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"AN UNSYMPATHETIC DECISION":
THEN STUDENT ACCEPTED AT U.C. LONDON

RHODESIAN TURNED AWAY

Birmingham University Medical School has recently refused admission to a Rhodesian student whose studies had been interrupted at University College Salisbury, by the Rhodesian Government.

He had applied to Birmingham Medical School because of the close connections that Birmingham has with U.C. Rhodesia.

Commenting on the decision, Dr. Nelms, a lecturer in the Physiology Department of the Medical School, said that the Birmingham authorities had made "an unsympathetic decision to a student who must have been deeply affected by the political pressures on him."

The student, Mr. Badat, was not allowed to cross the border from South Africa, when he wanted to return to the University at the beginning of this session. He has now obtained a place at University College, London, who accepted him as a matter of principle, as a political refugee.

His case is not the first; there have been many students put in a similar position by the present regime in Rhodesia, and only a few of the students have applied to Birmingham for admission.

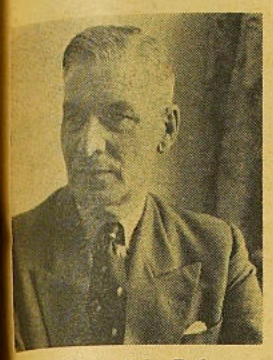
The medical school authorities have apparently been treating the students as normal admission candidates, and have asked U.C. Rhodesia for information about the students. The information supplied has been, not surprisingly, unfavourable.

Dr. Nelms was himself at U.C. Rhodesia until a year ago, and he and some other members of staff have been attempting to try and make people more aware of the facts of the cases concerned. "There is a much more serious case at the moment—a student who was due to be thrown out last Saturday, and we have heard nothing from him since—he might have been sent to South Africa."

The Medical Registry said yesterday that "As far as we are aware, the Badat affair was settled to the convenience of all concerned. Two other students who applied from University College were actually granted admission here, as their academic qualifications were good."

Dr. Davies, the admissions tutor at the Medical School said: "There were very good reasons for not admitting Badat—academic for one—I shouldn't be put off by this sort of sob story."

However it seems that there are a lot of questions to be asked about the Medical School policy of supporting U.C. Rhodesia.



Mr. Humbert of the Refectory

Your food devalued?

THERE is no possibility of either Union or Refectory food prices being increased in the near future, following the devaluation of the pound. Both Mr. Verdegem, catering manager of the Union, and Mr. Humbert of the Refectory, made this clear to "Redbrick" in recent interviews.

Mr. Verdegem said: "Obviously prices are going to rise, but we will have to wait until after Christmas before it can be seen whether the extent of the rises will have to be passed over to the students or not.

Meat prices are going up at the present time, due to the foot-and-mouth epidemic which is raging in the country at the moment. However, Mr. Humbert said that "we have stocks of meat to last for a few weeks yet," and he added, "there will be no further price rises in the Refectory for a heck of a long time."

MISSING SPORTS CAR

A WHITE Singer Chamois sports car, registration number HVE 392F was stolen from Unviersity House drive between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. yesterday. Its owner, David Neave, Chem I, who had parked it while attending lectures, returned at 5 p.m. to find it gone.

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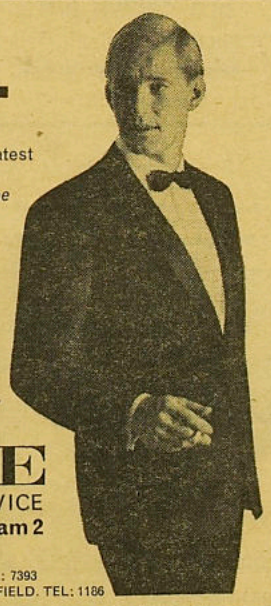
Westbourne knifing

AS a sequel to the "knifing" incident at Westbourne Training College last October, two students are under suspension, pending a decision from the governing body.

The Students' Union executive, who have not been officially informed of the affair, have requested details from the Principal, but are still awaiting response.

Roger Haworth, Guild Executive, said: "I believe that the students should have more liaison with the governors."

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BRUCE BUCHAN, Union Secretary, appeared on A.T.V. television last Monday in a programme entitled "A.T.V. Today."

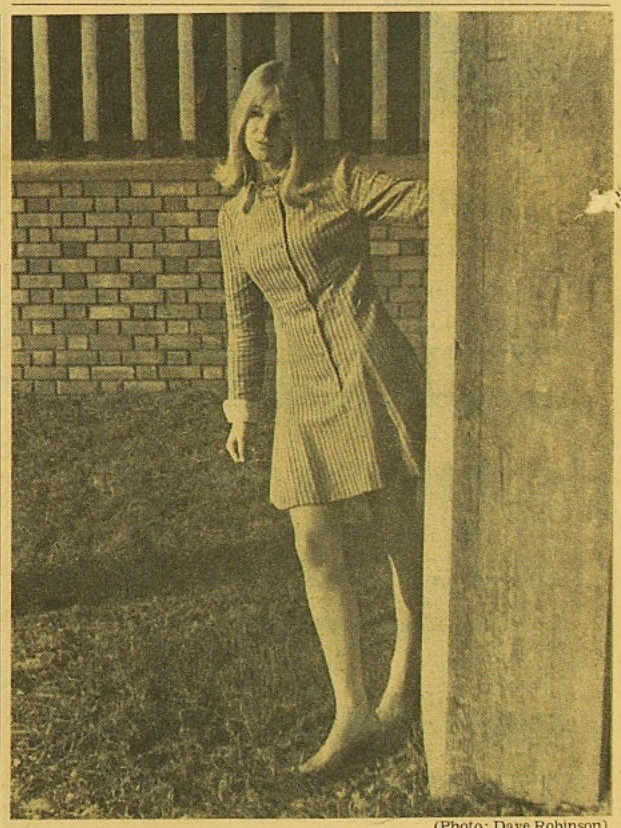
In the programme there was an item on young people in Britain wanting to leave the country, and it was on this topic that Bruce was speaking.

It seems that the Union secretary does not want to leave England just yet.

OXFORD P.R.O.s

Oxford University is to send out teams of academic recruiting officers to tour the country. Two hundred top dons are to go to selected schools and entice sixth-formers to Oxford.

The scheme follows a sharp fall in entrants for the university this year. Headmasters have welcomed the move as a sign that Oxford is at last getting to grips with the problem of its fading appeal.



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There's no need for Liz Arnott to hide behind that pillar. She's too good-looking to stay in the shade!

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REDBRICK SAYS . . .

THE successful Science candidates for the Court of Governors elections probably have an efficient advertising campaign to account for their election to office; yet another example of how advertising and a block vote can win elections.

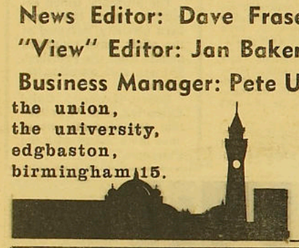
The campaign is a rather frightening parallel of the presidential elections last year, where apparently advertising counted for everything—the candidates can be good or bad—it doesn't matter which. In the most recent case there were no manifestos, as policy is impossible on a rubber stamping body such as the Court of Governors. This is a situation which Guild Council is rapidly tending towards. It is surely possible to elect anyone with enough advertising and canvassing.

Representation in the Court elections is only token, but next term, when the report on student representation appears, executive will have to be a little more active in pursuing the matter than they have been at any time this term.

What happened to the student flats issue? To the proposed reform of Guild entertainments (Charles Wright manifesto last year), to the proposed breaking down of the barriers between Exec. and the rest of the Guild, to the setting up of halls publicity offices in the Union (Barbara Phipps' manifesto last year).

The term has been one of inaction. About the only thing of note to emerge is that Union and council paperwork has increased to an unprecedented level; in fact General Office can hardly cope with the flood. Councillors certainly cannot cope with the new size of their agenda. The scene is one of unending commissions and reports, in which any coherent plan seems to have been lost long ago.

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REPERTORY Theatre, Station Street. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., (Mat.) 27, 28, 29 Nov., 1, 2 Dec. "Peer Gynt" by Henrik Ibsen. Thurs., Sat., (Eve.) 30 Nov., 2 Dec. "The Doctor's Dilemma" by Bernard Shaw. Eves. at 7.15. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. Box Office: MIDland 2471.

BIRMINGHAM Theatre, Hurst Street. Until 2 Dec. Birmingham and Midland Operatic Soc. present "The Music Man" by Meredith Willson. Eves. 7.15. Mat. Sat. 2 Dec. 2.30. Box Office: 021-622 2576.

STUDIO Theatre, Midlands Arts Centre for Young People, Cannon Hill Park, 29 Nov.-2 Dec. "The Ugly Duckling" by John English. Daily 2.30. Sat. 2.30 and 5.0. Tickets: 5s. (Members 4s.). Box Office: 021-440 3838.

CRESCENT Theatre, Cumberland Street. Until 9 Dec. "Doctors of Philosophy." by Muriel Spark. Eves. 7.15. Tickets from Town Hall Box Office.

Today

MUSIC. Town Hall: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Conductor Harold Gray. Soloist Tamas Vasary. Programme: Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (Britten) Piano Concerto No. 1 in B flat (Tchaikovsky) Siegfried Idyll (Wagner) Capriccio Espagnol (Rimsky-Korsakov). Tickets: 12/6, 10/-, 8/6, 6/6, 5/-, 4/- from Town Hall Box Office. 7.30.

MEETING. University of Aston: (Birmingham Humanist Group) "Unitarianism." Speaker Rev. A. H. Birtles. 8.0.

JAZZ. Golden Eagle, Hill St.: Ken Ingram's Eagle Jazz Band. 8.0.

Saturday

MUSIC. Midland Institute, Margaret St.: Contemporary Arts. Experimental Music I—Piano. Introduced by Roger Smalley. Tickets: 5s. from Institute. 2.30.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL: Villa Park: Aston Villa v. Huddersfield Town (L.2). 3.0. Hawthorns: West Bromwich Albion v. Bury (C.L.). 3.0.

MUSIC. Museum and Art Gallery, Congreve St.: (Birmingham Chamber Music Soc.). John Alldis Choir. Tickets: 12/6 from Murdochs, 155 Corporation St. 7.15.

MUSIC. Queensbridge Sec. School, Moseley: Concert by Birmingham Singers. Programme includes: Dona Nobis Pacem (Vaughan Williams) Christmas Music from the Messiah (Handel) Enigma Variations (Elgar). Tickets: 3/6 from Mr. A. B. Treloar, Tindal J. & I. School, Tindal St., Birmingham 12 and Jones & Crossland, 6 Smallbrook Ringway. 7.30.

Personal

External: 6d a word.
Internal: 3d a word.
Insertions up to mid-day Tuesday

DAVE—Once you've pushed it in you can't get it out again. Or had you noticed.
N.U.S. Questionnaire: Please fill them in.
BUT will make a donation to an unspecified charity.
LUBRICATED sensitive pointed pile-driver required.—Contact 270, Wyddrington.
MISSES Pauline Black, Ros Ekins, Judy Seymour, Clare Wilson and Messrs. Antony Alexander, Drew Baker, David Fraser and Michael Fullerlove regret to announce they will not send Christmas cards this year.
MAGGIE—Ite Copulanda.
MIKE wishes to announce that he is extremely happy.
N.U.S. would like all those students who received a means test questionnaire to fill it in and return it as soon as possible.
SAM: Mick tells me you have nappy-rash—Has he as well?
HOW many gins in one plus a dozen—Jan?
OUR PIX-ED cannot resist poking his finger where it is not wanted.
MAGIC. I should think you soon found who yours was.—B.
GIANT Organ required. 270.
IF you prick me do I not bleed. Like Hell. 270.
MAGGIE. It's quite easy, I don't look at you.—T.
LOOK out, fingers the fuzz are at Manor.
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THE Medics Olympic Limbo team seeks sponsors for a blue-beat quest to Jamaica.
GRAHAM. What's happened to the old one?
MARION. L12 Ryvita is no substitute.
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ANNE. Stop carrying coal to Coalville. She has her own fire to stoke.
I HATE GAYNOR.
NO entry 270.
INDO Jazz Fusions. Town Hall Sunday, 7.30. Tickets from 5/- to 15/-, at Union Reception Desk.
HAVE you filled in your N.U.S. questionnaire?
MINERALS Engineering is the in subject this year!
REMEMBER the Gallows?
COME home Uncle Chris. All is forgiven.
CATHERINE . . . PLEASE.
CHILDREN of the eleventh heaven — happiness is banana shaped.
BANANAS wanted, 11th Floor Mason.
WE can't help you girls—Try bananas.—"The Roundhead."
IS Fiona the missing link?
CLIMBERS —"Hindu Kush." Leser Haworth, Dec. 5th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.
COMING Sunday? Indo Jazz Fusions.
'66 SOC. Members look in your P.H.s.
DEAR Nick. I want to race you. Promise it won't hurt.—Love Sue.
WANTED. Suitable support for shrinking double bass player.
COME and go at the Gallows!
MAP-READER required. She is not Florence Nightingale but knows a good garage.
SWANSEA. Who did we see in the Library last Saturday.—Reply A. Crawford, via PH.
THIS is an in column—Keep your column out of 378. One is enough.
TOWN HALL, Sunday, Indo Jazz Fusions.
JOHN, How does it feel when you've had it—378 et al.
LOST—Virginity—Gallows last Wednesday.
WANTED: Progressive bass player to join modern jazz group. See Reg Webb, University House.
GALLOWS, Sheep Street, Aston.
DAVE isn't driven up the wall, **RIDGE** baby-sitting service 3s. per hour before 12 p.m., 4s. after. Ring L. Riches, ZDO 2345, 6-7 p.m.
INDO Jazz Fusions — This Sunday.
ANYBODY who lost Arts Scarf and gained Chem Scarf at Anglican Chaplaincy Disco. Please contact Lake 248 for swop.
FRED, Kick this theatrical habit while there is still time.
DICKIE BUSHCHIN: Expert at indecent exposure.
DAVE has a tool steel to shovel.
STUART and Michèle. Congratulations on your engagement.
DICKIE. Your cover's blown. You may introduce her now. We're all A.G.O.G.
P.C. Stop it I like it Twiger!
BLIND mann seeks guide. Anything in trousers considered.—Apply, Mason.
AJIBERT has been arrested by the M & B for serving with drinking.
TONIGHT in Council Chamber: First Round of Observe Mace Tournament. Birmingham University (Charles Wright and Ray Phillips) against three others on motion: "Legal Marriage is no longer socially necessary."
DEBATE OF THE YEAR, Friday, 5.15 p.m. in Council Chamber. Enoch Powell and John Stonehouse with Tony Page and Richard White on the motion: "Socialism and a Free Society are Incompatible."
SWING tonight at the Gallows!
DAVE, Dare I de-valu-ate this weekend.
METHSOC-CATHSOC retreat this Sunday afternoon. See Methsoc notice-board in Union for details and booking list. Anyone interested is welcome.
PEANO Silvestre pulls shirt Derf.
TOWN HALL, Indo Jazz Fusion.
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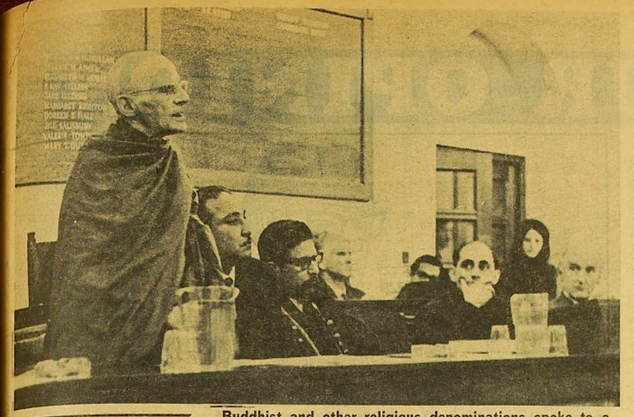
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Buddhist and other religious denominations spoke to a crowded Council Chamber last Thursday evening.
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Enoch Powell returns to the university

DEBATING SOCIETY are expecting the biggest audience of the term for Friday's Debate, when Enoch Powell and John Stonehouse are speaking on the motion that "This House Believes that Socialism and a Free Society are incompatible." It is rumoured that John Stonehouse has been looking for an opportunity to have a go at Enoch Powell for some time, and accepted this chance even before being told when and where the confrontation would take place.

Supporting the main speakers will be Tony Page, BUCUA Vice-Chairman, and Richard White, who recently joined the lecturing staff of the Law Faculty.

The Debate will be held at 5.15 in the Council Chamber, and should be the most informed if not the most spectacular meeting of the year.



Enoch Powell on his last visit to Birmingham—nearly a year ago.

Students to take legal action

By Linda Parkin

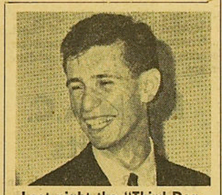
THERE seems little hope for the six first-year students who were sent down from Aston University after failing their subsidiary examinations last summer. On November 1st the Senate overruled a recommendation by the Faculty Board of the Department of Industrial Administration that the students be allowed to resit the first year of their Behavioural Science Course. Since then, some students have decided to take legal action against the University authorities, claiming they were misled by their tutors as to the importance of the examinations.

Aston Guild Council fully supports the legal action pending in the case and has called on the executive to keep the student body fully informed, and to draft proposals for action should legal matters not be effective, but so far there have been no developments, except that two of the students have dissociated themselves from any legal action that might be taken, and two others have re-applied to other universities.

The executive has requested that a recommendation be put forward to Senate that the machinery be put in operation to request the Queen to appoint a Visitor within the terms of the Charter—the last resort of appeal—but this has yet to be looked into.

Professor Gibson emphasises that the significance of these examinations had been impressed upon the students throughout the year and that other students have given testimonials that they were in no doubt about the significance of the referred examination. But this does not help student Guy Roe who was given a signed form in July stating he had passed on to the Second-year Honours Course, and in September was asked to withdraw from the course completely.

Meanwhile, the students are losing all hope that the Senate will reverse their decision.



Last night the "Third Degree" radio quiz team, again captained by Harold Schupak, took part in the first round of this year's competition. Last year the Birmingham team reached the final before being defeated.

OTHER REFECTORIES

Leeds University refectory have put up their prices, following the recent devaluation of the pound. The increase will probably come into force at the beginning of next term. A rise of 4d. to 6d. per meal would seem to be the most popular estimate.

Manchester University students organised a boycott of their refectory last Friday. The boycott follows a term of dissatisfaction with the refectory service at Manchester which culminated a fews weeks ago in a Public Health Inspection, which revealed that some of the staff were Salmonella carriers.

HEAVY MIST THINS AT TEACH-IN

By Jeremy Laurence

"WE have no belief. We have a way of life." (Two or three drops on a knob of sugar? No. That lacks wisdom. Rather distract distraction, cool desire, strive to be more aware). Thus spoke the Venerable Kapilawaddho, wrapped in yards of reddish-brown loin cloth—a shaved, emaciated head. He is an Englishman turned Buddhist Monk. "Out in the world of (sense) data there are no beautiful, ugly, desirable or evil things—they are within you," he said. Dr. Ling, from Leeds University explained that Buddhism emphasised empirical verification by and for the individual. It is the collective destiny of humanity rather than an individual relationship with the supernatural that is important.

Last week's teach-in on "A future for Religion" was probably the most interesting and certainly the most stimulating intellectual event of this term. Here, at last, the heavy, grey and listless mist momentarily thinned. A full Council Chamber was addressed by thirteen eminent speakers, each utterly convinced and utterly convincing. All credit, and our sincerest gratitude, to the organisers, Bob Hughes and Marie Isaacs.

Professor Blackham, director of the British Humanist Association asserted that there was no longer any basis for religious doctrine. "Humanists are suspicious of anything that is beyond question," he said. Jack Dunman, a large, red-faced man, quoted Marx on "the opium of the people," denied the "pie in the sky when you die" hypothesis and spoke of the Magnificat as a symbol of the class struggle. Both men felt, however, they could unite with Christians on the practical front.

A scintillating and hilarious talk from Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs who suggested lightheartedly in answer to a question, "I don't think it [Judaism] should appeal to young people. You must grow in your religion." Mr. Hinnings observed that church-goers are predominantly middle-class, old and female, while Mr. Willis feared the decline of Islam. Mr. Singh, gentle, relaxed, convinced, spoke of Sikhism and the universal brotherhood.

A former Jewish refugee, Mr. Werner Pelz emphasised the value of faith. With a hint of the mystic he said, "Don't investigate, be obedient—then you may discover truth." Blustering, impassioned, brilliant, the Rev. David Jenkins retorted that doctrine was necessary "as a cosmic exclamation mark if you like." It was the "crystallisation of religious experience," checking, provoking and shaking it, he said.

Common ground in understanding religion? The unique characteristic of these thirteen men was their complete sincerity and absolute commitment. That, perhaps, is both the beginning and the end.

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THIS IS YOUR OPINION

COUNCILLORS BORE STIFF

SIR,—It is with profound regret that, in this, our final year at this University we should feel motivated to write to the official organ of student opinion. However, even persons so objectly apathetic as ourselves must express our displeasure at the hypocrisy voiced at our faculty hustings held yesterday. Not only were the candidates seeking nomination unable to propose any constructive measures if they got on to Guild Council, but, also, declined (or were unable) to answer a question which the vast proportion of the admittedly somewhat militant audience, thought most pertinent.

Therefore, we ask, bearing in mind that Guild Council seldom, if ever, pass any measures of any consequence affecting the student body as a whole, why is it that candidates and Guild councillors themselves are always at pains to emphasise that they have our interests at heart. This was demonstrated *ad nauseam* yesterday afternoon by the prospective candidates for the Law Faculty who replied to every question from the floor with the mechanical enunciation of the same platitudes all students, we feel sure, now know by heart.

Such appeals to our altruistic social consciences were reinforced by two members of the executive present and also by our own selfless Guild representatives J. Reddihough and R. Meikle. The latter, as chairman, seemed quite unable to appreciate the true function of hustings.

We wish to make it clear:—

We do not object to Guild Council being used as a platform for political aspirants.

We do not object if Guild Council is corrupt.

We do not object to Guild Council being used for people to further their own social desires.

We do not feel that any of the above reasons and their corollaries are invalid, in themselves, as grounds for seeking election on to Guild Council.

But we do regret that Guild councillors find it necessary to appease their consciences by claiming concern for the interests of the student body.

The fact is that the average student is bored stiff by Guild Council and all that it entails.

JON NORTH
JOHN WESTERN
IVOR E. WEINTROUB
(Law III)



Last weekend Charles Wright, Barbara Phipps, Ray Phillips and Rhys Vaughan departed for N.U.S. and Margate, leaving Roger Hird in charge — it could have been chaos.

Embarrassed students

DEAR SIR,—I gather that certain freshers had a pretty embarrassing time last Friday in Council Chamber. It seems, according to a letter in your columns, that they were disappointed because Liberals neither launched a personal attack on Roy Jenkins nor did we pour abuse on the policies of the present Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins. These freshers also seem to think that Liberals have radical disagreements with Roy Jenkins. Nothing is further from the truth. Roy Jenkins is the only Government Minister whom we have any respect for; he has an honourable record and Liberals admire him for this. We wish to make it quite clear that while we have a Labour Government we regard Roy Jenkins as the most progressive Liberal Home Secretary that the Labour Party can produce.

At the same time Roy Jenkins, as a Cabinet Minister, has collective responsibility for all Cabinet decisions. Liberals are firmly opposed to Government policies which range from mildly conservative to wildly reactionary. So we wished to tell him of our opposition to the Government policies of regarding the preservation of the exchange rate of the pound to be more important than full employment, of supporting racialists in Southern Africa and Americans in Vietnam, etc., but we did not wish to take up any of his limited time when we could put our point of view effectively and quickly.

These poor freshers thinking that projecting human excrement in a "Wall" style is easy, have a lot to learn. Liberals are radical, sincere people and who dares to say that they are not?

Yours, etc.,

MARTIN LOWE
(E.P.S. I).

PIRATES LEFT OUTSIDE

DEAR SIR,—It was with much curiosity that I read in last week's "Redbrick" the letter from Georges Michel, editor of "Left." Whilst accusing "Wall" of " . . . irresponsibility and misrepresentation," he seems to think it unnecessary to offer any valid evidence to justify this unreasonable statement.

He accuses us of misrepresentation in our article about Jerry Jones, Chairman of Soc. Union, concerning the publication of "Left"; we asserted that because of complete failure to meet both specifications and publishing dates for the magazine, Socialist Union intended to sue the printers, Pirate Press.

We contrasted this attitude to the efforts of Jerry Jones to secure the release from prison of the Greek Embassy demonstrators, Terry Chandler and Mike Randle, who own Pirate Press. Georges Michel says in his letter that he "will make every attempt" to get his money back; this surely must mean that he intends to sue. Yet he also says now that he will not sue. This basic contradiction in his letter would indicate that he himself is guilty of misrepresentation.

He concludes by telling me that I must in future make sure of my facts. My facts in this instance came from Jerry Jones, whom I considered to be a reliable source. If I was wrong in this assumption, and Jerry Jones is in fact quite unreliable (as M. Michel's letter would indicate) then I would consider that an apology to "Wall" from Mr. Jones would be in order.

I remain Sir,

DICK HOLT
Editor of "Wall"

AS THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF TERM NO MORE LETTERS PLEASE.

B.U.N.A.C. profits

DEAR SIR,—In an article entitled "America on £50" ("Redbrick", November 8th), there was a suggestion that B.U.N.A.C charter flights were operated at a significant profit. In fact the only significant point about B.U.N.A.C. flight-costing is that the administration fees included do not cover the total cost of the services provided for B.U.N.A.C. members.

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Yours,

CHRISTOPHER HARBOUR
(Hon. Chairman)

CANADIAN SPORT

DEAR SIR,—I have just received a copy of October 18th's "Redbrick," and I must say I was favourably impressed by the new-look format—despite the fact that people are still endeavouring to define the purpose of Guild Council, to improve the conditions (nutritional and otherwise) in the Refectory, and to justify the presence of Engineers. The only thing that seems to have changed in the past two years is that the Hockey Club actually paid a complement to Wast Hills ground staff!

Having spent 15 months at this Canadian University, I remember the sports facilities at Brum with envious pride, and try to forget the irony of the inevitable comparison.

My experience seems to indicate that the smaller and poorer the facilities, the greater the enthusiasm. Here, we have one gymnasium, with Badminton, squash, volleyball, basketball and handball courts—this sounds good until one remembers that there are 5,500 students, that the large Physical Education Department makes heavy demands on the facilities, that nearly all University sports are confined to indoors, because of the harsh winters, and that the basis of sport here is intra-mural. For the majority of the University teams, their inter-varsity programme is restricted to two matches per season, due to the vast distances involved.

This University possesses the best soccer team in the Atlantic region, but does not possess any soccer pitches! Similarly, field hockey, tennis, Canadian football . . . no outdoor fields whatsoever! The schools are better equipped in this respect than the University!

Yes, despite all this, the sporting spirit is tremendous—and reveals itself in a desire to compete rather than to spectate. The gymnasium is open for sixteen hours per day, five days a week—and of all this time, only about eight hours are designated for general or casual play. The rest of the hours are consumed by some form of organised programme. The rest is that the smaller sports get a rather rough time—indeed, this year, because of a phenomenal coaching schedule for the Basketball and Volleyball teams (men's and ladies', senior and junior), I have had to fight tooth and nail to get any time for coaching the Badminton teams.

The result? The men's team has three courts on a Wednesday (4 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.) and the ladies Thursday mornings—7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.! One final example of this enthusiasm—there is an inter-residence ice-hockey league, and the games are played in the local stadium at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings! Can you imagine the Brum teams doing that?

This desire for sport is all the more unusual and praiseworthy when one looks at the object of all the training and practice—one or two inter-Varsity games per season. My Badminton teams will have been training for six months before they travel to play in the Maritimes tournament (a journey of 580 miles one way, incidentally, and a cost of $150 [£60] per head!) The satisfaction gained in improving to places, to a large extent, the desire for competitive play. But Oh! what a University like this would do with a building like Brum's Sports Centre!

It is not until you have to participate among such over-worked facilities that you realise the blessings of the athletic set-up in British Universities. And if the students and public of Birmingham do not begin to utilise the University Sports Centre as they should, then this will really be a crying shame.

I hope the above insight into Canadian sport will have some interest to members of the B.U.A.C.

Yours faithfully,

ERIK M. DONNACHIE.
A.U. Chairman, 1966-7

P.S.: What's happened to the Brum branch of the Liverpool Supporters' Club?

Verbal diarrhoea

DEAR SIR,—Never has the expression "Verbal Diarrhoea" been so apt as when referring to Graham Barker's article on Christmas, which appeared in your issue of November 15th.

While one would appreciate the over-commercialisation which Christmas affords, we cannot agree that this festival is devoid of all pleasure. It leaves us cold to read as sad a view as "the only thing that keeps Christmas alive is money." It is normally accepted that a main feature article should present some facts of interest on the subject concerned. The warped, anti-Christian views of Mr. Barker lack fact and originality, and merely serve to sicken the reader. Perhaps he thinks he's funny.

Yours faithfully,

P. F. GAFFER
A. W. FORD-HUTCHINSON

Usual facilities but communication lacking

"AN unfortunate lack of communication" was how John Wainwright, chairman of the Kinvig Geographical Society, described the fiasco over controlled cloakrooms at the Bugs Beat Ball, in the Avon Room a week ago last Friday.

Mr. Humbert suggested that the facilities were "provided just as usual. I believe two or three coats went astray, but this is quite normal."

If the loss of several coats, including a suede coat valued at £30 CAN be described as normal, then the Bugs committee can have no cause for complaint. But the complete lack of a system (the result of enlisting the help of too many volunteers) and the combination of cloakroom and toilet facilities meant that supervision of the cloakrooms was impossible, and at the end of the dance the congestion caused by people impatiently taking their coats themselves degenerated into a situation in which the clumsiest thief would have had ample opportunity to take a coat.

The Bugs committee arranged suopervision of the cloakroom with Mr. Humbert before the dance, but insist that they were told too late that Maintenance Department was responsible for stewarding. Next year it is planned to use Chelwood Room as a controlled cloakroom, which should remedy the situation.

Religious decline

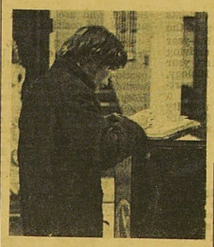
The Rev. D. E. Jenkins, delivering this week's open lecture suggested that while the churches might well decline, religion itself will not. The irreligious man must accept that why there is anything is irrelevant — all that matters is how there is.

Scientists elected—exec. defeated

By Jenny Wickham

"A MASSIVE victory for Science and Engineering," said a campaign manager for George, Grice and Ruddlesden after they had gained a decisive victory in the Court of Governors elections last week. The victory was undoubtedly due to excellent publicity beforehand.

The voting figures for the Court of Governors were: Tom George 512, Chris Grice 492, Dave Ruddlesden 471, Malcolm Macourt 388, Charles Wright 301, John Palmer 126. Charles Wright, who was decisively defeated, said afterwards: "I hope the engineers know how to wield their newly-found power."



Some secrecy in voting.



Charles Wright — a defeated President.

In the elections for fresher representatives on Guild Council, 13 candidates were returned unopposed. Of the major departments in which there were elections, D. J. Bessant was returned for Chem. Eng., J. E. Ogbeide for Medicine, R. G. Playford for Social Science and Miss J. Munns for Law. Five hundred and eighty-nine people voted in the fresher elections; this is about average for a voting turnout for fresher reps, although it could be higher.

In the three Guild Council by-elections which were contested, P. Amos was returned for Physics, K. Francis for Chem. Eng. and J. F. Hollis for Law.

ASTON SPORT

THE University of Aston has put aside between £70,000 and £80,000 to develop 90 acres of agricultural land, half in Walsall and half in West Bromwich, into a sports centre.

Planning permission has been granted by the two local authorities concerned but the owners decline to sell. So the University, through the Land Commission, is starting compulsory purchase proceedings.

Aston have no sports facilities whatsoever, and as a result enthusiasm for sport is declining. Plans for the new site include an efficient drainage system; a lesson is learnt from this University's choice of the sometimes waterlogged Wast Hills.

TROUBLE MAKERS IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

THE TROUBLEMAKERS", a film about social organisation in Newark N.J., the scene of some of the worst riots in America this summer, was shown in the Arts Lecture Theatre on Wednesday.

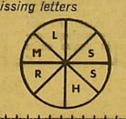
It was a very striking film which showed clearly the problems facing the inhabitants of a ghetto area; after the film Norm Pruchter, one of the makers, answered questions from the audience. The audience discussed the possibilities of racial equality in America and Mr. Pruchter said that he thought the situation would improve in the long run, although the gradual election of coloured mayors, governors, etc. might not be particularly helpful.

Particularly stressed was the powerlessness of the people of the ghetto in the face of City Hall bureaucracy; this is one of the basic problems which Mr. Pruchter and the other members of the social organisation teams (mainly students) were trying to help the people to combat.

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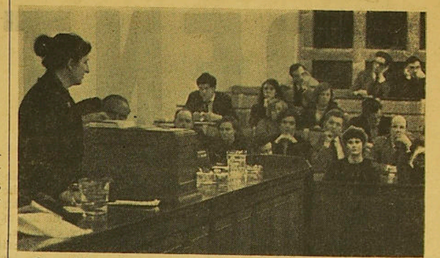
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One of the reformers at the Humanist Teach-in last Friday. (Photo: Dave Robinson)

Penal humanists

THE Humanist group teach-in on penal reform last Friday proved to be a great success. All the speakers were excellent and the programme was carried through remarkably well. The only disappointment was in the number of people who turned up from the University itself. There were many present from outside organisations including the deputy head of an approved school near Southport.

The main point to come out of the first section (the ethics and principles behind the present penal system) was that there were no ethics or principles behind it. Ivan Geffen spoke with particular effect upon this subject.

The second and third sections (on present penal conditions and the problems of rehabilitation respectively) proved to be most illuminating. The governor of Winson Green Prison showed us that prison governors are not the tyrants they are made out to be, while Oonagh Hahr had some startling revelations to make about the disgusting conditions within the prison medical service.

The last section on Borstal and approved schools was the most stimulating. Jonathon Steele described the horrifying conditions within some detention centres. Ivor Cooke then spoke about his experiences at Court Lees disclosing that one of the staff involved in an illegal caning was still in the service, and in a position of great responsibility.

Later when this question was again brought up, Oongh Hahr proposed a whip-round to provide the funds for a telegram to the Home Secretary, to protest about this. A further telegram was sent to the Press Association early on Saturday by Iain Scarrot, who seemed to think that it would make national news. It was a fitting ending to an entertaining and informative teach-in.

ALL ARE AGAINST IT

A MOTION passed by the N.U.S. Council at Margate deplored the effect of "Student Life" in reducing national advertising in student newspapers, and urged all student bodies not to co-operate with the circulation of "Student Life," pointing out that several Unions had already banned its sale.

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DENTAL DECAY

Research for this article by Mike Dunn
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Birmingham Dental School

THE basic problem—and one which is, of course, insoluble—is the geographical separation of the Dental Hospital, in the centre of Birmingham, from the Edgbaston Campus. In practice this means that dentists are, to a very great extent, denied the use of Union facilities. Participation in student societies, for example, is rendered impossible by what is called the "grammar school existence" of the dental students—a basic nine to five routine five-day week. (Students stranded at Steel...ouse Lane at 5 o'clock cannot reach the Union before 6 o'clock, even if they feel inclined to battle against the rush-hour crowds).

The problem of dentists being subjected to "a Grammar School level existence rather than a University existence," and being "kept under too close a scrutiny" perhaps stems from the fact that dental students, by the very nature of the service they provide, have to be of a relatively high standard on qualifying. But as Phil West, Chairman of the Dental Society, said, "We would welcome any easing of the situation," which virtually condemns dentists to a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. day from Monday to Friday, and restricts any fraternisation between students in the lunch hour and the evenings.

Intervention

The effect of isolation from the Union could be lessened by the provision of similar facilities within the dental hospital, but almost without exception these are completely lacking. It has been suggested that this situation could be remedied through the intervention of the Guild—but this is impossible until more space is provided for the students within the dental hospital. The minimum requirements, according to Phil West are a lounge at least three times as big as the present Students' Common Room, and space to put table tennis and snooker tables, and dart boards.

Restrictions

The great shortage of parking space for dental students—despite the fact that they share a multi-storey car park with the General Hospital—is brought about by the farcial restriction of student permits to thirty—less than one-fifth of the applications. Thus four-fifths of the student motorists have to leave their cars in the notoriously unsafe nearby streets.

Furthermore, the distance from the Campus and the closing of the University Health Service at 5.15 means that dentists are in a difficult position with regard to medical treatment.

The fragmentation of the dentists into separate years is one of the most difficult problems for first-year dentists to overcome upon arriving at the University. The first year have lectures in the Biology, Chemistry and Physics departments: they at least can take a more active part in the University life, but on the other hand they are cut off from other dental students.

Farcical

A first-year student admitted that he "had only been in the Dental School twice, both times for interviews" and third-year students agreed that there had been no contact between the first year and the rest of the department since the second day of the Freshman's Conference. The second year spend most of their time in the Medical School, and are thus in just such an isolated position.

The separation of the students from the rest of the University reaches a farcical level with the suggestion that a link with Aston would be more logical. The Dental Hospital library closes during the lunch hour and evenings and many dentists work in the Aston University library during the evenings as well as using their recreational and refectory facilities. The Edgbaston Union and University Refectory are too far away, and generally the only use of the Union is for organised drinking orgies and the big social functions.

Not true

Mrs. Jobes, Administrative Assistant at the Dental School, suggested that certain of the student's allegations were "not strictly true," and described the facilities at the Dental Hospital as "more than adequate," while agreeing that there were no recreation facilities, and that the Common Room was too small.

"We do everything we can to close the physical gap between the students and the University," she said, including a transport for the journey between the Hospital and the University ... the local authorities), and provision of free time for students. Wednesday afternoon and ... day mornings. "No student has a full week," said Mrs. ... although the third and fourth years have precious little free time.

No votes

Fragmentation between the various years of the Dental School could not be avoided, by the nature of the courses. ... courses in the fourth and fifth years are held in the Medical School, with opportunity for fraternisation between the years.

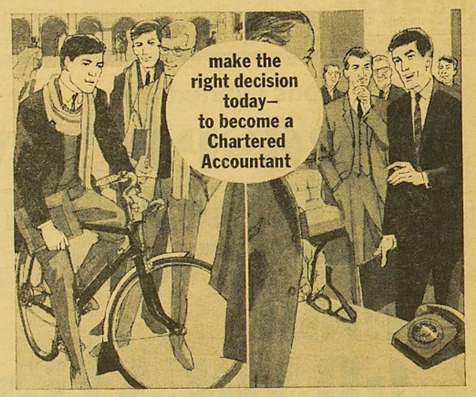
This isolation is illustrated by the lack of interest in the recent election of Governors' and Freshmen's Councillors' Elections. One second year student said, "I don't think anyone voted because they didn't know the people concerned." The two students who arrived with the ballot papers had to be asked what they were there for, and the majority of students only knew of the election from the previous day's "Redbrick."

The growing dissatisfaction of the dental students with the consequences of their isolation from the rest of the University, and the lack of facilities at the Dental Hospital culminated this week in a demand for immediate improvements from members of the Committee of the Dental Society.



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PIG IN T... MIDDLE AGES

An explanation of the phenome... of collecting money in pig-shape... receptacles

by Gerald Moore

THERE are surely few of us who have not, at some time ... been the proud possessors of a piggy-bank. This friendly, four-footed creature is not only an essential part... child's education, but has also come to play a major role ... as a whole. Yet despite the ubiquitous and influential ... the piggy-bank, surprisingly little is known of either its tr... or of its relevance to the world today.

For various reasons the precise origins of the piggy-bank are extremely obscure and are likely to remain so. In the first place, research is hampered greatly by the very nature of its own subject; money-boxes were first made with the intention that they should be smashed in order to extract the contents. With few specimens extant, vital clues to the evolution of the piggy-bank are lost irrevocably to the historian.

There is little doubt, however, that the first pig-shaped money-boxes in Britain were manufactured towards the end of the 16th century. No earlier example exists, despite the fact that pottery money containers have been in vogue since before the Middle Ages.

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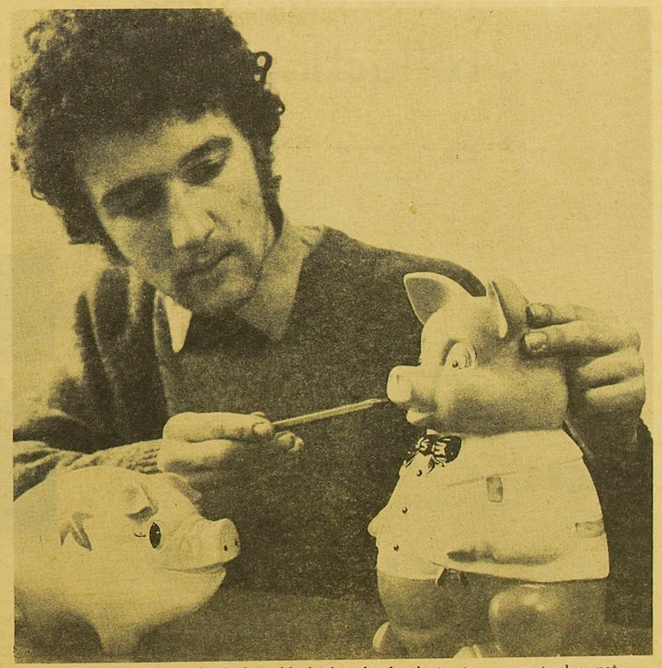
...possible to estimate the ... of different piggy-banks available in this country but I have personally spotted over two hundred. At least seventy varieties are on sale in Birmingham and three different types have been on sale this year in Stanford & Mann on the campus itself.

Although the traditional piggy-bank is essentially of earthenware construction, and the majority are still made of some type of pottery, the last few years have seen a variety of different materials being used in the manufacture of these articles. Plastic is unfortunately all too common although some of the materials now used such as glass and wood, give a refreshing contrast to the traditional conception of the piggy-bank. One pig in my possession is actually woven out of raffia whilst a famous London store offers a piggy-bank for five guineas which is made of leather and brass and is equipped with a strong padlock.

Despite the greater productivity and frequent innovations of the piggy-bank industry, these charming little animals face an uncertain future. Money-boxes are now made in the form of cats, bears, owls, pillar-boxes and even rocking ducks, and the thoughtless purchaser, the ultimate dictator of taste, is often tempted to abandon tradition for the sake of novelty.

It is hoped, therefore, that the reader of this article, through realising more of the nature and history of the piggy-bank, will come to appreciate the latter's full worth and importance. By refusing to purchase money-boxes other than those in the shape of a pig, and by encouraging friends and children to do the same, it is within the power of everyone to prevent the extinction of the traditional piggy-bank.

Whether the piggy-bank retains its important social and historical rôle, or becomes another dodo or bison, is a question which must ultimately be resolved by public opinion. The future of the piggy-bank lies in your hands.



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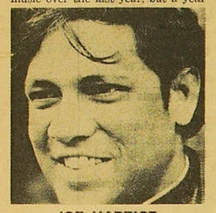
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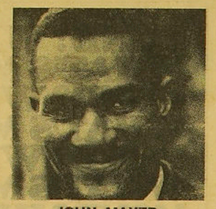
Tabla-talk

IF you had started a conversation about sitars and tablas some three years ago, the chances are that no one would have known what you were talking about. Today these are household words.

Both the Beatles and the Rolling Stones have incorporated elements of Indian music into their own music over the last year, but a year before that a much more determined attempt at a fusion between Western and Indian music was begun by Joe Harriott and Indian composer John Mayer.



JOE HARRIOT



JOHN MAYER

The combined group, a jazz quintet and four Indian musicians, has made two L.Ps so far, and sounds very close-knit. The two types of music do have improvisation in common—but there are also considerable differences, e.g. Indian music lacks harmony.

Another difference is one of mood. Whereas Indian music has a quality of genuine serenity, jazz is characterised by tension and excitement. Just how successful this combination of the two idioms has been, you will be able to find out for yourself in the Town Hall this coming Sunday evening. It's at 7.30, with a choice of prices for seats.

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"IS our life anything more than a series of preludes to that unknown song of which death intones the first solemn note?"

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"Les Preludes" by Liszt, and "Caprice Italien" (Op. 45) by Tchaikovsky are coupled on MFP 2087 due to be released on December the first.

Alceo Galliera conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra fails to express himself with "Les Preludes" which is just an ordinary recording—a little on the coarse side. However his treatment of "Caprice Italien," one of Tchaikovsky's more popular works, based upon Italian folk songs leaves nothing to be desired. With fervour, vivid excitement, to sum up this, it must surely be one of the best releases on the MPF label.

Recording quality leaves a little to be desired, tone reproduction is high — in all a commendable release and coupling.

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BOOKS ALAN MUNTON

Paralysis and reflections

"The Lung", by J. G. Farrell (Corgi, 3/6).

THERE'S nothing like a bit of poliomyelitis to get you into an iron lung and thinking back over a failed marriage, while having whisky injected through your feeding tubes as you chat up the nurse who will probably assist in your next failed marriage.

"The Lung" is an excellent novel, heavily disguised behind a silly-sexy cover. It is immensely comic and immensely sad, with that desperate humour which is such a common response amongst modern writers.

It is also a great dose of understanding for those whose marriages have failed (and affairs, by extension), and failed partly because it was their own fault and yet they didn't have the will or inclination to do anything about it. Adultery comes easier than faithfulness these days.

The chief character here, Martin Sands, has plenty of time to reflect in the lung about the shambles of the past, and by the end of his illness he thinks he understands a little better what happened. This doesn't prevent him simultaneously planning the seduction of his nurse in the mental home (who happens to be the illegitimate daughter of his wife—and they both know it). He finally seduces her in the dark, looking at the time rather like a starved Vietnamese and with one paralysed arm. He has to cut her clothes off with scissors, using his good arm.

Also recommended for this week: Hubert Selby's "Last Exit to Brooklyn." Re-reading this, I cannot see how anyone could miss Selby's pity and horror at the behaviour of his characters. It's not great but it's good, and the banning irrelevant: it should be easier to get hold of now. Would anyone like to borrow my copy?

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FASHION MARGARET QUYSNER Drawings: PATSY SIMISON

Camp shopping at Woolworth's

SO often when one gropes for some sort of originality in fashion, it becomes a question of not what Granny wore, but what mother's wearing. Fur coats and lurex dresses were at one time the exclusive province of the affluent or the striving nouveau riche. What are the middle-aged wearing today; we've pinched hats and clumpy shoes, most items of clothing in fact. Of course, there's a big market in false teeth among the teens to twenties age group.

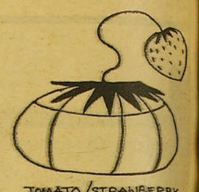


COLANDER FROM WOOLWORTH'S 5/3

Really to be way-out there's no place like Woolworth's for picking up obsolete, old-fashioned gear, camp, or vulgar objects. Take, for example, the immense popularity of enamel pots and pans, which, in terms of efficiency and wear are inferior to most utensils. The mugs scald your lips before you reach the hot cocoa, tin plates burn your knees, even through the "Daily Mirror." Yet they cost pounds in London shops like Habitat.

In Woolworth's you can get a very nice blue enamel colander for 5s. 3d., as well as pans, plates and mugs. In fact, they are ideal for a way-out Christmas gift. If for a minute you would wander away from the clothes scene, fashion in the way of Christmas presents can be refreshing, especially working on a 5s. per present budget.

Just think of the thrill of buying a delightful imported pin cushion from Woolworth's costing a mere 1s. 3d. It is shaped like a tomato, coloured red with a green leaf, and it is carried by a green thread attached to a small strawberry-shaped lump for hanging it up from the wall. It is ideal for keeping stray safety pins and odd brooches in one place.



TOMATO/STRAWBERRY PIN-CUSHION 1/3

It is often surprising what can be found on Woolworth's jewellery counters in the way of plain silver band rings, large circular earrings and very plain cheap beads.

Occasionally there are unusual scarves, though headsquares are really not worth buying if you're prepared to spend 10s. 11d. on a yard of Jap silk and half an hour rolling and catching the two raw edges.

The big Woolworth's in town are useless if you are looking for the outre, but try your local Woolworth's and you will be amazed at what you can dig out.

RESTAURANT GRAPHAM SHARPLES

Over-efficient waiters

THE Flowerdrum is a rather inconspicuous restaurant tucked between giant car salesrooms in Birmingham's Broad Street; the restaurant itself is situated approximately midway between the town centre and Five Ways. The outside is well lit and is quite pleasing to the eye but the inside decor leaves a little to be desired—it is clean but not modern, carpets being slightly shabby.

We entered and were immediately pounced upon by over-anxious waiters who seemed rather impatient while waiting for us to order. It is fairly spacious inside (20 tables); the tablecloths were very clean but cutlery was well used and was functional rather than decorative.

The meal arrived steaming hot and was of excellent quality although the fried rice was slightly undercooked. Chicken and lobster, chop suey are to be recommended, and in general prices are slightly lower than in the town centre; the menu includes Chinese, Indian and English dishes with medium and full portions. The coffee is definitely not to be recommended at the price of 9d. per "British Railways Cup," since it has a distinct flavour of condensed milk and is rather insipid.

One point that rather annoyed us and may annoy most people is the action of waiters folding tablecloths at the end of the day. Other minor faults were the lack of music after 11.30 p.m. (the restaurant closes at 12 p.m.) and the rather bright lights. Both ladies and gents bluerooms were fairly clean but too small and washing facilities were inadequate; we hated having to walk through an open courtyard past the kitchens in the pouring rain!

Summing up—very good meal at a reasonable price.



Jessie and Andy (Maggie Anwell and Sebastian Bergman) in a scene from G.T.G.'s production of "Their Very Own and Golden City," by Arnold Wesker. The play, entered for the N.U.S. Drama Festival in Bradford, runs from November 28th to December 2nd in the Deb. Hall. Price 4/-.

New editions:

JAMES BALDWIN'S "Go Tell It On The Mountain," a revelation of Negro life in America and his "Going to Meet the Man" — short stories with the general theme of the role of inherited prejudice in shaping man's destiny.

Jean Cocteau's "The Imposter" (Corgi Modern Reading)—a mixture of fantasy and horror about a young soldier in the First World War, who, by assuming a famous name, finds the army and Parisian society at his feet.

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Jesus according to St. Matthew according to Pasolini: a harsh, human, impatient, Angry Young Man who could green a passer-by with "Repent! The Kingdom of God is at hand." On his right is his friend Judas. (Scala: "The Gospel According to St. Matthew.")

THEATRE MARY LUBE

Disappointing, sophisticated comedy

MURIEL SPARK'S play, "Doctors of Philosophy," now on at the Crescent, appeals to those who like sophisticated humour.

It deals with the private lives and concern for public image of four graduate Ph.D's, and one future tested Ph.D. They all approach reality academically, and fail to cope when they are involved in it. The purpose is to show that not only are they unphilosophical but they are poor doctors. Daughter Daphne craves cucumbers and pukes all day, but no one suspects that she is pregnant.

Some of the incidents involving the characters flop badly. Barbara Morgan's production is not played straight for an intelligent audience nor slickly for laughs. The slapstick scenes are well-handled but the play falls flat.

This results partly from the casting. Thelma Jonsson as Catherine Delfont portrays a type, not a person. Her conflict with Leonora, shown by symbols to be It versus looks, has static moments ill expressing the necessary nervous tension.

Leonora, a lecturer in Greek and "a born virgin," is the most difficult part. Patty McGregor takes it seriously and, on the whole, creditably. Her powerful presence on the stage gives the play its bizarre element. Is she a witch? How far is she reacting to the audience's gaze? One might expect something more bizarre, since Muriel Spark's other works reflect the uncanny to a greater extent.

However, there is much wit in reality. The economist father tots up every halfpenny and regrets money spent on his daughter's education No, she can't have an illegal abortion. He can't afford an expensive funeral. Frank Jones handles such lines beautifully.

Most of the laughs go to Arnie, the frivolous cousin, enjoyably played by Barbara Helliwell. She shares the play's purely comic aspect with the daily help. Here, Frances Stone delivers lofty abstractions with a ridiculous lack of grammar.

The younger members of the cast do their best with their parts, coming to the fore in the final act, which, despite the predictably happy ending, is the best part of a disappointing play about proper Charlies.

GROUP ONE FRED

New drama venture

THREE one-act plays, two of which have never been performed before, make up an interesting bill in the Arts Lecture Theatre next week.

The plays are being presented by Group One, the new production group of the Department of Drama and Theatre Arts. The group was started in October under the direction of Professor J. R. Brown and Jane Winnearls, and next week's performance will be their first.

The group is an opportunity for drama students to receive practical training in addition to that provided by the usual departmental productions. The long-term aim is to develop an ensemble style of acting.

The three plays themselves are strongly contrasted. The evening opens with Harold Pinter's "The Dwarfs." This is a brand-new, unpublished version of the play.

"Transcending," by David Cregan, is described as "a fast-moving and farcical psychological drama." It contains many of the elements one expects from farce, including a much-frequented bed.

"Samson," by David Selbourne, is also receiving its first performance. Nineteen-sixty-eight should be Selbourne's year: new plays of his are to be premiered at Exeter's Northcott Theatre and at the Edinburgh Festival.

"Samson" and "The Dwarfs" will be taken by the group to the Everyman Theatre, Liverpool, in March. In addition, they will be presenting a full-length play at the Crescent Theatre next term.

Group One may be seen in the Arts Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 5th, 6th and 7th at 7.15.

FILMS MAURICE YACOWAR

Peace and pride on the Pacific

KON ICHIKAWA is the most versatile of directors. Incredibly, the stark "Burmese Harp" and "Fires on the Plain", the comic "Billionaire" and "Poo-San", the erotic "Punishment Room" and "The Key", the child's view "Being Two Isn't Easy"—all come from the same team of director Ichikawa and his scriptwriter wife Natto Wado. Ichikawa has the versatility of the craftsman, not the obsessiveness of the artist.

"Alone on the Pacific" (1963; Cinephone) is from the Ichikawa of "The Tokyo Olympiad," true-life story, documentary treatment, ribbed with humour. Strangely the emphasis is not on the physical rigours involved in the single-handed sailboat journey across the Pacific, but on the peace which the hero enjoys, in contrast with the hubbub and intrusions of both Osaka and San Francisco.

Ichikawa's theme is again the power of the individual will. More important, he approves the young man's independence and self-assertion in the face of his father's humility and charge of "selfish." The hero's pride—both personal and national—may be a significant reflection upon the changing Japan.

Well worth seeing, particularly since Ichikawa's masterpiece, "The Actor's Revenge," comes to Film Society on February 12th.

Also on the Cinephone programme is "The War of the Buttons." Yves Robert's amusing child-fable about the camaraderie of conflict. Fine, unless you object to naked boys or to palpable intentions.

At the Odeon Clint Eastwood and Lee Van Cleef kill a gang of wanted bank-robbers "For a Few Dollars More." Brilliant opening sequence but the camera-work dissolves into trickery and the plot into implausibility. Its virtues are authenticity in visual detail, the awesome roughness of the characters, and the Bondian hyper-efficiency of all concerned. Director Sergio Leone misses no chance to overdo his effects, though.

Drop in at the local. Edgbaston A.B.C. has Fonteyne and Nureyev in "An Evening with the Royal Ballet on Wednesday, matinee and evening. "Robbery" this week, but Jack Clayton's brilliant "Our Mother's House" returns to Edgbaston Monday for three days.

Selly Oak A.B.C. has "Divorce American Style" this week and next week, the underrated double bill of Roger Corman's "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" and Kirshner's "One Born Every Minute," with George C. Scott and Sue Lyon.

Tickets are available Thursday noon for the Film Society presentation of the banned "Onibaba" (The Hole) Thursday, a "must" for horror or movie fans in general.

Late movie at Coleshill Street A.B.C. Friday is Dirk Bogarde in "The Mind-Benders" and "The Chamber of Horrors."

MECH. ENG. DANCE JEREMY WALTON

Uncrowded but successful

THE James Watt Society dance on Friday was a success. It started slowly, but Deb. Hall was quite full when Wynder K. Frogg came on at nine o'clock. He gave a good performance, his organ playing and the use of the trumpet giving his numbers character, and especially some of the Lennon-McCartney ones. Yet they did not seem to be fully appreciated by the audience.

The Brian Auger Trinity, however, captured the attention of the audience with some fine organ playing and drumming. Their number, "Goodbye Jungle Telegraph" was exceptional, holding the attention of most of the audience, even though it went on too long. His performance was even better considering that it was the first time he had played since the guitarist left the group.

The dance was a success even though the Deb Hall was not crowded, there being plenty of room to dance but the perennial shortage of women; at the end there were groups of discontented males scattered around the dance floor. The discotheque in Priestley was good for those who bothered to go, but during the intervals between the groups most people either made for the bar or just stayed in the Deb. Hall.



Wynder K. Frogg at Mech. Eng. Dance last Friday.

(Photo: Pete Mills)

THIS WEEK'S SPORT: U.A.U. Hockey, Basketball and Squash victories

Soccer

FLAIR FOR GOALS

Birmingham Univ. 5, Loughborough Univ. 0.

ON the lush turf of Wast Hills, a week ago today, Birmingham University finally proved and established themselves as a team that will take a lot of beating in the future. The attack has an exciting flair for goals, and the defence has that air of confidence that is bred by proven solidarity. After twelve matches, the team has won seven and lost five, however, three of the defeats were to teams who will surely be in the semi-finals of U.A.U., Loughboro' Colleges, Nottingham and Manchester. If we consider the goals scored, however, the picture begins to look rosier. Birmingham having scored 37 goals and conceded just 17.

Wednesday's unfortunate opponents were Loughborough University, who played fast intelligent football with no little skill, but they lacked the vital penetration that Birmingham have recently acquired. In an exciting first half, Birmingham scored four goals, and looked ready for a bagful, but they slackened off and scored only one goal in the second half.

Keef Gardiner, who heads the list of scorers with ten goals (in fact, double figures!) scored two well-taken goals; both being from breakaways. Laurie Fraine scored his maiden goal with a very hard shot from 25 yds., and Mel Birkinshaw headed one in direct from a corner.

Now, we come to the incident which made the game into complete and utter comedy. Following a corner, there took place a pitched battle in the Loughborough penalty area; the Birmingham forwards bombarding the Loughborough goal from all angles. The referee wisely took refuge in the net, and just as the battle reached its peak and a Loughborough player was lying on the ground counting up to two, defensive winghalf George Helowicz came on the scene, searching for a contact lens. As fate would have it, the ball rolled into his path, and it bounced off him into the net, thus petrifying the referee, who had no option but to blow his whistle and point to the centre circle. Modesty is a great virtue, but George cannot believe in this simple maxim as he was rooted to the spot, eyes wide in wonder and admiration, and his lips were mumbling over and over again, "What a great goal! What a great goal! etc." The assistance of the white-coated men was not needed as George soon came back to his senses because he thought, "I'll do that again, it was so nice," but the final whistle denied him the pleasure.

The 1st team are now favourites for the Birmingham senior cup, after disposing ruthlessly of Dudley O.B. in the third round. They did so in emphatic style to the tune of 5-1, Roger Hawkins scoring four goals and Keef Gardiner one.

Cross-country

CHAMPIONS NEARLY TOPPLED

Birmingham Univ. 1st 34, Nottingham Univ. 1st 28.

THE cross country season is beginning to move into full swing, and the University club came out of their hardest week of the season with considerable credit. They travelled to Nottingham on Wednesday and came near to toppling the men in green from their position as Midland University Champions — and this without the services of star Malcolm Thomas, who is injured.

Geno Griffiths, our galloping 100 miles a week man, chased the Nottingham stars Rogers and Bartlett for the first lap, but was then overtaken by Dick Nile who finished in third place, only seconds behind Bartlett. Griffiths ran on into fourth place, half a minute behind. Captain, Kevin Tayler had his best run of the season and finished in eighth place just behind Towler and Ward of Nottingham. Jack Groat and Terry Moffat followed in quick succession enabling us to close in before Nottingham. Tom Salway in thirteenth place showed a welcome return to form. The final score, Nottingham 28, Brum 34, indicates the closeness of the match. Our second team beat Keele 1st and were only seven points behind Sheffield 1st (Sheffield 82, Brum 118).

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For fuller information write or telephone Mr. A. M. Robbins, University Liaison Officer, Birmingham Probation and After-Care Area, 58-60 Newton Street, Birmingham 4. Telephone: Birmingham Central 9161.



A desperate dive by the Loughborough goalkeeper fails to prevent Birmingham from taking the lead.

(Photo: Dave Robinson)

Judo

LEAGUE WINS

Birmingham 1st 2, Great Barr 1st 1
Birmingham 2nd 2 (80 pts.)
Great Barr 2nd 2 (67 pts.)

THE University have joined the newly-reconstituted Warwickshire League, and this was their first match. Owing to a combination of good luck, good judo and an inability to play to the gallery, they won both matches.

In the junior match R. Sills started against a vigorous looking green belt with a fanatical gleam in his eye, and after Dick had been pitched once, he evened things up by holding his man down for 30 seconds; this contest was a draw. Next, H. Samuel came on and was thrown on his shoulder, breaking his collar bone; however, since he has never been one to worry about trifles, he fought on for about another four minutes under this minor handicap, before losing another two points.

Dave Nicholson next emerged, covered in shining armour and took the maximum number of points (five) from his opponent. R. Woodhouse took two points off his man. In the last contest, G. Jones had to lose by less than four points to win for our team. Unfortunately he had the biggest, fittest and most well-trained animal ever to be seen in such a low-grade contest to fight. Gordon therefore took the sensible course and backed off the mat, thus losing only one point, on the ground, when the edge was far away.

In the senior team, our first man on was R. Barraclough, who pitched their instructor all over the show, despite the fact that Dick is about nine inches shorter.

Ian Parsons fought like a man in lead shoes and underpants for five minutes, before being thrown.

John White fought a brown belt and won his contest; he scored a waza-ari (half a point) in the first minute and then defended for the rest of the contest.

Ken Murray fought a stirring draw with a brown belt, and Paul Tomes drew with a small blue belt, thus winning the match for his side.

R. Barraclough and I. Parsons have been picked to fight for Warwickshire in the next inter-county match.

Faculty Soccer

Mermaids win derby

Mermaids 3, Academicals 1

MERMAIDS started shakily, and fell back on defence from the start. Their strong defence kept out the Academicals forwards who rarely looked like scoring. Conversely, when Mermaids did come out of defence, their forwards looked very dangerous, and they took the lead, against the run of play, when Dave Perfect hit a tremendous shot from fully 30 yards that curled in the top right-hand corner of the net.

Mermaids increased their lead five minutes later after another quick break from defence. Dave Perfect made a good run down the left, wing before squaring the ball into the path of the advancing Harry Pearce, who thankfully rammed the ball home from 12 yards.

Academicals reduced the arrears when Mays converted a corner from the right. Showell made a tremendous save when another corner was headed goalwards by one of the Academicals forwards who were now pressing hard for an equaliser. But the teams went in at break at half-time with the score still 2—1 to Mermaids.

In the second half Academicals had the ideal opportunity to equalise when they were awarded a penalty for hands. Showell brilliantly off a great driving save to push the ball round the post.

Academicals were then reduced to 10-men by an injury to their left back, but still continued to press forward. However, their recast defence guard looked even more suspect, and about 15 minutes before time Dave Perfect made another great run down the left, his shot was blocked, but the ball ran loose for Harry Pearce to score his second goal of the match.

Table Tennis

Mixed success

SO far this season, the club has met with mixed success. The third team—all first year's—are beginning to settle down in their league, while the second team, under the captaincy of Clive Coombs, are finding competition stiff in the West Birmingham League, Division I, to which they were promoted last season. The first team are among the promotion challengers in the Birmingham League, Division II.

However, in the U.A.U. Championships the team lost a chance of a place in the quarter-finals when they lost 7—8 to both Aston and Leicester, despite good performances from Bill Dudeney and some promising play from Richard Henderson.

The women's team have once more reached the semi-finals of the W.I.V.A.B. Championships and the club is hoping for another victory.

This year's league results show a great improvement in last season. Lynda Reid has up to now a 100 per cent record in singles matches. She is ably supported by Di Grewcock and Judith Sanger.

W.I.V.A.B. Hockey and Netball trials successes: plus Cross Country - Judo - Swimming

Motor Club

BRUM DOMINATE

THE Inter-Varsity Driving Tests were again held by the University Motor Club, and were again a great success. For the first time, two car parks—the "West" and the "Vincent Drive"—were used simultaneously providing a variety of surfaces, and despite a very large entry of around 60, every competitor was able to complete six runs before darkness called a halt, necessitating the sixth runs to be excluded from the results.

The standard was very high, and B.U.M.C. 1st team was again victorious. However, the fastest individual time was put up by N. Hahn in his Fairthorpe from Bath, whose team finished third behind Brum's 3rd team. Excellent performances were put up by B.U.M.C. members J. A. Dawson, fastest rear-drive saloon and A. Rossiter-Jones and D. Clegg, second and third fastest sports cars. Fastest front-drive saloon was Plant from Manchester, who must be sorry that they lost half their six-team entry en route from the north.

Teams came from Bath, Bristol, Manchester and Nottingham Universities, with one entry from Liverpool, and the entry was so large that the original intention of running each test twice was abandoned after the first two. Varied tests included spins round pylons and inside boxes, hand brake flips and multiple garages.

The performances of Hahn were particularly good, the neat manner in which he flung the Fairthorpe round the loose surface of the fourth test was a joy to see. Hamilton (B.U.M.C.), whose Elan was temporarily hors de combat appeared in a new Singer Gazelle, taken without the owner's consent from his mother, throwing the big car around with gay abandon. Miss J. Welch, from Bristol, gave a stirring performance after the organisers had turned down her appeal to carry a navigator. A great day's sport was had by all, and it was with regret that the meeting was brought to a close with quartz iodines cleaving the darkness. Thanks must be extended to the marshals and the many departments of the University whose unfailing co-operation made the event possible.

Provisional result: 1st—Brum A, 458.24 sec.; 2nd — Brum C, 480.60 sec.; 3rd — Bath A, 485.59 sec.; 4th — Brum B, 495.10 sec.; 5th — Bath B, 495.47 sec.



A Birmingham driver rounds a tight corner in the Inter-University driving trials.

(Photo: Dave Robinson)



The University soccer team, currently enjoying a successful run.

(Photo: Dave Robinson)

Netball

W.I.V.A.B. GO GIRLS

WITH a good deal of competition from both North and South University players, Birmingham 1st team go-girls (less Chris Williams, absent through injury) showed their determination to give creditable performances at the WIVAB trials at Motspur Park on Saturday.

After two hours hard play in excellent conditions, the final teams were chosen, not without some difficulty on the part of the selectors.

Pat Dudgeon and Wendy Palmer retained their places in the WIVAB 1st team, whilst Pat Fowler overcame a leg injury to gain a place in the 1st team. Liz Cole, Cynthia Hill (a promising fresher), and Lesley Baker all gained places in the 2nd team.

It is a pity that the 1st team could not round off the day with a match to consolidate the members' different styles of play, for future county matches, and BUSF championships next Easter. A final acknowledgement should go to Miss B. Knapp, whose coaching and encouragement helped all Brum's players.

Women's Hockey

SUCCESSES AT MOTSPUR PARK

FOLLOWING the Crystal Palace selections, seven Birmingham players went to Motspur Park last Saturday for full W.I.V.A.B. trials. After a good North v. South match which South won 2-1 five of these Birmingham players were selected for 1st W.I.V.A.B. team: Shirley Moore (Captain and R.B.), Helen Disney (L.B.), Pat Parkin (L.H.), Rose Lawn (R.I.), and Philippa Cranmer (L.W.). The two other Birmingham players were chosen for W.I.V.A.B. II: Jean Dando (G.K.), Pauline Clay (C.H.).

In the afternoon the W.I.V.A.B. 1st team were unlucky to lose to the London/Cambridge team by 1-0. From this match the Combined Universities team was chosen and includes two Birmingham players: Shirley Moore (Vice-Captain and R.B.), and Philippa Cranmer (L.W.). Four other players were selected for Combined Universities' Reserves: Rose Lawn, Pauline Clay, Pat Parkin, and Helen Disney. Both these Combined Teams will go to Crystal Palace in January to take part in a coaching session given by the England coach and team manager Vi Chamberlain.

Men's Hockey

FUNCTIONAL BUT NOT BEAUTIFUL

Birmingham 4, Keele 1.

THE restyled band of Norris' henchmen roared up the M.6 to Keele last Wednesday and proceeded to force themselves into the Midlands U.A.U. Final by playing functional, as opposed to their normal beautiful, hockey. Birmingham soon took command, and shied shots all around the Keele goalmouth before eventually scoring midway through the first half.

Two minutes later Keele mounted their first serious attack and scored from a short corner. After oranges (half-time), the University were put under some pressure and it was only several subtle "takeouts" by the defence that kept Keele at bay.

After this initial frustration Marshall notched from a short corner follow-up, and within five minutes Hatty (headgear et alia) Fishburn had netted two more goals to seal the match. Pressure was applied up to the final whistle, but unluckily without further addition to the score. Birmingham now goes on to revenge their earlier defeat at the hands of Loughborough Colleges, and do so with reshuffled pack.

On Saturday the University suffered an unlucky defeat at the hands of a star-studded Harborne side. The play went Birmingham's way throughout the first half, but goals were not forthcoming, and it wasn't until the middle of the second half that Harborne scraped the ball in while the University were under pressure. Despite this, hopes were not altogether dashed, and given good patches and a lot of effort, the U.A.U. Championship is well within Birmingham's grasp.

Swimming

HEFFER STARS

ON Saturday at Bristol the University team came near to victory against the Bristol University team and easily defeated the Exeter team.

The University team did well in the freestyle, gaining second and fourth positions, and then in the backstroke came first and second with Heffer, a freshman, and Bobby both putting in excellent performances. In the butterfly, a fast swimmer for Birmingham failed to put the rest of the competitors finished in a straight line with Heffer just showing ahead for Brum. In the breast stroke, the University gained fourth and fifth positions, and then in the individual medley, Mitchell and Heffer came in first and third. At this stage the Brum and Bristol teams were level with 44 points each, with Exeter trailing with 28 points. In the relays, the University trailed behind despite some excellent swimming, and came in close second in both events, so losing the match.

A sadly depleted ladies' team lost in their match despite some excellent individual swimming. The potential of this team, which is high, has not been realised this term because of the repeated absence of many members.

In the water-polo, the University easily beat a combined Bristol and Exeter team by five goals to two, in an exhausting closely fought match. The University have, at last, found a good goalkeeper in Heffer and this showed in the confidence with which the team played.

Result: Bristol 64, Birmingham 58, Exeter 36.

Water Polo: Birmingham 5, Exeter 2.

Basketball

SOGGY BOOTS AND SWEATY SOCKS

1st Squad v. Loughborough Univ. won 61-40 (U.A.U. match).

AT this stage in the term your socks begin to assume that crackle-fresh feel, your boots are permanently soggy, and the nauseous reek of stale sweat in your shirt is only faintly masked by half-an-hour's exposure to the Phys. Ed. radiators. Nevertheless, the game against Loughborough University on Wednesday produced some of the finest Tower Power Action yet, as the Kings of the Court stormed to their 13th win from 14 games, and grabbed a place in the U.A.U. Championships to be held in Liverpool in the New Year.

Loughborough University is a one-man team: Vaughan Thomas of Great Britain and Welsh representative fame. The very sight of this hirsute figure ambling on to the court is sufficient to produce a physiological reaction in the opposing team which is usually only obtainable via a stiff dose of Eno's. While they are overcoming this difficulty, Daddy Vaughan and the Proteges stick in the requisite number of points and cruise to victory. At least that is what happened to Birmingham last year.

This year it was different. Thomas moved and passed the ball well, but was never given room to move by the Tower Power DEWline, and he came out of the game with a meagre two baskets and ten foul shots. It must be added that he was hampered not only by the sterling (how empty that word seems of late) work of Vic Gregorian and the other guards from Brum, but also by the singular inability of most of his teammates to catch the ball or perform any co-ordinated movement. Paul Patterson played his best game of the season with 19 points, followed by George Greene with 14, while Bob Pastor busied himself running up four fouls in ten minutes probably because, either in pursuit of a Britannic image or as a result of a severe hormone imbalance, his hair has assumed jaw-length proportions and he experiences some difficulty in seeing where he is going. The Birmingham Barons of Basketball were never less than six points in the lead, and after a 14-4 burst in the last few minutes, came home 61-40.

There are still several basketball home fixtures, including one with Birmingham Mormons, who beat Old Norts by one point a couple of weeks ago, which will be a Programme Match. Tower Power will be off the newspaper scene until next term, since this is the last "Redbrick," but full details of games still to be played can be obtained from Athletic Union Office. And a final reminder about the B.U.S.F. Championships, featuring Oxford, Cambridge and London Universities and representative teams from English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Universities. That is on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday week, the 10th, 11th and 12th and is bound to be the finest basketball yet seen in this University.

Touchline

SOCCER

1st XI v. Loughboro' Univ. 1st XI. Won 5-0
1st XI v. Leicester Univ. 1st XI. Won 6-3
2nd XI v. Warwick Univ. 2nd XI. Won 7-2
Mermaids v. Lloyds Bank. Won 5-1
Mermaids beat Academs 3-1

BASKETBALL

1st Squad v. Loughboro' Univ. 1st (U.A.U.). Won 61-40
1st Squad v. Nottingham Univ. 1st. Won 52-21
2nd Squad v. Nottingham Univ. 2nd. Won 61-14

MEN'S HOCKEY

1st XI v. Keele Univ. 1st XI (U.A.U.). Won 4-1
1st XI v. Harborne 1st XI. Lost 1-0
2nd XI v. Harborne 2nd XI. Lost 2-1
2nd XI v. Leicester 2nd XI Won 1-0
Puritans v. Saltley College 2nd XI. Won 6-0
Puritans v. Old Halesonians. Lost 4-1
Trojans v. Old Silhillians Extra 3rd XI. Drew 4-4

CROSS-COUNTRY

1st XI v. Nottingham Univ. 1st XI. Lost 28-34
2nd XI v. Sheffield Univ. 1st XI. Lost 82-89

MEN'S LACROSSE

1st v. Mellor 'B' Lost 6-2

WATER POLO

Brum v. Exeter Univ. Won 5-2

SQUASH

1st v. Guys Hospital. Won 3-2
1st v. Warwick Univ. 1st (U.A.U.). Won 5-0
1st v. Four Oaks 1st. Lost 3-2
Ladies v. Four Oaks Ladies. Lost 4-1

JUDO

1st v. Great Barr. Won 2-1



Mass support for the combined Birmingham and Aston campaign in the Bull Ring.
(Photo: Dave Robinson)

Tory bull

LAST week Harold devalued the pound, and appeared on television to explain his decision. This week the Tories, in the shape of the combined Birmingham and Aston Universities' Conservative Associations replied. They got even closer to the people, speaking to Birmingham shoppers in the Bull Ring on a cold grey Saturday lunchtime.

The first half-hour was rather disjointed, since whenever Birmingham Chairman Tim Richards got going, various officials stopped him, to ask whether he had permission to speak. He had, but from the wrong person. In the end they decided he was harmless, and allowed him to proceed.

His arguments hinged on money. "When Labour came in we were eight hundred million in debt. Now it's two thousand million, sixty pounds from each of you if it were repaid tomorrow." The audience wasn't convinced. One white haired old man, who had been "robbed by the Tories for the last hundred years," threatened to attack the speaker at one point. Several other men were quite vociferous in their defence of the government, although their wives, with the shopping baskets, didn't seem to agree.

The innate conservatism of the Brummies in refusing to accept that the Labour Party has changed is no more surprising than that of students who think the same about the Conservative Party. Out of a total of about a hundred people only four or five were prepared to argue, their arguments based not so much on what happened three years or so ago, but rather on the 'thirties. As one man said, "The Tories used troops then, and they'll never change."

VOLUME LIAISON

IN an attempt to stimulate interest in the University Library, the Library Liaison Committee of the Guild has circulated all departments with a notice on which students may make suggestions on how the Library facilities may be improved. Would longer opening hours be appreciated? At present there are seldom more than 60 students in the Library on Saturday mornings. How could the loans system itself be improved, for example?

Very soon, the Library Liaison Committee intends to circulate about 300 students with a detailed questionnaire about their own use of the Library facilities. These students, chosen completely at random, will be contributing information to the Committee in order that case may be made out, if found necessary, for longer opening hours and, perhaps, an alternative overnight loans system.

LIB. SOC. DROPOUTS

BECAUSE five members of the Committee have resigned for various reasons, an emergency general meeting of Libsoc is to be held on Thursday at 5.15 p.m. in Lesser Hall.

According to Martin Lowe, Chairman, Libsoc, is at present "in a state of flux. The new society that emerges from this meeting will depend on how many of the members, the ideas they have, and the people who stand for the vacant positions."

Birmingham squad top at Margate

APPLICATION FOR GRANT RISE

THE N.U.S. Conference held at Margate over the weekend decided to press for a 50 per cent increase in grants. This would mean that the maximum grant to university students at Oxford, Cambridge and London would be increased from £370 to £450, and from £340 to £435 at other universities. It is also proposed that the means test should not operate until the income of a student's parents reaches £1,100, instead of £700 at present.

Charles Wright, on his return from Margate, reported that there was a general consensus over most of the report, dividing the National Union into nine regions. The main clash came over the structure of the Executive and the number of conferences per year, when it was decided to elect all the Executive centrally rather than from regions, and to retain two conferences a year as at present.

Council rejected salaries as an alternative to grants, but the President, Geoff Martin, accepted a motion of censure proposed by Rhys Vaughan, our Chairman of Guild N.U.S. Committee, for not producing the long-awaited report on student salaries.

Owing to a procedural hitch the issue of leaving I.S.C. would not have been debated but for a successful procedural challenge by Tony Klug. The Birmingham delegation decided by four votes to two to stay in I.S.C. on the conditions laid down in the N.U.S. Executive Amendment guaranteeing its financial independence, which Council accepted.

For many of our delegation, including Rhys Vaughan this was their first Council. However, all but one spoke. Rhys Vaughan summed up the main lesson of the Council: "Now the regions have been established, it's up to Birmingham to make the Midland region work by taking a far greater interest in local colleges."

LAST ISSUE

Lack of Advertising has made the present issue the last "Redbrick" this term.

"Brickwall," a 12 - page duplicated paper, combining the resources of "Redbrick" and "Wall" takes over for the last two weeks of term.

Wanted ticket salesmen

DURING the last week of term, Carnival has to issue 12,000 books of Car Competition tickets. They need about a dozen vociferous administrators to help issue the tickets. So come along and have a good shout—all it will cost you is one hour of your time. Bring along your friends so that they too can strain their vocal chords.

And to everyone else—take as many books as you can cram into your briefcases. When you get home sell, sell, sell. Con Grandma while she's knocking back the sherry. Do anything, but try to sell out. If you do, the Car Competition alone will be able to hand over to charity well over £5,000.

KENNETH ALLSOP TO SPEAK

KENNETH ALLSOP, writer, journalist and B.B.C. broadcaster, is giving a Guild "speak-in" on "Lawlessness in America" at 1.15 on December 4th.

Mr. Allsop has travelled thousands of miles in America, both for B.B.C. 1's "24 Hours" and while gathering material for his book on American hobos — "Hard Travellin'." His other books include "Adventure Lit Their Star," "The Angry Decade," and "The Bootleggers"; he also writes for "Nova," "The Spectator," "Encounter" and "Punch."

He is a man of widely-varied interests and activities including Social History, Anthropology, bird-watching, car-racing, jazz and natural history.

LOOK AT LIFE

by Linda Parkin

A RANK ORGANISATION film unit visited the Mech. Eng. Dept. last Wednesday to make shots for inclusion in a "Look at Life" report on the Brain Drain.

The film hopes to emphasise how Britain can benefit from the Brain Drain from other countries, and came to Birmingham in particular because of the variety of nationalities working here.

One of the shots made included a group of one hundred students, forty-two of whom left to represent the forty-two per cent of British engineering and science graduates who go abroad, and later twenty-four returned. Another shot showed the department's work on high-speed forging, and a speech by Professor Tobias was included:—

"We are going to solve the problem of the Brain Drain because we must solve it. We cannot continue to lose scientists and engineers at the present rate for if we do the future will be very black indeed; our position in the export race will deteriorate and our standard of living will drop still further. We are going to keep them here not just by appealing to their patriotic feelings but by paying them more, if necessary a great deal more."

Other material was shot at Imperial College and the film should be ready for showing by mid-December.

Refec. happens

A HAPPENING has been staged at the refectory of Lancaster University. Staged with the aid of newspaper and about thirty people, the happening degenerated into a paper fight, during which the refectory was successfully filled with paper and bodies.

Can one count a refectory queue as a happening—its spontaneous, if nothing else.

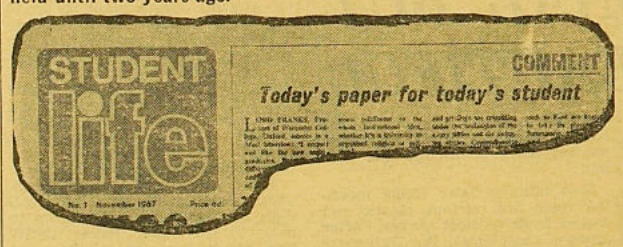
CHARTERED N.U.S. FLIGHT

N.U.S. travel are offering return flights to Toronto summer by Trans Globe charter for £47 10s. A deposit of £11 to be paid before December 11th, is needed to secure a ticket and this can if necessary be recovered by an inexpensive personal insurance coverage for loss of deposit.

B.U.N.A.C., who also run a flight for about £57, have claimed that the N.U.S. charter flight is unreliable. Mrs. Williams of N.U.S. is going to fully investigate this and says that she is getting full co-operation from the agencies and companies concerned, although she has not yet signed any contract.

LIFE v THE REST

CHARLES WRIGHT has banned it, Wall has been serious about it and "Redbrick" is worried about it. The subject of the controversy is "Student Life," a newspaper described by Pete Ullathorne, "Redbrick" Business Manager, as "a commercial enterprise by Educational Publicity Partners Ltd. launched to regain the stranglehold on student newspaper advertising revenue that they held until two years ago."



"Student Life" aims at a circulation of one hundred thousand and if this figure is attained it will corner the market of all careers advertising depriving most student newspapers of a vital advertising revenue of about £100 a week. Next term "Redbrick" must make a profit to survive and if it loses its careers advertising fees it may be unable to continue.

Phil Irving, Editor of "Redbrick," claims: "I am not in the least worried about competition from the rival circulation point of view but I am worried about our survival and the survival of other student newspapers from the advertising and financial point of view. The choice is between a national student newspaper coming out once or twice a term providing stale news of a very general nature and local student newspapers providing fresh news, weekly, of particular interest to university students.

Opposition to "Student Life" has been widespread. The universities of Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Southampton have refused to sell it. Bristol, Durham and Leicester have sold a number but will now sell no more, and Cardiff, Exeter and Nottingham are planning to ban it. As for the content of the newspaper: "it has little appeal to any particular university and with the same old articles on drugs, grotty digs and the Beatles, it isn't news to anyone," exclaimed Ron Deeble, Chem. Eng. 2, and this aptly sums it up.


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