hour ride for the distance this year. After a crash when leading in the U.A.U. championships and several collapsing wheels such an achievement is surprising. Next year he hopes to get fitter, particularly mentally, since he says: "I never had an edge and didn't force myself hard enough." This after his best-ever season for prizes.

In the U.A.U. hill climb championships on the 1,720-yard Burnhope Hill at Durham, which has an average gradient of 1 in 6, Dave Edmundson (Mech. Eng. III) gained fifth place. He ascended in 6min. 1.5sec., compared with the winner's time of 5min. 31.0sec. The winner, Key Watson, of Leeds, had the impressive margin of 22 seconds over the second man.

TABLE TENNIS

Warwick overwhelmed

Birmingham Univ. 15, Warwick 0.

Warwick were overwhelmed by a confident home side who only permitted the visitors to take one event to three games.

Next Wednesday's match with Keele should be just a formality as Warwick have already beaten them 11—4 this season.

Team: B. Mitchell, C. Coombs, R. Henderson, S. O'Neale, C. Wong.

SQUASH

FIVE EASY GAMES

Birmingham University 0
Warwick 0

THE squash team remained unbeaten in the U.A.U. championships following a resounding victory over Warwick. All five players had very easy games, and were not called upon to show their skills.

Jug Ahluwalia still leads the way in the league matches. Last Monday he beat Dr. R. Haye, the Warwickshire No. 2, at the Edgbaston Priory Club. The rest of the team, though fighting gamely, were unable to score another victory.

Team: J. Ahluwalia, J. McCollum, P. Graetz, W. Perrie, J. Palmer.

Jim McCollum played for Staffordshire on Sunday and once again demonstrated his improvement and fitness by winning in five sets at No. 5.

FENCING

KEELE MUST BE BEATEN!

The Fencing Club face Keele today, in a match they must win to survive in the U.A.U. competition.

A collapse in the sabre at Nottingham nullified a creditable performance in the foil. The team was forced to concede the match without fighting in the epee events.

Against Manchester the team fared much better. Determined fencing by freshman Bob Vella and the appearance of Vic Pillar helped Birmingham to come close to victory. Though Dick Darton won all his three fights in the epee, the match was eventually lost 13—14.

talking point

"HEALTHY in body, healthy in mind" . . . goes the old maxim and it makes people think about the connection between sport and academic matters in the university curriculum. More pertinently, at a time when considerable numbers of sixth-formers are basing their U.C.C.A. forms it highlights the whole question of the connection between sporting achievement and university acceptance. Do world records and national titles count more than "A" Level University Departments than good "O" Levels?

Obviously the whole question of the Admissions Procedure is too vast to be analysed in any investigation of this nature, but clearly all Admissions Tutors will emphasise the importance of the personal analysis of candidates before giving offers, and most, if not all, departments of the university require candidates to attend for an interview. The personal element in all decisions therefore increases the risk that irregularities may occur either in favour of sportsmen, or against them. Some tutors may consider that to have played or competed for a county or a city is a contribute to a student's character whilst others might think that academic work could suffer if an athlete or swimmer took time out to train.

The School of Dentistry has perhaps come up for most criticism in this respect recently. "Wally" could wrongly accused a student of that school of receiving low grades and being accepted because he was an outstanding athlete. Certainly Dentistry has a high proportion of top class competitors: Bantherpe, Hallam, Holden and Skybrant. The Admissions Tutor to that School, Mr. F. I. H. Whitehead is a Vice-President of Athletic Union and obviously a keen sportsman himself, but as he pointed out recently in an interview in the School of Dentistry, final selection of candidates to whom offers will be made is the responsibility of a panel of three, and whilst Mr. Whitehead himself may be biased in favour of the sportsman his comments are neutralised by the rest of the Admissions Board. Mr. Whitehead pointed out that average national qualifications for Dentistry were lower than, for example, Arts subjects and consequently to students of other Faculties it may appear that something unusual has occurred when a student is accepted with three "E's" as happened until recently.

Qualification

Mr. R. J. Knecht, Admissions Tutor to the Department of History said that qualifications for the Faculty of Arts generally were running so high in recent sessions that such fine judgments on the importance of sporting achievement as against actual "A" levels was very rarely necessary. Naturally participation in sports has some effect on the personality of candidates and this is no doubt taken into account, but the truth is that this university does not run courses of combined Physical Education and Science subjects, and consequently students who do not wish to take an Arts combination with Phys. Ed. or who cannot meet the high requirements that the Combined Honours School lays down, must apply for regular courses and hope that their training does not cause their G.C.E. work to suffer.

The whole question is very complex because of the nature of the selection procedure. It may be that someone is accepted to do Dentistry because as, Mr. Whitehead points out, he or she may have a very good personality suited to treating patients in great pain, and added to this is the fact that all grades of "A" levels are variable by up to five per cent and consequently this person with slightly lower grades, who may happen to be a sportsman could be selected above someone else. In addition to the question of entry to University, of the admittance procedure to Halls of Residence. The criticism has often been levelled that athletes find it very easy to get into some Halls, but once more this is impossible to deny or prove.

Wendy Palmer, Chairman of Athletic Union put the whole matter into perspective by saying that so far as she knew, no sportsman who did not deserve entry on his academic qualifications has ever matriculated at Birmingham University, although when the choice of students is very close is can sometimes help, in certain Departments, to have achieved something in the world of sport.

ROGER KELLY,
Redbrick Sports Staff.

sport 2

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM WHIP OXFORD

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. 100 pts., OXFORD UNIV. 85

Up on the track last Saturday, the strongest ever Birmingham squad whipped a brave Oxford team by 100-85 pts. margin. This was Oxford's first ever defeat at our hands and added to our reversal of Loughborough a month ago, must have caused several cracks in the tradition of Oxbridge-Loughborough athletics supremacy.

A chill November wind cut down performances, while the track was over the odd winter disaster had to cope with flooding in several places. Ralph Banthorpe appeared to be having trouble with his sub-drums during re-entry, made a triumphant return after the Olympics in the 330 yds. Ralph Banthorpe cleared through the furlong in 36sec. to finish 34.5sec., a shade outside the University record but inside the old track record. Showing a welcome return to form, Jim Aukett was second in 36.5sec.

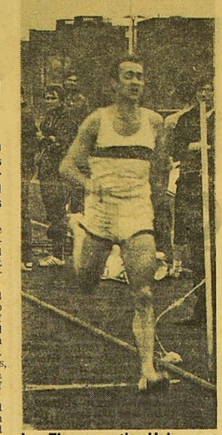
Phil Morrod showed his class over the hurdles." He ran 39.2sec. to chop half a second off the University record in the 330 "lows." Then he sped over the "highs" in a winning 7.7sec. Rod has now recovered from the injuries which cut short his early promise, and looks set for a return to world class.

Best performance out in the field was by burly Jan Skybrant, who won the hammer with a toss of 155ft. 8in. Tony Newton claimed maximum points for Birmingham with a personal best of 130ft. 5in.

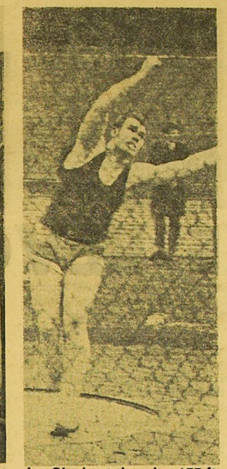
Tony caused an upset in the discus, when he handed Prance Ince a two-foot defeat with a distance of 127ft. 4in.

High flyers, Pete Trewin and Jock Lyle got a 1-2 in the high jump and Perrie Christie showed that he is back in earnest, by taking the long jump and coming second in the triple jump. Speedsters Geoff Silman and Mark Saunders won the "A" and "B" 60 yard dashes respectively with Silman defeating Pete Cornes in 6.6sec. Cornes came back in the 150 yards though with a runaway win in 15.2 sec. Our sprinters look classier at every outing and we have other good men like Bob Champ and Chris Christophides to back them up.

In the three-quarter mile, John Eley pushed Bob Steele of Oxford, A.A.A. Junior champion, hard but had to give way and finished a second behind in 3min. 8.8sec., which is 4min. 15 sec. mile pace—good going on a wet track. Although the team performances throughout the afternoon had been superlative, the final verdict still rested on the 4 x 110yds. and medley relays. The spring boys ran away with the former in a scintillating 44.3sec., and the medley by a big margin, which topped off a memorable afternoon quite nicely!



Ian Thomson, the Univ. captain, bringing his team home 1st in the 4 x 440 yards relay against Oxford.



Jan Skybrant throwing 155 ft. to win the hammer on Saturday.

CROSS-COUNTRY

First league win at Tewkesbury

ON the muddy rough pastureland of Tewkesbury, near Cheltenham, the University achieved their first victory in the Birmingham League for many years. This was the first of the four league fixtures of the season, and was clinched when the sixth Birmingham runner crossed the line in seventeenth place.

The high spirits of the previous night's Fireball entertainments only succeeded in speeding Andy Holden to a comfortable individual victory over his old rival, John Hammond, of Coventry Godiva, in a time of 28min. 32sec. Malcolm Thomas, relishing the heavy going, pounded home in third place for one of his best runs ever, and a time of 29min. 13sec. Gavin Russell is obviously coming right into form, as he finished a fantastic ninth in 30min. 20sec., and is looking stronger every week.

In 12th place came Dickie Nile, thus achieving his second highest placing ever in these league races. Completing the University scoring six were Pete Griffiths, who was obviously suffering from lime and lemon poisoning, back in 16th place —one in front of the youngest member of our team, Roger Brown, who ran on powerfully over the last of the three two-mile laps.

Steve Gibbons and Ron Taylor came in 29th and 30th, which would have put them well up in the University's scoring six last year, and with Tom Salway 42nd, and Tony Thirkettle 44th, the University has undoubtedly got the strength in depth that it will need if it is to consolidate its position at the head of the league.

Result: 1, Birmingham University 58pts.; 2, Stoke A.C. 82; 3, Smallheath H. 135; 4, Coventry Godiva 197.

Altogether there were eight teams and 130 runners taking part.

BASKETBALL

YANKS UNNERVE TOWER POWER

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY 56, WARWICK 43

THE first squad's destruction of Warwick on Wednesday, spelt out in neon lights what basketball provides; bright, aggressive, skilful and entertaining titillation for both players and followers alike. Warwick had five Americans, and as these guys have played ball since they were knee-high to a grasshopper, our squad was naturally nervous. Yet goaded on to gargantuan efforts by their frantic followers, Tower Power took a half-time lead of five points.

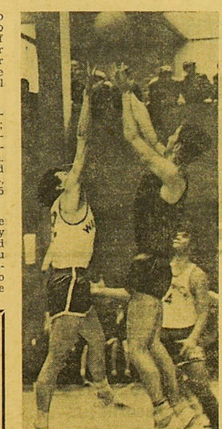
This lead was not only due to good close-range jumpers, but also to the precise and controlled use of both backboards. Whenever our opponents missed the bucket, our spring-heeled heroes leapt to the heights of the gym to pluck the ball down.

The squad was superior to Warwick in all phases of the game; loose balls were snatched with tigerish tenacity and mistakes capitalised upon with no quarter given. Cutting swiftly for the pass and driving decisively for the basket, the Squad ran away by a clear 15 points.

The second squad completed the annihilation with their best display of the season. So if you find that some sports do not supply you with that sensation of breath-holding suspense, trip it lightly to see both squads at their next home game.

This week's sport

TODAY:
U.A.U. v. Keele
Soccer, Hockey—Wast Hills.
Rugby—Bournbrook.
Squash—Old Gym.
Badminton, Basketball—Sports Centre.
Table Tennis—Union.
SATURDAY:
Aston Villa v. Preston, 3 p.m.
Wolves v. West Ham, 3 p.m.
Hockey, 1st v. Kidderminster.
W.I.V.A.B. Rally—Wast Hills.



Paul Patterson scores two valuable points in last Wednesday's U.A.U. victory.



Fishburn

HOCKEY

Fishburn settles the issue

Birmingham University 3
Warwick 0

ON a soaked pitch at Wast Hills the University hockey team consolidated their chances of reaching the final rounds of the U.A.U. by dominating most of their game against Warwick University. Goals from Freeman and Fishburn (2) put the issue beyond doubt but the scoreline flattered Warwick.

The pattern of the game was set right from the start as the University attack moved smoothly ahead. Chances came in plenty but the finishing still lacks bite, and this was due to the relative slowness of attacks up the left flank. This contrasted with the sensible speed of those engineered by Fishburn and Tillsey from the left.

Birmingham Univ. 2nd XI ... 7
Warwick ... 0

The 2nd XI remain unbeaten after a casual dismissal of an indifferent Warwick team. After being held to a no-goal lead at half-time they proceeded to net another six goals in the second half of which Brown netted four. On this form they look to be among the favourites for the U.A.U. second-team championship.

GOLF

...ATHAN DRIVES TO VICTORY

Birmingham University 6, Bangor 0.

The University golf team managed an excellent 6—0 win over Bangor at Delamore Forest.

Andrew Darbon "never having been better" on the course, had easy six and five win. Pete Kay needed only spasmodic pars to win by five and four. R. Lister and A. Cox both struggled home in very close one hole. Lister's opponent generously missed a two-putt on the last. Cox, after being one down with two to play, won the last two holes.

Freshmen R. Roebuck and C. Tom both won by respectable mar-

BADMINTON

Meager is no help to opposition

Birmingham University 8
Warwick 1

LAST Wednesday Birmingham scored an impressive victory in their U.A.U. match against Warwick, who had little to offer apart from U.A.U. star Barry Meager.

Dick Abell, coming in for the indisposed Mostafa, combined well with Chris Jones to form a strong third couple. They won two of their events in straight games, while Mike Donovan and Doug Haynes, and Mick Howes and Dave Jones were not unduly troubled in winning all three.

As Warwick have already beaten Keele, this means that Birmingham will qualify for the Midland Division play-off.

Unfortunately the ladies' team had less success, achieving only three wins against Warwick's third couple. They now have no hope of progressing in the W.I.V.A.B. competition.

Birmingham Univ. 14, Oxford 1

On Saturday the men's first team travelled to Oxford, where six singles were added to the usual nine doubles. This turned out to be to the visitors' advantage, as Birmingham proceeded to make a clean sweep of the singles events to really emphasise their superiority.

Full marks to Andrew Bradley, coming in as reserve. In partnership with Chris Jones he lost narrowly to Oxford's third pair, but then fought well to win against the other two couples. It was also good to see all the Birmingham players having the opportunity to display their prowess at singles, which is not included in the U.A.U team competition.

Result:—

1st Ladies (WIVAB)
v Warwick U. (H). Lost 3-6

JUDO

16st. John smashes blacks

IN an away match at Oxford on Saturday against Oxford University and an R.A.F team, the Judo Club again put on a great performance to lose narrowly, despite fighting higher grades in almost every contest.

John Blackburn, the giant 16-stone Birmingham blue belt, put on his usual stars performance, smashing two black belts to win easily each time. John Winter, who took up judo only two weeks ago, did very well to defeat two green belts and a white.

Birmingham teams:—

1st—J. Blackburn, K. Murray, D. Nicholson, P. Eisnit, R. Willis, J. Roud.

2nd—J. Winter, K. Fulls, L. Kay, R. Heppleston.

MEN'S LACROSSE

MIXED GAME BY BOLLAND

Birmingham University 5
Old Stopfordians 'A' 13

A FRANTIC eleventh-hour revision of the travelling arrangements did little to help the men's lacrosse team, who were defeated in Stockport on Saturday, although the score-line was a little harsh on the Birmingham team.

More disconcerting than the heavy score was the lack of reason for it, as both attacks and defences were evenly matched. Goalie Bolland had a game of mixed fortune, making several good saves but failing to intercept some easier shots.

By the final quarter, Birmingham found themselves trailing by 11 goals to two, both of these scored by Ian Blair. However, further goals in the last quarter from each of the Williams brothers, and the inevitable, superb solo goal by Dave Farrar, gave some respect to the final score and some hope to the team, which was:—

Bolland; Graham, Farrar, Buckley; Norris, Crowhurst; Ashton, McGraight, Jerry Williams; Blair, Bullough (captain), John Williams.

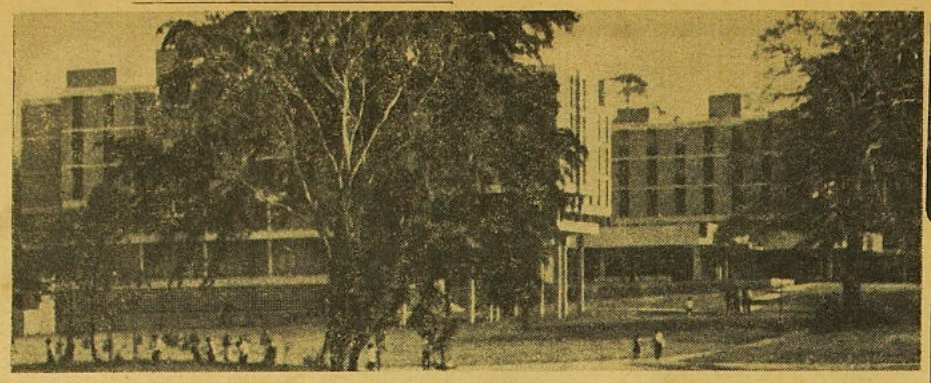
TENPIN BOWLING

Combined universities beaten

Birmingham Universities 7, Cambridge 9.

Birmingham Universities travelled to Cambridge on Sunday, only to be narrowly defeated 9—7 in a match of widely varying standards. The "C" team and ladies' team put up good performances, the top series for these teams being bowled by Mick Owen (Aston Colleges of Commerce) and Mary Smith (Postgrad Biochemistry).

This was balanced by uninspiring performances by the "A" and "B" teams. Dave Law (Postgrad, Chem. Eng.) was the "A" team star maintaining his respectable 166 average. Martyn Quigley (Maths I) was the "B" team star, fulfilling his early season promise.



LAKE REVOLT

FOLLOWING the ultimatum issued last week by Guild Council to the University authorities, there has been mounting speculation in Lake Hall concerning the rôle which residents on the Vale Site can assume.

Last Tuesday a group of interested students met to discuss the part which Lake Hall might play in the broad drive towards effective representation for Guild members on governing bodies. The meeting, which lasted into the small hours, resulted in the formation of a preliminary outline of proposals.

It was the intenton of the group to submit these reforms to the J.C.R. Committee for approval and amended documentation so they might be presented at a Special General Meeting of the J.C.R. In the event of full support, the proposals would be sent, via Lake Executive, to the Halls of Residence Board of Management.

The exact content of the plan is not yet completely clear but the main point would be demands for the immediate approval and implementation of a joint S.C.R. and J.C.R. committee which would have the power to determine the internal policies of the Hall. Thus, the general administrative duties would still remain under the control of the outside body.

However, the original impetus of the scheme has suffered a little. This is because there have been strong rumours which suggest that Lake S.C.R., possibly in conjunction with Wyddrington S.C.R., are themselves organising the presentation of certain requests to the governing body. Such proposals might involve the long-battled question of the institution of the "ground-floor plan," desiged to promote a liaison of activities and facilities on the ground floor.

Nevertheless, as the initial student proposals have a strong backing it is unlikely that interest will die because of an advance in another direction. In fact, Lake students are quite confident that some definite headway can still be made especially with the support of Wyddrington, who, it seems may have a referendum to sound the opinions of the women residents.

What will happen if the proposals are presented and rejected? A J.C.R. member said: "Discussion concerning a rejection has taken place, but a decision on the next step will be made then, not now."

Hard luck

IF you parked your car in Edgbaston Park or Pritchatts Road this morning it's probably not there now. Selly Oak police started towing away cars this morning, after tolerating the situation for some months. The parking was becoming particularly dangerous, a police spokesman claimed, and there was no excuse for not parking in the University. The cars are now at Belgrave Road police station, and will cost £4 10s. to recover.

NEITHER SIDE IS IMPRESSED

LAST Wednesday the Ad Hoc group held another "illegal" meeting in the Mezzanine Lounge, to discuss possible educational and administrative reforms. After this, some 250 students moved to the entrance hall of the University building, and there staged a sit-in to protest against the refusal of the University authorities to allow students to be present at the discussion of the "Student Role" document in University Council that afternoon.

The discussion then continued, and showed that the unrest of the past few weeks has at least produced one positive result, the level of discussion has risen considerably. After an enlightening history of the development of university administration by Dick Atkinson, the councillors began to arrive. The Registrar asked for a path to be cleared for them, which the students then did. The councillors were asked indivdually to join in the discussion; only one, the Warden of the Guild, did stay.

This was for many the first confrontation between University councillors and students, and neither side seemed very impressed with the other. Most councillors refused to give their names, and seemed distressed to see students sitting on the floor. The Registrar thought it would be too much for two old ladies, who were taken through another entrance. At about 5.15 nine members of the Guild Council Executive arrived, and while the three members that the University had agreed could present their case went in, Chris Tyrell read a statement which included a demand that all nine should be allowed into council.

The University eventually allowed seven students to present their case, but refused to allow them to stay for discussions. At one point the meeting moved in a rush up the stairs, where it was suggested there might be an open door. However, security guards formed a human blockade across the entrance to the Senate Chamber, and everyone went quietly down.

An offer by the Vice-Chancellor and several members of Council to address the meeting was then considered, and doubts were expressed against the usefulness of discussions with them at this point. However, about half the students went to the Union where the V.-C. and others did eventually come and talk to them for a quarter of an hour.



Sitting In

CANADIAN GIFT

NEXT Monday a delegation from the Canadian High Commission in London will be coming to the University to present the Library with a collection of Canadian books to add to the already large collection there. It is hoped that eventually Birmingham will house the finest collection of Canadian books outside Canada.

Professor Fraser MacKenzie, head of the French Dept., has already received an honorary degree in Canada in recognition of the work carried on in this field.

LATE ELECTIONS

Catering Services Secretary: Pete Jackson

Ents. Comm. Chairman: John Burkill

Guild Handbook Editor: Jenny Wickham

REDBRICK

THERE has been so much ill-informed criticism and ignorance in the discussions going on in the University at present that it has been almost impossible to carry on an intelligent argument. The Guild action in publishing further copies of the "Student Role" and abstracts from it comes at a strategic time. The 150 Chemists who signed a petition against striking not only misunderstood Guild Council's decision, but failed to realise the importance of the "Student Role"; indeed the organiser admitted that not only had he not read it but he had not voted in the Presidential election and as only two out of four places on Guild Council had been filled by Chemists he had not voted in Guild Council elections. People like this have abrogated all right to complain that the Guild is not representative.

However, perhaps this can now be remedied. The direct action now being discussed is far more constructive than striking. The discussions which will go on between now and November 27th could produce an unprecedented amount of concern and involvement in the University's structure and might set people thinking about a subject which they had previously ignored. The request for two days off to discuss this whole question is very sensible. It will get the subject aired and will show that students are concerned with the running of the University. It will show that many are concerned with the quality of education they are receiving, and the usefulness of a degree. The second proposal, that lectures and seminars after November 27th be given over to discussion, is also a very interesting one, since this will ensure that all students can be made aware of the situation, and will force the students who might oppose reform (as some well might) to state their reasons. The discussions that are to go on in the Union during the next three weeks should dispel the ignorance and apathy that exists in part of the student body. When people read the "Student Role," probably for the first time, they will realise how logical, reasonable, moderate and justified our requests are. The Vice-Chancellor said on Monday that we are evolving a structure for the Universities of the 21st century. Anyone who does not involve himself in this evolution is failing in his duty to himself and to future students.

ONCE more the Main Bar habitues have gone too far. No-one minds the usual singing, swearing, dancing and all the other activities which give the Bar its atmosphere. Indeed, this is the great glory of it, and the envy of so many other Student Unions. But the kind of senseless anti-social behaviour by Chem. Eng. on two nights this week is what ruins this atmosphere.

But what of our methods of dealing with such behaviour? The Disciplinary Committee procedure is exceedingly slow and cumbersome, allowing appeal after appeal until one side eventually gives up. Its usual judgment, a ban from the Union for some length of time, is generally treated with contempt. A thorough reform of the system is needed, but the proposed elimination of one step is not enough. A complete reformation of the structure and the way in which it works is necessary; it should be more powerful and be able to administer adequate penalties for breaches of the rules. Also, by replacing Discipline Committee by the Guild Executive we break one of the principles of natural justice, that no can should be judge in his case. The best answer would be to give the Disciplinary Committee much more power; also the only appeal should be to the University Council, which should prevent useless and protracted delays.

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9.00 p.m. **FOUNDERS**

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"This House would Back Biafra"
COUNCIL CHAMBER
7.30 p.m.

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Bar : 3/6
ARDEN ROOM REFECTORY 8 p.m.
DISCOTHEQUE
Founders - 8.00 p.m.

Sunday
SUNDAY FLIC:
"HOMBRE"
DEB. HALL
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