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Deb. Hall.

REDBRICK

FRESHERS
EDITION

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Price 3d.

Armless boy comes to university

AMONG the students coming to the University for the first time this week is 18-year-old Frank Letch who has no arms. Frank, who has been accepted by the University's French Department was turned down last year by five universities, including Birmingham, with the same qualifications he has now.

PRICE RISES HIT FRESHERS

1,200 new students pay more
for hops and food

AS OVER a thousand Freshers poured into the Union they were greeted with the news of price increases.

FOOD PRICES are going up to bring them into line with the University Refectory. Tea now costs 4d. instead of 3d., coffee goes up from 4d. to 5d. Fresh vegetables will also cost more in Union meals.

The weekly Union dance, the HOP, is going to cost 2/6, a rise of sixpence.

Catering Chairman Ken Overshott, commenting on the price increase said, "It's an unfortunate move, but we've had to make it. Since the Refectory opened our finances haven't been too healthy. Anyway, it's our policy to bring prices in the Union on par with those in the new Refectory."

Last term Catering officials announced that the Union was losing over £100 a week compared with a £700 a week profit the year before.

The surprise move of making the Hop 6d. dearer was announced by the Entertainments Committee Chairman, Alan Newall. "Hops were beginning to lose money," he said, "because of falling attendances and increased wages. Our policy is not to lose money on anything, especially the Hops, because these are our main source of income."

RECORD NUMBER

This year there are over 1,200 Freshers in Birmingham, a record. Over 1,050 are attending the Freshers Conference. There are now 4,941 students at the University compared with 4,766 last year. Present plans are for a 50 per cent. expansion over the next ten years but the Robbins Committee on Higher Education which reports later this year is likely to recommend a higher rate.

A new feature of this year's Freshers Conference was last night's free dinner. In past years 15/- has been charged.

Apart from this there has been little change in the Conference programme from last year. "The general idea is the same," said Mr. R. T. Jones, Union Secretary, "a day in the University departments and a day around the Union seeing what is going on. It worked well last year and I see no reason why it shouldn't this."

The departmental visits, which take place today, should give new members a good idea of the geography of their departments, and get to know their tutors before the routine work begins.



Photo: B'ham. Mail

Lodgings chaos back again

RELUCTANT LANDLADIES

THE lodgings situation this year is likely to be even worse than last, according to the Lodgings Warden, Miss E. M. Teverson.

"In general people will have to travel farther this year," she said. "Lodgings near the university are in very short supply. We hope to have everybody fixed up by the time they arrive on Thursday, but we are at the moment working from day to day and cannot rule out the possibility of some difficulty on the first day of the Freshers' Conference."

Last year and the year before many people arrived in Birmingham without having the faintest idea of where they were to live.

The main problem appears to be that many landladies do not continue to take students after the long vacation, either because they cannot keep the rooms vacant for three months, or because it is just a convenient time to give up, and that it takes time to get new addresses on to the list.

USA-bound Prof.

PROFESSOR E. A. Peel, head of the universities' Education Department, has been awarded a Fellowship at the Centre of Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California. He starts in November this year and will specialise in children's learning and thinking processes. The Centre exists to enable scientists to perfect their techniques of behaviour research and training.

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SALES STAFF

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SPECIAL MEETING FOR FRESHERS:
Tuesday, October 1st, 12.30

LATE NEWS

IF I HAD A HAMMER . . .

BOTH the senior and junior British hammer-throwing champions are now working at the university. Howard Payne, the British senior champion, is returning to his position in the Physical Education department, while Peter Aston, the Junior A.A.A. champion and the first junior to throw over 200 feet, is starting as a fresher in the physics department.

THE university announced during the long vac. that it is to establish new open-entrance scholarships worth £100 a year from the beginning of the 1964/65 session.

About 30 scholarships are to be awarded each year, to students who are just entering on first degree courses; those just starting their last year at school will be able to try for them during the coming year.

Holders of the scholarships will be known as "university scholars" and each will receive an annual payment, over and above their normal county grant, of £100. Men and women are equally eligible for the awards.

Look what you just missed

INTRODUCING ...

... OURSELVES

Hopes running high again

LAST Easter, at the Student Journalist Conference in London, "REDBRICK" was voted the best student newspaper in the country. This award came as the climax of a good deal of hard work by a large number of people, many of whom still remain on the staff.

As a result, hopes run high for another successful year; circulation figures are rising, advertising is increasing, and the quality of material and design continue to improve.

"REDBRICK" is fundamentally a NEWSpaper, aiming to present the Birmingham student with current Guild and University affairs as well as with things of interest going on in the City and elsewhere.

Working on "REDBRICK" takes time, but judging from last term's exams results for members of the staff, there's no reason to assume that students' academic careers will suffer.

Editor

The paper's editor is Chris Buckland, a third-year E.P.S. student, while Tim Austin, third-year English, is Assistant Editor. Bob Bootle, 3rd Commerce, who has been on "REDBRICK" staff for many years, has been appointed Advisory Editor, and other editorial positions are—Nigel Harris (News), William Irwin (Features), Ray Cochrane (Sport), and Steve Leach (Reviews).

Any Freshers wishing to join the staff in any capacity whatsoever—reporter, salesmen, photographer, for example—

MERMAID: UPSURGE

MERMAID is flourishing for the first time in many years. At last Birmingham University can claim to possess a literary magazine of the glossy, Oxford-speciality type, whose aims are good writing about anything of interest.

Contributions from scientists are as welcome as those from artists, for the magazine is not a literary clique. Anyone wishing to contribute to this term's edition should get in touch immediately with the Editor, David Bird, in his office on the second floor of the Union.

Photo: Pete Murray

Brian Gatward, Chairman of GTG.

A Career in the service of Children & Young People

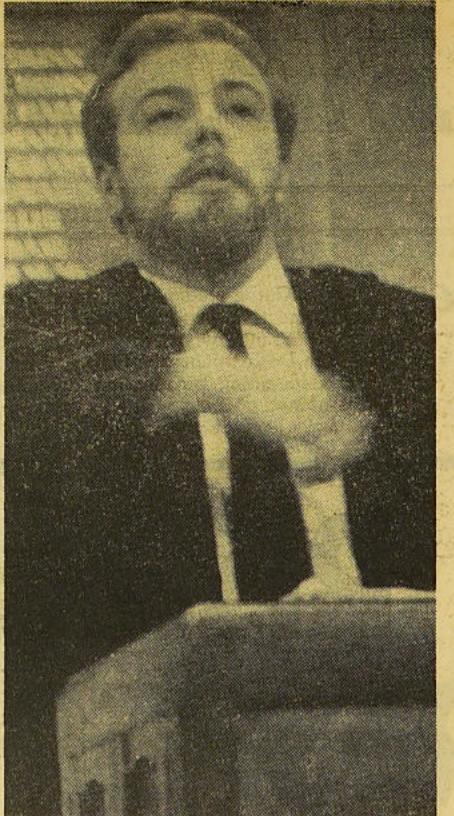
THE CHILD CARE SERVICE, including residential posts such as are satisfying and worth while. CHILD CARE OFFICERS, most of whom are employed in the children's departments of local authorities, play an important part in the care of the many thousands of children and young people who, for various reasons, cannot live in their own homes. They consider applications of children to live in their homes and to be boarded out with foster parents or cared for in children's homes. They also help parents who have difficulty in looking after their children and can reunite them so that the children can return home.

TRAINING COURSES are available for the work of a child care officer are provided at a number of universities. These include post-graduate general courses in social casework and special courses in child care. Candidates for the one-year courses beginning in October each year must have university qualifications in social science. There are courses for those interested in subjects other than social science. More applications from men would be welcomed.

SALARY on appointment by a local authority as a child care officer after training may rise to £1,040 per annum, although some authorities may offer higher scales according to experience.

COVENANT & CREDIT AGREEMENTS are required for challenging work in APPROVED SCHOOLS. The primary concern of these staff is the welfare, social re-education and leisure activities of the boys and girls in their charge. Graduates are eligible for appointment on a scale rising to £1,050 (under review). There are also opportunities for training in TEACHING INSTRUCTORS in a wide range of subjects. Graduates can apply after suitable experience for one-year university courses of training to improve their qualification for posts in approved schools.

Candidates accepted for training may be considered for Home Office grants. WRITE to: The Central Training Council in Child Care (J.1), Home Office, Thames House South, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

ONE LONG PROTEST
.. Politics: the importance of being earnest

UNIVERSITY Politics are conducted in Deadly Earnest; their protagonists consider themselves to be deciding The Fate Of The World, and have a monumental inability to laugh at themselves. This tends to make their activities seem a little overblown to the outsider, until he discovers their basic secret, which is that whatever they may move, decide upon or debate, they don't actually have to pay any attention to the realities of political life.

Socialist?

For example, are you a socialist? Left-wing, of course? Then there is the Socialist Union. This is socialist in the best traditions of Keir Hardie, hunger strikes and Righteous Indignation, which naturally has only the most tenuous connections with the modern Labour Party and the Wilson school. One might say it fits where it touches.

An orthodox Labour Party supporter can either therefore waste away in the wilderness or start a Labour Party Society of his own, or if he must join something and is not too touchy about his convictions, join the Liberals. The Liberals form the last resting place of those who wish to do something constructive.

The fact that none of them agree on the form of the action only makes things more interesting.

The Conservative & Union Association, as its name implies, was last heard of in about 1938 CND, split by internal dissension last year, is steadily losing ground. You could always join the Anarchist Society, of course. This stands for Freedom and revolt, and anything that has been around for more than 5 months (e.g. the V.C. REDBRICK Exec). It doesn't believe in committees, so if you're just plain power-hungry you'd better join the Liberals anyhow.

N.B.

WALL: CRAZED

A CRUEL man was once heard to observe that "Wall" was up the creek. This is probably the opinion of the majority of students, but for those that are slightly crazed and enjoy the riotous humour of the "Private Eye" type, the "Wall" newspaper, and its Editor, Andrew Barrow, will be welcome contributions and ideas.

One thing you won't be short of is advice.

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DEB. SOC.: A PLACE TO BE HEARD

THIS evening something like

1,000 Freshmen will pack themselves into the Union for their first taste of University Debating.

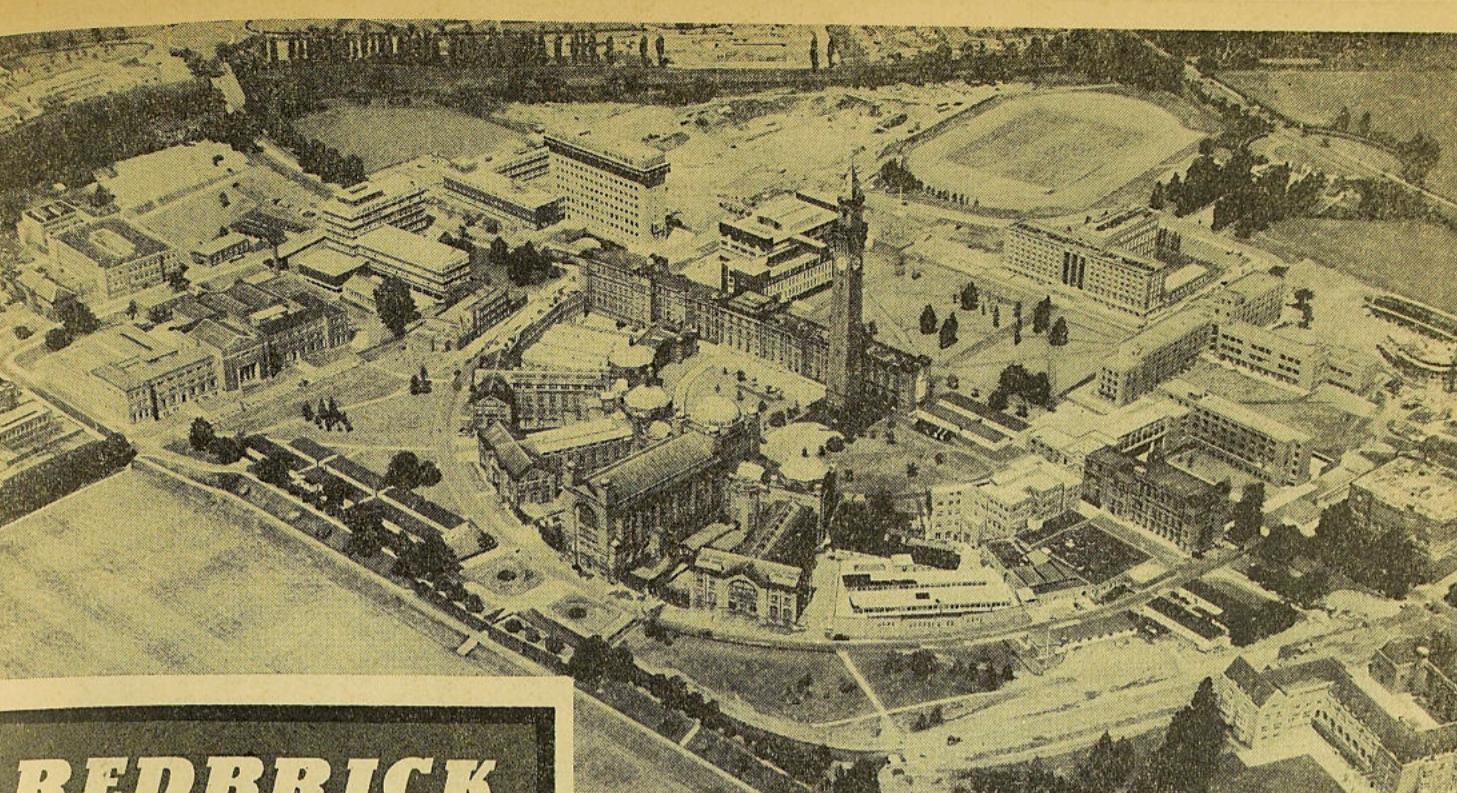
If you have views with a pipe will be the Chairman, Mr. Andrew Allen, who won both the Freshers' and Open Tournaments last year. He will be watching for an influx of new talent to replace the casualties of a year's wrangling over Sex, Religion, Politics, Union Hops and the Lodgings Warden.

Sucking contentedly at his gavel and smiting the

Debating Society, the prime forum of student opinion, is the place to be seen. If you are an extrovert it is the place to be seen.

Deb. Soc. gives you an opportunity to improve yourself, to edify your fellow students, and to make your mark upon University life.

REDBRICK NEEDS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS



REDBRICK comment

The Birmingham University Newspaper

Read this, you lot!

So.

After months of nail-biting you are safely installed in a University. But you can't leave your nails alone yet because there are plenty of new problems for you to sort out. How much work to do, or how little, how many societies to join, what the digs will turn out like, whether you'll get on with your tutor or not.

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PRESS POST

PAID VAC. WORK IS NECESSARY

SIR.—It is unfortunate that the University authorities have

not yet reconciled themselves to the inescapable logic of paid vacation work. To preach academic integrity, enthusiasm and unsparing effort is all very well, but it fails to acknowledge that men live by bread, if not by bread alone.

A more realistic approach is essential. And "realistic" does not mean simply turning a blind eye to an undesirable, if unavoidable, disruption of the student's intellectual development.

At the least, it means facing the situation with honesty, and allowing students to spend five or six weeks in a factory without their developing a guilty complex in the process.

At best, it means acknowledging the undoubted benefits to

THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

SIR.—Scarcely has a new term got off to such a mixed start. The University authorities have to be congratulated on the new waste-paper bins, the first external w.p.b.s in the place. Let us hope that they are used, and last better than Birmingham's National Benzole monumum and best results.

Yours, etc.,
W. ORWIN.
ANDREW ALAN JONES.

SETTING FOUNDER'S ROOM ALIGHT

SIR.—I write to remind all Freshers about one item which has unfortunately been omitted from the Conference programme.

I refer of course to the Murus Ignitus ceremony, to be enacted

during the course of the first

session. As tradition dictates,

the far end wall of this excellent

room will be carefully isolated

at 9 p.m., sprayed liberally

with petrol and set alight.

At 9.02, loud applause,

this year's Guardian of the Mural,

Mr. F. Grupin, will enter, to ob-

serve tearfully the Drooping of

the Colours.

As soon as the flames die

down all members may throw

glasses of Birmingham "Beer"

at the ruins. Moments later the

tannoy will screech familiarly,

"All members are requested to

clear the Founder's Room," and

to an even darker spot than be-

fore. This is an economy year?

Yours in doubt,

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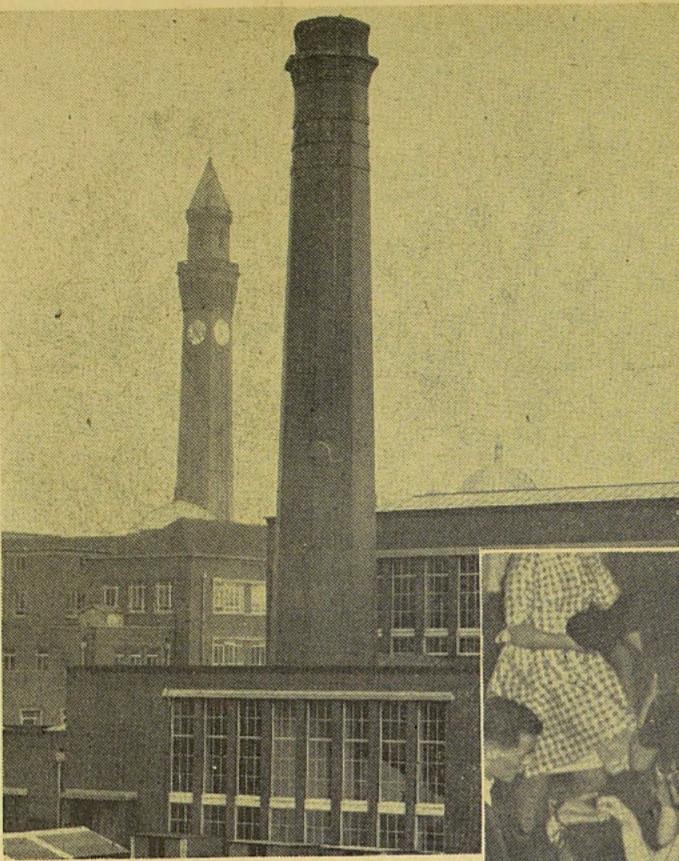
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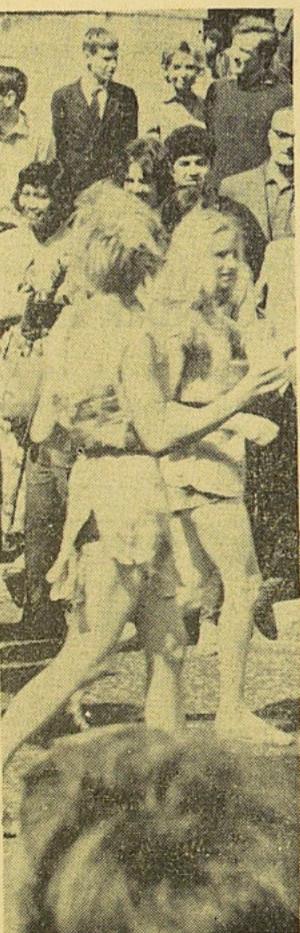
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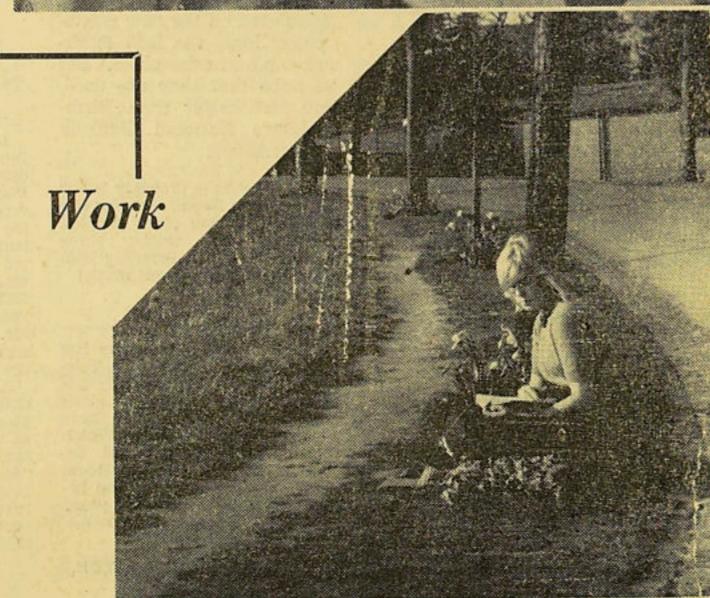
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Buildings



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People



university mélange

By Pete Murray
& Arthur Burgess



A view from the top — the Vice-Chancellors UNIVERSITY REPORT

THE PAST

It is quite creditable—63 years of it—but I wish there were more time to read about it.

THE PRESENT

The Council is working very hard, and all for love of the University. Some of its members put in a great deal of time supervising the planning and construction of new buildings. Everyone is pleased with the new Refectory and the Staff House. The Biology building and the Commerce and Social Science building will soon be ready for occupation; they will be occupied at once. The Physical Education Centre has been started. The Playing Fields at Wash Hills are being levelled and prepared. High Hall and Ridge Hall are late, thanks to last winter's severity, but Ridge Hall will be ready in January. The six score girls who are its foundation members will be the private paying

guests of members of the staff and of the Guild of Graduates during the autumn term.

The Academic Staff is nearly up to strength in numbers and more than up to strength in standards of teaching and research. The amount of individual and small group teaching is increasing. There are some new courses and some redesigned courses, both for undergraduates and for graduates. Inter-Faculty Studies are being modified and improved. The students? There will be five thousand of them this session, including nearly one thousand graduate students. There is nothing much wrong with the students. I hope they say thank you now and again to all those people I have mentioned—and Mr. Jones.

THE FUTURE

More buildings. More staff. More students. More work.

The present target is an increase of 50 per cent in student numbers in the next ten years. And the Robbins Committee will probably recommend the Government to invite us to speed that up! Given the money, it would not be too difficult. The only serious danger is that, with so many people about, we lose touch with that which is happening in other departments or other parts of the University than our own. There won't be time to talk to everybody. But we can all read. Good writing spreads information quickly. The University will look for this in REDBRICK.

The vice-chancellor, Sir Robert Aitken, sums up the University for Redbrick.



I know a bank...

EXAMS... ... and the secrets of success

BY STRABISMUS

Forty years on... and will you still be working in the same subject as the one you are just starting? Imagine the year 2003 AD. Will you still be pulling teeth, getting people divorced or finding a last resting place for sewage?

If the thought makes you wince, NOW is the time to ask yourself "Am I studying the right subject?" Three years from now will be too late.

Amiable pipe-smoking gorillas will advise you "take part in Guild activities" "if you don't, you ought to be at a technical College," is their warning. What then? Renaissance Men don't tell you is how to find the time to take their advice. I do.

MORTAL

Some members of staff (who got their 2As on a couple of lucky questions in Finals, usually) will take it as a mortal insult if you aren't working in the library until nine every night. Some people actually do this. You need not.

Stage One comes when the reading lists are handed out. Many of them are like miniature editions of the Encyclopaedia Britannica and about as useful.

Go to the second year of your course and discover which are the really necessary books.

spare time is filled by other activities. Believe it or not, employers actually like graduates to have knowledge of subjects other than their own.

As the Easter vac. draws near, you begin to slip into top. Get copies of the papers from earlier years (you're all in the library) and work up the answers to the most frequent questions.

Some departments go so far as to analyse question-frequency on a computer but this has always seemed a little unnecessary to me.

ANSWERS

As you work on the answers, read through your books twice. Take it easy the first time; get the feel and shape of the subject firmly in your mind. Then, the second time, read through slowly and carefully, making notes as you do so. If the information doesn't stick this way, it never will.

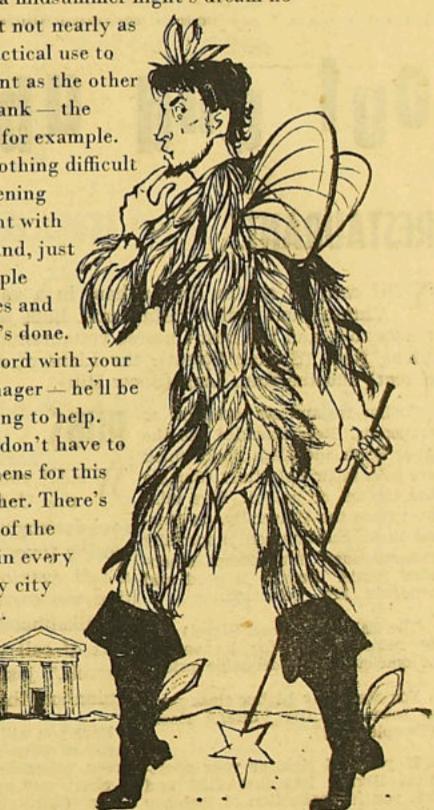
Don't over-exert yourself in the summer term. Just keep up the pace you should have built up to by the end of the Easter term and cruise smoothly through the pre-exam period while everyone around you cracks under the strain.

As you walk into the Great Hall on the first day of the exams you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your understand your subject as well as the ashen-faced wrecks alongside you, and that you are in a far better position to answer the questions.

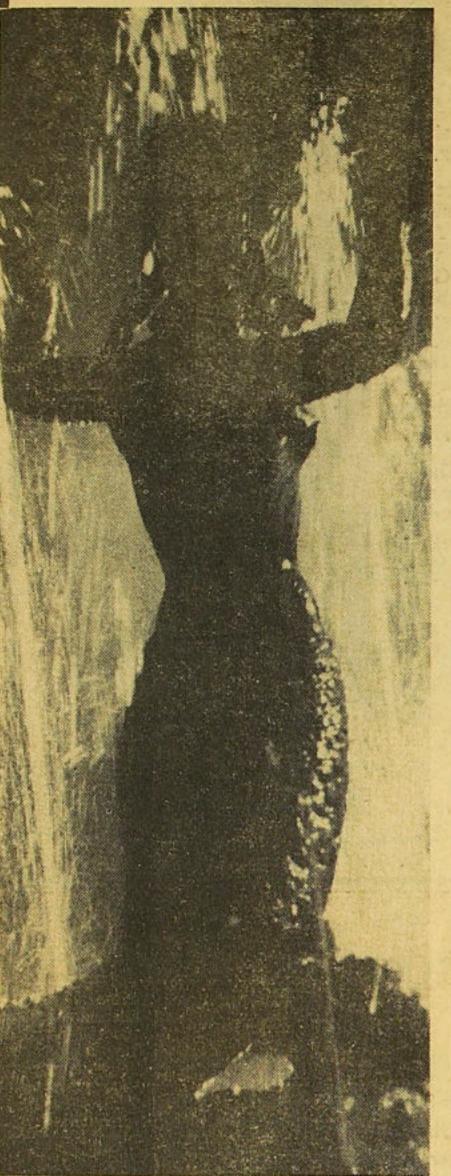
If after all this you STILL do badly, remember that a Nottingham University survey showed last year that next to Firsts, Ordinary Degrees earned their owners the most money ten years after qualifying! You can't lose.

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ALL A QUESTION OF PRIORITIES

by Senex

HERE you are then: all panting refugees from homework, canings, swotting and rat-racing. At last you've managed it: all new members of a seat of higher learning, flushed with success, raring to go, and, if you are anything like I was, confused and punch-drunk with advice, welcomes, homilies.

The thing to do is to smile nicely and always say "Yes." This will undoubtedly give your mentors and dutch-uncles a deal of encouragement, but at least you can quietly switch off and get down to thinking out your own objectives, ambitions and philosophies. That's what's important. Not how many hours a day you have been advised to spend in studying; not how many societies you can reasonably afford to join; not even how far to humour your landlady so that you can last out the year.

Think

Get your priorities sorted out—now. Before you plunge into what can be a very confusing and tempting social whirl in the Union, work out exactly what you expect to get out of a University life, and, more important, what you aim to put into it.

On the face of it, you're here to work, to get a degree, to get a good job in one of the professions. Of course. And no doubt you will do it, which ever way you choose. If you're brimful of intellect and see the University as a place where you can get a first class honours, the library is the place for you—bags of it—too much of it.

• Mermaid symbol of the Guild, offers the opportunity of a lifetime.

If you're over-anxious about your abilities, intend to spend three years driving yourself into the academic ground, and are already scanning the campus for a hermit's cave to work in, you can be that too. Nobody will blame you. Some will say, "Well done." Others will feel that you've missed something—you might, too.

A university is big and diverse enough to accommodate all kinds who are lumped under the stark heading of "student." That's one

of the most interesting things about it. Having a close look at people who are of your own age but who differ enormously in temperament, outlook, aptitudes, objectives, can be one of the most stimulating experiences a university can offer you.

But you won't find many in the library, or in the Guild's cave. Birds of a feather . . . You will find them if you look for them, and you'll profit from having met them if you think that this sort of experience is worth while. If you don't think it's worth while, maybe you're in the wrong place.

The aim

I'm not trying to kid you into spending all your time in making social contacts, nor into lounging for hours on end in the Union (yes, there are those, too). That's what I mean by sorting out your priorities. It's a bit hard at first, but it comes with practice. It's more than adjusting the "work/leisure" balance which doubtless you've already heard about. You've got to do this, of course, and there'll be people to help you do it.

What you've got to do, and what only you can do for yourself is, as I said, work out what you want. Let's face it, you're going to be

here for three years, and not any three years. The youth and manhood—so-called—sententious, but it's a point making if you believe in like rounding your circle, widening your scope of getting to know yourself up. This is the place to do that, but it's got to be a

aim.

• A bird in the hand is worth two in the crush . . .

a loose end on Saturday nights? •

feeling insecure? If so . . .

Would you like to dance weeth me fren? •

HE is the most beautiful girl in the Hop. She has breasts, a flat behind, no squint, and you have beaten 3.87 other men in the rush to grab her at the end of the last quick-dance. Just as you are wondering if there is any chance of smuggling her into your digs without waking up Mrs. Wutheringshaw (who has chronic insomnia and ears like an elephant), the music stops.

Your Beauty draws back a little, smiles dreamily past your left ear and murmurs in rest Erdington, "Would you like to dance weeth me fren?"

Gist

You know this friend. She is the Unmarried Daughter Next Door; she is The Girl Whose Mother Didn't See that Union as something to explore. She is The Brace on Her Teeth; she is The Hanger-On to It's great fun and it's very's Coat-Tails (or whatever Venus wears). That's the gist, then.

It is only along the lines of these individual encounters that anything can be said against Hops. Morally speaking they are incredibly pure.

The Entertainments Committee patrol does the rounds regularly while the dance is on; strolling round the remotest corners of the Union . . . well, most of the remotest parts; and cases of people breaking in are commendably infrequent.

There is only one escape from Venus-Beauty's friend. Launch a swift punch at the solar-plexus of the nearest Adonis-type (there are usually several lurking near a Beauty) crying as you do so, "You're the swine who ruined little Annie!"

Despite the popular impression in some higher quarters, there is no immorality at Hops. With all these precautions, how could there be? The immorality takes place outside the University, afterwards.

Or one assumes that it takes place, from all the big talk to be heard in the following week.

Just how much of it is true, no-one knows. Not very much, one would think, judging from the number of people at the Hop actually with girls.

Any observer can see that about 70 per cent of the audience there just stands around to watch the dancing. This 70 per cent is composed of those unfortunate with no girl and no dancing ability who feel that attendance at the Hop is a form of virility symbol which they cannot neglect.

Once there, they are far too nervous to actually DO anything.

So they form a large, odorous

alcoholic mob at one end of the Hall where they can incessantly bark at the other end about

"what they did last week." Happily, many of them grow out of this stage and look back upon their spiritual progression as one of the liberalising effects of University education.

• Saturday night, and studies far away . . .

Wasted

And yet, The Hop fills in a Saturday evening which could only otherwise be wasted on academic work; for 800 people it is the cheapest evening in town; and over 70 per cent of University girls marry University men. A fair number of these pairs must have met at Hops.

They must have something to be said for them if one is brave enough to go and see for oneself.

TAKE

The Economist

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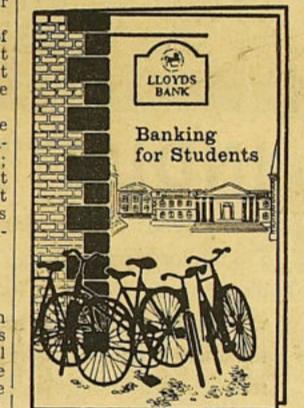
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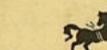
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Out and about in BRUM

RESTAURANTS

YOU can eat out in Birmingham in a varied collection of Chinese and Indian restaurants. Both service and food is reasonable, and the best Chinese restaurants are probably the Lieng Nam (Station Street), the Light of Asia (Corporation Street) and the Kam Ling (Snow Hill).

Indian restaurants are not so numerous. Recommended are the Anar Bagh and Shah Bagh which are both in Bristol Street. (Sample the biryani or pulao). Five minutes from the University, on Bristol Road, the Chamon is specially recommended for cheap, lunchtime meals. Service is good and students are welcomed.

The Salamis (Broad Street) can be recommended for its variety of omelettes at reasonable prices.

For a slightly higher class night in town, try the Vintage Room (Temple Row).

If you feel rich, or your great-aunt Bertha has just died and left you her collection of Regency silver, try the Midland, the Burlington, the Imperial, the Queen's, and the Albany (telly in the bedroom m'dear!).

R.L.B. These are both good, but if you

CLUBS

FOR twist and big-beat enthusiasts the choice of clubs in Brum is large even if the clubs themselves are invariably small. Many of them take up one or two rooms in a pub. The Station Inn and The Bournebrook—both in Selly Oak—have twist clubs operating there two or three times per week.

Further afield The Bull's Head at Yardley holds the Harrow Lounge Twist Club four nights per week. At this sort of club there is usually a tremendous atmosphere—made up of beer fumes, cigarette smoke, etc., and one big advantage for those nervous males who would like to dance but can't usually summon up sufficient courage to ask a girl.

Finally for the inmates of Chancellor's Hall and other high Society, the "White Swan" on the Harbourne Road is as pleasant a pub as will be found in Birmingham: low roofs, garden and skittle alley lend it an air of old-world charm.

T.D.A.

gently with the undulations

of the floor—

what a good dancer she

is . . .

what good dancing she



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• An incident from last Saturday's game between Birmingham and Ipswich. The Blues are doing better this season with home wins over Leicester, Bolton and Ipswich, and a draw with second-in-the-table aMnchester United.

SPECTATORS' SPORT by TIM AUSTIN

SPORT AROUND BIRMINGHAM

Midland soccer isn't that bad

FOR those of you who take a more passive interest in sport, and those active members who, while watching others perform think how much better they could do themselves, the city of Birmingham has much to offer.

Proud centre of three First Division football clubs (a third of West Bromwich's ground lies within the Birmingham city boundary, after all), one top-class county cricket side, one erstwhile top-class and several second-class rugby clubs, one of England's leading athletics clubs, several distinctly upper-crust golf and tennis clubs, a race-track, three greyhound stadia, several ten-pin bowling alleys, and a number of bingo saloons, Birmingham can truly be acclaimed as the Mecca of Midland sport (though Leicester City fans will doubtless dispute this vehemently).

Unless you come from London and support the Spurs, or from Liverpool and support Everton, you will probably enjoy an excursion some we

Saturday afternoon to see Aston Villa winning 1-0 with a scrambled last-minute goal at Villa Park, Birmingham City at St. Andrew's conceding goals in a way that only Wolves can surpass, or West Bromwich Albion running round in ever-decreasing circles at the Hawthorns.

It is all vastly amusing, proving that (a) you do not have to support any of these teams, (b) support Spurs or Everton, in which case you will leave at the and vowed never to watch another football match outside White Hart Lane or Goodison Park.

In the world of rugby, Moseley (when not furiously denying that they are in fact Coventry's necessary team) lay claim to being Birmingham's premier club. Indeed, they do possess the best rugby ground in the city, but a team that releases players of a calibre of Robins and Wightman within a year of each other must inevitably suffer on the field of play.

RUGBY

Amongst the other major club sides, Birmingham R.F.C. come almost as many points as Birmingham City A.F.C. and the Old Edwardians have a splendid off

This summer, Warwickshire astounded cricket followers throughout the country (and particularly those in Birmingham) by finishing well up in the County Championship table again. Much of their play was attractive to watch, and a visit to the County Ground at Edgbaston on a hot summer's afternoon during the examination period next June might be well worth consideration.

ATHLETICS

For the sporting gent, the dog tracks at Hall Green, Rinstone Heath and Perry Barr, and the race-course at Bromford Bridge should provide sufficient scope. Otherwise he can either play cards in the Union or go almost anywhere.

Birmingham is perhaps world-famous for top-class hockey, swimming and tennis amongst the major sports, but if you cannot find anything in the city to satisfy your sporting interests by being a spectator, you could always try playing something yourself. Even bingo.

NECESSITY'S SON
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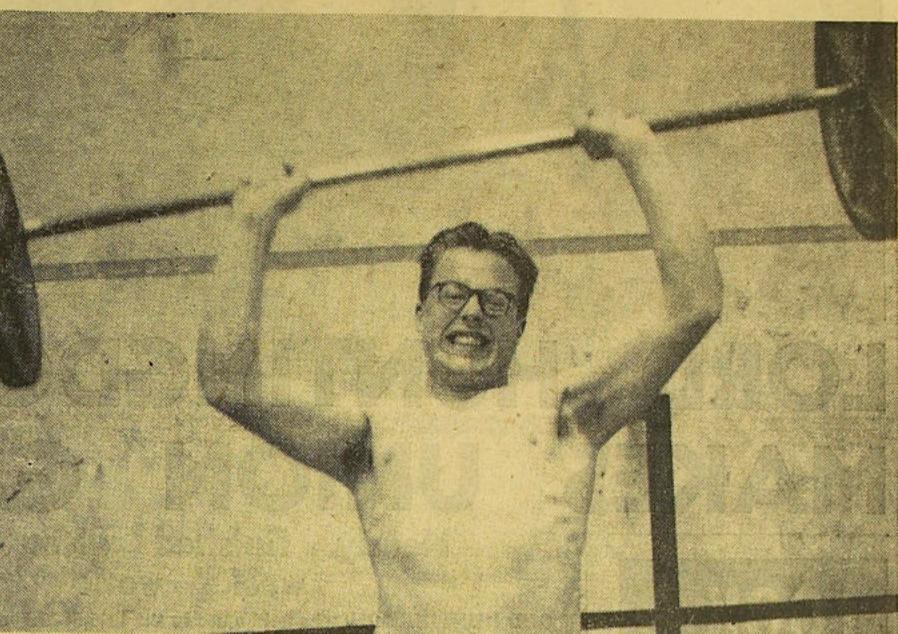
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AWAY FROM IT ALL

THE Physical Education Department Camp at Lake Coniston in the Lake District has again proved to be a success. Held over a six-week period this summer, with weekly or fortnightly changes in personnel, the camp has given plenty of enjoyable exercise to a large number of students.

sports comment

Objective and accurate

DURING the coming year it will be the aim of the "REDBRICK" Sports Pages to provide you with objective as possible, but on the other hand, subjective sport, with particular emphasis on sport in Birmingham University.

Reporting of matches will always be as accurate and objective as possible, but on the other hand, subjective views will always be welcomed. Special feature articles on some sporting topic will probably put forward views with which you will disagree; if so, write to us, via the "REDBRICK" pigeon holes in the new entrance hall of the Union, and if there is space your letter will be printed (unless, of course, you do not wish it to be!).

Sport, like sex, religion and politics, is a subject that throws itself wide open to controversy; like them it should be debated, discussed, argued. Let the Sports Page of "REDBRICK" be the firing point from which you launch your arguments.

The entire organisation of the Union depends on people co-operating with each other, and this goes for the Sports Page of this paper as well. We need the co-operation of Club Captains and secretaries who kindly submit reports for publication.

May I ask the captain and secretaries to put their reports into the "REDBRICK" pigeon holes NOT LATER than the SUNDAY before publication throughout the year.

Finally, an appeal to the Freshers. If you are interested in Sport and would like to write about it, come to the "REDBRICK" offices next Tuesday at 12.30 p.m. to join the Sports Staff; the more the merrier, and everyone will be welcome and useful.

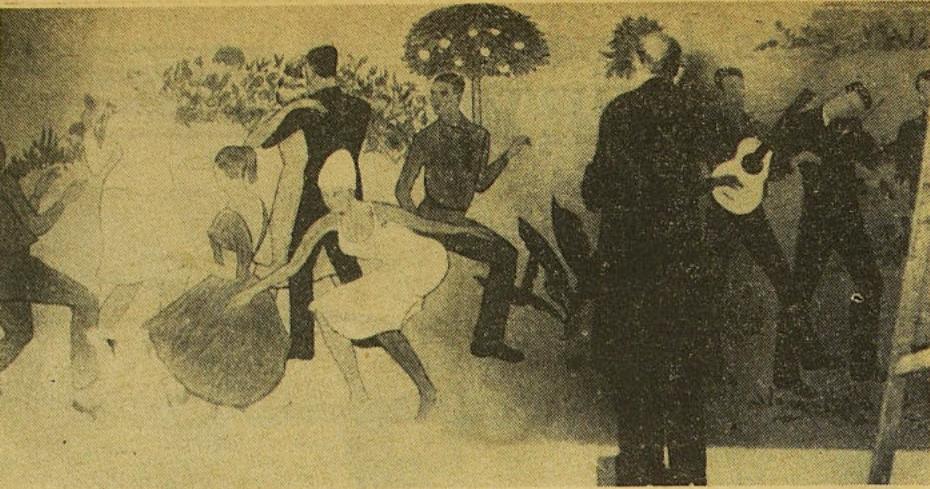


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LORD HUNTINGDON MAKES UNION GAY

Nearly finished after six weeks' work

LOOK ROUND

BIGGER attendances at the June Academic Festival this year. Total attendance was nearly double that of last year, as were the attendances at the lectures. The Committee organising the Festival states that if attendances continue to rise the Debating Hall will probably prove too small in future years. "AFTER all, it is not a criminal offence," commented Dr. Lynn, lecturer in psychology at Exeter University, recently dismissed from his post as warden of a men's hall after airing liberal views on the subject of girlfriends in men's rooms. "I don't believe it is the job of the university to stop this sort of thing."



THE CASE OF THE DREADED

SIGN-BENDER

THE University Police have no idea who have bent many of the sign-posts on the campus. Considerations of height and strength required, imply that the offenders are tall and strong, and therefore, physically, not small.

The benders struck repeatedly before the majority of students returned to Birmingham. It is most likely that the culprits were among the schoolchildren, who visited the "Sunday Times" Science Fair. They already bear the responsibility for damage done to the Haworth building during the Fair.

Bending goes on in spasms through the year, but this spate has been something of a jamboree. Those responsible should know that the signs have to be straightened by a man with a block and a hammer—which gives employment to someone. And, that the next time they exercise their strength, they will find the signs much tougher. This is due to the fact that all this bending causes the metallurgical phenomena of work-hardening.

LORD HUNTINGDON, who held office in the 1945-51 Labour Government, and one of Britain's top mural artists is painting the Founder's Room wall in the Union.

"I want this mural to be a gay, happy scene in keeping with the character of this room," he said.

In addition to his parliamentary activities, he was chairman of the Committee Society of Mural Painters, 1953-57, started painting murals whilst living in America before the war. He was a pupil of Diego Rivera, the Mexican artist. "I prefer painting murals to pictures," he said. "A mural has to fit in with the tone of a room, there is so much to consider."

He wanted to paint his present mural specifically for a group of young people and was invited to choose a suitable wall in the Union. "Founder's Room is very well suited to a mural," he said. "The lighting is good and this is very important. Small pictures tend to get lost in a large room such as this, a mural is far more effective."

The idea of a mural for the Union first came up two years ago at Union Committee but nothing was done about it until the end of last term. "Rodney Klevan, last year's President, decided a realistic mural, something light and not abstract, would be best," said John Paling, President of the Guild.

"Lord Huntingdon decided that Founder's was the best

room for a mural. The bar had been suggested but the lighting there is unsuitable. I think this mural will suit Founder's atmosphere very well."

Lord Huntingdon has been working on the mural for six weeks and hopes to finish it within the next few days. "I first did a design and then an enlargement on the actual wall. I have used tempora paint for the work."

The mural will be left unvarnished for a few months, but it is probable that a light coat of varnish will be put on during the Christmas vacation. This will help to preserve it.

Opinions in the Guild varied. "I think a mural in Founder's is a good idea," said one member. "It brightens the place up a bit." "Murals like these went out with the 1930's" said another. "I prefer a blank wall to this or certainly the abstract paintings that were there before."

"It reflects the youthful vigour of the Union and provides a splendid contrast to the somewhat sober mural already in the Coffee Room," said a third.

Prof. gets medal

PROF. RUDOLF PEIERLS, currently Professor of Mathematical Physics, here, was awarded the Max Planck medal, the German equivalent of the Nobel Prize, by the German Physical Society at a conference of physicists in Hamburg recently. Professor Peierls, whose work with Otto Frisch in 1940 showed that the atom-bomb could be made, will take up the appointment of Wykeham Professor of Physics at Oxford later this year.

TV probe on effect of Varsity life

THE main effects of three years at university are, according to Geoffrey Wheeler, the BBC-TV interviewer, to make the undergraduate more ready to accept people as individuals and less prone to expect other people to take responsibility for his actions and his work.

Mr. Wheeler was talking to REDBRICK reporter after the completion of a TV project stretching over three years. Several Birmingham students, interviewed three years ago just as they were entering the university, were interviewed again just before the long vac.

The result will be seen shortly in a programme combining the two sets of interviews, which will try to bring out how the students' ideas and attitudes have been changed by his period spent at university.

"People come up to university with a lot of naive, pre-conceived ideas and an initial feeling of loneliness, both of which they

soon lose," he said. "The basic contrast over the three years can be expressed as between the feeling that everyone is in the know but oneself at one end, and the feeling that one fits even if one doesn't see anyone one knows all day at the other."

Hordes invade

Hordes of Birmingham schoolchildren were in and around the campus during the last week to view the "Science Fair", brainchild of Lord Brain, President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

BUILDINGS:

Big surge forward in Brum

• Artist peer goes to work painting his mural on the Founder's Room wall

THE university is at the moment in the midst of the biggest expansion programme since its inception over fifty years ago. Many new buildings are being occupied for the first time this term, and new halls of residence, sports facilities and vast extensions to university buildings are in the building or planning stage.

The ten-storey, £1½ million biology block will be mostly occupied by the beginning of this term, but is not expected to be fully functioning until next. The new Committee block, behind the library, is partly in use now, and further stages will come into operation until next Easter. Two new halls, Ridge Hall for women and High Hall for men, will take their first students between now and Easter, and four more are in the planning stage.

Future

Among the large-scale future projects, a sports centre will be partially completed by 1966 and will provide, in its first stage, a main gymnasium and a multi-purpose sports arena. Perhaps the most exciting idea in the expansion plan is the building, from 1965 onwards, of a university theatre, to be formed in conjunction with a department of drama. The theatre, which will be an important addition to the university's drama facilities, will probably be built near the Barber Institute and be completed by 1967.

Big developments are planned in the Pritchatts Road area, with new halls and departmental buildings all being built in this area of the campus.

NEVER HUNGRY ON SUNDAY

AS part of the drive to end the lodgings shortage, which is steadily becoming more acute, the refectory is to serve Sunday lunches from next Sunday onwards.

"It is hoped that people will now go more willingly into digs that only offer bed and breakfast all week," said the refectory manager, Mr. Humbert. "This Sunday opening is in the nature of an experiment and we are having great difficulty obtaining staff." To enable the refectory to have some idea of the numbers wanting the service tickets will be issued on the Thursday and Friday from the refectory office and the union for the following Sunday. There will be a flat rate of 5/- for the meal.

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