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Public fast for Vietnam

AN American Quaker on a lecture tour of Europe, George Lakey, is holding a public fast in Birmingham this week. The fast, which started on Monday and will go on until Friday, coincides with the Vietnam Moratorium and is a protest against the war in Vietnam.

From three until six o'clock each day, George Lakey will sit outside St. Martin in the Bullring Church to discuss the war

and the rising opposition to it.

"I have been in South Vietnam and seen first-hand the terrible suffering there," said Lakey. "Perhaps by this action I can remind people that the suffering goes on, and that they can work to bring my country to its senses. The widespread participation in the October Moratorium was encouraging, but we have a long way to go before a profound, international movement arises which not only can stop the Viet-

nam War but also prevent future massive violence against revolutionary movements in the Third World. Through an expression of international community in November we can take a step toward such a movement."

Lakey is lecturing here and on the Continent on non-violent action and the possibilities of revolutionary change, and is in Britain under the auspices of the Friends Peace and International Relations Committee of London Yearly Meeting.

'RACISTS OUT' SAYS E.G.M.

A GUILD General meeting yesterday demanded the resignation of members of the University ruling bodies who persist in maintaining political and industrial links with Southern Africa.

BY "REDBRICK"
STAFF REPORTER

Despite attempts by members of the Free Union and reactionary elements to sabotage the meeting by constitutional wrangling and pettifogging, the motion, proposed by Soc. Soc. member Pete Ullathorne, was passed overwhelmingly.

But it was over 40 minutes before the debate could commence. Interminable challenges to the chair and procedural motions, made worse by Martin Jenkins of the Free Union, who instigated votes by divisions through Deb. Hall doors, prevented discussion of the motion.

Proposing the motion, Pete Ullathorne declared: "We are concerned with a principle; we believe that support for racist regimes, whose policy of apartheid is repugnant to us all, is incompatible with what the University stands for."

"Firstly we want a clear statement from the University that it does not have investments in companies that make their money from Southern Africa, and if it does then we demand that it gets rid of them."

peralist regime than in an independent nation. His speech was greeted by a two-minute standing ovation.

The opposition consisted solely of interruptions and points of order raised by Tory Roger Hird, and various Free Union acolytes. No reaction has yet been received from the University, but plans are being made in the Union to press the policy and to escalate protest and the continuation of links with racism and imperialism.

TO COINCIDE WITH YESTERDAY'S E.G.M., "REDBRICK" PUBLISHES TODAY AN ENQUIRY INTO THE INTERESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF GOVERNORS AND UNIVERSITY COUNCIL. BRIAN MORRIS REPORTS ON PAGE SEVEN.

FASCISM

"Secondly we are stating that members of the ruling bodies of the University with political or industrial links with Southern Africa should renounce them or get out."

Brian Morris, seconding the motion spoke of the open support of the members of the present South African regime for German and Italian fascism during the last war, and outlined some of the links between the University and the exploitation and racist regime.

OPPRESSION

What secured the passing of the motion more than anything was the speech by a black South African student. In one of the best speeches heard in a general meeting for months, he outlined the effects of the oppression in South Africa on the black people. He decisively refused the argument that the Africans were better off after the im-



One small corner of the Leicester battlefield.

WELFARE DENIES LODGINGS SHORTAGE

THERE is no general shortage of students' lodgings in Birmingham claimed a Welfare Office spokesman this week.

There is, however, a distinct lack of certain types of specialised accommodation, particularly for overseas students who may require their own working facilities and other special considerations.

Married couples, too, will probably encounter difficulties in finding accommodation, particularly as there is a very

acute shortage of flats. The Welfare Office stressed, however, that the number of students in this university who had not yet found accommodation was very small compared to the numbers in some of the other Birmingham colleges.

A spokesman said, "The remedy, we feel, is to institute some kind of central clearing house to deal with this recurring problem at a higher level than the lodgings warden, both for our own benefit, and to aid students from other colleges in the city."

G.B.

UNION THEFTS

SEVERAL articles of personal belongings were taken from last Wednesday's post-Symposium Dance in the Debating Hall. These included items which had been placed in the staff cloak-room.

One member of "Redbrick's" staff had a handbag, containing a dissertation stolen, but this was subsequently recovered. Another lost a handbag and a purse, which were afterwards returned minus the cash.

Other people had coats and other belongings, which so far have not been found, taken from the Deb. Hall itself.

Last week a large sum of money was stolen from a disco in the Arts building but this, too, was recovered later.

Birming'm students at Leicester

Saturday's Anti-Apartheid demonstration involved about 100 students from Birmingham, one of whom was arrested and another who was taken to hospital. "Redbrick" looks at the demonstration, four days later. See Page Six.

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DISRUPTION

Why is it that every time an E.G.M. is called, we are subjected to the endless childish pranks of the same group of bloody-minded reactionaries? It's enough to scare away even the most avid political thinkers on the campus.

Whether they are part of the Free Union Movement or the National Front hardly matters—we can simply do without them. They serve only to clutter up the meetings with their personalised jibes and half-baked amendment—complete and utter "verbal diarrhoea."

Yesterday's meeting was important. It hit at the heart of one of this University's most severe frustrations—the dubious ruling élite.

How long can Birmingham stomach the autocratic powers of a business-orientated minority? One hopes not long. But while attempts to analyse the problems of government are disrupted in such an irresponsible manner, the day for reform will remain far distant. It may even go out of sight.

COMMISSION

AS reported in "Redbrick" last week, the Commission Working Party has, thus far, reached no conclusion on any matter of policy. Neither is there any reason to believe that any progress will be made at its meeting this afternoon. What is more, the Guild representatives have not put any consistent policy to the Working Party.

During these negotiations the Guild has made retreat after retreat from its post-Sit-In position. One of the central demands of last year was the abolition of Court, Council and Senate, and the demand for a Commission was directly linked to this prime issue. Now we see the Guild in a process of negotiating a Commission which will doubtless include representatives of these bodies. What makes this situation worse is the fact that Guild representatives see the Commission not as a means of negotiating for Guild demands, but as a medium for discussing future policy.

If anything can be learned from the experience of last year it is that one cannot gain from discussion with the authorities. Their interests are different from those of the students. The only contact from which students can benefit is direct negotiation on a student mandate.

Why is it that the authorities so much desire this Commission? Is it because of concern for the aspirations of the students? Or is it because they want a consultative body which can absorb student-activism for a couple of years? They seem to be succeeding in absorbing our negotiators even at the Working Party.

How much better could they do this in a Commission?

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The education process and the values of the civilised man

DEAR SIR,—As a postscript to the Symposium, I would like to make some comments on the Introduction to the current Guild Handbook, written by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. R. B. Hunter. I quote from this a paragraph in which he describes for first-year students the role of the University.

"What is this place? It is not like a school and I am not a headmaster. This is a place where people are trying to do not one but several things. Most students come to University to acquire some kind of increased knowledge or skill, but just as important is to develop personality and character and a consideration for others. A university is what is called an academic community—not

a political one, which some would like it to be." I would not question the Vice-Chancellor's statement that this institution is not a school and I would certainly agree that he is not its headmaster. Nor do I wish to query the fact that students at University gain new knowledge and skills. However, what does concern me is that the Vice-Chancellor seems oblivious to the real reason for this acquisition of knowledge and skills.

I study English, you study Engineering, and you study Social Science. A very small number of us will earn our living by research, both within and without the University. Many of us, especially in the Arts Faculty, will go into teaching. And many more will join the general administrative and executive class in government and industry.

The substance of the Free Union's campaign seems to be unreasoned criticism of the current structure of the Guild, and the campaign has not, so far, produced any actual suggestions for action other than "cheap food, cheap drink, cheap entertainment."

Cheap food, drink and entertainment are all very well but they are not going to satisfy me as a replacement for the socially and politically active Union we have at the moment.

I would readily admit that the Union is not all it might be and a certain amount of its committee structure is superfluous, but until someone produces a really superior alternative, it would be much wiser for those people who want to achieve reform to direct their energies to the University as a whole and to society in general.

Even if the Guild does need reforming there are so many other things which need it more; let's deal with those first, and think about the guild when everything else has been changed and improved.

Yours,
HELEN MIDDLETON.

Free Union fails to impress

DEAR Sir,—I have followed the proposals (such as they are!) of the Free Union group with interest, but so far they have completely failed to impress me.

Campus Neo-fascists elements

SIR,—The appearance of certain neo-fascist elements on the campus this term should not pass without some critical comment. This is especially true since these elements have been consistently building up a cover for their activities in the respectability of the Free Union movement.

It will have been recognised that the founding membership of the movement was largely drawn from the right-wing of the Conservative Association and the Monday Club. It will also have been discerned from the programme of the Free Union that it had no serious intention of making a meaningful intervention on the structure of the Guild.

What then is the raison d'être of this group? At yesterday's General Meeting we found the answer. The General Meeting was called by the Socialist Society to debate a motion on the University's connections and support for the white imperialist regimes of Southern Africa.

The opposition to this motion was very slight but the Free Union declared its policy against the motion and because they could not defeat the motion they made a concerted attempt to disrupt the meeting.

Not only were its policies on Southern Africa of an overtly racist nature but their methods at the meeting were reminiscent of the British Union or National Front.

And who were the representatives of the Free Union who made this stand? They were the well-known racists from the Law Faculty who started the Free Union, together with Martin Jenkins, the chairman of Con. Soc., and Roger Hird.

The Free Union has now disclosed its nature. Let us not believe their pious declarations of liberalism. Let us recognise the movement for what it is.

Fraternally,
H.
(name supplied)

letters

Challenge to Executive—a free unionist's creed

DEAR SIR,—Recent meetings and conversations culminating in the debate on Thursday have revealed to me the basic point of disagreement between myself and Executive as to the role of the Guild and my reasons for giving my entire support to the Free Union.

Executive believes that the Guild has a political and social role to play and a commitment to outside society.

I believe that the Guild has one commitment only,

namely, to its own members, and that it should restrict itself to the objects defined in the Constitution, which are:

"the furtherance and advancement of the educational purposes of the University by the promotion of intercourse between students of the University and by furthering the common interests of such students."

I believe that the majority of the Guild's members would support this interpretation of the Constitution.

I believe that the Guild at present is pursuing those objects in an unsatisfactory manner, and other aims con-

But it is not the purpose of this letter just to lament the situation. It is rather to point out the incompatibility of this aspect of the University's role with the other that the Vice-Chancellor puts forward—that of developing 'personality and character and a consideration for others.' (In my two and a half years here, the one single event which has most developed that particular facet of my nature was last year's sit-in.)

The Vice-Chancellor still avows that it is the aim of the university to breed civilised men—but if such men exist they surely do so independent of that part of the University that works to serve established society as outlined above.

It seems to me impossible to reconcile such disparate elements as the thinking, civilised man and the graduate-manager that the University produces, without debasing the term 'civilised' so that it comes to mean nothing but silence and blindness. Criticism and civilisation are made to mean opposite things.

I agree with the Vice-Chancellor that this University is an academic community, but only in the sense that all those who teach here have degrees, and most who study here soon will have. And he is right when he says that it is not a political community but, again, only in the sense that the University cannot afford to teach a critical awareness of values (for I hope the Vice-Chancellor's vision of the civilised man does not stick at that embodied in many Conservative Associations) at the same time as doing a good job at shoring up the country's economic and social structure by supplying its administrators and teachers.

The Vice-Chancellor seems to equate politics with something alien to the civilised man. But a civilised man must have values, and values are not worth much until they are acted upon.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE BRADBURY,
English III.

FREE UNION FLOPS AT DEB. SOC.

TWO members of the "Free Union" Group, Rob Levi and John Stobart, faced vice-president Rod Playford and Welfare Chairman Chris Haynes, in a debate last Thursday lunchtime in the Council Chamber.

The debate attracted a maximum attendance of only one hundred, but waned to Guild Council level by the end of the debate.

Rob Levi proposed the motion "That this House would support the 'Free Union'." He had a conglomerate of juicy quotes from Mike Terry's election promises. The Guild of Undergraduates had ceased to be a representative body for the majority of students, in his opinion. He suggested that Guild Council should be divided, so that a body existed to deal with the more routine business now dealt with by Guild Council.

Rod Playford, opposing, admitted that the Guild were far from perfect and was in need of drastic reform, but he could see little wrong with the present concept of Guild Committees. He defended the action of Guild Council in sending a coachload of demonstrators to Leicester for the "South African" demonstration.

John Stobart claimed that in his short stay in Birmingham he had found the policies of the Guild a great mystery. Too much of the Guild's money was mis-spent in certain spheres. He looked forward to the day when the Union adequately catered for the needs of students.

Chris Haynes, a sometime Electrical Engineer, was acutely aware of the internal problems of the University, but thought that the "Free Union" held no answers to them.

From the floor there was general dissatisfaction with the lack of real positive ideas from the "Free Union." Rod Levi was described as naive by Bob Wilkinson, a pre-debate supporter of the "Free Union." Mike Terry told the House that it was a hard life at the top and adequately went through the arguments for political awareness in the Guild. He further expressed approval for the principle of Mass Democracy. Elvin McDavid was quick to respond with a sweeping attack on the Guild; but the House still defeated the motion by 51 votes to 23, there being nine in abstention.

This week's debate will be at the normal time and place, 7.30 p.m. tonight in the Council Chamber. The debate will be against the University of Manchester on the motion "That the North of England feels inferior to the South—and is!" All are invited to attend.



Vice-President Rod Playford, nearing victory at the F.U. Debate.

Apology

LAST week, "Redbrick" published a photograph in connection with an article on the Chemistry Department. The caption read "Prof. Stacey." However, the picture was not of Professor Stacey and we should like to apologise for this error.

Missing magazines

Lake Hall J.C.R. Committee on Monday cancelled the J.C.R.'s magazines on the grounds that many of them were regularly stolen.

At a Special General Meeting, their decision was narrowly upheld by 28 votes to 24, after a stormy debate.

There was much discussion, including a motion of censure of the Council for cancelling the magazines without prior consultation of a General Assembly. The motion was later withdrawn.

A Welfare representative said that the visitors would be prepared to pay about 10/- for a bed or 5/- for floor space per night per person.

However he went on to say that the problem at the moment was that they had very few people on their lists who were prepared to offer this temporary sleeping space.

Record for mammoth hitchers

TWO Birmingham University girls are to receive recognition in the next edition of "The Guinness Book of Records" for a mammoth hitch last Spring term.

In a letter from the book's compiler, Norris McWhirter, Christine Elvery and Gwendolen Sherwin,

both in Geography III, were congratulated on their record-breaking hitch-hike and their time was officially confirmed.

The route was from Birmingham to Land's End to John O'Groats to Birmingham and 100 hours was estimated for the round trip. The two students, however, managed to complete the course in 77 hours, 50 minutes (actual travelling time 61 hours, 50 minutes) and establish a new record.

Although the event took place in March as a part of the Festival programme, the girls only informed the compilers a few weeks ago and were naturally surprised to hear of their coming inclusion.

STRIKER ALLEGES POLICE BRUTALITY

JOHN BROOKS, Chairman of Balsall Heath and Highgate Tenants' Association, accused the police of acting with extreme and unwarranted brutality at a recent City Council meeting.

by Steve Ward

This followed his ejection from the meeting after he had asked to put Balsall Heath's case to the Mayor. The gallery was also cleared by the police.

Mr. Brooks said that he realised he would probably have to leave the meeting but was prepared to do so quietly. The subsequent unprovoked police action put him in hospital; he intends to sue for loss of earnings.

Condemnation has also been received from other quarters. The Birmingham Trades Council expressed deep concern over the interference with people's rights to demonstrate their point of view.

A national investigation of the incident has been called for by the city's Labour Party, while the police are conducting their own inquiry, headed by a senior Manchester police officer.

The Birmingham General Purposes Committee, on the other hand, has praised the tolerance of the police.

The incident has earned more publicity for the rent strike, which the Council clearly aim to end as soon as possible. A meeting with Alderman Beaumont-Dark, Housing Committee Chairman, last Wednesday at Bush House, revealed a greater willingness to co-operate than hitherto.

The rent strikers from Winifred Grove and Alliance Place have therefore decided to pay the first month of their arrears. If they do not receive an acceptable offer from the Housing Department within 10 days, they do not intend paying any further rent.

Meanwhile, the majority of those withholding rents in Mary Street and Cox Street are maintaining a total rent strike. Several more families have recently joined them.

SOCIALIST CAPITALIST DEBATE

SOCIALIST Society is staging a debate next Wednesday on "State Capitalism," between the International Marxist Group and International Socialism. A local representative of International Socialism called the debate because of the failure of Michael Kidron in a similar debate against Ernest Mandel last week.

This is part of a national attempt to repair the damage caused by Kidron's failure to present any intellectual backing for the International Socialist theory of state capitalism. The meeting will take place next Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the private dining room.

Pre-school kids get special V.I.P. show

THE Volunteers in Public Service group has been invited to form a special group which will become active, it is hoped, before Christmas.

This is to be a group of students with special talents who would go out individually to playgroups and nursery schools to enrich the school programme. It could include a guitarist, who would sing folk songs attractive to four-year-olds, as well as students skilled in making puppets and running puppet shows, and even people capable of conducting simple scientific experiments.

V.I.P.s workers are holding a meeting on Monday, November 24th at 3.15 p.m. in the Education Building, Ground Floor Lecture Theatre, to discuss the progress of their work and to hear from some members about their activities. They will also be describing their work to visitors.

People interested in joining the scheme and committing themselves to three hours a week of regular service in one of the public social services are welcome, but the organisers point out that they are unable

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THE need for peace in the Middle East is unquestionable. Not only because many lives are being lost (an Israeli friend wrote to me that she meets most of her friends at funerals), but also because this unending war slows down any possibility of an answer to the economic and social problems both in Israel and in the Arab countries.

However, both sides have so far only put forward constructive proposals for making war, the question of peace being omitted. Why is this?

The Israeli Government insists that the present situation—the precarious cease-fire—can be changed only if the Arab governments start direct and open negotiations with Israel. Moreover, the Israeli Government refuses to state or even to hint what its conditions for peace may be. It says that only during the official negotiations with the Arab governments will it state these conditions, thus relieving the Israeli Government of constructing peace initiatives.

On the other hand, the Arab governments suspect that the call for direct negotiations is a trap. They assume that all Israel wants from them is recognition of its lawful existence. On their side they want retreat from cease-fire lines, repatriation of refugees and so forth. If they agree to direct peace negotiations they already accord Israeli recognition.

In other words they are giving Israel in advance what they want without receiving anything in return. After making such a mistake Israel could say at the negotiating table that it does not want to concede anything.

Thus a vicious circle is formed—one which allows the Israeli and Arab governments to postpone everything.

Peace is also delayed by genuine fears on both sides. Israel is gripped by a terrible fear of the danger of annihilation; she has justified reason, for Arab leaders, including the President of Egypt, Radio Cairo, and even high-school textbooks, all voice terrible threats against Israel. After the dreadful events in Europe during the 'forties, no-one has the right to demand the Israelis to shrug their shoulders in disbelief of such threats.

The Arab world, on the other side, is gripped by a violent fear of a threat of Israeli expansion into Arab territories. It is convinced that Israel is an expansionist state which will never rest satisfied. And they, too, have genuine grounds for that fear. The actual deeds of establishing settlements in the conquered territories lends suspicion that this is the official policy of Israel.

The root of the conflict is that there is no Palestine Arab state. According to the original United Nations partition resolution of November 29th, 1947, an independent Arab state was to be set up in those parts of Palestine which were not allocated to the Jewish state. Such an Arab state never came about.

The war, which the Arabs themselves started in order to prevent the partition of the country and the establishment of Israel, created new realities.

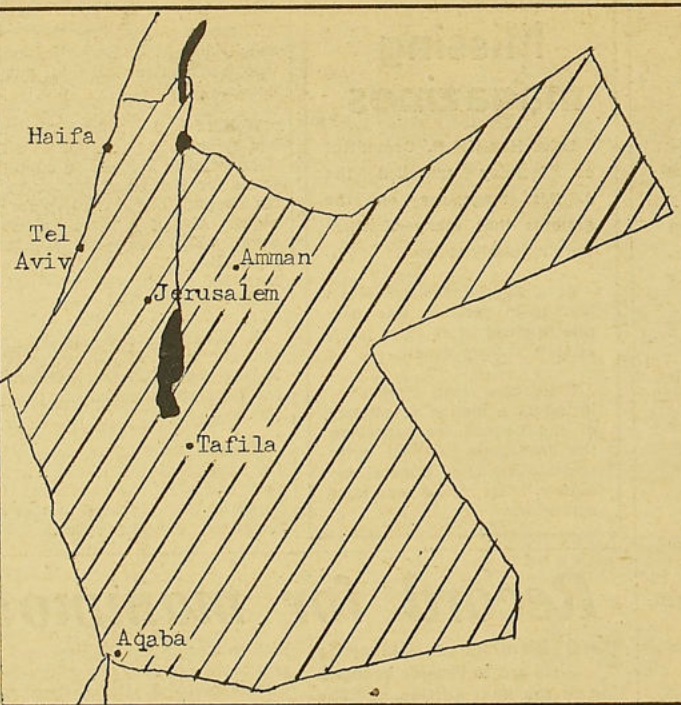
During the war, which Israel did not want, Israel conquered part of the areas originally allocated to the Arabs. The neighbouring Arab states, which sent their armies into Palestine in order to help their brethren, ultimately annexed the remaining parts of Palestine.

At the end of the war, Palestine had ceased to exist as a political entity: it was divided among Israel, Egypt and Jordan. Yet Palestine remained a mental reality. The Palestinians never resigned themselves to a fate which meant they had ceased to exist as a nation.

In Jordan, in the Gaza Strip, in refugee camps dispersed all over the

A plea for peace

A few weeks ago, 'Redbrick' published a special feature on Jordan. Here, CHARLES POLLICK, Chairman of Jewish Society, gives the other side to the story of the Arab/Israeli conflict.



Historical territory of Palestine (up to 1920)

region, the idea of Palestine lived on. Many Israeli leaders, however, deny the existence of a Palestinian nation. They have forgotten, they do not want to remember, that only 21 years ago, statesmen and even leading intellectuals negated, and still negate today, the existence of a Jewish nation.

The Palestinian leaders (in the form of various "fronts"), it seems, do not recognise the existence of a Jewish nation. Thus El Fatah talks of a free Palestine in which Jew, Muslim and Christian can live; side by side. That is, a Jew as such because of religion and not because of nationality.

The first step towards peace must therefore be the Israeli recognition of the Palestinian's nation's right to self-determination and of the Palesti-

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tinian nation's recognition of Israel's right to self-determination.

After the 1967 war, Israel faces three alternatives:—the first is to give the occupied territories back to the neighbouring Arab states. Very few Israelis think that that is either practicable or desirable.

At worst, it would mean that hostile Arab armies would appear again, sooner or later, in their old positions, 19 miles from the sea-shore of Natanya, 15 miles from the heart of Tel-Aviv, with future war virtually inevitable. At the best, of the Arab states do agree to some kind of peaceful settlement, it would mean that Israel will still be surrounded by the dispossessed Palestinian Arabs, longing for their own national identity, a cause for further trouble.

The second, opposite proposal, would be the annexation of all, or most of the occupied territories. On the one hand, this would enjoy the support of those extremists seeking a Greater Israel; it would, nevertheless, destroy the idea of a homogeneous Jewish state.

Israel has not succeeded in integrating 300,000 Israeli Arabs into its psychological structure, how then could it absorb nearly a million and a half, short of evicting them (there may be some on the lunatic fringe who think this)?

A third alternative exists and this was to encourage the setting up of an Arab republic of Palestine.

Two things must be taken into account. Firstly that historic developments did not create the possibility of establishing a joint state. We have no other choice but to see the solution in the existence of two independent and sovereign states; the state of Israel, and the state that will materialise the national and political identity of the Palestinian identity, populated mainly by Palestinians.

A Palestinian state including both ranks will be viable and contain the necessary resources it would need to maintain that equilibrium with the state of Israel. Such a state would depend upon Israel for many things and she would be dependent upon its co-operation in order to preserve a stable peace.

If Israel offers the Palestinian nation assistance in setting up the republic, and if this offer is accepted by a responsible Palestinian leadership, one of the first moves should be for these leaders to go to Cairo and other Arab capitals, in order to canvass overall Arab support for this solution.

Even President Nasser, at the end of 1967, emphasised that the Palestinian question is a matter for the Palestinians themselves to solve, and that from them must come the initiative for a settlement.

To sum up, both sides must recognise each other's right to self-determination; Israel must do something; which neither Jordan nor Egypt did while occupying the West Bank and Gaza, and that is to help its inhabitants create their own Palestinian state.

The Palestinian solution will be a great step towards a regional settlement. Once a provisional Palestinian government is formed, once the black, white and green colour of Palestine are unfurled side by side with the blue and white flag of Israel, a real revolution will be in motion, a revolution which will change the climate of the whole region.

For Israel it will mean the beginning of peace, actual co-operation between it and an authentic Arab state. For the Palestinian nation, it will mean an end to frustration, a place on the map, the restoration of its national identity, a safeguard to its territorial integrity, and last, but not least, an end to the misery of the refugees.

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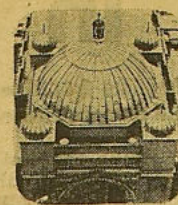
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Of course, like the little boy in the bathwater, it's a case of what we have we hold. We are lucky to be here. Don't rock the boat, we might fall out. It's a passport to fame, or at least to cash in the bank. Pity the poor suckers who didn't make it. But not much.

Broader education. Careful. Have we room in our stream of assimilation of inert facts? Learn how to be a human being? I am one, mate. A fuller human being? With understanding? Learn about opening up? Time and a place, man, time and a place.

Needless to say, broader is the wrong word. The word is deeper. Psychology doesn't lie outside sociology but inside, and vice versa. The Humanities don't lie outside the Sciences but inside, and likewise vice versa. Project truth outside—fear, hope, love, hate, power. We all do it. Faculties do it.

The system has invaded its members. Not only is it determining skills and occupations, but aspirations, too. You've got it, we want it, and we want it because you've got it. This is known as coming to terms with reality. The given reality of course, is a law of nature, and can no more be changed than the tide. But it is not "reality" in fact that is a law of nature, but man's desire to fulfil himself and satisfy his true needs.

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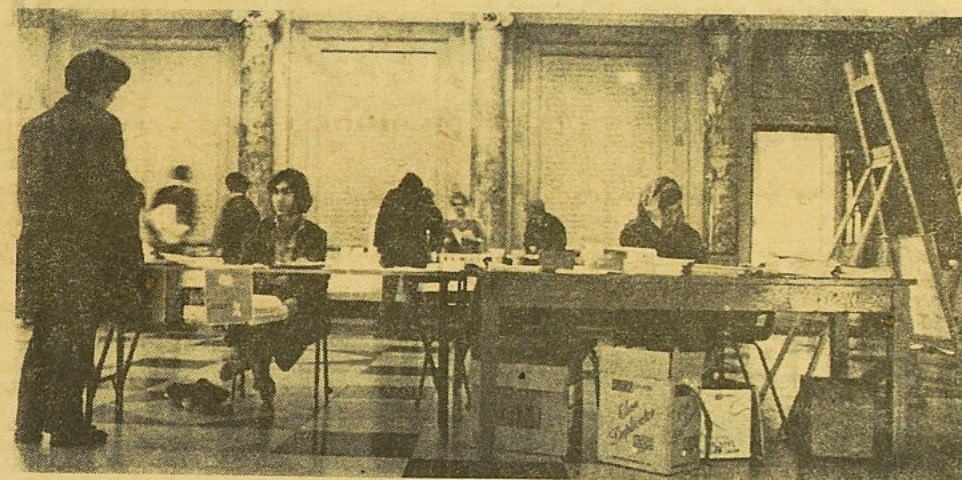
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Books for the occasion.

The Symposium on Broader Education took place last Wednesday. One week later, a "Redbrick" features team looks at what happened and what kind of results we can expect, if any . . .



Information desk during a quiet spell.

Pseudo-aspirations divert you down frustrating lanes, and lead to despair. Those heading for the Civil Service, for industry, for teaching, for psychiatry—you will see.

Most of us spend three years here equipping ourselves to do something we shall eventually loathe. This process is known as education.

Why aren't social scientists at Balsall Heath? Why isn't "Last Exit to Brooklyn" a set book? Why aren't squatters invited down to talk at seminars? Why aren't psychologists over at the local "nit bin" watching patients being given E.C.T.? Or visiting Kingsley Hall? Or working in places like it? Psychiatry is about people, not pigeons and rats. Why aren't scientists given pictures of Hiroshima to study? Or living for a week next

to Heathrow Airport? Or looking at the mass death of seabirds? Why aren't biologists looking at love? Why don't English students take the road to Wigan Pier? Or stay at Rowton House? Or chat up one of Sam Beckett's tramps?

And why should the privilege of being here be almost entirely vested in ex-schoolkids? What about the bright factory worker who didn't get the breaks? The insurance clerk who has seen the dawn of the light? The ad-man who, at 30, finds he is nauseated and wants to get out and start again?

Most people who keep growing get reborn again around 33. Try getting into a university for a rebuild then.

But these are foolish questions. Sorry if I disturbed your snooze.

No progress

THE discussions at the Symposium last week were interesting and covered several valuable subjects. But they had a marked similarity to the discussions at the Symposium in the spring term and at the teaching in during the Sit-in.

Assessment, course content, broader education, are all important subjects, but at the moment, it would seem, they are only discussed twice a year, and so the same ground is covered in each discussion. Because each teach-in duplicates the previous one, no progress is made; indeed, no groups get far enough in a single session to decide on concrete action for the immediate future. So the purpose of such a teach-in is completely invalidated, because it is not followed up by further discussion and the formation and implementation of proposals for change.

If there is going to be any constructive action on broader education, these discussions must be continued at frequent intervals and through as many channels as possible (in order to involve the maximum number of students). I hope that instead of allowing the subject to lapse for another six months the discussions will be continued by faculties, departments and other groups within the structure of the University as it is at present, and also on a more informal and possibly more productive level by groups such as the Free University and others.

The point was made at the symposium that academic reform cannot really be achieved without administrative reform; this is ultimately true, but academic reform will never be achieved if it is not discussed long before the reform of the whole University structure.

The recent Symposium served to confirm my belief that only when students realise the fact that the structure of this university is directly related to the society in which they live will this or any other university be substantially improved.

Students are at present sifted out as an elite, in order for their intelligence to be utilised for the perpetuation of the Capitalist structure. This is where students are specialised. It is against the interests of this Capitalist-run society to give people a broader education, lest they should gain insight into the evils of capitalism.

The recent disgraceful attendance at the Symposium served to remind me that the majority of students remain blind to the manner in which they are used, and the sooner they wake up to their situation, the sooner some constructive reform can be instituted, supported by the mass of students.

J. MILES.

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Last year's President, Ray Phillips, summing up at the Social Science discussion group in St. Francis Hall.

The Gospel according to Pariah



Basil Entwistle?

It was announced today that Basil the Bulgar-Slayer, itinerant poster producer, has at last found somebody willing to print his first venture in this market, the long-awaited "Gospel According to Pariah." Almost incoherent as a result of his exertions, Basil communicated to the assembled reporter that the poster would be available at the end of the month, and that further posters in the same vein were being prepared. The "Gospel" will be distributed by mail-order, and will cost less than 8s.

PERSONAL ADS

B.U.G.S. Blues Ball, Friday, with Keef Hartley in the Refec.

WANTED, one experienced Surgeon for major grafting operation.—Contact Lake Hall Treasurer.

APOLOGIES, Roland, you have not really gone.—L. Van D.

PETE'S eyes haven't been too good lately.

LOST: Black leather Purse.—Please return to Sue Rolph, Drama III.

INNOUMERABLE like lovelies (female) required as Go-Go Girls for first week next term, Sat. Rave. Ability to move and groove on raised surfaces important.—Contact D. P. Jones, Mech. Eng./Economics.

DAVE JONES, Union P.H., remuneration for serious offers.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Paul Baycroft wishes to announce that he is not married. However, all congratulations were gratefully received.

DIDN'T say I wasn't...

DIDN'T say I was.

IS Barbara really going on a diet next week?

HANDS off Paul.

SEE the start of the Motor Club November rally outside the Union at 23.00 hours. Route cards will be available for observers.

HEATHER—for ten bob.

WILL Tony stay free?

MICK'S engine turns me on.

TEDDY BEAR driven insane by sex-mad female desperately requires place to sleep.—Apply Barbara's Room, 6th Floor, Mason Hall.

DEPARTING for better or worse this Friday. No flowers.—Love and peace.—Roland.

B.U.G.S. Blues Ball featuring Keef Hartley in the Refectory, Friday.

Solidarity Campaign

THE inaugural meeting of the Birmingham University Palatine Solidarity Campaign is to be held in St. Francis Hall at 7.30 p.m. tonight. The group will then become part of the national T.S.C. organisation.

T.S.C. gives unconditional support to the Al Fetch operation within the Zionist state and has the support of the most reactionary Arab states.

The Socialist Society has decided to lead a fight in T.S.C. for a socialist objective in the Middle East.



Above: "The Spirit of John Morgan Band," appearing at the Lake/Wydd "Do" on November 21st.

Below: Also at Lake on the same bill are "Clouds," who originate in Scotland but descended to find success this summer at the National Jazz and Blues Festival. Tickets on sale soon.



Arts Lab presents 'The Pit'

THE Arts Lab are presenting "The Pit," by The Other Company, interactions permanent experimental troupe, this weekend.

FILMS

AFTER a Westerns Festival lasting two weeks, any exaltation to the mass of film audiences to drag themselves out to see the two new westerns in Birmingham is unlikely to succeed.

However, "The Good Guys and the Bad Guys" actually is, as they say in the publicity handouts "different." For example the "sheriff" and "the bad man" are really rather too old for the job.

The film realises, as did "Will

The play has been presented at the Oval House and the I.C.A. in London and was received very well by the critics. Harold Hobson spoke of "Ed Eburn's (the artistic director) remarkable efforts to establish environmental theatre."

The audience is limited to 34 at each performance, and the members watch most of the action through portholes cut in the scenery.

The performances take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week at 8 p.m. each evening.

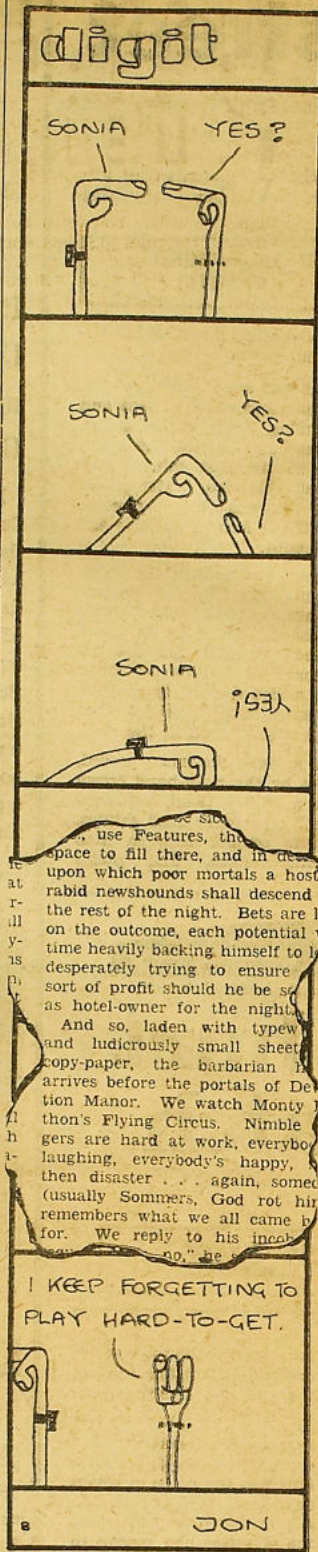
Penny," that in spite of the constant nightgowns some people did live to be forty. There seems to be a missing generation in western mythology, between the useful central characters, and the gristled old-timer who gets shot just when he strikes it rich.

"The Good Guys and the Bad Guys" is worth seeing even if you have been to all the films at the Festival. Robert Mitchum is superb, as usual, and George Kennedy is the perfect complement. The simple morality of the western, which is enshrined in the title is

pled. Visually, Belgrade productions have been first rate for many years, and this one is no exception.

The shelved stage creates a stimulating immediacy, almost as if the players are about to fall off into the audience. A set of unbroken gold, and even plain gold programme covers, help convey the text conveys little of its merit. It is not a literary play, but a play of simple language relying for its effect on spectacle, seen and im-

enter the arena. Local police forces have been asked to be present and at the time of printing at least one constable is reported to have agreed. This demonstration is planned to crystallise the revolutionary fervour aroused at two previous venues, Jimena Spagbracket's Return last February, and Clap, which occurred last term; Miss Spagbracket informs



brought into question far more effectively in this film than in the countless western stoofs.

If you do go to see it, you must not miss the other western "Valley of the Gwangi." The hero, an unassuming allosaurus, who lives in a "forbidden" valley is brought into a rodeo. Then surprise, surprise, he breaks loose among terrified crowds.

Dinosaurs versus rodeo riders, it's hard to say which is going to be extinct first. Much trouble has been taken over the animation, and it is very skillful, but the total effect is still hilarious.

JONAS LEGRIF

THEATRE

PETER SCHAFER'S "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" is being performed at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, this week and next.

It is a play that needs to be seen, unless you have a vivid and uncomplicated imagination, just reading the text conveys little of its merit. It is not a literary play, but a play of simple language relying for its effect on spectacle, seen and im-

PANTOMIME

LATEST reports indicate that a huge demonstration pantomime will be staged in Deb. Hall during the last week of term. It is not yet known what the aims of this mass protest will be, but it seems likely that supporters will have to pay to

prehending the inflationary effects of their vast finds of gold.

Above all, the part of Atabalipa is sustained with great physical stamina as he moves with rigid control through the sensuous dance of his existence.

For a company fattening on mass-appeal shows, the visual excellence is quite enough to make this production something of an achievement.

BRIAN KULIES

REVIEWS

Cinema

WESTERNS are very civilised games, but with more rules than Monopoly. You really have to know all the rules to assess whether they're being used to advantage, and when I went to see "The Unde-feated" (Gaumont, this week), I was an initiate to this complicated ritualistic form.

The scene: America. Time: the end of the Civil War. John Wayne plays John Henry Thomas, ex-Major on the Union side who is trying to earn those of his faithful men who were left after the war an honest fortune by peddling horses to whoever will pay the highest price.

Rock Hudson is a stubborn Confederate, taking family and soldiers to Mexico in an attempt to revive the war.

The film plots the story of the process whereby the two sides discover just how artificial the state of war is, and celebrate the unity of man.

The form has the great advantage that it demands very little of its actors. Situations are set up by putting one cardboard replica of a human being in front of another and making their mouths move in Northern or Southern patterns, according to the notes written on the back, and the tone of the music.

The film is very pretty; that is, it looks nice, or must do from the more expensive seats. There are lots

of horses of assorted colours, quite a few corpses and a bit of tomato ketchup, and John Wayne, who manages to maintain a lone dignity in spite of paunch and abundance of chins. He achieves a marvellous humour by simply speaking his lines with an absolute lack of expression; he's so cool that if you set him down on the North Pole with nothing but his holster he'd complain of the heat, but it would be better if he didn't look quite so much like Harry Secombe.

MAXINE LINNELL

SAM PECKINPAH's masterly second film, "Guns in the Afternoon," was seen recently in Film Soc's Westerns Festival, and his most recent film, "The Wild Bunch," that "Western to end all Westerns," will be arriving in Birmingham very soon.

Though seven years separate the making of these two, his only other venture during that time was "Major Dundee," starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris and, while ostensibly concerned with a U.S. Cavalry troop's pursuit of a group of Indians, has its major focus on what happens inside the two main characters during the heat of the chase.

Peckinpah's growing concern with violence is apparent and several battle scenes obviously anticipate those in "The Wild Bunch," as for example, a fight between the cavalry and a unit of French Lancers in full battle dress.

"Major Dundee" is being shown

after she had lost her beach-ball, and his subsequent attempt to commit suicide at the same spot held the audience's attention, but the sequel to his sentimentality in which he explained his motives for watching the girl didn't create sympathy for his perversion.

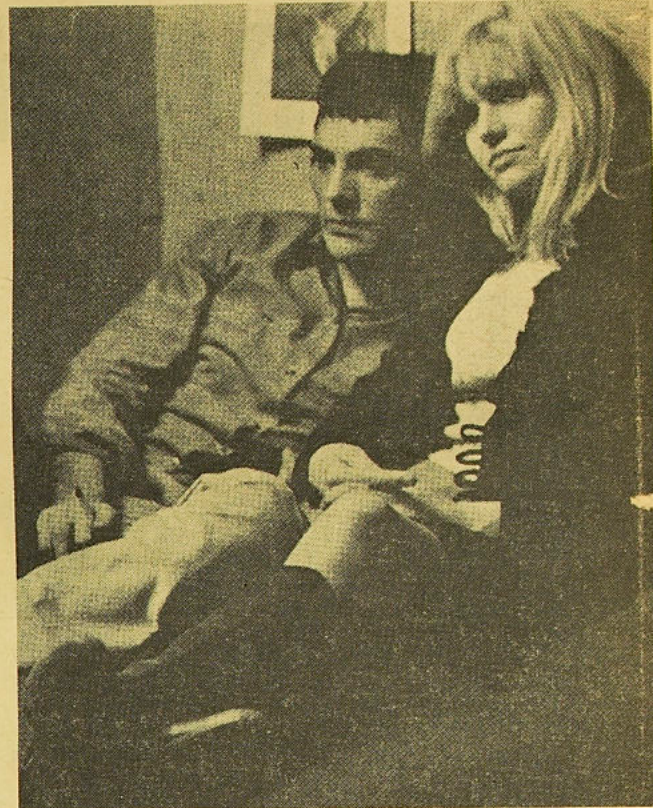
His ability to imagine his visitors' appearance accurately, and to expose Ken's deficiency (homosexuality) provided a contrast to his inability to realise that the episodes happening on the other side of the window were only figments of his valet's imagination. This was revealed at

next Monday at 7.0 p.m. in the Arts Lecture Theatre, and while the trivial entrance fee of 2s. 6d. includes one and all yet go contentedly since all proceeds are to be given to the B.F.I. Appeal Fund, and do go.

WHEN "Darling" was first released it received some very harsh criticism. Two International Film Festivals and several awards later it was hailed by the same critics as an extremely important film, which only shows that awards are a better guarantee of critical approval than merit.

Like all Schlesinger's films it is carefully constructed and brilliantly directed. On second viewing of the film many subtleties become apparent. The performances by Julie Christie and Dirk Bogarde are superb, and the film catches the essence of the mood that pervades so many subsequent films concerned with this topic.

"Poor Cow" is rather less impressive the second time. The direction gave the film a sense of the immediacy of TV and the many improved scenes had a spontaneous quality which now seems rather tired. What was startling in its reality is now rather mundane. Despite some excellent acting by Carol White and Terence Stamp, the score by Donovan and screenplay by Neil Dunn. This is a film which suffers on close inspection. Still, if you haven't seen both these films it's well worth doing so.



CAROL WHITE & TERRY STAMP IN "POOR COW"

THEATRE

THE WINDOW," by Frank Marcus, who wrote "The Killing of Sister George," was the Late Night Theatre production at the Rep. last Friday. It was Phil Draycott's first production in Birmingham.

The central character, played by John Baddley, is an old blind man who hires valets to spy on a young girl during her activities with her assorted lovers. His ramblings of his lost youth, when he first met the girl, the only love of his life,

MUSIC

THE Pentangle are always impeccable on stage and on record. Their previous album, "Sweet Child," showed this. Tracks recorded in concert were indistinguishable, as regards musical excellence, from those recorded in the studio, discounting, of course, the punctuations of applause.

Perfection and purity seem their aim; stage performances are meticulous replicas of those recorded and their latest album, "Basket of Light," released to coincide with their recent highly-successful tour, bears the prominent legend, "All the instruments played on this album are acoustic" prompted presumably by the firmly-murmured criticisms which have from time to time greeted the use of electric guitars by either Jansch or Renbourn. Purity.

On the album, Renbourn's sitar and Jansch's banjo are featured for the first time in the Pentangle's recorded work on three of the nine tracks but this only serves to highlight the question: "How can the Pentangle progress?" Each individual member was a fully accomplished musician and recognised in his own right via records and club gigs before the group was formed.

Collectively they are producing a unique brand of intricate yet simple and thankfully unclassifiable music, but because they are so brilliant, they are limited by their material. No-one doubts that there is nothing the Pentangle couldn't do musically, but there is a difference between arranging and playing new pieces of and to perfection, original or otherwise, and finding material which will showcase a collective and continuing development. There is nothing, one imagines, on "Bas-

ket of Light" which couldn't have come out of their first sessions together in 1967, and the sad feeling engendered by the L.P. is that the Pentangle should perhaps diverge and concentrate on cultivating their individual music scenes.

ROLAND P. CLARK.

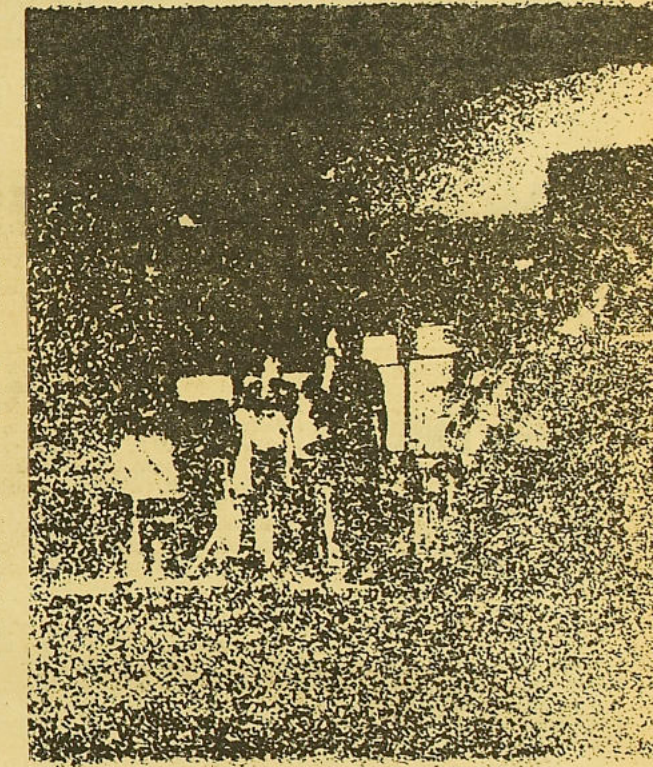
EVENTUALLY it wasn't a foolish move by the double-Martini. The various groups comprising Big Bear Ffolly were individual both in sound, style, content and ability. The first group who were not only unbilled but unexpected were consequently not a disappointment, but when the excellent Black Sabbath came to the stage the evening started proceeding. Unfortunately they were followed by Sacrifice who sounded remarkably similar to a disinterred rotting-traffic-carcase with Dave Mason playing everything (perish the thought).

Locomotive, who reached National Infamy with "Rudi's in Love," were surprisingly good, although the singer seemed rather to belong to the world of Herbie Goins than the more progressive realms inhabited by the rest of the group. The contrast of styles was interesting.

Tea and Symphony were particularly obscure and fine. The promising evil atmosphere invoked by Jamie and the lights was indeed fulfilled.

The main object of the evening was the jam by Big Bear Ffolly. The performance was blocked by the time troubles which resulted from over-indulgence and the inclusion of another group, so it never really developed. Instead a mingling of old rock songs was performed in a "riotous" fashion. "Boredom" ended the evening and a jam which was rather more amusing than musically sound. However, a splendid time was had by all, and in appreciation of this fact, Mr. Richard Valentine Bluer presented his world-famous trousers to the groups, who, ignorant of their worth and true significance, returned them to him shortly afterwards.

PAUL BRETT SOMMERS



BERT JANSCH — PENTANGLE — BASKET OF LIGHT.



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RUGBY

MORGAN LASHES OUT

—but four in trials



Pete Butler kicking one of his three goals in his 1st XV debut. Jooles Bond recovers from his previous night's performance.

GOLF

WAWN DAZZLES JENNY

HARBORNE G.C. 5, BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY 1

SUFFERING from a bout of good parties the night before, Birmingham University crashed to the heaviest defeat of the season. Bill Harris on playing with Andy Dathan, lost his unbeaten record, and now Bielby and Roebuck are the only members of the team to have 100% records.

BADMINTON

RUN ENDS

THE last two weeks has seen the potential of this year's Badminton Club's teams fully realised with the club being unbeaten for eight consecutive matches. The teams which really reflect the club's strength are the Men's 1 and Ladies' teams.

The men have beaten B.A.I. 9-0, Loughborough College (U.A.U.) 6-3, Oxford 13-0, Leafic 6-3 and Leicester (U.A.U.) 9-0, whilst the ladies had a fine 6-3 victory over Leicester (W.I.V.A.B.).

Unfortunately a Mixed County team was defeated 11-4 at Manchester last Saturday to bring to an end this highly successful run. This result however was probably due to the lack of doubles practice.

The big match of the last fortnight was undoubtedly against Loughborough College, two weeks ago today. Loughborough's first pair included Soo who was U.A.U. singles champion the year before last; it was no surprise, therefore, when Soo and partner won all three of their rubbers. They were, however, taken to three games by a fighting Mick Howes and Dave Jones, only for Soo and partner to win 15-5 in the last game.

I.D.S. RESULTS

SIX-A-SIDE

DIV. 1
Physics 2, Eng. Prod. 1
Commerce 1, Biology 1
Law 3, Biochem. A 0
Mason 1, Soc. Sci. 1.

DIV. 2
Latin 0, High Hall 1
Life Hall 2, Jew Soc. 0
Cave Eng. 1, Metallurgy 1
Mech. Eng. 0, Exp. Path. 3.

ELEVEN-A-SIDE

DIV. 1
Spanish 2, Chem. Posts 4
Chem. Unders 1, Univ. House 0
Mason 9, Elec. Eng. 0
Geology 4, Maths 0
Medics II 9, High Hall 2.

DIV. 2
Newman Soc. 3, Jew Soc. 0
Chem. Eng. 0, Commerce 1
Ind. Met. 8, Medics III 2
Law 12, German 1
Education 2, Lake 3.

'REDBRICK' SPORT EXCLUSIVE

NEVER before has "Gra" Morgan talked so freely and so revealingly about rugby. Never before has he opened his mouth so widely and spoken so candidly of what rugby means to him. In an exclusive interview, Gra, the one-time Welsh centre, says what he thinks of the "Fabulous Fifteen's" performances this season.

"... Sh—t! It makes me want to have my hair cut, take my clothes off, get the ball between my fingers and have another brilliant game like I did all last season!"

... THANK YOU GRA!

Yes, Brum continued their run of defeats with quite a spree over the past fortnight. Unluckily and gallantly they went down to Loughborough Colleges 15-9 in a U.A.U. game in which they more than held their own. The lengthy trips to London Hospitals and Leicester University, accounted somewhat for their lethargic performances, and although losing 18-6 to both teams, the boys were consoled by having a good night.

On Saturday, although half the side came off thinking that they had won 12-11 against Cambridge Town, the whistle-happy ref. made it 11-9 to the opponents. The short-arsed little... who has ruined previous games this season by asserting too much authority, disallowed a Pete Butler kick saying that the touch judges had not raised their arms fast enough. Nevertheless, Pete, making his debut for the 1st XV, had an excellent game, kicking three and hitting a post with a pen-

ally attempt in extremely tricky, windy conditions.

U.A.U. TRIAL

With all these disappointing results it might suggest that the team is absolutely hopeless. Not so, for four of the team have been selected to play for the Midland U.A.U. v. Southern U.A.U. in a trial today on Bournbrook at 2.15 p.m. A reflection of the team's poorish back division has accounted for the selection of three forwards (all Welsh) and only one back.

Big Boy Bowen Thomas is staking quite a sizeable claim on the hooking berth, whilst Al Wilkinson will certainly go places at lock. Bob Norman (flanker) will discard his dental books for the odd hour and put in one of his dynamic displays being seen backing up team-mate Ian Vinter at centre. These four could well put Birmingham back on the map, if they are aided by a good shout in the selectors' ears from the home crowd. So see you there!

MOTOR CLUB

BRILLIANT MILLINS BRINGS RECORD

BIRMINGHAM University Motor Club once again came through a round of the National Castrol-Guards Motoring Quiz with flying colours and this time both the margin of the win and number of points scored was believed to be a record for the competition.

Our opposition on Tuesday, November 4th was Wickman Motor Club, of Coventry, on their home territory. Our team members, Neil

Millins (captain), Andy Bodman and Pete Smith, were somewhat apprehensive about the contest, owing to the lack of information about the opposition.

The contest, which is based on "University Challenge" rules, began at 20.30 and it soon became evident that our team were quicker on the buzzer for "starters" and much more knowledgeable about motoring generally than the opposition; with the result that at the half-way stage (after a 25-minute session) we were leading by the resounding margin of 605 to 20.

After some 20 minutes "regreasing" the spectators' thirsts (our team members were strictly teetotal

for the evening) the second half began as the first had left off, with our superiority showing. B.U.M.C. were really hot on all sorts of really obscure racing, rallying, legal and technical questions. Everybody present seemed to regard Neil as somewhat of a walking encyclopaedia, especially when he can give the length of Brands Hatch Circuit to more decimal places than the chairman's answer sheet.

The final result was a very pleasing 1,015 to 30 victory for B.U.M.C. Congratulations to our team of experts.

Our next round in the Quiz will be against Ford Sport (Midland) on Thursday, December 4th, at 20.00 (Founders Room in the Union), when we shall need all the support possible in what should prove to be a close and exciting contest.

I.D.S. LEAGUE TABLES

SIX-A-SIDE LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	P	W	F	A	P
Law	5	4	16	4	8
Biochem	5	3	5	5	7
Commerce	4	2	6	3	5
Soc. Sci.	4	1	6	5	5
Univ. House	4	2	7	3	4
Spanish	4	1	5	5	4
Physic	5	1	4	8	4
Eng. Prod.	5	1	5	8	3
Mason	5	0	4	9	3
Biology	5	0	5	12	3

Division 2	P	W	F	A	P
Civ. Eng.	5	4	14	2	9
High Hall	5	4	10	2	9
Metalurgy	4	2	4	3	5
Chem. Eng.	4	2	5	4	5
Latin	5	2	4	7	5
Lake	4	2	7	5	4
Exp. Path.	5	2	8	6	4
Mech. Eng.	5	1	9	5	3
German	4	1	2	6	2
Jew. Soc.	5	0	0	7	0

BASKETBALL LEAGUE TABLE

Division 1	P	W	F	A	P
German	4	3	119	96	10
Persians	4	3	109	91	10
String Vests	4	3	132	114	10
Education	3	3	115	92	9
Phys. Ed.	4	2	104	130	9
Chem. Eng.	4	2	73	100	8
Chemistry	5	1	107	127	7
Physic	5	1	95	95	6
Civ. Eng.	3	0	12	31	1

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W.I.V.A.B. NETBALL

BIRMINGHAM DOMINATE AGAIN

THE appalling weather conditions at Keele did not deter Birmingham's 1st and 2nd VII's from overwhelming victory at the Midland Netball Rally. They soon learnt to adapt themselves with the result that both teams won their respective sections, scoring the maximum points.

The 1st VII treated their first game as a "warm up" against a rather unskilled Liverpool side, beating them 13-0. Leicester proved to be stronger opposition, but even though the shooters were still having considerable difficulty with a gale-force wind, Birmingham showed their skill and determination in a 7-4 victory.

The next match was against Nottingham. Having already played them this season a repeat of the wrestling match experienced in the W.I.V.A.B. Regional Round was expected, but it proved to be the most sporting match of the rally. Birmingham gaining an easy victory.

Old rivalries were revived when Keele faced the lasses, but their rather obnoxious Goal Defence did her utmost to keep Birmingham's Goal Attack, Philippa Bonarino out of the shooting circle, much to the disapproval of all spectators. Some poor umpiring decisions did not improve the situation, but the victimised Philippa was not deterred for long and Birmingham went on to win 6-3.

The last match, against a much-improved Manchester side, unexpectedly proved to be the hardest match of the rally. Birmingham

were beginning to suffer fatigue after playing surprisingly skilful netball in adverse conditions against some unskilful sides.

With concentration, good defending by Judith Clarke and Mary Cronin, and accurate passing and feeding of the ball by centre court players Les Baker, Sue Johnson and Janet Gray into shooters Philippa Bonarino and Chris Williams, who by now had admirably mastered

weather conditions, Birmingham 1st VII finished with a clear-cut two-goal victory.

The second team experienced little difficulty in winning their matches, culminating in an overwhelming thrashing of Manchester 2nds. As a result of this rally, 12 of the Birmingham players go on to further W.I.V.A.B. trials—a tribute to the tremendous strength of the University team.

SOCCER

Finch's master stroke

Leicester 2, Birmingham 4

FROM the kick-off Birmingham had 90 per cent of the play, and the forwards seemed embarrassed to inflict a goal on a very poor Leicester University side. However, Maile converted a penalty after the Leicester full-back had the nerve to handle a Kent header that seemed bound for the back of the net.

Steve Gamble cunningly flicked in the second goal from a cross by Pearce over the goalkeeper's head and stuck to his story that he meant it, even when it was pointed out to him that he had his eyes shut. In between the Birmingham goals Leicester had scored with a 25-yard drive which U.A.U. fifth choice goalie "Handsome" Ian Finch didn't see until too late.

After half-time Leicester soon equalised and Brum were struggling until Finch produced a master

RIDING CLUB

Kay wins

IN an arena resembling a devastated rugby pitch and with mounts being crosses between mules and overgrown dogs, the team did well to draw in their first match, against Keele University. In spite of very biased judging, Keele rode first and this seemed to sap all possible energy from the "horses," especially in Sue Watkins's case; she did well to keep it going at all!

Francis Bailey and Liz Stockley managed good tests on their overgrown Shetland, though they had to watch that their feet didn't drag in the mire, whilst Kay Brown won the individual, once Keele's mathematical errors had been corrected. In all, the team showed they have considerable potential for future matches.

Birmingham 202pts., Keele 202pts.

1. K. Brown (B'ham) 82pts.
2. A. Crawshaw (Keele) 77pts.
3. R. Burton (Keele) 66pts.
4. F. Bailey (B'ham) 61pts.

BASKETBALL

'Beano' helps Pringle

Leicester U. 32pts., B'ham. U. 57.

ON Wednesday last the Basketball Squad, spurning the traditional coach trip, were conducted to Leicester in the minibus by Shaun Newman, who insisted in waging a continual battle with death whilst merrily exclaiming that the steering was "a bit off." Thus, the intrepid Red-shirts arrived at their destination somewhat haggard and minus finger-nails, except that, is for John Pringle, who had managed to remain calm by buying himself a copy of "Beano."

However, if top-gear on the mini-

bus had proved somewhat elusive, it was soon found on court. With a hustling defence and a speedy fast break, after only 10 minutes Tower Power had established a 17-4 lead. John Simons accumulated 14 of these points and then faded quietly from the scene muttering something about a "phenomenal performance."

In the second half the Kings of Sport adopted a more sympathetic and benevolent attitude towards their opponents, with the result that the final score somewhat flattered a poor Leicester side, although with

Chris Cumbers and Graham Campbell getting a plentiful supply of rebounds at both ends and Vahik Nerissian and Dave Griffiths operating the fast break, our opponents were never in with any chance of victory. Thanks to Mick Howes for standing in as referee, and to the Soccer Club for their support. A world also about the landlord whose pub we visited on the return journey. Having heard one member of the club use a very mild expletive, he turned nasty and accused us of being rugby players. We have never been so insulted in our lives!

SHORT SPORT

WATER POLO

Birmingham U. 6, Bradford U. 9.

THE inexperienced Bradford team never looked dangerous against a Birmingham side which played more fluently than it has done before this season. This was due to the fact that Birmingham always had plenty of time and space in which to play the ball, which made their passing very accurate.

John Collins scored two good goals, and Ron Birch scored freely in the last quarter to take the score to six. Martin Thomas and Dave Cheeseman marked well in defence, and Chas MacDonald playing in his almost permanent position of first team goalkeeper, was far from being overworked. Ron Birch did, however, take over in goal during the third quarter, when the substitute included Alison Lindley and Jan Grey.

Bradford soon found that they couldn't make any advantage out of this tactical team change, as these two play as tough a match as the men. The proceedings were closely watched by John Worth who, making his debut, had an excellent game as referee.

SAILING

SAILING at Edgbaston Reservoir on Saturday, the sailing club's first team beat Oxford University, winning two out of three races. Conditions were blustery, but these seemed to suit the Birmingham team. In the first race the Birmingham teams came first, second and third, due largely to Oxford making a very poor start.

Oxford, however, made a comeback, to take the second race by a very narrow margin. Thus the final race was the decider, and Birmingham rose to the occasion by coming first, third and fourth, thus clinching victory in the match.

LACROSSE

A VERY solid defence almost earned Birmingham a point against league leaders Rockdale, but after holding the visitors to a single goal for two-thirds of the game, they at last succumbed.

The University's goals came through Pat Spicer and "Powerhouse" Jim Jarvis, but more punch in the attack would have made all the difference. New men Ian Sharp, Barry Aspinall and Ian Campbell all made a valuable contribution to the team's inspired play, but undoubtedly the best player on the field was "veteran" goalkeeper Chris Bullock.

On Wednesday, London University are the visitors to West Hills, in the Universities' Cup, and if you have not seen the fastest game on two feet, come along! The start is at 3 p.m.

Team: Jarvis, Reid, Graham, Boland, Sharp, Spicer, Aspinall, Campbell, Tither, Blair, Crowhurst.

CANOEING

LAST weekend Birmingham University kayak club entered the slalom organised by Birmingham canoe club at Ludlow. The two days proved to be most enjoyable, despite an early hour of departure on Saturday morning, and the fact that the river was low, making the course both rocky and less exciting.

Several gates were very well placed across currents, but altogether the paddling was more brute strength and using one's hands in the shallower water, than skill. This certainly applied to the novices; not to Kim Langford and the other first divisionists present for the open event.

There were over 300 competitors, so Niall Spinks (captain) did very well to come fifth out of 150 men's kayakers, with Dave Hunter 18th. These two, with Glen Greer (who came about 30th), made up the team, which proved to be the crowning success, as we won the event!

A Moore in the Ladies' slalom, came seventh out of 14. Considering it was our first slalom of the season (also our last, as the white-water season is just beginning), the club did very well.

Playford to present Refec. reform papers

NEXT Tuesday, papers will be presented to Guild Council by Rod Playford and other members on the question of the reform of University Centre.

It is now over two years since the Refectory Commission was set up by the Guild to investigate existing Refectory facilities and suggest possible improvements.

As a result of the Commission, a committee was set up, consisting of six students and five staff, to run the renamed University Centre. However, apart from sending a letter to all University departments asking how they would like to see the centre run, practically nothing has been done about arranging the facilities.

In practice, there has never been a student majority on the committee, as people have resigned due to pressure of academic work, and therefore views such as those of the Vice-Chancellor are more prominent.

Doctor Hunter feels that the centre should be mainly an eating-place, and not the kind of undergraduate centre envisaged by Rod Playford.

The idea of the changes proposed by students would be to hold dances, society meetings and some of the major Union events in the centre, in addition to providing another bar and having more staff-student-dining facilities. It is felt that more notice-boards and a public-address system are vital to ensure that the 4,000 or so students who use the

centre daily are in touch with events.

Elections for student representatives of the committee take place on November 20th (nominations close on November 17th) and it is hoped that there will then be a student majority, and changes will begin to take place.



REFECTORY MANAGER
MR. O. HUMBERT

ELECTIONS NEWS

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SOON

NOMINATIONS for the Fresher seats on Guild Council close next Monday (November 17th). Information concerning the elections has been sent to all Freshers, but further details may be obtained from Guild Secretary, Phil Jacobs.

On the same date, nominations should have been received from candidates in the Postgrad. and the 19 by-elections.

On Friday of this week nominations also close for the following elections:— (1) Senate / Guild Committee (5 reps.); (2) University Centre Committee (2 undergrad. and 1 post-grad.).

There is one further election for a Guild representative on the Court of Governors, Chris Tyrrell having resigned his seat. Nominations close on Monday, November 17th.

Probe angers Aston students

by "Redbrick" News Team

A DEMAND by Alderman Purton of Birmingham Education Committee to instigate a probe into the running of the city's College of Commerce has provoked the wholesale anger of Aston students.

LETTER CONDEMNS "DEGREE FARCE"

DEAR Vice-Chancellor,—We wish to make our opinion clear on the farcical procedure for obtaining degrees at the University of Birmingham. The faculty Handbooks state that if a graduate wishes to have his degree conferred in absentia he must satisfy the following requirements:

- "(a) The application must be in writing signed by or on behalf of the applicant.
- (b) The applicant must:
 - (i) give the reasons why the applicant cannot be present to take his degree;
 - and
 - (ii) seek to show that, if the degree is not conferred in absentia at that congregation, the applicant will be prevented from or seriously hindered in following his profession or calling.
- (c) Save in exceptional cases, the application must be accompanied by written statements or certificates, signed by a person or persons, other than the applicant, in support of each of the two matters referred to in the previous sub-paragraph.
- (d) Evidence of inability to be present will not be accepted unless it provides some imperative reason for absence. In particular, it will not be sufficient merely to show that attendance would involve some reasonable expense or personal inconvenience."

It is apparent from this that a person who does not wish to attend the degree ceremony will not get his degree unless he is dead, dying or banished from the realm. Although we do not want to take pleasure away from those people who like playing dressing-up games, we do feel that the liberties of those people who merely want to work hard and obtain their degrees without fuss should also be respected.

The University of Birmingham appears to be a century behind many others regarding this particular issue. To dictate to people that they **MUST** attend the degree ceremony is against all the liberal and democratic principles that universities are supposed to be founded upon.

We are, yours sincerely,

JENNY CLIFT, C. J. HAYWARD,
TONY DAVIES, PRUE HENSON,
ANGELA WATKINS, D. R. SELLERS,
M. PICTON, M. LEWIS, BRIDGET TAYLOR,
R. G. WHITTOCK, D. J. WINFIELD,

The demand has come as a result of information brought to light during the appeal of Anne Foden, the Aston Union's ex-President, against her expulsion from the college: when "disturbing facts" about the college administration and student attendance records emerged.

During Foden's appeal her solicitor was alleged by a student to have unearthed "everything he could to make it seem that her dismissal was a result of inefficient academic organisation."

Yesterday Ald. Dawes, chairman of the Education Committee, said that he was "very disturbed about the record keeping at the college."

"The records first supplied as evidence were inaccurate and this disconcerting situation was indicative to Ald. Turton that there was something wrong in the college." He added, "As a result he is demanding an investigation with a view to pressing for proper attendance records to be kept."

INTERFERENCE

The students' President Charles Pugh yesterday expressed concern over the proposed investigation. "We strongly object to this gross interference into our affairs, and cannot rule out the possibility of action by the students." The proposals have also, according to one informed source, caused "concern and worry" to the Principal of the college Mr. Bragg, who has been for much of the week "too busy to comment."

Dave Riatto, Aston's Guild Secretary, yesterday said in answer to the good councillor who proposes attendance records like those in a school, "I say we are not 12-year-olds." The troubles highlighted by the proposed probe, along with the students' rejections of the Universities Austin Committee Report, in an E.G.M. yesterday could result in a lively end to a rather quiet term at Aston.

Meanwhile in the Chemical Engineering department of this University there has been a rumpus over the adding of "ridicule and abuse" to second-year attendance sheets.

This led last week to student apprehension that a hand-writing expert would be called in by the Registry. However this apprehension was quashed yesterday in a statement issued by Professor Davies of the Department.

"About a fortnight ago a few anonymous personal remarks were being written on some of the attendance sheets. Those responsible later came to see me and the matter was settled internally. No hand-writing expert assisted me."

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
FILM SOC. "Smiles of a Summer Night" Ingmar Bergman, 1955, Sweden MECH. ENG. THEATRE 7 p.m.	FILM SOC. "The Face" Ingmar Bergman, 1958 Sweden HAWORTH LECTURE THEATRE 7 p.m.	B.U.G.S. BLUES Thing with Keef Hartley, J. B. Road Show, Barnabas REFECTORY, AVON ROOM 8 p.m.	EVENTS COMMITTEE Discotheque FOUNDERS ROOM 2/6 8 p.m.	SUNDAY FLIC "Duck Soup" with the Marx Brothers FOUNDER'S ROOM 2/6 7 p.m.