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"I'M DELIGHTED YOU'VE WON," SAYS V-C.

REDBRICK GETS TOP STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Another first for Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM has the best student newspaper in the country. This is the verdict of the panel of judges who awarded REDBRICK the Daily Mirror Cup at the Student Journalists' Conference in London during the Easter vacation.

The cup was presented to REDBRICK'S ex-editor, Mike Coe, by Mr. Michael Christiansen, Assistant Editor of the "Daily Mirror" at the end of the four-day conference sponsored by the "Mirror" and the NUS. About thirty papers entered for the competition and REDBRICK was finally selected from a short-list of four, the others being Oxford's "Cherwell," Bristol's "Nonesuch News," and Nottingham's "Gongster."

"Varsity," the Cambridge newspaper, which has won the cup for the last three years did not enter the competition this year, but Mr. Christiansen said that if it had it would have been beaten "by at least one other paper." London's "Sennet," which has also won the cup in the past, was this year unplaced.

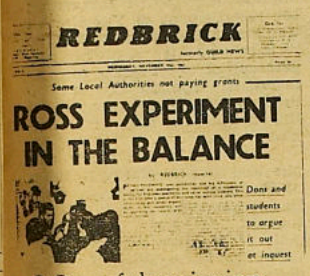
Mr. Christiansen described REDBRICK as "vigorous in approach and clean-cut in appearance" and praised the well-written headlines and the professional lay-out.

What he liked most about the paper was that it dealt with people and not things; the stories and features involved personalities and human behaviour and were interesting to the layman as well as to the student population.

He also praised the Sports Editor and said that the photographs on the sports pages were of the highest quality. Moreover, he cited as an example of first-class headline writing the title of the feature on canals and longboatmen, "Up the Artificial Creek with George and Martha," which appeared in an issue of last December.

The six-page feature on Coventry by Bob Bootle and Dave Winnett was also praised, again dealing with people as opposed to inanimate objects.

On hearing the result of the competition, the University Vice-Chancellor Sir Robert Aitken said "I am very pleased. I have been watching for years the steady improvement of quality and presentation in "Guild News" and now REDBRICK, and I'm delighted that this process has now placed REDBRICK first in the country.


REDBRICK
Some Local Authorities not paying grants
ROSS EXPERIMENT IN THE BALANCE
Dons and students to argue it out at inquest

• One of the winning numbers that gave REDBRICK the Cup.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT

- Member of the Guild: "My God ! What were the rest of them like ? REDBRICK is worse than ever this year."
- "Sun," newspaper of the Birmingham CAT: " . . . it was most encouraging to see a newspaper from a provincial Institute of Higher Education breaking the Oxford-Cambridge domination of previous years."
- "Cherwell," the Oxford University newspaper :— "The cup . . . was won by 'Redbrick,' a neat little tabloid from Birmingham University."


Photo : Pete Murray.

• The team that produced the winning REDBRICKS.


Photo : Andrew Hornig.

• Cary Bazalgette, an eager worker for External Affairs.

Crystal Palace Appointment

BILL SLATER TO SAY GOODBYE

BILL SLATER is to leave Birmingham University at the end of this term. The Wolves and England footballer, who is a lecturer in the University's Department of Physical Education, has been appointed Deputy Director of the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre.

He is to take up his new position in September, and the Centre will be officially opened in the summer of next year, with Emlyn Jones, the ex-international tennis player, as the Director.

Mr. Slater will be concerned primarily with the organisation of the new Centre. "What appeals to me about the post," he says, "is that I will be in close contact with young people still at school as well as with established stars right at the top of sport."

Although he is looking forward to the challenge he will be "very sorry to leave the University." He has enjoyed working in the Phys. Ed. Department, and he has found student contact one of the most rewarding parts of his job. At Crystal Palace, he hopes to continue meeting university students, and envisages UAU and BUSF coaching courses there.

Mr. Slater, who has been a professional with the Wolves for several years, will be unable to play for them again after this season. "I would like to go on playing soccer," he says, "but at the moment it is difficult to tell for whom."

FILLING THE EMPTY TUMMIES

THE Freedom from Hunger Campaign, which was staged at the end of last term raised £1,900. Organised by ORD in conjunction with External Affairs, the campaign consisted of a three-day fast in the city centre to promote public interest, collections at the railway stations and Bread and Cheese lunches in the refectories.

The campaign, publicised by a poster designed by an Art School student, was mentioned in many of the daily papers and supported by the Town Council, who permitted the "camping" in Chamberlain Square.

NEW SEX ROW AT OXFORD

LESS than 48 hours after he returned to Oxford, Alan Lambert, Oriental languages student, was packing his bags for an immediate departure. He had been ordered to leave, after a college servant had found a girl in his room, on the Saturday morning.

"She is a very nice girl and they have known each other for some time," said a friend. "She was only up for the weekend, and is definitely not a student here.

Last term a Christ Church student, James Higgins, was sacked for a similar "offence," and student bodies are still protesting at this decision. The main protest seems to be a possible token stoppage of the Union. Lambert, a fresher, was rusticated for a term.

SUNDAY FLIC

"ANNIE GET YOUR GUN"
with Betty Hutton and Howard Keel.
also
"THE MILKY WAIF" & "MOUSE CLEANING"
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NEWS REPORT

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CID SWOOPS ON NUS

PRESS

Can't they read in 2nd City?

BIRMINGHAM claims to be England's Second City but by newspaper reading standards its citizens are illiterate morons compared with those of Manchester. The sad and sudden death of the "Evening Despatch" (cleverly disguised as amalgamation with the "Birmingham Mail") is one more proof of this.

The total circulation of the local "Post & Mail" is under 380,000; comparable figures for Manchester, which has the "Guardian," the "Evening News" and the "Evening Chronicle," are over 650,000.

Admittedly the "Evening Chronicle" makes a loss and is supported by subsidies from the "News" (they are both owned by the "Guardian"). This may seem illogical but the continued existence of the "Chronicle" averts the one greater danger than the loss of the "Chronicle"—and that is the presence of Lord Beaverbrook's northern "Daily Express."

"The Despatch" was closed partly because the "Post & Mail" did not have to meet this sort of challenge; but also because Brummies do not read enough papers.

Why not? No-one knows.

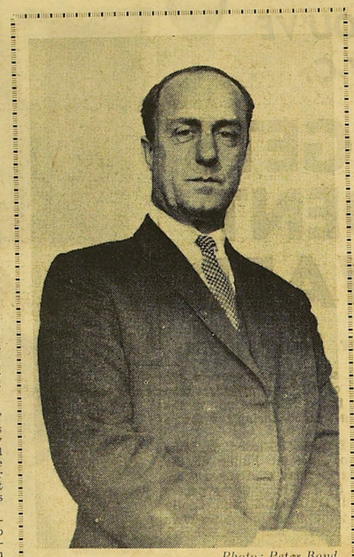


Photo: Peter Bond.

• Sir George Cartland, the new Registrar, has now taken up his post and is quickly settling into his office.

'Spies for Peace' scatter pamphlets at Keele

THE unusually quiet nature of the NUS Council at Ke this Easter was shattered by the action of the delegat from Bradford—staunch CND supporters—who distribut "Spies for Peace" pamphlets in the Council Chamber. T was done without permission during the lunch-hour.

The Executive emphasised that it had nothing whate to do with this action. The arrival of the local CID caus the Council meeting to be interrupted whilst the Presid asked that all pamphlets be returned. Following alm complete co-operation with this request, the CID th searched the rooms of the distributors.

An emergency motion was put forward protesting against the search (made without a warrant) which was alleged to be an infringement of liberty, but this was ruled out of order on the grounds that no search-warrant was necessary in a case concerning the Official Secrets Act, and that the NUS wished at all times to avoid becoming a political forum.

An important step was taken in extending the power of the NUS. It is now able to discuss all matters concerning education. This means that the NUS can review the problems both of sixth-form students considering University entrance and of graduates seeking posts.

Until the last Council, the committee was allowed to discuss only affairs directly related to students, so this was the t to come under the new co tution.

A motion was submitted unanimously passed concern the resettlement of Yugosla tion was passed condemning refugee students. A further persecution by Franco of dents in Spain. These motions were both submitted the delegation from Birmi ham.

"It cannot be too firmly phasised that the National Un of Students is in no way a p tical organisation," says a Bi ingham delegate. "Althou political factions exist in e university and college, the N does not represent politics.

Conditions

"Its aim is to improve pres conditions of high education consider at all times the welf of the students under its pices.

"In many other countri especially the Communist co tries, politics have become main concern of the NUS must be avoided at all costs that the NUS in Britain continue to give full and biased attention to its prim concern—the well-being of students, regardless of th political beliefs."

NOT THE ONLY ONES

All the trouble that women cause

ONCE again a University paper makes its headline with news of a man being rusticated on being found with a woman in his room. "Cherwell," of Oxford University, makes this its lead with comments from various people: "it was a comparatively minor matter"; "it is an internal affair."

Nevertheless it is a matter of interest as shown by the number at the Union Debate on Thursday, "This House Considers that Virginity is not a Virtue." The motion was carried.

Leeds' paper, "Union News," quotes 98 per cent. of a sample blaming their sexual relationships on the cold spell, the Russians or moral re-armament. One tends to believe part of this, especially on a confession, that, tired of his bleak flat, a man proposed at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Perhaps the problem is enlightened by "Courier" of King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne: "You are the privileged to a guinea-pig of the 20th century, a battery head with a brain to be force-fed." The article closes on a cheerful note: "A happy term to you all."

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STUDENT newspapers from abroad include "The Weekly Sung Dae" from Hong-Kong. Unfortunately none of the news could be deciphered.

"Chaos" from Monash University, Canberra, makes itself very clear in an article "Our Regal Farce: Why do we continue this tradition?" The paper, although feeling "the Monarch is an excellent institution," calls the expenses it incurs "a political crime." The paper reported the Queen as saying, "This is not the last time I will visit Australia" and continues, "Is it ever likely to stop?—not as long as the Monarchy and the Commonwealth exist.

BIRMINGHAM SHOCK TOP BRIDGE PLAYERS

FOUR Birmingham student bridge players narrowly lost in a match against experts in London recently. They have had a brilliant season with some outstanding tournament successes just recently, as leading members of the University Bridge Club.

The match was against experts, including Mrs. Rixie Marcus, who said afterwards: "They were really very impressive, and I am full of hope that these boys will one day be very great bridge players." The four students whose future seems so bright are C. H. Powell, A. C. Woods, J. A. Corbett and Willy Woods.

REDBRICK STA GETS SHAKE-U

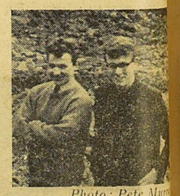


Photo: Pete Mar

• Chris Buckland, the Editor, and Tim Austin, new Assistant Editor,

THERE have been big changes in REDBRICK the Easter Vac. The new Edi is Chris Buckland, a 19-year second-year economics stude Tim Austin takes over Assistant Editor. He is al second-year English.

Bill Orwin becomes featu editor with a new assistant, McCullough. Bob Bootle was REDBRICK'S Editor a ago is given a new post as lec nical adviser.

"More news and better fe tures, that's my policy," said new Editor. "What I want do is combine responsibility w liveliness and enterprise."

A career is what it's worth

If you divide the population into two groups—those who take THE TIMES and those who don't—you find this: those who *don't* take THE TIMES are in the great majority. Those who *do* are either at the top in their careers, or are confidently headed there.

THE TIMES both by its seniority in experience and by its incomparable prowess as a modern newspaper, naturally commends itself to successful people. There is no high level conference, no board meeting, no top executive's private office into which THE TIMES is not apt to be taken.

This choice of a newspaper by people who get on is indisputable.* In which of the two groups do you place yourself?

Read THE TIMES

* STUDENTS AND THE TIMES: As a student you can have THE TIMES for 2½d. Write for details to the Circulation Manager, THE TIMES, London, E.C.4.

PRESS POST

REDBRICK comment

The Birmingham University Students' Newspaper

Editor - - *Chris Buckland*

Assistant Editor - *Tim Austin*

Business Manager - *Roger Griffiths*

Use your vote, or shut up

THE President's job is the most important and the most difficult in the Guild. It needs tact, patience and above all a sense of leadership. Tomorrow's polling is crucial from two respects. Firstly the efficient running of the Guild depends on the right man being chosen, and secondly the image of the student body in this University is projected and epitomised through this one man.

Last year, with five candidates, there was a pathetic poll—only a third of the students could be bothered to vote. Who the President is affects us directly and the sooner the whole student body realises this the better.

Apathy is a well-worn word nowadays, but it still applies and there is no excuse for it.

Your vote could be decisive—use it!

If you don't know the candidates, and unfortunately there are only two, go to the hustings to hear what they have to say, ask them questions, and read their policy statements in today's REDBRICK. Make sure you are choosing the right man for the job.

If you don't vote tomorrow you have no right to grumble if things go wrong in the Guild next year.

Not satisfied

REDBRICK has been proclaimed the top student newspaper. We are very pleased, of course, but we're still not satisfied and we know very well that you're not.

Producing a newspaper is a very specialised and technical job. It takes a long time to get the hang of things, and it needs a lot of experiments to get one improvement.

Don't think we're going to be smug and self-satisfied—we're not. Far from it.

Winning the cup is going to make us try even harder.

The Union,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham, 15

May 8th, 1963

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personal column

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JAF 63. Asian Film Week.

U.N.S.A. A.G.M. Monday, May 13th, C.R.3. Address by Paul Cadbury, C.B.E. Members of the Guild welcomed, but voting rights held by current UNSA members.

ANYBODY interested in cheap Italian Holiday, six weeks, summer vac., contact Box 007, REDBRICK Office.

SUMMER Villa, Costa Blanca. Students wanted to join mixed party. £10 per month. Knowles, 1 Lulworth Gdns., South Harrow.

JAF 63. Tea with Oscar.

JAF 63. George Woodcock on Trade Unions in Modern British Society.

HEARSE for sale, runs like a dream (18 m.p.g., 200 miles per pint of oil) fitted out as luxury touring saloon for 7 with panoramic vision. Featured in Pathe News, last year visited Spain.—Contact Neville Holmes, GTG or Pigeon Holes.

JAF 63. John Freeman on The Mass Media.

JAF 63. Rhythm Club Jam Session.

JAF 63. Brown on One Side, Pink on the Other.

JAF 63. Dr. David Stafford-Clark on Hypnosis and Hysteria: Their Perennial Lesson for Medicine and Mankind.

JAF 63. The Scientist's Eye is Myopic.

JAF 63. Cricket: President's XI v. University First XI.

FINAL WEEK for Work Camp applications. External Affairs Office, lunchtimes.

JUST GOOD CLEAN FUN

SIR,—I should like to reply to Mr. Barrow's letter in the last edition of REDBRICK.

I must agree, at least in part, with Mr. Barrow in his claim that Carnival means nothing to many Brummies. However, this is a problem with which we are already dealing. We are producing a booklet entitled "Where your money goes" and, in addition, hope to be able to run articles in the local press and receive television coverage. All this is aimed at describing the uses to which the £120,000 collected since 1949 has been put.

Of course the problem of contacting the population at large is always difficult on a limited budget and we would be only too willing to listen to any bright ideas Mr. Barrow, or others, may have.

Charities

Finally, although we intend to put more emphasis on charities, we will not put any less on the students, because we cannot function without them. I would remind those who criticise us that it has never been the intention of Carnivals, Rags, or whatever, to be over-serious about their job; it is, after all, eminently satisfactory if one can do some good and enjoy oneself at the same time.

Yours etc.,

W. R. GIRDLESTONE,
Chairman, Carnival 40.

MEDICS MUST STARVE

SIR,—I would like to make use of your column space to expand on a few of the metabolic needs of the average medical student, most of whom in the third year are on the premises for a large part of Easter.

Surely it is not necessary to close down all the eating facilities for the best part of Easter Week? I myself object strongly to having to go into the Queen Elizabeth Hospital patients' visitors canteen for lunch; nor do I particularly appreciate having to queue at Antonio's for my evening meal, particularly in bad weather. Is it too much to ask for Refectory staff holidays to be staggered, so that at least one room can serve food at the usual times?

I appreciate that it is fair enough to close from Good Friday to Easter Monday, but I was not aware that the the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Easter were public holidays or religious festivals. Not only was the Medical School canteen closed on these days, but even the coffee and milk machines were on strike.

Moreover, as the Refectory Snack Bar is the only place open for evening meals within reach of the Medical School, and therefore has almost a monopoly during vacations, it seems a little hard that the prices should be so high.

Disgusting

Why should a cup of rather disgusting coffee cost fivepence, when the Q.E.H. visitors' canteen produces a better brew for threepence? The apple for which I paid fourpence the other day was hardly bigger than a golf ball, and judging by its bruised appearance, it had probably been used as a golf ball.

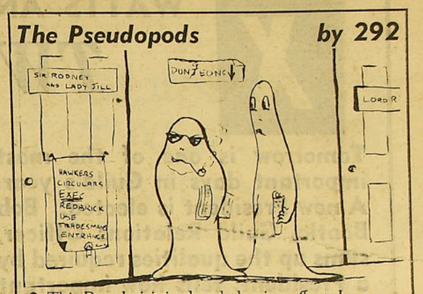
To add insult to injury, some bright lad has provided the management with a tin marked "Freedom From Hunger Campaign"; the only only thing lacking is a notice telling the poor starving student how much he is allowed to take from it.

Yours etc.,

G. D. HOUSAM
(Medicine V)

• Correspondents are reminded that they must enclose their full names when they submit letters for publication. Deadline for contributions is 12 noon each Saturday.

The Pseudopods by 292



• This Royal visit is already having effect, I see.

KNIGHTS OF THE NEW ORDER

SIR,—Large parts of the dispute which has circled round Bonhoeffer's daring description of Christianity as "Religionless" appear to me to be academic in the worst sense of the word. The fact that "Jesus came to destroy religion" must be seen in the light of another fact; he himself regularly worshipped in the synagogue and passionately prayed to his Father.

We are now told that institutionalised religion is like energetically turning the car starting handle stuck up the exhaust pipe, and we are not to bully our minds into accepting religious belief and dogma. Dogma it is said is death.

Those who put this point of view recently in newspapers and books seem to think they have left the rest of Christendom behind, grinning complacently behind bars waiting for liberating knights of the "new" order. If they are new, then St. Paul was new.

Let a "mi" thinker say how it is possible to enrich life along the lines Christ pointed out without belonging to a community of people who sometimes do things together.

Yours etc.,

C. J. LUKEY.

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WATTS AND PALING ARE THE ONLY CANDIDATES

TWO FIGHT IT OUT IN TOMORROW'S POLL

Tomorrow is one of the most important days in Guild's year. A new President is elected. Bob Bootle, Guild Relations Officer, sums up the qualities required by a President, tells how important the job is. But the final decision is yours, it's your votes alone that make the President. The policy statements and proposals are presented to help you choose who will be the best man for this crucial job.

A speaker, a humourist ... that's what the President must be

IT is neither base flattery nor mere sycophancy to say that Rodney Klevan is the best President the Guild has had for years, and that, in choosing a new President, the Guild could do no better than measure the candidates by the standards he has set.

The President is one of the few human beings who must find it an advantage to be two-faced. One of his faces looks outwards at the formal dinners, the hospital presentations, the meetings with civic officials, which he must attend.

Two formal dinners a week is the average for a President. For these he needs humour, speech-making ability and the constitution of an ox. A large part of the outside world's attitude towards students is formed at these ceremonial occasions.

The second face looks inwards. The President is a member of about 10 committees which administer the Guild and Union; these cover everything from the quality of the food in the Union, through Publications and Debates, to the working of Athletic Union.

Tact, too, is a more than useful asset—particularly in dealings with the University itself. There is no advantage to be gained from strife with the authorities merely for the sake of strife and the President has to combine the awkward tasks of both representing the Guild fairly and of not infuriating the authorities.

The "strong" Presidents are not always the most successful from either our own point of view or that of the Vice-Chancellor. Perhaps Rodney Klevan's greatest achievement has been in the field of reconciliation. His term has a sound foundation upon.

In terms of accessibility, President should be easily accessible to all members of the Guild when their problems, generally speaking, should have to be referred to a suitable committee.

It's a hard life for the recipient of all the fury who has been served a omlette in the Vernon, been tipped out of a booked committee room, President doesn't like it, take it, he shouldn't have his position.

The result of the election decided by the performance candidates put up at this If you are in any doubt capabilities of the rival way to resolve your attend in the Debating Hall p.m. today.



A MAN FROM THE NEW FRONTIER

MEMBERS OF THE JURY, —The factual fact that Harold W. is contesting the seat of Harold M., and Rodney W. is contending the seat of Rodney K. has nothing to do with the presidential elections whatsoever. (In any case, Mr. Watts is liberal).

Rodney Watts has engaged in a phenomenal range of activities—at one moment riding a 500 cc. scramble bike over sand-dunes (he commented "If you can do it there, you can do it anywhere), at the next moment crooning to a social gathering, singing

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In the Guild he has taken an active part in the Christian Union and Methodist Society, though this is not why we're supporting him, since the proposer is a devout Muslim and the seconder an agnostic. Many of you may have known him as the energetic chairman of the United Nations Student Association, or others as chairman of Open Lectures; but we think he makes his real mark as chairman of External Affairs.

Mr. Goss was too efficient, Mr. Large was an orator, Mr. Klevan is still President. Mr. Watts strikes us as representing the new frontier of President Kennedy; but backed also with tact, organising experience and ability. If Mark Anthony had to comment, he would have remarked, "This is the man."

S. KAMARUDDIN,
(Proposer).

M. J. WEBBER,
(Seconder).

"THERE'S A LOT TO BE DONE"

PRESIDENTIAL candidates in the past have invariably said that they are basically satisfied with the running of the Guild as it is, and I shall be no exception.

I am, of course, aware that there is much to be done. There is need for a reserve account in case of depreciation and emergencies—for instance woodworm in the Concourse Lounge chairs, though I would hasten to add that to the best of my knowledge there isn't any! Guild societies given every possible agement, because, large, it is they that the body of the Guild facilities are needed Union and refectory vacations for final cal, research and students.

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Whilst I am aware things which need it is the duty of the

John Paling

• John Paling, a 24-year-old Zoologist, is Chairman of Catering Committee and a member of the Executive. He has played for the University tennis team.

Photos: Andrew Hornig



A firm lead from the top is needed

I would be less than honest for any presidential candidate to suggest that he intends to revolutionise this Union for it already one of the best equipped in the country. However, veral important issues concerning the Guild merit a firm lead om the President.

Accommodation. There are ill innumerable unsatisfac- ry student lodgings, many of hich lack the basic facilities study and leisure. The e has come for us to press ain for more accommodation hich is run specifically for dents. I would like to see, t just new Halls of residence, t also well-situated student tlets and hostels so that ple can choose the type of commodation best suited to emselves. In addition, I uld do all in my power to tify the present absurd situation whereby mature students are not allowed to live in flats.

Political Societies. While never wishing to see our Guild become politically dominated, I feel that in the Union there is, in general, a lack of informed political opinion. I would like to see occasional forums instead of open lectures. M.P.s representing all parties should be present and we would then have a chance to question their opinions on the bomb, education and other major issues.

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Medics and Dentals. Having joined the medics for part of their course, I am aware of some of the factors which are tending to divorce Medical School students from the Union. This trend is most regrettable and I would certainly support any move that presents itself to encourage dentals and medics to take more advantage of their Union membership.

However, if elected President of the Guild, I would be expressing your views and not necessarily my own. Having known the last three Presidents, I fully appreciate the responsibility involved in the presidency, and I would do my best to be worthy of your vote.

JOHN PALING,
(Zoology).

Rodney Watts

• Rodney Watts, a research student, has taken an active part in the Christian Union and Methodist Society, a chairman of UNSA and External Affairs.

A KEEN BRAIN & AN EXCELLENT DIPLOMAT

JOHN PALING'S initial impact was made in the Guild Guild four years ago when he organised and chaired a special general meeting to complain about refectory food. Since then, catering has been his forte and so, when elected to the Executive, he was the obvious choice for chairman of Catering Committee. His success in his executive position can easily be confirmed from from Guild councillors; we could not be more fair than that.

John was awarded a first in zoology. He is one of the few students who have combined academic brilliance with an involvement in a whole range of Guild activities. He is a well-known debater. He played rugby for three seasons while at University and tennis for the University team. In the Guild, he has worked on all the major committees (in External Affairs he initiated student concessions) during which time he has shown himself to possess the ideal character for the presidency.

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He is approachable, has a keen brain which makes him an excellent diplomat and has an irrepressible sense of humour which ensures a proper perspective in all his dealings.

John Paling's incomparable all-round ability makes him the obvious man for President.

Ahmad Qidwai
(Chem. Eng.)
Bernard Beatty
(English)

PRESIDENTIAL HUSTINGS 1.30 TODAY

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This does not of course mean that I shall fail in my duties to faithfully represent the views of the Guild on all occasions.

Rodney Watts.



Practically everyone has to—from the inveterate midnight oil burner to the most dedicated Union type. Some people, of course, manage better than others. It's all a question of balance and balance is exactly what you will have if you open an account at the Midland Bank.

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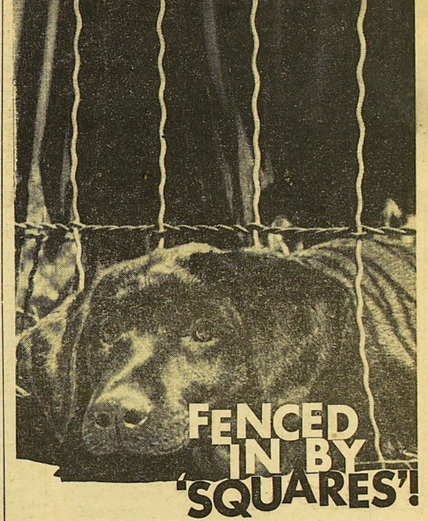
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A Brewere eke wasse in our companye,
Y-wis a pilgrimme, bound for Canterburye;
Rede-nosed he wasse, of ful greet gentillesse
And wisly pacient in stryf or distresse,
For whan y-burthened by depressioun
In Guinnesse he vounde consolacioun
And quaffed, as aye his wyf wasse wonte to saye,
Ful twentye pintes of Guinnesse in a daye.
Syn he a povre persoun wasse beleyved,
From goodlye felawes he his drynks receyved
And ther proclaymed amidde his povretie,
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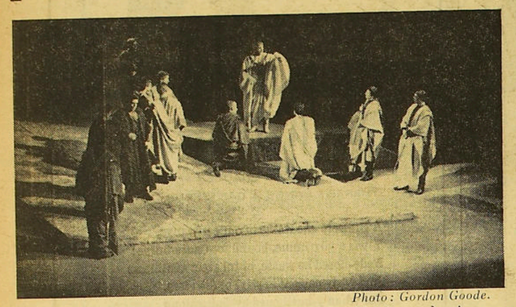


Photo: Gordon Goode.

• Roy Dotrice as Caesar in John Blatchley's production of "Julius Caesar" at Stratford.

MERMAID AT THE FLOOD

William Orwin

IN terms of purpose and policy, a University magazine editor's job is almost unenviable. It seems that he is faced by only two alternatives; his magazine must be either "literary" or a hotch-potch.

This term's "Mermaid" (on sale next week at 1/-) has chosen the second alternative and has broken from a long and hard tradition of chi-chi poetry and esoteric "creative" writing, most of which is often an excuse for the précieux among us to wallow in private fantasies.

It has done very well. Larger in scope, style and size, it has a pleasingly sober and professional appearance for which the editor, David Winnett, deserves great credit. The pages are well laid out, with smaller than usual deserts of white spaces which are often the result, in University magazines, of the amateur's anxiety to be individualistic. The articles are very polished, well-informed and carefully written; and the photographs, except for those on the centre-pages are interesting and unobtrusive.

Unfortunately, it is still something of a hotch-potch. We come in for travel, politics, television, science, medicine, poems, short stories and critical essays—much of which would have been better placed elsewhere: on the features pages of "Redbrick," in the "Queen's Medical Magazine" and in "Poyntor." As it is, there is no unifying element at all, and the magazine as a whole lacks an identifying personality. In an effort to be broader in scope, the new "Mermaid" has become perhaps a little too diffuse.

Two sadly complementary features of the magazine rather dim its achievement: an all-male contributors' list and a rather self-conscious editorial which, in an effort to whip up more active interest, slanders all and sundry.

Considered as an experiment and a new breakthrough, "Mermaid" is successful as it stands. Behind the scenes lies the added achievement of careful planning which has resulted in a long-awaited financial solvency.

WHY?

century, and then [illegible] into the sea in the earthquake of 1303.

'Observer' tops student survey

A London students' survey shows that *The Observer* is "by far the most popular" Sunday newspaper, among all three political groups. Of the 740 students in the sample, 68 per cent read it. Other figures:—

The *Sunday Times*, 37 per cent; *Sunday Express*, 20 per cent; *Sunday Telegraph*, 9 per cent.

Covering various other aspects of university life, the survey is published in the *Clare Market Review*, a magazine published by the London School of Economics Students' Union.

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There's little business

Keith Surtees

THE obvious attraction of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" (ABC, Forum), apart from the curiosity-provoking title, is the chance to see Bette Davis and Joan Crawford again. The characters they play—like the choice of a thriller as subject—have obvious box-office appeal: alcoholics and cripples on the screen never lack an audience.

The object of the film, then, is to entertain. But if so, it suffers from some typical Hollywood delusions. I refuse to believe that the public is interested in yet another film about fictitious show-biz" personalities, for instance. Nor can I accept that a strange mixture of humour and horror will be well liked. Cleverly used, they could be complementary, but here the humour is broad and unsubtle and the horror rather trivial.

The two main acting showpieces are broadly conceived and soundly acted as such, together providing a direct contrast, but unfortunately, since they are supposed to be living in the past, the 1960 setting does not intrude sufficiently for the film to generate a proper perspective.

I won't give away the plot, since suspense is a sporadic ingredient of the film, but its construction is not a development so much as a series of progressive variations on the basic situation.



Photo: Warner Pathé.

• Bette Davis in "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?"

Period piece

Thanks to Mr. Brook, "Shakespeare de papa" is dead with its over-characterisation and its flamboyant sets which used to make the verse redundant. Shakespeare's art is total, as Mr. Brook says, and this makes it a rich period piece and not a happy hunting ground for Brechtians.

Mr. Brook follows the complexities but has lost the vivid impression. As I said of "King Lear" some time back, the grandeur of Shakespearian drama, the not-like-us quality of the characters has been completely lost at Stratford.

NAP HAND FOR GREENE

David Lodge

FIVE novels by Graham Greene have just been published by Penguin: "Stamboul Train," "A Gun For Sale," "The Confidential Agent," "The Ministry of Fear," and "A Burnt-Out Case" (3/6d. each). Of these five books, four are what Mr. Greene calls "entertainments," as if to suggest that they do not claim attention as totally serious works of literature.

The story goes that he wrote the first of them, "Stamboul Train" (1932), piqued by the critics' rough treatment of his rather literary early romances, in order to prove that he could write a slick, sophisticated, modern thriller if he wanted to.

Prove it he certainly did, for these stories still retain an unrelaxed grip on the reader's attention; but they are far from being mere processed escape fiction.

Maturity

These early "entertainments" formed, in fact, a kind of apprenticeship for the Greene who reached his maturity in novels like "The Power and The Glory" and "The Heart of The Matter," where those conscious and capable of sin are valued above the respectable and the materialistic. The crucial transition came with "Brighton Rock," where Greene first gave the thriller form a theological dimension, and which, interestingly, he issued variously as a novel and as an "entertainment."

These Entertainments eschew theology, but they centre round ambiguous moral concepts that continue to fascinate Greene: loyalty and betrayal in "A Gun For Sale," trust and mistrust in "A Confidential Agent," and pity in "The Ministry of Fear." Greene's technique, too, formed itself in these early books: the deft plotting, the cinematic cutting, the terse, revealing catalogues of descriptive detail, the violent imagery.

"Burnt-Out Case" is Greene's latest "novel," and perhaps his most puzzling. Some crisis of the author's seems to lurk beneath the surface of the novel; certainly it contains a caustic parable of the uncomfortable position of an "official" Catholic artist.

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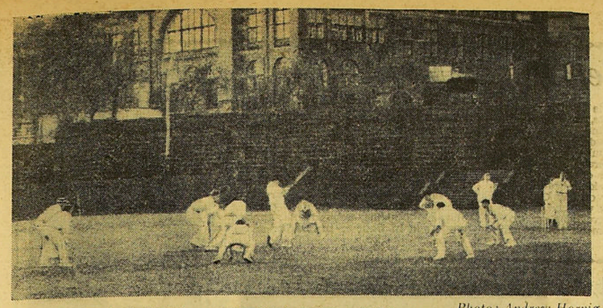


Photo: Andrew Hornig.

• The last ball of the day in last Saturday's match v. Warwickshire Club and Ground. Bridge bowls to Birmingham's Fred Baines who, although surrounded by fielders, hits the ball for four.

POWERFUL TENNIS VI HAVE BAD START

THE tennis season has got off to a very undistinguished start as far as the University Tennis Club is concerned. Their 4-2 victory overy Woodthorpe of Nottingham was deceptive because they lost to Nottingham's UAU team 3-6. On Saturday they crashed to a powerful Sheffield team 1-8, but it is only fair to say that one of each of the three pairs could not play, so the teams naturally lacked co-ordination.

What was more disappointing at this stage of the season was the manifest lack of fight which the team showed when harassed by Sheffield's extremely strong side.

On paper the team is extraordinarily strong. Captain M. R. Schofield is a Junior Wimbledon player, as is R. Varley. Bryan and Westmoreland have gained county honours while Atkins has played among the top-ranking Australian Davis Cup players, and C. Haggett is a Welsh doubles champion.

One encouraging sign was Sunday's 2-2 draw with Handsworth Lawn Tennis Club, who are in the Warwickshire League first division.

On Saturday the team is playing St. Paul's of Cheltenham at home and captain Schofield expects some improvement.

UAU MATCHES

THE final of the Football Association's Centenary Universities Cup competition between Cambridge and Loughborough was played last Wednesday evening at Leicester City's ground. The result was a 1-0 win for Loughborough.

The UAU have announced their programme of events for the Summer term; the UAU cricket team will play two matches in Birmingham, on May 13th-14th v. Warwicks. 2nd XI, and on July 10th v. Midland CCC. The UAU Golf Championships will be played at Handsworth from July 22nd to the 26th.

Lawn - tennis championships will take place at Nottingham on June 15th-16th, and the Cricket final will be on June 21st-22nd at a venue to be announced.

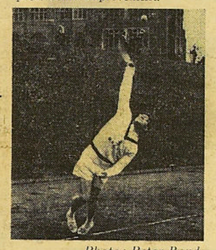


Photo: Peter Bond.

• Tennis captain M. R. Schofield.

Summer Holiday

THE Physical Education Department is organising two fortnight - long summer camps to be held at Lake Coniston, one just before and one just after the beginning of the summer vacation. The cost will be between six and seven pounds. Application forms are available at the office of the Physical Education Department.

sports comment

Fatal Blows

ONCE again the cry: ban boxing, has risen in Britain and America, this time stimulated by the tragic death of Davey Moore. Both sides have several arguments, some good, some bad, but none absolutely convincing.

Those against say that boxing is pointless and degrading and cite irrefutable medical evidence that it may cause severe damage to the brain. The defenders counter that the sport is noble, exciting and profitable to the participants in a way no other occupation is.

The most important single argument is that boxers voluntarily engage in their chosen profession in a way that need offend no one except those masochistic enough to attend boxing matches with the intention of being offended.

Some contests are thrilling exhibitions of physical fitness, skill and courage, a good example being the Winstone-Lamperti scrap shown on television last week. Others are frankly brutal efforts not worthy of being called sport. It is here that something should be done. Shorter rounds and strict and positive action by trained referees might be the answer.

Any alteration to the rules preventing head blows or requiring pneumatic gloves to be worn would kill boxing as sure as prohibitive legislation. All genuine sports lovers would be sorry to see this happen.

First match drawn

AMISS HAMMERS 1st XI ATTACK

THE University 1st XI just managed to hold Warwickshire Club and Ground to a draw last Saturday at Bournbrook. Set to score 181 in two-and-a-half hours, the University scored 110, with one wicket left to fall.

The Club and Ground batted first, and Riley and Amiss, both county players, opened in relaxed fashion. Opening bowler Carter and the side were unlucky to see Amiss dropped when he had scored 10, for he went on to score 133.

Amiss made use of the very slow wicket to give himself time to hit the ball, and hit it very hard in majestic style (once over the river, and once straight on to the road at the University end), but the other Club and Ground batsmen were less impressive, and collected only 41 runs between them.

For the University, Baines was steady at medium pace, Read needs to practise to regain his accuracy as an off-break bowler, and Maraj, the captain, must have found the wicket too slow to suit his leg-spin. However, the University lacks a really venomous fast bowler.

Of the batsmen, Powell took his time, and needs practice to regain his outstanding form. Horrig timed the ball well, but carelessly chose one of the best fielders in Warwickshire, Amiss, to run himself out. Duckworth also seemed set, but then touched a ball to slip. It was left to Baines, often the anchor of the side, to hold the fort to the end, which he did without forgetting aggression. Scores:

Warwickshire C. & G.: 181 for 4 dec. Amiss 133 n.o. (Baines 2-50).

The University: 110 for 9 (Baines 31, Duckworth 22).

Busy week for soccer

Ten days, eight games

THE University Soccer XI have made a satisfactory start to their formidable task of playing eight matches in ten days. After winning three games out of four in mid-week, they convincingly beat the Old Throstles 3-1, at Pritchatts Road on Saturday.

The home team took the lead within seconds of the start, when Mitchell's cross from the left wing was headed down to Rosser, who scored what proved to be the best goal of the game.

For the remainder of the first half, Brum did most of the attacking, but their play left more to be forgotten than to be remembered. Lacking the necessary skill and subtlety, the forwards failed to cash in on the advantage given them by their defence.

Increased

After 15 minutes the University deservedly increased their lead and again it was Mitchell who engineered the goal. Pulling the ball down on the edge of the box, he swivelled and passed to Wright. From the latter's flick, Rosser half-volleyed the ball hard and high into the roof of the net.

In the 31st minute, Old Throstles surprisingly reduced their deficit when Longton, who seconds earlier had made a spectacular flying save from a close range shot, failed to punch clear a long, high punt.

Within five minutes, however, the University had scored again. Wright and Simpson combined well on the right before soaring the ball to Forett. The latter saw his shot rebound to Simpson, who chipped neatly and accurately over the advancing goalkeeper for the final goal of the match.

SPECTATORS' GUIDE

Men's Athletics—Wed., 8th; v. Sheffield and Gottingen U.
Men's Cricket—Wed., 8th; v. Leicester; Sat., 11th; Keele.
Soccer—Sat., 11th; Warley Wanderers.
Women's Tennis—Sat., 11th; v. Keele.

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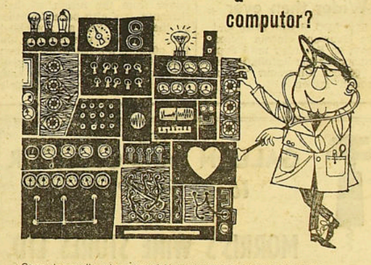
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Here she comes, Her Royal Majesty

WHILE the student population of the University prepares feverishly for exams, the bureaucracy battles against time in a welter of red tape, red carpets, chairs and timetables in preparation for the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on Friday, May 24th.

Their progress around the campus will be punctuated by visits, receptions and presentations at the Staff House and Refectory, Haworth Chemistry Building, where the Duke and Queen will part company, he to visit the Engineering departments, she to tour the Barber Institute of Fine Arts.

This will be followed by a brief visit by the Queen and Duke to the Union where after being presented by the Chancellor, the Earl of Avon, to the President, Vice-President and the Permanent Secretary of the Guild of Undergraduates, they will make an informal tour of the ground floor, possibly visiting the Women's Lounge and Concourse Lounge.

No definite arrangement sare being made and students will not be inconvenienced in any way as the whole tour will be completely informal.

The University Secretary, Mr. Barnes, said: "All classes are cancelled "for that afternoon and the University authorities hope for and expect a good turnout all along the route," across by the Harding Building, around the semi-circle and in front of the Barber and Union.



SPY-CHARGE MAN TAUGHT HERE

Lecturer for five years

DR. GUISEPPE MARTELLI, at present in Brixton Prison facing charges under the Official Secrets Act, was a lecturer at this university for five years until he moved over to Euratom in April, 1962.

Martelli, who was arrested last Friday week and appeared in court on Monday, was working on high energy nuclear physics research here from November, 1957, first as a Research Fellow and later as a lecturer in the Physics Department. Miss Pamela Rothwell, whose name has been mentioned in connection with Martelli's, still works at the university, in the space research department.

His duties at the university did not connect him in any way with secret or classified material, according to the Registrar, Sir G. B. Cartland.

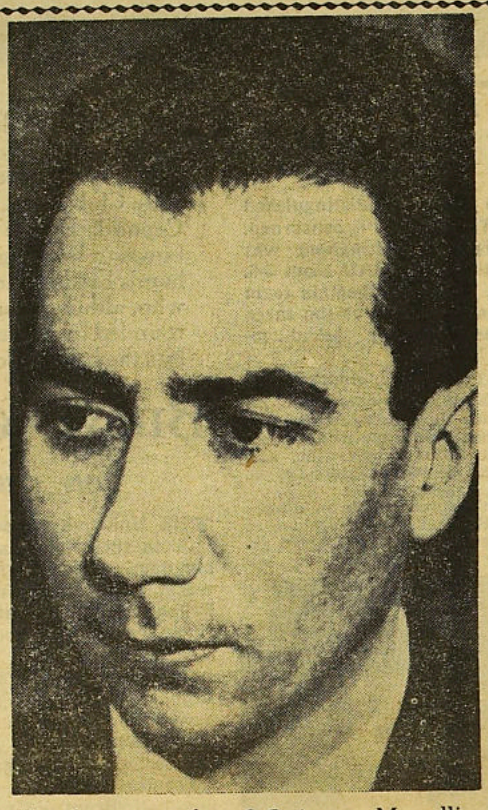
At his court appearance on Monday Martelli said he intended to plead "Not guilty" and was remanded in custody until May 15th.

SECRETS

Martelli, who is 39, has been charged with, between September 1960 and April 1963, "committing an act preparatory to the commission of an offence contrary to Section 1 (i) (c) of the Official Secrets Act." This part of the Act deals with the collection or passing on of any document or information which might be useful to the enemy.

His period of employment in Birmingham followed two years at the Institute of Physics at Pisa, where his Russian-born wife, from whom he has been separated for three years, still lives with his two children. For the last six months he has been seconded by Euratom to the Atomic Energy Authorities open site at Culham, near Abingdon. He was arrested at Southend Airport while returning to Abingdon from Ostend.

His work at Culham, which is concerned with the harnessing of power from the fusion of light elements, has also been described by the authorities as non-classified. It has been suggested that the offences alleged to have been committed were connected with his frequent visits abroad, and were not connected with his official capacity, either here or under Euratom. Martelli was twice refused a visa to visit the United States in 1960, although according to Italian sources he has at no time been a member of the Communist Party.



• Guiseppe Martelli. the ex-Birmingham lecturer who is now in Brixton prison facing a secrets charge.

BRING YOUR PHOTOS PLEA

DURING the second week of the June Academic Festival there will be an exhibition in the New Entrance Hall of photographs arranged by the Photographic Society. Any member of the Guild is invited to submit photographs. The work will be judged by outside judges.

Anyone wishing to enter photographs should contact Brian Croll. Prizes will be in the form of photographic vouchers.

Boos, jeers greet new Med-school

THE opening of the Salisbury Medical School, the sister Medical College, of our own Med. School, by Lord Salisbury in April took place to a background of boos, jeers, demonstrations and waving banners—carried by both coloured and white students.

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Wider than ever

The ABC, Bristol Road and the Gaumont cinema closed down on Saturday until September for the installation of a 60-foot Cinerama "wrap-around" screen.

Revolt at Belfast

LECTURES BOYCOTTED AFTER PROF. RESIGNS

LAW students at Queen's, Belfast, who have been boycotting lectures since the resignation of Professor J. L. Montrose as Dean of the Faculty of Law, have been threatened with disciplinary action.

Prof. Montrose, Dean for 29 years, resigned after his defeat at a faculty election by Prof. Newark, secretary to the Academic Council. The University Law Society have demanded the reinstatement of Prof. Montrose, a move supported by a majority of the 3,000 students.

The Law Society point out that the election was precipitated by a special motion at an ordinary meeting; that at the election four members of staff were absent; that Prof. Newark now has two 'incompatible' jobs, since the Dean acts as 'students' advocate' to the Academic Council.

Inquiry

The boycott has been backed up by a demand for an inquiry into the events preceding the resignation from the undergraduates. The law research students want the University Court of Appeal to examine the affair, but Dr. M. Grant, the Vice-Chancellor, said that it was not a problem for the University Administration.

Ballot rigging probe

IS Leicester the wealthiest university? It would seem that the post of Treasurer there is a coveted one, for at present, a student council is investigating alleged rigging of the ballot for the post in the recent elections.

At the voting scrutiny, at least 42 unofficial votes were discovered, with 721 papers in the ballot-box and only 679 votes registered.

New club soon

IT is hoped to start a Sociological Society for next session. The Social Study Circle, being practical in nature, leaves room for a society which is academic in bias. It is hoped to invite eminent sociologists to discuss topics relating to "the society in which we live." Any students interested in this would be welcome.

ARMLESS BOY GETS A PLACE AT LAST

"Sure to come"

MR. FRANK LETCH, the eighteen-year-old schoolboy with no arms, has been accepted by Birmingham University's French department for the coming academic year.

With ten 'O' levels and three 'A' levels (French, Spanish and English), Frank had been turned down by five universities last year, including Birmingham.

Interviewed by reporters, Frank said, "I am delighted. I knew that if I did not give up I would get a place eventually."

His father, a 44-year-old foreman, had previously complained that his son had been "victimised." On hearing of this success, he said, "Frank should have been given a place last year. Birmingham University have accepted him now with no more qualifications than he had when he applied then."

"I am sorry if I hurt some people's feelings, but I am not going to retract my previous statements. It seems that Reading may offer Frank a place as well, but I am sure he will be going to Birmingham to read French as his main subject."

LOOK ROUND

• **Thirty-six magistrates** from all parts of the country attended a course on "The Office of Magistrate" organised by the Department of Extra-Mural Studies at the Anglican Chaplaincy during the vacation.

The course covered the probation service, social services, psychiatry and criminology, law and procedure, and prison life. The magistrates were also given practical exercises on sentencing.

• **Ford's,** Beecham's and Lucas, with several other firms took part in a conference organised by the Appointments Board in the vac., designed to explain fully the many functions of a large firm. Sixty students took part.



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