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Hall fees to go up

by £51

by Redbrick Reporter

Negotiations are about to start between Guild of Students' Executive, the University authorities and the halls administration over the proposed £51 increase in halls of residence fees for next year.

Reaction to the rise, which was agreed at the Halls of Residence Committee at its meeting last week was sharp amongst hall students. Hall J.C.R. Presidents are to meet Guild President Anne Naylor next Wednesday to discuss the situation and it is expected they will request support for a campaign to combat the increase which is well above the proposed grant increase of £15 next year.

The rise in hall fees is regarded as even more remarkable after a verbal agreement last year between halls, Guild and the University to increase fees at the beginning of this year by £35 and next year by only £10. It is now argued by the Halls Administration that the recent high rate of inflation, coupled with the uneconomic running of catering facilities in halls of residence have made the proposed £10 increase this year unrealistic.

proposed £10 increase this year under the proposed £10 increase that a student in receipt of a full maintenance grant has £240 to spend on accommodation including linen, laundry and all meals. This is a national amount based on actual costs in colleges and universities averaged over three years and adjusted to allow for increases in the cost of living.

Birmingham's Hall's fees together

with the cost of non-provided meals are already higher than this national amount. If a £51 increase is accepted, the Hall Fees alone will exceed this not even taking into account the students' other meals.

The Guild Executive discussed the matter last night and decided after consultation that there should be negotiations with the University on means of lowering running costs.



Tony Lee congratulates Miss Charlotte Fuckalot, winner of the Drag Queen Competition.

RAGON

THE day of the Drag Queen Ball started early; Mustard arrived at the Arthur Thompson Hall (best known to most of us checkered with folding desks) at 10 o'clock in the morning, so the stage was soon set . . . They started the show with considerable stage was soon set . . . They started the show with consideral talent and enticed the still sparse audience to shuffle their feet.

Somehow their sound was dif-ferent from the average cheap "bop" group and after a day of practising they overcame the problem of a missing lead guitarist without people being any the wiser.

But sadly, their run was completed by ten o'clock to make way for the Event of the Evening, introduced, compered and finished off by Mr. Tony Lee. To judge the fourteen lovely "ladies" a panel of the notable and not-so-notable sat towards the wings—consisting of the eminent anatomist. Dr. John eminent anatomist, Dr. John Hatch; Nobbly Clarke (smiling at another potentially loss - making function?), Redbreast herself (and

One by one they bared their knobbly knees or flaunted plastic bulges across the stage, often with a quick "come-and-get-me" into the microphone. And then there were

Mr. Lee had to be firm but he managed to keep them at bay, despite Miss Eliza Doesalor rubbing her Mark Eden sized bosom against the microphone and nearly flattening him with her frying pan in her excitement, "honey." (Yes, she was chocolate coloured). (Or should I be saying he?).

than "I vant to go to bed.

as Anne Naylor (or Aline Naylor as Paul Dodgson; I forget): "You've grown since last Guild Council, Anne." The jokes ran out, but the contest was over and the hilarity subsided for a good fill-in disco.

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YOU VOTE?

Redbrick's own opinion poll was carried out on Tuesday lunch-time in the Union.

Due to the discretionary pow-ers of our polsters and the ac-curacy of the cross-section, the sample is neither representative

PRESIDENT

Hall	 5
Tyzack	 5
Manning	 3
Tustin	 2
Gordon	 1
Jenkins	 0

VICE-PRESIDENT

Clark	16	
Davis	4	
Oakley	0	
Bates	0	
DON'T KNOW	44	
NOT VOTING		

TOTAL SAMPLE ... 71

LEARNING ABOUT ULSTER

By JOHN GROARKE

A FULL house in Council Chamber last Wednesday came to learn about Northern Ireland. The eight speakers who addressed the Teach-In represented eight different shades of opinion although no speakers from the I.R.A. or the Unionist party were present.

Most of the speeches dwelt at some length on the historical aspects of the "Irish problem"; they emphasised that the present troubles are only another stage in Ireland's "trouble-ridden development" and that to have any understanding of the situation at all it is necessary to look at it in the light of past events.

The majority of questions were on matters of clarification—they gave the speakers the chance to ex-

The speakers included Paddy Kennedy, an abstentionist Belfast M.P. who is on the Army's "wanted list," Richard Ryan, an M.P. in the Dail (the Dublin Parliament), and T. E. Utley, the main leader writer of "The Daily Telegraph"—the only speaker competent to speak from the Unionist/Army standpoint. All the speeches were kept short and so there was plenty of time for questions from the floor.

It is quite probable that most studied at greater length. Then each speaker was asked to give his solution to the problem, and, although they could not see a final answer coming within the next ten to fifteen years, most of them were in agreement as to the immediate steps to be taken which include the ending of internment and the withdrawal of troops to barracks.

It is quite probable that most students left the Teach-In having learnt not only that the problem is more complex than they realised, but also that there is much thought going into finding a just solution.

This is the last issue of "Red-brick" this term. The first issue next term will appear on May 10th. Copy for this issue should be handed to the Editor by the Sunday before publication.

audience to shuffle their feet.

The prize consisted of ten crisp pound notes which fell one by one into the handbag of Miss Charlotte Fuckalot. The act had been almost too convincing from the piled mass of curls (rumour has it his own!) to the subtly accurate make-up and gently curving figure. Only the heavy sandals spoift it but she was French and spoke so leetle Eengleesh that we never found out more than "I vant to go to bed."

The repartee between our compere and the bird-fanciers down below never stopped, but came to a climax in the interview with Paul Dodgson as Anne Naylor (or Anne Naylor as

From then on, about 500 people rock-and-rolled themselves silly. There was a "whole lot of shaking going on" and lots of other old favourites. The Rock and Roll All Stars were not brilliant or different or even a good stage show but they got everybody moving and grooving and so were just what the dance needed. In fact, I reckon that A Good Time was had by All.

The Gavin

Tweedsmuir

Column

ELECTION SPECIAL

Sympathy comes WOULD like to beg my readers

Perhaps Mr. Gordon has been so busy informing people of the pompous, mangy, gurgling that passes for his manifesto, that he forgot he needed one. When it came to the crunch—no proposer was to be found.

redbrick'

WHILST this year's Presidential race is coming to a peak, we have probably all noticed a considerable lack of imagina-tion in the Candidate's Manifestoes. Priorities include the improvement and development of Communications, presumably in an attempt to resurrect student interest, catering facilities and entertainment

These areas of Guild functioning cannot be denied as important but the problems encountered can probably be dealt with ade-

What is more likely to increase in importance throughout the next few years is the impending re-organisation in the field of Higher Education.

The Government has already indicated by its already indicated by its introduction of plans for Student Registrars and the possibility of home-based University attendance that a major re-think in the financing of Universities is being instituted in order to deal with the large increase in student numbers prompted by the trends of Comprehensive Higher

This may require the introduction of new forms of financing University Education, such as the loan

The Review Body's final the beginning of next academic year and any sug-gested reforms will have to he implemented in the light of overall changes in the University system. The development of a University Centre and new Union will also be affected by such financial re-structur-ing and increased numbers.

Next year's leadership will be required to put a certain degree of emphasis on preparation for the impending "Sword of Damocles" which threatens Higher Education. If the information and arguments are sufficiently developed perhaps the stu-dent body will be adequately equipped to deal with the situation without panic and ignorance, from which the Union Autonomy

The candidate with these thoughts in mind coupled with the ability to deal with the more immediate Union problems should be successful.

Obituary DIGIT KNUCKLES UNDER

IT is with regret that we wish to announce the untimely nailing down of "Digit" as he fingered his way through Goncourse Lounge last week.

During his time on the campus and his appearance in the columns of "Redbrick" for two years "Digit" stood out like a sore thumb. Not only did he add to the quality of University life by his observations of Birmingham but indeed a certain sense of humour and wit that endeared him to his many readers. In short he was a handy man to have about. Much missed by Sonia and his penfriends. Drawn but

not forgotten.

Glove, "REDBRICK" STAFF.

P.S.: Best of luck for the future Jon Balley and good

Grants reviewed

YOW is the time of year when the annual chore of form-filling, applying for next year's grant, starts anew.

This year the undergraduate grant goes up £15 to £445. With last year's grants' review the system of vacation study grants was altered:

ence). Books, equipment and materials: £51. Vacation maintenance: £43. Travel: £15. Pocket money: £50. Clothes, etc.: £46.

DIGIT, I'M TIRED

OF LIFE .

(1) That study outside normal term time was paid out of University funds instead of your L.E.A.;

(2) That the grant of £445 for 30 weeks has to do for 31 weeks—from 31-33 the rate for 32 weeks applies, etc. Most local authorities use days in attendance to preclude our 31-week session (i.e. the days at University add up to 30 weeks);

(3) Further to (1) above—Medical and Dental Clinical students are awarded their vacation study grants by the ocal authority, not the Univer-

The level of grants this year for 30 weeks are as follows: London, Oxford and Cam-

Birmingham): £445; At home:

The break-up of the grant is

Board and Lodging: £275/240/ 150 (according to place of resid-

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"Telegraph", "Scotsman" and
"Salisbury Times"—Congratulation

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KIDNAP

A STON students were ungratefully demanding £25 ransom for the return of the Huddersfield

Kidnapped from her home, she

The parental contribution scale is as penal as last year with contribution rising from £30 at a residual income (what they've got left after removing allowances for wives, children, mortgage interest, etc., etc.) of £1,100 to £100 at £1,700, and thereafter £1 for every £10 your folks dare to earn. Propagative they are her

having their capture appear in chains in their own procession-bechains in their own procession-became known to their prisoner, she under the came known to their prisoner, she under the student body. £650 this year if you live in lodgings, or £500 if you live at



Redbrick/Carnival photographic competition

entries were received for the "Redbrick"/Carnival Photographic Competition run for the law from Mason Hall entered first time this year.

ganda—effectively they are being taxed at 47.5 per cent in-

stead of 37.5 per cent for every-

Postgraduate grant is up to

events and stunts put on by Carnival '72 Committee, the two entries received concentrated

DISAPPOINTINGLY only two Lake Hall submitted two photoraphic Competition run for the irst time this year.

Despite the wide range of events and stunts put on by Carnival '72 Committee, the two photos thought to be in the spirit. entries received concentrated on floats and "Hora Dancing."

The judges decided to award £3 to each entrant as a joint first prize. N. J. Long from protos thought to be in the spirit of what was required are shown here. The two entrants are invited to receive their prizes from the "Redbrick" Office at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 17th.



Strangers in the night?

Chunderful

Vote often

SOMEONE in that much-maligned group "Guild clique" has a sense of humour. After one Carnival we are provided with another—the Guild Presidential elections. Union publicity regulations are duly suspended and for a week as Hall, Faculty, Department and Union are deluged by posters as surely as the earth in the time of Noah.

In recent years it has become widespread knowledge that to be President means a year of grace. Consequently the number of candi-

The first intimation I received The first intimation I received that elections were on was when I strolled into the Union for my normal morning tea and toast in the atrociously dull coffee bar. To my pleasant surprise the place looked like Chrissy time again as colourful posters vied with each other to attract or distract the intending voting fodder. tending voting fodder.

Despite close surveillance she did not try to escape and joined in the fun, singing with Roy Young at the Carnival Rock 'n' Roll party.

When Huddersfield came to defend their queen, she was eventually freed for £5.

After her experience she said that she neither hated nor enjoyed it, but began to realise how terrible it lelection came when I was trundling across the campus to the bookshop to glance at the new publications. A rather irate Vopo was talking to a fellow partner in crime as he rushed around the campus after students putting up elections. A rather irate Vopo was talking to a fellow partner in crime as he rushed around the campus after students putting up elections notices. He used words I did not know or could not understand. It seemed as if every niche from the Vice-Chancellors' loo to the Union Main Bar was plastered by leaflets proclaiming the messages of the virtuous who in return for an 'X' in the right place will establish

The manifestos this year read The manifestos this year read like something approaching a bad copy of the "Times" Higher Educational Supplement. With monotonous repetition the present Guild ruling clique is defined and condemned, Guild Council is defined and condemned. University is defined and condemned. Ad nauseum comment appears about rolls and roles. All candidates inevitably promise more for less and thereroles. All candidates inevitably promise more for less and therefore less for more. And why not? The term is in its last throes, spring is coming, the sap and other things are rising. Some light-hearted joviality, even if it does transform the campus into a litter-bin, is not amiss.

The joke candidate, although difficult to redefine this and every year, seems to be in full swing. In the past few weeks the surreptitious and potentially subversive SAMM signs have been appearing on the campus in the most unlikely places proclaiming a new leader, a better tomorrow and a worse day after tomorrow.

Butter Manors

IT seems as if they are having difficulty telling the difference at Manor House Hall of Residence. For several months the inmates have been fighting a running battle with the University administration to become independent of the central Halls control. Manor students tral Halls control. Manor students, tral Halls control. Manor students, the argument runs, have been subsidising the newer and more palatial residences on the Vale Site and consequently the standards at Manor House have suffered.

However in the last fortnight the Manor House was given an oppor-tunity to make its point. At a for-mal dinner several invited guests in-cluding the Vice-Chancellor sat down to their fillet steak to notice that they had been given margarine with their bread roll. The students however were treated to the best New Zealand.

This gastronomic expression of Manor's intent and student privi-lege has subsequently led to heated negotiations between the Univer-sity and Manor House, Perhaps even that fine example of Mock Tudor will be released from central administration to introduce various modifications not least that of intro-ducing the fairer sex into its domains legitimately.

NORTHERN

IRELAND-CONCENSUS?

by JOHN GROARKE

DERHAPS one of the surprising things to come out of last Wednesday's Teach-In on Ulster was the close similarity between the speakers' views. Admittedly, there was no speaker from the Unionist Party present, but the consensus of opinion amongst the speakers who did attend seems to indicate that the basis for working out a solution is already there.

With the exception of T. E. Utley (main leader writer for "The Daily Telegraph") all the speakers regarded Stormont's attempt to impose "law and order" by the use of British troops as harmful to any chance of settling matters. When they first went to Ireland, to protect the minority's rights, they were looked upon almost as liberators by the Catholic population, why then are they now hated?

what is worse, armed policemen, taking, in the collective Catholic mind, the place of the B-Specials. This point was also made by John Gray, of the Anti-Internment League: he drew a comparison between the Derry killings a few weeks ago and the raids into the Catholic ghettos which the police used to make—they were identical, he said, "except that the police used rubber bullets".

Another reason why the soldiers are being attacked and killed is

from Heath's.

The I.R.A. has been the only organisation to profit from this frustration; as time went on and nothing was done people began to turn to the I.R.A. to produce at least some action.

Up until 1968 the I.R.A. was hardly in existence: the resistance to Stormont had been divided into a form of mild nationalism (encouraged by the government) and—by far the smaller—militant republicanism.

Andrew Neil, of the Federation of conservative Students, thought that this was due to a change in the Army's role; they are no longer students, thought the Army's role; they are no longer students. And the world's aroused a lot of sympathy, "liberal euphoria" (as John Gray said) and, temporarily at least, the Civil Rights Movement had the world's

The I.R.A. did not come into the picture at all until some time later when, thanks to the B-Specials and then the Army, the Civil Rights Movement was effectively silenced. The people then had to find some way of expressing their grievances—the I.R.A. was all that was left.

way of expressing their grievances
—the LR.A. was all that was left.

This violence has, however, other deeper roots, perhaps not so easily discernible but there nevertheless.
Paddy Kennedy, a Belfast M.P. who is wanted by the Army and who has to travel around in secret whenever he visits his constituency, explained this with an example:
"Institutional violence has been taking place during the last 50 years. My constituency has an unemployment rate of 44 per cent—I consider that to be violent." He is saying, in effect, that the LR.A. violence so prevalent now is a reaction to 50 years of violence by the state, not so obvious but equally as cruel. Whilst he does not condone the LR.A. killings he can understand them.

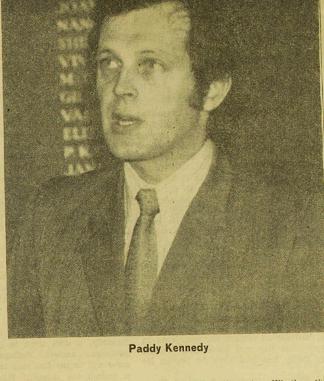
These, then, are the main reasons for the violence; what can be done about it? Everybody, including Richard Ryan (M.P. in the Dail), agreed that if unity was to come

to Stormont had been divided into a form of mild nationalism (encouraged by the government) and —by far the smaller—militant republicanism.

In 1968 the Civil Rights Association began to take direct, nonviolent action against the Stormont government to pressurise them into giving equal rights to the Catholics. And when, in October 1968, the world saw B-Specials beating members of the public, there was

Richard Ryan (Dublin M.P.) speaks; Andrew Neil

(Federation of Conservative Students) listens.



lant now.

Supposing that the Irish Constitution was revised to be acceptable to the Protestants, would it be possible for them and the Catholics to live together in peace? Are they not in fact two separate nations? No, said Connor Brady, of the "Irish Times", "they are two communities intertwined". One of the Protestants' greatest fears is that they will lose their identity if they entered the Republic, become swallowed up by the large Catholic majority. Mr. Brady denied that this would happen: "They need not be homogeneous; they will be able to keep their own traditions."

UNION

REFECTORY

Main Entrance

Old Entrance

MEDICAL SCHOOL

DENTAL SCHOOL -

better position than any other would be deleted even though, Mr.

Ryan assured us, they were redundant row.

However, such solutions as these are not likely to be implemented before 1985 and it is the interim reforms that are the most pressing. And it is in this field that the most agreement can be found: the ending of internment is essential before the opposition Stormont M.P.s will even get around a conference table. They would also like to see the withdrawal of British troops at least to barracks and then, to Engleast to barracks and then, to Eng-

feel that credibility and trust in Stormont is almost non-existent in the Catholic areas of the province and therefore, any initiative or even suggestion from that quarter

So, although there is obviously

- 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

- - 12 noon - 2.00 p.m.

- 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

The lunatic Councillor's next move was to storm one of the studios of the G.T.V. network, extract one of the busy communicators from his work and try to cajole him into

This touch would add the last sample of inanity to Gordon's totally farcical campaign. Readers are advised to use their ballot papers on appropriate posteriors when the great day comes.

Debates debacle

If Master Gerry Bates' first bit of organising as Chairman of DebSoc is anything to go by, we are in for an interesting year. Master Bates only two points.

(a) The Duke of Bedford lives at

(b) The letter was sent to Longleat. I trust the Marquis of Bath has

Mr. Martin O'Sheer Nonsense -a statement

My good friend Mr. Martin D'Sheer Nonsense wishes to use his column to announce the fact hat he no longer wishes to be that he no longer wishes to be President of the Union. After deep reflection and "thought" in what he is pleased to call his mind, he has

forms me that this is the last appearance of his organ this term. This means the chance to get away from the worries of the Guild whose very existence all right thinking people in the world despise. From the safety of the Villa Onassis, Corfu, I will closely observe the election and your colourful candidates—you are welcome to them.

Guild Membership Cards must be shown when voting.

GUILD PRESIDENTIAL &

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL

ELECTIONS - 1972

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the times stated-

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letters

Hall fees up by £51?

DEAR SIR,-Last Thursday the Halls of Residence Committee passed a motion recommending that the Hall fees should be raised by £51 to £277 for a single room and £274 for a shared room. This recommendation has to be approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Council and by Senate.

We feel that this increase will result in several unfortunate sequences. First and second year students living in Halls have consequences. First and second year students living in Halls have been asked if they will re-apply next year, and only 10 per cent said that they would. This increases the pressure on the already strained accommodation situation in Birmingham, raising prices for all types of accommodation. Halls will no longer be communities but will simply be hostels because the 90 per cent fresher interesting impropriets three parts and halls. intake will make social organisation impossible: dances and balls will not be held as there will be no people living in Hall with the experience to run them. Birmingham will gain a bad reputation for accommodation and will lose applicants just at the time when the authorities are trying to substantially increase the number of

We feel that it is unfair that the deficit for this year and we feel that it is unfair that the deficit for this year and next incurred by the Administration should be paid for entirely by the students living in Halls. A working party has been set up by the Halls of Residence Committee to review the problems in the Halls but we are unhappy that the fees have been raised hurriedly before the working party has had time to report its

This increase in fees will affect all students, not just those living in Halls because of the possible increase in the price of other accommodation, and so we hope that the Guild will support us in questioning at all levels the advisability of raising the fees.

Legal defence?

DEAR SIR,—I feel it is about time that somebody commented on the senseless and ill-informed Review Body suggestion that the Law Faculty should lose its faculty status and become a department of the Faculty of Social Science. I have been met, in the past, every time I oppose the recommendation, with the charge that I do not oppose the proposal on any good grounds. May I suggest a few:

(1) The Birmingham Law Faculty say that they cannot take an active houses some of the most respected interest in the campus beacademic lawyers, not only in this the position of their faculty is country but in the Commonwealth. They are only human, and it would not be inspiring to find them unkeen and losing the status their reputation can, and ought to command. In other words, they will leave, the standard of learning will go down and the reputation of the

Faculty/Department it is not too a few lawyers prominent in Guild/ great an assumption to say that the Campus affairs . . . the Vice-Presiespect for its degree will fall. The Birmingham LLB, is a good possession to have—perhaps social Television; President, Ridge Hall;—they run DebSoc, nearly every comsion to have—perhaps social scientists observe its quality a little they run DebSoc, nearly every committee is riddled with them, not to jealously, it does seem to get its possessors careers. Perhaps the move will be the first step towards (perish the thought) B.Soc,Sci.

(a) Lawyers seem to the Soical Scientists, but, of course, no account that

(3) Of course some lawyers are must be taken of the fact that they introverted and insular. So are some can really only work properly in the chemists, archaeologists-any mem- Law Library-in the Law Faculty, KATE SMITH, p.p. JAMES WALTERS bers of any department on the and not take a book and work any

Dinner, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, spoke of law as the first of the social sciences, and in the the current proposals. Who, let's face it, has ever heard of a university willingly demoting a fine faculty to a department, when most universities are trying to make wherever they are situated, and I merce people converse continually and fluently with, say, Social

It seems perhaps a little too late to say that the Review Body has at times been a little out of its depth as to what to suggest. At the end of its largely uninspiring deliberation we ask why it had to be the Law

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY LEE,
[See opposite page for further

Tory case

DEAR SIR,—The letter in "Red-brick" of March 8th, from Lawrie Schonfelder dealing with the forthcoming City Council elec the forthcoming City Council elec-tions deserves reply in a number of points, all raised in the last paragraph of his letter. He im-plies that the Labour candidate will give special notices to student interests: I would point out that the present councillor who is seeking re-election this year, Councillor
Don Alexander, is just as concerned with students as with his
other constituents—he would not
wish to make a special case of
students but act on behalf of students as fellow members of the

Councillor Alexander is every bi Councillor Alexander is every bit as interested in education and housing as the Labour candidate. As to Mr. Schonfelder's reference to multi-occupation, there is no Tory policy to evict groups of students. What he refers to is not a bye-law that the refers to is not a bye-law but national planning legislation aimed at preventing exploitation of tenants by landlords and the maintenance of decent standards.

ing about improving the envoronment this seems to be a policy That gay people be free to hold which should command general hands and kiss in public as are support.

Your faithfully.

P. J. HITCHINER. Chairman, Birmingham Univ. Conservative Association.

status after nearly half a century would be extremely detrimental to the high regard in which legal studies at this University are held by both those involved in the teaching and administration of the law and those following other disciplines and in view of special ciplines and in view of special relationship with the legal profes-sion, L.L.B. status and exemptions

arguments for demoting Law are three-fold: firstly, Law is the smallest of the Faculties; secondly, it has no departments and would appear to be more in line with the and thirdly. Law has connections smallest, but the implication that Law is too small to be a Faculty prompts one to ask what is perhaps the most important question in this debate, what exactly should one look for in a Faculty? I would suggest that, administration aside, it must be based on a community pursuing similar agademic interests. pursuing similar academic interests, for convenience sake, also using

from professional exams.

dents? In any case there is much to be said for small Faculties: "The multiplicity of potential inter-disciplinary links is probably best than big" (C.A.F.D.). "Faculties should be as small in size as is compatible with administrative efficiency" (Arts Faculty Council). The Review Body has yet to justify its reasoning on this point, perhaps tive neatness and mana-

disadvantageous to its study and then again, what virtue is there in departments as such? particularly if a Faculty functions effectively

Thirdly, because of the nature of legal science, Law has indeed many inter-disciplinary links, with ethics, philosophy, logic, theology and conand complexity.

Using the Review Body's criterion, medicine is also a social science, but no-one is suggesting a merger of that Faculty. To link Law inexorably with the social sciences might well narrow rather than widen its links with other disciplines. The lawyer then has his own discipline which is not that of the social scientist, we are concerned with how people ought to behave in certain circumstances, not as the sociologist with how they in fact behave.

has just granted Law, Faculty status although it has only 100 students. The course offered here may well need more emphasis on social implications but this problem can be solved internally. To impose upon a group of staff and students a change to which they are totally opposed is quite a different thing. A shot-gun marriage is rarely a happy one.

so much for Law to justify its exist-ence as a Faculty, but for the Re-view Body to give good reasons for wishing otherwise. This, so far, it has failed to do.

LAWON

DEDBREAST

To any interested reader of the Grimond Review Body's consultative document the central aim behind the suggestion in Section 9 paragraph 14 to alter the Faculty status of Law and merge that discipline with Social Science is to re-

the role and composition of Facul-

the role and composition of Faculties at Birmingham now and for future years—the very task the Review Body was established to look at.

Until this question is adequately dealt with much of the debate on Section 9 paragraph 14 is based on a misconception—that the Review Body want, for some reason to de-Body want for some reason to denigrate Law as a discipline: What is implicit in the Review Body's report is not this but a belief that Law will progress more strongly at Birmingham University as a department amongst a group of disciplines with which it can form that essential cross-fertilisation of ideas essential to its development as a discipline Body want for some reason to de

discipline.

It is argued that this will be beneficial not only to the study of Law but also of the Social Sciences in future years of University education. Such a change, it is stated, will allow the discipline of Law to become more in touch with society's peeds as well as enable better intellectual satisfaction for its stu-

To the Review Body a Faculty is disciplines. The Law Faculty at the

Many of the reasons in favour of retaining Law's Faculty status seem to express themselves in the belief that the advancement of Law at the

A more recent argument concerns A more recent argument concerns the Ormrod Report on legal education. Many lawyers argue that the funds for making Birmingham a Midland centre for Law studies would not be forthcoming if the Faculty became a department. The worry of this point of view for all sections of the University is that it equates Faculty status with acaequates Faculty status with aca-demic merit. If the new department of Law has a high reputation it does not need Faculty status to achieve either the links with the legal profession or funds for development.

"Faculty."

In recent weeks the debate about the Review Body's proposal has frequently degenerated into emotional histrionics evading the really underlying academic question of the role and composition of Paculty.

Two further points one reads in favouring the retention of Law's Faculty status are that it would be a reversal of the University's carefully considered policy and that its members do not want to change, a factor that may bode ill for the proposed merger. Apart from the proposed merger. Apart from the points have been used consistently

Because people do not want change does not necessarily mean that there should be no change. The

different pattern of educational de

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CHUNDERFUL

The myth of student liberation

DEAR SIR,—The idea that students are concerned about the welfare of their fellow men and of society as a whole is a very popular one. Society at large tends to think of students as being the core of the so-called permissive society, concerning themselves with the problems of social oppression and the stranglehold that the ruling classes have on all our daily lives. How do students see themselves? Perhaps as tolerant, broad-minded individuals, who take for granted their powers of understanding and toleration of other people's opinions and ways of life, and attaining this end by cool logical argument and reason.

gone out for the evening, arrived back, a vigilante group of students, claiming to represent decent and moral Ohristian standards, were waiting for him. Verbal abuse was nurled at him; he was called almost every derogatory name imaginable. He was tormented and had his bed and some of his confidential private papers drenched in beer by the drunken brawling mob.

Whether this popular view is true of the majority of students remains an open question, but certainly a minority of students in this university do not model their behaviour in this way and utterly reject the mainstream of progressive thought on most matters being put forward in more enlightened quarters.

reason or another are oppressed by society as a whole. In citing this example we hope to bring to light any other victimisation that has occurred against any of our gay brothers and sisters, and in addition provide means of helping them fight the backlash of sexist oppression that is nearly always and the sexist oppression that is nearly always and the sexist oppression that it is nearly always are sexist. ion that is pervading our society

To prove that this is so, we shall give an example of the kind of oppression and victimisation that so-called liberal students mete out to their fellow students who for one to their fellow students who for one

and threats of physical violence. By accident some of his fellow residents found out that he is a male homosexual; their attitudes and reactions to this were somewhat frightening to say the least. The person in question had his rooms broken into, one or two small articles stolen, his private papers, letters and all his correspondence examined and strewn about the room. When the brother, who had

rupt and a menace to decent society. In one instance he was actually physically assaulted, the other students making life abso-lutely intolerable for him so that he had to move out and find alter-native accommodation. This is not a hypothetical case, but one which has actually occurred recently, and shows what kind of oppression and victimisation gay people have to put up with.

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That psychiatrists stop treating homosexuality as though it were a sickness, thereby giving gay people senseless guilt complexes.

Science students, despite being in

dent: Redbreast Editor: Guild

mention Guild Commission or

(4) Lawyers seem to have a little

That gay people be as legally free to contact other gay people through newspaper ads., on the streets and by any other means they may want as are heterosexuals, and that police harassment should cease

That employers should no longer be allowed to discriminate against anyone on account of their sexual preferences.

males be reduced to the same as

heterosexuals

That the age of consent for gay

assert our basic rights. If this involves violence, it will not be us

Gay is good but can be ANGRY.

SINCE the Review Body tenta-tively put forward its Consulta-tive Document early this term, a great deal of interest has focused around S. 9 (13) with its suggestion that Law lose its status as a separate Faculty to become one of 17 departments in a new Faculty of Social Studies.

tinual browbeating of certain student members of the Review

The Faculty of Law was established by amendment to the original Charter, in 1927, a natural growth out of the Department of Legal here that to the lawyer law reports

diction to carefully considered University policy. Moreover, if the Faculty of Social Studies is to consist of different buildings scattered over the campus, such a merger cannot be made in a physical sense because of the importance of the Harding Library. No justification has as yet been made by the Review Body for the taking away of accrued rights, particularly in

statutes and texts are "the touchstone of authority to which staff
and students are constantly turning, much as the scientist turns to
his microscope".

This function Law indisputably
fulfills. There are now some 350
students here and 34 staff, which
makes Birmingham the largest Law
Faculty in the country after Oxbridge, while under the University
Onlyngmental plan there will soon

out of the Department of Legal Studies, created in the Faculty of Arts in 1923. In 1960, when it was moved from Edmund Street to Edgbaston, a further decision was taken to maintain the Faculty as a special entity, even allowing it a separate Law Library, recognising learn that to the lawyer law reports.

In view of the historical background, then, the proposed merger would seem to be in direct contradiction to carefully considered University policy. Moreover, if the Faculty of Social Studies is to consist of different buildings scattered ever the compute study a merger of the impelies of the Ormanod Report.

SIR DERIK BINDEN BLOOD BISHOP, or Derik Bishop as he was professionally known, died at "Grey Towers," Cadogan Square, Moseley, yesterday, at the age of 97. In India, where he spent so much of his life, Blood-Bishop was known as a successful and skilful journalist in the small wars of the mass media. Turbu-lent tribesmen and readers as they were known, came to look upon him as a friend; and he was a great shikari, keeping himself fit for active service by a joyous indulgence in all manner of hazardous sports He knew the Prince Imperial Randolph George of Majuba, and a host of other notabilities of our day including tea-sellers of Moseley.

OBITUARY

Born at an early age, he had a whirlwind education before joining the "Times" as a cub reporter. He remained with this illustrious paper for only two years before being called up for service in the Second Afghan War. Blood-Bishop then had a distinguished military career before disappearing in mysterious circumstances on a flight over Vietnam 20 years ago.

His subsequent triumphant return to Birmingham and recruitment to the "Snippets" column of "Redbrick" is too well known to need repeating. Derik, or R.I.N.G.B., as he was affectionately known to his

close friends, is survived by three girl friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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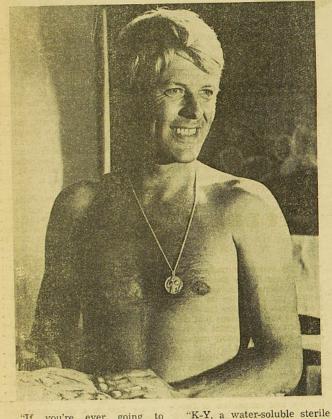
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WHO'S A WANKER?

Partly to refute the slander that we (the LSE homo-sexual community) are exclusively wankers (not that we feel there's anything wrong with wanking - far from it), and partly to further the cause of sexual liberation, we offer a shortened and anglicised version of an article that appeared in the American underground magazine "Screw" (No. 14, an article called "Up the Ass is a Gas").

Who turns you on-him...



here, a water-soluble sterile lubricant, is highly desirable, especially if you're inexperi-enced. It allows frictionless movements while screwing. It's

available from all chemists, and since it's recommended for heterosexual couplings, don't be

"Of course any oil-based lubricant can be used, such as vaseline. This creates heat and

friction but also leaves messy sheets. Incurable romantics

and naturalists claim that 'if

"In screwing it's 'getting in' that's difficult. If you're the lucky recipient, relax and you'll soon be enjoying yourself as much as your partner. If you're starring in the conventional

starring in the conventional male role, remember you can't start in too slowly. Take your

regardless of your partner's sex. Skilful application of

lubricant, delicate massaging

the sphincter resists all but the most violent penetration. Lubricants help but go as slowly with your finger as anything else. A rule of thumb: male

or female, if they can take the full length of your lubricated forefinger, they can take you.

time, you've got all night.

relation of forces!

embarrassed to buy a tube.

"If you're ever going to understand fucking and be truly proficient at it, you've got to be fucked. The world is full of experience/technique, and more frequently both! Being screwed should be part and parcel of every boy's sexual education ried by many to the point of homosexual phobia, only a minority of heterosexual men have the broadening and ex-hilarating experience of being

"To know how to physically penetrate another human being one must first be penetrated. To understand the psychology and pleasures of submission, I must submit. To know how to screw from the outside you've got to know what it feels like from the inside. And you'll never find out from a newspaper or book. You've got to on the receiving end.

Techniques are simple. For that matter, techniques for screwing between males or male and female are surpris-ingly similar. Techniques used in anal intercourse with either sex are identical.

"Sexual intercourse between two people of either the same osite sexes has to involve to grease the way makes things

magic moment, you have four basic positions to choose and/or alternate among. Which one you ultimately choose or prefer is strictly a matter of personal preference and psychology.

"(1) If your partner is as eager as you are to consummate anal copulation, the easiest way to couple is for the 'screwer' to lie on his back while the 'screwee', facing him, straddles his waist and impales himself at his own chosen speed. Leaning forward allows face-to-face necking. Being physically on top gives the 'screwee' greater physical control during inter-course. Masturbating while being screwed will increase his

(2) An equally easy and perhaps more equalitarian position can be achieved by 'doing it sideways'. Necking is rather difficult (but not impossible) and overall screwing this way is more languid—an advantage to those in the Athletics Union.

"(3) In the third position the screwee lies face down and screwer gets on top. The screwer gets on top. screwer gets on top.

screwee assuming this position
(classically passive) must use
good judgment choosing a
partner and proceed from there
on trust. Necking is difficult as is masturbation. More critically the screwee is more fully in control. It is harder to resist or pull away or to cushion a too fast or too sadistic penetration. "(4) The fourth position for

anal screwing is simple face-to-face copulation with one partner's legs resting on the other's elbows, over his shoulders or locked around his waist. In this sition, the screwee has no has full control and responsibility. A pillow under the pasmakes for more comfortable

"Regardless of position, ting in is only the first hurdle. If your partner's inexperienced, lie still a while. Do everything possible to stimulate him or her; with proper stimulation the screwee will take the ini-

barely perceptible manner only after your partner has enough time to fully relax. Work up to a full stroke very slowly. the first sign of discomfort your partner, slow down till he catches up. If you're the screwee, relaxing is your passport to enjoyment. Masturbation can usually enable you to reach climax simultaneously with your partner.

with your partner.
"If you're male and face down, put a towel under you and grind in rhythm. If face to face, masturbation sometimes helps but sometimes orgasm will be triggered by your part-ner's cock pressing on your prostate at the root of your "Make sure your partner is aroused. Heavy petting, oral and manual stimulation of entire genital and anal area helps position have been known not only to achieve simultaneous orgasm, but to synchronise their and slow penetration of the sphinecter (muscle at anus opening) by your finger, helps direct your partner's awakening eroticism to that area. A note of caution: until fully relaxed,

screwee to reach orgasm than for his or her partner. And psychologically the experience of being screwed is so dramatic that orgasm is not so totally important.
"If you're male, you'll pro-

bably enjoy being screwed (whether you particularly like to admit it or not), it's part of your inborn sexual physiology. However, unless your emotional

you probably won't prefer it over conventional heterosexual intercourse. Every heterosexual I've known who got screwed felt the better for it. Experiencing both passive and active roles in intercourse gives everyone a fuller view of life, of sexual roles, and interpersonal relationships.

"It would be understandable "It would be understandable if by now you are feeling like. spewing, feel free to do so. An exercise like this sorts out the liberals ('Some of my best friends are . .') from the liberated ('I've screwed some of my best friends . .'). We in GLF are not only interested in liberating homosexuals from liberating homosexuals from their oppression, but also in helping heterosexuals liberate themselves from the oppression of bourgeois sexual ideology With kind acknowledgements (which rejects homosexuals as

pressed majorities and minorigard this contribution as merely some erotic reading for bored students but as a serious contribution to the raising of con-Just to keep within the law

prisonment (the homosexual's paradise). And male-female anal relationships are also illegal, the penalty until 1967 used to be 'life'—it is now 'ten years'. Of course you may, like most of us, regard bourgeois law as being strictly for the bourgeois and to be ignored by the rest. Happy experimenting. Perhaps Union Shop can begin to stock lubricants?

... or her?



'At 15 I was illiterate in two languages

at once, which is quite a feat you see."

CINCE Thursday, January 9th, readers of "The Times" must have been worried about, or at least shown concern for the sanity or otherwise general well-being, of one James Cameron, journalist, who confessed in open newsprint to always calling Mr. Bernard Levin "Robin." The explanation for this strange example of mistaken identity could, once revealed, hardly be simpler:

"Well, I thought Bernard's little article saving how awful it was to be continually recognised was such a piece of pompous bullshit that I thought somebody had to write a very small piece and pull him down. There is nothing that a television quasi-celebrity loathes more than to be mistaken for somebody else."

The explanation is given, and in a way while not exactly succumbing to the enticements of understatement, is rounded off and softened at the corners with a mixture of wry wit and mischievous ragging that is typical of a man who on his own admission has worked for rethat is typical of a man who on his own admission has worked for, resigned or been sacked from nearly every national newspaper around (except the "Daily Telegraph"—"One has to draw the line somewhere"), and has picked up on the way both the respect of his profession, and a rather oddly-titled and grandlose-sounding award as

Since his recent accident he has

the most deep grievance against while provided in their management or their bosses, or their editors or chief subs, there is no law decreeing that you have to stay. You can always bugger off and go somewhere else, and I kept to doing it but I always bounced back again because I thought that maybe the next place would be worthing, I think I quite seriously can say that I'm probably the most under-educated person I know."

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He finished up on the "News Chronicle," a moderate, radical newspaper, which was killed through the cold-bloodedness of big business, leaving him a freelance.

From Dundee, in 1928, he travelled up the newspaper ladder, though he spent little time actually on Fleet Street itself, being at various farflung points on the map, frequently covering wars. (He seems always to have been in demand for wars, though he says that reporting under fire does not exactly add to the creative ciff at all)

"extravagantly happy."

His frame of mind during the years between Dundee and the "News Chronicle" gained him and lost him jobs at a regular and remarkable pace. Even in 1950, with a wife and young children to support which he never element to be objective, which he never element to be "If

"Somebody once said the poor old 'News Chronicle' is the only example in the world of the ship that left the sinking rats. I got tired of the job—the boring nature of journalists and journalism, of which I was one and becoming more and more boring, opinionative, all the things that newspaper men are, and I wanted to see if I could make it on my own."

back, and is doubtful of Fleet Street's future, and views its de-

Admittedly, though, he confesses to a slight dog-in-the-manger attitude—not caring because he is no longer part of it. On the future, he predicts the "Times" an early casualty and tends to agree with Cecil King that the four papers eventually left would be the "Telegraph" (because they know above all about management), the "Mirror." "The Financial Times" and a fourth to be an amalgam of the rest. Express surprise at the fire does not exactly add to the creative gift at all).

He roamed up and down Fleet Street — newspaper-wise, having various associations with newspapers, but invariably ending them in despair and disenchantment until the time came when he was foreign correspondent with the "News Chronicle," where he was "extravagantly happy."

"extravagantly happy."

"In Financial Times" and a fourth to be an amalgam of the rest. Express surprise at the exclusion of the "Times" from the list and he sparks back: "You see the "Times' is losing about £300,000 a year, and even Lord Thomson is not mad keen to do that."

He has a formula for his writing,

markable pace. Even in 1950, with a wife and young children to support, his own viewpoint brought him into conflict with the managements. His wife (his third) interpolates that no-one was going to tell him what to write or how to say it, but he did abide by Fleet Street disciplines for 40 years, his guiding principle

business, leaving him a freelance. He quotes Malcolm Muggeridge and He quotes Malcolm Muggeridge and says that he preferred the comparative freedom of the street-walker than the comparative freedom of being on the staff of one of the licensed houses. If you're going to be a whore, do it on your own terms, he says, and pours a little more sherry. more sherry.

more sherry.

Surprisingly, he has never nurtured the idea of editing a paper.
"I have no administrative gifts at all, absolutely none. I spent a couple of years as deputy chief sub of the 'Daily Express'—it was the two most miserable years of my life." He never understood what the job was about; hated telling people to do things in case they asked him how; could not write headings; could not make dynamic decisions over headings, sending the most

these Hudds and awful Everets and things"), and pours sherries.

His road from childhood to "Up Sunday" and "Cameron Country" has been a hectic, risky, at times suicidal path from newspaper to newspaper, with only his skill to keep him going. (I say only his skill; it seems to disdain a man who tussled with Beaverbrook and still continued in journalism—no mean feat in itself).

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which he has reported has led to a deep association with India (his wife is Indian) and Pakistan, including their recent troubles. "I knew it was going to happen, but if it's something I have absolutely not had anything to do with then I didn't sound off too much about it. I think like so many things, the end was necessary the means were

at all."

But he eventually made university, last year at Leicester, to obtain an honorary doctorate, yet another sign of the respect in which he is held, which he shrugs off with the air of a man used to reporting other people's achievements rather than discussing his own.

His father taught him to read, and a "basic condition of life which was tolerance of everything else. That one must never be intolerant of anything or bend ideas." But in the academic sense he admits to not being able to pass an "O" level. His own two children are at college

do things in case they asked him how; could not write headings; could not make dynamic decisions over headings, sending the most votten ones down. In short— "I'd hate to be an editor," and then the face creasing with a smile, "unless it was a paper which appeared once every two years, and I was able to write every word of it myself, but it would have to be a very it would have to be a very it would have to be a very use it for the advantage of the whole Middle East they have become "invitably bloody-minded, bit of the interval of the strate in the leations—i.e. the basic things they have to advertise, clumsy things not redeeming to their credie. But the Middle East needed Jewish technique and technology, drive and industry—by not being allowed to use it for the advantage of the whole Middle East they have become "ight to live in peace, if it has not waned, has at least been corroded by what he refers to as the Israelis' crude methodology since the war and then the face dynamic decisions over headings; sending the most rotten ones down. In short— "I'd hate to be an editor," and then the face creasing with a smile, "unless it was a paper winch appeared once every two years, and I was able to write every word of it myself, but it would have to be a very use to advertise, clumsy things not redeeming to their crede methodology since the war and then the face is they and the most or the face creasing with a smile, "unless it was a paper winch appeared once every two years, a

There is one "honour" given to him in recent years, again the result of his less than tactful prose, in which he revels—both he and his writings have been banned in South Africa. "If they had welcomed me back again I would feel insulted. I think it's a shameful, corrupt, and horrible, beastly regime and I shall do everything I conceivably can to my dving day thinks is boring (it's not, force yourself away from Frostie and see).

At times his television image is almost that of a Muggeridge figure. Viewing the creatures of the world from his unworldly pedestal and reprovingly noting their folibles and weaknesses. He accepts it as a block to talk of Vorster and his merry men.

The geniality of James Cameron is probably never more strained than when he is the butt of "Private Eye's" Lunchtime O'Borge jokes Of course he saws, reporters

"Private Eye's" Lunchtime O'Borge jokes, Of course, he says, reporters are not like that. If they were how would they get their copy and cables in on time? And where are they expected to meet when in a foreign clime than in the hotel bar? He didn't know of Auberon Waugh's recent description of him as "Lunchtime O'Boccacio's Decameron, the brilliant left-wing dipsomaniac"—his wife had discreetly not told him.

dipsomaniac"—his wife had discreetly not told him.

The news of inclusion in the H.P. Sauce world creases his face up in laughter. "Did he, the bastard? I'll just trip him up next time I see him in the street and rub him in the gutter and call the police and say see this man, incapable again."

unfortunately, occasionally must be earned so that the rent can be earned so



Birmingham to many people is a confused representation of the confusions of modern, urban, industrial, capitalist existence.

Unity and integration is presented by different politics, the majority of planning deci-Unity and integration is presented by different politics, outlooks and creeds. Each stressing, in currently fashionable dress, various interests, dogmas and points of concern. Yet there is recurrent crisis in the preservation of status quo functions for the sake of constability. There is lack of concensus on ethical norms and people's dreams of their way of life are shattered by the ugly truth that many others just do not want it the same.

Rallying cries echo:

"Stand up and be counted"

"Equality

'Fight for God, Queen and Country' "Per ardua ad alta"

"Seek truth .

Who should we ask?

Kit Pedlar would like to see a nation-wide disaster force and

many local doomwatch societies to monitor changes in their own environments and for them to

ments in people's living condi-

But do not the City Council, Planning Department and the

Welfare State and all the rest

look after people's needs fully

ning machine. She sees the city

Many will agree with Dr.

Pedlar in thinking that "the

the worst places on earth-de-

Birmingham Bullring is one of

dabbling in since planning is for

It is relevant to ask: What is

POWER AND

CONSTRAINT

betting shops and brothels."

Not in the view of all.

already ?

At a time of increased publicity of public opinion, slogan and banner advertently influence as many people as possible, popular debate is noticed and popular support captures of Birming-man and banner advertently influence as many people as possible, popular support captures of Birming-man and very often affront the citizens of Birmingham can be explained and perhaps better judged.

Too often it is these "very busy men" whose opinions are so critical, who are most secretive and unapproachable. Perhaps they are frightened by Press insights and bias, and an-Is the city region of Birmingpopular support canvassed. ham a huge organism facing ex-tinction, or is its continued life painfully prolonged? Or is

Everyone undoubtedly plays some role, limited though it may be. People individually and together determine, criticise and decide what order or what chaos, depending on the view-point, will prevail. How can we judge?

But there is little evidence that the power of the people has become released or un-

VIEWPOINTS DIFFER

While too often manifesto and statistical summary obscure the realities of the complexity of problem and solution, salva-tional band-wagons and motivated pressure groups tear hys-terically at symbols of corrupt power and institutional ana-

Nora Hinks, a councillor for New Town, sees her constitu-ency full of individuals "bewil-Doomwatchers pessimistically catalogue the signs of consump-tive exhaustion and polluted dered and bedevilled" by the wavering intentions of the planruin of the environment.

We breathe dilute poisons in place of the air "free in pure form to everyman." Internal tissues are contaminated by vile synthetic substances.

they will not be born.

Sociologists show how imposed structures create environpeople, an abortion. As to planning, Nora Hinks, ments in which systems of social integration will break "Well, you know what I think

sion and stress are being caused ment see planning? Might one expect a less emotional view?

One Birmingham planner sees Some, perhaps many, remain complacently apathetic, others will just laugh until polluted urban system. In the urban system, a change in one aspect affects many other aspects, with market forces as the main control. The intervening planner has to understand what he is

PLANNING GONE MAD

Every day, plans, decisions and actions are made which critically affect conditions of defines it?

The following comments on ur own limited survey within Birmingham focus on some immediate local decisions. Through these decisions many of the environmental alterations

Many constraints obviously exist when the multitude of conflicting concepts regarding the present and future of Birwhile no single individuals have complete power of action a rela-tively small number are in positions of powerful influence, and ultimately their conceptions will lead to planning conse

Too often it is these "very noved by conscience-pricking enquiries and awkward indivi-

Birmingham evolving as a place where people want to work, and in which they may live So how does the public get to know of plans affecting them and their environment?

The Skeffington report, "People and Planning", in 1969 admitted apparent public apathy but also made suggestion about just how to involve people in the planning process.

In Birmingham, only minimal attempts are made to advertise proposed plans. A few conscientious city councillors press to make plans and information available in local libraries. Al-though some areas are not served by their own library nor even a community centre, this is an improvement. But even now only some plans have been made available, and these under the counter.

Why is display and criticism so resented? Several potent factors come to mind :-

Firstly, the longer the inevitthey have of interfering.

Secondly, the selfishness of own-patch protectionism can be more simply overruled than the co-ordinated concern of a community confronted with its dis-

Thirdly, professional pride rarely admits to the possibility or desirability of groups of people making responsible decisions for themselves about the destiny of the total environment in which they live.

MASTER PLAN

But if plans are available could not an articulate and informed minority precipitate action? But are plans avail-

In 1960 the development plan for the county borough of Birmingham was published. This had been made obligatory by the 1947 Town Planning Act.

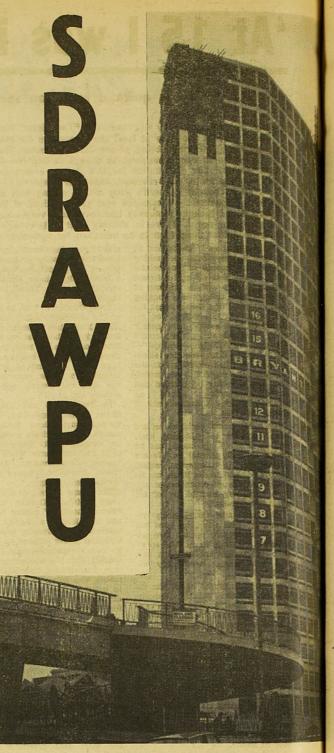
This plan is a zoning plan. It is concerned basically with the allocation of land use. The plan resulted from surveys car-The present structure and function of the City of Birmingham provides the context for The present structure and function of the City of Birmingham provides the context for Public Health, General Pur-

the general policies emerging took regard only of such things as new housing density (about 50 people to the acre in the outer zone or suburbs and about 70 people to the acre in the compulsory purchase powers (all within the inner zone), and

Scarce mention or concern for community organisation, appro-priate mixing or segregation of functions, nor adequate provi-sion of local services.

poses and Social Services. Yet years after the original Ac Since the surveys from which the plan was concocted were carried out there have many subsequent changes. Thus the Town Plan is now inaccurate in detail, both as regards layout and stage timing.

Many of these changes resul from adaptation to general policy statements and directives from Ministers of national gov and rebuilding at times, spent the emphasis has shifted to wards Improvement Grants and The plan was to have been subject to renewal every 15 cent make-and-mend policy



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SHAKE UP THE GUILD!

I do not like the present state of our Guild. I intend to do as much as I am able to reform it. The Guild should be a Guild of **Students—all** students, not just a vociferous minority.

1) No external politics. Every individual may hold political views these can only be individual views. Let none impose their politics those who disagree. Let us not have a Guild for politics; let us a Guild for students.

How can this be done?

The quorum at General Meetings must be raised considerably above the 2½ per cent at which it now stands (preferably to 10 per cent of

(2) The Guild for its Students.

Athletic Union and other Guild Societies. These bodies of the Guild are used by many students. Yet they are always the first to suffer when financial cut-backs are made and are always the most in need of new equipment and financial backing. If there is any way in which to give extra money to these bodies—where the REAL activities of the Guild take place—then I would do so. On the other hand, the expense of Standing Committees of the Guild must be kept as low as possible, although projected expenditure for next year is already £2,500 more than last.

(b) Other facilities for students.

Catering. Although wages and cost of foodstuffs ensures that food prices can never be lowered without subsidisation, something can be done about the fragmented system of catering in the University at present. One centrally co-ordinated food service for the whole University, to include Union, Refectory and Halls of Residence, would achieve the most efficient and economic service possible, with obvious benefits for all

Events. Is something lacking? There must be some more concrete idea of what students want for events; a questionnaire is probably the only way to find out.

(3) Guild Reform? Last year the Conservative Government proposed striking reforms of Student Unions. Either, (a) Membership should be on a voluntary basis, or, (b) finances should be centralised, and a registrar should be appointed to oversee Student Union finances. N.U.S. is blindly opposing all of "the Thatcher proposals".

I believe that the introduction of an experimental registrar would not damage the Guild in Birmingham and in fact would show that students are responsible and capable of running their own Unions.

Last year our Guild wasted £1,500 of our money opposing the Thatcher proposals. The Thatcher proposals were introduced because the Unions wasted money on external politics. Think what else could have been done with that money. Q.E.D.

A recent survey (still under way) has so far shown that the majority of students in this University do not want the Guild to concern itself with external politics.

How can this be done?

Confine politics to political societies and Debating Society.

Student affairs must be the ONLY concern of Guild Council and

General Meetings.

If elected, I will ensure that the Guild will concern itself with what

YOU want for our Guild.

WHO IS MIKE GORDON?

Mike is a second-year Law student and a Guild Councillor for Law. He is known in the Union for saying some pretty outrageous things—he does not believe that Guild Council is the House of Commons; it should be concerned with student affairs, but not with national politics. Of course, this is offensive to the Guild politicians but, we believe, not to the Guild members generally. Mike has at least tried to assess views. Not only did he organise the petition against Guild and N.U.S. support of the I.R.A., but he has also circulated a simple questionnaire in his quest for representation. This is quite unique in our experience at the University (as Mechanical Engineering student and Medical student respectively).

WHAT DOES HE STAND FOR?

AT DOES HE STAND FOR.

Mike believes Guild members want:—

(1) No "politics" in the Guild as a whole.
(2) Politics confined to Political Societies and Debating Society.
(3) Greater concern for our own affairs and interests.

In short, a Guild for students, NOT politics.

PROPOSAL

This for these If this serious attempt at change is what you want, then you should vote. Sympathy alone will not get him elected. It is for these reasons that we propose Mike and ask you to vote for him.

Proposed by: Glen Greer (Mech./Eng./Econ.)
Seconded by: Andy Vallance-Owen (Medicine).



Course Ed. Post. Grad.

society of which we are members. We must indicate through our activities in the University and bodies like N.U.S. our opinions over issues of national importance. Our links with N.U.S. must be maintained, not only so that we can do this, but so that we can act at national level and local levels over issues directly related to students, such as grants, accommodation, A NUMBER of analyses are being offered as to the problems facing the Guild in the coming year. Clearly an inaccurate analysis is likely to lead to inappropriate solutions, so it is of prime importance for the future of the Guild that the analysis on which change in the Guild is based is

As I see it, the internal problems facing the Guild arise from one basis—individual students fail to identify with the Guild and its aims. Instead many come to rely much more on halls and departments as their

Many will fail to identify with the Guild because its aims are not clearly enough defined. Often then, these aims are not examined, and come to have much less relevance. For those students who are aware of the aims of the Guild, alienation arises as a result of frustration through not being able to take part in the achievement of those aims, or because their efforts to redefine those aims are ignored.

At the same time, many students continue to use the facilities provided by the Union and Athletic Union, and to accept the education offered them by the University, unaware of the fact that they can change the way in which facilities are made available, unaware of the role they can play in the development of education in the University

Students must be shown that they can play a part in the administration of the Guild and the government of the University. At present, we have a process of representation through Guild Council where individual Councillors face disinterested departments, or an apparently disinterested Guild Council and Executive. Guild Councillors themselves must take a Guild Council and Executive. Guild Councillors themselves must take a much greater part in the formulation of Guild policy, and so that this may be facilitated, I would suggest that those interest groups at present most active on the campus, such as societies of the Guild and the departmental societies could take part in the formulation of Guild policy. Chairmen of such groups could be co-opted to Guild Council. Their commitment to their own interests would ensure their commitment to Guild Council. Members of these societies would presumably seek to ensure that their interests were protected, and would see that Guild Council was functioning, and individual students would come to regard Guild Council

At a nigher level, the problems we lace with regard to participation in University government stem from representatives on University Committees being unaware of the aims of the Guild. Further, the students they represent are unaware of the influence that can be exerted. In fact, although we have representation, we often act as if we are unaware of its existence, or often we are unsure how to use it. Again if we demonstrate how effective this representation can be, then there will be greater involvement.

The actions taken by the Guild when it represents student opinion over issues such as university catering, and the quality of education provided are political in nature, and must be seen in this light. At present our relations with the University are good, and I believe our opinion is respected in the University. It is essential that we maintain an effective representational structure to protect our interests.

Since students are also members of society, as a whole, their opinion over the problems facing society and the issues being considered must not be ignored, and for this reason we cannot neglect consideration of issues like Northern Ireland and Rhodesia, which although perhaps not directly or immediately relevant to students have important implications for the

In the coming year, I intend to represent the best interests of members of the Guild to those bodies whose actions aid us in their achievement, or areaten us. It is therefore important to remember that this Guild cannot dopt an arbitrary balance of its roles. We must not concentrate merely in internal issues, because they are most easily seen as of immediate and irect relevance, nor must we ignore the development of the Union in all its aspects as a services centre, and the social base of students. Any analysis which seeks to impose one emphasis on the other is inaccurate, and will lead to greater problems for the Guild in the coming years. To the best of my ability I will ensure that the Guild develops in all its aspects, without undue emphasis in any one area.

PROPOSAL

Jim Tyzack is a Physics graduate now following the Certificate of Education course in the School of Education. He first entered the University in 1968, and was elected Secretary of the Guild Education Committee in 1970. Towards the end of the same session he first became an Executive Officer, having been elected Chairman of External Affairs Committee. He has continued on Executive this year as Chairman of Education Committee.

I am proposing Jim for the President of the Guild because I believe his intention, if elected, will be to involve more students in the administration of the Guild, and thereby increase student interest on the campus, greatly contributing to a more active, useful and better Guild.

The Guild is often criticised as being insular, cliquey, and somewhat irrelevant to a large majority of students. It is often said that if efforts were made to improve communications between the Guild and the various societies on the campus, the Halls of Residence and post-graduates, then less friction and much more co-operation would exist between these groups.

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I believe Jim would be able to achieve this successfully: his aims are practical rather than idealistic. The experience he has gained over the past three years has given him an insight into the problems facing the Guild—not only of the educational kind, such as curricula, the Review Body, the Guild Commission and VIth form liaison—with which he has been specifically involved—but also the social problems such as Union catering, the concept of the University Centre, Guild Finance, Carnival and Welfare Services to students—all of which he has taken an interest in and contributed to their discussion.

Jim, if elected, would also be very capable of dealing with any political issues that confront the Guild; over the past two years on Executive he has contributed significantly to discussions over issues such as Union Autonomy, Rhodesia, and the Miners' Strike, always maintaining a consistent liberal attitude in his politics, and in addition a much greater comprehension and appreciation of the problems involved than most others on Executive

Those who have worked with Jim either under his chairmanship or on Guild Council will appreciate how much he has already done for the Guild, and would not hesitate in joining me in proposing him as the most suitable

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MARTIN JENKINS Course IV French Age 23

I BELIEVE that Guild Council should be directly responsible to the members of the Guild, in order to transform the Guild into a living and truly democratic community. There must be more effective participation by students in the government of the University, leading to the provision of better services for the student body and to improvements in

REFORMING THE GUILD

Get out on to the campus. The whole structure of the Guild is too Union-based. The job of the Guild is to get out on to the campus and provide the services which people want where they can be most used. Committees such as Welfare, Education, Events, Communications, etc., should have at least one representative in every faculty and in every hall of residence so that students can obtain information at their convenience, not at the Guild's.

Moreover, members of Executive should regularly go out into the departments, to make themselves known and to learn what is happening and what the campus thinks.

Power over Guild Council. I believe, and have always believed, that a department has the right to mandate its Guild Councillor and, if he is unrepresentative, to replace him by someone better. I want to see this power written into the Constitution at once. Guild Councillors should be made to consult their constituents.

This also means the Executive's excessive power will be curbed. The Guild will become more democratic

Integrate. Places like the halls, the Medical School and the Dental Hospital are, because of their isolation, ignored by the Guild, except when it needs them. This is wrong. Members of Executive should go regularly to such places. The Guild must take an interest and be

I have faith in the good sense of the students. If they will only have faith in themselves and help Executive to keep Guild Councillors aware of their duties, together we can make this Guild into a living

(2) THE UNIVERSITY AND SOCIETY

A democratic university. I hope we shall see a new democratic university structure, with full student participation, which will offer a far better education. We must go far beyond what the Review Body suggests and create a university in which everyone can influence

Even in the short term, there is much that can be done. The Guild must begin to insist that the university consults student opinion all over the campus before taking decisions which affect students. It must work with faculty and department student bodies and help them to obtain course reform. It must call on the university to provide more accommodation and a better health service.

The Guild in Society. The Guild, through community action, can do much to alleviate human suffering. With increased finances next year it should do a lot more. Here again, a more decentralised organisation will attract more helpers. Equally, the Guild, as part of an educational institution, should take a constructive part in the educational debate. It should also provide facilities and organisation for

What is the President? I see the President as a tribune of the Guild: the defender and representative of the Guild to the University, and, just as important, the defender of the will of the student body against the pressure of minority groups. He should be above the bickering of political factions, opposing the Guild's best interests to individuals' ambitions. It is his job to consult student opinion and, when he knows what the students think, to be their voice. MARTIN JENKINS.

PROPOSAL

Martin Jenkins has a long record of service to the Guild of Students. He has been Guild Councillor for his department both in 1969-70 and again this year and has fulfilled his responsibilities conscientiously. Indeed, he has done more than his fair share as a Councillor in being active in Guild Committee work.

Since 1969 he has been a member of Welfare Committee. He worked on Constitution Committee from 1969 to 1970, instigating several major reforms, including proposals for the direct responsibility of Guild Councillors to their constituents. He is now continuing this work as a member of the Guild Commission.

In his own Faculty he was chiefly responsible for setting up the Faculty Students' Council in 1969. He has twice been chairman of this body and is now an Arts Faculty observer on Senate.

In addition, he has been involved in numerous Guild campaigns, notably as a member of the Student Union Autonomy Action Group

His record gives ample evidence of his competence and ability, his strong character and conscientiousness, and above all his total devotion to serving the student body. However, I propose Martin Jenkins for the Presidency not only on the basis of his record, but also because I believe that he will carry out every promise made in his manifesto.

Proposed by: Dave Towers. Seconded by: Pete Duncan.



MANIFESTO

OR the purpose of this manifesto, I shall divide the Guild into two sections, explaining each section, pointing out what is wrong with and suggesting some improvements. This, I hope, will give you some idea of the way I think, my policies, etc., which should help you decide on whether or not to vote for me in the forthcoming Presidential Elections.

This section deals basically with the facilities offered to you by the Guild as a club, away from the department and work.

At present the catering, and eating facilities, are far from good. Union building is becoming very over-crowded, resulting in far from satisfactory services, and uncomfortable conditions. Next year sees a further increase in student numbers, and even further over-crowding.

Socially speaking, this year has been quite successful, due to the hard work of a very good Events Commttee, but Debating Hall is not the ideal place for a concert or disco. A different, more suitable hall, is badly

Other services are also suffering from the over-crowded Union building; Welfare needs to be moved into a larger, more open area, as do the services offered by N.U.S. Every society should have some sort of office. If this is done in the present building, other facilities will have to be withdrawn, all because of lack of space.

All this points to the root of the problem, the present Union building All this points to the root of the problem, the present of the building is too small a shell to contain the type of services that our Guild should offer. We must have a change, and this could come in two areas. Either the occupation of the University centre, which could be extended to form a compact and concentrated complex of, Union, A.U., and University Services: or the building of a New Union all together, this being sponsored

These plans will take years to push through and complete, but a rea concrete start must be made now. We must really make the situation clear to the University Authorities. Meanwhile, we must alter, and modernise the present Union, so that it offers the best services possible.

The concentrated Union complex brings me on to my next section, for this deals with the gravest problem at the moment, that of student apathy. Because the Union is too crowded, and because there are so many other snack and coffee bars throughout the campus, the students have been divided up into cliques, some using the Union, some the University centre, Medical School, Halls, Faculties, etc. This has resulted in a general lack of interest in my next section. in a general lack of interest in my next section

The Constitution defines the role of the Guild as "Being the furtherance and advancement of the educational purposes of the University, and by furthering the common interest of such students."

Some short-sighted people have argued that all the student should be concerned with is getting a degree, getting enough cheap, but good food, and getting a decent bed for the night. This, I say, is wrong.

The "intercourse" referred to by the Constitution is an essential part of the Guild's role. A student cannot spend three or more years breathing nothing but his own air; this process manufactures an authority on a specific subject, but a "zombie" as regards knowledge of anything outside his line of study.

"Intercourse" must occur, common interests must be discussed; in the department, subject of study has preference, this only leaves the Guild as the "Debating Chamber."

The University's aim must be to build up a new society, studied and analysed beforehand, not to gear students in specific fields, and then slot them into the existing society, from which they have been locked away from for three years. This should be the University's aim, and the Guild should provide the "boiling pots" where the new society is created. Part of any society is politics, and politics should be discussed in the Guild.

I mention Politics and the Guild because I feel that it is the Guild's evern with such external matters which cause this general apathy.

I believe that any external matter, especially a political one, should be discussed at Guild level, and I think all interested students should join in the debate. The reason why this is not so at the moment is, I believe, because students reason that, as we have no influence over external matters anyway, what's the point in debating them at all. I don't see that this is so. The results of an unbiased debate in which a large number of people, who are regarded by the government to be of the highest intellectual level in the country, is bound to be of some influence, however a large number is needed. I believe debate is educationally healthy, and what better subject to debate than the aspects of society that surrounds us.

However, the apathy still exists, and to destroy this, the Guild must show that in certain things it does possess power of influence, and this is in the departments. If through the Guild we can strive towards better courses, better methods of examination, higher standards for teaching staff, etc., I believe that a larger percentage of students will realise what the Guild can do, and this, together with the more concentrated Union complex, will produce a United Guild of Students, and destroy all apathy.

I see my role as President to push the plans for a change in the Union building, to create better services, to encourage even further interference of the Guild in University departments, but at the same time to encourage thought and debate on external, as well as internal matters, exercising an unbiased Chairman's role over the former.

This has been too long a manifesto speech, but I had to place all my views before you in a clear way. Now I ask you to think in a clear way, be rational, which candidate do you think can do the most for the Guild, the University, and you next year.

PROPOSAL

As two ex-members of Executive, who have been involved with Guild activities for three years, we have a clear idea of what kind of person can make a good President:

- He needs to have stamina, confidence, and personality, and must be determined to devote himself to the Guild and its activities.
- (2) He must have a clear, rational, and logical mind to observe each situation carefully. Using his imagination and new ideas, and balanc-ing them with experience, he must then select what he feels is the best course of action, rather than blindly following a set line laid down by out-dated politicians.
- (3) He must have tact and a sense of humour at all times, and should have the ability to instill his enthusiasm into others.
- We believe that J.T. can fulfil all these qualities and others too, which can make him a good President.

His experience, as Secretary of Education Committee, as an active member of Guild Council, and on University Committees, has shown him to be lucid, logical, and convincing when he speaks and presents an argument, as a President often has to do amid formidable opposition, e.g.

John has shown his ability to command respect and Chair meetings as he did at the Hans Eysenck Open Lecture, when an overflowing Debating

A President must be efficient in organising campaigns, meetings, etc., and John successfully ran the Sixth Form Conference this year, when he not only involved many other students in showing sixth formers around the University, but also arranged for one member of staff from each nt to give a short address to the sixth formers.

We have every confidence in John, and believe that he will make a confident, mature, and fair President. We hope that he will be elected, and be given the chance to show what a good president can do for the Guild, by striking a balance between the external and internal affairs, and by developing an atmosphere of trust and confidence with the

Proposed by: Barrie Thornber (ex-Executive Chairman, Welfare) Seconded by: Jim Aukett (ex-Executive Chairman, A.U.).

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PATRICK HALL

KINGSLEY MANNING

Course 2nd Biochem.

NOBBY CLARK

Age 20

Course 2nd Pol. Science

Age 20

Course 2nd Geog.

Age 20

THE serious-minded, right-thinking majority of students on this campus do not want power. I do. My election will see every student free to pursue apathy to the limits of his or her desire.

MANIFESTO

Guild Council has long been a public farce and for years the corpse of democracy has been festering in Executive Lounge. Let it and Guild Council be properly buried now, to be efficiently replaced by my friends on the S.A.M.M. "Committee of 365" who are fully trained in sophisticated crowd control techniques.

The outgoing Presidential regime has been notable for its adventurous experiment of dispensing with the post of Vice-President. I will abolish the position entirely, and the spare sabbatical year will be evenly distributed amongst all the members of the "365 Committee". All decisions will therefore be made by myself, who will henceforth be known as "The Leader".

Many hard-working students feel much of their courses to be super-duous and to have no real relevance to modern society. I have, therefore, decided that a new responsible subject be made compulsory: it will replace Inter-Faculty studies and will be known as ³The Leader is always

Right".

PRACTICAL REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

My sensible policies under this heading will help ensure a smoothrunning University community. The plan for the Sports Centre will see
its immediate conversion into a Youth Training Camp based on the more
advanced and dynamic military principles. This will guarantee that
graduates entering the world outside will be of a sound and responsible

quality.

The Arts/Commerce Tower will become the new administration H.Q. for all campus sanitation, as there has been an overwhelming increase in the amount of paper work of late.

The efficient control of a community requires a healthy bank balance for the Leadership. To this end, the Vale Site will be sold. At the time

MANIFESTO

THE major task of the next President will be to re-establish confidence and involvement in the Guild. Unless this is done rapidly and effectively the Guild will continue to decline.

Much of this loss of credibility stems from a breakdown in communications between central Guild and the students. I would like to suggest the introduction of the post of Information Secretary, who shall not be a member of Executive, with the sole responsibility of ensuring a two-way flow of information. This, coupled with an effort by the President and Executive, to determine the views of those outside the immediate circle of the Union, would stimulate positive involvement and interest.

It is only in this light of constructive criticism, resulting from the availability of information, that the Guild can claim to represent the student body. For whilst the present situation remains, where only a small minority are aware of the actions of the Guild; then the Guild fails

Next year, the Guild should also take positive action to improve its facilities. Entertainment should be diversified to include more minority interests and co-ordination with the Halls in the promotion of events, should be improved. I should also like to see a reconsideration of the financial basis of Events Committee, in particular to it being subsidised as a service. Similar action is required to deal with Union catering. Above all, the need for new physical facilities, in the form of a new Union or an extension to the present building, will become even more vital. If building is to start within the foreseeable future, then the Guild must start pressing immediately for the implementation of existing plans. I would consider this a priority.

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going to press I have received offers from Butlins and Walt Disney, son Hall will be retained as a weekend relaxation place for the lusive ones of the "Committee of 365's" members. Responsibility for cohesive running of this establishment will be placed in the willing as of 100 carefully selected females from the Arts Faculty.

Apart from quadrupling the Security Force and establishing the Youth Corps, an additional measure for the protection of all students will be to make it illegal for Viking ships to navigate, rape, or pillage along the Bournbrook between the Bristol Road and the footbridge. Applications to do so must be in triplicate and submitted at least 1,000 years in advance to the Danelow Review Body, where they will be turned down. Attempts to ignore this edict will be quashed by the full force of the heavily armed security force, youth corps, and the revitalised University Air Squadron.

Well, the above is just a taste of the good things to come. Finally, I would like to remind all of you who wish for the happy and secure times which my responsible Leadership promises, to cast your vote on Thursday, March 16th.

PATRICK HALL.

PROPOSAL

It became apparent to me in the crisis summer of '57 that Patrick would grow to have a dynamic influence on the course of human history. His great foresight and unrivalled ability to spell out the truth about the world made me realise, with awe, that here was a great leader of menand women; a person destined to join the ranks of Gods and Godesses in Utopian ethos. Always deeply concerned about the corrupting influence of power, the Leader, in his wisdom, has ensured that such power has been diverted from the greedy, evil paws of men into his own all-probing and kindly hands. I feel sure that the poor, much-tricked people of this land will joyfully welcome the coming age of Peace and Security that the Leader will bring.

Proposed by: David R. Brown

will have to expand its Welfare Services, and be prepared to act in the face of large increases in Hall fees (a £51 rise is proposed for next session) and the problem of "Multiple Occupancy" which may well result in creating dation problem.

But this is not to say that the Guild should become introverted or help maintain the isolation of the University. The Guild should actively encourage an awareness and involvement in the surrounding community, particularly through Community Action, and should express constructive opinions as an active pressure group in those areas which are of mutual interest to students, such as higher education.

The role of the President must be to bring together all the diverse functions of the Guild, to co-ordinate them, and to ensure that no single facet of the Guild receives undue attention. Remembering at all times that the Guild exists to work for and represent the students of this campus; if elected I undertake to do this. campus; if elected I undertake to do this.

KINGSLEY MANNING

PROPOSAL

We have both occupied positions in the University which have made us acutely aware of the need for a strong and effective Guild President. The position requires someone who has both the ideas, and the capacity and motivation to put them into effect. Kingsley, by his efforts both in Guild Council and Athletic Union has continually shown understanding of Guild Council and Athletic Union has continually shown understanding of the needs and desires of students. We propose Kingsley as President of the Guild, in the belief that he has the character and convictions to give the Guild the leadership it so desperately needs.

Proposed by: Anthony Pearce (President, Mason Hall) Seconded by: Roger Plank (Athletic Union Chairman).

VICE-PRESIDENT

MANIFESTO

THE last few years have seen a large increase in the numbers of those entering Higher Education, and Birmingham University has been no exception. Some of the major problems facing the Guild at the moment have developed from this increase, and they are likely to worsen as numbers increase even further. In this context, the next year will be a crucial one for the Guild—we must decide now how to combat the accompanying rease in the numbers of those

problems.

The major problem of increased size is that students can no longer be seen as a large homogeneous body, with their central base as the Union. We have seen the growth of Departmental/Faculty Coffee Bars and social groups, the development, albeit slow, of the University Centre, and more important the growth of satellite communities in the Halls of Residence. Next year, we must look to these wider areas and not limit the Guild of

DEPARTMENTS/FACULTIES

The present system of concentration on the Union building has led to over-centralisation of information and communications. Faculty Councils are totally ignored, and Departmental Societies rarely receive grants from the Guild Finance Committee. By such non-action, we are fragmenting the student body and isolating the Guild from its members. The Guild should be fostering Departmental activities; the Guild political structure should be altered to accommodate Faculty Councils and more emphasis should be placed at constituency levels, where the real bases of student unity lie. Next year's Vice-President should assist students who are attempting to make their Departments and their courses more relevant to their needs.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

The Communities developed in the Halls, although distinct from the Union, should be seen within the context of the student body as a whole, represented by the Guild. The Guild should be actively assisting those living in Hall in gaining their right to govern themselves. There have been many specific actions where students' views have not been adequately taken into account—the ever-rising Halls fees, and the quality and quantity of food. The Guild sabbatical officers should maintain formal and informal contact with Hall J.C.R.'s so that, if necessary, the Guild itself may exert pressures on Halls Administration.

THE UNION

Departments and Halls are two areas in which I think the Guild must take more interest if it is to claim to act on behalf of students. But we must not neglect the Union. Next year the Student Reception Scheme should be fully developed by the Vice-President. Furthermore I should like to see a Five Year Plan for the Union building in order to make it more useful to our needs today. Many suggestions have been put forward: a Welfare Centre, a much larger shop/supermarket, a lounge bar plus coffee bar in the evenings. For the longer term we must press now for a new Union building alongside the present University Centre (Refectory). Only then can the concept of a centre for students and staff be fully realised.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPRESENTATION

One of the Guild's problems this year has been inadequate communications and information. Something I have done, through Guild Council, is to establish a Communications Committee which will, next session, produce regular broadsheets, distributed throughout Halls and Departments. informing students of events, decisions made by Guild Council, University Administration etc. But it is imperative that this followed up by informal contacts by the Sabbatical officers with Departmental Societies, Guild Councillors and Hall J.C.R.'s. Only then can the Guild move towards a more representative body.

On representation, the Guild must press for increased student participation in the government of the University. We must be prepared to take a firm stand when the Review Body puts forward its recommendations

next session.

I believe the Guild has a very important role to play in discussing external issues, such as Northern Ireland, Rhodesia, etc., but it would be foolish to think that we, as a Guild, could influence those affairs greatly. My main emphasis would be on matters directly concerning students—of this University and other institutes of Higher Education—for unless we as a Guild adequately protect student interests, and press for increased student participation, we will find ourselves living in Halls, and studying for courses, without any direct and effective consultation whatsoever.

PROPOSAL

Since we have known Nobby, we have been greatly impressed by his sincere involvement with the needs and welfare of students on the campus. As Chairman of Events Committee, and a member of various other Guild Committees—Executive, Finance, Union Services, Carnival—he has dedicated a lot of time and thought to Guild affairs. His administrative abilities, combined with a wide experience of student activities, both in Hall and on the campus, have allowed him to formulate a comprehensive knowledge of the views and needs of the student body as a whole. But his activities have not been limited to Halls and the Guild, he has served on several University Committees—University Centre and Open Forum—and was one of the two students on a Joint Working Party of the Guild and Refectory which looked into the whole problem of catering on the campus. For the past year he has been a member of Birmingham N.U.S. Delegation, and a member of the Birmingham Area Executive. He has, therefore, a very wide knowledge of the difficulties and problems facing students at the moment.

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We have no hesitation whatsoever in proposing Nobby, because we feel that the Guild needs a Vice-President whose policies of positive communication with all factions of the student body will widen the horizons of the Guild, so essential at this moment. His happy disposition, his ability to communicate, and his past experience, make him the ideal person for the Guild's next Vice-President.

Proposed by: Kate Smith

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JOHN TUSTIN Course 2nd Philosophy Age 20

ANN DAVIES

Course 2nd Geog

GERRY BATES

DAVE OAKLEY

Age 20

Course 2nd Metallurgy

Course 3rd Law

Age 21

Age 20

I envisage the Vice-President as being mainly concerned with the University as a whole, whilst retaining a vital interest in the Union; to do this I mean to get to you, the students on the campus, who don't necessarily use the Union, to find out general student opinion. I would like to get away from the Guild clique image.

The Vice-President must get out of the Union building, to encourage, and maintain: FIRSTLY, and most important:

Contact with all factions of student interest on the campus, e.g. Halls, Faculty Councils, Societies, etc.

(2) Contact with other Colleges in the area.

(3) Contact with outside organisations in the city.

(4) Contact with schools, especially sixth forms.

(5) Contact with other Universities and colleges, at a national level.

REPRESENTATION

MANIFESTO

REPRESENTATION

I believe students should have real representation at all levels.
Guild Council could be an effective, representative body, if there were effective communication between student and councillor, and councillor and Guild Council. For Guild Council to be efficient, I would encourage councillors to realise their full responsibilities to their constituents, and

to Guild Council.

Outside the Guild, I would like to see, real representation, i.e. full franchise and speaking rights to students on all University committees, including Senate and Faculty Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications, by definition a two-way process leads to co-ordination.

Communications, by definition a two-way process leads to co-ordination and co-operation. A Vice-President must be able to communicate effective communication of the communicatio

2.—with Standing Committees of the Guild;
3.—with the staff of the University and the Guild.
We need campus-wide communication; I believe efficient communication can break apathy.

EXPULSION FROM UNIVERSITY (i.e. Clause 3)
Clause 3 must be clarified, or abolished. This is a part of the regulations which every student has to sign, on arrival at University. This regulation means that a student can be thrown out at the whim of the Head of Department for "lack of diligence". This clause must be defined. Appeals procedure must be clarified.

ACCOMMODATION

Housing is a community problem.

Housing is a community problem, and students should not be seen special group outside this context. I would take action over:

1.—Multiple occupancy.

2.—Co-operation with the City Council.

3.—Hall fees—instigation of efficient management.

I would like to see:—

(1) The establishment of a Nightline Service, i.e. a Samaritans service by students, for students.

(2) Establishment of a Student Counselling Service by tutors and other

MANIFESTO

Dear All,—

A S the only non-Guild Councillor among the candidates in this election,
I believe I can offer you a refreshing approach to the performance of the duties of a Vice-President, uninfluenced and unimpressed by the blind acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will be sufficiently stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates in this election, and the facilities it often fails to the only non-Guild Councillor among the candidates in this election, and the facilities it often fails to the only of the only of the only of the only of the duties of a Vice-President, uninfluenced and unimpressed by the blind acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will be sufficiently acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will be sufficiently acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will be sufficiently acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will be sufficiently acceptance of the only of the onl acceptance of stereotyped procedures, in which the other candidates will no doubt assure you they are well-versed, as if it were a mark of lone distinction. A fresh mind to a new talk will produce results.

I appeal to you essentially as a student who has virtually lived in I appeal to you essentially as a student who has virtually like it.

this Union during the past three years. I habitually make use of its facilities, and I know where they leave a lot to be desired—I have a devastating changes he is pledged to bring about in your Union. good idea what to do about them. A lot of people know my views already and agree with them and they in part persuaded me to stand for this post. I know what they want out of this union-I know what I want. I hope you'll let me know what you want, too.

GERRY BATES

MANIFESTO

In this new technocratic society, the University has a preordained role to play as the guardian of liberty and freedom. We must not forget our position within the community as the protector of humane value judgments, if we were to do so we would rapidly slide into the abyss of justifying parochial attitudes. We must raise the standard of debate and dialogue between town and gown, between staff and students, between the vast silent majority of the campus and the Guild bureaucracy. The first priorities of the Vice-President must be to make the Guild into a more democratic body by building on the broad base of the people. This can be best achieved by participation in the formulation of future policies. There are new forms of administration and government spontaneously generating within the faculties that must surely replace Guild Council in time, and our job will be to put this inexorable evolution of the Guild system into progress leaving behind the stagnant, rotten carcase that the anonymous clique of power-hungry politics have left us.

You may not agree with these views, if so don't worry, because neither do I. Neither, come to that, do the other candidates, but it is the sort of rhetorical bilge that wins votes and subsequently the sort of language that you can expect to hear a lot of over the next week. You can also expect to hear one message in Soc. Sci., another in Arts and a very different one in Sci. Eng. This is because the serious candidates are not going to say anything that might upset their audience; that, after all, would lose them votes. So instead they will spoon-feed you with a load of half-truths that still have the vital ring of Truth about them. You have been warned.

A joke candidate I may be, but some jokes should be taken seriously. The other candidates, if you think about it, are not really that good, so you might as well vote for a real idiot rather than the second-rate imitations that they offer.

Vote with Dave. Cheese and tomato rolls in the Coffee Bar.

staff after a period of training.

(3) A Welfare Services Centre, for all students to obtain informati about travel, baby-sitting, emergency grant funds, etc. I T is very important that this year a real, and active, role is created for the Vice-President, instead of just taking odd jobs off the President's EDUCATION

One innovation, and two major reforms:-

Instigation of an interviewee reception scheme to introduce interviewees to the University as a whole, and put them at ease before an interview.

We, as students of Birmingham, can play a part in helping school students choose a form of tertiary education most suited to the indi-vidual concerned. I would include not only the Social life of the University, but more important, attempt to get across the binary system by introducing other forms of higher education to school-

leavers.

(2) Freshers' Conference

The weekend between being a sixth-former, and a University student, the introduction to University life. There is more to Freshers' Week than discos, films, etc.

I would like to see a positive attempt made to introduce the student to the city, to the University as a whole, and to teaching methods

ANN DAVIES.

PROPOSALS ic. hard-working, and above all,

ANN DAVIES is friendly, enthu

Union Services Committee Geography Soc. Committee Carnival Committee Senate Union Services Committee
Faculty Board Geography Soc. Committee
External Affairs Secretary Carnival Committee
etc.
Geography Soc. Committee
etc.
Carnival Committee
etc.
Guild Council
The list is as broad of interest as it is inexhaustible. I believe she

will encourage all activities from Speleological Society to Debating Society. She will be available to help every student, not just the Union clique.

Don't forget your Guild card on Thursday, you need it to vote.

Vote for ANN DAVIES.

Vote for ANN DAVIES. Proposed by: Russell Willson.

PROPOSAL

offer

distinction. A fresh mind to a new talk will produce results.

Let the President deal with the politics: we see the role of Vice-President as dealing with the rest. It's time something actually was done about the University Centre (a dynamic combination of the Refectory and Staff House, to the uninitiated). And it's time relations with the City bogged down with revolutionary cliques, and petty political factions. As Vice-President mine would be an essentially supervisory jurisdiction. Such groups can debate amongst themselves all day as far as I am concerned, so long as they don't enrage the majority of students by claiming to represent student opinion in favour of such institutions as the I.R.A., or some such other nonsense of this kind.

Let the President deal with the politics: we see the role of Vice-President as dealing with the rest. It's time something actually was done about the University Centre (a dynamic combination of the Refectory and Staff House, to the uninitiated). And it's time relations with the City really were improved. A sabbatical Vice-President should be able to accomplish much in both these fields, whilst building up the Union to fit your requirements. We feel Gerry Bates is capable of fulfilling the role as the majority would wish it to be filled. His views are pretty typical—ask anyone in the Refectory, Vernon Hall, the snooker room or, of course, the Main Bar. Do not turn away from this man; do not leave him a prophet without honour in his own University. G.B. talks sense to the

We feel sure G.B. is the only candidate with your consideration for

So Vote G.B. for V.P.

Proposed by: Patience J. Wheatcroft Seconded by: John S. Ringguth.

You know it makes sense

D. W. OAKLEY.

Ghosted by Sebastian Gregor Dinsdale.

PROPOSAL

We are proposing Dave Oakley because he is. He thinks therefore he must be; or at least he thinks sometimes when he bothers to move. He will be, we are certain, the most likely no matter what, and if anything untoward should, then he is the person. We would be most confident to. He has in the past and will continue in the future. He has stated categorically that he always will, or will not, as the case may be, follow the wishes, sometimes, of the masses, or the few, as he sees fit, if they do, or maybe don't, ask him. Then again on the other hand he may not. These are the thrusting, dynamic qualities that are so essential to have in a Vice-President. These are examples of the decisiveness that we so admire in him.

Dave Oakley stands on his record, lies on the policies and sits on the fence. It has been said that all power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Dave has that charismatic, moronic, nauseating, drunken personality that can withstand the pressures of corruption that power brings in its wake. He will withstand these pressures like a bulwark until elected, and then will show to the full his versatility in office by stepping down when the time is ripe. "Drink while the bar is open" is one of his maxims. He has been a member of the Guild Commission for the Not Living in Hall, the not living, the undead and the silent majority. Yes, if you want a man of forceful inaction, a man of the people, a human alcoholic MAN (?) like yourselves. Vote for Dave Oakley, whoever he is!

Proposed by: J. J. Yale, Welfare Secretary. Seconded by: B. I. Slomnicka, "Redbreast". (Proposal ghosted by Sebastian Gregor Dinsdale.)

Plan, which condemn the area.

PIECEMEAL

DEVELOPMENT

no more than ten years but fit-ting into the general long-term thus blame for specific blunders committed in the name of 'forward' structure plan.

These local plans will give written assurances of non-dis-turbance to property which will be unaffected, that is directly Other areas will be classified into uses remaining unchanged with possible rebuilding and will be designated as sites with defined functions to be provided.

The present local plans for the St. James area shows more sensitive structural mixing such as an old people's home within a community area, and open space figures prominently on the plan while industry on an existing industrial site is reasonably separate. The ultimate judgment of success will only possible once the area is reestablished.

There remains room for improving public insight into the future new environment in which communities will be living. There is more scope for "honest" artistic representation of the property tation; the ærial view of plan or even model is very far from actual experience of the conditions

One of the stated differences in approach in the new planning pre-sentation is that objectives are set up first and evaluatable alternatives are debated. Of course, public par-ticipation is anticipated at all stages of the procedure.

And now proposals for Metropolitan government are awaiting full implementation when Coventry and Birmingham will be joined together in new local government reorganisation—the nightmare of continuous flux—poor planners.

No! New ideas, new approaches, No! New ideas, new approaches, perhaps, but they are an imperfect excuse for denying responsibility for the present. Decisions are made daily; constraints seem to vanish in the face of projects like the Aston Expressway and multi-storeyed

It has been said that Government and planners can only push and shave a little, they can control de-velopment but not stimulate it. So we are to be controlled by the "market forces" of developers' decisions, with perhaps now a modicum more control to fend off indignant anti-pollution campaigners.

The placid acceptance of commercial, financial control allows the factors of site availability, partially related to site value, to dominate decision-making. This has created a piecemeal approach to planning. The strong powers necessary to prevent demolition only exist in the limited conceptions of conserving individual buildings and minute. limited conceptions of conserving individual buildings and minute, isolated historic and scenic centres. Normally merciless profiteering developers get their way—after all, why not? Look at the reward in terms of rate captures.

But the advantage of more money is a poor justification by itself.

There are two reasons why Bir-mingham is seen as a dismal failure:

(1) Its political organisation;

he 1969 Housing Act vil Amenities Act

opment plan is still

tion except for a

as covered by reappraisal and pro-1968 Town & Coun-

LANNING

IGHTMARE

(2) The application of limited concepts of its character and function. Act is to improve

The political system of elected representatives, serving with local officials and committee members, is an efficient process for non-specific detail worked out

If a private firm, out to make a profit from Birmingham if it has permission granted, submits a planning application, then surely the fullest of details should be required and produced for complete open inspection. Of course, certain minimum standards are checked with Public Health, the police and other relevant officials Government decisions and public apathy are the final scapegoats but inter-departmental wrangling leaves

relevant officials.

inter-departmental wrangling leaves vagrants without social services, clearance sites undeveloped and the public generally confused and uninformed. Public health inspection can condemn or suggest improvement to property. However, improvement grants cannot be given if the Planning Department have separate plans, often differing from the publicised ones of the old Town Plan, which condemn the area. But is this enough? Again, how do we judge? How does the Public Works Committee judge?

With the expert aid of the City Surveyor, who is responsible to the whole committee and in charge of the Planning Department, reports Two types of "action area" are designated—one for clearance and one for improvement. Unclear differentiation frequently presents conflicting information to tenant or occupier concerning the future of his dwelling and whether he is eligible for an Improvement Grant. The result is that planning "blight" is more widespread than the plan or the planners suggest.

the Planning Department, reports on observations concerning each individual planning application are made. The recommendations and presented facts are then the basis on which the Public Works Committee pass judgment.

What criteria do they use in making their decisions?

They often go and look at the site and they use their "experience and commonsense" as to what pleases people." In other words, as elected representatives, they maintain that their decisions reflect lay opinion.

tain that their decisions reflect lay opinion.

Their approach of judging each case on its merits combines a realistic appreciation of the functioning of commerce and industry with current ideas of planners and landscapers.

A tree may take about sixty years to grow; it can be cut down in ten minutes. The large number of tree preservation orders has prevented the technologically simple task of decimating the population of six

City councillors have to prod and probe to seek true information of intentions, which is curtailed because it is preferred that these are not known at a formative stage, that is before its own momentum can thrust the plan through as the best, that is only advanced, alternative. decimating the population of six million trees within the city boun-Councillor Edwards is quite pre-

Councillor Edwards is quite pre-pared to allow the Planning Depart-ment the privilege of releasing pro-posals "as and when they think fit" —rightly or wrongly not everyone would be so prepared to leave it to their discretion. CONCRETE & GLASS

Why is the city centre, with its high concentration of working-day population, so devoid of sites suitable for lunch-break picnics and peaceful leg-stretching strolls? The city does have Manzoni's concrete Much of the power of the City Much of the power of the Chy Council in relation to statutory Planning Acts has been delegated to the ,Public Works Committee under the chairmanship of Coun-cillor Harold Edwards. excuse for denying responsibility for the present. Decisions are made daily; constraints seem to vanish in the face of projects like the Aston Expressway and multi-storeyed office blocks and car-parks.

Progress, seen as capital—intensive development goes on; so does individual hardship and environmental insult.

It has been said that Government and planners can only push and shave a little, they can control development but not stimulate it. So we are to be controlled by the

Let us have more grass, more public open space, at better and chosen sites, or best with traffic quite absent.

Councillor Edwards: "Of course, you have to remember that that site cost us £1 million."

HOUSING SHORTAGE

One of the most pressing prob-lems in Birmingham since the war has been that of population or, in planning terms, housing.

The city has been fortunate i maintaining high employment due to an industrial base adapted to modern profitable production.

The leader of the City Council, Alderman Francis Griffin, has stated some aims: "We must extend our boundaries to take additional countryside to provide housing and

The present population (1968) within the city boundaries is 1,075,000. As a result of accelerated house-building in the late 'sixties, there is now a deficiency of land for new bousing schemes which for new housing schemes which judging by long-wait housing lists, are still required. Thus, the city's eyes roam covetously over the countryside of the three adjacent

while unsympathetic villages at Wythall and Henley-in-Arden hold up the city's ambitions, expansion at Redditch and Telford—a gross expansion of the original plan of building Dawley on derelict land of low agricultural value—continues. So too do the rushed, impersonal peripheral estates of Castle Vale. peripheral estates of Castle Vale, Chelmseley Wood and Druids

GROWING PROBLEMS

Vivian Bird, in her recent book, "Portrait of Birmingham", has characterised Birmingham as an expanding octopus.

As far back as 1943 the Cadbury brothers stated that Birminghm was too big; it certainly is for development to be as generous with space as in their pleasant development centred on their creation of

But is there any alternative to a

Midland megapolis? Emotion-loaded words like sprawl and overspill bear little relationship to the human problems to which planning should be directed. Diffi-culties arise over such concern



Non-segregated New Street.



Not only more noise, smoke and

site prices but more development, to work in the Mother City.

Because Birmingham is so spread

The second thinks in broader terms of integrated communication in which flows are redirected and discouraged by measures such as decentralisation of employment centres so as to reduce journeys to work and restriction of private car access to specified areas more suitable for functions unimpeded by motor-cars.

POPULATION BASE

Rapid transit is a partial solution to traffic congestion, though perhaps aggravating other effects of central attraction. Such a sys-

on in Britain then changes must be expected to welcome in the extra people. What is too seldom challenged is the inflexible, often opposing, desires of the favoured opulation expecting to go on un-vorried as before. Many changes worried as before. Many changes may be unnecessary and opposition well justified. Much organised opposition at present is localised response to specific intrusions and quite irrespective of concern for general community needs or the special needs which changed circumstances have created for the less favoured. less favoured.

It is conceivable that there are fundamental faults in the expansionist view of Birmingham.

The expansion certainly creates a situation in which planning becomes emergency measures rather than the carefully-controlled creation of an integrated city. Each department, each councillor and each individual in the city becomes totally occupied by a limited set of immediate aims to keep the city functioning and tolerable. Their efforts only just succeed, and maybe what we are accepting should not be tolerated at all. hould not be tolerated at all.

Sickness, poverty and homeless ness are disgracefully neglected by

TRAFFIC JAM

As Birmingham grows and prob-lems mount a new priority is im-posed upon the planners' dreams super highway and expressway

Faster flow, people further out

tem requires political decision and a considerable ratepayer burden in the development phase. In terms of economic, technological assessment the population base of Birmingham is small.

However, the City Surveyor is investigating rapid transit for particular routes, as for example in place of the Edgbaston expressway from the Queen Elizabeth to Islington Row. Here the Public Works, in the face of vocal objective account of the central area by creating more high-value sites. The Bull Ring Centre itself occupies a key position where the road flies over its open market. The guide also eulogises about Paradise Circus which is a complex road junction providing a large gyratory island.

Freedom of car ownership is not seen as the privilege to pollute and to cause noise and nuisance which However, the City Surveyor is investigating rapid transit for particular routes, as for example in place of the Edgbaston expressway from the Queen Elizabeth to Islington Row. Here the Public Works, in the face of vocal objections are concerned to protect the environment from "excessive invasion" of the motor-car.

No doubt many in the University and residents of Edgbaston will be grateful for such a change. Un-fortunately there is little reflection of this case in policies elsewhere.

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Within the city centre limited pedestrianisation schemes are being introduced with access only to buses, for which special low entrance types are being designed, and emergency vehicles. One feels these are inadequate and more a by-product residual of other schemes. But at least realisation of needs is there. Future opportunities are allowed for by retaining railway land free from development and also reserving tunnelling rights in the city (much of New Street is at present visited by unloading lorries using existing tunnels which also connect Snow Hill and New Street stations). Street stations)

CITIZEN THREATENED

In Baskerville House the planning bodies have produced a display summarising their "conservation areas" policy. They summarise the policy aims as follows:—

greater flows and mobility desire, and the solution is in mutual opposition to the solution of other problems. "Birmingham is a large, dynamic and wealthy city; the aim is to retain and enhance those features carbon monoxide, but more accidents more pedestrian diversions, and less freedom and more ugliness for all. giving a sense of civic dignity, that which belongs to the citzen in the face of great pressure towards uni-

formity."
What is this uniformity which the City Surveyor and Engineer accepts for all but those remote pockets of compensation for the new environment which is being 40 per cent of the Redditch overspill zoom along improved roads, themselves attracting higher

Just a few major influences cause

Firstly, Birmingham's traffic dominates redevelopment while Bir-mingham's transport service de-

out and because people have to move from one part of the city to others for various purposes, at dif-ferent times, using different routes, the car is inevitably a very useful machine. mingham's transport service declines.

Bus services are rationalised to the minimum profitable service. Passenger transport executives respond to immediate financial prospects. Their community service role is neglected, even with councillors seconded on to the Board. The potential of an adequate, fast and efficient service is not realised as the source of a viable network with beneficial implications to both cost and, the at present maligned, benefit.

Roads are seen as sweeping marvels for getting in and out, not Though useful, those needing to ject to frustrating dawdle and delay. Hopefully, the West Midlands transport study will suggest ways of removing such congestion. Much depends on how they approach the problem. Too often the problem is seen as traffic flow rather than that of a communication system. Thus two types of solution exist. The first maximises flow by widening roads and removing junctions, with some fast bulk transport along major flow lines. The second thinks in broader terms of integrated communication in

Roads are seen as sweeping marvels for getting in and out, not as the community dividing structures or pedestrian progress barriers which they are.

Saturday afternoon outside Tesco's is worse than it's ever been behind goal at Villa. The pedestrian has become dependent on signs not views for orientation as he turns this way and that round blind, bruisingly sharp, corners, confronted with steps again and again before traffic and shop level again before traffic and shop level

again before traffic and shop level can be regained.

The Information Department guide shows the reverence with which roads are regarded. The inner ring road, 3½ miles long with a 110-foot dual carriageway, encircits the main shopping and business area. It was, in fact, designed not only to facilitate the

it is. While the private car im-

PEDESTRIAN

DIVERSION

poses its own uniformity on cities, people's lives and environment, Birmingham must remain choked and smoggy; or else devastated by Councillor Herrinshaw recount road-widening, still smoggy and before long choked again.

HOUSE OR HOME

Welcome

OR

to

Birmingham

Secondly, House, office an dshop building is an exercise in rateable value cost and gain. More revenue is a principal goal. Council rents are influenced by current costs including capital outlay since the council housing budget has to balance each year whether or not new houses are under way. Present council houses cost about £5,000 each to build with land prices being about £15,000 or land prices being about £15,000 or £20,000 per acre. Waiting-lists are still long.

board, a set of materials and a

The mother with high-storeyed panoramas of urban sprawl dare not let her child play below, run for ice-cream or go and find a friend over the road. Or else she neglects her offspring's safety.

Lumping people together may be necessary; but creating an environment to induce community hostility is pure design-perpetuated insult—the late-night bottle drunkenly clattering down the rubbish shute, domestic quarrel, children chattering, yes, sometimes screaming, impinge with unnecessary publicity pinge with unnecessary publicity on a wide neighbourhood.

Privacy itself need not be absolute in an integrated sympathetic community, but the unidentified thumps above, the silent commuter

construction because of legalised constructional limitations relating height to site, as against building

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KEEP

how council action changed projected densities to 95 per acre at jected densities to 95 per acre at which level maisonette building was possible and achieved in Newtown. Tower flats built previously have a density of 105 per acre. For comparison leisured Edgbaston has a 40 per acre density, though perhaps less leisurely, with under-utilised houses often acquiring a decadent appearance as unkeen to the stan-

BUSTLE AND THRONG

Fourthly, the city centre is being tortuously killed by overtaxing it with a multitude of functions equally possible, under less conges tion elsewhere.

A city councillor describes the inner ring road as a most round the city centre; but the city centre is no stately castle but a ruined dream

dream.

Planners and councillors express concern over the growth of out-of-town shopping centres; yet the city centre is just another suburban centre, only worse.

centre, only worse.

Cars in the centre are defended, since without them the lively bustle and throng of the centre would go. Do they never join the crushed and hurried shoppers! Forced down step and ramp, round those sharp vision-obstructing corners, under the life stream of traffic above.

Technical evaluation and political decision apparently goes of

decision apparently goes on divorced from the reality which

Despite Alderman Griffin's plea intaining population so as to for grants for central func-from car-parks to entertain-facilities, there is no reason the one centre for local gov-nt should be the same, the £3 million library com-or even the £15 million nal Exhibition Centre can be

One principal requiring recogni-that as the dependent tentacles the octopus expand the more ficult it becomes to effectively

If a planner's job is to exploit existing patterns created by the historical development of Birmingham then he must recognise the limitations of that pattern.

Complacent acceptance, even er Complacent acceptance, even en-couragement, of central growth, with higher land prices and con-vergent masses of car-propelled commuters, aggravates the prob-lems facing the city.

Grass and calm fresh air, plea-sant buildings and kindly faces are brutally transformed in the city centre. Many thousands daily go to work, to earn money, make money, and of the successful lucky proportion who survive the ordeal, to escape.

FORWARD

Existing problems are seen in different lights by different

Alderman Griffin has said:
"To develop worn-out areas means a loss of 20 per cent of the land because we have to build more garages, widen roads and leave more space. We can rehouse only up to 55 per cent of the population on the original site even though we build towers."

but there is more to the prob-lem. Towers have been built in much of the inner zone, wit-ness the continuing disaster areas of Ladywood, Lee Bank and Newtown. Official medical reports show that infant morta-lity rates in the inner zone are ity rates in the inner zone are more than ten times those in

longer work apart; they should have similar aims.

The existing pattern of political organisation is insufficient to maintain the city as a fully functioning, self-contained, yet humane, entity. Not, at least, while inflexible interaction of while inflexible interaction of the divisions of local govern-ment continues with each en-trenched in a limited set of favourite and immediately tangible goals.

What is required is a policy-

making co-ordinating body enlisting full public participation.

This is perhaps less of a forlorn hope as realisation increases that cherished systems of commercial, industrial and mob of grasping, egotistical

political enterprise not only affect but also depend upon the active support of people. The ideal democratic indivi-

dual will see himself, his neigh-bours and the future of society in the planning process. hypocritical to cynically slander the idea if he is denied the true facts regarding proposed plans and his own potential role.

Problems and objectives must be identified and priorities worked out. Merit cannot be judged in isolation, and the implementation of resulting embracing proposals will require crossing of budget lines.

GREEN FINGERS

Many city concepts originate in the limited training of engineer and architect. Layout and infrastructure is independent of social composition because simple technological and predictable manipulation do not cover this field. So the people must fend for themselves once the super technically feasible plan has been carried through has been carried through.

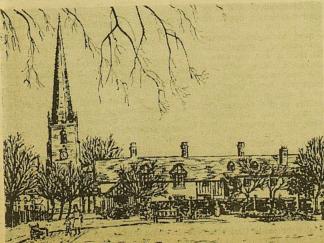
Architects' "green fingers" are to be extended scenically be-tween righ-rise towards the city centre. Keep-off-the-grass excentre. Keep-off-the-grass exhortations, muddy short cuts and proximate traffic make such areas as functionally sterile as grassless desert.

The planner must do more than "what I can, where, if I can." It is no longer sufficient to blame somebody or something else; everyone must shoulareas as functionally sterile as grassless desert.

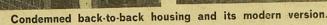
the outer zone.

If the planner is going to blame social services of people" and social services the planner, then they can no the planner, then they can not they should be planner, then they can not they should be planner, then they can not they should be planner. day conditions of thousands.

The city bee must be more confined to the safe, artificially lit, heated and aired indoors. It, heated and aired indoors.
Covered walkways deflect katabatic winds produced in the building canyons, beloved only by the pigeons and starlings. Indoor markets, superstores, advert and shop window hide from the weather. Only the from the weather. Only the roast-potato man and flowergirls, soap-boxers and open-market sellers retain licence







individuals cannot be improved except by extension of inhuman accommodation of more growth, more people, more money, more mobility, more productivity.

Already signs of cracks in the high employment, with some considerable dependence on the

car industry, show through.

Social services cannot cope on their limited budget, not because this is small but because other finances go towards undermining the social existence of Birmingham itself, More study is needed, but above all more

Birmingham as a money-making centre must also see itself as employment centre, that is a centre for people. Politicians will not offer even tentative (that's not done any way) proposals for labour-intensive rather than capital-

PLANNERS

What is the city for? People people doing things, together.

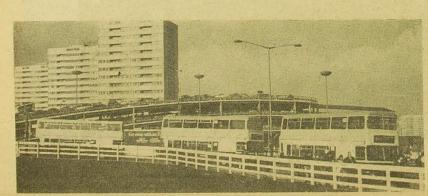
der collective responsibility and that means encouraging public enquiry, and from the awareness gained, public involvement.

Single visions of single individuals are no longer believed to be inviolate principles. Leading able and intelligent men are leading us all to disastrous consequences for local and na-tional society based on limited views of progress.

Birmingham must still go FORWARD - in different ways.









TONIGHT, ladies and gentlemen, I am sure we will see some wonderful acts of healing by Mr. Harry Edwards, whose name must be known in nearly every household in the country.'

Have you ever heard stories about miracles? - incurable medical conditions cured, blind people seeing, crippled people walking, with the help of a faith healer, or a spiritualist healer. A few weeks ago the West Midlands District Council of the Spiritualists' National Union organised a Spiritualist Healing Demonstration at the Town Hall. The spirit healer was to be Harry Edwards, a man of apparently high acclaim in the world of spirit healing, accompanied by George and Olive Burton.

healing as being rubbish, or accuse spirit healers of using planted "patients" in the audience. The reasons for this may be many, but they could revolve around the idea that if man comes into contact with a phenomenon he does not under-stand, he may well refuse to admit that the phenomenon actually exists. What is needed is genuine proof that something has happened — that the spiritualist healer has healed. The nearest it is possible to get to this is to see a spiritualist healer at work and to assess how genuine his patients are, and the extent of the "healing" performed on them.

The demonstration started in an unexpected way with a hymn. For the rest of the evening, and subsequently from literature produced by the Spiritualist Union, it was obvious that the Spiritualists were appealing to their followers on religious grounds and clothing their acts in religious statements.

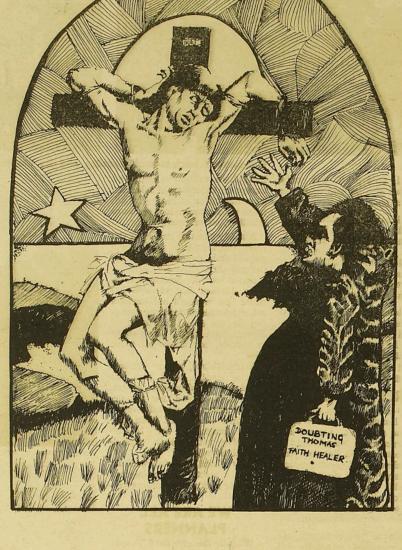
The Town Hall was full, mainly with the Town Hall was full, mainly with middle-aged and elderly people. On the stage, decorated with flowers, were three rows of local spirit healers from the local Spiritualist Churches. Dressed in white coats they resembled rows of student nurses and doctors. In front of them sat the three visiting spiritualist

Following the hymn and an introduction, Harry Edwards took up the micro-phone and, after a brief talk on the working of spiritualist healing, began his healing demonstration. His first re-quest was for people with a slipped disc, especially those resigned to using a medical corset because the hospitals could do no more for them.

From the several hands raised in the audience two were chosen and went up on to the stage. Mr. Edwards removed his jacket and two chairs were arranged facing each other in the centre of the stage. One of the patients sat in one of the chairs whilst Mr. Edwards sat facing him in the other. The patient explained his condition and then Mr. Edwards began his healing act. With the help of George Burton the patient was bent and twisted as Mr. Edwards put his hands on the injured part of the spine. By the time that they had finished, the patient was able to bend over and touch his toes. The audience looked on in amazement and clapped enthusiastically as the patient left the stage. A similar chain of events took place for the other

The next condition asked for was that of arthritis and the patients who came up to the stage included an old lady with walking sticks. The stiffened joints of each patient were emphasised before healing began. Then the arthritic wrist or knee or ankle was gently bent and twisted, gradually rotated until it seemed completely free and definitely not stiff. The old lady walked off the

However, before he could deal with the



Healing?

BY PAUL TAYLOR

chosen a man with walking sticks, unable to lift his feet off the ground, made his way to the stage. He had multiple sclerosis, a disease generally regarded as incurable. After Mr. Edwards had spent some time with this man, he walked from the stage, this time manning to lift his foot off the ground al aging to lift his feet off the ground, although only slightly. The curved spines were then dealt with. On both cases Mr. Edwards claimed to have straightened the spine. In one of these cases, where there was also paralysis in the shoulder, it was demonstrated that the it was demonstrated that the healing had cured this in that the man was now able to put his jacket on much easier.

When there was a request for people with bad sight, a number of hands were in the air. An elderly lady raised her shaking hand in the air. Her husband beside her, in an old gaberdine raincoat, grabbed hold of his wife's arm and wayed it descent the text. waved it desperately to catch Mr. Edwards' attention, but to no avail. Several wards' attention, but to no avail. Several times people had come up to the stage and had to be turned away because there was not enough time. The healing of the lady who came to the stage for bad sight was not very impressive and it was difficult to decide if there was any claim of an improvement after the healing.

Of the remaining demonstrations, perhaps the one that was the most interesting was that for goitre, a glandular disease causing a swelling of the

neck. Two cases were dealt with and in both cases it was claimed that the swelling had gone down. With the wor patient, however, there was a distinctly noticeable difference. Before the healing her voice was very hoarse, presumably due to pressure of the swelling on her voice box. After Mr. Edwards' demonstration of healing her voice was nor-

Throughout the healings members of the audience were obviously taken back at what was happening. There was an occasional gasp of amazement and after each healing there was much applause.

A few points must be added, however, A few points must be added, however, particularly for the sceptics. Perhaps the most important is that it was not always possible to actually see a change after the healing. Thus, the two patients with the curved spine looked the same after the healing. Very few, if any, of the audience could see the swelling of the neck in the goitre sufferers, so that it was not possible to see if the swelling had subsided.

It is also possible that there was some over-emphasis of the extent of the distress before healing took place. So perhaps the joints that had arthritis in them were not really as stiff as was made out. The old lady who used walking-sticks to get to the stage was carried on to the stage by one of Mr. Edwards's helpers.

Perhaps the healings that appeared to most impressive were those of the goj when the voice improved, and the two he ings of the curved spines where Mr. i wards claimed to have actually straighter. the spines. After the demonstration finished Mr. Edwards explained abo

When they came up—of course it wetty obvious with most of them, you could be what was wrong with them—and the was obviously some imperfection or pa condition and what the healing does cause and end the symptoms.

When asked about the permanence of the healing he replied: "That will be permane enough. All being well. That is provide there is no reason for it to deteriorate against the against the same than the same that the same than th

Bearing this in mind it is interesting comment on the progress of one of the people who was healed at the Town Hall Mr. X from Brownhills had a curved spine. He was the patient who also had paralysis of the shoulder although the hospital had told him that this was due to pressure on a perve and not related to his pressure on the shoulder although the hospital had told him that this was due to pressure on the pressure of the shoulder although the hospital had told him that this was due to pressure on the pressure of the shoulder although the hospital had told him that this was due to pressure on the pressure of the shoulder although the hospital had the shoulder although the hospital had the shoulder although the a nerve and not related to his spinal of

After being healed by Mr. Edwards in agreed that I could contact him later on to talk about what had happened. On phoning Mr. X several days after the healing, had decided that there was not much point a several days after the healing. in me coming round to see him.

"To put it bluntly, he said, "I'm no bette now than I was before." He went on t say that Mr. Edwards had done nothing fe him and that, although on the stage was claimed that his spine was now straigh

for me. I get more satisfaction from the healers at the local Spiritualist Church where they give me a bit of massage—and I feel a bit better."

He said that he had talked to his local healers about his experience with Mr. Edwards and they had told him that they had seen Mr. Edwards permanently heal people. They added that they felt it was possible that as Mr. Edwards was getting older he might be losing some of his powers. older he might be losing some of his powers.

Mr. X also added that he in no way had given up his belief in Spiritualism. As he put it: "The doctors say they can't do anything for me so I'll continue to go to the healers and hope something will happen."

It should be noted that the case of Mr. has not been quoted as a typical example of those healed at the Town Hall. He was just one picked at random so that his case may well be an exception. However, on the stage at the Town Hall, Mr. Edwards claimed that he had definitely straightened this man's spine and removed the resolution. man's spine and removed the paralysis.

There are also doubts that can be raised if Spiritualist ideas are studied. Mr. Edwards claimed that spiritualist healing is a science but some of his explanations of this science are so vague and meaningless that they seem almost to be evading the questions.

"It obviously takes a law-governed force to overcome a given condition. Spiritualist healing is a spinal science—very much so. In order to carry out any plan you must have knowledge. To have that knowledge you must know how to do it. In order to make a chemical change in somebody's body—to take away the adhesions with the conditions of the conditions o take away the adhesions-vo induce a chemical change. To do that mus be obviously a scientific thing. We are used as transmitters through which the healing force is received and given to the patients."

ments on Research into Spiritualist Healing" contains similar phrases.

"The only time when a healer becomes physically involved in the healing act is at the time of transforming spirit-created energy molecules into their physical counterparts."

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The point may also be made that after coming off the stage some signs of improvement seemed to have disappeared. The man All that I can conclude from observations at the healing demonstration, the follow-up of one case whose spiritual healing was definitely stated to have occurred and from literature on Spiritualism is that I have not been at all convinced that any physical healing has taken place. But there is no doubt a great benefit given to patients of Spiritualist healers in that they are often classified as incurable; Spiritualism does at least give them one ray of hope.

-reviews

manage to break through to British audiences. Satyajit Ray is one of the exceptions to the rule and his film, Days and Nights in and his film, Days and Nights in the Forest (Arts Lab.), shows the reason why. Ray manages to bring a touch of humour from the Western world into the film and yet still manages to keep the Indian basis.

The story is refreshingly simple. Four friends drive out of Calcutta into the country. The characters are perfect—the clown, the athletic type suffering from being jilted, the quiet one and the intelligent one. They settle into a forest rest house and the rest of the film deals with the relationships that are built up with the local people, including the villagers and two ladies who are spending a few days in the village. spending a few days in the village.

loped naturally and within simple situations. There is no attempt to rush things with forced situations. Consequently Ray managed to direct a film which never pushes too hard to make its point. "Days and Nights in the Forest" is undoubtedly an excellent film that deserves all the praise that it has received following its showing at the London Film Festival.

In the city centre the wind of change is almost here. When Clint Eastwood's "Play Misty for Me" finishes at the Futurist this week, "Gumshoe" is due to take over, "Gumshoe" is a well thought out comedy where the man in the street's game of private detective turns out to be real. Also lined up for the Futurist is "Blue Water—White Death" and "Klute".

Odeon Ringway delayed bringing off "Nicholas and Alexandra" for yet another week. "Traffic" should be the next new film in there followed by several repeat showings including "Soldier Blue" and "2001".

Odeon New St, retains "Straw Dogs" for this week and may possibly retain it for a third week. It is rumoured that "Love Story" is at last on the move, in which case "The Boyfriend" may be showing at ABC New St, within the next couple of weeks.

"Fiddler on the Roof" continues at the Gaumont. There are several interesting films coming up at the Arts Lab. After "Days and Nights in the Forest", which is running with "Theorem" and "Oedipus Rex", there is a break for Arts Lab. Theatre, followed by "Je Taime, Je Taime", "The Great White Hope" and "The Shooting" White Hope" and "The Shooting".

A FTER having puzzled for hours

Either way, they couldn't have een much worse. As a pop band or was it really trying to be rock?) ou couldn't dance to them, but hot, sweaty, and beery. The disco kept the muscles moving—but 250

And so Ziegfield came on, and went off—I never really noticed.

However although they were as bad as Dormin, at least you could dance to them which was their only saving. "Boring" was another phrase used politely to describe them.

Lucy?

The disparaging part of the crit is now finished because next on the agenda came Roy Young "with his band." The drummer from Rock and Roll All Stars (see?) told me Roy Young was not as good "as

His mother was portrayed well by Sylvia Barter. She must bear attack on all sides, yet remains calm and kind. She is obviously jealous of her son's girlfriend—a typical Lawrence situation. The daughter annoys everyone. Roy Young was not as good "as when I used to know him"—Well if

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Consequently Ray managed to
hearsed moves they wound up and
livest a film which power purpose. made to go-only to come back a made to go—only to come back a minute later to the deafening shouts calling for more, cheers and applause for a well-deserved encore performing two numbers—"Whole lotta shakin'" being well remembered. Then they finally did leave, with Roy Young promising to

> E ACH Roy Harper concert is an argument either for or against "dope" as an inspiration or a hindrance. On Wednesday, dressed like drance. On wednesday, dressed like a biblical prophet and armed with four guitars, he was definitely inspired. He has an engaging sense of humour, and after his first number he had the full Town Hall with him.

Fortunately, his rambling chat was mainly humorous rather than his bitter and rather boring philo-Baroque and Beserk" album.

Audibly hampered by a sore throat, his voice still has an in-credible range and power, which transcends the lousy production on his early L.P.s and on Wednesday

not only saved time on tuning but also allowed a very wide selection of his material.

The audience, self included, preferred his lighter numbers, "Me and My Woman" from his latest album "Stormcock" got a response like Marc Bolan's wiggle, which it fully deserves. He did several other numbers from his two most recent albums and introduced three new songs in the second half. songs in the second half.

One about hitching to North Cape

Now in repertoire at Cannon Hill Arts Theatre is A Collier's Friday Night, one of D. H. Lawrence's early works. Though written in 1909 it has an air of modern television drama. The play deals with relationships and conflicts

another them.

Having given up the disco as a bad job—the "Pie Bar" was the next port of call, where I consumed an expensive imitation steak and kidney pie—wasn't it Lake Wydd who once made £250 on a "Pie Bar" at one notable function with Juicy

The disparaging ports.

rifere is very little action in the play, as John Dove, the director, says in the programme: "It is about people's feelings, and it all takes place in one small room on a Friday night when nothing much out of the ordinary happens. Yet I think it has an extraordinary compulsive power." It is eripning at

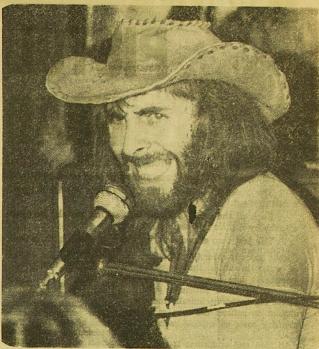
The lavish, realistic set—two rooms in a terraced house—makes a good change from the bare stages

will be exhibiting some of his own work in the Upper Gallery. The theme of this particular exhibition is the expression of sound and movement in colour, so to accompany the paintings we are treated to recordings of classical music.

most striking painting. The colours are very vivid and well defined, which some other paintings lacked,

The bases of these designs are just very large circles on plain white paper, but that is where the similarity ends. The actual designs within these circles vary between abstract paint spotting and a very tight, pretty, floral design in pencil.

Next to a very Cezanne-type water painting hang a couple of the unusual window paintings. These are large frames of either glass or perspex which are essentially positioned in a window so that the



Roy Young at Lake Race Dance last Friday



"Days and Nights in the Forest," at the Arts Lab-a film with a simple story.



Rory Gallagher at the Town Hall on Wednesday.

PISTOL PACKING MIKE HEADS FOR SUDAN

BIRMINGHAM canoeist Mike Jones has been making plans to tame one of the world's most treacherous rivers

Mike, who is 20, has been chosen to lead an expedition of four other canoeists down 600 miles of the Ethiopian Blue Nile, from Lake Tana to the Sudan.

The history of exploration of the river is an unhappy one, virtually no expedition having taken place without loss of life, and no expedition having ever complete.

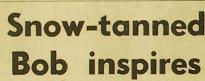
Each of the canoeists will be packing pistols, because apart from the obvious hazards of raging rapids, hidden rocks and crocodiles, there is a "real danger ttacks by hostile natives.

The last two expeditions to the area were both attacked and two members of one of the expeditions were murdered.

of water in about three weeks, starting in late August when the river is in flood. Although this makes the rapids technically more difficult, it reduces the hazards of greeking boats on exposed rocks.

Mike, who is at the Medical School, has been canoing now for five years. Three years ago he was one of a party of five canoeists sponsored by the "Daily Telegraph" who successfully shot the treacherwater in about three weeks,

Mike hopes to cover the 600 miles on a major fall the canoeist may water in about three weeks, capsize three or four times.



ON Wednesday, after a disappointing run of two defeats in University matches, the golf team captured its richest prize of the year by winning the Midland A.U. Championship.

Honaire ski resorts of Central
Europe, scored a scintillating 73.
after four putting the first green, to
win both the individual championship and to give the team a commanding start.

Here receded, and he was certainly
needed against Moor Hall.

Keith Andrews, promoted to top
pair with Bob Ashton, took on their
captain and turned it on with a
five and four beating.

manding start.

The runner-up to Bob was our own secretary Bill Hawksworth (back home) with a very creditable 77, followed by our Captain, who, though scoring high in our matches(!) still managed to produce a fair performance on the golf course.

Gur next three pairs took quite a knock. Bill Hawksworth and George Mitchell found themselves six down after seven holes! "We had a hangover for seven holes." From there they fought hard but it was an impossible task and they lost four and three.

other teams, who included: Leices-

his time wining and dining and

Playing in poor conditions, Bob very little time on the golf course where needed, and he was certainly

George Mitchell and Paul Stane ey played well with Tim O'Byrne your correspondent) bringing up the rear, giving Birmingham a comthe rear, giving Birmingham a com-manding lead of 30 shots over the going tough and though Jim "kept his knees together" they fell on the

r teams, who included: LeicesNottingham. Aston, Loughugh, and give Brum a place in
national championships to be
if next term.

MOOR HALL

his knees together the little.

The final score line was made respectable by a fine performance by John Hase and Chris Millington, who, despite little team practice, produced marvellous golf to win two and one.

win two and one. Score: Moor Hall winning 3—2.



Mike Jones

NARROW DEFEAT

by Randy Southam, noddin' off at Nottingham

A WEAKENED cross-country team suffered their first relay defeat for two years when they los narrowly to Birchfield Harriers, the National Road Relay champions at Nottingham on Saturday Yet again, they failed to return a trophy as they were unable to find it. Rumour has it that du to lack of funds A.U. is melting them down.

On the first of the five three-mile legs, Graham Thewlis kept the University well in contention with a fine seventh position. Dave Hill ran legs, Graham Thewlis kept the University well in contention with a a good leg for the 'B' team, bring-

moving Birmingham to second, re-cording the fourth fastest time of the day. Gordon Thomson consoli-dated this position, but was unable to reduce the Birchfield lead.

Pog Brown burst into my late Sunday afternoon filled exuberance and demanded tha morning's efforts at Cannock week's edition of "Redbrick.

TEAR 'EM OFF A STRIP!

FOOTBALL STRIP

RUGBY STRIP

HOCKEY STRIP

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IF ANSWER IS YES, CONTACT ANDY HOLDEN at REDBRICK OFFICE . . .

Morons considered

MMITTEE ROOM ROBBERY

THE Birmingham Ping Pong Power squad, although returning from Surrey with nothing to prove it, can boast that they are the best university side in the country since the side to beat them in the U.A.U. was a combined team from Aston University and

win.

fairly well accepted that his players cannot repreniversities, and credit for g the situation to arise in se must go fully and unity to the U.A.U., whose ability to come to a decision staggering.

match it was stated that Aston's hopeing that the gods would smile hoping that the gods would smile and justice would be done. In fact, all the luck went Aston's way, and even more annoying was the fact that most of it went to Fletcher by the smallest of margins. At a crucial stage of the match, Mitchell fell to Fletcher by similar scores after holding a good lead and Birmingham went that most of it went to Fletcher by similar scores after holding a good lead and Birmingham went that most of it went to Fletcher by the smallest of margins. At a crucial stage of the match, Mitchell fell to Fletcher was there as large as life and it became clear who was the hero of Aston's 9-6 win. must go fully and un-to the U.A.U., whose lity to come to a decision

So much for words; down at the team finals Fletcher was there as large as life and it became clear that no such decision had ever been ite staggering

tion which somehow manto run inter-university sport, informed at the U.A.U. indiowed two official written comints from Birmingham and rerpool, the replies to which in-ated that something would defi-

made and after a great deal of argument in which Birmingham and Liverpool threatened to pull out, the matches went on.

Birmingham played Southampton,

winners for the past four years, in the semi-final and quickly raced into a lead, the match being termi-

LIVERPOOL DISQUALIFIED

LAKE RACES

M & B fortify Lake-Wydd

watched, and they were many, were far from unhappy. 'Twas night to remember.

e well fortified later by the nty of M. & B. But Ray Smed-(brazen fellow to so dare)
arly took that bounty across the

Edwards and Shaw were the first

vage. Beauty and speed are hers abundance. Never has a maiden

sharon seemed slow when com-pared. Yet the lively Maids of Maths lost, but only just.

Oh Mason, Ridge, and sweet Moira, where were you? Twas not the same without your efforts.

Canny Jim and young Ashton survived even tribunal findings to

win with their piggy-back men. And the dance, too, was such fun, or so they told me.

strong selection. He looked the part
when chasing the incomparable
Ralph Banthorpe over 60 and 150.
Indeed, all the talented trackmen
were splendid, and Peter Howe, a
graduate from Indiana, could become a man in the Ralph and Jim
Aukett ilk during his stay here. He is fast without any doubt, and his

Captain Peter Cornes certainly justified including himself in his strong selection. He looked the part

ORIENTEERING

BOOST FROM TED

by a Welsh Spy

THE other day (Saturday, March 4th, in fact) a large number of orienteers were to be seen standing around shivering in a wood not a million miles from Cardiff, Wales. They were the second less of the B.U.S.F. orienteering relay, awaiting the return

of their first legs.

The first man home was Stuart
Easton from St. Andrews, who was
closely followed by competitors from
Edinburgh, Bangor, Manchester.
About seven minutes after the first
Ren Claric Pattice, Birmingham's an, Chris Pattison, Birmingham's and of the forest and by the rest control had caught up four strongers.

Then by using his own unique method of orienteering, he went a digerent way to everyone else and teturned in fourth place only five minutes behind the leaders.

men were therefore fourth in B.U.S.F. behind Edinburgh, Bangor and St. Andrews and second in U.A.U., a very commendable achievement.

The women, meanwhile, were also competing after many changes of

competing after many changes of lead. Sheffleld eventually won in front of Edinburgh and Newcastle.

Birmingham ladies were in fourth
place and gain maximum points for

consistency.

The next day, Sunday, was the B.U.S.F. individual race. There were few good results, however. Ruth Lockley came eighth in B.U.S.F.

Ralph Banthorpe didn't even bother to take off his tracksuit!

mingham side came from Ata Selcuk, the No. 3, who was so slow to get started against Southampton. He played well and intelli-

sion by 1976,

WHERE WAS HERB?

to get started against Southamp-ton. He played well and intelli-gently and was desperately unlucky

asks Randy Southam, shivering at the trackside

SIMON MEIK is a big, big man-probably the biggest and most powerful Minerals Engineer ever. His great discus throwing on Saturday surprised Cambridge (but not me) in the abridged early-season B.U.A.C. v. C.U.A.C. athletic fixture. But Cambridge won all other field events. Birmingham athletes, of course, were unbeaten in the flat track events, yet narrowly lost by 72 to 70 overall.

for Jim over 300. But our Aukett is never beaten twice in a day, as the Cambridge 600 man will be able to

Of course Birmingham couldn't lose in the 1,000. How could they with storming O'Meara and young Holden around?

Organisation will improve with more vice-presidential co-operation. Cornes, though, must try and ar-range to keep the brass monkeys away from future athletics fixtures. Their incessant chatter slowed everyone, including the brilliant

thorpe, Cornes and Howe.

Track excellence will be wanted during the interesting summer fixtures if the field events men do not him-please send him back to us so that he can win the U.A.U. for Organisation will improve with more vice-presidential co-operation. Cornes, though, must try and arrange to keep the brass monkeys away from future athletics fixtures. Their incessant chatter slowed everyone, including the brilliant

Helen falls from grace

BIRMINGHAM had rather a bleak day at the W.I.V.A.B. and D. U.A.U. trampolining championships. The absence of some of the leading "bouncers" and the complete failure of some others resulted in a disappointing result.

On the credit side, second places their schedules, and Nottingham on the creat side, second places were notched up by Andy White (in only his third appearance on the bed this year) and Rosemary Tann (who defied the effects of only half a somersault the previous week).

digerent way to everyone else and returned in fourth place only five minutes behind the leaders.

The third leg was Arild Orsleie, who had difficulty negotiating the Welsh undergrowth, waist-high brambles. However, he managed to keep off all other competition and kept in fourth place. Birmingham

B.U.S.F. individual race. There were few good results, however. Ruth Lockley came eighth in B.U.S.F. Women, which was very good for her first champions provided a classic example of how to lose without really trying. Helen and Val, having moved into the first two positions on the composed of newcomers to the club, so prospects for next year seem good.

duly moved in to take the team prize.

The men came a lot nearer to the title and ultimately only lost by 0.3 points to Leeds. This result was accomplished due to the fine performances of several of the less experienced members.

The final ignominy came after the event when the maniacal performance of the Leeds driver got them to the booked table at the White Hart Hotel ahead of the Bir-

Sportscene

A body recovered from the canal near the Medical School has been identified as that of flaxen-haired John Thorpe, heart-throb of the soccer team. J.T. had spent most of last week disguised as Tom Temple buying beers for members of the A.U. General Committee. He was

A.U. General Committee. He was doing this in order to persuade them to vote for him in his appeal for a University Blue—his life's ambition.

To finance this operation he had been forced to pawn the Sports Centre. Unfortunately, he approached one member too few and his hid nearward failed. his bid narrowly failed. In sorrow he rushed from the Council Cham-ber and headed straight for the

A deathly hush fell over the Mr. John Reynolds, or Jack to his

friends).

I questioned Jack on his decision to make such a drastic change. "I had nothing more to aim for in University women's long jump circles." Jack has decided to try and add the U.A.U. long jump title to the B.U.S.F. and W.I.V.A.B. wins recorded last year. If he meanings.

by Andy Holden

Mr. Theo Opulus, the manager of Mr. Theo Opulus, the manager of struggling I.D.S. second division side Theology, today lashed out at the loan of Chemistry striker Bandy Knees, to Physics. "These scientists all stick together," he stormed. "They tell us it is something to do with lonic bonds. Sounds a bit thin to me." Physics are also struggling in the relegation, zone and a player. in the relegation zone and a player

in the relegation zone and a player of Knees's undoubted class is sure to help save them from the drop.

Mr. Opulus had earlier been disappointed at the failure to reinforce his defence. He had hoped to sign strongman, S. Christopher. However, the move fell through when Christopher, had his resignation. Christopher had his resignation papers withdrawn, following a routine League check.

The Medics rugby team seem to possess an incredible talent for getting injured. Perhaps it's because the opposition always think that they are capable of looking after each other. This Saturday's cricks call again resulted in the usual call again resulted in the usual

As usual at the front of the queue As usual at the front of the queue were those loosest of loose-forwards, Fionbar "6 per cent" Costigan, Simon "Have YOU got my jock, Paddy" Wilkinson, and, of coiurse. Chopper Harley. This ugly trio had their usual weekend quota of black week by the and scarred backs. eyes, bruised ribs and scarred backs. That'll teach them to lie on the

ball.

Perhaps they ought to follow the example of John Dimcock (who is actually quite like the young lady who uses Brillo Pads). He proved this by running in the opposite direction every time the ball or an opponent came near him.

Chopper Harley was in trouble again. He had his bottom smacked by the referee for taking down his shorts and thrusting his backside at the opposition scrum-half, "Spotty" Adrian Williams was penalised for having a birthday. He had all his clothes removed and was sent scurrying nakedly to the was sent scurrying nakedly to the dressing-room. A chilling and

dressing-room. A chilling and cautionary tale.

However, the week's main casualty was Tony "Scar-Neck"
Davies—the man with the Monday morning look on Saturday afternoons. He is now lying in the intensive care unit at the Accident Hospital. He needed a blood transfusion and suffered brain damage (unnoticed) after an opponent chewed through his external caro-

ABC with the mysterious Mike Rawson. Victorious again at Lake.

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DAY BY DAY

Wednesday, March 15th

Jacques Loussier Trio—Town Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets 40p-£1,25. Gay Action—Film Show, 7.30 p.m. Arts Lab. Organ Recital—Town Hall, 1.15 p.m. Free.

Thursday, March 16th

Film Soc—'L'Affaire Est Dans le Sac" and "Ma Nuit Chez Maud." Haworth Lecture Theatre. 7 p.m. 15p.

Ben E. King—Barbarella's and Rebecca's.

C.B.S.O.—Town Hall. Pieces from Mozart and Strauss.

Tickets 30p - £1.00.

Friday, March 17th

David Bowie—Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. All tickets 60p. "The Day of the Triffids"—Cannon Hill Film Theatre, 10.30

Saturday, March 18th

Disco—Union, 8 p.m.

C.B.S.O.—"Beethoven Night," Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. 30p-90p.

Birmingham Chamber Music Society—Pieces by Haydn,
Britten, Schubert.—City Art Gallery. 7.15 p.m. 50p.

Experimental Music—Carrs Lane Centre: Pieces by Stockhauosen, Cage, Cardew, etc. 7.30 p.m. 25p.

Sunday, March 19th

Sunday Flic-"Poor Cow." 7 p.m. 15p. Deb Hall.

Monday, March 20th

Film Soc—"The Magnificent Ambersons." Orson Wells. Haworth Lecture Theatre, 7 p.m. 15p.

COMING EVENTS

Odeon Ringway—in the next few weeks: "Traffic," "The Anderson Tapes," "Soldier Blue."

Futurist—in the next few weeks: "Bl Death," "The Omega Man," "Klute." "Blue Water-White

ABC New Street-"The Boy Friend" from Sunday, March

Town Hall—"Heads, Hands and Feet," March 22nd.
"Groundhogs," March 27th.
"Captain Beefheart," March 24th, 2.45 and 7.30 p.m.
"Nucleus," March 29th.

Arts Lab Theatre—Lav Moan Spectacular in "Lav Moan Spectacular Revue." March 24th-26th.

Arts Lab Music—Trevor Watts, avant-garde jazz group Amalgam. March 23rd, 7.30 p.m.

Arts Lab Cinema—"The Great White Hope" from March

Film Soc—Polanski's "Dance of the Vampires," March 23rd.
GTG—"The Imaginary Invalid," March 21st-23rd.
Cannon Hill Theatre—"The Wellesbourne Tree," March 13th, 14th, 15th.

CINEMA

ABC New Street-"Love Story." L.c.p. 8.25 p.m.

Odeon New Street—"Straw Dogs" and "Strip Poker." L.c.p. 6.40 p.m.

Odeon Ringway—"Nicholas and Alexandra." L.c.p. 7 p.m. Retained for one more week.

Futurist—"Play Misty for Me" and "Unman, Wittering and Zigo." Next week: "Gumshoe."

Jacey-"Angels of the Street" and "Highway Pickup." L.c.p. 6.55 p.m.

Gaumont-"Fiddler on the Roof." L.c.p. 7.15 p.m.

Cinephone—"I am a Nymphomaniac" and "Not Tonight, Darling." 7.35 p.m.

ABC Selly Oak-"Carnal Knowledge."

Arts Lab—"Days and Nights in the Forest."
"Je T'aime, Je T'aime."
"Theorem" and "Oedipus Rex." Consult programme for times,

THEATRE

Alexandra Theatre—"Me Times Me," until Monday, March 20th—for one week: "The Marquise," by Noel Coward.

Grescent Theatre-"Oedipus Rex" and "Fratricide Punish-

Birmingham Repertory—"Vivat, Vivat Regina." Wednesday and Saturday: "Man and Superman."

Birmingham Theatre-"End of Conflict."

GALLERY

Gompendium—Until March 25th: Alex Mann, paintings, Upper Gallery; Claire Spencer, paintings, Centre Gallery.

Ikon-Geoff Machin, Paintings & Prints. Until March 30th.

Cannon Hill-Modern photography. Until March 26th.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery - Modern French Tapestries, until April 9th.

R.S.A., Birmingham-Oil Painting and Sculpture.



"Oedipus Rex," Arts Lab



"Gumshoe," at the Futurist from Sunday