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"WE ARE FIGHTING FOR A PRINCIPLE: STUDENT POWER"

ACTIVISTS SEEK CONTROL

Plans for increased agitation on the campus were being formulated last Monday night by a small group of militants. Dissatisfied with Exec. handling of student power, they have determined to produce a more revolutionary atmosphere, in which the reforms they propose would receive more backing from students.

To H. Harris, Esq.,
Secretary of the University.
October 15th, 1968

DEAR SIR,—In view of the widespread concern about Czech students in this country, we are writing to ask permission for any member of the University who wishes, to attend the meeting of Senate next Wednesday, when the question of Czech student fees will be discussed.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD TITMAN,
PETE GOWAN,
CHARLES WRIGHT,
JUDY McKNIGHT,
MARTIN LOWE,
TONY PAGE.

Their first move is to hold an illegal meeting in the Refectory at 1.15 p.m. today to discuss the problem of the Czech student fees.

In an open letter to the University authorities, permission for students to attend the next meeting of Senate has been requested, when the possibility of waiving the Czech student tuition fees will be discussed.

Whether or not the request is granted, the group plans to persuade as many people as possible to go along to this meeting as a token protest against the lack of student representation on Senate.

It is planned to persuade several members of staff to "invite" about 50 students into the Staff House one lunch time as a protest against the rule forbidding student entry. Similarly it is hoped to persuade the men in High Hall to dine with the women of Ridge—a protest against the present state of segregation.

"The object of all this," explained Pete Gowan, Chairman of the Socialist Union, "will be to demonstrate to students that it is the system of University government as it stands at present that allows absurd, outdated rules like this. We are fighting for a principle, that of Student Power as opposed to student representation, which is no more than an elaborate buying system." He emphasised the need to "expand student consciousness of their environment."

If the proposed agitation had the desired effect, i.e. increasing student interest, a general meeting will eventually be called when a motion commanding Executive to prompter, more decisive or more militant action will probably be put.

The reaction to these activities is not likely to be 100 per cent in favour however. "I'm quite quite sick of being told what to think by a few political activists," was one comment from a post-graduate student. "Only a tiny minority of students are interested in Student Power anyway," was another.

However, Guild Secretary, Chris Tyrell warned, "They are in danger of jeopardising negotiations with the University Council which have reached a crucial stage. If they are speaking to force an issue they might find they have got one after October 28th (the next meeting of University Council)."



Heather Wilson got into this precarious position for our photographer Pete Mills who was supposed to be photographing the Arts-Commerce Tower. We must admit, however, that he has made the building rather more interesting.

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Discs stolen

Another theft, which happened last week has come to light—namely, the theft of £60 worth of records from the chair store. They were stolen sometime on the Sunday night or Monday morning, at the same time as the theft of a radio from Events Comm. office.

The records were those used for Union discotheques and dances; as they are usually not returned to the chair store until late at night; when it is difficult to find anyone who can make sure that they are locked up, security for them is not easy to maintain.

THE WRATH OF GRAPES

At the Classical Circle Wine and Cheese Evening last Tuesday, an ambulance had to be called when one fresher was found in a comatose condition.

Tony Burnell, who was said to have drunk two bottles of Sauternes and a large quantity of bitter, was taken to hospital and sent home after treatment, wearing only a white hospital coat and blue underpants.

B.B.C. PRIZE

ONCE more trying to prove that it is a really benevolent organisation, the B.B.C. is organising a prose competition with a £25 prize. Students wishing to enter, are invited to submit either a short story or a piece of imaginative prose which can be judged as a self-contained unit. Entries should not be longer than 2,500 words.

The prize replaces the "Birmingham Planet" short-story prize, the latter ending with the demise of that newspaper, and the B.B.C. has now taken over the organising.

Details of the conditions of entry are obtainable from the University Registry.

Wall condemned by Press Council

AS a result of a complaint by the Warden of the Guild, Mr. J. E. Payne, Press Council was called last Friday to consider an article on "Wall," which was claimed to be "filthy and obscene literature."

The article, which concerned mail-order nude photographs, had been published by the Editor, David Entwistle, exactly as it had been sent through the post, without comment. He maintained that his purpose in publishing the material was to hold it up to ridicule and to protest about its unsolicited arrival through the post.

Press Council, chaired by Ray Phillips, was in session for over an hour, during which the Warden outlined his complaint, and David Entwistle defended his position. After the session, which was held in camera, the findings were that Press Council in no way wanted to set itself up as a moral censor, but to safeguard the Guild's legal interests it felt itself bound to have the article taken down.

The exact findings of the Press Council were as follows:

"1. Press Council realises that it should in no way set itself up as a moral censor for Guild Publications.

2. Press Council condemns the use of 'Wall' for the dissemination and display of literature which could IN THE EYES OF THE LAW be regarded as filthy and obscene.

3. Press Council emphasises that any complaint as to the quality of any article in a Guild Publication should be discussed in the form of a challenge to the Editor concerned on the floor of Council."

PERSONAL

BRIAN SCRIVENER, founder of Community Transport, speaks on Social Work in Birmingham, Tuesday, October 22nd. Committee Room 2, 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

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WHITEHALL FARCE — October 27th.—Contact Rentastir via P.H.

METHSOC.—Sunday, October 20th: "What it all means in our work." Ernest Taylor (headmaster), 4 p.m. at Selly Oak Methodist Church. All welcome.

RENTASTIR requires Agitators of proven ability for peacework, October 27th.—Contact via P.H.

MARGARET BEDFORD is alive and hiding in Buchanan.
LIPS eleven will be livid.

LET'S frat in the vac, Petal.
GUS cannot live by blood alone.

SCHMIRNOFF makes schmutty cooking vodka.

IVE got a friend called Judy Brazier.

ANY grotty totty for Robin.

I CAN hardly contain my indifference.

ENGAGEMENT congratulations, Tudor! Best wishes.—Physics II.

WHY wasn't I invited to Fred's party?

CHINESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY. Open Table-Tennis Tournaments. Men's Single—entrants please give their names to Paul Leung via P.H. before October 23rd.

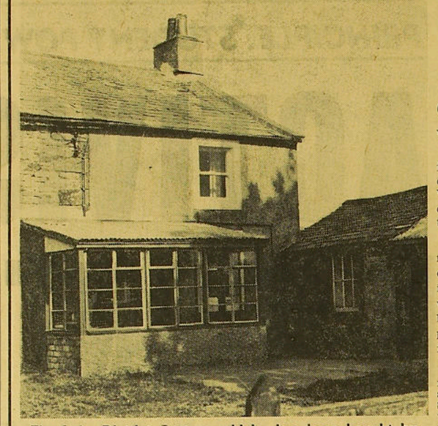
GRAHAM BARKER wishes to apologise to the Editor for the caption under the photograph in last week's "Redbrick."

PETE is back — and how!

WHAT about that hammer then Ned?

HEAR Sir Keith Joseph at 5.15 in the Council Chamber tomorrow.
WHO are Chem. Eng. anyway?

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The Lake District Cottage which has been bought by the Geographical Society.

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ONE of the most notable recent activities of the Kinvig Geographical Society has been the acquisition of a cottage in the Western Lake District.

During the last session a search was begun for a cottage to fulfil the purpose of a Field Research Centre. Eventually a small cottage two miles East of Egremont, between Ennerdale and Wasdale, was found. Originally in a dilapidated condition, the cottage was visited by a working party in June, and major structural repairs have completely resored the cottage.

The cottage has been completely furnished, and can now accommodate a party of 12 in comfort. This is also the maximum capacity of the van which was bought by BUGS last term, primarily with the purpose of providing transport to and from the cottage.

The cottage is located within easy reach of the major lakes, and is also only six miles from the sea at St. Bees. It is ideally situated for walking, climbing, and ski-ing. A selection of excellent pubs (details from Kinvig committee) is also close at hand.

Wyddrington fire alarm

Due to a fault in the warning system, the fire alarm went off at 5.30 a.m. on Friday morning in Wyddrington Hall. The alarm, which had been tested on Thursday afternoon, successfully aroused all the residents, who gathered with the minimum of fuss and the minimum of clothes in the main forecourt.

Students were none too pleased at the impromptu fire drill, but as one fresher said: "It was worth it just to see Mr. Binns in his dressing gown."

ARE WE CLOSER TO THE CITY?

THE Birmingham Youth Action Group and the Birmingham City Police are both contributing to strengthen the relationship between students and the outside community.

One representative from each of the neighbouring colleges has been invited, together with the Birmingham Youth Parliament, to a social on October 19th, arranged by the B.Y.A.G. Here it is hoped the young people of the area will learn something about students. Martin Lowe sees this as "an opportunity to extend the co-operation and discussion between the two and will do something to initiate a more outward-looking University."

Better relations was also the motive behind the City Police conference held on September 28th: where there were representatives from various organisations, among them Chris Tyrrell from the University. As a result of this meeting it is hoped to achieve greater understanding between the community and its police by the appointment of non-police liaison officers.

The University liaison officer will be particularly concerned with student problems, such as student thefts and the arrangement of demonstrations.

Contact on more formal lines with the students will be achieved by asking the police their point of view on certain issues which concern them, and inviting them to give academic lectures to, say, the Social Science Faculty.

It is possible that students will be able to use the facilities at the Police Training Centre, Tally Ho, and that the police will be able to benefit from University amenities.

As Chris Tyrrell said, students are not anti-police but against the laws they must enforce. Greater contact will increase the respect and sympathy on both sides.

BIAFRAN MEETING

Last Sunday Biafrans in Birmingham held a meeting in the Council Chamber to discuss the various problems of their country. The meeting affirmed its support for the Biafran government and discussed various ways of aiding Biafra, including methods of fund-raising.

Biafrans who attended the meeting included students at the University and at other universities and colleges in the area, and Biafrans working in Birmingham.

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spectator

ORIGINALLY I was going to make a comment on Dick Atkinson's attack on the examination system, but whereas his lack of information is obvious to all who have experience of both ends of the examination system there is an article by Spectator ("Redbrick", October 4th, page five) in which some common but grossly misleading mistakes need correcting.

The writers of the article hope that the use by Sir Eric Ashby of the words "Senior Members" of the University [of Cambridge] will usher in the word "junior" with respect to students. Surprise upon surprise! The junior members of Cambridge University have been called just that since at least the end of the last century! It is the unfortunate inverted snobbery of the larger public universities that generated the cult of "student" as opposed to "undergraduate" or "junior".

Neither Cambridge nor Oxford have staff clubs or Student Unions which it is compulsory to join; they have senior and junior common (combination) rooms within each college. And furthermore the student (perhaps one should say junior-junior) relationship was in my experience considerably better than it is ever likely to be in what essentially only a pseudo-residential university such as Birmingham.

Apart from the publicised rule of the Proctors there are many characteristics of the older universities which are considerably more democratic than even the present reformers of the most active "student reformers". Except for medical students who had to to turn in a percentage attendance to satisfy professional requirements neither lectures nor practical classes were compulsory. They may be now but local authorities can be blamed for this: it must be remembered that students are financed from public funds and it is the duty of the local authorities to see that abuse is minimal, however undesirable the restrictions may be educationally. Money dictates.

Few undergraduates at this university exercise their right to choose their tutors. At Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates often moved around, spending half a term discussing and arguing with one don before moving on to a different topic with another. Certainly there are departments in the University which practise the system but others are singularly loth to do so. Few undergraduates here seem to quiz a lecturer at the end of a lecture.

Another liberty, this time at Oxford, is being eroded away because of public opinion about students being lazy and trouble-makers. The University has been forced to respond to considerable outside pressure over the examination system.

Until recently it was possible to arrive at Oxford in October and not sit an examination until June or July nearly three years later. What a chance to study what you like, when you liked, or spend your time rowing or whoring without the fear of termly or sessional examinations on your back. A second examination has now been introduced for many people thought that, in the present social climate, work should be accentuated at the expense of pleasure.

Unfortunately, undergraduates must be seen to be working academically, otherwise they are considered parasites of the community. Vacations are, so we are told, for the consolidation of work done or for private reading around the main subjects but today the long vacation is the time when money is earned to pay for those little extra pleasures required to release the boredom of academic work during the following year.

Undergraduates are not alone in creating this bad impression; it is only necessary to compare the number of cars on this campus during term-time with that during vacations to appreciate how many senior members of the University make themselves scarce out of term. Some of the senior members convince themselves that they work better at home. A scientist cannot if he is doing experimental work and no-one can work efficiently at home if there are children in the house.

It is almost impossible to convince neighbours that when the undergraduates are on "holiday", the university lecturer is not also "on holiday" even though some of us, at any rate, do carry out experiments or attend to other matters concerned with our own research interests during vacations. In spite of this, it is necessary for the undergraduate body as a whole to convince the senior members of the university that the vacations are being used constructively, before arguments that there is not enough time to follow up fringe interests can be listened to sympathetically. This has returned to one of the points raised by Dick Atkinson—I hope he has taken it.

Derry riots come to Council Chamber

A PHONE call from Queen's College, Belfast, to Rhys Vaughan, chairman of Deb.-Soc., was the initial stimulus for next Thursday's Londonderry Teach-in (7 p.m., Council Chamber—October 17th).

The call came last Monday from a student contact who asked Rhys to encourage support and publicity here for the Irish student demonstrations. He gave an account of police brutality in the weekend Londonderry riot—where students beaten-up and stones thrown by the police were the least alarming methods used by the police—pregnant women were said to have been kicked in the stomach, and one 60-year-old woman had her spectacles smashed in her face.

Deb. Soc. rang the Irish Embassy, who promised a speaker to give the official attitude on electoral position and reforms. Speakers at the conference will include Mr. Currie, Nationalist M.P. for Tyrone in the Stormont Parliament; a member (probably M.P.) of the Ulster Unionist party; a student demonstration leader from Queen's; and Gerry Fitt, the non-Nationalist M.P. in the Commons. Malcolm Macourt also returns to Birmingham to speak in the teach-in.

Contacts in Birmingham should be able to produce, in addition, a representative of the Irish Republican Army and of the Free Wales Army, to speak on methods involved in insurrection; for, according to Rhys, the social discriminations and prejudices in Ireland are so extreme as to be "a matter of power rather than merely constitutional reform—violence is essential as a solution."

Ian Paisley, Protestant leader of the counter-demonstration, might be coming, but his number is ex-directory, so it is proving difficult to get hold of him.

Shadow Minister to speak

TORY front bencher and ex-Housing Minister Sir Keith Joseph will be speaking in the Union Council Chamber tomorrow. Sir Keith, shadow spokesman on trade and industry, will be addressing the Conservative Association's first open meeting of the year, on the effects of devaluation.



A successful civil engineer, Sir Keith entered Parliament only in 1956. Whilst his views on social policy are regarded as left wing, he is a notable supporter of a radical, right-wing, free-enterprise economic policy. As Housing Minister in 1963 and 1964, he directed the programme which increased house building to 380,000 in 1964. He also steered the Greater London Government Act through Parliament.

Priestley Barn

Due to a misunderstanding with the Guild authorities the first barn dance of the Folk Dance Society was cut short on Sunday when the Union was closed at 10 p.m. Up to that point the meeting had been a great success, with over 150 people attending. The popularity of the dance surprised even its most enthusiastic organisers: "The caller and groups did not deafen you like beat dances," said one dancer.

Future dances may have to be held in a larger hall than Priestley.

WELFARE SERVICES EXTENDED

THIS term the Welfare Committee has devised more methods by which to safeguard the interests of students.

The main problem at the moment or at any rate for that matter, is finance; and a committee dealing with problems arising from grants, or the lack of same, has already had between two and three hundred enquiries. The main difficulties involve grants which have not come, and the committee aims to appease Local Education Authorities by putting the student point of view.

Rod Playford, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, said that card and concessions booklets were being brought out: a booklet on Christmas vacation work and a supplementary concessions booklet has been produced in conjunction with the Health Centre, who will supply lists of students in hospital during the vacation, and student visits will be arranged.

Research into health services on the campus is being conducted—contraceptives, pregnancies, abortions and suicides are receiving attention.

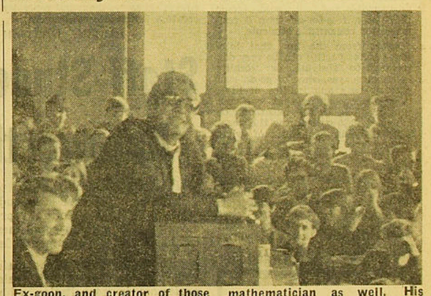
Final plans are being drawn up for a baby-sit service in the Union. The Students' Union will compile a list of people who want baby-sitters and of students willing to baby-sit. The charge will be 10s. for staff and 5s. for students, though should the latter be unable to afford the service, a swap system could be arranged.

In close contact with the Lodgings Warden, Miss Edwards, accommodation in Birmingham is being investigated. A service giving legal advice on taking flats is conducting research into rent rebates, price-fixing for students, Halls of Residence and Lodgings. Attempts are being made to discover Union policy with regard to accommodation.

The problems of overseas students and charities research are being considered.

These, and all welfare services are organised from the Welfare Office, ground floor of the Union.

Goonery in the Council Chamber



Ex-goon, and creator of those lovable creaters, "The Bumblies" [Bumbly 3 was always my favourite.—Ed.], Michael Bentine addressed a packed meeting of Maths. Soc. in the Council Chamber on Thursday—apparently he is a pretty good mathematician as well. His speech, full of wit and humour, kept his listeners enthralled for an hour and included details of his recent trip up the Amazon by hovercroft as well as an attack on the B.B.C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Artificial environment of University

DEAR Sir,—I have listened to the growing discussion and debate upon the present examination system in this University with mounting apprehension. I feel that I must write against the belief that an examination system is wrong in principle and practice.

The proposed alternative to exams is some form of continuous assessment, which is the very last thing I would want to see. I believe that an integral part of a University's purpose is that it gives three years in an artificial environment for one to follow those interests that appeal, read what one wants to, and enjoy the stimulating company of a hall and campus University society. These are opportunities only open to students, and which we will never have the chance to exploit again.

I have also come to this University to obtain a degree, and I am confident that by participating actively in University affairs to a large extent during my first two years, I am not sacrificing the quality of my degree.

I am afraid that if examinations were abolished and a form of continuous assessment substituted, my University activities and experiences would be curtailed. The pressures of continuous assessment would be greater than with exams, for hanging over one would be the responsibility that the work one did every week was liable to prejudice one's degree, and thus one's eventual career.

The chance to use the three years in the way intended would be lost. If an engineer was forced to do full justice to his subject in the first two years, his full timetable would mean that he would have to work in most of his free time. The Engineering Faculty, for one, would become more isolated, to the detriment of all University life.

With the examination system, for all its faults, one is given the chance to participate, and develop character and personality. Do we want to waste the chance and freedom we have got?

Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. PASCALL,
Chem. Eng. II.

SQUALOR DISGUSTS

DEAR SIR.—I am a first-year student who is already depressed and disgusted by the condition of the Union at 3.00 every afternoon. In Friday last I was proceeding to the Founders Room to have what I foolishly imagined would be a pleasant cup of tea and muffins.

However, on entering this haven of social gathering, I was astounded by the amount of paper and excess food material covering every horizontal surface. Having purchased a cup of tea and discovered that muffins were nowhere to be seen (what would Oscar Wilde have thought?—Ed.) I spied an empty chair at the far end of the room. To reach this only remaining place of rest, I was forced to do battle with mounds of crumpled newspaper and rejected "fag" ends, and to circumnavigate several puddles of tepid liquid. Surely everyone who uses the facilities provided in the Union should be making a greater effort to preserve them and generally create a healthier environment.

PAULINE MARTINN

Old-fashioned Florence

DEAR Sir,—As my second year of residence in one of our women's Halls of Residence gets under way, I have come to the sudden realisation that I along with several of my contemporaries, am old fashioned.

It appears that if our first year students were to have their way visiting hours would be extended ad nauseam and hall would become more of a free-for-all than a residence for responsible students.

Apart from the fact that late-night coffee parties can be very disturbing to sleeping or working neighbours (yes, some of us do still pursue these mundanities of life), it is also reassuring that one can wander along to the bathroom or loo after 10.30 p.m. during the week, without having to think of what so and so's new boyfriend thinks of your clashing red and orange rollers.

But why have extended visiting hours? Surely what one wants to do can be done before visiting ends (or in the car park for that matter). The majority of women want Hall for themselves after then.

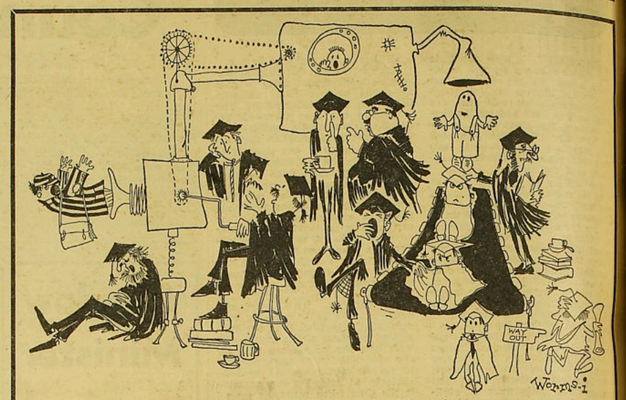
FLORENCE.

Pointless 'Wall'

SIR,—"Wall" newspaper, as a vehicle for much-needed satirical comment, YES; as a medium for pointless pornographq, WHY?

I remain, as always,
Your obedient servant,
ROGER W. MATHEW.

P.S.—This letter is a personal record for brevity!



The Graduate Factory—by Wormsi.

Student Reps. are not mandated

DEAR SIR.—A serious misunderstanding might arise from your report ("Redbrick," October 9th) that there is "discontent" with the staff-student liaison committee "particularly" in the Department of German. The ground given is that "students are not mandated delegates and are expected to express only their own opinions." It is not stated who "expects," though it may well be thought that some such condition has been laid down by staff. The facts are quite otherwise.

In the joint staff-student meetings when the constitution of the committee was drawn up, it was agreed (as self-evident) that student representatives should be elected by the students. What the responsibilities of elected representatives to constituents should be is entirely for the students to decide.

We on the staff have in this respect only one concern, namely, that the elected students should be true representatives, but we leave it to the good sense of the students to decide how this should be ensured. We are aware that the problem of communication between liaison committee (and student representatives) and the students as a whole is a serious one, and for that reason we have included in our arrangements periodical meetings with the whole body of students in the Department. I think you will agree that misleading allegations do not help us in establishing the best framework for our co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

ROY PASCAL,
Professor of German

Staff-Student liaison 'Noteworthy effect'

DEAR Sir,—It is disturbing to read so early in the term that students consider staff-student liaison committees a "bloody waste of time." I agree that representation on the faculty boards is essential, but only to supplement the work being done by these committees at a departmental level.

The department is the basic unit within the University, and almost all decisions directly relating to students are taken by the professors in consultation with their staff. Thus staff-student committees provide more than a tangible method of communication between staff and students; they provide a means of discussing all matters relating to the administration and academic sides of Departmental life and a body which can and will make decisions.

Furthermore, since we feel we have something to contribute to the department it is necessary to ensure that any decisions of the committee are put into practice.

In the geography department we have had an informal liaison committee for some time, its effect has been noteworthy. The new committee, containing equal numbers of staff and students is, however, now formally constituted to continue this liaison.

The students are answerable for their actions to a general meeting of the Departmental society and are expected to represent the opinions of Geography students rather than personal views.

It is my view that "fears of being blacklisted" are totally unfounded and represent a very immature response by students who think they are still at school under the eagle eye of their headmaster.

If we want participation, which I am convinced we ought to have, then we must be prepared to accept the extra responsibility and WORK that this entails. We cannot afford to take a negative attitude from the start.

Yours sincerely,

STEVE COX,
Chairman, Kinvig Geographical Society.

Expensive Refectory

DEAR SIR.—During the Freshers' conference, I had the misfortune to find myself in the University around twelve o'clock, and was thus compelled by circumstances to eat in the Refectory the first time I have done such a thing for almost a year.

To put it bluntly, I was shocked by the price of the food on sale there, the off-hand attitude of the staff towards the "customers", and the general hygiene of the place.

At the Dental Hospital a good two-course meal can be obtained for only 2s. 9d., and, in comparison to the Refectory, the food is plentiful, hot, and well cooked, and the hygiene of the canteen lives up to the hygiene of the rest of the hospital. The staff at the hospital are happy, or perhaps I should say, cheerful and helpful, which is more than can be said for the people who drain money from the refectory by pretending to work there.

Although the hospital only caters for a few hundred staff and students, the menu is as wide and varied as that offered at the Refectory, which isn't exactly hard to better, and the canteen does not run at a loss, which I believe the Refectory does. In future, if I am on the campus at dinner time I shall definitely take a bus back to town before I eat.

Yours, etc.,

"DISGRUNTLED DENTIST."

Ents. Comm. hit back

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the letter in last week's "Redbrick" concerning the Fleetwood Mac dance, Entertainments Committee have never and will never instruct artistes as to the content of their performances. It will have been noted by discerning members of the Guild that Fleetwood Mac played similar music on John Peel's Sunday programme.

Furthermore, I would like to point out that your reporter was offered the use of the balcony, and his comments about having to watch from the stage were totally unjustified.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN C. BURKILL,
Secretary.

LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should contain a maximum of 300 words, and if possible reach "Redbrick" the Sunday before publication.

Correspondents must give their names, though letters will be printed under pseudonyms if desired. The Editor reserves the right to shorten letters if necessary.

Wind report for Refectory?

DEAR Sir,—As one of the new postgraduate students at this University I have found the settling in process not without its little pitfalls; the maze of buildings, the excessive walk from my department to the shops, bank and refectory.

However, with typical celtic stoicism, I have accepted and adjusted to these strange conditions. One hazard, though, has forced me to the extreme of voicing my discontent in your columns, viz. the "Mistral" type draught conditions in the Refectory's Chelwood Room.

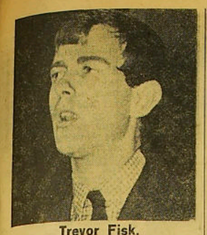
I do not mind the cooling effect on the food (maybe it was cold already), I do not mind wearing my greatcoat at lunch, but what is one to do when, shaking the pepper over the soup, one finds it floating down on the wind and landing on the rhubarb crumble?

Would it be possible, therefore, for the authorities to post a list of the wind conditions expected in the various regions of the room for each day?

Yours, etc.,

J. ANDREW NISBET
(Transportation).

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Trevor Fisk.

FISK ON REFORM

TREVOR FISK, who next month takes over as President of the National Union of Students, is to speak in the Debating Hall at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow.

He will be launching the N.U.S. campaign for campus reform in the Midland region, and the subject will be the student rôle. The campaign, which was launched nationally last Monday, is aimed mainly at colleges but also aims to reform some aspects of the universities such as discipline and loco parentis regulations.

BUILDING DELAY HITS TEACHING PLANS

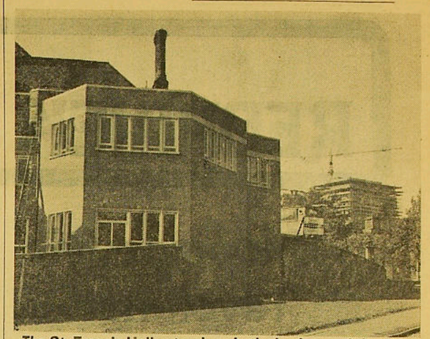
THERE are delays on two out of four of the current University building projects, although the Medical School extension is on schedule. One of the biggest delays is on the new Electrical Engineering building, which is at present more than a year behind schedule and which, it is now expected, will be finished in about a year's time. The Engineering Production Department, however, which is part of the same building complex, will hopefully be finished by March.

The Arts-Commerce tower, which will provide badly-needed extra space for the faculties, is at present a year behind, and should now be open by the beginning of next session; the library extension which is also badly needed, is a little behind schedule. Asked for a reason for the delays, the Bursar could only say that he believed the University was not at fault in the matter.

It is not yet known how the cuts in university building announced by the Government earlier this year will affect Birmingham. The matter is at present under consideration by the University Grants Commission, who have the difficult task of deciding which building projects should be given priority. Planned buildings in Birmingham which could be affected include the Radiation Centre and the Microbiology building.

No drinking!

Deliveries of beer to the Main Bar are being considerably hampered by the number of unauthorised cars parked there. They are also delaying deliveries of food to the kitchen above. "If people don't stop parking down there we'll have to do something about it," said Ray Phillips.



The St. Francis Hall extension. In the background the Arts-Commerce tower, which is one year behind schedule (see story).

S.F.H. not limited to religion

ALTHOUGH not all of the St. Francis Hall extension is finished, some of it is already in use. This includes a temporary chapel, which will ultimately be used for lectures, meetings and social events, a room for social gatherings and a kitchen which will be used for snacks and after-service meals or coffee.

The new chapel itself will not be ready until the end of this term, as the concrete on the floor did not dry as fast as it should have done. Once it is ready, however, it will be used by a variety of religious groups including Moslems, for whom a special foot bath has been provided. Meanwhile the S.F.U. chapel is being turned into a library of two thousand books with an emphasis on popular theology.

Bob Hughes hopes that the new facilities will be used by as many people as possible, although until the building is fully operational it is hard to know exactly how it can be used. Eventually the use of the extension will not be limited to religious purposes alone.

House undecided on the 'United Church'

MOTIONS attacking sectional interests usually attract good houses, though they don't always give rise to good debating. Last Wednesday's "Anti-Church" debate was, however, only moderately successful, both in the size of its audience, and the quality of its speeches, even if part of the audience did appear to have come especially prepared, if necessary to prove the existence of God by majority vote.

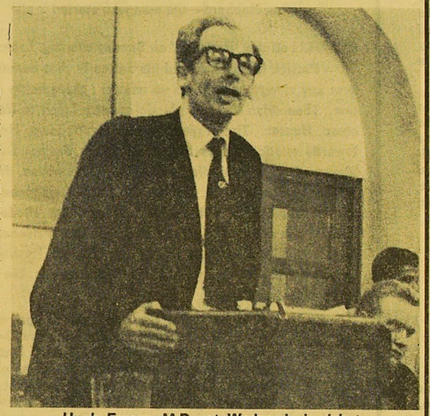
Proposing the motion that "This House respects neither a united nor a disunited church," ex-Methodist minister Ray Billington, gave a bitterly brilliant denunciation of both the Methodist and the Anglican churches; the house rewarded him with rapturous applause.

In replying to this the Rt. Hon. Hugh Fraser, M.P., made a competent, if uninspiring speech emphasising the purpose of the church and its concern for the individual. Of the two seconders, John Warham, and Henry Pickard, neither set the house on fire—Warham's lengthy discourse on the riches of the church was continuously heckled and interrupted, whilst Pickard's distinctions between the essentials and non-essentials of Christianity were put over with a conviction that was a little too quiet to maintain the attention of the house.

From the floor of the house speaker after speaker demonstrated that the real argument of the evening was not between atheist and believer, but between Christians holding widely differing views on the nature of their religion, and its institutions.

They also demonstrated the confusion caused by the terms "church" and "respect," a confusion in no way lessened by the vote, which was a tie—87 for, 87 against, with about 50 abstentions! The chairman's casting vote went for the motion, which was thus carried.

Marcus Begbie-Clench returns to the Union tonight to defend the motion that "There is no such war as a just war," 7.30 tonight, Council Chamber.



Hugh Fraser, M.P., at Wednesday's debate.

Stationery—Guild joins in

THE Guild is at present negotiating with three companies for supplies of stationery to be sold at wholesale prices in the Union, which would undercut even Mason Hall prices, let alone those of Stanford & Mann. Dillons claim that, since they now manufacture their own goods, their prices are as low as will be found anywhere. No decision has yet been taken, however.

Redbrick wishes to apologise for a mistake made in the half-page advertisement for Dillon's stationery in the October 9th issue. The prices of stationery, available at Mason Hall shop, should have read as follows:—

10 x 8 80-sheet refill pads 2/6 each
13 x 8 80-sheet refill pads 3/3 each
10 x 8 P.V.C. ring binders 4/6 each
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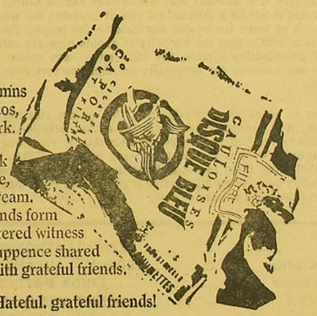
These prices are considerably lower than those offered at Stanford and Mann.

Farewell my 20 Gauloises

Farewell those twenty white-clad columns
of Gallic tobaccos,
so pungent, rich and dark.

The crumpled white and blue pack
now drifts destitute,
mere flotsam on alien stream.
Only small twisted butt-ends form
here and there scattered witness
to five and tuppence shared
with grateful friends.

Hateful, grateful friends!



REDBRICK

Undemocratic revolution

THE militants' plans for taking over the University will provoke massive indifference in the corpus of the student population. Far from being representative of student opinion, the self-appointed leaders are advocating policies with which the majority of students totally disagree. They presume to lead the fight on behalf of the student body, yet they have been elected by no-one, and would certainly be rejected if they were to offer themselves for election.

Starting from the issue of student control of the Refectory, the case for which is strong and will be listened to by most students, they have spread the revolutionary struggle to oppose the whole "system." By their failure to isolate the one issue and gain acceptance of that, they have alienated not only moderate student opinion but also the University authorities, who were preparing to listen to the case for a student-run refectory.

The mood of the student body is in favour of reform; but it is also in favour of caution. Festina lente is an appropriate motto. If one demand can be achieved by negotiation it is worth far more than an antagonistic and unsuccessful demand for everything at once. Once we prove our ability to carry out our new-found duties responsibly we will have said more for our case than a dozen demonstrations will ever do.

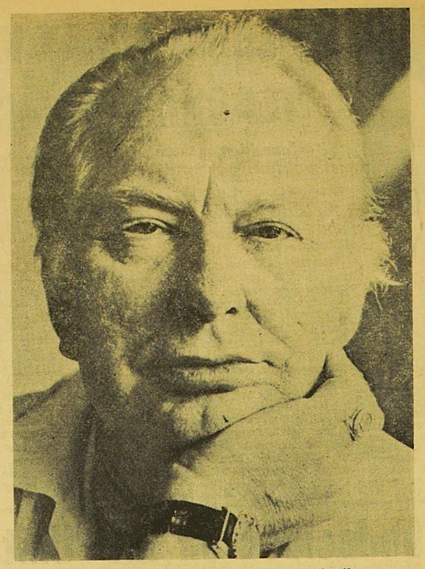
Assessment a non-starter

DICK ATKINSON'S article in last week's "Redbrick" has aroused considerable discussion of the examination system, with a vigorous defence of examinations being put up by many students. The most telling point in defence of examinations as against continuous assessment is that the work and worry necessary under the latter system would make it impossible for most students to involve themselves in a corporate university life. To have to produce regular essays of high standard would make it impossible for anyone to spend enough time in the Union to organise dances, society meetings, theatre, sport, not to mention all the other social aspects of university life that are an integral part of the three years' opportunity at a university. It would be impossible to produce "Redbrick," which consumes more time a week than almost any other activity in the Union.

Yet when one sees the effect that examinations can have on some people, it is obvious that the system has its faults. It should not result in a sanatorium full of students for whom the strain of work for exams has become too much. But it must be admitted that the majority of people here are suited to the examination system, for they have been raised on exams and selected for university on their performance in exams.

It is wrong to think of revolutionising the system starting at the top; it is necessary to reform the system starting with the eleven-plus and the secondary schools. If we want to abolish examinations we must do away with the G.C.E. before abolishing them in the universities. But until a really convincing case for an alternative is proved we must merely improve upon the present system.

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Ron Hubbard—the man who started it all.

SWITCH off the "Prisoner" on Sunday evening. Leave behind Patrick McGoohan and his antics in that immaculately-kept spy village, which has no answer; there being no question. Then drive through plastic country lanes to East Grinstead, Sussex. The original one-horse non-town. Head west towards exotic Turners Hill, and you're there: Saint Hill Manor—from one riddle to another. The house, from the outside, judged by its orderly car parks, well-made road, arc lit neo-Gothic extensions and darkling rhododendron bushes, you could have stumbled across the "Prisoner" being produced. Or perhaps the Forest Lawn Eternal Resting Place, uprooted from Los Angeles and rejigged under the distant boom of Gatwick's jets.

No, forget it. Despite the appropriate sign with the legend, "Church of Scientology, California," you have not found a same place to bury your faithful hound. Rather this is the International Headquarters of Scientology, an organisation dismissed as cranky, yawned over, misunderstood and ridiculed, yet attracting many adherents and converts, not only from this country, but Europe, the Commonwealth, Asia and America.

Why do these people come to Saint Hill? What convinced the Minister of Health to impose a ban on foreign students of Scientology entering the country to take courses?

At the end of the second world war, the founder of Scientology, Lafayette Ron Hubbard, writes that he was "faced with an almost non-existent future. My service record states that, 'This officer has no neurotic or psychotic tendencies of any kind whatsoever'," and that he was however, "permanently disabled forever."

He continues that, faced with loneliness and shunned by friends, he set about in the next two years to rebuild his life and at the same time, analysing and evaluating his past experiences, discovered scientology.

From then on the growth of his organisation from its humble inception to worldwide status today has parallels, but the short period taken is surely novel. Twenty years to grow from its start in California to bases in Australia, Africa, Europe and now England, where the international headquarters are now established. Moreover, a fleet of yachts now travel the Mediterranean, and on one of them now resides L.R.H., as the founder is fondly called by his subordinates.

Why has Scientology mushroomed in such a short time? Why has it so many adherents and, for that matter, detractors? What indeed is Scientology?

It is this last question which must be the most difficult for anyone to answer; especially if not a member himself and perhaps also critical of and hostile towards its methods and beliefs.

A barrier to comprehension arises, for you can only expect to know what Scientology is when you have taken a course and become a member; thus you have really to join an organisation about which you know very little, and commit yourself to something without knowing the result of such a step.

This is what many find distasteful and offensive—to them it smacks of a cult or a quasi-religious sect, which they feel must have at its core some basically subversive objective. However, many of the same people, given half a chance, would join the Freemasons, at whom similar criticism could perhaps be levelled. Yet they reply that Masons have existed as a society for a long time and have shown themselves not to be socially disruptive or evil. But length of time is no criterion or vindication.

SCIENTOLOGY claims to be applied philosophy (from the Greek with the study of knowledge plus logos), which, through the application of its technology, will bring about desirable changes in conditions of life." This basic statement sounds quite innocuous; one would object in principle to a group of individuals professing to know how to improve their fellow's life and thereby that of the world of men. Not entirely original, for Christians, Buddhists, Existentialists and even the protagonists of the Welfare State, might not put their respective aims in very different terms.

Fine, but what then is the philosophy of Scientology? We can't expect to define a complex system with a succinct formula to understand it in that simple manner, Yet the terms of Scientology's definition are its own downfall, for they seem illusive and difficult to grasp. When things are stated, like "the basic principle (of Scientology) is that which is meant for anyone who wishes to reach for it." Good. Does this mean that we are all capable of becoming Fred Hoyle or Freud? The second principle is that it is "workable, capable of being applied" and fortunately that is none too difficult a part of its substantive tenets. The third principle is that anything "philosophic knowledge is only valuable if it is true or if it works." Abstract or meaningful itself.

Thus all that one can say is that a Scientologist believes that knowledge is for all men and that they can be shown how to acquire it by the methods of Scientology, which it is claimed, can be achieved by taking various courses designed to relieve the student of his "Reactive Mind"—that portion of a person's mind which works on a stimulus-response basis . . . which is not under his volitional control, but which exerts force and thus takes command over his awareness, his poses, thoughts, body and actions. It consists of G.P.M.s, locks, secondaries and locks.

The last-named phenomenon is what prevents a non-scientologist from assimilating knowledge quickly and accurately with an almost total recall. An engram, for example, is said to be "a mental image picture of an experience containing pain, unconsciousness and a fancied threat to survival," a recording in the Reactive Mind of something which actually happened to an individual in the past which contains pain and unconsciousness both of which are recorded in the mental image picture called an engram." It would perhaps be interesting to see what an orthodox psychologist would make of this concept.

Liberated from such blocks as the Reactive Mind is considered to be a state to which all Scientologists look forward and hope to achieve. Thus a person whose Reactive Mind is eliminated is said to be in control of his Analytical Mind, and is thus free to learn without hindrance. The process of eliminating the Reactive Mind is one of the main constituents of the course in Scientology. This is claimed to be achieved by a series of question-answer sessions between a trained Scientologist, monitoring an E-meter, an electrical device necessary to all Scientologists. To the layman it appears somewhat similar to a lie-detector. It is claimed that it can measure a person's reactions to a question, thereby helping the trained Scientologist to track down and eliminate the engrams.

A parallel course in learning to communicate and understand the meaning of words properly is also undertaken. Then a student can

As a Scientologist, I pledge myself to the Code of Scientology for the good of all.

1

To hear or speak no word of disparagement to the press, public or preclears concerning any of of my fellow Scientologists, our professional organization or those whose names are closely connected to this science

2

To use the best I know of Scientology to the best of my ability to better my preclears, groups and and the world

3

To use to accept for processing and to refu

Extract from "The Code of the Scientologist."

Scientology has become one of the most avidly embraced, but also avidly scorned, philosophies of modern times.

Drew Baker, 3rd year Lawyer, wrote this feature after attending a course in Scientology during the summer.

D FATHER HUBRD WENT TO..

Saint Manor, East Grinstead, International Headquarters of Scientology

YOUNG BUMLEY

Events empire

THE progress of Events Committee is disturbing many people. Originally set up to co-ordinate events on the campus, it has since its inception last term consistently alienated all sections of the University, through its arrogant attitude. Under its Chairman, Elvin McDavid it has developed a large organisation which rather than co-ordinates tends to completely take over events. Entertainments Committee is a separate entity to Events, but only this week Frances Ody, chairman of Ents. Comm. resigned because "Elvin McDavid thinks he runs the whole show." Festival, which is to be a combined effort by all Guild bodies, such as G.T.G., Film Soc., etc. is to be co-ordinated by Events; with Elvin McDavid as Festival Chairman many people concerned are worried that they will have no say in the organisation of this most important Guild activity.

Events have also begun to trespass on the preserves of other Guild departments. Plans have been made for a complete change-round of office space on the top corridor: "Wall" and "Mermaid" who share an office are to be displaced although they are in constant occupation and actually work. The office is to be given to G.T.V. (who don't need it) and the International Club (which according to a recent poll, 99 per cent of students here have never heard of). Of course, allocation of offices is the job of Services Committee; but that, presumably, is regarded by the McDavid organisation as a formality.

Young Bolmondesleigh

I now write a reply to all the kind readers who have written to express their appreciation of this column, and who have further enquired as to the origin of my illustrious name. I am descended from a companion of William the Conqueror, one Yonge de Bolmondesleigh by name, who led a very distinguished career gibbeting Saxons etc. which unfortunately ended one dark Christmas when he buried himself alive, under the mistaken belief that he was a mole. His son led a similarly eventful career, dying on the gallows at the age of 92 after being convicted of multiple rape.

Then came a period of 800 years in which the family went slowly downhill. Our ancient lands were lost, and in that memorable year of 1571 came final eclipse. Herbert Bolmely rashly gave his support to the rebellion of herring gutters in South Uist, believing that by so doing he was ensuring a comfortable future for himself. After three days he was captured, and before the end of the year was hanged, drawn and quartered on Tower Hill. Witnesses of the event attested later that his dying words were "If I had served my King as well as I have served my stomach, I should not have indigestion now." The story is probably apocryphal. The family became labourers on the land where their proud aristocratic name was coarsened to "Bumley." But my father, seeing a means of bettering himself, became a freelance journalist and then editor of "Chick's Own"; hence the family fortune and my own not inconsiderable literary ability.

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CONCERT
LINDA POTTER

Free-style Bach makes Town Hall sizzle with joy

"WE play Bach because he is the best—why should we go lower than that?" So said Christian Garros, percussionist of the Jacques Loussier trio, which appeared to a wildly appreciative audience, who stomped, cheered and clapped the trio into an encore in their concert at Birmingham Town Hall last Wednesday night.

The present 16-concert tour marks the fifth visit of the trio to England. In an interview, M. Loussier described how his notion of Bach improvisation developed 10 years ago, whilst he was in the army in North Africa. Five years ago, having selected Pierre Michelot on string bass and Christian Garros percussion to accompany him in his reinterpretations of the great composer, he began the concert appearances which have brought him success and acclaim from many areas of the music field.

For purists reproaching musicians who reinterpret the classics, M. Loussier expounded his strong convictions on the subject. The music of Bach's period was full of freedom and flexibility. It was composed in bare outline and left wide open for improvisation through the years. Loussier says that Bach himself improvised and intended his music to be flexible enough for the individual interpretation of the performer.

Many classical musicians play Bach in the way they think Bach would have played, yet how can they know? asks Loussier. Surely it is better to make Bach timelessly relevant by improvising in a modern style, which is meaningful in the immediate cultural context.

However, most jazz pianists do not own the technical ability to play Bach, a skill which the Frenchman displayed clearly during his performance on Wednesday.

His programme comprised a varied selection of the works of Bach, including the fast Partita No. 1 in B flat. In a work complex in its rhythm and syncopation, the trio demonstrated superb co-ordination in the precise re-entries of the piano and bass, after a series of drum solos.

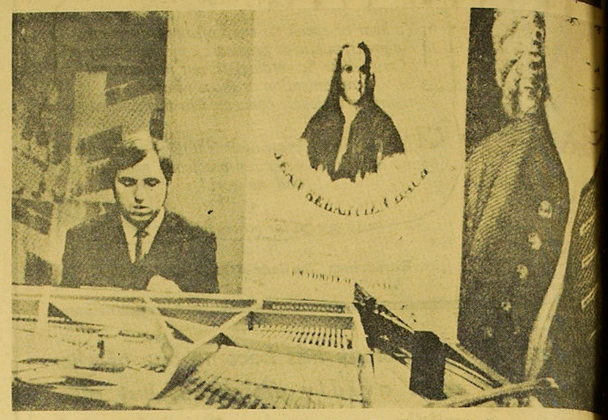
In contrast was the short, slow [illegible] the Passacaglia in C Minor with its gentle introduction and low harmonies, a work haunted by the deep, strong plucking of the bass.

The rapport between the drums and bass proved its excellence in Chorale No. 1. The two musicians showed how a similar musical sound can be created by improvisation on two totally dissimilar musical instruments.

Christian Garros on percussion attempted to imitate in sound every phrase of music played by Michelot on the string bass, so that the result was a humorous conversation in music between the two instruments, which required all the ingenuity and versatility of the performers.

Christian Garros demands special mention for these last two talents—ingenuity and versatility. The energy of Concerto in D Minor was largely due to the build-up of a hypnotic, thumping rhythm, created by the drums, and in one work, Garros produced a range of effects, from haunting, oriental evocations to a primitive, tribal sound.

The concert was one marked by brilliant technical abilities, exciting improvisation and absolute professionalism. For anyone who missed it, all I can say is, buy the records—they're as fine; only the personal charm of the three Frenchmen is missing.



Jacques Loussier, the brilliant French jazz pianist.

FASHION
IRENE GADSBY

Vanity thy name is no longer woman

PIERRE CARDIN did it, you know. Quite irrevocably, too. His first collection of men's clothes, hideously space age as they were, made men realise that fashion was no longer a woman's prerogative. No longer would he be content to potter through the day in a tired shapeless suit when he could zip with flair along the High Street wearing the latest streamlined ensemble in muted shades of plum tweed! Masculine fashion which had slumbered prophetically since the innovation of the lounge suit in the early part of this century, only restlessly stirring to decree the width of trouser legs or the restyling of lapels, has suddenly awoken, breathing such sensational words as "nylon cire jumpsuits," "necklaces for men" or "cream velvet trousers."

This year's Royal College of Art fashion show certainly proved the peacock's point—beautiful feathers to attract the female of the species. But, girls, do you really think you could find the protective masculine image in someone wearing a droopy satin dressing gown and pjamas silk-screened in rainbow colours with the words: "There will never be another you?" This outfit was one of the [illegible] brainchilds. Another of his suggestions (nay affirmations) was a slinky evening suit in scintillating gold lurex. Any budding Liberaces among the audience?

But side by side with the extravagances exist the bread and butter of fashion. Man does not have to dress effeminately to be well dressed. Instead he can choose chunky tweeds and suedes, belt himself into long tailored antique leather coats, wear glossily patent chained brogues, sport a combination of suit waistcoat and laced up shirt, like the one [illegible] trated, which is by Bill Mc[illegible] If he wants flamboyance [illegible] find it in his shirts like the [illegible] through one now on sale [illegible] Men, or the clinging [illegible] one with elegantly [illegible] ruffles that appears in [illegible] Clark's first collection of [illegible] clothes for Quorum.

Idiosyncrasies we are quite [illegible] pared to accept but please [illegible] let them be masculine ones [illegible] leaves the frills and furbelo[illegible] us.

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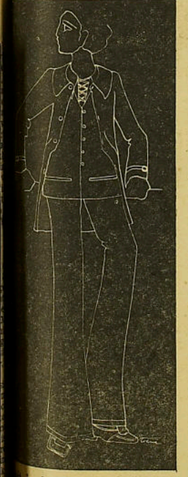
FILMS
PHIL IRVING

Barely credible view of the police



Fred.

FILM SOCIETY
present
"MASCULIN-FEMININ"
JEAN-LUC GODARD
TOMORROW
7.30 - HAWORTH



[illegible]n brown herring bone [illegible] worn with long leather [illegible]coat and rustic laced [illegible]irt by Bill McCarty.

EVER since "The Blue Lamp" in the early fifties, film producers have been trying to get away from the homely copper on the beat image; at the same time as the police have been trying equally hard to preserve that very myth. Theirs has been a losing battle—the Press playing a major role in unearthing cases of police corruption and taking an unholy delight in giving it as much publicity as possible; making the task of the police P.R.O.s even more difficult.

In spite of the fact that "The Strange Affair" (A.B.C., New Street this week) is concerned with these very topics, it is difficult to understand the police objections which were raised at the first showings of the film, as the more serious points the movie attempts to make are barely credible.

Director David Greene takes the police out of the immediate post-war Ministry of Works ethos, and plays his film against the modern concrete walls of New Scotland Yard; the housing estates and building sites of redevelopment England. The crimes have changed; the hippies (now looking incredibly dated) are the latterday mods and rockers, and drugs the crime of the moment.

Michael York as P.c. Strange, the unbelievably ingenuous university dropout, meandering his way around the corrupt modern police and the corrupt, drug-ridden, swinging London (dead some time). The hippy girl Fred, as unbelievable as her background — rich eccentric parents with a white Rolls and a mansion with Beardsley-type drawings all over the walls.

Where the film really scores is in the odd isolated scene. The Saturday at the police station, littered with all the human debris of a night on the town in London, the pursuit across the building sites, and arrest of a small-time criminal to the jeers of the site workers.

However, the major plot remains too facile. A fantasy world, designed to entertain rather than be believed in; at the same time the film keeps trying to make serious statements about the corruption of the modern police.

The two sides just don't mix, and the serious pretensions become as incredible as the film's background.

Jeremy Kemp, as the paranoic drugs squad man convinced that all the coppers around and above him are bent, gives the only good performance of the film. Characterisations of the rest are as weak and fantasy-ridden as the plot.

For those who believe that they know all that there is to know, and have seen all they want to see in the way of sex education; "Helga" (retained at the ABC Coleshill Street for the rest of this week) should be something of a revelation.



Michael York as the bent cop, beating up the small-time crook played by Barry Fantoni.

The film is certainly fascinating to watch, whatever else may be said about its educational value. It's the original true-life drama, in full, glorious colour and microscopic detail. If you do have an evening to spare, not fancying all the rest of the retained for a second stupendous week films which most of the cinemas in town are preoccupied with, it's worth seeing.

Film Soc. tomorrow is showing "Masculin Feminin," Godard's superb essay on commitment, and the beginning of his political essays in celluicid. The best film anywhere in Birmingham this week.

THEATRE
S. J. WRIGHT

Soggy chocolates in quality box —

WORDS of advice in the foyer. "Be nice," "indulge the scared (sorry, sacred) cow a little." "It is only one performance for a select audience (who still burst a gut over a naughty word)," not representative of the high calibre of the real rep, stuff (White liars, Black comedy, Merchant of Venice—still on 'O'-level) etc. ad nauseam. The rep. is a professional company, a company crying for a new home. I will not judge it as amateur, even if it acts like it. AND I definitely refuse to smile at the fifth rate.

To state the obvious, this is a serious play concerning the army and the men it creates. This is plain after about two seconds. The rep. took the full hour to tell us this. They ignored completely the insight the play reveals into (a) the nature of prejudice, (b) the action of the individual against the ever-containing system, (c) the "Deathwatch"-like nuances of relationship, and the ever-shifting power, of the three men in a confined space.

It is a poetic, nightmarish, sad, funny, tender, brutal play. The rep. palate-knife—blurred all into cloud, boring monotone. Does it really believe that it is doing anyone any favours by graciously presenting Charlie Wood like this—a copy of "Last Exit to Brooklyn" with inkblots, misprints, additions and finger marks on every page?

They want a new theatre—there, no doubt, they will give us an even larger dose of culture (Agatha Christie might even get into the Rep.). BUT whatever the quality of the chocolate box a soggy chocolate is a soggy chocolate a soggy chocolate. The destruction of a great play is criminal. Don't blame the actors—they are merely the innocent cannon fodder. Probably not even the director's fault. Who is to blame? The Arts Council, the Rep. system, Peter Dews, Harold Hobson, Goldilocks, the lack (total) of artists in the British theatre, or us, for accepting crap like this. The Birmingham Rep. certainly gave up the fight long ago to die securely on the old-age pension—but who is really responsible for the overall smell of the mortuary?

Charles Wood is well known for his anti-war, anti-institution black comedies ("Spare John Thomas," "Dingo"—the other two of the cockade trilogy and film scripts like "How I Won the War," "Charge of the Light Brigade" and the brilliant "Fill the Stage with Happy Hours"), he is a serious writer, his work should not be insulted by being regarded as unsubtle. Even a blind man could see "Prisoners and Escorts" is about the army etc.

The theatre everywhere is dying, if not dead. Some look to the Reps. for its triumphant reincarnation. I did once. Now there's something worth smiling at.

SCOTT WALKER
ASHLEY DUNN

All Steve

TO assess the talent of pop one has to see how near to to their records they can come during a live performance. On Friday at the Odeon cinema one was faced with the problem of trying to draw this distinction over the noise of an audience consisting of a few thousand raving teenage girls. As one girl put it: "We didn't come here to listen to them, we can get that off the radio and record player." It seemed they just wanted to indulge in a little uninhibited worship and to strip their throats of the epithelial layer.

For the first 45 minutes they wanted Steve Ellis and the Love Affair, and for the last 45 minutes Scott Walker. The Casuals, minus their bass guitarist, were obviously worried about their live performance." And now comes the most difficult job, to make Jesamine sound "something like" was the way the lead singer put it. It [illegible] something like.

At last the girls had Steve [illegible] the Love Affair. At times it [illegible] difficult to be sure what they [illegible] playing. The girls thought the[illegible] talent anyway despite the bad [illegible] licity of Everlasting Love.

With the shouts of Steve [illegible] the place one was bound to [illegible] what those girls would do [illegible] had him at their disposal. [illegible] during the performance [illegible] Paper Dolls with their sho[illegible] skirts and their low pap[illegible] that your reviewer th[illegible] understood.

And then they had S[illegible] At one point he took u[illegible] and waited for what [illegible] embarrassingly long ti[illegible] and finally gave up th[illegible] Joanna. Scott was w[illegible] but outside the stage d[illegible] end of the show it was s[illegible] they wanted.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

CLOSE SECOND IN C.U. RELAY

By TOM SALWAY

COMPETING in the University College cross-country relay, last Saturday, the Birmingham teams really excelled themselves. The relay consisted of six laps of a 1½-mile course, held over a wet, heavy Parliament Hill Fields in London.

Striving to improve on their third place of last year, the University just failed to beat the holders, Borough Road Colleges, and finished in second place. There were about fifty teams competing from universities and colleges all over England.

The completion of the first leg brought the first team round in eighth place, Gavin Russell recording 8min. 35secs. Three places in front, however, the Birmingham 2nd team had surprised all the pre-match forecasts the man responsible being Roger Brown, who recorded a fine time of 8min. 25secs.

However, on the second leg John Eley, revelling in the shortness of the distance, soon made inroads into the deficit and recorded an 8min. 23secs. lap. At the end of this leg spectators were treated to the unusual sight of seeing Birmingham's 1st and 2nd teams in third and fourth places respectively. The 2nd team's position was due to a creditable run of 8min. 33secs. by Tom Salway.

On the third leg, Birmingham used their "trump card", Andy Holden, who responded by recording the day's fastest time of 7min. 52secs., hoisting the 1st team into second place, close behind the phenomenal Borough Road squad. The 2nd team had meanwhile slipped back to eighth place. The first team further consolidated their second place, with an 8min. 39secs. lap by Dickie Nile. Malcolm Thomas then made a spirited attempt to cut back the deficit on Borough Road, with a fine run of 8min. 4secs. which left us only 100 yards behind Borough Road!

Pete Griffiths, the final-leg runner, was left in the position of having only to complete the lap for Birmingham to win the silver medals for the second team home. This he did, quite quickly too, with a lap of 8min. 24secs., but he was unable to make any impression on the leading team. Thus Birmingham achieved the best performance ever by the University in this event.

The 2nd team came in ninth—a position that many university 1st teams would have been proud of, whilst J. Horn came out of retirement once again to bring the third team home in 25th place.

Team result—

1 Borough Rd. College ... 49m. 14s.

2 Birmingham Univ. ... 49m. 57s.

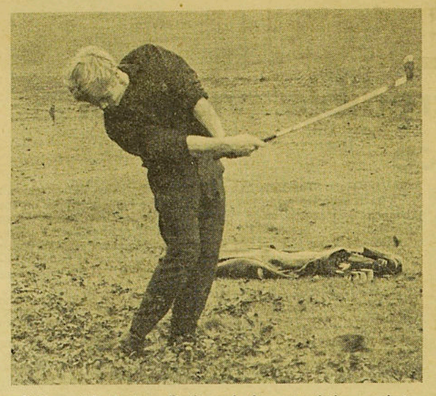
3 Leicester Univ. ..... 52m. 0s.

Individual fastest laps—

1 A. Holden (Birm. Un.) 7m. 52s.

2 N. Morrison (Imp. Col.) 7m. 55s.

3 M. Absolom (Boro' Rd.) 7m. 59s.



Golf captain Andrew Dathan playing out of the rough to the ninth green in the match against the Staff on Edgbaston Golf Course.

GOLF

Ignominious defeats

THE University Golf team started the season with two ignominious defeats, firstly against the Staff, lost 4½ : 2½, under their new captain, Andrew Dathan, followed by a 5 : 3 defeat by Ladbrook Park G.C. under Mike Paterson, new acting captain. With veterans Wawn and McCowan defecting to the staff, the University was sadly weakened.

Against Ladbrook Park both these returned wins despite Andrew Wawn's loss in length—perhaps old age is telling. He required a quail high three iron at the short 15th when any other mortal made do with a five iron.

Paul Birtwistle exhausted after narrowly losing the first hole to a 10, went on to lose 3:2. T. Bowdler holed from 20 feet at the fifth to get a birdy and only halve the hole. And afterwards in the bar, Allan Cox's opponent would be heard complaining that he had lost despite being only three over par for 17 holes. Of the rest, the less said, the better. Altogether, a rather disappointing start.

talking point

I, THOUGH not fat, am one of the least fit people imaginable. Not averse to the odd game of football (provided that no-one tries to win or anything stupid like that), I loathe being FORCED to participate in any sport at all. Perhaps I am more balanced than most, with fewer aggressive desires to subjugate on the field, or possibly I find other, non-compulsory, outlets for self-expression.

Whatever the situation, I managed to get out of this sporting requirement last year without breaking a leg, having a weak heart or joining the Sandhurst Brigade. (Quite simple and available to freshers to try this year. Apply to the underwater diving thing—always oversubscribed — and the Olympic Gymnastics as your alternative. You'll lose on the latter ballot of course, and then don't bother to turn up for the gymnastics. Apparently they don't notice: careful though, the point-ed. requirement should be fulfilled for graduation.)

ESSENCE OF SPORT

The essence of present sport is competition, and no matter what advantages the small man may have in will-power or training, the big man will prevail sooner or later. Any form of competition in which innate differences are the deciding factor seems pointless to me, and this includes "mental" as well as physical competition.

So why is sport compulsory here? Having built the sports centre at enormous cost, do they want to be sure at least that it is used? It seems unlikely that the requirement is specifically to keep you fit, because by joining the Air Squadron or the O.T.C. you are exempted. (Don't do that, play golf or go ballroom dancing instead).

Would it be then to inculcate the values of CRICKET and SPORTING GIVE-AND-TAKE into naive undergraduates? Three years here well spent, will do the same them better.

There must be only one reason then; it's TRADITIONAL: it's Birmingham's attempt to be like Oxbridge. If not, why is it the only university in the country to foster this idiotic situation?

DAVID ENTWISTLE
Editor of "Wi

BADMINTON

Kent junior promising

WITHOUT a victory over Manchester in the past two seasons, the first mixed team just failed to turn the tables on Saturday. In spite of winning four of the six men's events, Birmingham were trailing 5-6 with four mixed doubles left to play. G. Mostafa and Linda Boatswain then each won the third mixed to level the scores, but the remaining three events were lost after hard games.

A promising feature of the game was the performance of freshman Chris Jones, a Kent county junior player who, having won one of the doubles with Mostafa, lost only 12-15 in the third game to Manchester's first pair. His form augurs well for U.A.U. matches later in the term.

In the top men's singles Mike Donovan won comfortably after a slow start, but Ruth Horn lost in the second game of her ladies' singles.

On Wednesday last the 1st mixed team had the rather dubious privilege of taking the old and now obsolete A.U. minibus to Bradford where they nevertheless achieved a 13-2 victory over mediocre opposition. Two of the ladies' doubles were lost, but Tina Stevens played well to win her singles. Results:—

1st Mixed—

v Bristol Univ (a) ..... w. 13-2

v Manchester Univ. (h) ... l. 6-9

2nd Men's—

v St. Pauls, Cheltenham (a) l. 5-10

v Manchester Univ. (h) ... l. 4-11



st XI against the Works A.F.A.

TOP FIRST XI

. XI 2 — By ROGER KELLY

inutes from time, the Birmingham lenders looked on as Parker oked a lob into the far corner of net and the scores were level. e last 10 minutes sizzled as sides tried to score a winner, either succeeded. Ironically, st move of the game did not e a goal. Hawkins made a run before slipping the ball to Hughes for a great shot outside-left position.

niversity played very well o and there seems to be le potential there. Dave Mel Birkenshaw always ous as front runners and when prompted by the dfield play of Laurie o had a fine game. This ggests that if the defence ten up, the University will arsome prospect to any foe.

Team: Finch; Jones, Eastman; Hawkins, Rosbrook, Hart; Brown, Maile, Birkenshaw, Fraine, Hughes. Sub.: Oldfield.

Birmingham University 2, Birmingham Works A.F.A. 1.

In this game against another representative side last Saturday, the University suffered an early set back from a third-minute goal, but settled down to play good football and after 37 minutes were level. A University centre was only half-cleared and Dave Hughes scored from close in.

After 50 minutes the University went ahead. A great shot by Birkenshaw gave Keeling, the Works goalkeeper, no chance. As the game progressed the University played more direct football and ran out worthy winners.

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ATHLETICS

RECORDS FOR HOLDEN

By PETE TREWIN

The annual freshers' match with Loughborough generated tremendous team effort by the Birmingham squad. The absence of several Birmingham stars neutralised the extra men the Colleges could have called on and makes this 113 points to 102 victory a significant University performance. The highlight of the meet was the running of steeplechase ace Andy Holden, who completely annihilated the opposition in the two miles. Running with the economic ease of a world class athlete, Andy clocked 8:59.9 to chop over six seconds off the University record. Backing him up well, cross-country star "Mate" Thomas ran a personal best of 9:25.0. Not satisfied with this, 25 minutes later, Andy, who holds the world junior 3,000 metres steeplechase record, won the 1,000 metres steeplechase in a club record performance of 2:45.0.

Captain Ian Thompson set a fine example to the younger athletes, in setting a club record for the 600 metres of 1:22.0, and then followed up with a gritty 40.5-second 4 x 100 relay leg. The 60 metres was a flurry of fast times. Pete Trewin stamped himself as a real talent when he set up a new University record of 7.0 seconds, a few inches behind 8.9 man Peter Wiltshire.

Impressed by this new challenge, Geoff Silman equalled the new record in the guests' 60 metres, impressively following. Pete later joined both his rivals home in the 100 metres. Rod Morrod was in good form over the hurdles, winning the high hurdles and was also placing in the 300 metre lows when in the very last hurdle he fell and had to concede first place to a fast-finishing Rog. Richardson.

Out in the field things went well for us. The pole vault saw three Birmingham men in the first three places with Chris Cumbers winning with a height of 11 feet. Pete Trewin had a gripping high-jump duel, but finally pressed himself by winning the event. The heavies crushed their opponents with some mighty throwing. High Hall President Tony Collins won the shot by nine feet from last-year dentist Jan Skrybant with a prodigious 150 feet in the discus. Consistent Frank Ince came close discus from Tony Newton, Oxford Schools' champion, who produced the best-ever by a freshman of 140 feet 0 inches.

The team spirit of the squad was admirable and didn't only shine with the stars. Men like Peter Cox, who chased himself into the ground, didn't clock a personal best, though they kept up with the leaders deserve recognition too. It was team spirit like this which won this important match for us!

NETBALL

W.I.V.A.B. warm up

IN high winds and with considerable difficulty, the first match of the season for the Netball Club, against Sultan Ladies (or so they called themselves though little ladylike behaviour was witnessed during the brief encounter) went off as well as could be expected.

Against the pleasing high standard of the Birmingham 1st and 2nd teams, that included some freshers, our opponents, who proved to be strangers not only to each other but also to the basic rules of the game, were helpless. However, as the fixture was expected to be no more than a practice for the W.I.V.A.B. Regional Rounds which begin next Saturday, it was felt that the afternoon had not been completely wasted.

It was clear from the outset that there would be little competition as Sultan's captain declared that her team could not possibly last out for the standard 60 minutes, she suggested only 30. The compromise was made at 40, but a trial period of five minutes saw the opponents coughing and panting whereupon a unanimous tactical decision seemed to be taken to the effect that more advantage might be gained by elbowing and shoving the Birmingham teams out of the game. Fortunately even these methods failed, with the result that our teams won 22-12 and 13-5. Great relief was felt by all when the final whistle was blown. It was an interesting experience, but one it is hoped not to be repeated.

LACROSSE

ONLY GOAL BY KAPUR

University 1, Chorlton 11

IN their first outing in Division "A" of the Northern Lacrosse Association, this season, the University team suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of Chorlton.

Sound performances from newcomers Ashton, Bolland and Kapur, who scored an early goal to give Birmingham the lead, did not compensate for the lapses and poor form displayed by some of the more experienced members of the team.

The Lacrosse Club is holding a Special Practice next Wednesday (23rd) on Bournbrook for anyone who would like to feel a crosse or try his hand out and toss a few balls around. So if you are at all interested in lacrosse, come down on the Bournbrook pitch, next to the University main entrance next Wednesday afternoon. You will be very welcome.

Team: Bolland; Jarvis, Farrar, Buckley; Ashton, Crowhurst, Blair; Norris, Kapur; Reid, McCraight, Bullough.

SAILING

Howell capsizes

Birmingham 44½pts., London Ladies 30pts.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY Sailing Club started the season's fixtures with a victory over a strong London University Ladies team. On a day marked by strong gusts, the boats were sometimes overpowered with the helms struggling to keep control.

In the first race the University took 1st and 2nd places with the third boat retiring afer hitting a marker buoy. The winner, John Howell, established a scorching lead and won by nearly two minutes, showing that he has retained the form that won him second place in the Wayfarer National Championship during the summer vacation.

The second race was notable for the difficult winds which suddenly blew up, and all six boats capsized at least once. John Howell, after four duckings is now leading in the Club's Capsize Trophy strongly challenging the club commodore. The winds gave the heavier male crews of Birmingham an advantage over the London ladies in these gusty conditions, and in this race the University Club took first three places.

FACULTY SOCCER

Wanderers on the up

FRIARMAIDS, who have finished fourth in the Birmingham A.F.A. Division Two last two seasons, may find hard to maintain their reputation as the top faculty soccer team. Wanderers, under the determined leadership of Alan Guist, have been rapidly improving ever since they entered the Wednesday A.F.A. League with a new influx of freshmen, are stronger than ever.

Mark of this improvement was their victory over Academicals on Saturday. Despite giving away an early goal they tightened up the defence in the second half to win with goals from John Hanlon and Dave Perry. Both goals were set up by left-winger Yates with well-placed crosses.

The Wanderers' strong defence of Dave Wakeling, Gareth Penn, Dargan Collins and Lyn Lipscombe controlled the midfield in the mid-week league game against B.C.S. Students. Collins was the match-winner when he slotted home a header for the only goal of the match, after Steve Bull had been pulled down.

Against Sutton United, a team they humiliated at home last season, Wanderers can count themselves unlucky to have surrendered a point from the last kick of the match.

HOCKEY

VICTORIOUS WEEK

University ..... 2, Sheffield Univ. 0

THIS has been an outstanding week for the Hockey Club with both first and second XI's winning on Wednesday and Saturday. The victories against Sheffield were the first for almost five years, and were won with a University team considerably below strength due to a coinciding U.A.U. fixture.

After two quick goals the defence coolly repelled the continuous Sheffield attacks and emerged with a well deserved win. Williams, in particular, played a sterling game in the heart of the defence as well as converting a penalty stroke.

University 1, Edgbaston 0.

On Saturday the University was at last at full strength for the local derby against Edgbaston. The final score was rather flattering to Edgbaston, who were forced to defend most of the time. Too often the University attacks built up promisingly but went astray at the final pass. It was not until late in the second half that Guist finally bundled the ball into the net following a goalmouth melee.

The second XI followed up their 3—1 midweek victory against Sheffield by convincingly beating Edgbaston 2nds by 4—1 in a fast, hard game in which Bundle scored a hat-trick.

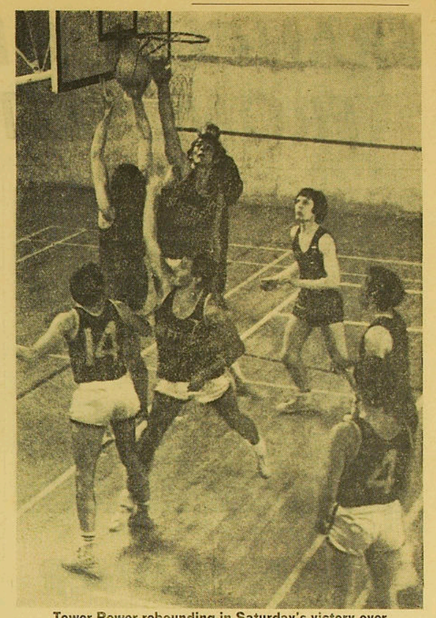
Queens in punch up

BOURNBROOK on Saturday was the scene of what appeared to be a full-scale "punch-up." The occasion was a Central Birmingham Alliance Division 1 soccer game between Perry Common and Queen's College, the team of University students which originated in the hostel adjoining the Theological College on Farquar Road.

With 20 minutes to go and the score at 3—3, the referee abandoned the game when several of the visiting team took a swing at him. He had just sent a Perry Common defender off the field for violence during an argument over a throw-in. Early in the first half another Perry Common defender had been given marching orders for swearing at the referee after Brian Walker, A.U. Permanent Secretary, had scored his second goal for Queen's.

Following the abandonment things got worse. The referee was pushed to the ground and appeared to be thumped and kicked. Several Queen's players were threatened and one was punched several times as the visitors crowded round him. To their credit none retaliated.

Manager of the College team Richard Ledger, does not intend to let Perry Common get off lightly. "This team has a bad reputation," he said. "In one match last season the whole team was ordered off the field. I will make sure that the league is fully informed at its next meeting."



Tower Power rebounding in Saturday's victory over Sheffield University.

BASKETBALL

NORTS TOO STRONG

PLAYING Old Norts away in a pre-season warm-up game is like starting the soccer season with the cup final. For the uninitiated the Old Norts' team is an experienced, effective side, playing on a court which could be dropped into the New Sports Hall Balcony.

In the early stages the satin-shirted T.P. Squad was almost swamped by Norts' goodly outside shooting. Spartan-like we reacted by scrambling and stuffing enough points to take a solitary point lead at the end of the first quarter.

In an atmosphere crackling with excitement our Freshmen played it cool. John Simon put away two mellifluent shots whilst Bob Ellis, fed by Bob Graves faked and flicked some wristy jump shots ably backed up by Mick Coller. The old hands adrenaline rushing as fast as the late-night bus shrugged stoically, as Old Norts went away in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Despite the excellent feeding and driving of John Lord, Chris Russel and Neil Dewhurst, the Norts went away finally by eleven points.

On Saturday the Squad played Sheffield University with the stimulus of having played good ball at Old Norts. However the crowd must have thought we had fixed to lose the first half by eleven points just to increase the suspense.

Despite a scrappy first half the Squad switched into overdrive and by playing much better ball won the match 58-39 points. Indeed the jet set took the second half 39 points to nine.

Both these matches proved that the T.P. Squad can and will entertain the crowd with feverish febricity and we heartily thank the crowd on Saturday for their vocal effort. To those who have not yet heard the word, flock, fly and feel your nerves effervesce at our next home game.

THIS WEEK'S SPORT

TODAY

Soccer:—
Coventry v. Swindon Town, k.o. 3.15 p.m. (League Cup).

Rugby:—
1st XV v. Sheffield University, Bournbrook.

Basketball:—
University v. N. Staffs, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Soccer:—
1st XI v. Youths & O.B., Wast Hills.
2nd XI v. C.B.A., Wast Hills.
Coventry v. Manchester City, k.o. 3.15 p.m.
Wrst Brom. v. Arsenal, k.o. 3 p.m.
Birmingham v. Millwall, k.o. 3 p.m.
Walsall v. Oldham, k.o. 3 p.m.

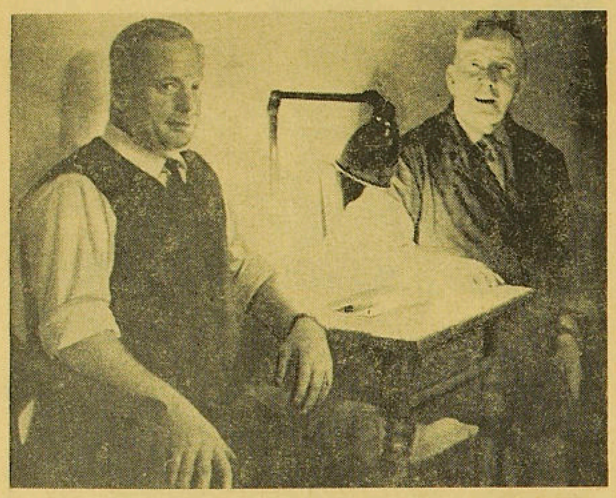
Hockey:—
1st XI v. Evesham.

MONDAY

Soccer:—
Birmingham City versus Estudiantes de la Plata, k.o. 7.30 p.m.

FRANCES ODY RESIGNS FROM ENTS. COMM.

by Glen Burrows



Will staff representation improve relationships?

STAFF-POWER MOVES ON

THE new Union Services Committee meets for the first time this week. Its job is basically to decide such matters as how and when certain rooms in the Union should be used, and what extra staff should be allocated to special functions. It will also deal with questions of staff pay. On it will be representatives of the staff; the Permanent Secretary and the Catering Officer at the managerial level and one member from the Catering Department and one member from the Non-Catering Department at the junior level: these latter yet to be elected. These four will sit with the Executive to make up the full Committee.

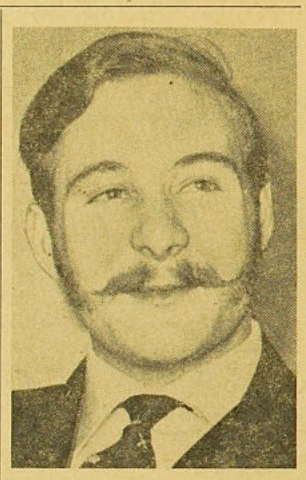
Besides this body Ray Phillips recommends the establishment of a staff welfare committee as a sort of sub-committee at which representatives of each category of work could meet informally to discuss staff problems and make recommendations to the Services Committee without actually having the power to make any definite decisions.

In theory these two bodies should provide Union staff with the means to put forward their own views and grievances.

However, there are practical difficulties. Because of part-time staff and shift work the sub-committee would have to meet at a time when all staff were available together or not be completely representative. Many of the staff are just not interested in this sort of thing, especially the female catering staff, who rush off to their families as soon as they finish work.

Also up until now the staff have always gone to the permanent or assistant-permanent secretaries with their problems or grievances and some regret that this personal contact will become more formal, Bill Byrd, the chief steward, among them. Another steward, Bill Carson, thinks this is a great idea but maintains that its effectiveness depends on the election of the right sort of people to the Services Committee.

The danger is that the staff who sit on the committee could be agitators in which case rather than relations between staff and students being improved they could well deteriorate.



Roger "Monocle" Mathew, Guild personality of two years ago has returned to the University. Noted for his Colonel Bogey car horn and eccentric dress, he unsuccessfully contested the 1967-68 Presidential elections. "Redbrick" hopes his presence at Deb. Soc. will enliven debates and wishes the Rifle Club every success at Bisley.

"I WAS not prepared to work for Elvin in the capacity to which I was reduced as Chairman of Entertainments Committee," said Frances Ody when she resigned this week after two years with the committee. According to Frances, Ents. Comm. no longer exists as a separate entity but is being absorbed into the "Elvin Organisation." This organisation features Elvin in Internal Affairs, Executive, Entertainments and the newly-formed Events Commitee —"too much for one person to run efficiently," said Frances. Elvin is taking over Frances's position because there is no-one else prepared to to.

John Burkill, secretary of Ents. Comm., while admitting that Elvin "tends to push people around too much and won't leave them to get on with a job alone," yet feels that Elvin will be able to work efficiently in his several capacities, and that "no-one else could organise the Festival."

The function of Ents. Comm. within the Guild in the past has been to arrange films, dances, discotheques, co-ordinate with the societies and deal with publicity. Nowadays, Events Commmittee, under Elvin, has become responsible for most of these jobs.

During an interview with John Burkill it was apparent that Events Committee was assembled to meet Elvin McDavid, who was already an hour late—evidence, perhaps, of Elvin's too crowded hours?

Elvin himself offered his resignation after Frances's departure, because he felt, and still feels, that the true reason for her resignation is a personal antagonism towards himself.

"But," he says, "Frances's departure does not makes the slightest difference to the system." He is sure that Frances resented being overshadowed by the terms of the new constitution, which is undergoing a trial period of year one.

Apart from the Festival which is arranged for the sixth week of next term, the new committee has greater organisation of current functions in mind. Each society with which it co-ordinates will have one major function a year, and will supervise its own ticket sales and distribution of posters. Thus the impetus will come from the societies to sell for their own functions and the bulk of work will not be left to an over-burdened and relatively small Entertainments Committee.

If so much is to be in the hands of one person it is necessary that he recognise the size of the job involved and that he have a fairly reliable and constant body of associates who are not moved to resign too often in protest at the way he is managing affairs.

Plans to stop 'town' thieves

FOLLOWING a scuffle after the Lake and Wyddrington Dance last Friday night, plans have been put to the Senior Common Rooms for the protection of people at dances in the future.

The fight began when five Birmingham youths, who had apparently got in without paying, were caught in the cloakroom stealing handbags. Dr. Mike Hayes, of Lake S.C.R., and Steve Gullick (Law II), attempted to stop them and both received injuries around the eyes during the ensuing scuffle. However, within moments the Securicor guards were on the scene hustling the youths outside. They argued loudly for some time and were still protesting innocence when police arrived. Although names were taken, no charges have been laid.

Rog Evans, President of Lake J.C.R., praised the work of the Securicor guards for their control of the situation. "If they hadn't been there the situation could have been very ugly." He has now submitted a memorandum to the S.C.R.s outlining the precautions that will be taken in future to avoid such incidents.

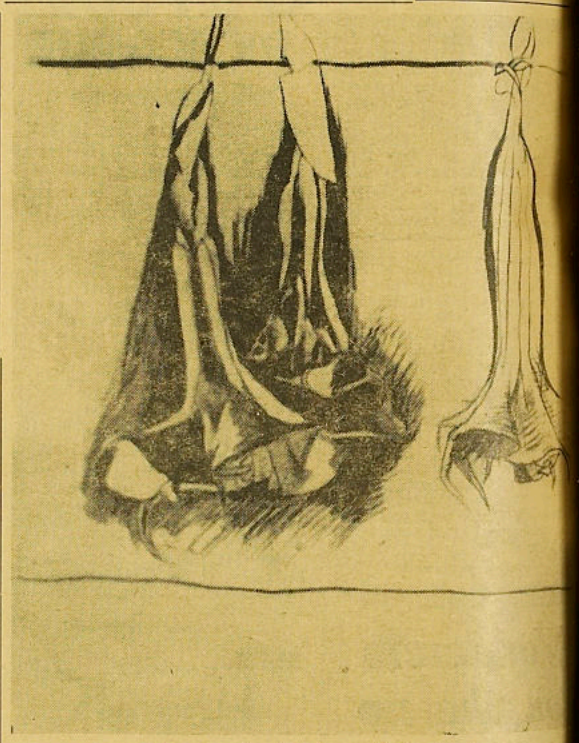
GUILD STATES POLICY

A MEMORANDUM on staff-student committees was issued to all departments yesterday by the Education Committee. According to Charles Critcher, the Chairman of the Education Committee, there is something more than "Cheese and wine socials and bigger and better coffee machines" to be achieved by staff-student committees, "careful consideration must be given to the constitutions."

In an effort to guide existent committees and catalyse the emergence of new ones the memorandum suggests the holding of a general meeting at a departmental level and the election of committee members. It is recommended that membership be composed of equal numbers of staff and students and that representation should consist of at least one student from each year plus one post graduate and one combined honours. The inclusion of senior members of staff is also urged.

Individual departmental constitutions are to specify that such topics as examinations and course syllabuses are to come within the committees' terms of reference. Constitutional drafts should also specify that staff-student committees be represented at staff meetings and faculty boards by individual delegations with speaking rights.

Finally the education committee urges all departments to follow the examples already set by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science in organising departmental student meetings and remind them that the Vice-Chancellor has clearly expressed his wish that staff-student committees should "be seen to work as genuine channels for discussion and negotiation."



Drawing by Graham Sutherland.

MOORE, HEPWORTH IN N.E.H.

IN an attempt to promote interest in one aspect of the Fine Arts, the '56 Society are currently showing a collection of 20th century drawings in the New Entrance Hall of the Union building.

The exhibition, which began on Monday and lasts for a week, has been organised by the society under the auspices of the Arts Council and gives a fairly representative insight into the works of several eminent artists.

Included in the collection of pieces are drawings and line-drawings by Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Graham Sutherland. However, the great enthusiasm of members of the society was not merely confined to the works of such acclaimed artists since the organisers were particularly pleased to be showing the work of a less well-known artist, Elizabeth Frink, whose drawings they thought would "arouse the interest of many student art-lovers."

Wednesday, Oct. 16th
5.15: CLIVE JORDAN speaks on "World Poverty." Council Chamber.
7.30: Debate: "There is no such war as a just war." Council Chamber.

Wednesday & Saturday Oct. 16th & 19th
Ents. Comm. DISCOTHEQUE Founders Room 8.00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18th
CHEM. ENG. DANCE
The Move, Jethro Tull, Fairport Convention.
8 p.m. Deb. Hall 10/6.

Sunday, Oct. 20th
SUNDAY FLIC
"Shot in the Dark"
7.00p.m. Deb. Hall 3/-

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd
OPEN LECTURE
Jacquetta Hawkes: "The Proper Study of Mankind."
1.45 p.m. Deb. Hall.

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