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General meeting to condemn Council

A MOTION being put to a Guild General Meeting next Tuesday demands that the University cuts all its industrial and political links with Rhodesia, South Africa and the Portuguese colonies.

The motion also calls for all anyone in the University to renounce their links or to resign from the University. Many of the governors have financial interests in Southern Africa which directly support the exploitation of black workers in those territories.

Interests

As far as the University is concerned, it has close links with, in particular, mining companies concerned in South Africa. It also has investments in concerns which operate in Southern Africa.

Tuesday is the fourth anniversary of the illegal declaration of independence by the Smith regime, and the general meeting is only one of the activities arranged. Some reports indicate that amendments will be put to the motion giving support to guerilla movements and condemning the British government for its collusion in the continued exploitation of the Africans.

Principle

The motion is being put forward by Pete Ullathorne, ex-Editor of "Redbrick" and a member of Socialist Society, who said yesterday: "We are calling for the acceptance of a principle. We believe that the idea of a university is incompatible with allowing even tacit support for the evils that are perpetrated in southern Africa, and when we see members of Council leading trade delegations to South Africa or managing factories there, the intolerable hypocrisy of the business world is shown up."

"People in the University government are directly exploiting the black workers and supporting evil police states; this sickening situation must not continue to exist."

Springbok demonstration plans

A STRONG condemnation of South African Apartheid came from Jeff Rodin, Chairman the United Nations Students' Association (U.N.S.A.), at Guild Council last night.

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'INTERIM' REFORMS PROPOSED

THE Staff Ad Hoc Group this week published a 55-page document containing proposals for radical reforms.

The Report examines present University structure, the problems of teaching and learning and "Academic Freedom" in the University.

The Committee finds no excuse for the fact that the governing bodies have remained unchanged since their constitution. "The main principles of the academic government of the university," it says, "remain essentially those of the Royal Charter of 1900 to which the name of Queen Victoria is affixed." Council and the Court of Governors are described as "fossil institutions."

It describes the University community as "a community of careerists" under the present system, because "the competitiveness of society outside invades the university."

The position of the University in society is re-examined in Part II—"The Problem of Purpose." The Report disagrees strongly with Council's "emphatic declaration" that the university is essentially apolitical. "The assumption appears to be either that the university has no inner political life, or that the university's wider functions (for surely these exist) are rightly determined elsewhere," it says, and maintains that this view is upheld to support the concentration of political power in the hands of a very few unrepresentative people.

On the question of Academic Freedom, the writers are anxious that this should be defined in positive terms of the power to influence

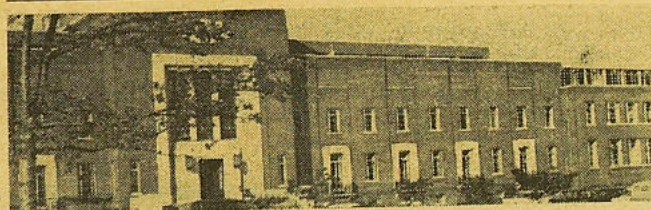
rather than a negative claim to freedom. The university should be "an institution dedicated to the effort to understand." There should be no discrepancy between people as "critical scholars" and "critical citizens."

A Common First Year is proposed as part of a new four-year degree course. Degree classification should be abolished, and the degree would represent "some minimum standard of competence." No choice of subject would be made until the end of the first year.

The "interim" reforms suggested could be taken up immediately without any major change in the University's charter. They involve reorganising department and faculty government and the creation of a University Association, which would cut across the artificial fragmentation of disciplines and social structure. Professors would not automatically wield policy-making authority, and responsibility for departmental policy-making would rest with the whole department.

As to long-term policy, the Report urges that Senate be made a "two-tier" body, whose upper chamber has only limited powers.

"No Easy Answers! An analysis of the purposes of the University and imperatives of reform."



Q.E. 'fourth in transplant league'

THERE will be no heart transplants at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital in the immediate future. This was the main factor to emerge in a discussion at a local college, attended by Dr. B. A. Bradley, the Head of the research team looking into heart transplants at the hospital.

Dr. Bradley is heading a six-man research team into the development of an anti-rejection serum.

The serum is a key feature of heart transplants, and Dr. Bradley said: "We are about fourth in the league table with our research, but we could not do a heart transplant at the moment. We would not attempt it while still in such an experimental stage. However, when asked by a "Redbrick" reporter how near they were to a transplant, he

refused to comment further.

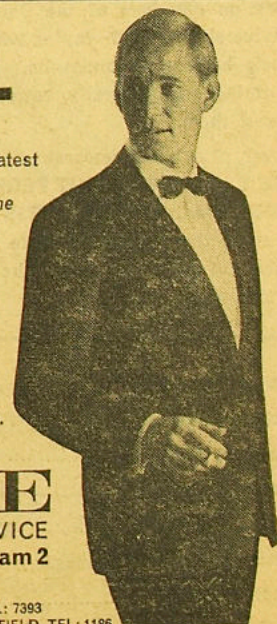
His team are trying to make the serum less toxic, thus making it selective in its rejection processes. He went on to put forward predictions of people having their type of tissue tattooed on their body, thus enabling organ transplants to take place speedily where necessary. With this in view, experiments are already going on in Birmingham with monkeys, for as Dr. Bradley points out, "In future, consideration will be given to the use of animal organs in human transplant."

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On the eve

YESTERDAY afternoon in the Great Hall the scene was already set for today's "Symposium." Looking over the ranks of empty chairs one couldn't help wondering just how many would still be empty this morning.

Of course, the University has granted every student the morning off, but how many will spend it either catching up on a few more hours in bed or cramming in a little extra work? In some Departments it seems that certain members of staff have refused to cancel their lectures, although they have said students can attend the symposium if they wish. How stupid can you get?

To add to the lack of enthusiasm there have been whispers this week that the event's organisation has been, to say the least, disorganised; and advance publicity might have been planned better.

Despite all this, if you really haven't got anything better to do, you might wander over into the G.H. to see what's going on. You might even want to know what "Broader Education" is—very few people can claim to have a clear idea. Yet the need to discuss the subject of educational reform is amplified by this ignorance. The logic is very simple:

The important thing is that when you are getting the benefit of a broader education you know about it. And talking about it is, in fact, part of it. That's why you've got the morning off and that's why it's "Symposium" day.

In black and white

Two African issues are in the news this week. The first concerns South Africa and its repugnant policy of Apartheid, highlighted at the moment by the Springboks' Rugby Tour.

U.N.S.A. have quite rightly taken the initiative and organised a coach to take interested parties to Leicester this Saturday for a mass demonstration. And the Guild's decision to cover any financial losses is responsible and encouraging.

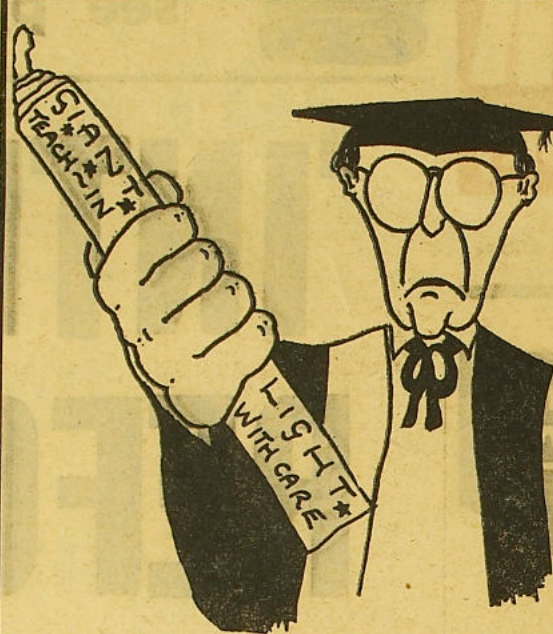
The second relates international politics to the governing body of this University. The link is Rhodesia.

"Redbrick" will shortly be running a special investigation on members of the Court of Governors and University Council—saying who they are and where their business interests lie. These people control Birmingham University, but pitifully little is known about them.

However, after some research it becomes all too clear—**WE CAN DO WITHOUT PEOPLE WITH DUBIOUS POLITICAL AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS.** To remove them is to complete the first stage of an essential policy to scrap the ruling elite of this University.

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A personal standpoint on discussion



DEAR Sir, — Recently, many prominent members of the Guild, and some groups and societies, have been advocating discussion and student participation in talks about University reform. While agreeing completely with this policy, I wish to point out to everyone at Birmingham that nothing will be achieved until concrete suggestions and recommendations have been put forward.

Discussion is useless without a specific topic to discuss. Those people who propose "I suggest we change that—let's discuss it," should rephrase their advice to "I suggest we change to that—let's discuss it." Then original ideas of a practical reform system can be sifted, changed and improved, and perhaps finally evolve into a better type of university.

While you attend this Symposium, as every one of you should remember to be critical but realistic. Almost everyone agrees something in this University is wrong.

Decide what is wrong but not why it is wrong. No one can definitely say why, and discussion is ruined by cir-

cumlocution and personal prejudices.

Finally, decide what can be done to improve the system or to overhaul it completely. Then let other people talk about your practical suggestions for improvement. That is discussion. That is what you should be doing today.

Yours faithfully,
J. ENFIELD,
Sociology.

An appeal

DEAR SIR,—May I, through your columns, appeal to the person who removed my briefcase from the library cloakroom on Thursday, October 30th, to return the books, notes and papers contained therein, either to my union pigeon hole or, as "lost property," to the union reception desk.

Yours faithfully,
LEON LEVY,
(Commerce III)

'Back to front'

DEAR SIR,—Once again this week I hopefully scanned the second page of "Redbrick" for some enlightened intelligent comment on the complexities of modern life. All there was to be seen was a further batch of lunatic mumbblings.

Have the students of the University of Birmingham sunk so low that all they can find for entertainment are stories of long-distance knits and would-be communications from world powers to jealousy ridden exclusive University cliques?

Where is the intellectual talent of the top three per cent of the country gone?

Yours indignantly,
STEVEN BACCARACK,
(Archeology 4).

Regular "Groovies" at this University will no doubt be saddened and distressed at the loss of "Back to Front," due to the indisposition of the Editor (or "Head," as he is affectionately known to his friends).

Due to his unceasing and untiring efforts to raise the level of prose in this newspaper to hitherto unprecedented heights, last week he suffered an acute attack of megalomania, and was carried off back to his native Newcastle screaming: "Joint Enterprises to rule the world!"

Normal(?) service will be resumed as soon as possible.

"REDBRICK" wishes to apologise for a mistake in last week's advertisement for artists appearing at the Town Hall. Tickets for the Delaney and Bonnie and Friends, Henri Mancini and Ten Years After concerts will be on sale at the Town Hall Box Office from today (Nov. 5th) and not Nov. 23rd as stated in last week's issue.

letters

Freedom and 'Floreat Domus'—some words of warning

SIR,—It was with much interest that I learned recently of a "Free Union" movement within the Guild.

The more so since it would appear that the broad principles upon which it is based are very similar to those which I propounded two years ago in a Presidential campaign which although ultimately unsuccessful, stimulated sufficient feeling amongst the less Union-minded (sometimes called "apathetic") sections of the student body to produce an overall Presidential poll which still stands as a record.

If a movement which seeks to relate Guild affairs

more to the "average" student than to a Union-based clique attracted such clique-shaking support two years ago, one may expect such a movement to be even more in demand now, when the feeling of alienation which most students have from Guild Council is so much greater than it was then.

But a word of warning: it is much easier to criticise "the system" than to realise that a system is only as bad as the people who fail to make it work properly. (I fear that Mr. McDavid may have fallen into this trap.)

If the Free Union is to stand any chance of survival, let alone success, everyone sympathetic to its ideals must be prepared to work very hard to make it succeed. Holding Free Union meetings and call-

ing E.G.M.s will not suffice; nor will glib suggestions for "reform" of a system which is basically sound.

The reason for the present situation is that the Guild has been "taken over" by students who have more concern for power politics than for their fellow students. The Free Union will succeed in overthrowing the Political Guild only when each Guild Council seat (beginning with the Fresher seats for the current session) is contested by a Free Union candidate, who is prepared to work hard to win his seat, and perform his Council duties conscientiously.

If a majority of Council seats are held by such people, there will be no need for constituency mandates, because the representative system will work correctly; no need for

E.G.M.s, because Council's decisions will reflect the wishes of the student body; no need for "confrontations" with University Authorities, because (a) Guild Council will be a politically responsible body and (b) the Authorities, realising that Council accurately mirrors student opinion, will be more amenable to its requests.

It is the responsibility of each individual student to make the Guild an organisation of which he can be proud to raise his glass in the toast "Floreat Domus." "Free Union" needs YOU! might be a good slogan.

With best wishes from my retreat in Devon, I remain,
Sir,
Your humble and obedient servant,
ROGER W. MATHEW

WORKING PARTY AUDITORS

THE next meeting of the Working Party will be on November 12th, 1969, at 5 p.m. in the Senate Room. Auditors will be admitted and the arrangements, as for the previous meeting, are as follows:—

The following tickets will be available:—
Academic & Research Staff 14
Students 14
Others 14
Total 42

Tickets will be numbered and issued on personal application from Room 109, "B" Block, Aston Webb Building, 1st Floor in the Secretary's Office from 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12th, 1969 and from 4.30 p.m. in the Foyer of the Senate Room.

Conditions of Admission:—

- (1) Auditors must be in their places not later than 5 p.m.
- (2) Auditors are expected to remain until the end of the meeting, but if they leave early they will not be re-admitted.
- (3) Auditors are not allowed to speak or otherwise interrupt the meeting.
- (4) No coats, briefcases, etc., can be taken into the room, and all such items must be left in the Cloakroom below.
- (5) If the Working Party so decide, Auditors can be asked to leave.

A REMINDER

The organisers wish to remind all those people who took part in the sponsored walk during Freshers' Conference that money should be taken to the Assistant Permanent Secretary, Frank Jewes (2nd floor, Union), as soon as possible.

Personal Ads

KNICKERS — Knickers — who Knickers — what Knickers — "Knicker Flicker" — bring your Knickers to Manor House "Knicker Flicker" — Dance, Bonfire food. Only 5/-, Friday — Knickers Friday, 8.30.

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WANTED one experienced lady to deflower Lake Hall Vice-President. ROG and Andy: People make parties. Friday.

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SHUTUP Pam.

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'Eat, drink and be sick' say Balsall Heath tenants

BALSALL HEATH tenants on Friday night demonstrated outside the Shelter Ball held in Mayfair Suite. Chief targets were Alderman Beaumont-Dark, Housing Committee Chairman; Anthony Greenwood, Housing Minister; and Shelter, who it was thought had wasted much money on a big social function when people were in need of adequate housing. One of the posters carried the heading: "Eat, drink and be sick."

Greenwood had earlier in the day visited Balsall Heath as part of his visit to Birmingham, while the previous night he had discussed the problems with strikers. This was the result of a Tenants' Association letter inviting him to see the conditions they lived in. Previously it had been arranged that he should see only the new housing developments in the city.

John Brookes, Chairman of the Balsall Heath and Highgate Tenants' Association, has received a letter from Beaumont-Dark, inviting him and the rest of the Association's committee to meet him at Bush House at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Mr. Brookes said he felt that Beaumont-Dark was trying to use the Tenants' Association as a means of ending the strike, and added that the two were distinct.

"If he wants to end the strike, he can talk to the strikers; we give the strikers our support, but we do not speak for them," was how he summarised the Tenants' Association position.

DEBATE CHANGED

Debating Society has been asked by Mike Terry, on behalf of Executive, to change the date of its next debate, due to be held today. It was felt by Executive and the Broader Education Working Party that the Guild arranging any function during Teach-In might detract interest from it.

Deb Soc Committee, not quite unanimously, agreed to move the debate to Thursday lunchtime at 1.15 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The motion to be debated is concerned with the Free Union Movement, and Executive have been asked to contribute a speaker against the Movement.

Cambridge work week

CAMBRIDGE students are organising a sponsored Social Work Week beginning on Saturday, November 22nd. They will be working on behalf of the Simon Community which exists to help dossers, alcoholics, and others not cared for under the Welfare State.

Each volunteer at Cambridge will undertake to spend about eight hours doing socially useful work, and will be sponsored at the rate of the number of hours he works. The idea is similar to that of the sponsored walk, with the difference that the volunteer is at the same time helping those in need.

The volunteers are seeking sponsors from other universities, and anyone interested should contact the Work Project Committee at H.2, Old Court, Clare College, Oxford.

V-C TO SPEAK AT DEB. SOC.

The Vice-Chancellor has agreed to speak at a meeting of the Debating Society at the beginning of next term. The motion is concerned not with the heated state of University politics, but with Euthanasia.

The Vice-Chancellor has considerable experience in the medical research sphere, and promises to be an informed speaker by the day of the debate.

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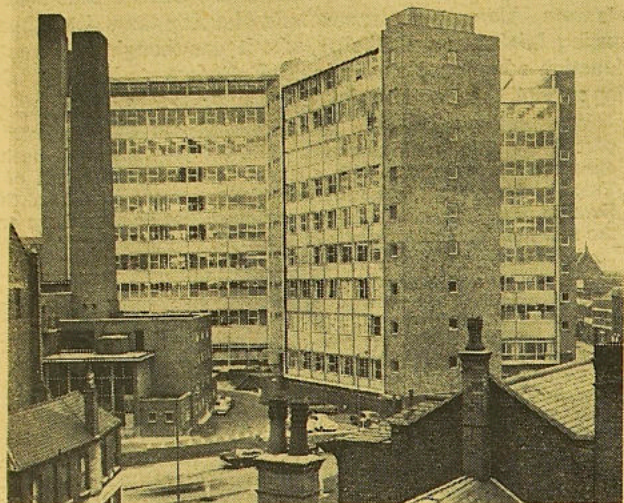
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Dental School meeting



ON Monday, a motion was passed by a Dental School Constituency meeting expressing great dissatisfaction with examination timetabling.

The motion said that "the timing of the Third B.D.S. examination immediately after the summer vacation is an intolerable burden on the candidates."

The matter is causing great concern, since the vacation is only six weeks long, and the exams take place at the beginning of the fifth year. To make matters worse, final exams are held shortly after the next summer vacation, so that the last long vacation the dentists can enjoy is over two years before the end of the course.

The dentists also argue that part of the course on which they are being examined is finished in the previous academic year, and that these exams should be held then. It is thought that the only reason

it is held when it is to suit the administration in the Medical School.

These points were to be put to a meeting of the Faculty Working Party yesterday by the mandated student representatives.

Balsall Heath Press

BALSALL HEATH rent strikers earned themselves nation-wide publicity last weekend in a "Sunday Times" feature on Birmingham's sub-standard housing conditions.

The Guild's financial support is also credited, although City Council Chairman, Alderman Beaumont Dark, is quoted as calling student helpers "a bunch of revolutionaries seizing a chance to fight authority."

"The Sunday Times" answers this criticism clearly: "Without the help of the students the case would not have received from the local Press and television the publicity which so clearly embarrasses the city's Housing Department."

Recent appointments

PROFESSOR W. H. WITTRICK, M.A., Sc.D. (Cantab.), Ph.D. (Sydney), C.Eng., C.A.A., F.R.Ae.S., A.F.A.I.A.A., has been appointed Beale Professor of Civil Engineering and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, from October 1st, 1969.

Professor R. E. Smallman, B.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc. (B'ham), has been appointed Peeney Professor of Metallurgy and Head of the Department of Physical Metallurgy and Science of Materials, from October 1st, 1969.

Professor B. R. Rees, M.A. (Oxon.), Ph.D. (Wales), has been appointed to the Chair and Headship of the Department of Greek from October 1st, 1970.

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T.W.1. PROGRESSES

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FRESHERS' DEBATING TOURNAMENT

THE Finals of the Freshers' Debating Tournament took place in the Deb. Hall on Wednesday. Only after Mr. Mike Terry had criticised Guild Council's incompetence and Mr. Graham Bolitho's incontinence did the debate on the motion "This House has the criminals it deserves" begin.

Mr. Bob Vella was in the chair, and Miss Jill Munns, Mr. Graham Bolitho and Mr. Graham Derbyshire adjudicated.

The standard of debating was consistent although rather given to oratorical rather than debating speeches. Mr. John Ringuth's interesting and well-organised speech was unfortunately delivered in an uninspiring manner. Miss Sheila Boule's manner was, however, more lively, although she tended towards the sensational rather than the factual.

Mr. Andrew Sillet's flamboyant style was entertaining, but his content was abysmal, in contrast to John Ryder, who attempted to argue the motion, but lacked spontaneity.

Miss Sue Speller gave a confident



oration but backed up her arguments with facetious statements.

Miss Naomi Freedman was the only speaker who seriously attempted to argue the motion and approach the debate in an intellectual but humorous manner. Miss Freedman's competent style won the debate. Mr. John Ringuth and Miss Sheila Boule were declared joint runners-up.

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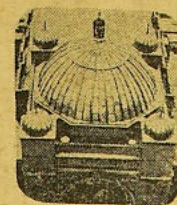
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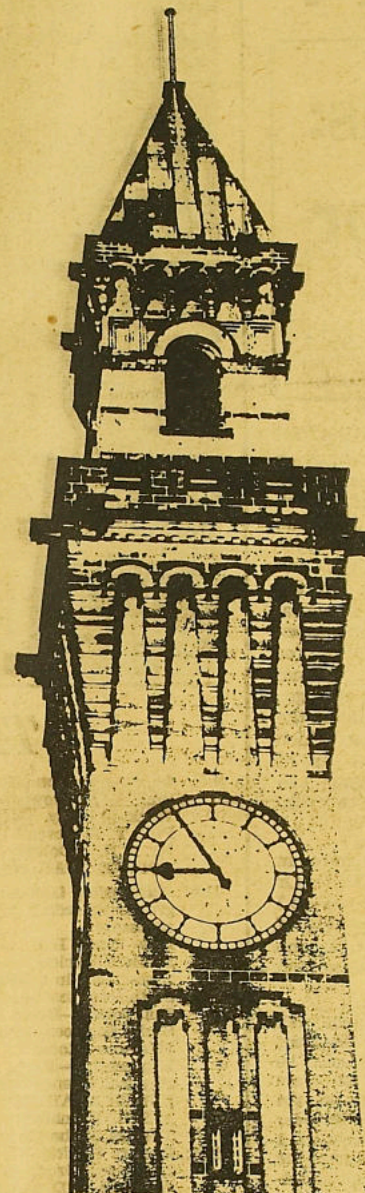
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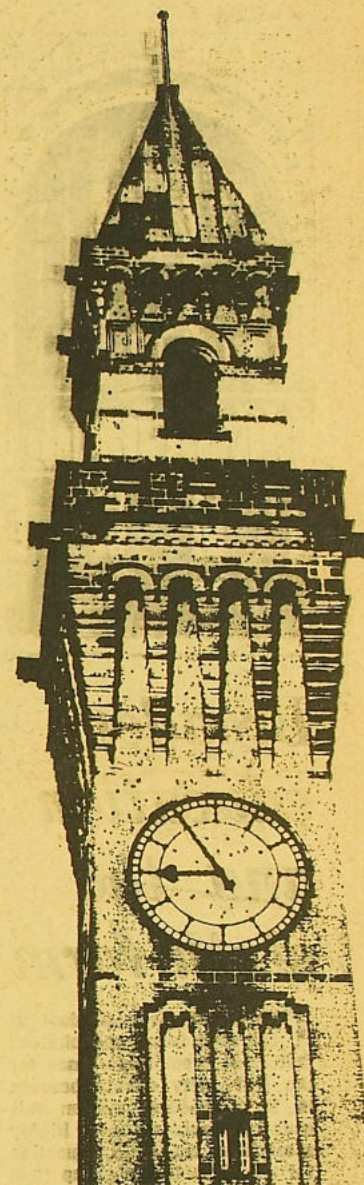
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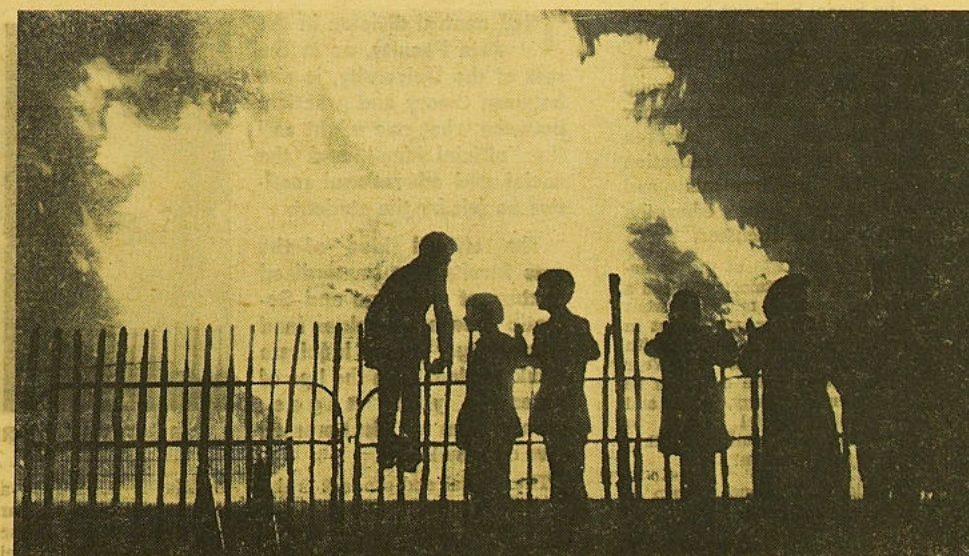
NOV. 5: TIME FOR CHANGE?



University structure in review

THIS Symposium has been arranged in order to focus attention on the present inadequacy of the University Educational system and in particular on Broader Education. It is clear that Inter-Faculty Studies have failed to satisfy the need amongst many students for more related education and society's general criticism of over-specialised University courses.

"This University has failed to respond to recommendations made repeatedly since 1956 for changes in the education provided. What is required is a radical commitment from both staff and students to break down authoritarian education and re-examine the whole nature of courses. Only then will it be possible for changes to come about. This time discussion will be followed by action as it is



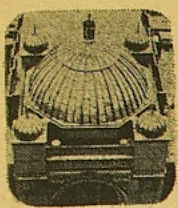
hoped that the Broader Education Working Party will follow up and act upon suggestions.

"You are urged to come along and participate. Apart from these activities the entrance lobby of the Great Hall is being turned into an information centre, with food, coffee, book-stalls and an enquiry centre. At lunch-time Barnabus will be playing and the Arts Laboratory are producing some educational theatre.

"In the evening the activities will continue with films on Berkeley and the L.S.E., and speeches from a range of different views, varying from N.U.S. to the Free University. A dance has also been arranged at the Union.

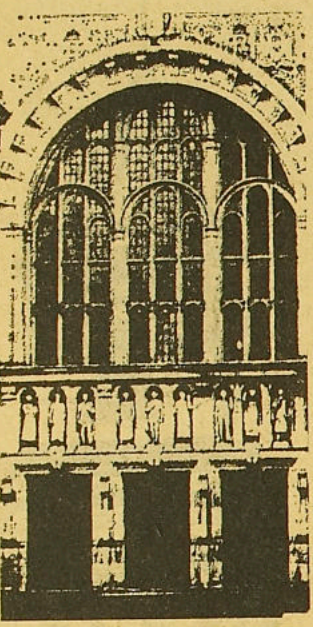
"It is our University, better make this our day."

MIKE TERRY,
President.



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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



Broader education and the sixth form

THE fresher is a product of the sixth form: this obvious fact is of great importance for the University debate because in its sixth-form system this country provides a more highly specialised academic education for the 16 to 18 age group than almost any other country in the world.

The proportion of this age group which enters the sixth-form has increased rapidly in the past fifteen years and there are many who now feel that our sixth-form curriculum, whatever its merits might have been in the past for an "academic" minority, is quite unsuitable for most of those for whom it caters.

However, there are others who are prepared to defend the present system by arguing for the educational virtues of the study in depth which it promotes. There has been strenuous debate on this issue in the last few years, and detailed proposals for new patterns of sixth-form education have been discussed between the Schools Council, the Universities and the various associations of head and assistant teachers.

The discussions of this group will be introduced by Professor Allan-son, who has taken a prominent part in the national debate. He will give a very brief account of the issues involved and will relate them to the broader issues covered in the opening lectures. Invitations have been sent to several schools and it is hoped that head teachers and sixth-formers will come to play a full part in the discussions.

PAUL BLACK

THE University has set up a Working Party on the Broadening of Education. It has set up similar working parties in the past which have consisted of a small group of people more or less committed to making the education in this University more relevant and meaningful. They have produced sets of principles and recommendations which have been implemented in part in unsatisfactory ways, e.g., the institution of Inter-Faculty Studies, as read, set aside and forgotten.

If this working party is not to suffer the same fate, it has got to present serious proposals for change, showing awareness of practical possibilities and difficulties, and for this it needs evidence of large numbers of staff and students who have examined the limitations and alternatives to the present characterisation of their own disciplines.

For this reason, this Symposium is centred around discussion groups based on existing departments and faculties. We may find that existing departmental and degree organisation cannot contain the education we want, but proposals for changes in these structures have got to be based on an analysis of the definitions of particular disciplines implicit in the present organisation of specialist courses, and a clear idea of how we believe those disciplines should be structured and taught, in the light of their reaction to other academic disciplines and to society.

There are two further discussion groups of "Assessment" and

Social sciences

THE Social Science Faculty Discussion Group will be taking place in St. Francis Hall on Wednesday from 12.00 to 4.30. Robin Blackburn of "New Left Review" and ex-L.S.E. will lead discussion at 12.00 on "The Role of the Social Scientist in today's Society." Questions such as "Why Social Science students are usually a prominent group in 'student revolt' and whether contradictions exist between present university education industrial requirements and 'whole-man' type education could well be discussed.

At 2.00 Peter Cain of the Economic History Department will lead a discussion relating more to what changes could be brought about in the Social Science Education, with particular reference to First-Year Courses. Could more emphasis be put on the methodology, history and philosophy of social science in general, but at the same time allow for more specialisation?

The discussion group is open to all interested students.

J. McKNIGHT

Exams: Yes or no?

IT is difficult to predict the direction of a discussion which will, I hope, reflect the interests and attitudes of participants. But insofar as a formal framework is required to focus debate, I think we might well spend the first session (in the morning) discussing the general problems associated with assessment: the educational losses (or gains?) which any formal system of assessment brings; the constraints imposed on the University from outside which seem to "demand" some sort of grading and how far these can be mitigated, ignored or subverted!

We would be asking here, in effect, why assess at all? Or why assess in the way we do? We shall have the help here of a speaker from the N.U.S. who might well start our discussion off.

The second session might well focus on the forms of assessment (or non-assessment) that would be appropriate to a changed structure of knowledge and learning in the University—not so much "Broader Education," more real education. I hope that we shall emerge from the debate with a number of quite concrete and practicable proposals, for which we can work in the coming months.

Opportunities to discuss such topics across our "normal" disciplinary boundaries are all too rare. But perhaps that is the nub of the problem. We shall see.

RICHARD JOHNSON

THE central division in the Arts Faculty, as in the rest of the University, is one between theory and practice, between what one might call the "official idea" and the social and educational realities as felt by the student.

The official idea of the Arts faculty is a bastardised mixture of Oxbridge and Socratic Greece—a golden land where eager young inquirers drink wisdom from the lips of venerable young sages, purely from a disinterested love of knowledge.

The official end-product is the "civilised" or "cultured" or "educated" person who applies the code of enlightened enquiry



By BRYAN MORRIS

to Life; it is, in fact, a refusal to recognise that, as Marx put it, "it is not man's consciousness that determines his being, but



TIMEABLE

- 9.45: Opening Session: The Great Hall. Prof. Waterhouse—the Symposium and the Broader Education Working Party.
Prof. F. R. Jevons—Manchester University on Science Education.
Mr. F. N. J. Doherty—Keele University on Arts Education.
COFFEE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRANCE HALL.
- 11.45: Discussion Groups: Assemble now—group leaders will direct groups according to numbers over to alternative rooms where necessary.
Law—Great Hall.
Biological Sciences—Room 8c, Ent.
Assessment in relation to Broadening—C.R.1.
Sixth-form teaching and Broadening—C.R.2.
Humanities—Room 4.
Social Sciences—Room 7.
Medicine—Room 5.
Engineering—Room 1.
Physical Sciences—Physics Building Lecture Theatre.
LUNCH AVAILABLE BETWEEN 12.00 AND 2.00 IN ENTRANCE HALL.
ALSO: Barnabas and an A.D. programme of Educational Theatre in the Great Hall.
- 4.30: Plenary Session—Great Hall.
Discussion Group Reports—Comby Stuart Hall.
COFFEE AND SANDWICHES AVAILABLE UNTIL 9 P.M.
- 6.00-12.00: The formal organisation say to a variety of opportunities for continuing this debate tonight.
Amongst the activities will be:
Films of Berkeley and L.S.E. from Ad Hoc Staff Group; Free University; Private University (Prof. Ferns); N.U.S. Assessment Campaign.
There will also be an opportunity for smaller group discussions according to interests.
ANY PROBLEMS? COME TO INFORMATION DESK IN THE ENTRANCE HALL.

Theory & practice in the arts

his social being that determines his consciousness."

The social being of the Arts students is very different from the ideal. First of all, it must be recognised that an Arts student is being trained for a job, just as much as any Chemical Engineer. The training is much less specific, and the future teachers, the largest single group, need another qualification, but it is still there.

Most students are conscious of their eventual destiny, of playing a specific role in a specific society. Yet

if, not most of them, are influenced by the impact of the ideal idea of "culture," an impact which is deepened in many cases by the masterpieces of European culture with their anti-utilitarian implications. Thus arises conflict within many students between the demands of a society for an "educated" graduate with good grades and the demands of genuine education and discovery, which cannot be orientated towards the first hands.

This inner conflict is overlaid by, and confused by another conflict, on

the lever of practice. Although the official idea is one of personal and instructed partnership in learning, students soon find that the reality of departmental syllabuses is completely different. Although in many departments, such as English and History, there are lively Staff-Student committees, the decisions, in the last resort, are taken by the Professor, and are thus seen as an external imposition on the process of learning.

The resentment against the way the syllabuses are decided is exacerbated, in many cases, by their total contradiction of the educational ideals professed by the authorities. The chief of these lies in the absurd compartmentalisation of knowledge, the refusal under any circumstances to take a total view. Thence derives the absurdity of making language students plod through philology and grammar, of a society as is done in the excellent syllabus of the German Department.

symposium special: 3

Responsibility in education—a scientists view

SO many problems in society today seem to be the undesired consequences of modern technological progress, that there is a growing disillusionment with the Sciences. Major problems no longer appear to be technological, but concerned with the correct application of this knowledge to meet Man's needs. Blame is often put at the scientist's door, but the fault really lies in society as a whole which is so eager to grasp the advantages of scientific research that it is willing to ignore possible dangerous side-effects. This is not to absolve the scientist from responsibility but rather to give him special responsibilities as a result of his specialised knowledge.

One of the ways of exercising this responsibility that is often suggested by the non-scientist to the scientist, is for the scientist who sees potential danger in his researches, to discontinue his work. But in reality this is usually of very limited application. Research is often unpredictable and may eventually result in far more good than harm. Also advances are generally being made in many different laboratories at the same time, and though one or two scientists may decide to discontinue, it is more than likely that it will be continued elsewhere.

One can imagine that in some cases, such as in chemical and biological warfare, a scientist may find himself in a position where his individual conscience would prevent him from carrying out a certain piece of research, but generally I think his responsibilities are rather different. His specialised knowledge means that he might be the only person who is able to predict the potential consequences of his work.

He should be aware of the possible advantages and disadvantages, by examination of his research in the light of wider implications. And perhaps, most important of all, if he feels his work may have some important consequences he must be willing to have his thoughts made public. Too many scientists pour scorn on the ignorance of poli-

K. R. CHAPLAIN

ticians, when they themselves are responsible by not making sufficient effort to inform the politician of scientific fact.

If one accepts that the scientist has the responsibility of examining his work in this way, then one must also accept that such an attitude must be encouraged during his formal training, and cannot be left to chance, "to be picked up during his development into a mature citizen."

The student should be actively encouraged to consider his subject, not in a vacuum, but with some thought for its wider implications. Where the subject interacts strongly with important social issues, courses could be arranged to examine all the possible ramifications and effects that present knowledge and future research may have. (As a biologist, I could imagine courses including pollution, food production, birth control, genetic manipulation.)

Such subject matter should be considered essential knowledge for a degree and could probably be best taught by closer co-operation between different relevant departments. Discussion groups could play an important part in developing the scientist's responsibilities, by actual involvement of the individual and by increasing his

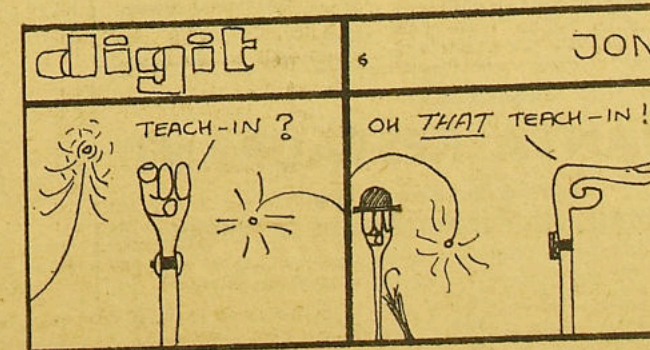
awareness that he himself as an individual, does have responsibilities.

Together with this increase in formal teaching, I think there should be greater informal contact between departments and faculties. One afternoon a week could be set aside for inter-departmental open lectures and discussion groups, that could attract students from the single-minded discipline to a more general exposure to ideas and concepts throughout the campus. Such a system may be under-used at first, but a start must be made somewhere, and the opportunities should be available to all those who want them.

In these suggestions for broadening the education of scientists to encourage a social responsibility, I have attempted to be as practical as possible. I think the only criticism on practical grounds is that of time; it may be argued that such additions could not be included in the present 31-week year. If this is the case and if we also accept that present courses are producing scientists lacking in a sense of responsibility, then the present 31 weeks will have to be extended.

The potential dangers to society of producing irresponsible scientists is all too great for the marginally-increased costs of such an action to be a deterrent.

Bryan Morris is doing post-graduate work in History, and is a member of Socialist Society.



STUDENT COMMUNITY ACTION

BY PETER ULLATHORNE

(Reprinted from "New Student")

LAST July, Alan Barr and Pam Parfitt-Cook graduated from Birmingham University. Last month they started as full-time organisers of a new project called Student Community Action.

Run from an office in Birmingham, SCA aims at promoting social service by students in a unique way; it recognises that students have many interests and do not have the amount of time that most organisations demand of them, so it concentrates almost exclusively on short periods of intense activity.

The roots of SCA go back to the beginning of 1968, when Birmingham University students were planning their annual rag, held in March. Many people thought that students could be of direct benefit

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Heathmill Lane
Deritend, Birmingham, 9.



Alan Barr

to the community, instead of raising money by the usual horseplay.

Two pioneer schemes were launched, one the building of an adventure playground for deprived children, the other the decoration of a home for unmarried mothers. The latter was organised by Alan Barr, then Vice-President of a men's hall of residence. The two projects were hugely successful—over the six days of the rag week 400 students worked on them.

The following year Community Action was planned on a far larger scale, within a revitalised Festival week. Alan co-ordinated the activities, with Pam Parfitt-Cook as his main assistant. Over thirty projects, involving more than two thousand students, were carried out

during Festival week, ranging from decorating nurseries and old people's homes, to holidays for underprivileged children and a survey of hypothermia problems among old people.

Encouraged by this and by the favourable reaction at the British Universities Social Service Conference, Alan and Pam produced a report outlining their proposals and appealing for £6,000 to launch the project nationally.

SCA aims at promoting interest in community action, information and assistance; at first it will only be possible to do this within

the universities but, once established there, it will be the job of the universities to expand to colleges in their region.

But it is important to note that SCA does not want to become an "empire-building" organisation. "We're not empire-building," Alan stresses. "Once Community Action has been established in a university, we will play a diminishing role as the new organisation becomes the promotional body for its region, as SCA is already becoming in the Birmingham area."

The advantages of the type of project which SCA envisages are many. The student who does not have the amount of time that organisations like V.S.O. demand can usually spare two or three days, especially where universities give time off for this purpose. Also many of the smaller jobs, like decorating hostels, are best done in a short time.

Of course, the organisers hope that those who take part in these small projects will be stung into further action, whether this is by performing a longer term of voluntary work, or by agitating for reforms in a political context. As SCA's report says: "Mass participation over a short period is of great value to the student who takes part, for he becomes exposed to problems of which he was either unaware or of which he did not wish to be made aware."

Insofar as the work can be assessed in terms of money, the value of Birmingham Community Action this year was £15,000; if the same amount of work was done in every college the value would be in excess of one million pounds, and if every student took part more like three million pounds. And no-one can say that's not worth while.

them well above the average amateur operatic society, with its *Oklahoma*, *Iolanthe*, *Offenbach* repertoire.

First on the bill, "Disappearing Act," by David Harold Cox, was written in the summer of 1968. It is a setting of a libretto by John Drummond, adapting a science-fiction story by the American writer Alfred Bester. The United States, as usual, is fighting a war, described not as the war to end war, but a war for poetry, music and art; in fact for American Culture.

Three soldiers, trying to evade the horrors of this war, discover involuntarily the secret of time travel. The attempt to solve this problem, and send an army back in time to "win the war before it started" brings about the great crisis in this opera, the peculiarly twentieth-century conflict between a scientific and an artistic society.

John Drummond's "The Hawk-eyed Sentinel" is loosely based upon a short play by Cervantes, the main element to be preserved being the loose moral standards of the characters. The story is highly farcical, concerning the repeated attempts made by a young conscript drop-out to prevent anyone else seeing his girl. She is of course not keen on the idea of having her simple pleasures so drastically curtailed—and neither is the local shoe-maker, a wily old bird and master of a thousand disguises.

The story wouldn't be right without the usual involvement of innocent bystanders, and the whole plot works up to a climatic and unexpected conclusion. . . . As for the music, it is extrovert, with more than a hint of Spain; the sort of tunes you go home whistling.

Performances (admission 4/-) are on Tuesday to Friday, the 4th to the 7th of November in the Elgar Room, Arts Block; and on Saturday the 8th November in the Birmingham and Midland Institute, all at 7.30 p.m.



CINEMA

A FILM for women that every man should see, "A Touch of Love" (ABC this week) is a social document gone wrong. Sandy Dennis plays Rosamund Stacey, a very middle-class student who discovers that, as a result of her one and only sexual experience, she is to become an unmarried mother.

Have you heard this somewhere before? Well, yes, but Rosamund isn't just every girl in the University who has the same trouble. She's rich, for a start, and her parents have just gone off to Africa, leaving her a spacious flat, taking two problems off her mind.

And she has trendy influential friends. And an ability to switch her emotions, such as they are, on and off at the right times so she gets what she wants. Anyone would think that Rosamund has very little to worry about, but she has to go through a sort of emotional obstacle race before she can emerge, Triumphant but Alone, a Full, Mature Individual, from the battle her Sadly Promiscuous Life has led her into.

Rosamund doesn't just have to go through the Excruciating Labour pains (which, by the way, are shown in the time-honoured way, a screaming head turning from side to side on a sweaty pillow). You name it, Rosamund has to Endure it, from heartless ward sisters to a child (dear Octavia) who turns out to

have a congenital heart failure and has to undergo a Very Chancy Operation ("Tell me Doctor, what are her chances of Coming Through?").

When it turns out that the doctor happens to have been a close friend of Rosamund's father the operation is obviously much easier, and Rosamund comes through slightly tear-stained but smiling bravely as always.

If you can take the crass sentimentality of the plot, the direction is quite good and Sandy Dennis does a very competent job of the significant—cliche-ridden screen play. Or at least that's what Paul says, and he's the Editor, so he should know.

(The G.P.O. Tower is also highly significant).

MAXINE LINNELL

jazz

BIRMINGHAM University used to have a Jazz Club. It flourished and even spawned one of the leaders of the British avant garde, Evan Parker. It died a quiet death over a year ago, and now modern jazz in Birmingham is confined to the occasional Town Hall concert and the expensive Opposite Lock Club.

It's a pity therefore if a concert is ruined by lack of publicity, and haphazard organisation. This is what nearly happened at Aston, where the Swan Tracy quartet had to struggle against a cathedral-like atmosphere, with an audience of only fifty, and a P.A. system that attempted low-flying aircraft impressions for most of the first half.

Stan Tracy was for many years the resident pianist at Ronnie Scott's and he has achieved his reputation as a composer only re-

cently with "Under Milk Wood" and "Alice in Wonderland" suites.

The first half on Saturday consisted of his new "3 into 1" L.P., and it wasn't until the more familiar "Under Milkwood" suite began that the audience really got into the music. Outstanding in the group was drummer Brian Spring, who managed to be both physical and sensitive. Given the conditions, they played very competent, if not sparkling music.

MIKE LANGSTAFF

MUSIC

OUT of the somewhat murky musical depths of America has emerged an L.P. which rises head and shoulders above anything I have heard in a long, long while. The latest double L.P. by Taj Mahal is indeed a Giant Step from his last two albums. He has reverted to his ability to compose and play his own songs instead of floundering between re-hashes of well-worn blues numbers (as on his first L.P.) and attempting an Otis Redding act on his second L.P.—"The Natch'l Blues".

On the new double album, one record is devoted to him alone—playing and singing to a wide mixture of material (De Ole Folks at Home); the other is electric (Giant Step).

On the former album he attempts everything from the old work-song "Linin' Track" to an orgasmic rendering of a children's tune played on stomach and mouth. Instrumentally his "Blind Boy Rag" on steel national guitar and "Coloured Aristocracy" on banjo, compare favourably with original 1920s material on which they were based. His whole approach to well-established songs is totally original, which is exemplified on a banjo version of "Candy Man" and his version of "Fishin' Blues", which conjures up visions of the old Deputy Dawg cartoons.

On the electric L.P. he varies from one of the best arrangements of "Good Morning, Little Schoolgirl" I've ever heard to his own country effort, "Six days on the Road." Apart from his material there is also an amazing version of Will Shade's "Keep your Hands off Her" and Robbie Robertson's "Bacon Fat," which features the group's guitarist, Jesse Edwin Davis.

There are very few vocalists around at the present whose voices you can enjoy as much as the

music that is going on behind. Taj Mahal manages to combine his amazing guitar, banjo and harp technique with one of the most refreshingly original voices I've heard since Lem Fowler and his Washboard Wonders sang "Percolatin' Blues" in 1927.

SIMON SHEPHERD

WHILST "Best of Cream" is a rather hopeful title—Cream fans tend to have definite ideas of their own on that score—it is certainly representative of their various styles, both individual and collective. There are four songs by Jack Bruce and Pete Brown, three by Eric Clapton, with help from various friends, and three classic blues numbers.

These latter ("Crossroads," "Born under a Bad Sign" and "Spoonful") are mainly showcases for Eric Clapton's guitar which is also pleasingly prominent on the other tracks.

Particularly strong are the "wa-wa" sounds of "Tales of Brave Ulysses" and some brilliant lay-off lines on "Spoonful." George Harrison's influence on Eric Clapton is heard on "Badge," but listening carefully one wonders whether the influence is really in the reverse direction.

Pete Brown's influence, on the other hand, must not be dismissed. His words lend themselves perfectly to the strength of Jack Bruce's voice. It is, in fact, Jack's vocals which predominate on the album, along with Eric Clapton's guitar and also Ginger Baker's inevitably strong but mostly unobtrusive drums. It is a must for fans without "Disraeli Gears" or "Wheels of Fire" on which seven of the tracks appear. Six of the ten tracks also appear on singles but owners are strongly advised to sell them and enjoy them anew in stereo.

Other titles: "Sunshine of your Love," "White Room," "Swlabr," "Strange Brew" and "I Feel Free."

JOHN HEADON

FOOD

THE Janata Restaurant, nestling snugly on the Bristol Road alongside that well-known Occidental haven Patrick Motors, is the newest addition to the cluster of Indian restaurants surrounding Birmingham University.

Upon arrival at the door one is courteously ushered into the dining room, which is fairly small. The management has, however, succeeded in cramming quite a reasonable number of tables into the available space, and strategically-placed floor-to-ceiling mirrors help give the impression of room.

A large selection of meals is offered on the menu, including the usual Chinese and English dishes obtainable in Indian restaurants. However, some of the prices do seem a little exorbitant (such as the "Special" at 25/6).

Service is prompt and helpings are of average quantity, pleasantly garnished. The rice is cooked well but, I feel, could be served hotter. I thought the papadoms were very good and had a more salty taste than those served at most other Indian restaurants. My chapatti arrived slightly burnt but probably because they forgot I had ordered one and rushed the cooking of it too much.

The curries are quite reasonable although I have not been enthusias-

tic enough to try a Vindaloo yet. It was a pity that a vase of plastic roses was stuck in the middle of the table, as their removal would have made more room for the plates.

The coffee is served hot but, like most of the food, is average rather than outstanding. A special lunch is obtainable at 5/- and, because the restaurant is so near the University, this may attract some people for their mid-day meal.

The Janata attempts to achieve an aura of plushness and savoir-faire, but in my opinion does not quite succeed. Eating in front of pink plastic candlesticks and to strains of Hare Krishna is not my cup of Chow mein.

TOM LILT

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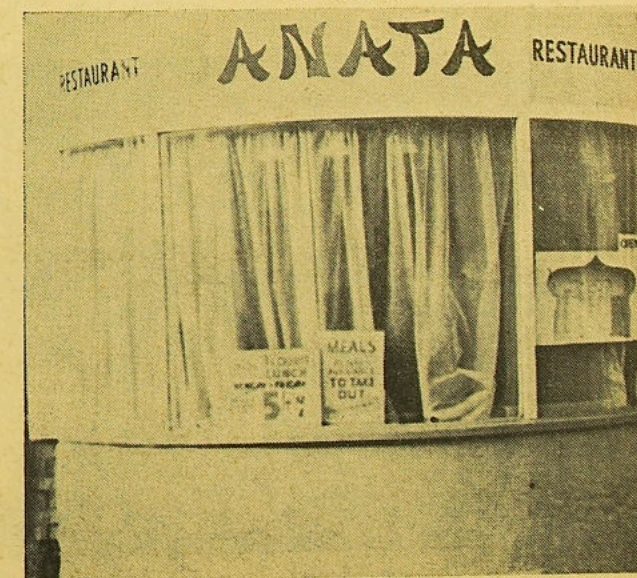
SANDY DENNIS IN "A TOUCH OF LOVE"



AT THE HOSPITAL



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JANATA

PREVIEW G.T.G.

Two Plays

THIS week G.T.G. are presenting their sixth week production, a double bill of "La Musica," by Marguerite Duras, and "The Old Tune," by Robert Pinget, translated and adapted by Samuel Beckett. Both plays are produced and directed by Jill Burrows, a second year drama student. She sees each play essentially in terms of music.

"Each play is really a piece of music with a recurrent theme; this is especially true of 'La Musica,' which can be analysed in terms of music, but music is vital to both performances. I'd like the audience to regard Deb. Hall more as a concert room than a theatre."

PREVIEW G.O.G.

Two Operas

TWO one-act operas both written by postgraduate students from the music department are being performed this week. This is the first time that



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THE University 1st XI turned in an impeccable performance against Loughborough Colleges on Wednesday, in a combined U.A.U. and Midlands Universities League match. They recovered from a two-goal deficit to square the match, at 2-2, with virtually the last kick of the game. However, it must not be thought that this was a lucky draw, since for the last 15 minutes the Colleges were confined to their own half.

BASKETBALL

T.P. CRUSH

Birmingham 41pts., Loughborough Colleges 60. ON Wednesday, after a gargantuan effort, the satin-shorted sported of Tower-Power were forced into submission by the might of Loughborough Colleges.

Right from the tip-off Colleges' superior organisation, fitness and shooting ability were evident, although their task was made somewhat easier by Birmingham's strange reluctance to score. Almost without exception, our heroes seemed to prefer to miss their shots.

However, if accuracy was missing effort certainly was not. Our beloved and angelic captain, John Simons, worked and coughed himself into the ground, while Vic Grigorian and Dave Griffiths did a tremendous job in trying to contain Colleges' inspiration, Bob Wilson, Graham Campbell and John Pringle crunchingly crashed their way to 16 and five points respectively. Unfortunately, many of the other players seemed unnecessarily overawed by the occasion.

Thanks go to our wonderful supporters; we hope that they will all treat themselves again in the near future. Meanwhile, back at the Sports centre, we are all working very hard to convert the team's tremendous potential into a successful reality.

In the first half Loughboro' had the advantage of a strong wind but a resolute defence held out well. One of the few defensive errors that were committed allowed one of the Colleges' players to score with an overhead kick. The scoreline remained the same until after half time but if the Universities had capitalised on the chances created, it could have been very different.

Soon after half time a further set-back was received when the Colleges scored in one of their quick breaks from defence. This only helped to inspire the Birmingham boys to greater things. With Kent, Gamble and Wortley supplying the forward line with a constant stream of passes it was no surprise that Birmingham pulled one back. The Colleges tackling had at all times been inclined to be rough and they paid the price when a foul was committed inside the area and Lyle scored from the spot. After this although the University was still on top few chances were created and it looked as if Loughboro' would hold out. With only seconds remaining a defensive mix-up presented Steve Hart with an open goal, which even he couldn't miss, even with his right foot.

This was a tremendous performance.

Golf, Orienteering, Lacrosse, Water Polo reports have been held over until next week.

ROWING

BLADES FOR CAPTAIN BURROWS AFTER LATE NIGHT SESSIONS

THE Rowing Club is one of the newest of the clubs in the Athletic Union. Captain David Burrows has put in a tremendous amount of work in getting the club afloat (UGH!). Thanks to his efforts the club has many new boats and has a new set of blades on the way. (For the benefit of the uninitiated these are not of the Wilkinson Sword variety, even if Dave might look as if he could use one after late working sessions.)

They also enjoy the use of a new boathouse from which an

eight is training from the Head of the Float and the Tideway at the end of this term. They are hoping to find additional regattas and "Heads" in which to row. A ladies' crew is also in training (Lady Margaret beware!) and hope to have their first outing against Leicester, Keele and Warwick.

The men's team had their first competition over an 800 metre course at Leicester University last Wednesday. There were three races between the first second and third fours from the two univer-

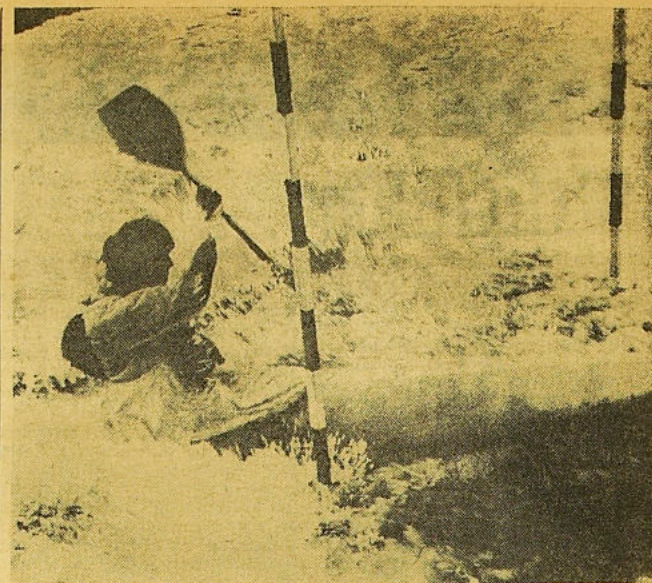
sities. The Birmingham third four consisted of novices who only took up the sport this term and after a bad start they hung on to finish just a length behind in 3 mins. 5 secs.

The seconds had better luck and, overcoming the handicap of a scratch crew and an unfit Bowman (cheers Graham!), scorched to a two-lengths win in 2 mins. 45 secs.

The first four were involved in a tremendous struggle with their opposite numbers but eventually had to concede defeat by half a length in a new record time of 2 mins. 37 secs.

Team: Finch, Payne, Lyle, Hart, Eastman; Gamble, Kent, Wortley; Harrison, Maile, Thorpe. Sub: Stockley.

Our Slalom team — Langford, Kelvin and McCloud, all from Man-



One of the British team shooting the fall just above Llangollen.

CANOEING

THRILLING SLALOM
AT LLANGOLLEN

THE weekend of October 18th/19th saw the first International Slalom ever to be held in this country, at Llangollen, in Wales. It was a great success despite the fact that the river was low and many boats received a good knocking.

The East and West Germans practically wiped the slate clean of medals in most events, although in the Men's Kayaks, Britain's John Leggart, from Halifax, won the gold medal and was well supported by Norman Jackson, who took the bronze.

Our Slalom team — Langford, Kelvin and McCloud, all from Man-

chester—were only three seconds behind the winning East German team, and Heather Goodman won a silver medal in the Ladies Kayak. Britain had no success in the C1 and C2 events. The East Germans and Austrians collected most of the medals, and according to one competitor, their C1 paddles were easily comparable with our C2s!

The competition was very well attended—by spectators as well. Other teams paddling included the Dutch, the Belgians and the Irish. The slalom was very enjoyable and it is hoped it will be repeated next season.

SQUASH

IRON MAN JIM DOMINATES

BIRMINGHAM University Squash team last week continued its run of comfortable victories over local opposition in the U.A.U. competition. They triumphed once more against Loughborough Colleges, this time 5-0. Iron man Jim McCollum set the pattern with another crushing victory at first string. He has lost only 15 points in his last three matches, and against Loughborough was in his usual uncompromising mood, losing a mere five points this time.

Tennis players John Howarth, of Yorkshire, and John Rudd, of

Northants, gave Birmingham stiffer opposition. Captain Paul Gnetz found Howarth a sturdy retriever and had to play with much determination to narrowly win the first two games. In the third game he found himself 8-1 down and it required a sturdy effort to pull back and win.

In the first game, Rudd out-ran and out-hit Bill Perrie, and won 9-7. Perrie then found a better length, and to his opponent's amazement, reeled off 18 points without reply to put himself in a formidable position. Rudd's resistance was broken and Perrie cruised to a 9-3 victory in the fourth.

Richard Eaton showed promise with the easiest win of the evening. He has shown patchy form in the first team in the University team, but this time drop-shotter his way to a victory in which he conceded only four points.

Against Loughborough, Brian Horwood struggled, losing the first and falling 8-1 behind in the second, before fighting back to win in the fourth. In the end he produced enough good shots to keep control of a match in which he trailed because of his own errors.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Quick goal sets girls on way

Birmingham 1st XI 11, Leicester 1

AFTER being a goal up in 12 seconds the university never looked back and scored at a constant rate throughout the game. Even though playing with only 10 players for most of the second half—Jan Newman having to retire with a badly injured leg—Birmingham were always well on top. Right wing Margaret Pike opened the swing with a fine individual effort and she and Janice Stain combined well on the right to create many of the Birmingham openings.

Nearly all the first half was devoted to attack with a further two goals from Pikelet and one each from Jan Newman, Janice Stain and Kathy Bassham who scored with a fine shot from a corner so that Birmingham had an invincible half-time lead of 6-1. From the restart Birmingham continued to apply the pressure but the sporting Leicester team never gave up trying and indeed caused some anxious moments in the Birmingham defence although centre-half Viv "the Haggis" Welsh found time to have some shots at goal and was unlucky not to score.

From a well placed free hit from Helen Disney who as usual played well, Margaret Pike ran almost the length of the field to score again and the total of 11 goals was completed with further goals from her and centre forward Kathy Bassham.

As there was no regular goalkeeper available Pat Gay the netball goalkeeper was called into action at the last minute and filled in admirably although Birmingham were fortunately not all harpessed in defence.

The forwards dominated in this match ably supported by the halves and full-backs. Gill Stokes, a hat-trick in every game so far, bagged four more today as did Liz Terry. Nor were the wings Fran D'Aloorn and Joy Pivitz to be denied, getting a goal each, Joy scoring with a beautiful scoop shot over the goalie's head.

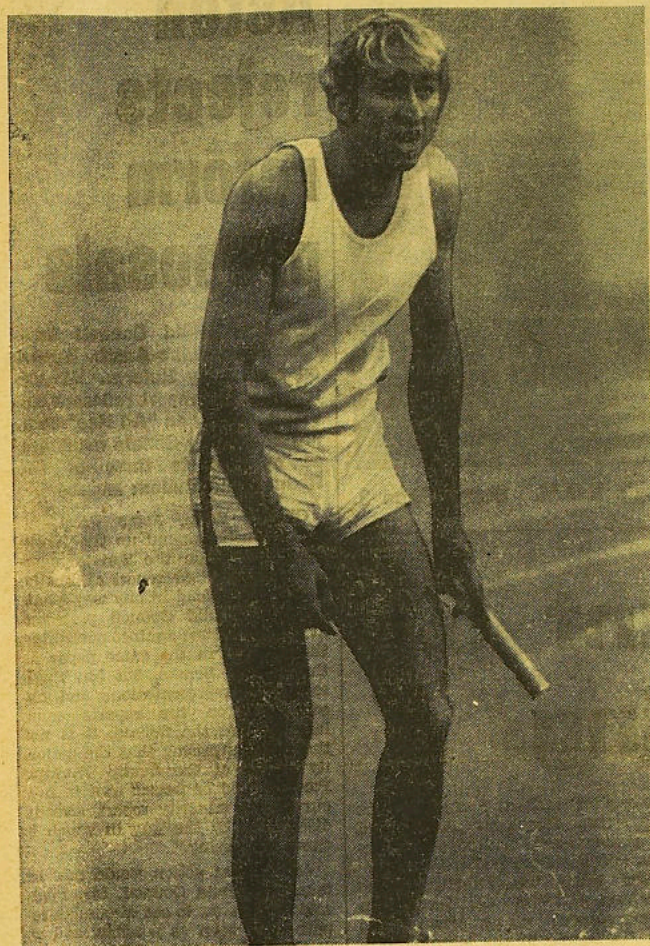
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ATHLETICS

Versatile Hemery in form

LAST Saturday the University track was the scene of an exciting duel between Birmingham University and Oxford. After a close match the visitors eventually gained revenge for last year's defeat by the margin of 97-90.

Olympic champion Dave Hemery, who is now turning to the decathlon, set the tone by competing in five of the individual events as well as running the anchor leg in the relay. Birmingham Olympic runner Ralph Banthorpe was in superb sprinting form and looked invincible in his three outings.



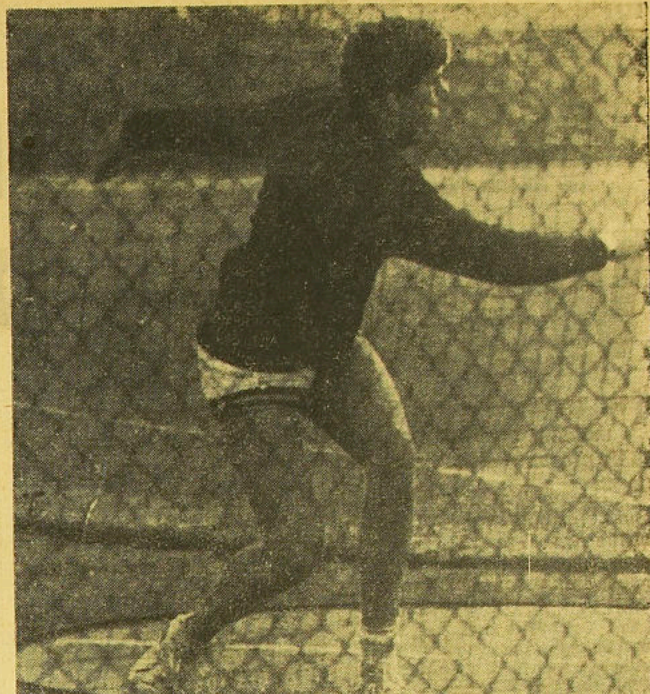
David Hemery at the end of a busy afternoon last Saturday.

Hemery's first appearance of the afternoon was in the 150 Metres when he powered away from the University pair of Geoff Silman and Pete Cornes. However, in the 60 Metres Geoff Silman gained his revenge by starting fast and holding off the fast-finishing Oxford man. As Geoff said later, "I looked round, saw his knees level with my eyes and had to run." In this event it was Ralph Banthorpe who caught the eye by pulling clear of his teammate in the last one-third of the race to win in a new University record time of 6.9.

Ralph looked even more impressive in the 300 Metres where he was opposed by B.U.S.F. 400 Metres champion, Peter de Villiers and his team-mate and captain Jim Aukett, the U.A.U. 400 Metres champion. Ralph pulled back their opponents' stagger by the middle of the turn and stormed home half a second clear of Jim in another record time.

Jim had better luck in the 600 Metres but the cry he uttered as he crossed the line was one of disgust at the ease of his victory.

One of the most stirring battles of the afternoon came in the three-



Action in the discus circle in the Oxford match last Saturday.

quarter mile in which Oxford's Bob Steele just held off fellow Junior International, Paul Dennis in a useful time of 3.2.2. Behind them, that ever-dependable and always amazing performer, Peter Cox, again lowered his personal best.

On the field Jan Skrybant refused to be overawed by Hemery's presence in the hammer and flung the ball and chain 164 ft. He could be heard chanting "I'm free, I'm free" as the hammer disappeared into the distance.

Newcomer Herbie Sewell performed well in the horizontal jumps but found Hemery too good for him in the long jump, and Chris Kidd proved slightly better than him in

the Triple Jump. Pete Trewin was out of condition in the High Jump so he could only manage second place but Frank Ince was on better form winning the discus and taking second place in the shot.

The University hurdlers had a busy afternoon but accredited themselves well. Hemery was supreme over the 60 Metres but his absence in the 300 Metres enabled Rog Richardson to notch up a victory. Trev Scrase, who ran both hurdles races, was unlucky not to get second place here when he clipped the penultimate barrier throwing him out of his rhythm and was pipped on the run in.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Thomas scares Foxy

THE First Division of the Birmingham League features most of the top individuals and teams in the Midlands area. The line-up for the first race on Saturday included no less than eight internationals and the national champion team, Tipton. The division also includes City of Stoke A.C., who had won the inaugural National six-man road relay the previous week. These two teams must be the two leading cross-country clubs in the country at the moment and against them the university hadn't much hope of success. However, they put up a magnificent performance in grabbing third place ahead of all the other top clubs in the area.

From the start Stoke veteran Roy Fowler—an English international, and one of the greatest cross-country runners this country has ever seen—went straight into the lead. Piling on the pressure Roy, who hasn't been beaten for several seasons in this league, soon stretched out the field, and by the end of the first lap was well clear of the next six runners; of these six only one man was prepared to "have a go" at the Stoke star.

This man was University runner Malcolm Thomas. Charging down the canal bank for the second time, Mal set off in chase of the leader. Putting his head down he ate up the ground and was still closing fast when the Stoke man reached the safety of the tape only eight seconds clear. This was a really great performance by the Welshman, leaving behind him a string of internationals.

Malcolm was backed up well with Andy Holden seventh, Geno Griffiths 15th (a tremendous performance in view of the fact that he had spent half the week in bed with flu) and the ever-improving Steve Gibbons, 20th (easily the best junior in the race). The next five Birmingham men ranged between 35th and 46th of the 160-strong field, emphasising the tremendous depth which should stand the team in great stead for its really important races later on in the season.

This Saturday the team take on Oxford University a match which should give some class to this season's B.U.S. prospects. They will, of course, go there with the traditional warm-up at Friday night's Manor House Fireball Dance and the results should prove very interesting!

MEN'S HOCKEY

VICTORY LOST ON
SHORT CORNERS

UNIVERSITY 1, LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGES 1

THE match with the Colleges must always rank as one of the most important of the season, in terms of both rivalry and the hardness with which the game is fought. This match was no exception, and with county and U.A.U. players liberally scattered, the match drew the chief U.A.U. selector and a reporter from the "Daily Telegraph."

A goal up in eight minutes and our visitors worried; Rich Williams had put in a hard shot at a short corner which Martin Van Der Kerk deflected into the net. Colleges, and their defence particularly, looked shaky, and the University began to move the ball round with increasing confidence. A goal up at half-time and the possibility of avenging the defeat in last year's "game" seemed very much on.

The second half was a different story and Colleges came back at us with the sort of enthusiasm that only they can engender. Rob Fishburn and Phil Guise were working hard to help the defence. With 10 minutes to go, a victory looked likely but... a hard hit from the right... a deflection... a well-taken goal, and Colleges were back in the game; although at this stage the university came back well and Rob Fishburn created a good scoring chance for

himself with two minutes to go, but he was tackled, and so the University must now take a point from Leicester to be certain of qualifying for the area semi-final.

On reflection this was a good result for, despite the potential of our players, we cannot hope to match the professionalism of Colleges, but in one department we could have sewn the game up... short corners. Five of these came our way and with this on the whole few and far between at a good standard of hockey, a good percentage must be converted into goals.

Finally, a word for Peter Longman, having been chosen to play for the Hockey Association against London University on Wednesday, he has turned down this opportunity to play for the University against Leicester University in the U.A.U. (



Goalmouth action in the U.A.U. match v. Loughborough at West Hills.



The second four (far side) leading against Leicester.

First open meeting reveals

Indecision in Working Party

THE Working Party on Constitutional Change held its second meeting on Thursday, at which observers were allowed to be present for the first time.

The most notable fact in the meeting, which lasted for one and three-quarter hours, was that no decision was made on any of the several matters discussed, and the meeting consisted mainly of various members putting forward their own views without much progress being made in discussions.

Professor Lafitte referred to the Select Committee recommendation that University constitutions should be more flexible, and called Senate a "Professorial Staff Association" and the Court of Governors "a ludicrous

body." He made little positive suggestions as to the reform of the constitution, or to the form of the Commission.

Several suggestions as to the lines along which the Commission should work were made, but the insistence of the Guild representatives that it should be stipulated that the Commission be a democratic body was objected to by the other members of the meeting.

Milo Turner said: "Contemporary views are democratic, therefore there is no need to lay this down as a rule." There was then a long discussion on the semantics of the term "democracy." Although it seemed as though a vote was necessary to restore the difference of opinion, this was not taken despite Doug Reid's appeal that the meeting should make decisions.

After discussion of terms of reference for the Commission, the question was raised as to whether rules should be laid down for it. Many members felt it should be given a blanket term of reference to investigate any relevant aspect of the university. Since the body would be "democratic" it would somehow unearth all relevant material without needing terms of reference, it was felt by Professor Lafitte and others.

The constitution of the Commission was also discussed, but again no decisions were made as to whether this should have a revolving chairman, as the Guild representatives suggested, and if it should be composed of members of the University or outsiders.

Although 14 places were available for student "auditors," only seven of these were filled. They found, however, that it was difficult to follow much of the discussion as the papers before the meeting were not available to them.

Setback to tenants' campaign

Yesterday a group of tenants attended a City Council meeting. John Brooks, Chairman of Balsall Heath and Highgate Tenants' Association, demanded that they be allowed to put their case to the Mayor.

Police were told to eject Mr. Brooks and another member of the Tenants' Action Group who had not at that time spoken. This move was followed by complete uproar in the Chamber and the Gallery, and Council members were forced to adjourn the meeting. The police were then ordered to clear the public gallery.

As a result of the clash, Mr. Brooks fell down a flight of stairs and is now in hospital.

It is also reported that a number of women who were forcibly removed are also in hospital.

LATE NEWS

Friday, 7th Nov Late Nite Film
11.30 p.m.
"MARNIE"

BIRMINGHAM

ARTS

LAB.

312 Summer Lane

Tel. 359-4192.

Sat., 8th Nov. The Portable Theatre
8 p.m.

"CHRISTIE IN LOVE"
Midland Premiere

Sunday, 9th Nov. Progressive Light
Folk 8 p.m.

'FOREST'
in Concert



Roger Hird speaking at last week's E.G.M. Story: Page 3.

New slant on learning

"I will be disappointed if anyone has listened to every word I said; it would show that your minds have stopped working."

This was one of the ways in which Raymond Williams, Cambridge Lecturer and author of books on culture and society, illustrated his theories on learning at yesterday's Open Lecture, on the subject of "The Teaching Relationship."

He made a number of interesting statements on the subject of learning and managed to defend the process of learning without appearing either reactionary or wildly revolutionary.

He said that open academic

authorities took the challenge to the system frequently put forward by students as a challenge to learning, and therefore panic. But sometimes there were challenges to learning, and these were justified in circumstances where attempts to involve people in the learning process had gone to ridiculous lengths. He quoted some very amusing instances of this.

Experience

He stressed that learning should become part of the deepest side of man's nature and that any assessment system which impedes this process of deep learning is wholly wrong. Learning comes out of a normal experience of life, out of all man's needs and the total range of his personality.

He also talked about methods of learning and teaching, and about the constant redemption of the relationship between teacher and student. His talk started with the question of whether teaching was obsolete, but he obviously thought that it wasn't.

He went on to talk about self-discipline and the need to get an adequate background of facts, arguments and skills before starting to specialise in a chosen subject. But he said that the level of skill necessary for subsequent understanding of a subject was debatable.

ISRAEL WEEK

THE Jewish Society are holding an "Israel Week" next week, November 10th-14th. Functions include talks on "The Kibbutz," "Judaism and Modern Israel," "The East" and "Israeli Theatre." On Wednesday, 12th, there will be an Israel Party in St. Francis' Hall with wine, food, singing and dancing.

Next week, "Redbrick" features "A Plea for Peace in the Middle East" to coincide with Israel Week.

Aston rejects reform proposals

ASTON Guild Council have rejected the Austin Report on University Reform. It was felt that the report reflected the views of only an "Ad Hoc" committee of four Senate members, as opposed to those of the Council and student members.

Charles Pugh, Aston President, said: "Austin wound up the Working Party when the Senate members left, so their report cannot be considered official in any way whatsoever." Guild Council protested at the same time against publishing their report in the same paper as that of the Senate, but Mr. Pugh said: "As representations and observations on the reports came largely from the Senate, it is not therefore surprising that the majority report of the Austin Working Party should be passed over in favour of the minority report, already discredited by the way in which it came into being."

Asked what action would now be taken by Guild Council, Mr. Pugh said: "We want to see discussion reopened as soon as possible, and at a General Meeting of the Guild later this month to discuss the statement, we shall consider what recommendations to make to Council."

V.C's come together

THE Vice-Chancellors of Birmingham and Aston Universities have instituted monthly meetings to investigate possible fields of collaboration between the universities.

Fact-finding groups will be established in the first instance, and later joint working parties may be set up where necessary to make recommendations on areas of collaboration. The meetings may also be attended by Deans or Heads of Departments, as well as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Aston and the Deputy Principal of Birmingham.

Senate has also agreed that an approach should be made to Warwick University to consider similar collaboration in the arts and social sciences.

Wednesday
"BIG BEAR FOLLY"
with
TEA & SYMPHONY
LOCOMOTIVE
SACRIFICE
BLACK SABBATH
8 p.m. - 12 midnight.
DEBATING HALL - 5/-

Thursday
FILM SOC
"WOMAN OF THE DUNES"
Hiroshi Teshigahara,
1964, Japan.
HAWORTH LECTURE THEATRE

Friday
MANOR HOUSE
GUY FAWKES DANCE
8 p.m.
G.T.G. Production:
"LA MUSICA"—Duras
"THE OLD TUNE
"PINQUET"
DEB. HALL

Saturday
EVENTS COMMITTEE
DISCOTHEQUE
FOUNDERS' ROOM
8 p.m. - 2/6

Sunday
SUNDAY FLIC
"THE LEFT-HANDED GUN"
with Paul Newman.
FOUNDERS' ROOM
7 p.m. - 2/6