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WEEK-END GRANTS SLAM A BLUFF?

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By ALAN MUNTON

THE dire threats issued by Patrick Gordon Walker at the weekend, that student demonstrations are having a "very grave" effect on the grants and loans issue, can almost certainly be taken with a pinch of salt.

For one thing, as he said, he has received "a spate of letters" from individuals—but neither he nor students can have been surprised by this. As a politician he is bound to say something, most of it as a concession to the Alf Garnetts.

In any case, Gordon Walker, it is often suggested, is an unreliable person to take seriously on the way things are expected to go: he is scarcely an influential member of the Cabinet, or a respected figure in education.

More significant may have been the remark of Miss Shirley Williams, who has responsibility for higher education, at a D.E.S. press conference in January, that "the cutback in the grants increase is the price students will have to pay for loans not being brought in." This sympathetic aside may represent the true situation—and that the vital decision has already been made.

The biggest factor against loans, from the Government point of view, is that repayments will be slow and very small. If loans were instituted for this year's entry—which is unlikely — and postgraduates repaid at the rate of £3 a week (£150 p.a.), there would be a first return of £1 million in 1971-72 — scarcely a worthwhile sum compared with an annual higher education expenditure of £130 millions. This would reach a miserable £3m. by 1973-74.

Nevertheless, student "misbehaviour" could still affect events—the Government would scarcely mind appearing to be forced to bring in loans, even though they must be aware that removal of State social services is not the logical, or usual, response to the demonstration of political views. Student behaviour at the Vietnam Rally this weekend coud be crucial in this respect.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

NEW PLANS FOR TODAY

-more smears possible

This week the campus has been covered with a plethora of posters advertising the various presidential candidates in a brilliant range of dayglow colours.

It has been estimated that there are at least four thousand posters around the University; Ray Phillips alone has about a thousand.

In addition to posters, badges, stickers and a variety of other ideas (such as Chris Tyrrell's "Squirrel Girls"), several of the candidates have fiercely guarded secret gimmicks which they are not revealing till Wednesday, when the poster campaign will have got a little stale.

The campaigns vary in forcefulness considerably, and those of Sue Jackson and Maciek Pomian-Srzednicki are less obvious than the others, although Maciek, as one might expect from his Ents. Comm. posters has some very artistic campaign material.

One of the remarkable features of this campaign has been the mud-slinging which has been going on among the candidates, and also in such things as Saturday's "Wall" article criticising Nelson Bathurst. This is not helped by the fact that everyone is trying to outdo their rivals, and if one candidate does something new everyone else must follow suit.

The campaign is also very hard work — there are fifteen hustings altogether this week, including some at the Halls and in various departments.

Today the hustings are in the Deb. Hall, and all the candidates will be there.

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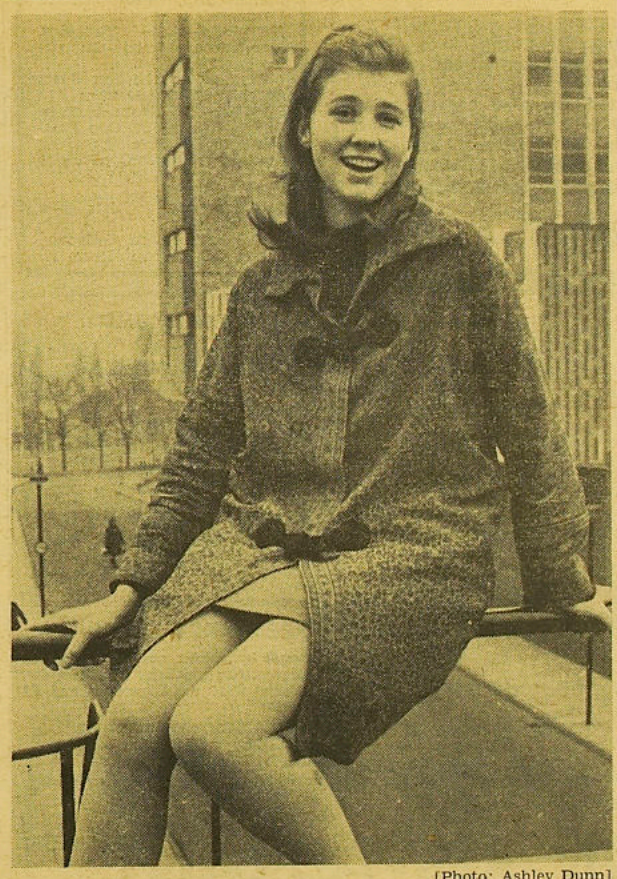
Don't forget your Guild card for voting tomorrow.

Reactionary Council reject reform

LAST night Guild Council refused to accept the first of the 10 recommendations contained in the report on constitution reform; namely, that the post of Vice-President be abolished.

A vote on the motion produced only six people in favour of the recomendation, four of those six being members of the committee. After a short adjournment, Council sat again and was declared inquorate when only a handful of councillors turned up, those absent being presumably discouraged by the time taken (about one hour) in discussing only one of the 10 points. Editor of "Wall," Dick Holt, who had challenged the quorum, said later: "I think that Constitution Committee tried to propose too much at once; this could have been spread over a year or more instead of just one week."

At the beginning of the discussion Roger Hird had criticised the report as the result of "the wrong job being given to the wrong committee."



[Photo: Ashley Dunn]

Lindsey Stoker, new chairman(?) of the '56 Society, aims to make sure the next arts festival is not a flop. Commenting on a recent exhibition in the Mezzanine lounge, the '56 Society's contribution to the Arts Festival, she said, "There was a very reasonable entry of 100 paintings from staff and students in the Birmingham area and the standard was fairly high." She was pleased too with the estimated 500 people, who came to see the exhibition. Nevertheless she has hopes of greater things in the future.

Bar fight —trouble board meets

AT last Saturday's Carnival Party there was a fight during which a beer glass was smashed over a student's head.

As a result John White, third year bio-chemist, is to appear before the Guild Disciplinary Board on Friday at 5.15 p.m. charged with the offence.

The Disciplinary Board, comprised of five Guild Councillors chosen from nine annually elected members of the board was last convened over an illegal party held in in Fifth House two years ago. The board has the right to expel from the Union anyone found guilty, and it can also refer the case to the University Disciplinary Committee if it so wishes.

In this case the person who made the complaint against White was Robert Teesdale, chairman of Catering Committee. The attack took place during the bar extension which had been arranged for the Carnival party, and the incident once more sets a question mark against the wisdom of increasing bar facilities and extending licencing hours on such occasions.

White was also involved in the fight during a dance earlier in the term as reported in "Redbrick" of February 7th. It was as a result of this that the question of the desirability of bar extensions first arose.

Money bags Edgbaston

FINANCES of the Edgbaston side of Carnival look like being a lot healthier than they were last year. With some of the money still to come in, Derek Palmer and his team on Carnival Committee have taken around £4,000. This is somewhat higher than last year, although expenses have still to be taken into account.

Regrettably, the Aston half of the partnership have not made the same total as they did last year, and in fact look like making a loss, if all the money expected from the midnight Romp sponsorships does not come in. Sales of "Barbs" down at Aston have been low, and they still have a large part of their allocation left.

The situation is a reversal of last year when Aston collected the larger part of the money raised.

Why this should be so is still a mystery. Derek Palmer, chairman of Edgbaston committee, said on Monday night, "The finances are just great here, at the moment."

The rather introverted Carnival this year has disappointed a lot of students, and perhaps this affected Aston more than Birmingham, as the new image went down a lot better here than it did over there. But the new image has certainly promoted better relations with the city.

There has been only one stunt—the lavatory cemented outside Rackhams store in the city—which could be described as regrettable—and all the rest have just collected money. Still many people feel that the new image is too innocuous.

JUNCTION JAZZ
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Half Brick

At the first sign of the crocus

WINTER is the time to sort out the men from the ice men—the flat-dwellers from the softies that live in digs or hall. Unless one is very affluent and has a centrally heated flat, winter is the time when everyone stays out as long as possible in the evenings, coming back only when chucking-out time at the pubs arrives, having spent the evening fortifying oneself against the rigours of going to bed.

Arrive at flat. Open door—surely it's colder inside than out. A quick dash to the electric fire—oops, not switched on yet. Blessed warmth.

Unfortunately, fires do not produce all-around warmth, and while one's hands are uncomfortably hot, the rear end is rather cold—not improved by the howling draught blowing through the woeful inadequate draught-excluders, which were put up hastily last November at the first N.E. wind.

After a time, of course, one gets used to the rigours of winter in a flat—even to the extent of recounting with pride, how one morning you got out of bed with the frost at least two inches thick on the windows, and dressed with scarcely a shiver. Even so, it is sickening to hear conversations in the coffee bar from hall-dwellers along the lines of "it was so hot last night—I could hardly get to sleep"—really foul stuff this central heating.

However, when the parents arrive, and are duly appalled by the conditions in which their offspring are living, then comes the time to spring to the defence of the flat: "It's a lovely place, really—so cozy, very nice wallpaper (hastily standing in front of the place where the damp is steadily peeling it off and crumbling the plaster).

Parents remain fundamentally convinced that a cold, damp flat is responsible for all the ills that are suffered by their student progeny—coupled with an early morning breakfast of coffee, Marvel, and a fag, they are responsible for poor work progress.

During the winter months all efforts at keeping up the appearance of the flat and the occupants go by the board, forgotten in the effort to keep on with the process of living. After all that door which has been hanging off for the past month—it doesn't really need a new hinge—the door still works—place it in the frame rather than shut it in the normal way; then sit and think with horror of the mounting gas and electricity bills.

One of these warm days someone will get round to repairing it—but not before the temperature has risen to at least 60 degrees, and the door can safely be taken off and repaired without anyone dying of exposure.

Approach of Spring is awaited with some eagerness, but ecstasy at the first crocus sighted in the garden soon sours when the temperature obstinately refuses to rise all that much above freezing point. Personally, I'm waiting for Summer.

Personal

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Insertions up to mid-day Tuesday

WANT a flat? Contact F. Wooldridge, Union P.H.

IS John Thorpe hen-pecked?

PASS on your unwanted flat. Contact F. Wooldridge, Union P.H.

MOTOR Club Members: Don't forget that the A.G.M. will take place tonight at 7.30 p.m. in Founder's Room, and will be followed by a Film Show.

GEOFF — Will Sellotape hold one on all Friday night? Deidre.

JOHN Mayall, Peter Green, Ten Years After, Cream, Jethro Tull etc. Anyone interested in British Blues. Contact J. Hare or S. Bywaters, via P.H., possibility of forming club.

CONSERVATIVE Association A.G.M. Council Chamber, Friday, 5.15 p.m. All members please come along.

FOLK A.G.M. March 18th in Founders.

INTERNATIONAL Club. Ents. Comm. Party. Mason Lounge, Arts Faculty. Saturday 16th, 8 p.m. Groups. Discotheque.

INTERNATIONAL Club. Annual General Meeting, Monday, 18th. 5.15 p.m. Election of Officers. Council Chamber.

INTERNATIONAL Club. Robert Resha, Executive member, African National Congress; "Guerilla Warfare in Southern Africa." Monday 18th, 6 p.m. Council Chamber.

FOLK Club. A.G.M., 7.15 p.m., Monday, March 18th.

FOLK Club — Young Tradition.

WILL whoever removed two posters belonging to the Birmingham Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, return them to External Affairs Office, as they are virtually irreplaceable. No questions asked.

ROCK and Roll is back! Come to Arden Room Refec. for Candle-light Social between Postgrads. and Technical Staff Associations. Start at 8 p.m. Saturday night. All welcome. Tickets 5/-.

POSTGRAD. Scavanger Hunt. Sunday. Get up and go with P.G.A. Low mileage, no route, meet 2.30 p.m. outside Hutte.

PROHIBITION? LIZ you've got to be joking.

YOUNG Tradition. Monday, March 18th, 7.30 p.m. in Founders.

METHSOC A.G.M. Thursday, March 14th. Meet in Committee Room 1, at 7 p.m.

CAN John do the ton down Strichley Bowl? Jean.

SOCCER Club second team in Birmingham A.F.A. Cup Final this Saturday. Free supporters' coach leaves North Car Park at 1.15 p.m.

IDES of March.

THE lonely dragon has gone back to his fen.

BOB'S been on an Ordnance Survey.—The men in Room 17.

METHSOC... this Sunday: Prayers 3.30, tea 4 p.m. Take-Over Service 4.30. All welcome at Selly Oak Methodist Church. Don't forget the A.G.M. on Thursday.

AVON Dance.

FICKLENESS is like a flower. A seed is sown, Another bloom is grown, And then is plucked all in one hour.—The men in Room 17.

CHRIS and Joey are thrilled to announce a happy event.

CATH. Soc. St. Patrick's Dance. Sunday, March 17th. 8 to 12 p.m. Group. Licensed Bar. 2/6 members, 3/6 non-members. Chaplaincy, 29 Harrison's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.

IDES of March. Avon Dance. The only Ballroom Dance of the year. This Friday.

CONCORDE. R.I.P.

PSY. Soc. Party. Psychology Lab. Thursday, March 14th. 8.00 p.m.

R.J.P.: Romeo wants to know if it's grown much yet.

STU — Been around any Mulberry bushes lately?

WANTED: Photos of Carnival Procession, Dougal especially. Apply: Dave Lipton or John Lees, Min. Eng. 1.

WHY is Granam so car-iess?

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LOST Haversack containing very important notes and project results in Committee Room 1. Please return to Union Reception or Athletic Union for K. Taylor.

WILL the rat who beat me up and stole my bush hat and Mizpah badge at the end of Saturday's Carnival Party kindly return it to Carnival Office or Derek Palmer.

SUNDAY Flic. "Hud." Paul Newman. Cinemascope. Mech. Eng. 7 p.m. 2/6.

ORIFICE Publications announce a sale of that famous book "How I Won the War," by Nat Lorre. If you enjoyed his previous classics "How I Won the Monte on my Lambretta GT," and "Virgins I Have Known," you will love this one. Orders to Mech. Eng. I will be sent under plain cover. Free Special Offer—Oral extracts every day in Mech. Eng. Common Room.

PSYCHICAL Research and Occult Soc. First meeting, 5.15 p.m. today (Wed.) in Discussion Room Two, top floor of Union. All welcome.

THIS is the last but one, but still the last . . .

How many more Carla?

FOR M.S. Ireland's loss is Gibralter's gain.

KARROTTS help you see in the dark.

PILLOWS—do you really need two Dick?

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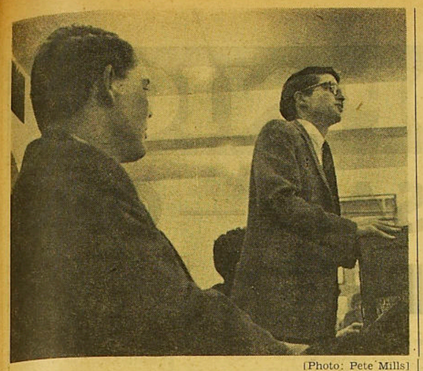
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(Photo: Pete Mills)

Norris and Skorkowski in defence of Technology. Their expected brilliance was sadly lacking.

Americans not so talented

by Martin Jenkins

ON Thursday last, a half-empty Council Chamber debated the motion "The Great Society must be a product of Philosophy rather than Technology."

Mr. Andrew Hamilton suggested that the great society should be based on peace and love, and favourably compared philosophical Communism with technological capitalism. He fanatically attacked American self centredness and war mongering in a most impressive and convincing manner.

Mr. William Norris, opposing, attacked philosophy, and defined the great society as a boost to the economy, and to promote individuality. What his argument was, we never found out.

The term "Great Society," said Charles Wright, obscures the truth. He attacked L.B.J. as a boor, and defended philosophy as a way to improve the world, with conspicuous success, and in addition, showed far more debating skill than the American speakers. His virulent anti-materialism reduced even Mike Hartley-Brewer to awed silence.

Mr. Robert Skorkowski, unable to defend technology, tried to refute the individual examples used by Mr. Wright and failed. He wandered into Toynbee's theory of history without relevance, and left the house unconvinced.

After much violent verbosity from the floor, both pro and anti American, and some well put serious observations, especially from Mr. Hartley-Brewer for the motion, Mr. Norris summed up very badly, and Mr. Wright with his usual brilliance.

We must also admit being very disappointed by the visiting speakers. One of them, the chairman informed us had just won a debating tournament; after hearing him we wondered how he managed it. The debate deserved a far larger attendance—but only to beat Charles Wright.

For 115, against 23, abstentions 35.

LET 'EM COME

"IF we should err, let it be on the side of 'Let 'em come'" were the words Richard Wainwright, Liberal M.P., used to finish his talk on immigration in Council Chamber on Monday.

He started by explaining that the reasons for Liberals voting against the Government's new immigration bill were that it had racialist overtones, was passed in an undemocratic fashion and was unprincipled. He told of the disturbing sight of Labour Whips waking up sleeping right-wing Tories to vote in support of the bill. The woeful lack of planning for immigrants was responsible for a lot of the problems that have arisen. He was careful to explode the myth of immigrants straining the welfare services and emphasised the need for effective anti-discrimination measures and the extension of the powers of the Race Relations Board.

Afterwards Wainright was asked how to win a Labour seat. "Hard work," was his reply. "Many Labour M.P.s would join the Liberal Party if the Government tried to pass more reactionary legislation," he said, in answer to a question asking him of the possibility of a realignment on the Left, after M.P.s from other parties had so frequently voted with the Liberals.

TUPPENNY POEMS

"TUPPENCE," the occasional student-written poetry magazine, is now part of the official Tuppence Society, formed a few weeks ago, and which now has over twenty members.

Also, "Tuppence" now has two new editors—Neil Butterfield and John Ash take over from Andrew Tuffin and Norrie Hearn. The basic policy of "Tuppence," that of printing everything it receives (as long as it bears the name of the author, to prevent plagiarism) is to remain unchanged.

Ding, dong merrily on Martin

By Tricia Ellison

N.U.S. Conferences, unlike Christmas, come but twice a year.

The April Conference to be held at Leicester, is liable to be livelier than usual, what with grants and rioting students and N.U.S. President, Geoff Martin generally baring his soul to the press, unfortunately without consulting his executive.

If the conference can avoid immersion in the inevitable censure motion, considerable time is likely to be spent on the issues close to Geoff Martin's heart, now linked through his activities. Birmingham's interest in the grants campaign is well established. Tony Klug submitted a motion in an attempt to alleviate immediate hardship, calling upon the Government to pay all students a full grant and extract parental contribution via the tax system. Just for variety—a motion based on expediency rather than the usual diet of idealistic impracticality which frequently penetrates N.U.S. agendas, even from Birmingham delegations. Unfortunately amidst the general confusion of the agenda, this particular idea has been mislayed.

On the issues of student representation and militancy Birmingham intends to submit an amendment which will enable them to speak on the subject opress and public no doubt avidly await the minority rantings on both issues, since they appear more interested and better informed than the majority of students).

Demands for coherent policy statements by N.U.S. concentrate on education and welfare. Birmingham intends to oppose any suggestion of regionalisation of university intake and protest about Government cuts in educational spending. Polytechnics and B.Ed. degrees are likely to come under discussion, as are two Birmingham motions concerned with 6th Form curricula and organisation—the need to make the final two years at school a more effective introduction to a university career of wider educative value.

CUTLERY PROBLEMS AT ASTON

CUTLERY pilfering costs Aston University £10 per week. Councillor C. A. Collett suggested last week that students be asked to pay 17s. 6d. deposit—"refunded when they return the table-ware." He will raise this at the next council meeting to discuss estimates.

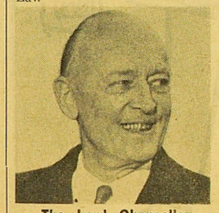
The City Council's £20,000 grant to the universities could be reduced, he suggests, by the amount of the appropriations by students.

Mike Griffin, Aston's president, thinks the deposit an impractical idea. The Birmingham spokesman said: "The matter has not been brought to our notice."

LORD CHANCELLOR SPEAKS

BRITISH JUSTICE BREAK-DOWN

"OUR judicial system is more like an ancient rambling mansion than anything of which one could conceive if one were starting today" said the Lord Chancellor, Lord Gardiner, on Friday, in his presidential address to the Holdsworth Club of the Faculty of Law



The Lord Chancellor, Lord Gardiner.

He commended the university's work in studying the question of judicial administration. He stressed the need for expansion of the Chancellor's office in terms of staff and premises—especially if the Royal Commission's report on the system of assizes and quarter sessions were to be implemented. Seventeen lawyers and the same number of lay officers are today coping with the administration of British justice.

The machinery of justice operates differently in various parts of the country—"in some the conditions in which justice is being administered are very bad." Lord Gardiner was surprised a breakdown had not occurred in the badly-creaking machinery.

IDES OF MARCH
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THIS IS YOUR OPINION



Deb. Soc. Chairman Perry Christie has strong views about the function of "Redbrick," and aims to expound them this Thursday in the Council Chamber.

FOR SALE — ONE REDBRICK

DEAR Sir,—With reference to your fifth column last week, I did not write the letter, but it was written by two friends of mine, and signed on the advice of your Business Manager.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of your paper and its subsidiary, "Wall", not to check information before it is printed. I use the word subsidiary in referring to "Wall", because members of your staff are also members of "Wall", and "Wall" is financed by "Redbrick". This attitude undermines the principles on which your newspaper was established and casts grave doubts on its rôle.

You gave an undertaking to Guild Council that your paper would remain impartial during the coming presidential elections. It is with regret that I have to accuse you of breaking this undertaking. Your staff is riddled with supporters of various presidential candidates.

In reply to the letter of Elvin McDavid Xavier Tara, or whoever he wants to call himself—

(1) Members of "Redbrick" can be members of "Wall", and vice versa, because the whole lot is part of the Guild Publications system, and people can write for whom they like. "Wall" is in no way subsidiary to "Redbrick".

(2) McDavid must be either naïve or illiterate; "Wall" has not yet commented on the elections in any way. Anyone may check this with the "Wall" files.

(3) Of course members of "Redbrick" support different candidates—but this does not affect editorial policy.

(4) McDavid's letter is only the last in a series of his attempts to give his own presidential candidate publicity and, at the same time, take a swipe at some of the others.

(5) "Redbrick" is getting tired of printing Elvin McDavid's letters, each one becoming more confused and damning to himself than the one before.

(6) McDavid may have not actually written the letter, but he certainly knew of it and was there when it was written.

Your assistant editor, and the editor of "Wall" have abused their editorial positions, and have gone around the undertaking you gave at council, by using "Wall" as an instrument of propaganda in favour of a candidate whom they are supporting.

In your editorial you implied that a smear campaign was being conducted against Chris Tyrell. I think this is a misrepresentation on your part of the word smear, which means defaming someone's character. As I understand it, you labelled as a smear the fact that it was pointed out that Mr. Tyrell who, as convener of Polcom, was being attacked for preparing the Vietnam questionnaire.

Apart from the fact that there may be efforts to hide information which would prejudice candidates' chances, I think you are impertinent in assuming that the student electorate is not intelligent enough to decide whether or not a candidate would be a suitable president, acting in their own interests and not using the Guild to further their own political careers.

ELVIN McDAVID.

NUTS AND BOLTS

DEAR Sir,—The purpose of art in society is surely as a means of communicating ideas. Literature being one of the higher forms of communication.

Yet on reading the article in last week's "Redbrick," entitled "Art, is it a farce?"—from which I quote one sentence: "After all, if we did get the nuts and bolts set talking about objective correlatives storming the ivory tower which is the frail citadel the arts student is supposed to command, there would be little left to live for to those who get vague sadistic satisfaction from attacking those unfortunates on the other side of the cultural fence," I wonder if it is defeating this purpose in failing to get across to me—and, I'm sure, a lot of the "Nuts and Bolts set," just what its basic ideas are. For if this purpose is defeated as it was in this article, we can only conclude "Art is a farce."

Yours faithfully,
PAULINE CROSSAN,
Dental II.

Revoit on the green

DEAR Sir,—Much has been written about the counter aspects of revolution and apathy in the student world today (notably in last week's "Halfbrick"). Though reasons and causes may be advanced in proliferation, solutions are seldom forthcoming. The problem is interesting and worthy of consideration.

Revolutions or campaigns concerning humanitarian issues presuppose a knowledge, on the part of the revolutionary, not only of the ends of human life but of the means whereby those ends may be achieved. Unfortunately, though this premise applies equally to campaigns over Vietnam and the desecration of village greens, the enormity of the responsibility that the revolutionary carries is seldom appreciated. It represents the fundamental inability (or unwillingness) of the majority man to comprehend the issues in an infinitely larger context.

It is true that, in spite of Britain's economy, something may be said for a grants increase. But considered in the enlarged context of world poverty it becomes unjustified to a degree. No doubt it will be claimed that India's economic situation is quite irrelevant to ours. Indeed. All I wish to argue is that, although in Britain we may be comparatively poor, relative to the world we are rich enough.

Violent demonstrations are occurring all over the world against the war in Vietnam. One kind of violence to end another more awful kind. Militarists at home and in the office, towards inferiors and rivals, cannot logically expect governments which represent them to behave as pacifists.

International peace is simply not achievable until it is translated into a policy of inter-individual relations. Peace in individuals before peace between them, before peace between groups, before peace between nations I do not believe we can change the external world effectively; our future lies wholly with the development of the individual.

This is not a laissez-faire attitude if approached with caution. But I believe the value of revolutionary demonstrations to be non-existent.

Yours faithfully,
MR. HYDE

–but do it slowly

DEAR Sir,—All-out revolution is always bloody, and leaves behind it bitterness which it takes years to erase. Gradual revolution takes longer, but it is more human, and gives far less scope for the drum-beating of particular pressure-groups.

Therefore, all-out revolution should not be tried until all efforts at gradual revolution have failed, and while this may be the case in such places as Spain and California, it certainly is not so here.

I am writing in support of the counsel of "Half Brick" last week, in which he suggested that the most profitable line for students in these days of demand for Student Power was to try and effect change where things matter for them most, within the Universities. Power is often far more effectively obtained with a quiet chat here and a well-timed observation there, than it is by standing up and shouting all over the place, or even sitting down in everybody's way.

I would like to quote the apparently unique example of the Theology Department in this University, which, following various discussions between tutors and students, both individually and in groups, on its own initiative approached the students, asking them to provide representatives to sit on the Department Meeting. At the meetings we are given an opportunity to bring up for discussion anything we wish, including the content of the course and the teaching methods. Our views are sympathetically listened to, discussed, and if expedient, implemented.

However, having also spent three years in one of the Science Departments of this University, I can see that this sort of thing is not going to happen there unless both students and staff make considerable efforts to get to know one another, and understand one another's point of view. In the long run, however, there is no doubt that this method brings the best results.

If we are really concerned about the University's community as a whole, and not about getting our pictures in the papers, perhaps the time and energy some of us employ in demanding confrontations with authority would be better spent inculcating a gradual revolution within the structures of the University.

Only when gradual revolution has been tried and found wanting is all-out revolution justified. It leaves too much bitterness and too much blood.

Yours sincerely,
DAVE HASLAM.

Five alternatives not enough for all

DEAR Sir,—That was a most peculiar report on the results of the Vietnam poll in your last edition. It was muddled and repetitive, and then didn't give the most vital figures—about the actual number of people in the University who support U.S. policy. To be told that more women than men support it isn't very helpful.

But more peculiar was the reason given for doing the poll in the first place—"to stimulate interest and thought about a problem of vast significance", and only secondarily to find out who thinks what.

In its present phase the Vietnam war has been going on for six years. The only thing that matches Johnson's escalation is the escalation of Press reporting and books on the war. Were the organisers of the poll seriously suggesting that interest and thought about this needs stimulating? I'd like to know how anyone could avoid knowing about the war.

The questionnaire implies that the biggest question is to decide how to end the war—it gave five alternatives—and this brings up the question of what a protesting public can actually do.

In an earlier letter in your columns, Rev. Bob Hughes gave perhaps typical suggestions: "Political education, medical aid walks, clothes collecting etc." But the total failure of the teach-in to influence political events suggests what intellectual and academic opinion, and information, are worth in this war—next to nothing. Medical aid, surely, is politically neutral—blood plasma distributed by the International Red Cross won't influence political events.

The logical, and unfortunate, conclusion seems to be that those who carry on this war are, as never before, beyond the influence of democratic controls; and that the answer to the question "What can be done?" is "I don't know" or "Nothing". Meanwhile, we might usefully collect a bit of questionnaire information for historians to use, I suppose.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN MUNTON.

[Apologies here to the poll organisers as much of the article had to be cut due to lack of space.—Editor.]

Tasteless garish posters

DEAR SIR,—I feel that it is time to object to the tatty (not to mention blasphemous), crudely coloured symbols of the total lack of artistic appreciation in this year's presidential candidates. Not only are we subjected to their uninteresting ideas, doubtful personalities and recently-adopted pleasantries—but we have to suffer the visual discomfort of trying to avoid seeing their garish and incredibly tasteless posters. Perhaps when they surface from their orgiastic frenzy of self-advertisement they'll appreciate that they've done no more than deface the Union and debase their own characters.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK SCOTT

THIRSTY

DEAR Sir,—Is the Carnival and its dance of such great importance that other Union members, not being ticket holders, are to be denied the simple facilities of a drink of coffee or of Coca Cola?

Perhaps it is.

Yours faithfully,
Two Thirsty final year students.



[Photo: Dave Lipton]

Mother and son—believe it or not. Sebastian Bergman—Hamlet; Sally Groves—Gertrude.

STUDENTS
(Figures in the Tables are Percentages)

FACULTY	STATEMENT 1	2	3	4	5	No Opinion	Total Returned	% Ret.
Engineering	17.0	17.1	25.4	18.9	21.8	1.5	800	53.4
Science	13.3	16.0	31.0	13.5	24.6	7.0	451	27.7
Arts	8.2	4.1	33.6	26.4	25.6	1.8	390	31.8
Medicine	30.0	30.0	16.3	11.6	10.9	1.0	422	49.0
Education	17.4	5.8	26.1	18.8	31.9	—	69	28.67
Law	25.5	10.4	29.2	14.2	20.8	—	106	37.0
Commerce & Social Science	10.9	6.2	28.3	21.5	32.7	0.3	321	47.0
Other	5.9	—	33.3	15.7	33.3	15.7	51	—
All	16.5	14.7	26.6	17.4	22.7	1.5	2610	40.0

INTERESTING POINTS:

1. The 40 per cent return is high for a Poll of this nature.
2. Arts Students were 87 per cent for a reduction of the war compared with only 40 per cent for Medicine.
3. Engineering returned the highest percentage, but did not indicate a clear position.
4. The Staff is more opposed to the War than are students in all faculties.

BUDGET HAMLET TO TAKE TRIP

G.T.G.'S pursuit of the "popular theatre" policy has placed a direct squeeze on the budget for Alan Booth's production of the bad quarto "Hamlet" — performances March 18th, 19th and 20th and an appearance at the international student festival at Liège.

"Monkey's" grant from G.T.C. is £110—"Hamlet's" a meagre £20. Production costs have been met by personal contributors—notably the producer himself. Accommodation for cast will be provided by the festival organisers. The producer, however, is "not beefing" over G.T.G.'s lack of support. He recognises "Monkey" as being more in line with policy—a policy which has excluded classic productions.

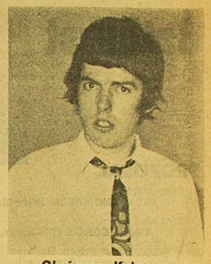
With emphasis on costumes and scenery, and by using props from his previous London production, Alan Booth says "Hamlet" is not costing much. The bad quarto, probably written from memory, offers less poetry and a reversal of some of the incidents. "The audience are going to be blasted out of their seats if they think they know the play." The novel version combined with an emphasis on incident rather than on Hamlet as a central hero make a new venture of the play.

"Modern society finds itself with Vietnam, not heroes" said the producer. What the play has to say, rather than how it is said, will widen the play's social relevance.

From the beginning only two or three of the cast knew the play, and Alan Booth felt this to have been an advantage—he analogises Warner's success, which was also "from scratch".

The Liège festival is non-competitive but a get-together for the exchange of ideas—a chance to see what other countries are doing theatre-wise.

It is hoped ticket sales will be very good, to pay for Liège—a good deal of hopeful interest has been shown. Instead of worrying over possible "Monkey" rivalry, Alan Booth welcomes the possibility of people seeing the two plays in one week and being able to work them out in relation to each other—"Both make social points."



Chairman Kyle — a preference for 'Monkey'?

P.G. Tech. staff unite

FOLLOWING Guild secretary Ray Phillips' recent remarks in council about co-operation with the technical staff over use of their facilities in the refectory, the post graduate association is taking up the offer immediately, and is to hold a joint rock dance with the tech staff next Saturday.

Ian Johnston, post grad president, comented: "The tech staff have always been welcome at P.G.A. functions, but official co-operation like this is especially good, and only serves to highlight the ludicrous situation that exists between post grads and academic staff, with the exclusive nature of staff house."

SUNSET?

AGAIN this week, the University of Aston newspaper the "Sun," is unable to come out due to financial difficulties. The next issue of the "Sun" will be next May sometime.

M.R.A. show for High

ON Sunday next, March 17th, High Hall will be putting on excerpts from a new musical, "Anything to Declare?" This is presented by Moral Re-armament, a movmeent with many ideas about the future of mankind.

The show begins at 7.0 and there will be an opportunity for discussion with the cast afterwards.

VIOLENCE IN CELLS

SIX weeks ago, Gabe Thomas, one of the students who has recently been in trouble with the police, after his arrest witnessed a mentally subnormal prisoner being roughly manhandled by seven police officers.

He complained to the National Council for Civil Liberties, but they were doubtful that as a student, he would get any satisfaction from the police. "In fact, a lengthy investigation has been conducted," he said, "and there has been a severe shakeup in the Selly Oak division."

However, according to a recent letter from the chief constable, since there "was nothing in the initial stages to distinguish this from any other violent prisoner, of course, unfortunately, a number are often encountered," he was not prepared to institute proceedings in this case. It was only later when the prisoner attempted to slash his wrists, that a doctor was called. Gabe Thomas is nonetheless satisfied that his complaint has had the desired effect.

Officially in now

UNIVERSITY Tech. staff workers, who, for many years past have been using the union facilities, now can do it officially. This momentous piece of bureaucratic insight was revealed at Guild council last week by Guild secretary Ray Phillips. Now all members of University staff can apply for membership of the Guild on an official basis.

MORE VIETNAM RESULTS

MANY people indicated on the poll that they lacked sufficient information to make a decision about the Vietnam war. This list is intended as a helpful beginning. All the books are in paperback editions and have been ordered by Hudson's bookstore at the University.

"Vietnam: History, Documents and Opinions," by M. E. Gettelman (Penguin, 8/6).
Good source for primary documents.

"Vietnam! Vietnam!" by Felix Greene (Penguin, 12/6).
Succinct historical case against the American involvement in Vietnam.

"Vietnam: Inside Story of the Guerilla War," by Wilfred Burchett (International Publishing Company: $1.95).
Well-informed account by an Australian journalist who is totally committed to the National Liberation Front.

The Policies of Escalation in Vietnam," by F. Schurmann (Penguin, 6/-).
Fully documented analysis of escalation and peace initiatives.

"Air War—Vietnam," by Frank Harvey (Bantam, 5/-).
Story of U.S. Air Force role in Vietnam; indispensable for understanding American military strategy.

"Behind the lines—Hanoi," by Harrison Salisbury (Bantom, $0.95).
Observations of North Vietnam including the effects of U.S. bombing.

"Vietnam: Between Two Truces," by Jean La Couture (Vintage, $1.95).
One of the most sophisticated analyses of Saigon politics.

"From Yalta to Vietnam," by David Horowitz (Penguin, 10/6).
Vietnam seen as one chapter in a critique of American foreign policy after World War II.

"Containment and Change," by Carl Oglesby (Macmillan, $1.45).
Penetrating discussion of what the Vietnam war reveals about American ideology.

"The Pacifist Conscience," by Peter Mayer (Penguin, 9/6).
Collection of essays on war in general.

CALENDAR OF ANTI-VIETNAM EVENTS

Many people expressed, on the Poll, their desire to actively oppose the American involvement in Vietnam. We list here some opportunities for action during the next month.

(1) The Birmingham Council for Peace, a broadly-based coalition of all city groups opposed to the Vietnam war, will hold a protest march on Saturday, March 16th. The march begins at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Gardens. Speakers, including Labour M.P. Julius Silverman, will address the group. University students are invited.

(2) A nation-wide survey on the attitude of the British public toward Vietnam is being conducted this week. Birmingham students will be interviewing 500 people in the Selly Oak constituency. Anyone who wants to help should contact Paul Hardman at the Union.

(3) The March Project (March 11th-17th) of the Stop-It Committee, a group of Americans in London includes several demonstrations which culminate in a large march from Trafalgar Square to the American Embassy on March 17th. The overall purpose of the week's activities is to dramatise the nature and extent of British participation in the Vietnam war. On Wednesday, March 13th at 3 p.m. Birmingham students will march from Smallbrook Ringway to the Allbright-Wilson Company in the centre of Birmingham. Allbright-Wilson produce materials used in chemical warfare, and have increased their exports to the United States by 500 per cent in the last two years. For more information, see Pete Gowan at the Union, and you should contact him by tonight if you want to go by coach to the demonstration in London on Sunday.



[Photo: Ashley Dunn]

Rob Teesdale—new Catering Chairman, inherits commission verbosity.

Come fly with me

THREE travel bursaries are being offered by the Guild of Graduates to assist undergraduates, and occasionally graduates, to undertake travel during the vacation. The Guild of Graduates hopes that the members applying for the bursaries will be conducting an investigation or pursuing some sort of academic interest.

Applications should be submitted to the Controller of the University Fund, the Guild of Graduates Office, University of Birmingham, as soon as possible.

Phillips slammed

ONLY half of Guild Council was present last night when the final report of the Refectory Commission was presented by its chairman, Guild Secretary Ray Phillips.

Phillips came under fire almost immediately from some members of Council who complained that the report (45 foolscap pages) was far too lengthy, and, by implication, long-winded. Charges of verbosity certainly seem to be well-founded, there are no less than 16 pages of exhaustive evidence for the "necessity of the present price levels." Chris Tyrrell also criticised the report for its general weakness in contrast to the amount of work originally put into it.

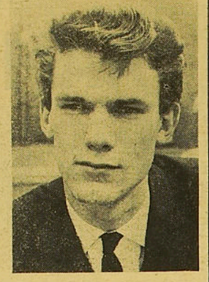
Defending the document and its findings, Ray Phillips said that, although prepared specifically for this University, its findings could be of real value to other universities with similar problems; which acording to the Report's preamble are:

(1) A Union building with inadequate accommodation, resulting in a permanent split between those using Union or Refectory facilities.

(2) Discontent towards the nature and quality of the facilities offered by the Refectory—together with a feeling that the building is not being exploited to the full.

Recommendations include: the raising of the present limit of the number of people allowed in the building during dances and similar functions; a more satisfactory system of pass-outs and cloak-room facilities, and a Tannoy system extended from the Union.

Nelson Bathurst



PROPOSAL

Proposed by:
NICK THOMPSON (Vice-Chairman, Chem. Eng. Soc.)

Seconded by:
TOM GEORGE (Chairman, Civ. Eng. Soc.)

IN proposing Nelson Bathurst for the post of President we are urging your support for a man who has proved himself this year to possess the qualities of adaptability, good judgment, organisational ability, courage, and tact to do the job successfully. It is by the application of these qualities that he will be the first Ents. Comm. Chairman to have made a profit of over £400 during the year.

This, together with the £600 subsidy which is allowed for Ents. Comm. will go towards the provision of a new Union shop. Not only did he take a well-calculated risk in sponsoring the sucessful Francoise Hardy concert in the Town Hall, against the advice of the more conservative of the Union administration, but he also undertook, through consultations with the Halls and departments, to provide a well-balanced entertainments programme throughout the year.

His negotiating ability was successfuly tested by his obtaining from Mr. Humbert the use of the Refectory Snack Bar extension for social functions. Despite pressure of work he has always found time to help ourselves and Departmental Society officials with entertainments problems which were not directly his concern. His ability to get on with, and inspire people, would prove invaluable if he were elected, in improving communication between the Guild administration and its members.

Furthermore, by spending 20 to 30 hours a week organising as many as 40 or 50 people into the most efficient publicity machine the Guild has ever had, he has shown both his own dedication to the task before him and his desire to work for others. Despite pressure of final exams he has continued to accept Executive responsibility where others have resigned.

Despite his heavy commitments to Ents. Comm., Nelson has also shown his deep concern for improvement in University education by taking up some of the complaints of third year Geography students with the professor. About 85 per cent supported a petition about poor lecturing and lack of tutorials and options, and already some improvements have come, and more are promised for next year.

Nelson Bathurst has proved that quiet determination, personal involvement and pragmatic approach can achieve much more than political militancy and hot air, and therefore we ask you to vote for him on Thursday, if you want a rational, objective president who gets things done.

MANIFESTO

THIS year the leadership of the Guild has become increasingly detached from its members by expressing what idealistically "ought to be done," instead of what the majority want. If elected, I will be more practical, as a democratic system can only work if the administration consults, and is actively supported by, the ordinary members. The president should objectively serve the students, without any personal political bias whatsoever, so that the Guild provides expression for the wishes of its members.

To achieve this improved cohesion and communication I would regularly visit Halls of Residence and Departments, to discuss issues with their elected representatives, as I have done in connection with social functions this year, thus actively increasing interest in the Guild. With a new Vice-Chancellor, and probable representation on some University Committee next year, it will be vital that any demands for improvement in courses and facilities are co-ordinated between the Guild and Departmental Societies, and I feel my experience in negotiating this year will be very useful in helping departments to implement these next year.

The changes achieved by the Geography final year's petition show that the authorities are not opposed to rational proposals. Finance for improved activities will be an important problem next year. More money should be provided for Departmental Societies to improve their facilities, especially when their members can rarely use the Union, as in the case of Engineers, Medics and Dentists.

The Postgraduates, too, have a good claim for better facilities, even if only temporary ones can be provided at the moment. To finance these the Guild must take a more imaginative approach to fund-raising, by running raffles and lotteries, for example, which are used very profitably by many outside clubs. On a long-term basis, we must launch an appeal **now,** if we want money for large extensions, or a new Union, in the future.

Several other outstanding issues must be dealt with next year. If elected, I will try to have the Halls regulations revised so that they are consistent, and allow as much personal freedom and responsibility as possible. It is only reasonable that the successful experiment of having joint ground-floor social facilities on the Vale Site be applied to all the Halls there. Discussion has been going on about the Guild providing accommodation, but it is essential that we act soon before the rising costs of property prevent any experimental project.

To improve the "Student image" we need to maintain good relations with the town, but it is also necessary that we seem to be efficiently and responsibly dealing with our own problems, and assisting in those of local colleges on whose support we rely for social functions.

I therefore request your support to allow me to apply the organisational and administrative experience I have gained to running an efficient Guild next year.

Maciek Pomian-Srzednicki



PROPOSAL

A GUILD President should possess the ability to think like a typical student and must be able to project this identity in his everyday image. Maciek undoubtedly meets this criterion as a result of the way in which he has mixed during the last three years amongst widely diverse factions of student life. He is therefore able to speak authoritatively about the ideas currently circulating within the University as a whole rather than being a mouthpiece for the didactic pontifications of the top corridor power circle.

Identity with the whole student body is rare amongst Presidential candidates and this makes voting for Maciek eminently worthwhile. He and he alone among the current candidates will be able to inject an entirely new basis for thought into the inbred power structure of Guild affairs.

DAVE TREMAIN (Min. Eng. II).

Seconded by Nige Miller (Biochem. III).

IN the five years I have spent on the campus I have watched with distaste the social climbing and the petty manifestos of the Guild politicians crawling for temporary sympathy.

Maciek is quite out of this category. He has not obtained recognition by holding "Big-Name" positions in the Guild but he is nonetheless known in most circles and because of this can represent students as one of their own kind and not as a self-created god of the Union top corridor.

A man whose academic work has been well balanced with social life, Maciek is a very active student with plenty of vitality, drive and interest. His colourful posters decorate most walls in Halls and digs. He has initiated Club Polski, done valuable work for Carnival (among them driving a car in the famous cross-Channel project) and has also worked on Entertainments Committee, Lake Hall Committee and Guild Council, always giving help and co-operation.

Maciek has experienced most facets of the student environment. He has lived in digs, Hall and a flat and although a biochemist he has strong connections with the Arts as well as the Sciences. He has also personally experienced many student difficulties including living without a grant for a year.

Maciek has never been an apathetic bystander. He is one of the few people whose views and personality I have respected. I believe he will be the ideal President, working primarily as a student from the main student body and not just making small alterations in constitution and bye-laws. I am sure that Maciek's election would bring a co-ordinated atmosphere to our campus and I look forward to his year of office.

MANIFESTO

MY manifesto is concerned with current student demands rather than with political issues and as such is divided into the following categories.

ACCOMMODATION:

(a) Many first year students in digs feel isolated, and I would like to see them get more preference in the Halls' selection procedure. This would necessitate the limiting of the number of second and third year students in Halls. These students will be able to move into flats which, contrary to popular opinion, are quite plentiful and not difficult to obtain.

(b) This will solve the isolation problems of Medical students—during their first year they will be able to learn more about the ins and outs of university life.

(c) I would like to see the establishment of a clearing house scheme for student flats, which will be run by the Guild in co-operation with the lodgings warden. This would take care of the students leaving hall. Information about the cheap furnishing of unfurnished flats will be provided by the Guild—unfurnished flats offer an unattractive prospect to most students who have not been adequately informed. A stock of good cheap furniture could be bought by the Guild at auctions and resold to students.

With such a system the "living in squalor" phrase could no longer be applicable to this university.

(d) I will do my utmost to have the increase in Halls fees revised.

DISCIPLINE:

In view of recent developments, especially the V.C.'s recent letter rejecting Guild Council's recommendations concerning discipline, I will continue with the present strong line.

UNION IMPROVEMENTS:

I would like to see a new Union built; however, we must be realistic, and realise that this is just not possible. Most visitors to the Union use the lavatories—more often than not the ones in the old part of the Union; they are an absolute disgrace and my eventual aim would be to rebuild them. Towel dispensers could be installed as a first measure.

The furniture in Founder's could also receive more prompt attention.

GUILD AFFAIRS:

I will continue to support in general terms the Guild policies which include Food, the Grants Campaign and greater University support for Carnival.

This manifesto is the result of personal contact with a large number of people rather than prolonged discussions with a select few.

John Palmer



PROPOSAL

Proposed by:
BRUCE BUCHAN (Law III), Union Secretary
NORM ROLFE (Elec. Eng. III), Chairman, Elec. Eng. Soc.

IN proposing John Palmer we are presenting a man whose administrative abilities are unsurpassed in Guild. Not only has John served on Executive as extremely capable and efficient Chairman of Cater Committee, but has also been a member of the Finance and Union Committees of the Guild. He thus has a complete working knowledge of Guild administration which is essential to any President.

John has also taken a leading role in Athletic Union having been on the Executive and the General Committee. He is active in tennis, badminton and soccer, representing the University regularly.

As an engineer, John can understand the problems caused by crammed timetables. He will work towards easing the pressure of work to enable more people to take a full part in Union life.

Living in a Hall of Residence, John is, of course, ideally positioned to bring together the two worlds of Hall Union and the Halls. This is imperative if the concept of the "University" is to flourish.

In all University bodies there is a need for adequate representation of student opinion. "The Student Role" outlined what is needed and John Palmer has committed himself to putting this forward; John is one of the few students who have actually sat on a University committee, giving him practical experience of what student representation is all about.

Summing up, we believe that John Palmer can bring realism to Guild affairs. He can represent you with firmness and without friction to the University authorities. The year ahead is a vital one; establishing a sound foundation of representation, while continuing to administer the Union as smoothly as possible. John Palmer is the only person who can do this.

MANIFESTO

IF elected, my policy will be decisive action on practicable ideas, smooth administration and responsible presentation.

There are many realistic ideas which can be put into action in the next session, but there are many ideas which must be planned for the time when finance becomes available.

THE UNION

Funds have not been available in the past to do many needed refurnishing and decorating of the Union. Sufficient money can be saved next year by efficient administration to accomplish these. Cutting down the number and size of committees, including Guild Council, would avoid much paperwork.

CATERING

A prefabricated campus shop can be built for less than the cost of extending the present Union shop. This could be big enough to supply all groceries, stationery etc., at low profit margins.

The re-opening of the Arts faculty coffee bar and the provision of more coffee machines must be considered. The Medical School buffet must provide more subsidised meals. Above all, price increases must be prevented if at all possible.

HALLS

Economies can be made in Halls without lowering standards, particularly on the Vale site. This will keep the rise in Hall fees to a minimum.

The gap between the Union and the Halls can be reduced without destroying the community spirit in Halls. A more flexible meal chit system and easier access to the Union would ease this problem.

ATHLETIC UNION

Athletic Union is the second largest money spender of the Guild, and it is important that the President knows of its needs. The emphasis must be on interest and assistance rather than interference.

This then is a realistic approach to just a few aspects of the Guild's work. This year's stagnation was caused by too much lip service to ideals and was the main reason for my resignation from Executive.

REPRESENTATION

A vital part of the President's job is representation. In Birmingham we are in an enviable position in having an enlightened University administration prepared to listen to reason. Next year we have a new Vice-Chancellor and a great deal of diplomacy will be needed to ensure that this enlightened attitude is to continue for many years to come.

Finally, I believe that I have the enthusiasm and experience to be a good President.

THE VOTING SYSTEM

THE alternative voting system will be used in the presidential elections and will also operate in next term's vice-presidential election.

Instead of voting for just one candidate by putting X in the ballot paper next to the favoured name, voters will put the candidates in order of preference by writing 1 next to the name of their first choice, 2 for the second choice, etc.

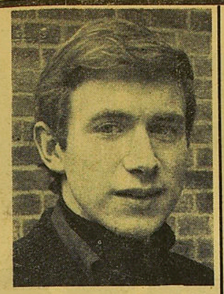
Unless one of the candidates has an overall majority (50 per cent plus one) when the first preferences are counted, the candidate with the smallest number of first preferences will be eliminated. His votes will then be allocated to the remaining candidates according to second preferences expressed on those ballot papers.

With three candidates, one must win after the first distribution. If there are four or more candidates then elimination and redistribution continues until someone gets an overall majority.

It should be explained that no advantage accrues to the first choice if a voter fails to mark his other preferences. Thus the second choice on a ballot paper is not considered unless the first choice candidate is eliminated.

The main advantage of the system is that votes cast for candidates who turn out to be not in the real running are not wasted.

ay hillips



OPOSAL

AY PHILLIPS, a 21 year old student of Social Science, has been a dynamic force within the Guild for more than two years. His leadership is vital if the new V.C. is to fully appreciate students demands "from the word Go!"

Experience.—Since being Freshman of the Year, Ray has always been in the public eye, yet has never been afraid to make decisions. Elected at the end of his first term on Executive, he has never since avoided hard work.

Achievement.—As Union Secretary, in his second year, he led a radical reassessment of the Union's function. He was responsible for the setting up of two new discussion areas, established the Games Room; introduced the present machines (now bringing in £500 per year to Guild); introduced the magazine service at Reception and doubled the turnover of records on the Juke Box.

Drive and initiative.—Not satisfied with the Union Ball, Ray spent the whole of his last summer vacation compiling the Guild Handbook and the Freshmen's Contact. He turned the Handbook from a dull, uninspiring tome into one which is now one of the most attractive in the country.

Reliability.—As Guild Secretary, Ray is not content to rest on his laurels. He has led discussion in a radical reassessment of the Refectory that will give the Guild far more meaning to those who regularly use the Refectory—more notice boards, a Tannoy system etc., are all suggestions which he himself has brought to the fore. At present HIS OWN INITIATIVE he is looking into Guild involvement in the University Television Service.

Speaking: A President needs to be articulate and persuasive. Ray has consistently shown himself capable of this being three times a finalist in the University Open Debating Tournament, which this year he won; and by excelling himself in National debating to become a semi-finalist in the Observer Mace National Debating Tournament. He has attended N.U.S. Council four times and been there on behalf of the Guild.

It is these qualities that make Ray's promise of "a more relevant Guild" more than just a sheet of paper. He has the determination and the ability to succeed.

That's why we, for two, are supporting him and giving him our vote on Thursday.

PERRY CHRISTIE,
KEITH BERRYMAN.

MANIFESTO

MOST students have no time for the Guild because the Guild has no time for them. For many, the Guild has become irrelevant.

I will, if elected President, create a Guild which will mean more to you.

1. THE UNION

The Union is not providing the facilities we need. I will ensure that the Shop is attractively expanded, that a record, television and a radio are installed and that the present Book Exchange is developed to include records. Overnight record loans should be available, together with the sale of tickets for shows in town.

2. THE REFECTORY

The Refectory is a mere food factory. I pledge myself to bring those amenities which will make the building more interesting to be in. More notice boards and a Tannoy system would bring Guild activity far closer to many students. Society meetings and dances in the Refectory should also be encouraged.

3. THE UNIVERSITY

Next year we have a new Vice-Chancellor. This provides a challenging opportunity for the Guild to have an effective impact on University policy. I will strive to develop the case for student representation on University committees and pursue the revision of the University disciplinary procedure.

4. ACCOMMODATION

Living conditions are causing increasing hardship. No one must be lost in building student flats and housing co-operatives. Also, while recognising the individuality of each Hall, I would like to see more informal links between Hall and the Guild Executive. In this way the strength of the Guild can be close at hand when the Halls are dealing with the University authorities.

5. GUILD COUNCIL

Council can't do its job effectively. It is too unwieldy and cut off from the departments. Numbers must be pruned and stronger links forged between councillors and Departmental Societies. The Department is as much the base as the Union and, thus, far more emphasis must be placed on departmental activity.

6. EDUCATION & WELFARE

The Guild must accept its responsibility for co-ordinating and publicising information on Educational and Welfare problems. A centre must be provided in the Union to make the service more accessible.

7. SOCIETIES

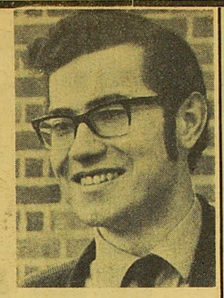
For too long Societies have been neglected. Their welfare is essential if the Guild is to return any vitality. More money must be made available, and Departmental Societies must be given more support by the Guild. An Events Committee must be established to co-ordinate the activities of Societies and to sponsor festivals and conferences.

8. GUILD TELEVISION

No time should be wasted in linking up with University Television Service and providing "home-made" weekly news programmes.

I believe that in re-examining and developing the role of the Guild in this way, the Guild will become far more relevant to its members.

Chris Tyrrell



PROPOSAL

CHRIS TYRRELL is one of the first engineers to read the new B.Sc./B.Comm. Double degree and divides his time betwen the Commerce and Engineering faculties.

During the last year he has been one of the most active, constructively critical and productive members of Guild Council. In particular, he recently proposed the two motions on University discipline which led to negotiations between the Executive and the university on "double-disciplining." Chris initiated the plan of Executive reorganisation just published by Constitution Committee and is a member of the delegation to the N.U.S. Council at Easter.

While not a brilliant debater, he is fluent and coherent as his opponents on Council and at the Engineers debate will admit. He has the air of authority and an impressive strength of character that will allow him to negotiate openly and effectively with the University authorities. These qualities will be the more necessary in the coming year when, with a new Vice-Chancellor, our negotiating strength may determine the position of the Guild and its members for the foreseeable future.

Chris's ability has been demonstrated throughout the year as Convenor of Political Committee where he organised the Refectory Petition (2,250 signatures) and, with the Christian Societies, the Medical Aid for Vietnam walk (£350).

It should be noted that his political activities have been practical, and generally supported. We would not be proposing Chris for President if we weren't absolutely convinced that he is a person who can be relied upon not to use his presidential position for his personal political beliefs. We would not support him if we weren't sure that he will put the interests of the Guild and its members before everything else.

This certainty on our part stems from Chris Tyrrell's ability, integrity and responsibility. Combined with his wide practical experience of organisation and his intimate knowledge of all aspects of life on the campus, these qualities make Chris Tyrrell your best choice for President.

ROGER HIRD,
LIZ GENTON.

MANIFESTO

WE NEED a shake-up in the Union bureaucracy.

WE NEED a Union that will really be of benefit and interest to all students who want to use it.

WE NEED a President who will concern himself with all campus problems; not just the problems of the Union clique.

WE NEED a President who will use his sabbatical year to get out of his office and into the departments and halls, to remedy local problems where possible.

WE NEED a President who has the ideas and the ability to lead a team to put those ideas into practice.

Given your vote, I hope to be able to satisfy these needs.

THE UNION SERVICES

I would expand those parts of the Guild that are most relevant to the student:

(a) **The Welfare side**—what **we can get out** of the Union. I would set up:

(i) A "Welfare Shop" in the Union Entrance Hall, where one can get information on accommodation, grants, concessions, travel, vacation employment, etc.;

(ii) Full-time counsellor for personal problems, as in many universities;

(iii) Free legal advice to all students and financial legal aid wherever necessary;

(iv) Working jointly with the University on student welfare problems.

(b) **The Social Work side**—what **we can put in:**

This should be expanded enormously to involve every student who is prepared to give up an afternoon or a weekend once a term for some social work project. I would like to see a long-term multi-year community action project, on the lines of the Notting Hill project, set up in one of Birmingham's twilight areas with a 9-10 week vacation "blitz" by students living and working in the area.

UNION AMENITIES

(i) Hire a second TV (black and white) for the TV room, and put the colour TV in the Mixed Lounge upstairs.

(ii) Institute a fish-and-chip fry service in Vernon Room from 8.00—10.30 each evening, and a cheaper range of food during the day—five or six main courses in the two-shilling range.

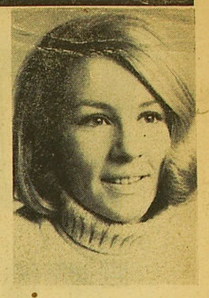
(iii) Get student artists to redecorate the Coffee Bar and Founder's Room.

THE "VISIONS"

Engineering. — A joint Union/University review of engineering and science education and teaching methods —examination of the professional institute exemption requirements which limit the flexibility of so many courses; and examine the possibility of more individual original work in all years.

Halls.—Resist Halls fee rises. I would like to see the Hall JCRs and SCRs set up a joint commission to examine the role, administration and operation of the Halls, the present financial situation, and investigate means of cutting costs. This must not be seen as yet another commission of the Guild, but as a positive effort by the Halls to keep the prices down.

Sue Jackson



PROPOSAL

WE are proposing Sue Jackson for President of the Guild because she is an approachable person, not separated from the student by political or academic commitments. She has in her whole career at University, shown interest in student affairs and a genuine desire to help and would, we think, if elected, be concerned primarily with the campus rather than confining herself to the second floor of the Union building.

At the end of her first year she was President-elect of Ridge Hall, in her second year she was on Guild Council and various committees, including Finance Committee. This year she has been a member of Executive—Guild Relations Officer.

Thus the mere fact that she is a woman in no way means that she is less capable or has less experience of the administration of the guild. We feel that ultimately a Presidential Election must depend on a friendly personality and a responsible attitude—neither of which would vary upon attaining office.

We therefore propose Sue Jackson for President.

JOHN WALLIS,
Chairman, Athletic Union.

PAUL YOUDE,
President, High Hall.

MANIFESTO

A PRESIDENT is the representative of the whole student body, he/she must therefore reflect the attitudes of most students.

Three aspects of this representation are:

(a) STUDENTS

One of the greatest problems in a University this size is the **communication.** Large sections of the University, such as the Vale Site, Dental/Medical Schools, Athletic Union, etc., being self sufficient, regard themselves as being apart from the Union. Obviously this is a problem of location but it is not insuperable. Much depends on the attitude of the President and Guild Officers and the amount they are prepared to put into maintaining channels of communication. If elected I promise, and this is the only promise I can make—for it depends upon myself I will take an active interest in all parts of the campus and do my best to consider their specific problems.

(b) UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Above all the President must have the ability to negotiate. **Negotiation** is the power of persuasion, which achieves more than demands, which close the door to discussion. Only when negotiations have broken down must more radical methods be employed. In the year of a new Vice-Chancellor this is especially important.

(c) THE PUBLIC

What is the public conception of the student? The "Daily Mirror" Editorial states: "Everyone is more than a trifle bored with the tantrums of University students." Popular dailies are possibly the only contact that the public have with University life, and to most people the student is a long-haired irresponsible youth. Is this justified? All the good work done in society by students through external affairs, Carnival, etc., is overlooked and what hope does a justified claim for a grant increase have against this background of public prejudice?

Perhaps the keynote to a successful President is **practicality.** It must be remembered that a President is effectively only in office for nine months. He cannot hope to radically change the system in that time. This does not mean that he must be static in office but instead that he must plan in a steady forward progression and provide continuity for his successor. Thus a candidate must not make promises which he cannot practically achieve (through lack of time or funds). Too often candidates use student ignorance of facts to enable them to make popular promises—baits for votes—when the possibilty of fulfilment is practically nil. I do not pretend to make issues which I cannot implement, but among my priorities I should like to press for an extension to the main bar, and a rebate system for Hall meals.

I stand for an attitude, if this attitude is your attitude, vote for me.

University.—Next year the President must be prepared to negotiate firmly with the new Vice-Chancellor. He must aim for:

(a) The University's acceptance of the Student Representation Report and Discipline recommendations — get staff/student educational-curricular committees in all departments;

(b) The Library to open all Saturday and Sunday—possibly employing students;

(c) Greater use of the Refectory for entertainments;

(d) And/or Union-provided facilities for Medical and Dental students, including negotiations with the Refectory for better catering.

Grants.—The President will have to ensure that grants are brought back to their original level by October 1969.

Guild Council and General Meetings.—Take away a lot of Guild Council's powers and let departmental, faculty and Union general meetings make the important policies of the Guild.

This manifesto is a mixture of ideas that can be put into practice easily and bring immediate benefit to all students and long-term ideas, the results of which will not be felt for a year or so. You have the choice of candidate —choose the one who cares for both immediate and long-term ideas, and the one who, because he has a tough course, is accustomed to working hard and well.

VOICES FROM THE MASSES

No need for sit-ins or demonstrations—'Student Role' answers Birmingham's problems

BECAUSE of the rapid expansion of higher education, student problems have been greatly intensified, and the efforts of the university authorities to solve them are felt to be increasingly inadequate.

This was the basic motivation for a report, entitled "Student Role," produced by a Guild Commission under the chairmanship of Tony Klug, last year's President. The seventeen-page document aims to "look generally into staff-student relations, but in particular to examine student representation on University Committees and to come forward with proposals where necessary."

Representation on Senate itself is not called for, because, in the words of Tony Klug, interviewed last week, "We didn't think that it was needed on a regular basis, as matters of concern to students are rarely discussed; also, a lot of private matters such as appointments

Anomalies promote dangerous disharmony

which are not of interest to us, are discussed, and the presence of a student could be embarrassing for both sides. When matters of interest are being discussed, then we have requested that a copy of Senate agenda be sent to the President prior to the meeting so that he can judge whether or not matters of interest to students are liable to arise."

On several university committees representation is already regarded as satisfactory, but anomalies which do exist promote a dangerous disharmony; for instance, in recent cases of student discipline, showing the inadequacy of the present system.

The section of the report on the Discipline Committee puts particular emphasis on the need to abolish or modify the clause in University Ordinances stating that any member of the Discipline Committee "may exclude the student concerned (in a case of serious misconduct) from the University and its precincts until the case is considered." This is felt to be contrary to the concept of "natural justice."

The report recommends that two or three students should be invited to sit on committees whose work does involve matters of student interest. It is also recommended that the rules of Staff House be changed to allow staff to entertain student guests in the building, in order to facilitate improvements in staff/student personal relationships.

'Student militancy is not part of the rules'

No suggestions are made, however, as to how staff/student liaison on a departmental basis can be achieved; this, the report states, is a matter of concern for the departments themselves.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about "Student Role" is that the Birmingham conclusions, reached after weeks of research and patient investigation, have proved to be exactly the same as the final conclusions of the joint staff-student committee set up at the London School of Economics after the sit-in of last year. On the question of student militancy over representation, Tony Klug said: "Student militancy is not part of the established rules of the game; however, the university has its own forms of militancy—the sending down of the student is part of this, and is an established form. If the university provokes us then we are entitled to use the weapons at our disposal.

Provided people are informed of the issues beforehand, I can't see militancy being resorted to here. But if the university unreasonably rejects any major part of the report, if this is made known to the tudent body here, then I think we will have greater support for militant action than at L.S.E. or at Leicester—but I cannot see such action being necessary. The reason for sit-ins is a problem with which sociologists are still grappling from my own point of view, the basic problem is a shocking lack of communication between the two sides. The university authorities here are more liberal than at L.S.E.

From past experience, negotiation has been very fruitful—but this might not have been the case at other institutions, where as a result

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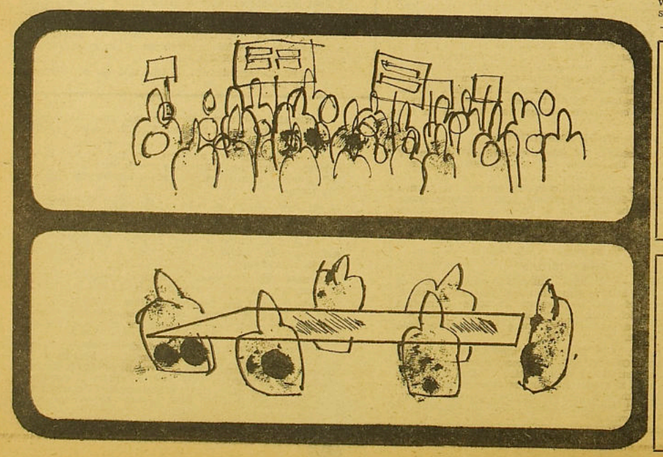
the students became impatient—probably justifiably so. And this reverted to more militant action—sooner than the traditions of our own university would make necessary."

Asked where the representatives are going to come from, and how many will be needed, Tony Klug said: "Assuming that the President sits on a number of committees

'Basic problem is lack of communication'

as he has a sabbatical year, then we will still need about 25 representatives. On important issues they must be mandated by Council. They must always remember that they are representing a heterogeneous student body, rather than themselves. We already, in fact, have student representation on the refectory committee, and on the lodgings committee, and this has worked very well indeed, and we have got the regulations changed. The fact that the representatives were new to the committee did not sem to impede their progress."

"Student Role" is an extremely important document; although its terms of reference limited it strictly to problems local to Birmingham, its conclusions could easily be applied to other universities with similar problems. It should certainly be read by anyone thinking of forming departmental staff/student committees, and is available, in limited numbers, in General Office.



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"Battle of the Bitches': at The Anniversary (New Street ABC)

THEATRE
ROBERTA PLUTZIK

Othello

THE prevailing tenor of the play "Othello," at the Birmingham Rep. is destructive. The imagery spoken by Iago is bloody. He has a cavernous, sensual imagination, which agravates the real weakness of his victims. He reduces them to mere pawns before being himself checked.

It is easy for the stage Iago, the protagonist, to overshadow Othello because I think it is difficult for an actor to come upon the complimentary amount of intelligence and weakness in the Moor, himself, as well as how much emphasis to place on his blackness and the stereotyped characteristics thereof.

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MUSICAL
ROBERTA PLUTZIK

M.R.A. review

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT'S new musical, which is performing at Solihull Civic Hall, really a musical review, interspersed with minor skits. The theme of the presentation is spirited; it reflects the attitude of its participants, fifty youths from fifteen countries.

The idea for a travelling show originated last summer in Caux, the European centre for M.R.A. One cast member found at this conclave "young and old NOT hypnotised by crises." And, in song after song, we are impressed with a highly idealistic goal—the "renaissance of the individual conscience," or, more simply, "the guts to stand alone."

The company is young and unpretentious. Musically, the show's tunes seem reminiscent of "Climb Every Mountain's" directness and emotionalism, and are sung in a variety of tongues. The solo performances display lesser musicality. The small guitar and horn orientated orchestra commendably refrained from overpowering the vocalists.

The overall simplicity of "Anything to Declare" will appeal to some. But what these young people say cannot be criticised; that life is for living, helping. "Decide if you care. Decide and you're there." It is one way to approach the threat of modern decadence.

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NEWS THEATRE
DICK HOLT

Sweaty armpits of youth

A VISIT to the Jacey News Theatre (beside the Rep.) is a return to the joys—nay, the innocence—of childhood. The News Theatre is the last refuge in Britain today of a culture which the "sophisticated" would call puerile but which is, through its simplicity, basic to the human soul.

Only the insensitive could fail to be moved by the gallant struggle of the tiny mouse, Jerry, against the lumbering Tom, or Flash Gordon's fearless opposition to the tyrannical and evil Emperor Ming. The recent fight to the death between the intrepid space traveller and the dreaded orangopoid highlighted the eternal conflict between good and evil, and the inevitable victory for the side of virtue is a welcome change in the modern cinema.

The feeling of an earlier, more basic, world is, of course, intensified by the fact that many of the films are old. "Flash Gordon," the greatest of all film serials, was made in 1935 and moistened the armpits of our mothers' generation. The finest cartoons were made in the immediate post-war years (although the modern Hector Heathcote episodes approach greatness), while the newsreels and travelogues are an art form essentially of the '30s.

For 2s. one can sit in the very front row, and gaze up at the screen, a position which in itself is reminiscent of Saturday afternoon matinees and the Fourpenny Rush. From the moment one enters the Theatre, to the moment one leaves, the feeling is of nostalgia for an age which is past, the golden age of childhood.

The Birmingham Rep. Othello survives the threat of theatrical suffocation. He possesses commanding voice, convincing tan, lanky physique, broad-featured face. His movements are smooth, naturally athletic. And the external simplicity is there; grasping the wall, slapping his wife, moving his head, eyes in search of "truth". The poisonous, controlled Iago, who must juggle many masks of charm and deception, is convincingly done.

Desdemona is played maturely and competently, especially when confronted by noble Cassio, who possesses a face obviously too young for her. We can validly comment how foolish Othello is to believe what he does. Cassio but admires the lady and, in truth, plays around with lesser women.

The play has undergone a certain modernisation of costume. Roderigo first strolls out in turn of the century (1900) walking suit. The general effect of the change is increased militarism, as the soldiers parade outfitted in heavy gold ornamentation.

The production is a very pleasing interpretation of displeasing events.

CARNIVAL DANCES
SUE HOLLIDAY
KEITH FRANCIS
LINDA POTTER

Foundations

CHAOS struck Ents. Comm. the day before what was to be the Kinks Carnival Dance when word came through that the Kinks had cancelled the engagement for no apparent reason. Fortunately, at the last moment the Foundations stepped in, but the dance was still a crass financial loss.

The Foundations put on quite a professional performance but lacked variety. Supporting groups were the "Outer Limits," who were a very good run of the mill group for dancing to, and "Jethro Tull," whose music was rather obscure and not really suitable for a dance.

The Deb. Hall was very effectively decorated by Mech. Eng. Priestley discotheque was alternated with the "Gilettante Hot Stompers," who are a post-grad Trad Jazz group. Unfortunately their music was not appreciated by all, but was really a pleasant change from the noisy Deb Hall.

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Traffic

THE Carnival Ball held at the Top Rank ballroom on Wednesday witnessed what must have been one of the most impressive acts by a group seen in Birmingham for a considerable time.

Traffic, who seem to have lost nothing by the absence of Dave Mason, performed an act full of their own distinctively creative music. The musical ability of Chris Wood and the soulful singing of Stevie Windwood made the evening memorable.

However, most people felt that this wasn't the kind of music needed for a Carnival Ball. It was left to Sounds Inc. and the Silverstone Set to attempt to get the dance moving, but although they played adequately, the audience of just over 1,000 remained pretty inert.

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Pyjama Hop

A VARIED programme of music, two star groups, a Carnival spirit amongst students dressed in wild nightwear of all descriptions, and a bright atmosphere evoked by Tom and Jerry and avant-garde projections on the ceiling, all contributed to make Friday's Pyjama Hop at Aston the most successful of the Carnival dances.

Though not original, the three supporting groups were highly professional, preparing the way for the excellent stage performance of Simon Dupree. Their act is always entertaining, they had the audience really moving as they played some of their hits and a medley of mainly Chuck Berry rock numbers.

The Yardbirds you either like or hate. Many disliked them. True, they are a group for listening and not dancing to, but their music is exciting.

They played some of their earlier numbers but their style has changed as the group's membership has changed. Once ranging from basic rock and roll to old-fashioned blues, now they play more adventurous, experimental music with a strong Indian influence showing in the style of lead-guitarist Jimmy Page, replacement for Jeff Beck, and rated one of the seven best guitarists in the country. His guitar playing is controlled and the effect of a violin bow on the guitar is evocative. Only complaint—at times he drowned the vocal of Keith Relf.

In spite of pre-dance complaints about the expensive tickets, most agreed the entertainment was worth its 12s. 6d. price; main moan—the bar ran out of beer before the evening was through.

FILMS
MAURICE YACOWAR

Three must-sees

EXCELLENT black comedy at the Cinephone: **"The Pornographer."** The film is about sex. No pretensions to metaphor or metaphysical simile. The hero pimps, sells blue cards and movies, indeed is an all-round middle-man for the spreading of sexual satisfaction. He justifies his shady career in three ways: it's less harmful than most other forms of criminality; it earns him the money that his family and friends sap him for; it gives his customers peace of mind.

The villains of the film are the self-righteous family and friends who abuse the meek pornographer and who refuse honestly to recognise the sexual appetites. The film is sponsored by two American psychologists, the Doctors Kronhausen, known for their advice to "Playboy" and "Readers' Digest" readers. But a good film for all that.

Frustrated in his attempts to be an all-round Samaritan, the hero eschews fallible humanity and invents a female machine which will bring sexual satisfaction without torment and caprice. By now, though, our innocent, humble hero has lost his moorings . . .

The other must see film this week is **"The Oldest Profession,"** a novel of trollops, a jam of tarts, an anthology of pros. Raquel Welch and Jeanne Moreau are among the prostitutes, Jean-Luc Goddard among the directors. (At the FUTURIST).

In **"The Anniversary"** (New Street A.B.C.), Bette Davis serves up a ham sandwich without bread. Vicious, domineering mother confirms her strangle-hold upon her three sons. Trouple is that all three sons seem to get just the kind of mother/wife/fetish they deserve.

So the film is a splendidly sadistic comedy, where the audience can side with the bully (Moma) and kick the . . . out of the underdogs.

Stiff camera-work and stagey entrances and movements make the film a clumsy recording of the Bill MacIlwraith play. Must be a far better play than a movie.

The slick **"Point Blank"** continues at Coleshill Street A.B.C. and Edgbaston.

Unusual cowboy-horror hybrid at Coleshill Friday night; **"The Fiend That Walked The West"** with **"The Dead one."**

"Poor Cow" (Stamp and Carol White) comes to Edgbaston, Sunday for a week. The Oak offers the abominable Carry-On Gang-Bilko thing, **"Follow That Camel,"** about a foreign legion outpost at Fort Soixante-Neuf. Sunday has **"Saturday Night Out"** with/because **"I Married a Werewolf."**

Film Society, Thursday, has Alain Robbe-Grillet's first film, **"L'Immortelle,"** filmed in France, Italy and Turkey in 1962. Last programme of the term and not to be missed.

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Keith Relf—one of Yardbirds' "old hands."

FILM SOCIETY

Thursday, 7.30, Howarth

"L'Immortelle"

directed by

Alain Robbe-Grillet

THIS WEEK'S SPORT: Ten-pin bowling doubles - Rugger defeats



Brum backs start a passing movement against Aber. [Photo: Ian Salmon]

Rugger

Bad passes help defeat

Birmingham Univ. 1st XV 3pts., Aberystwyth Univ 1st XV 5

TO the great disappointment of all involved, except the opposition, Aberystwyth were able to snatch victory literally in the last few minutes with a converted try. In effect, one could say that this was rough justice for the way Birmingham played for the greater part of the game, but still the scoreline does not reflect a fair result.

In the first half, the capacity (or perhaps slightly less) crowd were treated to a superb exhibition of how not to play basic Rugby. The ball seemed to be a bad weight, so often was it dropped passes (usually the team's strongpoint!) varied in velocity and direction from ankle to the high heavens. Before the writer is "duffed" by some large forwards, may I absolve the latter from blame, as they provided the backs with plenty of good balls.

Things got a bit better in the second half (they couldn't have got worse) and Birmingham actually scored mid-way through the half. The movement started with hooker Jeff Coe managing to get through seemingly impossible situations with various suggestive movements of his delicate body, and then passing to "mad" Stan Peters who, with a mighty bellow and a cloud of dust, threw himself over the line.

These three points, however, were not good enough and Aberystwyth hit back with the vital goal after three choruses of "Sospan Fach."

Soccer 2nd XI

TOUGH WORKS DEFEAT 2nd XI

Birmingham 2nd XI .....0; Works A.F.A. 4

A TOUGH and fit Works A.F.A. team convincingly beat the 2nd XI on Saturday. A stiff breeze behind them in the first half gave the Works team the impetus they needed to keep the home team under continual pressure.

Inevitably the goals came, three of them in the first half, all well taken. With the wind at their backs the 2nd XI found the going easier. But with the A.F.A. team picking up almost all the loose balls around the area, they could create few chances.

With a few minutes left a hard shot into the top corner had goalkeeper John Palmer well beaten and the superiority was emphasised.

Dave Barraclough played well in defence but in general there was insufficient power and hard tackling.

Supporters will be welcome to the Birmingham Junior Cup final next Saturday at Bournville. Coaches will leave the North Car Park at 1.30.

Ten-pin Bowling

MATHIESON & SOMNER TAKE DOUBLES TITLE

ON Sunday, March 4th, at the Wembley Stadium Bowl, Brunel University organised a national students' doubles championships. There were 40 entries from 13 universities and colleges from all around the country, who represented the cream of student bowling. Birmingham University submitted six entries, and from these came the eventual winners, namely Eric Mathieson and Colin Sumner.

Due to the large number of entries, it was necessary to bowl in two squads. The Birmingham entries all bowled in the second squad, and so they knew they had to beat a 10-game total of 1,703 to win the tournament. This proved no problem to Eric and Col, who turned in a blistering 1,799 to win quite comfortably.

The winning of this championship has injected new confidence into the Birmingham teams for the coming play-off, to find the best university in the country. The play-off is between the top two teams from each of the Northern league and the Midlands league, the universities involved being Birmingham, Leicester, Leeds and Hull.

Rugger

Late try to no avail

Birmingham Univ. 1st XV 6pts., Worcester 11

DESPITE the close score, it was Birmingham's turn to score in the last minute for a change. This, however, was not enough to beat a Worcester side which far from dominated the University side.

This match marked the return of "Vintage" Vintner to the side partially recovered after slipping something somewhere, though without his much-vaunted corset which would have been the main attraction of the afternoon, rivalling Carnival. Also returned to the side as a "guest" was Bill O'Neill (had your eyes tested yet, Bill?). Both of these were able to add a bit of life to the side, but it was still not enough to win.

Some of the spectators seemed to be enjoying the game so much that insisted on joining in. One little toddler almost found himself the target of a foot rush. Nevertheless, a brave rescuer in the person of Keith Bonsor, managed to save the situation.

Yet again, the forwards played quite well in the set pieces, though somewhat scrappily at times, and again it was a forward who scored. This time the laurel leaves go to Phil Davies, who, faithfully followed up a cross kick from John Hampton, found the ball in his hands and the line at his mercy. Surprisingly enough, he scored.

Phil Taylor would like it to be known for the sake of his Fun Club that he converted that try, and earlier in the proceedings, kicked a penalty.

Touchline

Rugger

1st XV v. Aberystwyth Univ. 1st XV: lost 5-3.

1st XV v. Worcester: lost 11-8.

Soccer

2nd XI v. Works A.F.A.: lost 4-0.

Mermaids v. Britannic: drew 2-2.

Mermaids v. Wake Green Amateurs: lost 2-0.

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Weightlifting championships: - 2nd XI soccer defeat

Weight-lifting

Team titles lost to Scots

U.A.U. Olympic weight-lifting championships were held at the New Sports Centre last Saturday. In the lightweight class Alan Bowker lifted below his expected form due to the pressures of organisation, but still had a comfortable victory by a margin of 40lbs.

In the middleweight class Pat Hore made three personal bests to finish third, and John Lowe also made two personal bests to give them a creditable total. The team was weakened by the absence of Paul Davis, who would almost certainly have been placed second in the lightweight class, and saw their team title go to a very strong Edinburgh team, which included Colin Mellis, the top-ranked Scottish light-heavyweight in 1967.

Basketball

DISMAL YEAR AGAIN

ONCE again, Birmingham have failed miserably in the field of men's sport with regards U.A.U. The Basketball squad came nearest to a U.A.U. title, when they were narrowly beaten by Loughborough Colleges in the final, at Liverpool, earlier this term.

The Soccer Club caused the current disappointment of the season when they failed to win through the qualifying rounds of the competition. They only really found their form against Aston, when they beat 10—0, having previously been beaten in close games by both Loughborough Colleges and Birmingham University.

However, they have since made up for this poor showing by reaching the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup, and they are now favourites to win this title. It is hoped that this Saturday the 2nd XI will complete the first leg of a University "double" by winning the Junior Cup.

Also on the Soccer scene, Mermaids earlier this year looked to be in with a chance of winning their section of the Birmingham League, but now, with the backlog of fixtures, the chance seems to be gradually slipping away.

In the same division, Academicals, after a promising start, followed by two defeats at the hands of the Mermaids, have now slipped down the league table.

Also the Birmingham Wednesday Soccer Wanderers have fared well in their first season, winning their three games to date.

Of the other major sports, the Rugby Club reached the area cup finals but no further, and the Rugger Club have had a very poor year, only recently finding their true form by putting in some creditable performances against Welsh opposition.

Looking on the brighter side, the Boxers have again shamed the rest by winning the WIVAB Table Tennis Title for the fourth successive year), sharing the Hockey Club and reaching the final of the knock-out tournament.

The Netball team didn't quite manage their annual appearance in the Crystal Palace finals this season, to the surprise of all their supporters.

Amongst the minor sports, the Weightlifting Club has had a successful year, mainly due to the performances of certain outstanding individuals.

Individual honours for Birmingham sportsmen have also been distinguishing.

Golf

Convincing wins for Carnival week

v. TRENTHAM ..... win 4—0
v. BRISTON ..... won 5—1
v. SOUTH STAFFS. ... lost 4—2

THE University fielded strong teams in the week against Trentham and Bristol University and had convincing wins against each. Trentham had to field a weakened team since, due to county fixtures, two of their better players had to stand down. Nevertheless the team deserve all honour for their fine play.

Bristol turned up with only six men, and so it was decided that the match should be six-a-side. Unfortunately our able captain Jim Bowdler did not find his true form until it was too late and lost despite a fine fight back over the final stages.

At South Staffs, one of the strongest club sides we play, we were robbed of victory through members of the team being involved in Carnival. The top pair Datham and Bowalker had a fair game and were unlucky only to halve. Paul Birtwistle, still playing fine golf, also gained us a half playing with Dave Basil. Ian Coldwell and Andy Wawn surpassed themselves in a convincing win.

On Wednesday the team have a three-cornered battle at Sherwood Forest against Nottingham and Sheffield.



More clean ball from the forwards sets Birmingham on the attack.

Soccer

Lucky winner in force nine gale

THE Wolves' youth team just managed to pip Brum in a force 9 gale by two goals to one. The wind ruined the game completely, causing misplaced passes,, and hours searching for lost balls over the fence or down the slope behind the goal.

The Wolves were not as good as expected and perhaps were a little fortunate to win. Their winner came 30 seconds from time. A good move on the right ended in a cross which was not cleared, and their tall left-half cracked a beauty home. He signs professional next week.

Wolves were on top in the first half due to the gale at their backs, but they did not cause the Brum defence much trouble. The University, with four reserves in, coped reasonably well, and managed to mount a few dangerous attacks.

Wolves scored first when their tiny left-winger crossed over the Brum middleman for a colleague to dive and head home. Slack marking was evident here. Dave Rosbrook then moved into the forward line as he received a bad kick on the leg, and Johnny Harrop took his place, and played pretty well, in his second position.

In the second half Brum, now kicking with the wind, dominated the play for long periods, but could not get the ball out of the right-wing where the wind kept blowing it in. Bas Brown had a tremendous shot brilliantly saved, and then slotted the equaliser, after the ball had been scrambled out of a ruck of players.

Brum pressed for the winner, but tended to try and reach the goal too quickly by lifting long balls, instead of hunting in packs, and the ball kept running away from the forwards.

The boredom was lifted when Wolves tried a late rally but they were a little lucky to get the winner.

A more enthusiastic and forceful effort from Brum may have reversed the result.

On Saturday the second XI meet Pennerift in the Birmingham A.F.A. Junior cup final at Old Wilfordians ground. The lads are favourite to win and support is needed to ensure they do. The coach will leave the North Car Park at 1.30 p.m.

Basketball

INTERNECINE STRIFE

OLD Norts provided the first match of any consequence after the U.A.U. Championships and they managed to beat the University squad by 63-57. Interest tends to tail off after U.A.U. and after struggling through something in the region of 45 matches this season, and the side has become very depleted of late, but most of the side were there to have a swing at Paul Gaskin and survey the internecine strife which is a growing feature of Old Norts play. The best, and it looks like the only way to beat them is to get them arguing with each other and score while they are not looking.

Oxford provided the biggest defeat the University has suffered yet this season by winning 69-40 on their own court. Of course, it is a comfort to remember that they are in the final of the National Championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday, and if they win that they have been offered a 40-day tour of South America. You don't get that for peanuts. And it is also some small consolation to remember that we held them to five points and a nasty fright on our court.

Hull, as expected did not provide a lot of opposition on Saturday, and what opposition they did provide was spread thin by the fact that they had nine players to cover two games. Birmingham had three of their first five missing, achieved a 32-point win and enough said.

St. Paul's, Cheltenham nearly always provide an enjoyable match, if only for the fact that they feed you afterwards—a rare touch these days. With George Greene out, having sustained a chipped finger against Oxford and eyestrain assessing the results of his Victaurr poll, and Paul Patterson taking residence in the Upper Second West Stack, the team was again under strength. But a win of 119-72 proved satisfying enough. John Lord shot them to death from outside, running up 38 points, and by skilful substitution and careful manipulation of the scoresheet afterwards, he managed to keep Rich Cowley to 36.

Both these are personal bests, and Rich Cowley has a tally for the Oxford, Hull and Cheltenham games of 79 points, if you want to know. And if you don't, he does. Vic Gregorian, high-scoring pivotman and expert basketweaver, crashed in another telling three points by careful use of the Armenian travel, of which he is the only known exponent on a basketball court outside Wigan.

Hockey

Defence tangles give 'Varsity win

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. ... 3
REDDITCH 1

IN idyllic conditions at Wast Hills on Saturday the 1st XI entertained Redditch in what proved to be one of the term's most attractive games. The University started off well and soon had the Redditch defence in tangles.

Twice in the first ten minutes Birmingham had a goal disallowed and it looked at one stage as if Redditch were going to have a lucky afternoon. However, Norris and his crew suddenly raised their tempo and Fishburn, breaking into a trot, contributed to some particularly fluent play resulting in Birmingham's first goal.

The sunny afternoon seemed to transform the Birmingham defence into good-natured souls, since Norris unaccountably owned up to the ball having been deflected off his stick over the backline. According to the rules of hockey, this should have been a long corner; according to the umpire it was a penalty corner, and Redditch converted this gift into a goal.

In the second half, the University slipped into second gear, and after the Redditch defence had had two more goals hammered past them, they decided to play it safe and were content to cut their losses. Hence the University still remains unbeaten at home this season.

No bombs, but introvert Carnival

BY MIKE DUNN



[Photo: Dave Robinson]

Carnival Day — processions and floats galore, then Sunday and counting tons of money.

DESPITE the apparent financial rejection by Birmingham of the new-style Carnival, the majority of people within the University suggested that the whiter-than-white image of Carnival 45 was successful. Old-style stunts and new-style ventures such as the Adventure Playground were successfully integrated to give a Carnival which was both more useful and more enjoyable than those of immediately preceding years.

Most of the "social welfare" stunts were successful: a former hostel for destitute families in Acocks Green was converted into flats for unmarried mothers; the Adventure Playground in Handsworth was completed after being extremely well supported.

The old-style stunts were less generally successful. Events such as the hora dancing in Colmore Circus, though successful in that huge crowds of students turned out, raised little money for charity. Events such as these were held too far from the main shopping centres to attract much interest.

The apparent apathy of Aston resulted in near-total failure of the dwile-flonking when the Aston team failed to turn up. Richard Nile completed his marathon run from Charing Cross to Birmingham despite a hairline fracture of the shin which he suffered near Henley-in-Arden—but again this drew little response from the apathetic shoppers of Birmingham.

The standard of floats in the Carnival procession was considerably better than last year. Sir Robert Aitken and Professor Robert Brockie Hunter, the new Vice-Chancellor, awarded the free barrel of beer for the best float to India Society, a decision which was hotly disputed.

Thus ended a Carnival which, although it was entertaining, was financially a failure: a Carnival which is best forgotten.

Redbrick debate

THE "Redbrick" debate, which will be held tomorrow in the Council Chamber, is on the motion that "'Redbrick' is a scurrilous little tabloid".

Perry Christie, chairman of Debsoc., who is proposing the motion, seconded by Rhys Vaughan, said of "Redbrick" that "it is an insult to the intelligence of the undergraduates who read it, and should be treated with the contempt it deserves. It is failing in its duty to the students of Birmingham."

Phil Irving, editor of "Redbrick", and Roger Hird are opposing the motion.



Yolande Yates — newly-elected Carnival Queen.

Home for unmarried Carnival

ONE of the most phenomenally successful events of Carnival week has been the Lake-Wydd social project.

Commissioned by the Birmingham Friendship Housing Trust to patch up and redecorate six rooms in a former "Cathy" hostel, they had completed more than twice that number by 6 a.m. on Saturday after working through the night. "The response was superb," commented Alan Barr, Lake J.C.R. secretary who first conceived and organised the project. "About 150 people from both halls participated at some time during the week and we had a maximum of 65 on Friday afternoon."

The tremendous success of the project would seem to indicate that this type of venture is better supported when organised within a smaller community. "People aren't able to identify with the University because it's so much too big," Alan Barr continued, "but there's a community spirit in Hall that prompts people to turn out and help." He concluded: "Perhaps other halls could do something on similar lines next year."

The building is to be converted into flatlets for unmarried mothers.

TOO MANY COMMITTEES—TOO FEW RESPONSIBILITIES

AFTER a term and a half of investigations, the wholesale reform of the Guild structure for the first time in the history of the Union, has been recommended by the constitution committee.

In a reprot which runs to 21 pages, the main criticism is of the unnecessarily large number of committees with the consequence of too many meetings, and too little responsibility for the individual members. The solution advocated is the setting-up of fewer larger committees with wider terms of reference and hierarchy of sub-committees beneath them.

This system has several advantages—not least that students will know which committee, in fact which individual, carries the overall responsibility for which decision. The sub-committees will have their own chairmen who will be responsible to the "parent" committee though encouraged to take their own initiative. Through this delegation of responsibility, disastrous failures of organisation, as with the Arts Festival, should be avoided, and greater numbers of the student body can become involved in the community work or research.

It was also felt that the Guild took insufficient interest in the academic affairs of students. By demonstrating that it could do something about course context, teaching methods, and exams, as well as accommodation, health services, etc., it would attract much more interest. To this end it is suggested Education and Welfare Committees will be set up which would render the N.U.S. committee largely redundant. The latter would therefore be abolished, its political activities being taken over by the President and Executive.

Finally the constitution committee recommends magnanimously that, since its activities could be better carried out by an ad-hoc committee, it too should be abolished.

CUES OUT—THE END IS NEAR

COMPETITORS are asked to complete their quarter-final matches by next Sunday, March 17th. The semi-final ties will be played over three frames, starting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 18th, and the final, again over three frames, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19th.

For the last two rounds ONLY, tables will be booked for the competitors by "Redbrick."

Semi-finalists are asked to look at the snooker room booking sheet at lunchtime on Monday, and to be ready to play by 6.50 at the latest. A member of "Redbrick" staff will be present throughout the last two rounds.

Challange team rampant

BIRMINGHAM'S very own "University Challenge" team is set on the path to success.

The team (Dick Holt, Roger Hird, Colin Glithero and Martin Jenkins) travelled to Manchester last Tuesday with a mascot skeleton and about 40 supporters, to meet Somerville College, Oxford, and Trinity College, Dublin, and scored resounding victories over them. The team has only to beat Sheffield on April 25th to enter the knock-out competition on television.

Dick Holt commented that "our varied fields of study made us a good team and we worked well together." In a preliminary run-through Birmingham beat Trinity by 405 points to 20.

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KLUG FOR KING

LAST year's President, Tony Klug, is standing for N.U.S. Executive this Easter. He is not standing on any particular ticket —either R.S.A. or an executive one, and if he is elected to the post of Vice-President which he is aiming for, he will be the first student from Birmingham to sit on the executive for a very long time.

He is very well known in student politics at a national level, and during his year as President made the Birmingham delegation one of the top ones at the two N.U.S. conferences that year.

He says that there are far too many professional people at the top in N.U.S. who are not really students and are thus going against the concept of the Union as a union for students.

5TH COLUMN

This space not for sale

DESPITE rumours to the contrary, "Redbrick" is not coming out in favour of a particular presidential candidate this year—this in spite of very heavy pressure from a number of sources.

Accepting that the editor has the power—has he the right to give his own opinion on this issue? "Redbrick" can comment in an editorial on most events in the Guild—why not this one? Most other events are concerned with issues on which the editor can take one particular point of view—this occurs usually after the event has taken place. However, in the case of the elections, the comment is occurring before the event, and can influence the subsequent result.

Has the editor any right to influence the elections other than by using his ballot-paper and voting? As the election is now fought within certain rules of advertising, for "Redbrick" to support one candidate is unfair to the others who have not this means available. If there were more than one newspaper on the campus the situation would be different, and one could feel entitled to support a candidate, if one chose.

But there is a danger, with the growth of advertising, that the qualities of a candidate may be distorted and, in the absence of anything else to guide them, the electorate chooses him. Should the editor try and stop this, by giving his opinion of the candidates on the grounds that he knows them better than most other people on the campus? As it is an opinion—a value judgment, it is arrogance of the highest order to think that he knows better than the rest of the campus who is the best candidate.

Next year, when the new Vice-Chancellor arrives, the President must be someone who can be firm, rather than someone who the Vice-Chancellor can bend to his point of view; at the same time he must be able to negotiate in a reasonable manner. The balance between the two will be extremely difficult to obtain in any of the candidates.

It would be a change next year to have a practical President, who is concerned with concrete achievement rather than political ideals. Much of the blame for the continued administrative incompetence which has characterised the Union Executive this year must be laid on the President, who has shown himself to be quite unable to keep his political views in the background, and get on with the job of running the Guild.

But administration should not be allowed to predominate in a choice of candidate; we must have someone who can present an impressive image to other universities, and to the city, and be respected for his views.

Wishy-washy manifestos which are easily bent, so that one cannot say whether they have been put into force or not, are to be avoided at all costs. Also, it would be a pity if a candidate were elected purely on the grounds that his name is most seen or the most widely known. The hustings and the manifestos still remain the most reliable way of assessing a candidate, if he is not known personally by the voter. But more than anything else, VOTE! It's your choice.

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