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GUILD CARD CHECKS

EVENTS Committee are to continue the practice of having card checks at all entrances to the Union on the nights of big dances. Only students holding valid Guild cards, or membership cards from other student unions, or N.U.S. cards will be admitted. Anyone with a valid card will be entitled to bring one guest, who will have to be signed for in a visitor's book. Although Events and Union Services Committees do not like having to do this, they feel it is necessary in view of the possible entrance of untraceable disturbing elements. At the Family dance last term a student was badly cut in a fight with local youths who had got into the dance because there was no card check.

Police use more unnecessary violence against students at Powell demo

PRESIDENT ARRESTED AT DEMO

GUILD PRESIDENT Mike Terry was one of seven students detained by the police during the demonstration against Enoch Powell last Friday.

Six of the students, including Terry, were detained by police in a Black Maria inside the school grounds for about an hour after they had tried to break through a police cordon in front of the school gates. As students and police clashed outside the school Terry shouted to them that the argument was with Enoch Powell, not the police, whereupon he was promptly removed to the police van, along with Gerald Hitman, Brian Morris, two other members of Soc. Soc. and a first-year Comb. Hons. student, Chris White. According to Mike Terry, those who were detained were kicked and roughly treated, but none was badly injured.

Greatest man in world

The demonstration, to protest about the visit of Enoch Powell to speak to an old boys' meeting at King Edwards school in support of a fund-raising scheme, was organised by Soc. Soc. and the Birmingham Branch of the Co-ordinating Committee Against Racial Discrimination. It was preceded by a meeting outside the Union, at which about 500 students were addressed by Stuart Hall, who said of Powell: "Wherever Powell goes he is invited for his rabid racist policies which, unfortunately, are those of a large section of the community. It is up to Powell's own society to reject him, for he is invited and accepted because of his views, not because he is a great man." Some of the schoolchildren, when asked what they thought of Powell, replied: "he is the greatest man in the world."

a hundred yards of the hall where Powell was going to speak. Here the march was checked by the police and the six demonstrators were detained.

The rest of the demonstrators sat down inside the main gate, preventing cars and guests from entering.



Enoch Powell.



Photo: "Birmingham Post and Mail."

Police and demonstrators clash at the demonstration against Enoch Powell.

TROUBLE FOR G.T.V.

Late news

Phil Jacobs was elected Guild Secretary at last night's Guild Council. He stood against Nigel Shepherd, who came second, and Elvin McDavid came third.

THE future of Guild Television will be very much in the balance if the University continues with its present policy of charging for studio time. Bob Sabin, head of G.T.V., has been advised that until further notice a charge of £5 per hour will be made for the use of University Television Services' new studio.

This means that costs for each programme will now be in the region of £30, compared with £10 or so before. As G.T.V. receive a grant of only £400 p.a. from the Guild, this places it in

serious financial difficulties.

The pressure is coming not from U.T.V. itself, but from the University Finance Committee, which wants to make this a standard charge for all departments using the facilities. If the decision is upheld when the Committee on Technology in Education meets on Friday, it will also mean that many departments in the University will not be able to afford to use the service.

The University will then be in the position of having on its hands a studio containing the latest television equipment which will not be used to the full.



Mike Terry.

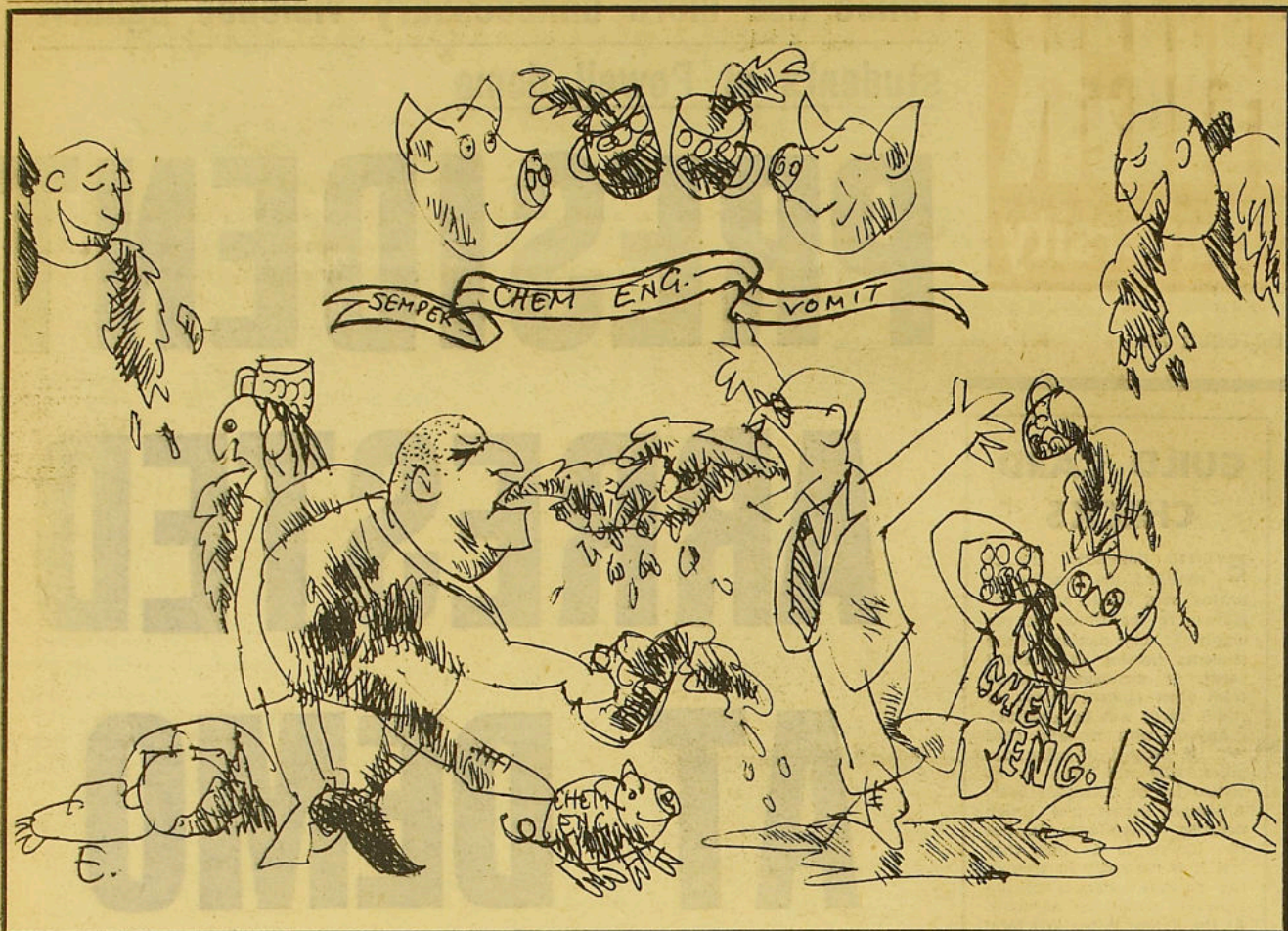
After the meeting, about 300 students marched down Edgbaston Park Road and across the school playing fields until they were within

ing or leaving the school. There were several scuffles with the police as they moved some students to make a pathway for people to get in.

Thrown out

Several of the young old Edwardians who went into the meeting (admission was by invitation only) were thrown out, bodily in some cases, because they were heckling Powell. Maurice Ludmer, the chairman of C.C.A.R.D. in Birmingham, was ejected for calling Powell an "intellectual cretin."

The chief master of the school, Rev. Canon R. G. Lunt, would make no comment on the demonstration, but said that Enoch Powell was "a distinguished old boy."



Advertisement (sic)

WHAT with all this high-faluting gossip about emptying your guts all over the campus and everybody, some of you out there in readerland must be feeling a little left out. DO NOT FEAR, "Redbrick" crawls into action once more with another heart-shattering scoop, designed to inform and to stir the very entrails of your being.

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First, then, there is the average most commonly practised, puke (or "YURRRGGHHK," as they have it), which may be brought on by simply applying a clenched fist to the sensitive areas around the lower glottis (no attempt at breathing should be made). Within several lurching seconds, the desired effect should be forthcoming.

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And they came to pass . . .

AND it came to pass that it was decreed that the most holy brotherhood of the Knights of Kemet should make a pilgrimage, the appointed day being the second day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Accordingly, about six o'clock in the evening, a mighty army did converge on a citadel overlooking the most ancient settlement of Sella Oake. In the bowels of this citadel was a sacred place, a meeting place for nightly rituals, and descending to this temple was a staircase, bearing in exotic letters the magic inscription "mainbar." Herein did the knights begin their ritual; the exchange of silver and copper coins for sacred goblets brimming over

with a brown and foamy liquid, and for small sticks which burned with a foul and pestilential odour, filling the hall with smoke.

Then did the knights consume the liquid, one or two in exceeding vast quantities; most in exceeding small quantities, and wondrous was it to behold the change which came over them. They did sing and shout exceedingly, and danced like the men of the Orient upon the altars whereon the sacred goblets had at first been placed. Many a goblet was smashed, many a pint of sacred liquid spilled over the floor.

Finally, the noise and riot did rise to such a degree that the High Priest decreed that the ceremonies should cease, and that the knights should return from whence they came. Great was the fury among the knights; but according to their honourable code of conduct they ended their ritual, each turning to his nearest neighbour and covering him in a stream of choleric phlegm, accompanied by much belching, growling and a ceremonial clutching of the belly. Then did they depart into the night, intoning as they went strange oaths, full of old Anglo-Saxon words.

'TUPPENCE' needs POETS

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Straighter head

WE were intrigued the other day to find a mysterious invitation pinned inconspicuously to the wall, addressed to "All Freedom Lovers." With visions of shapely forms distorted by girdles and other such restrictive delights, we scanned the missive eagerly.

Regrettably, the invitation had nothing to do with finger-tip panels but was a simple request for our company at a gathering for an unspecified purpose somewhere in darkest Edgbaston (Smethwick), and was signed "Joint Enterprises."

We duly attended and in short suffered an expansion of the consciousness hitherto unprecedented.

Whilst there, wherever that was, a character from Newcastle began to hold forth with some freaky anecdote which had us rolling furiously. Always on the lookout for talent, we promptly asked him if he would do his thing on "Back to Front", to which he immediately agreed.

The following is the first fruit of this encounter, and we hope there will be many more: Joint Enterprises presents . . .

Postscript

BACK TO FRONT this week has turned out to be, quite by accident, a chunderful vomitorium. But we hope that when you next feel the urge to yawn in technicolour, you will direct your efforts towards a more worthy and sturdy receptacle. Back to Front may be disposable, we hope it is not sick.

POLYLOGUE

Staff - Student Group meets Thursday, October 9th, 1 p.m., Executive Lounge, the Union.

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back to front

Head's Tales

When I was a young lad, full of Newcastle Royal Grammar School suet pudding and other goodies designed to improve both bowel and mind (what would Luther have done with food like that inside him?), I had this strange notion that chundering was somehow improper. It seemed disgraceful that Man, after some nine thousand years of civilisation, should still be dragged down to the level and the texture of the stuff whence he sprang. Was it not terrible, this racking of mind and body, this coughing up of the soul, because of an admired social habit? . . .

On the other hand, however, etc., I felt this incredible sense of loss, a sense of being unimportant, uninvolved, simply because I had no corroborated Tales of Old Vomit to tell. All about me, in between gulps of milk from small fit-for-

schools-type bottles, Homer and powers of inventiveness, hellish tales of fuzzi-attracting chunders in the Haymarket after the Three Bulls' Heads had closed . . . and yet here I am, the Virgin Puker, alone, friendless, unfulfilled, with not even the taste of last week's bile to look back on, nor a merry, self-effacing quip to make about some fond meory.

Christ, I could go on for ever like this. But the old rolling fingers are itching again, and the grass is always cheaper, etc. . . . Just wait till we legalise, mate.

I've just had a vision.

I see my sons, skinheads to the core, corner-whispering about Lebanese Red nine-skinners in the Haymarket after the Three Bulls' Heads . . .

It's no good, man, I'm going to blow it, but good.

M.P. ATTACKS FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

by Fiona Green

"WE need a completely free family planning service for all girls and women who have need of it," Renee Short, Labour M.P. for Wolverhampton North East, said last Friday. Speaking at the first public meeting of the Birmingham Pregnancy Advisory Service she criticised those doctors, common in the Midlands, who refuse to pass on women wanting abortions to more liberal colleagues.

She has been pressing Mr. Crossman for special units to help the women unfortunate enough to live where the Family Planning and Abortion Acts were inadequately carried out. Questioned on sterilisation, she felt that it was offered far too late by many G.P.s. "I think that some doctors have got hearts of stone."

Professor Lafitte, Chairman of the B.P.A.S. trust, answered objections that the service sends women to the so-called London racketeers. A private clinic for abortions will be opening here in a few weeks' time. The inclusive fee will normally be £65.

A discussion on contraception developed and whether it should be taught along with the general sex education at school. Mrs. Short felt that this ought to be done by the parents, but as many were not close enough to their children, it was up to the schools to do something. Dr. Cawthrie, from Aston University, pointed out that education was not enough. Girls who knew all about contraception still did not practise it.

The general feeling of the meeting seemed to be that education should be given to the parents as well as the children. Possibly, it was suggested, contraception should be sold to the young as the fashionable thing to do.



Renee Short speaking at Friday's meeting on abortion law reform.

Festival goes to jail

by Peter Marples

COMMUNITY action planned for next February's Festival is to include social work at Winslow Green prison. The Festival organisers intend also to continue last year's work helping old people and children. They are hoping that the Festival will attract more students into performing community service in the long term.

Arrangements are being made to provide musical entertainment in the form of jazz, folk, pop, and classical music.

In addition to performances by amateur, professional and university drama groups from all over Europe, there are to be lectures and discussions under the title "Theatre in the community." It is hoped to include lectures by Michael Kustow of the Institute of Contemporary Arts, and Gareth Morgan, of "Theatre-Go-Round."

ENTS. COMM. ABOLISHED

A MOTION was passed at last night's Guild Council abolishing Entertainments Committee. It has been felt by Events Committee for some time that since the new structure of Events and Entertainments was set up last year, the two committees have been duplicating each other's work to some extent, and so Ents. Comm. has been scrapped.

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Sympathy for student observers on Senate

by Bill Gifford

GREATER representation for students than for non-professorial staff on Senate could be the result of latest demands by the Guild. At last Thursday's meeting of the Senate Sub-Committee on Student Representation, there was a discussion on the additional reasons for 13 student representatives.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Hunter, described the meeting with Mike Terry, Rod Playford, and Doug Reid as "very useful."

Dr. Hunter, as chairman of the Sub-Committee, said that both the Sub-Committee and Senate were "very sympathetic to the idea of student observers on the same basis as non-professorial staff." He explained that though he hated secrecy it was something quite different to expect confidentiality from students on certain matters and to exclude them when the Senate discussed Staff problems. Dr. Hunter also stated that it was most unlikely that there would be a split agenda.

He thought that student representation was much more important at a departmental or Faculty level, although it could go to absurd lengths "as in Social Sciences."

The Committee will meet again before October 22nd when it will report to Senate. Before this date Guild officials will be informed of the proposals to gauge their reactions. They will also be invited to Senate on October 22nd to hear the proposals discussed.

Social work information

FOR those people wondering which of the many social work projects in the city they might become involved in, the Social Study Circle is holding an information evening tonight at which speakers from the Sparkbrook Settlement, the Balsall Heath Tenants' Movement and other civic community projects will give informative talks about their projects. After the talks there will be coffee and informal discussion.

The meeting will start at 7.00, and will be held in the common room on the top floor of the Ashley Building.

PERSONAL

CHEM. ENG. require Celtic Maidens. BECOME a Celtic maiden. Satisfy Chem. Eng. ARTS FACULTY Magazine. Anyone wishing to help produce one, contact M. O'S. Jenkins, Dept. of French. DON'T forget 69 College Road, Friday, 10th. All welcome. Main Bar crowd.

GIRLS, have you been approached by Chem. Eng.?

MAIDENS, Celtic, Chem. Eng., desire you.

WOULD the person who took a philosophy paperback and notes from the Library on Thursday evening please return them as they are urgently needed for work. If they are all that desperate for the book I will buy them one. — C. Cooper (C.H.III).

ADIDAS Football Boots, size 9, too small, used once, £4—save £1.—M. Collins, Union P.H.

WANTED, one fireproof Haystack. —Tenders to G.T.G.

COME gay in Edgbaston. NATIONAL Boiler Suit Week lives. TARQUIN meet Callisto in main bar wearing your boiler suit.

POETRY Society in gestation. Meeting for all interested, Monday, 13th, at 5.15 p.m., committee room 4. Notice in new entrance hall. ENTER the Motor Club Treasure Hunt Championship. First Hunt on Sunday, 12th October. Sign up on the Club notice board. All members welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Vatican roulette' and fairies no way to prevention

DEAR MADAM,—I find it difficult to reconcile the dangerous message of the Prevention or Cure feature (June 18th) with the squeal of editorial outrage when an Arts Senior Lecturer dares to utter moralistic views on the alcoholic and sexual initiation of freshers. This young University population needs such advice as much as any community that I can foresee, particularly as 'Redbrick' so pitifully confuses the issue by making a termination appear as safe as the Pill.

We read that termination is safer than having a wisdom tooth extracted. This is not a surprising conclusion in a statement by Dr. Martin Cole—the only person quoted in that half of the article—and as a geneticist perhaps the person least able to express a sound opinion on either gynaecology or dentistry.

It is true that there have been very few deaths due to vaginal termination during the first year affected by the Abortion Law Reform, but data concerning post-abort sterility is hard to come by. As a gynaecologist I have seen enough of these cases to convince me that the much quoted figure of 1.6 per cent is not an over-estimate. I mention this as one purely practical consideration.

I shall leave the rights of the foetus to the theologians, the psychiatric sequelae to the psychiatrists, who all think they have the answer; and the bloody details to those who continue to perform the operation, because I do as few as possible.

I do not wish to abrogate my responsibilities to this society but I must stress that our ideal aim in medicine is prevention instead of picking up the pieces when a shambles occurs, hence I work with several colleagues at the Brook Advisory Centre, and after three years and 4500 clients, I am still convinced that the girls in this University have intercourse with their fingers crossed or perhaps they believe in fairies.

The cervical smears which are part of the civilised prevention of the Brook, demonstrate sperms in 3 per cent of specimens. The actual incidence in the vagina is, of course, very much higher. Even more alarming is the information that 90 per cent of girls have at some time been using no precautions whatsoever, except a sort of ovarian Vatican roulette.

In spite of the liberal, and even in the last two years, approving publicity afforded to the Brook, clients are still arriving too late for prevention. The alternative is not a 'cure' but a disaster. I therefore have some sympathy with the Senior Lecturer who advises his girls against sexual activity because I know that the majority cannot be bothered to take adult precautions even when they are available.

Perhaps much of the fault lies with the Press, who hysterically report assumed side-effects of the Pill, ranging from loss of libido to sopranos losing their top two notes ('The Times,' April 1969), and many judgemental doctors who refuse to prescribe the Pill to the unmarried. Meanwhile the pop-in-and-have-one abortionists offer a 'small, safe operation—like pulling a tooth' for cash, and regular periods next month. It really is not that simple.

'Redbrick' has a responsibility to report such controversial issues accurately by seeking the facts from the most qualified source available instead of reporting two columns of biased opinion from those most willing to sound off, but least qualified to do so.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN W. W. STUDD,
Senior Registrar,
New Birmingham
Maternity Hospital.

R. G. HARE
(Law 1).

Tolerance leads to maturity

DEAR MADAM,—Was it intentional that you wrote: "After all, not all people who write letters to newspapers are mad" next to J. Turgid's self-centred and bigoted letter? Because he has been here six years does not give him the right to condemn as "raving kids just out of school" those who have been here six days. It seems he only makes the Conference an excuse to show his dislike of freshers generally. After all, he must have had to queue for food all the time he has been here.

Perhaps instead of concentrating on "vital research work" to the exclusion of all else, he ought to try to develop tolerance. Until he does he cannot be as mature as the majority of those he condemns.

Yours,

V-C not aggressive

DEAR MADAM,—On page two of the current edition of 'Redbrick' you make reference to the drawing which is on the front of 'Mermaid'. In this you say that the lion—with my head on it—is rampant. In fact the lion is couchant and certainly looks a little less aggressive than a rampant lion.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT B. HUNTER

Ed.—The lion is, according to our heraldry expert, passant.

Sad and gloomy half-truth

DEAR MADAM,—So we come back to Birmingham for a new term and on the first Wednesday 'Redbrick' appears. What a sad and gloomy impression it conveys! It is following the great tradition in University politics of half-truths and untruth. Look at the headlines and the articles and you will see that they are slanted to convey a particular point of view and one which is not agreeable to us all, but nevertheless must be imposed from above as being our medicine for the maladies of the world.

Many young students during their stay here are going to develop radical opinions. All to the good; radicalism has achieved a great deal, even, some would say, on this campus. Some will complain that British people are strangled in thought and action by the machinations of the capitalist Press and capitalist advertising. Let them prove whether this is true by resisting strangulation by the machinations of 'Redbrick'.

Believe me, Madam, I am

Yours faithfully,

B. T. HAWCROFT,
Law II.

The emotional strain of abortion: a crucial problem

THERE is no cartoon in this space as the block-makers thought it was blasphemous, and so refused to make the block.

We regret the consequent lack of publicity for the GOSPEL according to PARIAH poster; but buy it anyway.

Within the next few weeks (reports our divorce correspondent) a company will be floated for the purpose of disseminating literature of a humorous and satirical nature via the medium of the mail-order poster. Research by some of the world's leading psychologists (Coyle and Allsop, 1953) has disproved the commonly-held notion that posters can do nothing more than cover dirty cracks, and we at Zion House feel that the time has come for a strip-cartoon poster, something that will be an example of

wit at its worst, a unique vehicle of ribald mirth and merriment.

The drawing above is but a single frame [Go on.—Ed.] from the first of the series, the Gospel according to Pariah, which should be available in a fortnight at what is euphemistically called a moderate price.

Read next week's 'Redbrick' for more details of this unprecedented step in trendy publishing.

Turn out with magic powder

DEAR MADAM,—I feel I must write and complain on behalf of myself and, I am sure, on behalf of the great majority of decent students. It is distressing for a young, well-brought up girl like myself to see long-haired, unshaven people of both sexes lounging about the campus, shouting, and making a thorough nuisance of themselves without so much as an apology.

On the two occasions when I have politely requested them to show a little esprit de corps, to play the game, and to have a little consideration for others, I have been greeted with base words and hoarse cries of derision.

One such hooligan even went so far as to offer me some 'Magic Powder,' which, he said, would 'really turn you out,' or some such nonsense.

Now, no one could call ME a reactionary prude—I mean, I'm all for girls smoking in public—but I think something should be done about it.

This wonderful country of ours went through Hell twice for you; I think it's about time these sorry specimens of our really progressive University showed a little common-sense, and a LOT of gratitude.

Yours in anticipation,
VIRGINIA SMALLPIECE
(Theology I).

Letters to the Editor are welcomed at all times; all letters must be accompanied by the writer's name and pseudonyms are only acceptable in exceptional circumstances.

DEAR Madam,—Whilst agreeing that the opinion of Miss Jackson in the last issue (Illegitimate Children: A Public Service?) is unusual, I cannot view her suggestion as anything but inhuman. To propose that a woman who finds herself pregnant should regard this as an opportunity to benefit the community by providing a child for would-be parents to adopt is to totally disregard the emotional effect on the woman concerned.

In this situation any decision is difficult to make, and if it is finally thought best to end the pregnancy enough conflicts are involved without adding the social guilt of failing to provide happiness for someone else.

In her letter Miss Jackson implies that if a woman from a 'comfortable, middle-class background' is pregnant, she will have a duty to bear the child and no reason for termination, as she should have no financial difficulties. In this she is at variance with the Abortion Act (1967) which is humane enough to consider excessive mental strain for the mother as reasonable grounds. I would admire the courage of someone who could sacrifice part of her life and mind for the potential future good of strangers, being used like an incubator for others.

Certainly a woman would be helped greatly by a wider acceptance of the unmarried mother, as she is still largely regarded as a social outcast, but even if this does gradually come about, a decision still has to be made. This is difficult enough without the added mental strain of being expected to bear an unplanned and personally unwanted child.

Miss Jackson admits that emotions are the difficulty in this situation. It was not until I was forced into the situation of deciding upon an abortion a week ago that I realised just how crucial and enormous a problem they pose.

Combined Honours III.

Family planning week

DEAR MADAM.—Next term there is to be an 'International Family Planning Week,' when the problems of population control and food production will be discussed. Would anyone willing to help with this venture please contact G. R. Tutton, at 142 Greenfield Road, Harborne, or via Union Pigeon holes.

Yours faithfully,
G. R. TUTTON,
Medic VI.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ABORTION

The Brook Centre

HOWEVER liberal the Birmingham Pregnancy Advisory Service may be in its performing of abortions, the fact remains that correct use of contraceptives is an infinitely preferable way of controlling populations, and producing wanted children. For students, contraceptive advice can be obtained at the University Health Centre, but some may prefer, or be forced to use, the Brook Centre, which was established to deal with contraceptive advice for the unmarried.

It is a self-supporting body, as, because it gives advice specifically to the unmarried, local authorities will not give it grants (at least, not in Birmingham), although they give grants to the Family Planning Association.

The procedure at the clinic is as simple as possible, in line with its general approach to the situation. On her first visit the girl (almost all the clients are girls) is interviewed by a trained social worker who can uncover and deal with any emotional or sexual problems which might be present.

She is asked a number of questions—age (the majority of the clients are between 18 and 24), profession (the largest groups to use the clinic are students, 36 per cent, and people in reasonably good office or secretarial jobs). Questions are also asked about previous sexual experiences, and 55 per cent have had no previous sexual partners. But although the centre is inclined to encourage stable relationships leading to marriage, they do not moralise at girls who have not got steady relationships.

After the interview with the social worker the client is examined by a doctor—this includes the routine cervical smear and tests for vaginal infections. She is then given instructions on how to use the contraceptive prescribed; 84 per cent are given the pill, but for those who cannot or do not wish to take the pill there are diaphragms and intra-uterine devices. The possible hazards of the pill are not stressed; whatever they may be, a pregnancy is relatively more dangerous.

For contraceptives other than the pill, the client has to sign a statement acknowledging that they may not be 100 per cent effective, which absolves the centre of liability in case of failure. Very few fail, however. All the contraceptives prescribed can be bought at the clinic; pregnancy tests and cervical smears can also be done there, and a check is kept on all clients to ensure that there are no difficulties.

The centre's consultation fee for a year is £4; although this fee is crucial to the running of the centre, no one who cannot pay is turned away. Out of the fees the centre has to pay all the doctors, nurses and social workers who work there, as well as pay for the upkeep of the clinic and its rent from the Family Planning Association.

The Birmingham Pregnancy Advisory Service

As soon as the Abortion Act was passed, in April, 1968, the Birmingham Pregnancy Advisory Service came into being to deal with the large group of women who, although qualifying for abortions within the terms of the Act, would never be able to get National Health abortions because of the limited service which the National Health Service is able to provide at the moment.

The Pregnancy Advisory Service states its aims as—

(a) To promote education and research in the subject of pregnancy and the termination of pregnancy and its effects upon women whether physical, medical, psychological or social, and

(b) to provide advice, treatment and assistance for women who are suffering from any physical and mental illness and distress as a result of or during pregnancy, including such medical, psychiatric or other treatment as may be required in connection with the lawful termination of pregnancy and otherwise in the alleviation or relief of such illness or distress with power to establish and operate (whether alone or in co-operation with any other body or individual) clinics or medical centres for the benefit of such persons).

At present the service has its office at 109 Gough Road, Edgbaston, and it is just about to start operating a clinic for the actual performing of abortions in Arthur Road, which is near by. This clinic will have a permanent nursing staff and will draw its doctors from among those local doctors willing to perform abortions. (In fact, many doctors in Birmingham and the Midlands are strongly opposed to abortions, and so it becomes difficult for women to get them, or even for them to be referred to doctors prepared to authorise an abortion.)

The procedure which any woman who goes to the Pregnancy Advice Centre has to go through is very straightforward. She is given a preliminary interview, and then she is seen by a counsellor who can discuss the abortion with her, allay any fears she may have, and who will refer the woman to the doctors who will authorise the abortion.

The abortion must be carried out with the consent of two doctors, and this has in the past (and is still, in many places) been a considerable difficulty for many women. It is this kind of difficulty, however, which the service is designed to overcome; such a difficulty cannot arise when all the doctors who work for the service believe that abortions are a lesser evil than the production of an unwanted child. It is an important function of the

counsellors, incidentally, to make sure that the woman really wants an abortion; most women who go to the centre, however, have already made their minds up.

Having gone through the preliminaries, the women had, until recently, to be sent to London for private abortions, as very few qualify for National Health ones while there is such a shortage of hospital places. Private abortionists in London, however, tend to charge formidable prices for abortions, and the B.P.A.S. tried to keep the cost down to about £80. With the opening of the new clinic, however, it is hoped that a standard fee of around £65 will be charged. No-one is ever refused an abortion on financial grounds, however; there is a loan scheme available at the centre, the money for which is raised in a variety of ways.

The women who use the Pregnancy Advisory Service are mostly middle-class, and one of the centre's biggest problems is to get itself known in poorer areas, where the women have probably had less contraceptive education and are therefore even more likely to need it. Sixty-two per cent of the women who use the centre are unmarried, 30 per cent are married and the rest are widowed, divorced or separated.

But the centre makes no distinction between married and unmarried women; the only question with which they concern themselves is whether or not the baby is a wanted baby. Yet even then complications can arise, for many women the baby is wanted subconsciously, or is perhaps seen by her as a just punishment for sexual pleasure, both a cause and a mitigation of the guilt feelings which many women in such a situation experience.

In the first year of its existence the centre dealt with over two thousand women, at least three-quarters of whom actually had abortions. Although Dr. Martin Cole, one of its founder-members, has said that an abortion is no more dangerous than having a wisdom tooth out, other doctors are quick to point out that in fact abortions are both physically and emotionally taxing, and that many women have some sort of complications arising from an abortion—particularly in the case of advance pregnancies (although by law pregnancies cannot be terminated after 28 weeks).

And even an abortion clinic such as the one run by the B.P.A.S. cannot be a complete centre to deal with all complications; while adequate to deal with a normal abortion, it has no blood transfusion service and no facilities to deal with severe emergencies—such complete services will only be available to abortion patients when there are sufficient hospital places for all those who want them.



Photo: Chris Robinson

The Birmingham Pregnancy Advisory Service.

REDBRICK

THE Enoch Powell demonstration was by demo standards successful; a large number of people were involved and they managed to make their particular point of view known to a section of the people who attended the meeting. Even if they did not make many converts, the protest registered.

However, there was one very interesting by-product of the demonstration, and this was its effect on, and involvement of, the pupils at the school. As far as was apparent no schoolchildren took part in the demo, although there were some prefects trying to stop the demonstrators by saying that Enoch Powell was the greatest man in the world.

Obviously the majority of the people in the school, some of whom ought to be developing political maturity, were either unaware of the controversy surrounding Enoch Powell, or had been taught to sympathise with people of his way of thinking, or simply did not care.

One hopes that in a school like King Edwards, with its exceptionally good academic record, the pupils would have a good knowledge of current affairs and issues under discussion, particularly of those which affect their city as closely as do Enoch Powell's racist views. One might even hope that the school-teachers encourage their pupils to do something rather more concrete than demonstration in an effort to alleviate the problems which Enoch Powell's attitudes and actions do nothing to alleviate. But the evidence of the prefects (the leaders of the school's student body) who supported Powell would indicate that this is not, in fact, the case.

Considering that the headmaster referred to Powell in highly complimentary terms it might not be wrong to suppose that the pupils at King Edwards' school, far from being educated in tolerance and sensitivity towards everyone else, are educated to believe that they are an elite. This is not an uncommon attitude in direct grant schools, unfortunately, but it is one which would never survive in a comprehensive school. Ideas such as those of equality, tolerance, or even the crucial understanding of others are not always allowed to flourish in schools which base their standards of success on exam results and Oxbridge entrances.

The general lack of participation would be even sadder if the pupils had not gone to the demonstration because of threats of consequent retribution.

And if they don't care, they ought to be shown that there is something to care about by those who have been lucky enough to realise it already.

THE Guild is short of money, and the money is getting shorter every year. This has affected everyone, most obviously in rising food prices.

It has also affected "REDBRICK" (which didn't do much to lessen the deficit). Now the latest casualty is Guild Television, which, if U.B.T.S. insists on being paid for the use of its studio, will have to go out of business unless it gets a bigger grant from the Guild.

G.T.V. has only been operating for just over a year, during which time it has done a great deal of experimental work; indeed, the concept of student television services was practically unheard of before. It is vital for the whole system of communications in the University (which is poor enough as it is) that both G.T.V. and U.B.T.S. must be allowed to develop their full potential. It will be unforgivable if financial restrictions are placed on their creativity, and it will also be a shame if other people are deterred from using the excellent facilities provided by U.B.T.S. because of the cost.

Somehow the University and the Guild must ensure that these services are allowed to continue and grow into one of the greatest media experiments ever attempted in this University.

ONCE again religious scruples on the part of block-makers (not the "Birmingham Post & Mail" to whom thanks for making the cartoon on page two at such short notice) have prevented two cartoons from appearing in "REDBRICK." They were part of the GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PARIAS, an incredibly amusing narrative poster drawn by B. B. Slayer, a character well-known to "REDBRICK" readers.

With block-makers regularly having scruples about the cartoons taken from this poster ("MERMAID" had the same trouble with some others last year) the prospects of getting the poster, which is really quite harmless, printed are not great. If it does appear, however, it is well worth buying: the assorted noises from members of "REDBRICK" staff while reading it are a commercial proposition in their own right.

So take heart, Basil, all is not lost.

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JORDAN: The circus has ended

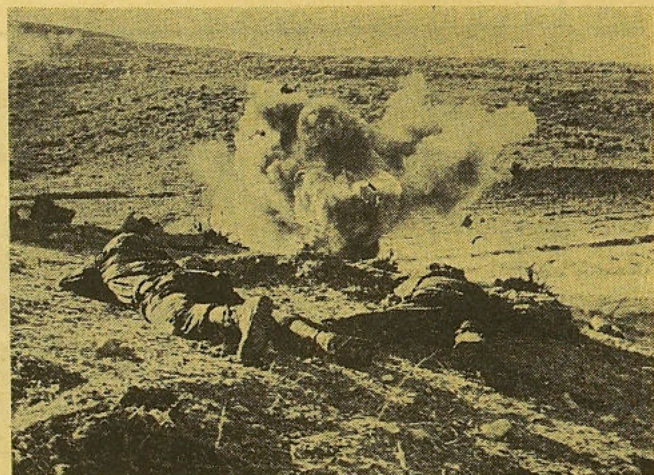
by Matt Connolly

The old have grown accustomed to the refugee existence
—but the young have cried enough

A FRENCH touring circus in Tel Aviv, demonstrating the old art of training animals to their successors. The young Israelis watch in amazement, laugh at the clowns, and excitedly eat their water-melons. And then the explosion. In the panic a six-year-old boy lies bleeding. Like the French in Indo-Chino, the Israelis discover the cost of colonial government. The bomb, hidden in a melon, brings the circus to an end.

The disadvantage of reading about the Middle East situation from the comforting distance of England is that we are lulled into believing in the myth of the Six-Day War. The war will soon approach its 800th day, and both sides have lost more men since the "war" than during it.

Fatah are the chief guerilla group in Jordan. Nightly, they organise ten or more raids across the Jordan river. Every week another bomb disrupts the supposed prosperity and stability of Israel, the Zionist dream. But Fatah represent the other dream: the return to Palestine.



In Jordan, there are now more Palestinian refugees than people born on the east bank of the river. Most are now refugees for the second or even third time. On each occasion their usurpers have been the same army. The glorious Adonis figures of the land of milk and honey have ensured that Herzl's vision of an Israel stretching from Mediterranean to Nile to Euphrates has been accompanied by the subsequent unhousing of the Arab population. The refugees are the Middle East problem, for they are now threatening to spoil Israeli theory by adopting guerilla practice.

Baq'aa refugee camp is the biggest in Jordan. Just outside Amman, it has a registered population of 30,000, an actual one of 70,000. In the winter this swells to almost 100,000 as those of the guerilla movement come in from the hills. People live there eight to a one-roomed house, no bigger than the average bed-sit, provided by the East German government. They use tents as day-rooms, air-raid trenches for toilets. The West exemplified by Oxfam, U.N. and the Pontifical Mission, provide the necessary standards of hygiene: delousing centres, soup kitchen and mission schools. Everybody queues quietly for these services. The old because they've had lots of practice, the young because they're under orders. Fatah controls this camp as it does the others in Jordan, and there is no cause in causing trouble.

The camps provide the evidence and the opportunity a revolutionary movement requires for solidarity. If you enter as a European, unaccompanied, this would soon become apparent. Everywhere the young Ashball carry their guns. Internal camp security is in their hands in the shape of an Egyptian-made automatic. Opposite the main gate is their own

HERE for once, in account of "the other side": the Jordan side of the war which has been going on openly since June 1967, and for years before that.

The much-pitied Israelis, with whom the Western world shows so much sympathy, are NOT the only people to suffer in this war. The plight of the Jordanians is equal great; in fact, it is greater, because they have not got wealthy and influential allies such as America and Britain.

If they had, a issue might have been settled long ago, but still children are dying in the streets, and learning to fight for their country at an incredibly early age. For the homelessness and destruction have been a way of life.

Matt Connolly, who wrote this article, spent this summer in Jordan, where he worked in a work camp. The article is a rare personal view of what is happening in Jordan now.

compound. Here they train from the age of six in the art of guerilla warfare. By twelve they are ready to commence operations. Training is political as well as military; they know the history of the Middle East; the price they have paid for the appeasement of the post-Hitler European conscience. And they know the true enemy. Time and again they stress that they are not astatic but anti-Zionist. Their exercise books contain the homework graphs. The comparisons of land



owned in Israel by American and European Jews compared with the little owned by Oriental Jews. The myth of the kibbutz: only eight per cent of the Israeli population live or work on one. And the evidence of torture.

One young commando, aged 14, had been back in Jordan only one month. He had been captured and questioned. The cigarette burns still covered his chest and upper arms. But he was going back, and his mother who had already lost one son the year before had agreed that it was necessary. At the School for the Daughters of Fatah Martyrs in Amman the girls do their military training. Whereas the old have grown accustomed to the refugee existence the young have cried enough.

Fatah's role in Jordan is purely military and, despite the lack of newspaper coverage of their campaign in England, they are phenomenally successful. Last March (1968), at the town of Karami they inflicted a heavy defeat on an airborne Israeli force of over a thousand. They ambushed paratroopers and blew up tanks as Israel attempted to gain possession of the eastern hills of the Jordan valley which is where the guerillas camp. It remains Israel's only serious setback of the war. She won it next day. Three air-raids on the town, which by then included only women and children, ensured another victory for napalm. Fatah's fighting numbers doubled in the month after the bombing.

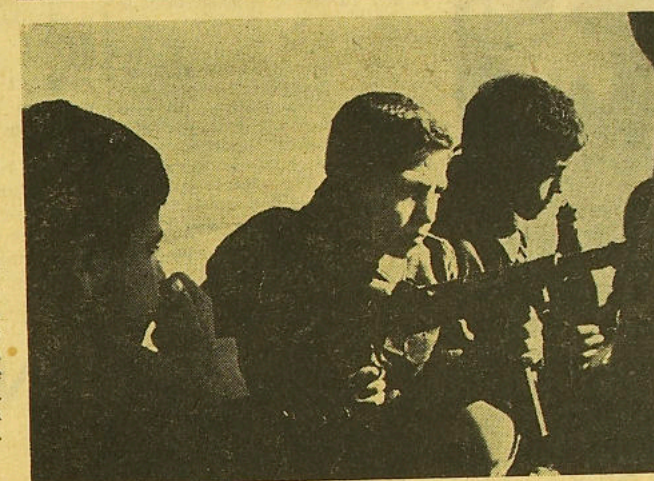
Despite Israel's denial of the use of napalm the evidence in the Palestinian Red Crescent clinics is overwhelming. I myself saw the town of Irbid, second largest in Jordan, the morning after a night raid. Whole areas including a refugee camp were scorched black. In the jargon of the day it was reprisal raid for the French circus affair.

The obstacle which the Israelis are failing to overcome is the old one of popular war. Dayan, despite a visit to Vietnam for consultations with Westmorland last year, still finds himself embarrassed by what he has called "barbaric assaults on our people." He may bask in the reflected glory of his latest defeat of Egypt, but while his pilots do great deeds in the sky the people of Israel know victory is as far away as ever. The evidence is in the increasing defence budget, the capin-as ever. The evidence is in the increasing defence budget, the humiliating hand visit of Israel's Prime Minister to America last week, the humiliating searching and pass-checking, the meteoric fall in tourists. Even the



failure this year to fill the kibbutzim with the usual supply of European students.

The Palestinian Revolution differs from most in one basic characteristic. The land that is to be freed is a foreign one. The people have now been forced over the border. The result is that it becomes very easy to mobilise the masses. Their land has not been lost theoretically to the capitalists but has disappeared from their control in the most obvious way. And so Fatah, with one per cent of the annual income of all Arab countries at its disposal and with overwhelming popular support, is able to produce the atmosphere that increases support. However, it is not unchallenged. The Democratic Front, the political revolutionary focus of Palestine points accusingly at it. They mention the lack of detailed plans that Fatah has for the new Palestine. Its ubiquitous lack of statements about the other Arab governments. And where Fatah fails to put pressure on Israel the D.F.



does. They have opened a second front in Israel, not with guns as Fatah has, but with industrial action, demonstrations, overburdening demands on Israel's showpiece social agencies for Arabs still in Israel. They have formed ties with those Jews who disagree with the idea of a purely Jewish Palestine. And they are too busy opening up fronts in the other Arab countries to ensure the revolution is not purely a Palestinian affair.

The war, despite the hopes of Panorama, is bound to continue. The National Liberation Front in Palestine has established itself as an entity of the war distinct from the air battles over the Canal that the Press love telling us about. The Palestinian Red Crescent, established to provide medical care for the wounded fighters in the days before the Jordanian government would, now provides the only free medical service in Jordan, for refugees or anyone. It has been refused recognition three times by the Red Cross in Geneva under pressure from America and Britain. The reason is undoubtedly its campaign to have captured freedom fighters recognised as prisoners of war and not political prisoners, with the resultant protection. While the Western Press write of "terrorist" activities they describe the Israeli bombings as "reprisals". And even the Israelis have realised the futility of bombing the temporary or underground bases of Fatah. The bombers continually have to resort to irrigation schemes or refugee camps to be sure of "reprisals".

And Fatah, with its songs and its martyrs, grows every day. It controls the internal affairs of Jordan, where the new America-financed University has become a centre for international student supporters of the people's war, and where Hussein's sleep is disturbed every night by the rifle practice of the guerillas, reminding him who is in charge. It is probably the nearest one ever gets to seeing a circus in Jordan.



N.U.S. president accuses Universities of failure

In a speech at London Guild Hall on Monday, Jack Straw, President of the N.U.S., accused what he called "the last great unreformed institutes of our time, the Universities and colleges of higher education" of failure.

These bodies are incapable of reforming themselves, he said, and must have democracy and representative government imposed from outside. "Whilst they have made paper concessions to students, they have ensured that the government

of our academic institutions remains in precisely the same hands—those of senior academics and the administrators—as it did five, fifteen, fifty years ago."

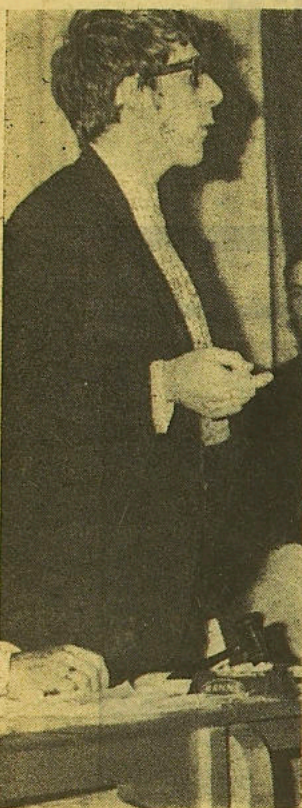
He argued against the belief of universities that "expedient and cynically granted concessions representing a formula for the self-preservation of autocracy." He added: "The universities, by making concessions on this basis, have not purchased time but a time-bomb."

Jack Shaw said that while these bodies had often instituted changes in primary and secondary education, they themselves resisted change.

Participation now by students is essential to enable them to take their place in the constantly changing technological society of the future. "Democratic involvement is not just a nice idea; it is now a necessity," he said.

Straw's lecture was one of three Granada lectures on "Universities, the boundaries of change." He was speaking to an audience of 1,000 people, including students, academics and vice-chancellors, and the fact that he was asked to give the lecture alongside distinguished educationalists is seen as significant.

The lecture, entitled "Student Participation in Higher Education: Education for Democracy and Technology," was commented on in a "Guardian" editorial yesterday. The paper called his speech "a reasoned and convincing case for significant student representation at first level university decision-making. It concludes that 'If any particular university is a harmonious community already, democratic procedures cannot harm it. If it is not, resistance to change will not stave off discord but only feed its growth.'"



Jack Straw
Photo: Nigel Adams (Phoenix)

ANTI-BRITISH DEBATE TONIGHT

7.30 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
McGill Univ. v. Aston Univ.
Quebec, Canada Birmingham

Playing fields to be redeveloped

PROFESSOR GROVE, Dean of the Law Faculty, will soon be in the position of publicly supporting two contradictory policies in connection with land owned by the University.

As a representative of the Tory Birmingham City Council, he will be putting the case before an official enquiry for the compulsory acquisition of part of West Hills playing fields. At the same enquiry, University Council, of which Professor Grove is also a member, will be putting forward proposals that this land "be not acquired."

Many members of the university have stated that they think he must resign from one of his positions, but Professor Grove himself would not comment.

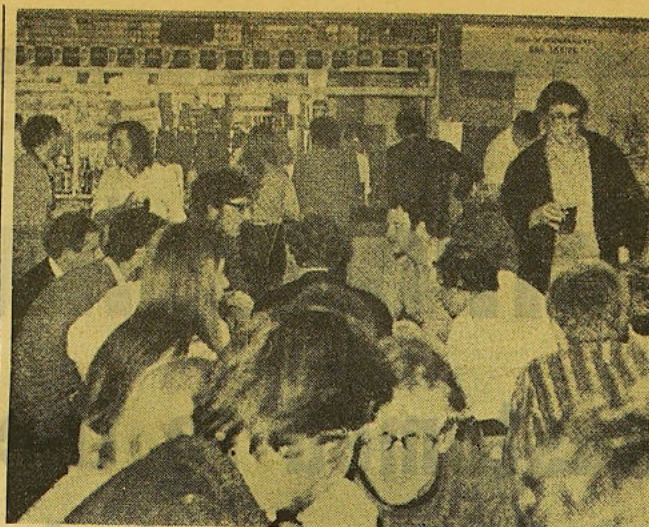
The land is at the moment completely unused by the University, and the City Council wish to use it as part of their overspill development.

MORE SOCIAL WORK

A NEW volunteer social service scheme is being launched. It will work with children and old people as well as doing a number of other social activities in Birmingham.

The Scheme, arranged by the Social Administration Department, is mainly for students of this Department, who will be running a number of individual volunteer posts. It is hoped to fill any vacancies from amongst students outside the Department.

There will be a meeting to recruit volunteers on Monday, October 6th, at 7 p.m. in the Faculty of Commerce building. It is expected that further openings will be arranged as the year progresses.



The Main Bar in a more peaceful mood.

BAR CLOSED FOR SECOND TIME

THE main bar was closed early for the second time this term when Chem. Eng. held a smoker there last Thursday night.

The bar was very full, and after there had been beer thrown about, scuffles, glasses smashed, and a fire extinguisher let off, the bar was closed at 9.00. When the bar closed one angry student, who had got behind the bar, threw a glass across the room and narrowly avoided injuring someone. His identity is not known, however, and so no disciplinary action is being taken against him.

Following Thursday's trouble, and the trouble on the previous Tuesday when the bar was closed at 9.50, Executive has decided to organise informal surveillance of the bar by Exec. members, particularly on the nights when there tends to be the largest numbers of people in the bar. It was suggested that the bar should be closed completely for one or even more nights, but this suggestion was dropped.

'Naive political wrangling' angers lecturer

"EDUCATION — Where the Brain Lies." After yesterday's Open Lecture, scenes of political bickering took place in Executive Lounge when the speaker, Professor Halsey, of Oxford, was confronted with searching questions on the nature of his work in educational priority areas.

He said he was trying hard to keep his temper in the face of "insulting patronage" from his interrogators.

Mainly responsible for the argument was former student Gerald Hittman who was severely reprimanded by the Professor for his "naive political wrangling."

Professor Halsey's lecture consisted of an account of the work of the E.T.A. movement which followed in the wake of the Plowden Report. Five centres had been set up and priority areas, London,

Liverpool and Dundee on October 1st, 1968, and the West Riding and Birmingham on January 1st, 1969.

The centres are based at the University in the area, but are linked with local social workers and parents. The programme is scheduled to finish on January 1st, 1971, when a report will be produced on the findings of the various groups involved in education research in the twilight districts.

Several major areas of discussion occupied the Professor's speech, including the quality of education, the government's position, and the influence of poverty on those who need help most — the residents in the priority centres.

He strongly denied the right of the public schools to exist, and commented that adherence to this system of education should be "deplorable." He also stated: "Revolutions do appeal to me, I must confess, but they never do anybody any good."

Professor Halsey's main concern was to "raise the standard of educational performance at an early age" and to a very great extent this could be aided by "pre-schooling." He talked at considerable length on the problems of experimental social administration and action research in priority areas, and the need for every one, especially politicians, to confess their ignorance of concrete solutions without trial and measured efficiency first.

The subsequent argument began when the Professor's views were attacked, although question time at the lecture went without any emotional outbursts or arguments.

cinema

PETER HALL'S earlier excursions into films, like "Work is a Four Letter Word", and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" did not, for some reason beyond my comprehension, receive widespread critical approval.

"Three Into Two Won't Go" marks his recognition as one of the best of the new directors. The film is remarkable for its clarity, from the first shot of the girl hitching seen through the windscreen, to the closing shot of the house, every scene is from reality.

Having become accustomed to seeing everything through the cinematic mist popularised by Claude Lelouch, this is rather disconcerting. The effect is rather similar to the starkness of Chabrol, but without the aura of unreality which surrounds his unnatural characters.

The hotel near Stratford and the housing estate in Camberley are environments that Peter Hall understands. The tract of earth that is fenced off from the other gardens, and the endless coats of paint that Claire Bloom applies to the walls epitomise the attempt to create a new relationship in the marriage, and also the sense of futility felt by both husband and wife.

The girl (Judy Geeson) really does not destroy anything, she is alive, and that is more than the stagnant situation can stand.

The basic theme is shared with Polanski's "Knife in the Water," but the tension is more spasmodic. At the end there is a feeling of inevitability and of devastation, the sheer impact of the truth drives everyone out of the house.

There are some sequences, particularly the scenes with the woman alone in the house, that have an almost lyrical beauty about them. The intercutting of different

scenes is used to re-establish the impersonal ideal of truth when the girl begins to lie.

There is a beautiful performance by Peggy Ashcroft as the mother, completely confused by the world outside the home. When asked advice on flowers for the garden, she reels off a list of hopelessly inappropriate tropical plants. Each character is crystallised in such a reaction. The girls runs naked through the corridors, the wife refuses to make love in the front room in case anyone sees them, the husband wants to set the girl up as a conventional mistress.

The control which all three show over their performances, and the feeling for pace and detailed movement that Peter Hall has always shown results in a nearly perfect film. Rod Steiger adds one more utterly convincing character to his collection and proves again that to create several totally distinct personalities you don't have to resort to caricature.

Also showing at the A.B.C.s in New Street and Colleshill Street is the "Eye of the Cat," a rather better than usual semi-horror film.

Since the Cinephone is packed with porno, for the deprived, Film Soc. has a monopoly of the intelligent cinema at present. This week, its contribution to university culture is Bertolucci's "Before the Revolution," which is well worth a Thursday night.

"What's new Pussycat?" is this week's Sundry Film. Not a great film, but incredibly funny. It all began as an idea in Woody Allen's twisted little mind, and eventually became a script that everyone ignored. Peter Sellers plays the mad psychiatrist, Peter O'Toole raises many an anguished eyebrow, Paula Prentiss and Ursula Andress become involved along the way and Woody Allen plays the stripper's dresser, would you believe.

Beware of the Valkyries.

PAUL BRETT SOMMERS

BOOKS

THE sudden departure of Basil the Bulgar Slayer, esquire, purveyor of filth to the Guild from the University, or "scene" as he would doubtless have referred to it, brought immediate rumours that he had been caught in some dark alley and gunned down by members of the Birmingham Watch Committee Gang, after a tip-off from "Mike" Boyse Simmons, who subsequently got very hung up about the whole affair.

In fact, Basil (known as Captain Fury by his friends), escaped, fatally wounded, but otherwise unhurt, and managed to draw, in his own blood (or Dr. Dick Maynard's according to whose story you believe) THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PARIAH (C) B. B. Slayer, an extremely funny cartoon poster, which will shortly be on sale in limited numbers for a modest sum. I won't mention that it is rather

blasphemous or in quite bad taste, as this will only encourage you to buy it. However, I will say that it sheds a new light on many of the occurrences that other versions of the story have tended to gloss over. I mean what did J.C. really say to his lawyer?

It has been rumoured that Basil, the dear departed, is in fact lying in some dank crypt waiting to be revived by a young virgin's money, or indeed anyone's money. Those members of the university who live in daily terror of marauding Bulgars will realise it is therefore in their own interests to buy this poster.

PAUL BRETT SOMMERS

CHRISTIAN magazines usually provide information on the next Mothers' Union Meeting, contain short reviews of the records of some diocesan conference, start with a sermon for the week and, if one is fortunate, with a comic strip serialised version of the life of a saint.

So when this bearded anarchist came into the office and handed

and the J.E. film unit had been there! But no, it was "Redbrick."

The resulting masterpiece is at the foot of the page. Anyone who can find all four members of the Floyd should volunteer for the Observer Corps, and start looking for friendly U.F.O.s.

Barnabas played their first set of the term. Unfortunately the technical hang-ups at the beginning, and the helpful Floyd roadie who completely disconnected them added to their problems. They couldn't play their second set because of the time factor, so they never really had a chance to get together. Their unique version of "On the Road Again," with which they closed their act, was however, as brilliant as it ever was. They're playing at Mason Hall this weekend, supported by Ten Years After, when we should expect great things.

Pegasus also appeared.

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music

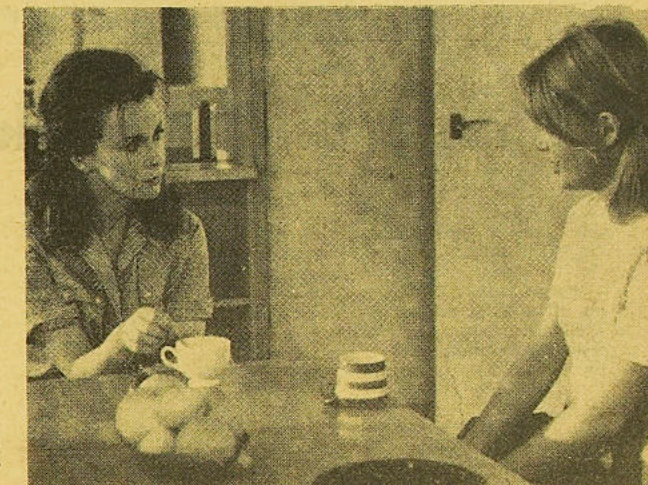
THEIR Floydian Majesties did indeed descend on the Union last Friday. They were in a particularly celestial mood, even though AZIMUTH was nowhere to be seen. On any occasion the effects of "Interstellar Overdrive" are likely to be rather disconcerting, but when the sequence extends to "Set the controls for the Heart of the Sun" and the near legendary "Saucerful of Secrets" the only wonder is that the floor of Deb. Hall was not littered with the mortal remains of those whose migrant spirits were winging their way to the Heavens.

Roger Waters actually attempted to fly, but he was unsuccessful. As he rose through the air, a cymbal of man's aspirations, a single flashbulb exploded. If only Tony Palmer

REVIEWS



THREE INTO TWO



WON'T GO



BARNABAS



PINK FLOYD

IT'S amazing. "Ice Station Zebra," reviewed last week, was so bad, it was an effort to watch. "Where Eagles Dare," ABC, Bristol Road, is a masterpiece. Not that it is a better film than "Ice Station Zebra," aesthetically it is much worse, but its makers have so much more of an idea of how to make a bad film.

Alistair Maclean again supplies the story, so either way he is happy, and for a change his brand of humour, standard spy-thriller dry, finds its way on to the screen. Many a man is mown down with a merry quip, by Richard Burton that is. Clint Eastwood mows them down without a word, in fact he's speechless for most of the film, perhaps with awe.

Richard Burton applies himself assiduously to the avoidance of acting throughout the film, yet still romps home first with Eastwood, acting for all his worth, never really finishing. Mary Ure also decorates.

The plot appears for an unbelievably bewildering ten minutes in the middle of the film until somebody notices it and smother it before it has a chance to worry the audience.

The rest of the time is devoted to the sort of spectacular heroics that turn the stomachs of many people on the grounds that it cheapens life, but the film has so few pretensions to reality and life being as inexpensive as it is that we can afford to laugh at such elaborate sadism. The sickness is already there, the danger is in denying it.

The secret of presenting abomination successfully lies in total amorality. "Where Eagles Dare" rides no fences at all, nobody cares about anything, neither the characters nor the actors who play them, neither the directors nor the man who wrote the music. The film indulges us in fiction. There are no lies because there is no truth. It is an end in itself.

ANDREW ROBINSON

this magazine I thought that perhaps that the revitalised Soc-Soc. had finally produced a new organ, and I settled down to read the latest tracts. After a few minutes it became apparent that although the views were radical they were also Christian.

The Catonsville Roadrunner is in fact a kind of holy OZ. The articles are set against the background of a Christian revolution, but they are definitely not parochial. When religion is mentioned it is a much more confident and vital faith than the tired, solemn voice that comes from under the dust that fills our churches.

The standard of writing is rather better than "Roller Stone" has displayed. The graphics are the magazine's best feature. With a very limited amount of money at its disposal the editors have created something which is both well produced and interesting to read. David Hart, the new chaplain, is partly responsible for it, which explains a great deal. Price one shilling from reception.

ANTONY STEIN

sport 1

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

FRESHER THOMAS TREMENDOUS

Two in two minutes for Pike

Birmingham Univ. 1st 3, Moseley Ladies 3

THIS match was a dramatic success for the University's re-formed defence with fresher Lorraine Thomas playing tremendously. She has already won representative honours with the West of England Junior side and must be a great prospect for a W.I.V.A.B. place later in the year.

The match started with the University one player short, and as a result of this misfortune, Moseley Ladies took an early lead. But the University side, with six new players, including four freshers, after taking a few minutes to settle down, fought back tenaciously.

Birmingham went ahead with two University faltered and trailed 1-2 at half-time.

The defence had been playing well, mainly due to the sterling efforts of the half-back line, especially Sue Addison. Immediately after the re-start Birmingham equalised, when a good run on the left wing by Sue Garrod and a quick cross, found our Hazel unmarked. True to form, she left the goalie with no chance.

Moseley quickly regained their lead and in their desire for an equaliser left themselves exposed at the back. A speedy breakaway by Moseley found vast empty spaces in the University defence and closed the scoring.

Moseley left it to the dying seconds before they scrambled in their third and equalising goal, to end a fast and thrilling match between the very evenly-matched "old rivals."

Team: G. James, P. Clay, H. Disney, J. Newman, V. Welsh, M. Pike (Capt.), J. Stain, K. Bassham, J. Sharpe, S. Archer.

Birmingham 2nds 2, Moseley Ladies 2nds 4.

The University team played extremely well, and were unlucky to lose. Full marks must go to the six freshers, who fitted into the set-up admirably well. After taking the lead after 10 minutes through centre-forward Hazel Jamieson, the



The University take the lead against Moseley Ladies' first team, but unfortunately conceded the equaliser in the closing minutes.

NETBALL

Phillippa and Jill take charge

AFTER last season's easy victories in University circles, the netball club decided to take on the local works teams in the Birmingham League, at first team level, and leave the second and third teams to cope with other University opposition. The firsts started the season well with a convincing win in their first Birmingham League match, overcoming G.E.C. 32-11.

With many of the team a little unfit and playing together for the first time, it was not surprisingly a little while before the girls settled down. Two first year P.E. students,

Phillippa Bonolino and Jill Barber, showed great determination and were often able to take the initiative against their well-drilled opponents. Sue Johnson started the match badly, with some wild throws, but by the second half was playing much more smoothly, combining well with the other two centre court players.

When a little more fitness has been acquired, the team should be formidable opponents for other League members.

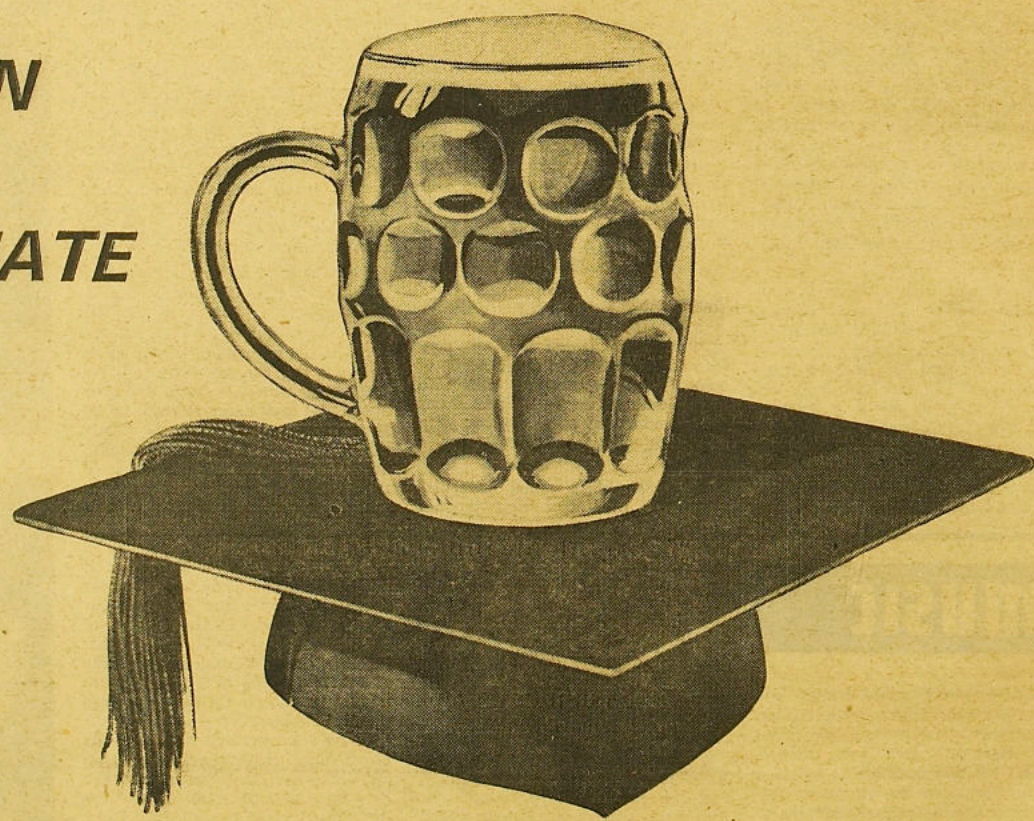
The University 2nd and 3rd teams went to play Austey 1st and 2nd teams, no easy task! The 2nd team

went down very narrowly by 15-10 and with a little repositioning could improve their play. They should hold other University opposition without undue bother. Judith Ridley was on superb shooting form in the first half, but unfortunately lapsed in the later stages of the match.

The 3rd VII lost by 23 goals to 10, but here again practice could reap considerable dividends. Both teams need to play together as a team, both in matches and in training, before any reappraisal of the fixture arrangements can be considered for future years.

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RUGBY

Plank's men show great promise

Birmingham Univ. 1st XV 24pts., Derby 15.

IT appears that after this competent start to the season, Roger Plank could produce one of the best University Rugby sides for many a year.

As a result of the Freshers Trials and experienced players not being quite sure of their future (we love you, too, Graham), the selection committee were faced with several problems. Picking a team that dealt so easily with a useful Derby side must have restored their confidence. The only exception being Dave—Man in the Paper Mask—Starling, who, still recovering from the Chem-Eng. smoker, had the misfortune of being concussed during the game. He kept monotonously saying to Rog Plank: "If you had it last night—smile!" This was greeted with a somewhat amused attitude.

The Birmingham side, after conceding three points, soon got on top with a penalty by Dave Watkins and tries by Hanlon and Pearson. However, what should have been capitalised on was lost by the old story of non-existent kicking. In the set pieces Bond gained six strikes against the head. Newcomers Steve Bastable and Rick Evans — I thought he'd left with his bucket and Wellingtons ages ago — got through a lot of work, and the forwards gave consistent good ball to the new style back division of Jackson, Skyrme, Vintner and "Foxy" Fowler.

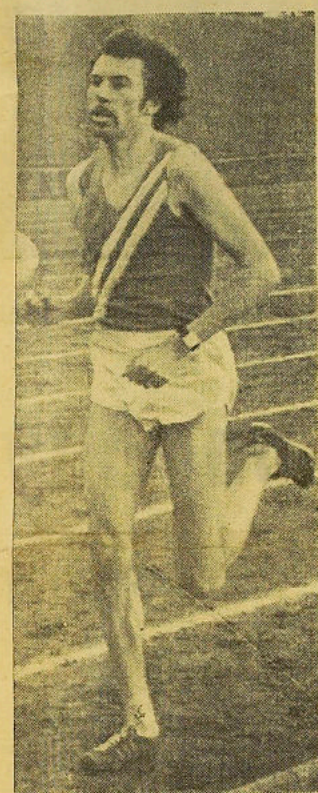
Tricky runs by Skyrme and Vintner pleased an enthusiastic crowd of 40-plus. Indeed, the try of the match came from a neat inside break by Skyrme, which led to Vintner's try and Watkins' conversion. Derby were less imaginative, kicking four penalties and one solitary try (and that came back into the game when the University evidently tired).

However, the game was made safe when "Foxy" Fowler scored a startling opportunistic try. Bob Norman provided his usual backing

after good work by Hanlon and effective American-style blocking by Rick Evans. Both tries were converted by Dave the Boot.

So with this confidence booster, the team are looking forward to meeting old stalwarts Birmingham on Wednesday and Sheffield next Saturday.

Stop Press: Gra' Morgan, allowed out to train, on Monday, reported that he has intentions of playing for Mermaids.—Reuter.



Mike Tagg, European Games action for Loughborough Colleges at the University track this afternoon.

ATHLETICS

Grim tussle expected

THIS afternoon the University athletic team entertains the mighty Loughborough Colleges, the U.A.U. champions, in their annual Freshmen match. This match provides an excellent opportunity of assessing the talent and the potential of the newcomers to the University team before they get down to their strenuous winter training.

Last year the University won the match, which gave them the necessary optimism during the cold winter months, whilst the cross-country "plodders" enjoy their beer in the local bars. Both teams are likely to be without some of their top stars. Loughborough's ace fieldman Bill Tancred, is likely to be on international duty against Finland at the Crystal Palace. Likewise the University will be deprived of the services of steeplechaser Andy Holden, provided that he has recovered from the after effects of finishing second to Ron Hill in a 30 kilometers track race at Bolton last Thursday.

MOTOR CLUB

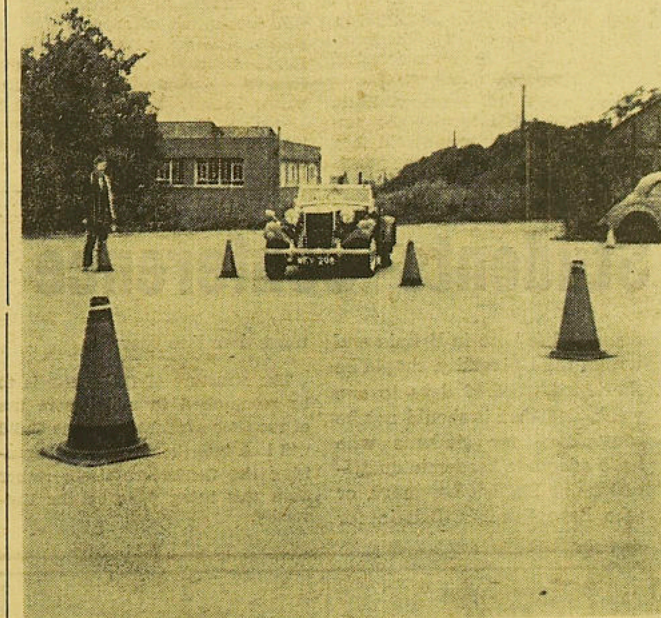
Hostility towards Motor Club

THE University Motor Club is, after a very successful event last year, to stage another motor rally in the very near future. Details are not

yet finalised, but will be faithfully reproduced in "Redbrick" when and if they are made available. It takes considerable effort for a route to be drawn up which fails to arouse the hostility of at least one or two members of the general public. Last year barricades placed in the road had to be avoided by driving an alternative 'overland' route through a neighbouring corn field.

The teams usually start from the Union and are given a list of map references to follow up, often getting amazingly lost on the course due to their abysmal map-reading. At these references, control posts are set up, looked after by marshalls, who have the unenviable task of timing the competitors. The object of the exercise is to visit all the control points, and cover the distance between them within the time limit set by the organisers.

The club often stage a November rally especially designed for novices, covering about 120 miles smooth tarmac roads... ha! ha!... and is easily the grand social occasion which it ought to be. The club's activities are generally congenial, though on occasion, inter-member rivalry has led to duelling on a lonely country road. The motor club also sometimes sends articles to "Redbrick" when it promises to.



The Motor Club event

CROSS-COUNTRY

Freshmen shake old lags

THE traditional start to the season, against St. Paul's, Cheltenham, gave some indication of the Cross-country Club's strength in the coming year. Despite the absence of established men John Eley, Andy Holden, Mal Thomas and Pete Griffiths, the team still proved far too strong for Cheltenham.

Particularly pleasing was the fine running shown by the freshmen. John O'Meara had a runaway victory in a time only once bettered over the course. His victory was faster and more decisive than that of Mal Thomas last year. If John can emulate some of Mal's tremendous performances of last year, then he will be a very useful acquisition for the club.

Nigel Bailey was another impressive newcomer. He crossed the line in joint second place alongside his captain, Gavin Russell. The other fresher to make the scoring six was Ray Jones in sixth position. Two places ahead of Steve Gibbons, one of last year's stalwarts, who seems to have acquired a bigger barrel chest than ever during the vacation.

The indications are that these new men will provide the team with the depth of talent that is so necessary for high calibre teams.

Match result: St. Paul's 53, Birmingham 25.



(Photo: Gordon Coals)

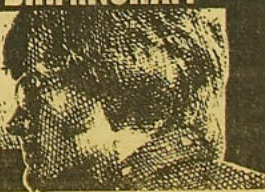
A try scored at Wast Hills is worth three pints of beer—this one was anyway.

THE BIGGEST HIT IN THE CINEMA TODAY IS COMING TO BIRMINGHAM

A man went looking for America. And couldn't find it anywhere.

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FROM OCTOBER 19th BIRMINGHAM FUTURIST



Grumbles at flats invasion

THERE is going to be trouble soon on the Manor House Estate. This was the message from Manor House J.C.R. last night, when the results of a recent referendum were published.

The University Flats which are now beginning to take shape barely two hundred yards from the main buildings of Manor are the cause of the J.C.R. dilemma.

When they were announced in February 1969, the plans were hailed as a breakthrough for the University into the private property sector. The Bursar felt sure that the result of such a move would be cheaper rents. As self-contained flats they have few common facilities. That is the crux of the problem.

In a large response, 74 per cent of Manor voted to deny these flat dwellers use of the Manor House facilities. Mike Tillman, President of the J.C.R., said that the situation could become very unsatisfactory in Session 1970-71 because although the flats are self-contained, the occupants would surely be tempted to walk 200 yards to use the Bar, TV and common rooms. Manor House is already overcrowded and the President felt that the Bar particularly would be swamped by some of the 400 people who will be moving in next session. The nearest pub to Manor is almost two miles away!

The University's attitude last February was to keep costs down by building just the flats for people who did not wish to live in the "hall atmosphere." There are virtually no central facilities, and even telephones were added as an afterthought.

The University was trying to cater for people who were suffering from the flat shortage in Birmingham. It seems, however, that they may only produce difficulties between these two communities. The siting of the flats so near to Manor and yet so far from any other facilities in the city seems certain to cause problems soon.

When he announced the result of the referendum and saw that the greater majority of his members felt this way, Mike Tillman expressed his apprehension for the future. "We agree that the building of flats is necessary. We are endeavouring to ensure that both communities derive the maximum possible benefit. We are in full consultation with the flat-planning committee, but I must stress that as President of the hall, my first loyalties lie entirely with Manor."

Arts Lab Autumn season

THE Tony Crerar mime show, an unusual show which deals with topics of current interest such as space flight, is the first attraction of the Birmingham Arts Lab's Autumn programme, which starts this weekend.

This mime show is only one of many experimental performances which the Arts Lab is putting on between now and Christmas; later shows include readings by Henry Dumolo's poets, performances by the TOC troupe, and "The People Show," which has been described as "Europe's most exciting experimental theatre group." There will also be a variety of films shown, the first of which is "Fahrenheit 451," on October 17th.

Arts Lab performances are limited to members and their guests, but membership only costs 15/- a quarter or 30/- for a year. The Laboratory facilities for creative arts for its members, and every Wednesday night Zen Macrobiotic food is served there.

Overseas Students Conference

THE report of the Commission on the Introductory Course for Overseas Students was the subject of much debate in Guild Council last night. Council accepted in general the report including the suggestion that the course, which takes place every year to introduce overseas stu-

dents to life both in Britain and within the University, should be shortened from 10 days to one week, and that it should not be compulsory for students who have adequate academic qualifications in English Language, or who have lived in Britain for

more than two years.

The structure of the course is to be reorganised to make more use of the time available, and the Guild will look into the question of organising the Conference itself, rather than this being done by the University.



Photo: Alan Barker.

A Balsall Heath alleyway: conditions such as these are the cause of yesterday's march on the City Council Offices.

Tenants march on city

EVICTION notices have been served on Balsall Heath Council tenants who are continuing to withhold their rent. Over 20 households are still involved.

Already there have been public demonstrations concerning the rent strike, and yesterday about 40 tenants paraded in Corporation Street with placards and banners advertising the conditions in which they are living.

Although Guild support was provided in the form of transport to the Council meeting for the tenants, not all of them were able to attend the meeting, due to lack of space. The outcome was for the strikers' petitions to be referred to the Housing Committee for consideration. There were 196 signatures.

Alderman A. M. Beaumont-Dark, who last week criticised the students' part in the strike, said they were using the tenants as "pawns

in a political game." The reaction from Birmingham's Housing Department yesterday was that the strikers were "weakening in their ranks."

A spokesman said: "We had a letter from one tenant saying that she was going to pay but would bring the money herself rather than have it collected. So it does appear that although there is no evidence of intimidation, some tenants are frightened to pay because their neighbours might find out."

A declaration of support for the strikers has come from the Balsall Heath Association. The chairman, Rev. Trevor Lowe, and Miss Margaret Parker, the Administrator, issued a joint statement saying: "We are concerned for the people of this grossly deprived area."

EMERGENCY GRANTS

AN Emergency Grant Fund is being proposed by Welfare Committee to assist students in genuine financial difficulty.

Details have not yet been decided, but it is hoped to raise £6,000 this year so that the fund can be run indefinitely from the interest. Each student on the campus will be invited to donate £1 to the fund, and outside bodies and members of staff will also be asked to contribute.

It is expected that the grants will be awarded by a panel consisting of various student-welfare officers.

There is to be a Welfare Committee meeting today at 2 p.m. in Discussion Room 2, at which comments and ideas will be welcomed. It is hoped to start the collection in the first half of this term.

Voter registration closes on Friday (October 10th)
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It might make all the difference.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EVENTS COMM.	FILM SOC.	"TEN YEARS AFTER"	'56 SOC./EVENTS COMM.	SUNDAY FLIC
DISCOTHEQUE	"BEFORE THE REVOLUTION"	7 p.m.	DISCOTHEQUE	"WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT"
Founders Room	(Bertolucci)	at	with Barnabas	Plus Cartoons
8 p.m. 2/6	Haworth Lecture Theatre	Mason Hall	Founders Room	Founders Room
		8 p.m. 10/-	8 p.m. 3/6	7 p.m. 2/6