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Large Arts Theatre

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1965

Price 3d.

Coats, hats, scarves stolen—

THIEVES INVADE UNION

NEARLY £120 worth of clothing was reported stolen from the Campus last Friday. £72 worth of coats was stolen from the Union alone as NO5 went on and £30 worth of sheep-skin coats from the Refectory earlier on Friday evening. All the stolen property was left in unattended cloakrooms.

"Someone has been on the rampage," commented Chief Union steward, Mr. Fred Crump.

"Early on Friday night Mr. Humbert telephoned from the Refectory to warn us that two sheepskin coats had been stolen within ten minutes. 'I annoyed several times for all sheepskin coat owners and warned them to look after their coats.'"

In spite of this, three sheepskins were stolen before midnight on Friday and also a large number of assorted scarves and hats.

Students who left valuable clothing unguarded were condemned by the permanent staff of the Union. "NO5 Committee provided three guarded cloakrooms for both men and women, and also six attendants, all at their own expense," said Mr. Crump.

Mr. R. T. Jones, the Permanent Secretary, commented: "People must help themselves, and be more careful to look after their own property."

The whole of the men's cloakroom in the basement will be supervised within the next few weeks. "This will cost us at least £900 per annum," said Mr. Jones.

And above the thieving, NO5 went on. Top Radio Caroline D.J., Paul Noble, four groups and as many bars, plus a £60 firework display, entertained the dancers for six hours.

The Merseybeats were a disappointment, perhaps due to unsuitable equipment, which they had to borrow after the destruction of their own in a crash on Wednesday. Paul Noble ensured the continuity of the marathon with his "Can I hear for Social Science" and "Can I hear for Chem. Eng." He also did a number of interviews for his programme on Caroline, where, unknown to the organisations, NO5 had been given a lot of free publicity for the past few weeks.

The fireworks, another high-spot of the evening, lacked cohesion, but made up for this with surprising spontaneity, including a retreating firework-lighter.

NO5 Committee estimated attendance at 2,300 and profits at £400.

HAIR-CUTS SLASHED IN LADIES

OFFER for all ladies who live in the Union. Put only 25 shillings down and enjoy the investment for the rest of term. And what do you get for it? A hairdo once a week at the Union's one-room "salon" next door to the Ladies'.

This means a shampoo and set for just five shillings a week instead of the normal 7/6. A worthwhile proposition now grants are getting low.

And for next term, a payment at the beginning of £2 10s. will see you through ten weeks of glamorous hairstyling. This is another student concession which Union Secretary Sue Walters has implemented.

PRICES GO UP AGAIN

NEXT term the minimum charge for Hops is being raised from 3/6 to 4/-.

"Unfortunately this has become a necessity, a result of rising expenses and an increase in rate for the stewards," said Dave Smith, Chairman of Entertainments Committee.

Both the Avon Room dances will be scrapped because of the restriction on numbers. A ballroom dance in the Debating Hall will be included as a substitute.

An invitation for suggestions about groups has been brought a wide response. Highest in the popularity list is a local group, the Ugliers. Also popular are Andy's Clappers and the Overlanders.

All of these groups will be booked if they are available on any Saturday next term.



Photo: George Oldham

•The Belles of St. Trinian's invaded Ents. Comm.'s Jazz Arts Ball held last Saturday in the Deb. Hall. Pictured—visitors from Summerfield Training College having a gay time in the bar. See Rumble Page Three for further information about this hectic Saturday night. NO5's hop the previous night was a great success and the organisers anticipate a profit of £400.

"Screws not long enough"

NEW BUILDING FALLING APART

PROFESSOR McQUILLAN, head of the University's Metallurgy Department hit out at Britain's building industry on Monday.

Speaking about the new building for his department across Pritchett's Road, he said, "you expect doorknobs to drop off in Britain, don't you?"

Commenting on the leaky roofs, falling lights, wrong-sized benches and leaking taps, he said, "I judge all this by British standards, not professional standards."

The photographic printing room in the building has a window, no light-trap on the door, and an external light switch. Senior Assistant Bursar, Mr. Ott, said, "All the plans are thoroughly checked by the department and by our office but I suppose a mistake like this could slip through. I haven't heard of this defect but when these troubles occur the contractors are obliged to put them right."

A spokesman for the building firm, Arap Associates, said: "If the door-knobs fall off it's not our fault. The screws we were supplied with were not long enough."

LATE NEWS

Deb. Soc. grant reinstated at £200 after much argument.—Guild Council last night.

Council:

Mike Fuchs-Carsch is to propose at Council that the South African Student Fund be abolished.

A motion was passed stating that "Council is prepared to consider the possibility of taking strike action," if a system of loans is brought in.

The breakfast service in Vernon is to be discontinued as from today. Nigel Taylor said: "It was only used by six or seven people."

When lawyers break the law

WHILST dining at the Gray's Inn Richard Swain, Law 2, was bet 10/- that he wouldn't walk to the centre of the Trafalgar Square Fountain and back again.

Being a cautious fellow he first asked a copper who OKed

the venture. Thus with an umbrella at the ready he waded in, at which moment two other gentlemen in blue arrived on the scene and forbade him to continue. But by this time his sporting spirit had been raised and he refused to come out.

Not even the threat of arrest would daunt him and a heated argument ensued. This was nearly the end of the venture and his 10/- until at the 11th hour the friendly cop arrived and pulled his weight with the result that Richard continued, got very wet, but won the bet.

A THUMBPRINT ON THE CAMPUS—NUREYEV SPEAKS RUSSIAN



• Dave Lee Travers, Radio Caroline disc-jockey, seen here at the Bull Ring where he appeared last Friday with Paul ("Natty") Noble before the NO5 Dance. "Natty" did several interviews for his programme whilst at the dance, while his "Can I hear it for Chem Eng" got things really swinging. The Merseybeats laboured under equipment difficulties.

rumble

Natty Noble hits Bull Ring and NO5

HIGHSPOT of Birmingham's Radio Bull-Ring Week was the appearance of Caroline D.J.s Paul "Natty" Noble and Dave Lee Travers to chat to the shoppers and play their record requests. Unlike Simon Dee, Doug Carr, Brian Vaughan and others, Paul Noble has not been a Caroline D.J. from the beginning. He boarded Caroline as a radio engineer and became an announcer only last year.

The primary object of Caroline, he said, had been to make money by bringing "music on a button" to Britain. Caroline was a pop station solely to make it as different as possible from the B.B.C. When commercial radio was established, there should be stations giving instant information and classics.

On the personal note, he described himself as "a bit of a nomad" with "a steaming mid-North Sea accent." His immediate ambition? To get off Caroline as soon as commercial radio is truly "in" in Britain. At the moment he would like to "help Guy Fawkes along a bit," but future plans include a break into acting or directing.

The nickname "Natty" reflected his crazy ways on the air, he said. "Besides, I smoke all my own cigarettes, and press my own trousers." The craziest thing that ever happened on Caroline? When pyjama-clad Dave Lee Travers stood on deck in cold and wind waiting for the lifeboat drill that never was.

Also in the Bull Ring on Friday. Film unit for "The White Bus" a Shelagh Delaney short story. "We chose the Bull-Ring as the ideal example of a modern shopping centre," said Mr. Boyle, the unit's second assistant.

Musik at the Acropolis

THE music scene in Brum has always been fair to middling but this season the C.B.S.O.s syllabus shows much more variety in their choice of conductors and soloists. Sir Adrian Boult, Colin Davies and Rudolph Schwarz are but three of the conductors coming here soon. Of the long list of soloists Clifford Curzon, Peter Katin and John Shirley-Quirk seem to be some of the best-buys.

Another feature of the season is the inclusion of all Sibelius symphonies in this, his centenary year, and the performance of all Beethoven's symphonies in the Sunday series.

The main work in tomorrow's concert is Brahms's Violin Concerto, a very popular good old favourite but still worth an 'nth' hearing. The soloist is Ida Haendel, unknown in this country but, it is said, eminent in her own. Anyway, judging by her picture she is a rather striking woman, so if you like your music spiced with a little visual excitement a night spent in the sanctuary of the Birmingham Acropolis is a must.

For those of you that are convinced that Wagner never wrote anything but violent music, rushing strings and clashing cymbals, the first work in the programme should prove that he too can be lyrical and restrained in some of his writing. The Prelude from Parsifal, the Good Friday Music is one of the best examples of Wagner's orchestral writing where the percussion is not greatly in evidence.

The other piece in the programme is by none other than The Master of the Queen's Music, Sir Arthur Bliss, whose Music for Strings—an enigmatic title—is to be performed.

Coming soon — December 9th: Sibelius Centenary Concert with Sibelius's Violin Concerto.

Barber new 'in' music

CONTEMPORARY music is in vogue at the Barber Institute this week. Tonight there is a concert of the stuff at 8 p.m. organised by the Musical Society.

Behind the scheme is Dr. Nigel Fortune of the Music Dept. who organised a concert on the same lines last year. "The attendance was rather disappointing last year but I am hoping we will do better this time," he said last week. "We have had some setbacks with the performers but the programme will be substantially as printed."

The works to be performed include Schoenberg's 'Pierrot Lunaire' and pieces by Varese, Messiaen, Stravinsky and Webern.

"STAND at least five feet away from royalty when they are addressing you." An instruction given American hotel staff for the visit of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon.



• Sherlock Holmes, played by John Neville, particularly gruesome post mortem as he tangles with Jack the Ripper in the foggy streets of the East End of London.

Mycroft Holmes and Jack the Ripper study terror

"A STUDY In Terror" at the Odeon, New Street, this week is a pleasant surprise—no hackneyed castles on misty nights—but Sherlock Holmes solving the Jack the Ripper murders in a seamy and colourful Whitechapel. The story was not written by Conan Doyle but the witty and imaginative script makes it almost plausible.

This "New Sherlock Holmes" has gleaned wry humour and unarmed combat technique from contemporary spy heroes but otherwise it's business as usual with a bumbling Dr. Watson helping in the clue chasing.

Fortunately the slight lack of Holmes is counteracted by the pleasing colour photography and inspired minor parts. Robert Morley as Mycroft Holmes (Sherlock's brother), a delightfully Machiavellian civil servant; Barbara Windsor as a chirpy prostitute; Terry Downes as a friendly meat-market porter; the police inspector who treats Holmes as a know-all who, unfortunately, is always right; the morgue attendant who compulsively plays with the feet of the bodies. It is these performances that lift the film out of mediocrity.

Holmes, as might be expected, solves the mystery. An unexpected Jack the Ripper is revealed just before the only serious lapse in the film, a fire in which three people die, a lapse excusable on the grounds of expediency, for Jack the Ripper's identity must be kept from the world. In the words of Sherlock Holmes: "The Inspector has his three buckets of ash, we will keep the name."

"Studying the Anglo-Saxon epic poem Beowulf is as remote from real English literature as the old Norse sagas. The argument for studying it rests mainly on the fact that it is difficult and takes students a long time to master" Frederick Bateson; Fellow of Corpus Christi, Oxford.

The often mentioned poverty and squalor of Whitechapel is romantically presented which is probably a good thing for social comment would be out of place in this film.

Sometimes it's funny and sometimes it's thrilling but if the mixture of styles is occasionally uncertain it only adds to the mystery. All in all, it is an entertaining film which sparkles at times—it can be recommended.

Nureyev tit-bit

SO they ushered me into the front stalls where I sat expectantly awaiting the arrival of Nureyev. And they thrust two stills into my eager paws.

Rudolf came in and gave me a piercing look that sent me looking for my cigarette under the seat, and apart from sitting two seats away from me, that was the end of the interview. He gave directions to one and all in his impeccable Russian accent. After two hours of admittedly good ballet he said he was prepared to rehearse Act II.



• Margot Fonteyn, Nureyev's partner.

Rumble this week

Contributors: Eleanor Hall, Jean Edmondson, Ann Clark, Richard Hackett, Philip Semark, Royston Greenwood.

Photos: Pete Jay, Rog Box.

A SUIT FOR THIRTY SHILLINGS—TWENTY THOUSAND PENGUINS—BARBER GOES CONTEMPORARY.

Flat Cat but great cartoons

GOOD cartoons, a well-designed set and the art of Kenneth Williams made the "Platinum Cat" at the Alexandra a bearable play. Otherwise it has very little to recommend it as it follows the usual well-trodden path of light comedy; man has girl; man loses girl; man gets girl again, the girl in question being, wait for it—a cat with a heart of gold.

The platinum cat of the title is a cartoon character who goes by the name of Pudding and the play mainly revolves round the machinations of his creators played by Kenneth Williams and Carolins Mortimer.

Kenneth Williams definitely carries the play on his own shoulders. His acting has good timing and subtlety and his well-known voices are well to the fore. In many places, however, the play would benefit if Kenneth Williams had the whole stage to himself and acted all the supporting roles as well as his own.

Carolins Mortimer makes a fairly successful good-time girl though she often overacts to such an extent that Kenneth Williams is literally shouted down.

The rest of the cast are very weak and often embarrassingly unconvincing. Especially poor was Jeremy Burnham's Andrew, who was the tart at one point, only to lose her again to our hero. This weakness lies not only in the quality of the acting but in Roger Longridge's dialogue, which is particularly unconvincing.

The cartoons by Richard Williams which decorate the set are eye-catching and prove pleasant light relief for the mind when the play itself wanders into obscurity. The plot is so misty and hackneyed, dealing with domestic quarrels and an advertising campaign that it is only too easy to sit and gaze at the cartoons rather than the prancings and gesticulations of the actors.

It is always very easy to criticise a play but in the case of the "Platinum Cat" it is very difficult to find anything to praise, and if it were not for Kenneth Williams it would certainly not be worth paying to see.

"I can't find a bloody news-paper anywhere in this place," Roy Shutz, Founder's Room at 230 in the afternoon. Try buying one like the rest of us, Mr. Shutz.

Poster poster on the wall

Remember, folks, if you want to put a poster up, it must be signed and authenticated by our elders and betters on the top corridor. If not, your epic work will be confiscated by person or persons unknown, and in due course you will receive a communication informing you of your loss. "Sic transit bureaucrat."

Guild Council has spawned (as it says) yet another bureaucracy to swell its ranks. The powers that be have decided that they need co-ordinating (1).

Society Chairman are so intent on being brought to heel that they are forming an appeal fund for confiscated posters.

Where's Wall?

AFTER nearly a term at the University Miss Jennifer Willis has been unable to purchase a copy of "Wall." "I see exciting previews on the wall outside the Union Shop," she said, when interviewed yesterday in the Coffee Bar, "but surely it must suffer from such a lack of publicity."



• Johnny Richard's Jazz Band plays at the new jazz club, recently opened at the Junction Hotel in Harboure. No students there yet, so the scene is wide open.

Anyone for jazz—or even tennis

A NEW jazz club has hit the scene in Harboure. If you are a "tennis-type" then you will certainly be in for the club is run mainly by and for the members of the Edgbaston and Priory tennis clubs. This, at least, is a new angle on the usual jazz club crowd.

Thus you make up your mind and decide to make the effort to walk to the Junction Hotel in Harboure to sample the high life. What do you find?

Well, the club is in an upstairs room and at the top of the stairs stand a formidable army of men all waiting to interrogate you and take your money. If you can convince them you are a nurse then you get in for half price, which should at least set some incentive for the more randy male jazz fans, at least.

Once inside you see a fairly small room of the typical upper-pub room type. Jazz is issuing from one end in the form of the Johnny Richards Jazz Band. Trad but nice and noisy. At the other end is the bar, a most welcome feature, and an assortment of tables and benches round the walls.

Last Monday was the Club's fourth meeting and judging by the assortment of people there, word about the club must have got round fairly quickly. University students, however were conspicuous in their absence. Otherwise the people are an interesting crowd, that is if you can make intelligent conversation over the noise of the band and the raucous voice of the guest folk singer Mick Tracy, who sang at the interval.

Thus if you find Monday nights so boring that they become in the

words of one bearded member "chicene and pornographic" go to the Society Jazz Club and try breaking into the social life of Harboure.

Topper and tails

DESPITE a disappointingly low attendance, not altogether unexpected after the NO5 crush, last Saturday's Jazz Arts Ball proved to be a most successful function.

The carnival-type atmosphere with free distribution of paper-hats by Ent's Comm., the inevitable 'showed of balloons and streamers, lent itself to some excellent Jazz from both bands to make what one final-year student described as "the best dance in his memory at the University. Not only was the music fantastic, but there was room to dance."

Ents. Comm. Chairman Dave Smith, in topper and tails said, "It's a pity that more people didn't come in fancy dress as those that did showed vivid imagination, capturing the spirit we intended for the dance. We were a bit worried when Spencer's Washboard Kings attempted to blow the place up with their home-made bombs, but it was all a lot of fun, and we shall be having them again in the near future."

In the one serious spot of the evening, Dave made a moving appeal for support for the South African Student Fund, as he reminded all those present that most Arts Balls were in aid of some charity, and was soundly applauded.



• An elegant charcoal grey, white striped suit.

Matthew's model suit

"SELLY OAK is the place to buy your suits," said male mannequin - about - Founders Matthew Cope (History II), whilst sporting an admirable suit of charcoal grey and inch-and-a-bit apart white stripes.

The suit has four buttons on the jacket, there are more elsewhere as Matthews said off the record, and is cut in the style that one can imagine Kipps or Mr. Polly to have worn. This is the height of fashion and Matthew is sure that the rest of the male population of the campus will soon catch on.

How much, Matthew paid 30s. for his, but doubts if you will get yours as cheaply as this.

Where from. Unfortunately Matthew will not reveal his tailor, but Mel-ling Jackson, woman about Matthew, whispered that the Selly Oak pawnbroker stocks this line regularly.

Penguins galore in paperback hideout

THERE are over 20,000 Penguins alone in Hudson's new paperback centre on the corner of Stephenson Street and Lower Temple Street. It's convenient too, only 20 yards from the present Hudson's complex on New Street.

On the ground floor there is a room devoted to Penguins, Pelicans and Peregrines with a much more extensive selection than available in the university shop. Next door there are thrillers, war stories and new books from all the major paperback publishers, and downstairs the non-fiction section resides. Here the collection of art books is especially good.

At present the shop smells a little of new paint, and there are no piles of books on the floor which loses a lot of the browsing atmosphere that the main Hudson's shop has. No doubt in a few weeks this will improve.

There are even books on non-existent topics — according to the handouts "Every subject is covered, from Astronomy to Cybnetics." There is, however, a good section on Cybernetics.

Midland Red to Moscow

KHA 336 stood on the carpark outside the Ashley block with Russian hieroglyphs over its fuel tank cap, and ex-Viscount B.E.A. seats inside as part of the exhibition staged by the Department of Russian Studies on Wednesday 3rd November.

Paul Lewis (Russian Studies III) said: "It caused a counter-revolutionary upheaval." The kids on the road used to wave to them, and foreign bus drivers peered at the engine and were duly impressed by the "Leyland" on it.

Politically, there was no trouble—no shootings, purges or even persuasion to get the party of 18 to join In tourist parties. They camped on a site 15 miles or so out of Moscow. Mr. J. H. Butterworth said, "We did everything we oughtn't to have done and got away with it."

The only hitch was at the West German border, where the party had to pay extra road tax "for the British Army of the Rhine."

If it takes one student 25 years to pay for his degree, how long does it take 5,600 students to pay for one coloured South African student's degree?

DOWNTOWN RUMBLE

THEATRE

ALEXANDRA, John Bright Street: Evenings at 7.15 p.m. Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Matinee Wednesday at 2.30. The Platinum Cat. A comedy by Roger Longridge.

REPERTORY THEATRE, Station Street: Evenings at 7.15 p.m. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30 p.m. "The Representatives" by Rolf Hothuth. Translated by Robert David MacDonald.

BIRMINGHAM THEATRE, Hurst Street: Evenings at 7.15 p.m. Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Australian National Ballet. Guest stars Margot Fonteyn and Rudolph Nureyev. Dancing on 10th.

CRESCENT THEATRE, Cumberland Street: Evenings at 7.30 p.m. "Tiger at the Gates" by Stan Girandoux.

CINEMA

GAUMONT THEATRE, Colmore Circus: "The Sound of Music". WEST END THEATRE, Suffolk Street: "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines".

A.B.C. CINERAMA, Bristol Road: "The Greatest Show Ever Told". ODEON, New Street: "A Study in Terror".

SCALA SUPERAMA, Holloway Circus: "What's New Pussycat". CINEPHONE, Bristol Street: "Mata Hari".

FUTURIST, John Bright St.: "The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders".

A.B.C., New Street and A.B.C., Colleshill Street: "The City Under the Sea".

THE CITY

Thursday: THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Town Hall, 7.30 p.m.

THE JUG O'PUNCH FOLK SONG CLUB, Civic Hall, Digbeth, 7.30 p.m.

CHURCHILL AT THE EXCHANGE: Lecture by Professor Sidney Pollard. Mech. Eng. Lecture Theatre Uni.

Friday: YOUTH CONCERT, Town Hall, 7.15 p.m.

THE STRUCTURES OF FAITH: Lecture by Professor J. A. Whyte. Arts Block Uni.

ALL NIGHT DANCE, Town Hall, 11 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday: ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL: Villa Park: Aston Villa v. Stoke City (L.L.).

Hawthorns: West Bromwich Albion v. Blackpool (C.L.). St. Andrew's: Birmingham City v. Colchester Utd. (F. Comb.).

MIDLAND JAZZ CLUB, Civic Hall, Digbeth, 8 - 11 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS: Until 20th Nov.: "Art Students' Autumn Exhibition" Midlands Arts Centre for Young People. Canon Hill Park.

Until mid-Dec.: Charity Christmas Card Display, Midland Institute.

"The National Dog Show," Bingley Hall 11th-13th Nov.

intimation

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HOLDSWORTH CLUB SOCIAL

Friday, 12th November U.K. Bonds and The Little People Founders. The Union 7.30-Midnight Bar Extension. Tickets 4/-.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Butler on his recent engagement to Jen—From Mike, Dave, Jack, Alan, Bob, John, Chris.

PINKY, Mr. I. G. Burns of Chem. III is pleased to announce his engagement.

P.P.S.sssssss...see you in Founders on Thursday.

EDWARD MARTELL, Council Chamber, Friday.

WINE Circle wine Francians, wine cheese. Party. Mason Lounge. Arts Block. Thursday, November 11th, 7.30.

ALL Societies are Seum—Council Chamber. 5.15 Friday.

P.P.S.sssssss...there's The Incas, cabaret, bar extension and refreshments.

WALL breaks the law this week.

AUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT. Thursday, 11th. Deb. Hall. For W.U.S. MARTELL HATES YOU—Council Chamber. Friday 5.15.

P.P.S.sssssss...heard about the social?

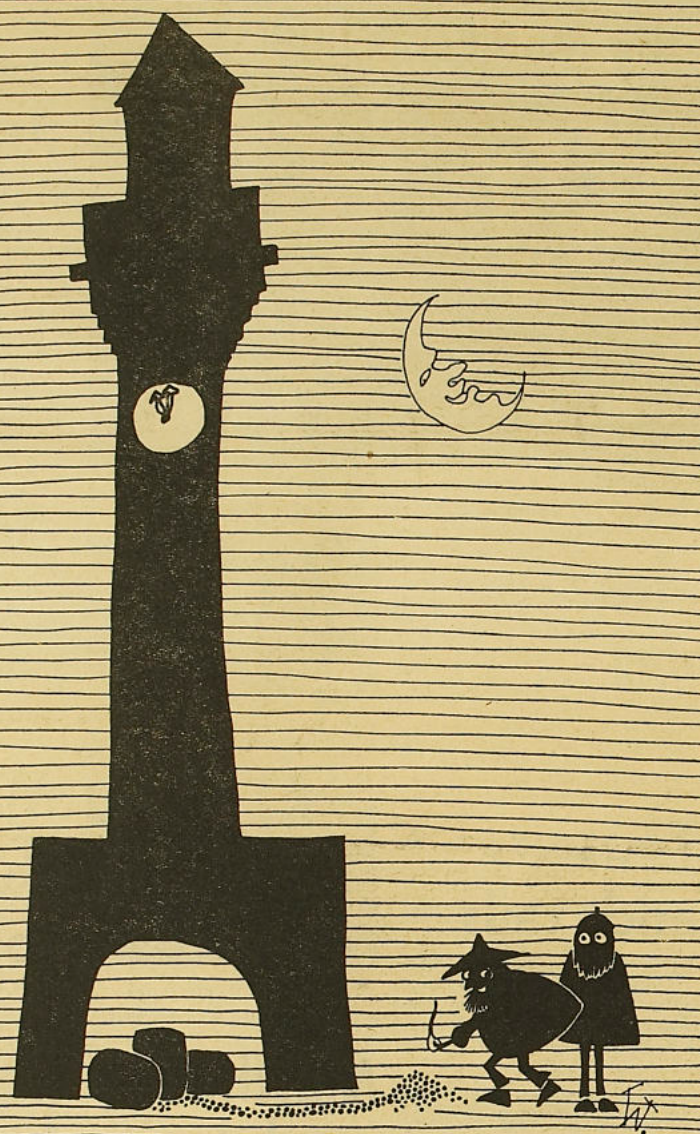
PEACE WEEK, November 14th-21st. METHSQC, Selly Oak, November 14th, 3.30 onwards: Campaign Forum, at 4.30.

MARTELL Friday. P.P.S.sssssss...got your ticket? Only 3.6d.

Frivolous
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THIS IS YOUR

opinion



SO—WHO PINCHED WHOSE TACTICS?

"MOMENT" that S.F.H. rag, has surely puzzled its readers in the attack, this time, on the Humanist Group. Statements like "Humanism is parasitic, it is compelled to feed on Christian ethics" typify the tone of the whole article, which was intended surely for intelligent people, not masses of illiterate Neapolitan paupers.

MEN: STOP WALLOWING IN YOUR OWN DIRT

SIR.—There seems to be a considerable number of male members of this University who do not know how to use a bath. The baths in the Union are at present lined with an insubstantial layer of black scum abandoned by bathers who are either lazy or plain filthy. They may choose to wallow in their own dirt but I do not wish to share their filth or their habit. For the sake of all, could the scrubbing brush and soap provided be used more often?

A BATHER.

STRIKES AND LOANS

Sir,—Whilst agreeing that a change from student grants to student loans would be a retrograde step, I think that Birmingham University in suggesting that students might eventually come out on strike, is ignoring one or two very pertinent facts of life.

The first thing is that a strike will never succeed without public support. Unfortunately, due to incessant carping by N.U.S. about "low" grants, the public are fed up of hearing how "hard up" students are, and the majority probably think that we are already too well off. This is the first reason why a strike will fail. The second is that if we come out, we will not "hurt" anyone at all except ourselves since we will have to catch up on lectures etc. The University will not be unduly worried about the absence of students, and the government will not be affected whatsoever.

It is obvious, therefore, that we must succeed by negotiations. If these are not satisfactory we should change the negotiators, either the N.U.S. official or the Government one.

Yours faithfully,
TED WATERS

SMOKING TO LIVE

SIR.—I find myself appalled at the lack of automatic cigarette vending facilities in the Union. I cough my way in every day at 5 p.m., having just climbed out of bed. I find it necessary to borrow cigarettes from my already overburdened friends, in order that I may live until the bar opens.

On visits to other unions I have been delighted to note as many as six strategically placed vending machines, and I consider it about time that this Union woke up to its responsibilities and either did as I suggest, or—better still—opened the bar at five.

ERIC SMYTHE
(Chemistry)

LIFTS ARE NOT A RIGHT

SIR.—I frequently give lifts to hitch-hikers who are nearly always university or training college students. I do not object to doing this.

What infuriates me is the student who expects to be given a lift, if students were some special breed intended to be obligate parasites upon society.

I was confronted by an extreme of this attitude last week, when a student from Birmingham University stopped me for a lift and explained that he normally went home for the week-end in his car, but was hitching this week "just for a change."

Yours etc.,
MR. P. J. DIXON

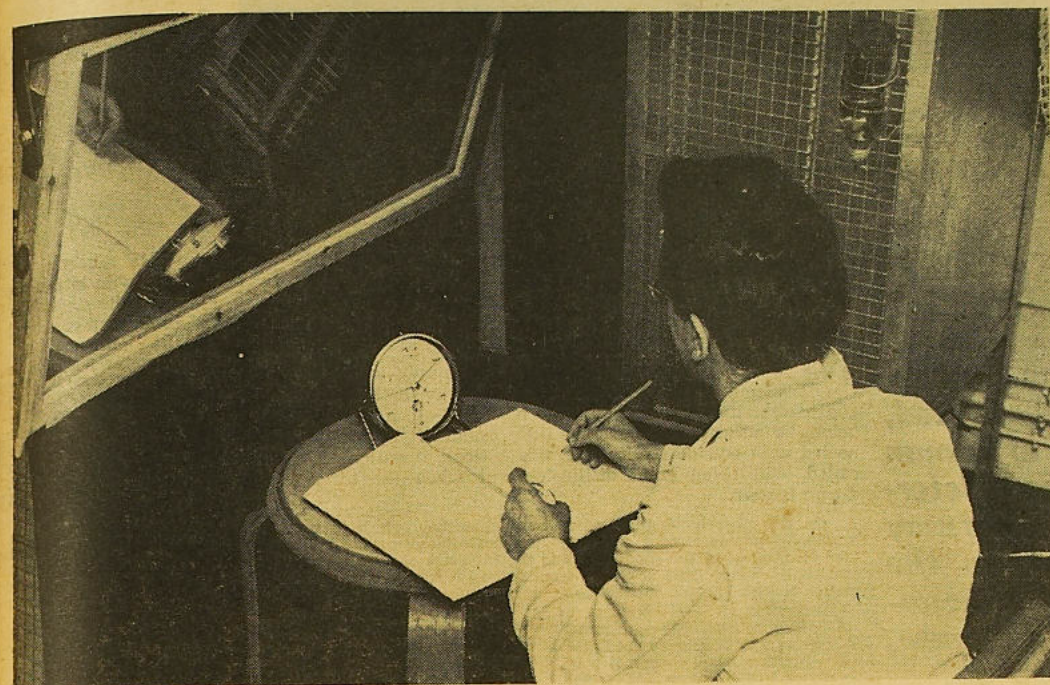
WHY NOT WRITE TO REDBRICK?

SIR.—Although no letter-writer myself, I feel impelled to write to "Opinion" about the poor standard of letters appearing. I have read your page with declining interest since arriving at this University, and am coming to the conclusion that although the students I have met seem willing enough to talk, and give interesting views on any subject contained in REDBRICK, they seem loath to go to the trouble of writing them down, and carrying them up to your office.

KAREN DAVIS
(1st Year)

Those monkeys are at it again

Dr. Herbert conducts
research in his one-way mirror
laboratory in the Medical School



THERE is a reason for studying the behaviour of monkeys. It is the next best thing to studying man himself.

Dr. J. Herbert, who watches them through a one-way mirror believes that he will be able to show the factors which influence man in the selection of a mate.

"The fact that man has acquired a complex brain means that he is less dependent upon hormones for sexual attraction," he said.

As the only selective process amongst humans is genetic, it is important to know exactly what criteria determine the future of our race.

Pictured by
ALBERT EVANS



Look after your coats and your hats and your bags says SUE WALTERS Union Secretary

THAT stealing does happen in the Union is patently obvious and in such a large building is probably inevitable, but the amount of theft is not clear and in order to eliminate any possible opportunities for thieves various measures are being taken.

Although every possible precaution is being taken it must be brought home to students, especially Freshers who are probably more likely to leave clothing and other possessions around the Union, that no compensation can be paid for missing property.

Students are strongly advised not to leave property unattended anywhere in the Union at any time, even during the vacations.

It should be made clear, as many students do not realise this, that all property found lying around the Union is taken to the Reception Office. Already there is a great assortment of articles from watches and jewellery to notebooks and bags that are waiting to be claimed by their owners. It is amazing that those who lose articles do not make enquiries at the Reception Office for much property suspected by the owner to have been stolen may be there.

Quite often a student is adamant

that he left a coat or bag in a certain place and gets in a state because it cannot be found; some time later the article may be recovered from a different place and the grateful owner suddenly remembers he didn't leave it where he thought he had done, after all!

With this background various measures have been taken to eliminate some of the opportunities for articles to go astray. More supervised cloakroom facilities for Hop Nights and when big dances are held on Fridays; estimates are advanced for alterations to the Men's cloakrooms in the Old Entrance Hall to enlarge the at present limited supervised cloakroom space.

REDBRICK EDITORIAL

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Too much time wasting on inessentials

LAST night Guild Council spent one and a half hours in rejecting a composite amendment proposed by Mike Hartley-Brewer and then accepting the individual proposals one by one. Also two members caused two lots of minutes to be read for previous councils. As a result, Council did not finish until 9.30 p.m.

Much of this rigmarole is unnecessary and the complex tangles of order points with which Council binds itself are time-wasting and useless. Business is taking longer and longer to get through and tempers become frayed for no real reason. By the end of last night's meeting Council was barely quorate because so many members had left out of boredom.

The need for streamlining

Parliament manages to get through its business despite similar setbacks mainly because it sticks to a rigid time-table. It is about time that similar procedures were applied to Guild Council. Streamlining of many of the current practices could result in a much more efficient Guild Council. (It was proposed last night that the minutes should be read before meetings by members interested). Some system of timing debates could surely be evolved whereby Council was obliged to come to a division on any motion before a particular time. Executives should consider action of this kind before Council bogs itself down in a procedural morass and alienates itself still further from ordinary members of the Guild.

The opportunity for theft

A University dance seems to be an ideal opportunity for the local thieves to have a field-day. Or is it that the students themselves are the culprits that steal coats, handbags and anything else that comes to hand? Whatever the answer is, last Friday's fiasco at N05 dance should be a warning to all students not to leave things in unguarded cloakrooms. Students are notorious thieves, witness the Refectory cutlery, library-books and Hudsons' thefts of recent years. The amount stolen at student parties is also phenomenal and here there are no other suspects. The only answer is that each student should take more care of his own belongings. Otherwise best of luck to the thieves!

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MORE ON LOANS

SIR.—As a visiting student from a Dutch University I was unpleasantly surprised by your front-page story last week. We in Holland have been working under this system of Government loans for many years, and I fail to see why a keen student should not be willing to pay for his education.

The system of loans ensures that only those who really wish to study will enter a university, and others who only wish to waste time will be deterred.

Yours faithfully,
DUTCH STUDENT
Amsterdam.

AND MORE ON STRIKES

SIR.—If there is any truth in your front-page story last week about the substitution of loans for grants I fail to see how "strike action" is going to have any beneficial effect. One occasionally reads in the newspapers of schoolboy strikes, and similar attempts to draw attention to a cause, but the sole result seems to be to attract ridicule.

The N.U.S. possibly held back this information from its regional branches so as not to precipitate any premature and foolish action such as this, which may well hamper rather than further their cause by attracting undesirable publicity. The public holds students in small regard anyway, and it only needs a strike for public opinion to push the Government towards the stopping of grants.

I hope this letter will not give the impression that I am in favour of loans, as it could well be a crippling burden on a graduate who wished to marry shortly after leaving university.

JOHN GOODBRACE

BRING BACK POLITICS

SIR.—Judging from last week's letter page, the Tory leadership would dearly like to stop all political action amongst students. Mr. Clench is obviously glad that we can no longer study all the daily papers for information on the doings of either government or opposition while Mr. Waters wants to keep the evil influence of politics out of the N.U.S. Perhaps the best way they can advance this campaign for political apathy is to disband the Conservative Association. Perhaps this is why Ted was elected?

Yours etc.,
JOHN MORTON.

SHINY DEGREE BUT NO CAR

SIR.—Referring to the letter by "Stranded Students" last week, I would like to point out that although it is possible to leave here with a shiny new degree, the immediate acquisition of a brand new expensive car is most infrequent.

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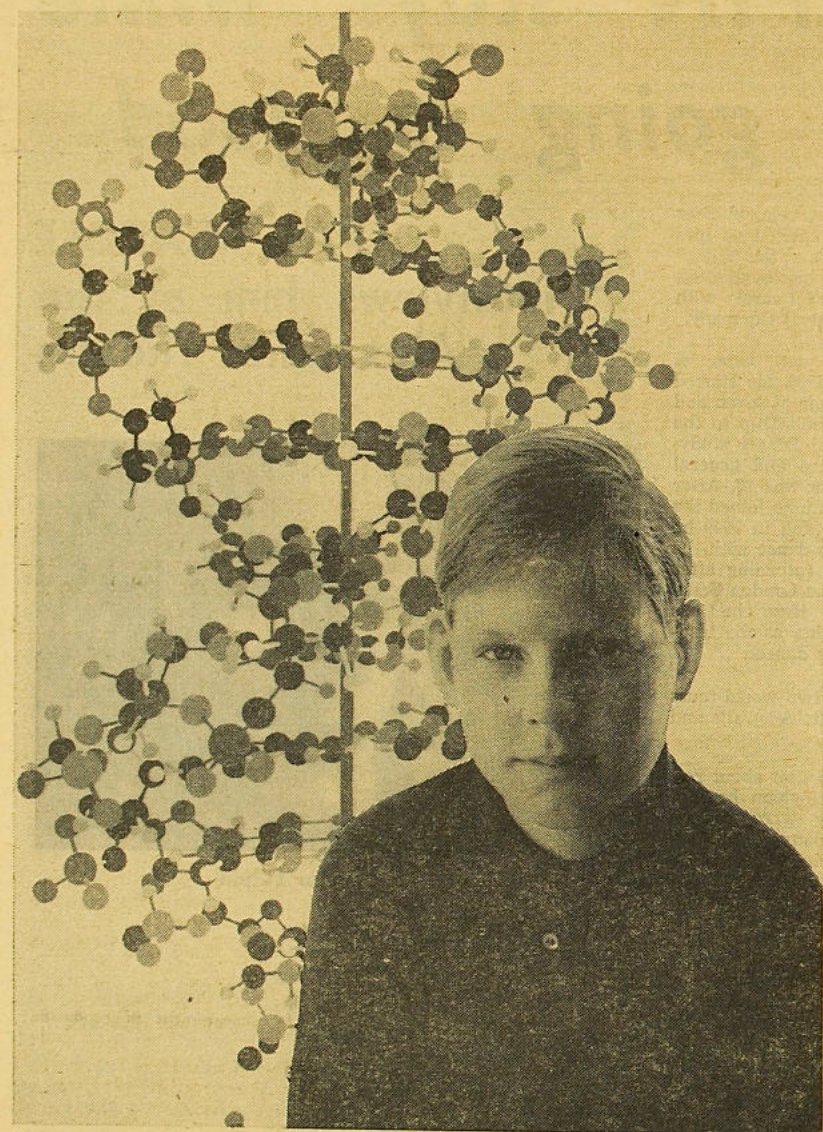
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Lawyers down it in record time

IN a half-submerged Debating Hall on Wednesday the Law Faculty swallowed their way to the title of University Schooner Champions, 1965. However, as they had only won on a time basis, Derek Blaikley, captain of the beaten Chemical Engineering team, challenged them to a match to decide who were the undisputed drinking champions in the University.

Bond speaks out on Civil Rights

NOW that the American Civil Rights Movement has come nearer to achieving its aims, it must concentrate on human rights as a whole; it must show concern for what America does outside her frontiers as well as within, and it must try to make American democracy safe for the world.

This was the view of the future of Civil Rights given last Wednesday by Mr. Julian Bond. There was nothing extreme or exciting in his speech, but his clear historical account of the movement in the United States made interesting listening all the same. The audience of about 60 people had evidently come to be informed rather than entertained, and when the chairman, Mr. Chattrabuti, tried to make a joke about James Bond, it misfired, both with the audience and Mr. Bond himself.

For some, said Mr. Bond, the Civil Rights movement began in 1620 with the importation of the first slaves to America, but for him it began in 1960. Before then the fight for Civil Rights had been carried on in the courts, and it was not until 1960 that ordinary people started to do something about it. He described the negro "sit-ins" in segregated restaurants, the journey of the "Freedom Bus" to Jackson, Mississippi, and the arrests, beatings and murders that followed.

He then explained in some detail the new Civil Rights Laws which give negroes voting rights, and access to all public places, pointing out that these were not in themselves the complete answer to American race problems.

After this the meeting developed into a general discussion. It was recalled that Malcolm X had spoken at the University shortly before his assassination. Did Mr. Bond, like Mr. X, condone the use of violence? Mr. Bond replied that he considered non-violence to be more effective usually, but unlike Dr. Luther-King, he did believe that the use of violence was morally wrong.

DEBATE

FEWER people than usual turned up last Thursday for what certainly was the best debate this term. Five guest speakers from Bristol, Nottingham, London, Manchester and Leeds, and our own Far Eastern Saboteur debated the motion "Extremism in defence of Liberty is no Vice, Moderation in Pursuit of Justice is no Virtue" with relish and competence. The six speakers displayed different techniques and approaches, used wit and forceful arguments and made the debate entertaining as well as instructive.

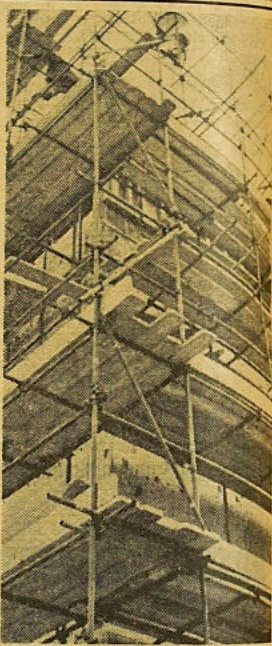
Chattrabuti came out for extremism. People should stick to their principles against all pressures, he said. This need not mean bloodshed, but if it does, then let us have bloodshed. Abe Lincoln, the Bay of Pigs, Karl Marx, Rhodesia, Ghandi and a book called "Guerrilla Warfare" were all, somehow, used to prove his point.

Alan Hunt, opposing, delivered a very forceful speech, but took a doubtful debating standpoint. He argued that as the statement being debated was by Barry Goldwater and as Goldwater's notion of Justice and Liberty are unacceptable then the motion itself was unacceptable. Mr. Hunt was to use his forceful manner to a better purpose in the summing up speech.

Seconding the proposition, Bill

In the first round Law set a fast pace of 32 seconds in beating the Chem. Eng. third team, while Chem. Eng. I did 30 seconds and the Norwegian first team 39 seconds. When the glasses had been recharged, Chem. Eng. I beat the Norwegian team in a very close race in which considerable quantities of ale were spilled. They were the first team to break 30 seconds, and when Chem. Eng. II had a slow win over the Civil Engineers their only real opponents were the Law team, who without competition clocked 25 seconds.

As time was running out, Law were declared the winners, and when the crowds had dispersed and while the organisers were mopping up, the Chem. Eng. team bought the remaining gallon and a half of beer, and over a less hurried glass determined to reassert themselves as the University's premier drinkers by issuing their challenge to Law.



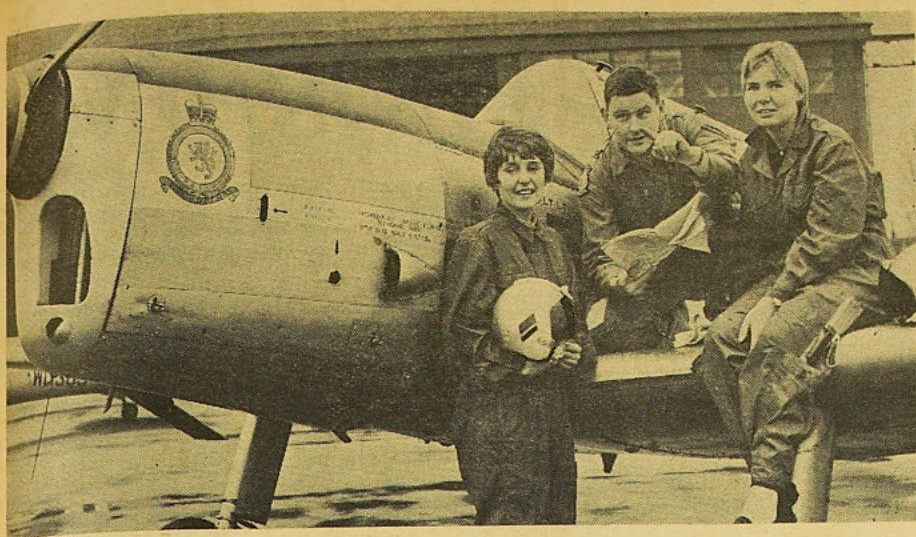
The new building now going up opposite the Union is an extension to the Physics Dept

Knight from Bristol stated that we all know what Liberty and Justice mean. He pointed out that there are two sides to extremism—one for revolution and one for reaction. He of course defended extremism in revolution.

Mr. Ashley Hill seconded the opposition and denied that he was fat. He also said that extreme Liberty is nothing but anarchy, and added that "nobody can really define Liberty. Calder Jose comes from Nottingham. In defence of the motion he gave three imitations of radio announcers from Russia, the U.S. and Britain which were at times very funny and at times embarrassingly flat.

John Ansell, speaking last for the opposition argued against any definite meaning in the words Liberty and Justice. Hitler and Stalin were extreme in their struggle for what they called Liberty, he said, and what they did should deter us from desiring extremism in anything. From the floor Ray Phillips was eloquent. Brewer abstained and Roger Matthews entertained. The motion was carried and there were more abstentions than votes against. Perhaps next week the motion should be "This house would abstain from voting on the motion."

by
Victor Camilleri



RAF wings for birds that fly

Pilot Officers Ann O'Donovan and Diana Hawkes follow Bill MacGillivray's pointing finger, as he explains technicalities to his first-ever female flying force.

Magazine Madness

GREAT Scott! I forgot to go to Selly Oak this week for my "Cagebird news/Lady Queen/Pigeon Fanciers' Gazette/Nova/Directory of Rutland Hackney Carriage Drivers!"

But worry no longer for Sue Walters, the Union Secretary, has arranged something for you. Magazines can now be ordered at the reception desk in the New Entrance Hall. "They'll be left there to be paid for each week," she says.

POPPY DAY IS HERE AGAIN

IN the Birmingham area, last year, more than 6,000 collecting tins were used in the annual crusade to augment the funds of the British Legion. Among the army of devoted were a number of Birmingham University students.

It is the hope of Mike Fuchs-Carsch, External Affairs chairman that again this year many volunteers will go out next Saturday the 13th of November, to help in this effort of national importance.

The British Legion apart from being the biggest single employer of disabled ex-servicemen, also supports many different organisations to promote their welfare. There are four residential homes, a third opens soon, and convalescent homes which deal with more than 3,000 people a year. They support schemes to provide holidays and also help with home purchasing. Besides these, monthly allowances are given to over 9,000 people, a third of which are widows.

If anyone is interested in helping on Saturday there are posters all over the Union where they can sign up or alternatively contact can be made through the External Affairs office.

Fifth House row dies down

A SQUABBLE between the Rhythm Club and the Folk Club over the past few weeks has threatened to disrupt life at 5th House. The trouble has been over Wednesday nights when both the Rhythm Club and the Folk Club claimed 5th House for their meetings.

Last year 5th House was used by the Folk Club on Wednesdays, the Rhythm Club having Thursdays and Fridays. This year, however, the Rhythm Club decided to change to

Wednesdays and Fridays because Thursday night sessions clashed with Film Society. This led to the clash with Folk Club, who had already arranged their Wednesday meetings in 5th House. The whole issue was complicated by religious groups who had booked Tuesday evening for their meetings.

Now, however, after some misunderstanding and ill-feeling it seems that Folk Club will keep Wednesdays and if possible the religious meetings will be changed to Thursdays thus giving Rhythm Club the use of 5th House on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Cheap groups agency to try again

NUS is again proposing to set up a Central Entertainments Booking Agency. This is the second attempt by the N.U.S. to organise a central agency. In March last year the N.U.S. backed an existing agency, Robert Stigwood Associates Ltd., but later withdrew its support. The agency shortly afterwards went bankrupt.

Dave Smith, Chairman of Ents. Comm., said last week that a central agency in London, controlled by Lyn Dutton, would be useful in co-ordinating entertainments and bookings, and would certainly help student committees not yet experienced in booking the best artistes for the cheapest possible price.

The N.U.S. Committee has, however, submitted a resolution to the November Council Meeting, regretting the failure of the N.U.S. to sound regional opinion, and recommending "that if regional groups were set up and co-ordinated, the N.U.S. agency would be superfluous and savings would result in the hiring of artistes."

The proposals will be explained by Mr. Lyn Dutton at the N.U.S. Regional Meeting in the Council Chamber tonight. Representatives from 33 universities and colleges have been invited to attend.

Watch out for Edward Martell

EDWARD MARTELL has been warned to expect trouble when he speaks in the Council Chamber on Friday at 5.15. Socialist Union have cancelled a meeting with three top-line speakers in order to disrupt his speech.

Conservative Association, who took over the organisation when Debating Society refused to continue, are taking special precautions to avoid a repetition of the events at the Malcolm X meeting. Extra stewards will be present to keep order.

Martell, whose vehement anti-socialism has made him the target for uncontrolled hatred from much of the Labour Party has recently received substantial damages from one Labour M.P. for slander concerning Martell's business methods. Martell's targets for attacks are likely to be Trades Unions, TV, film, the British film industry, the Government, Wilson and Socialist infiltration of the Conservative Party.

ORD'S NEW GLOSSY

A NEW glossy magazine is soon to be started in the University. It will be published by ORD to replace their previously duplicated "Word of ORD."

"The first issue will be circulated mainly in Birmingham and Cambridge. Later we hope to spread to other universities," said Mike Fuchs-Carsch.

The first issue, which will come out in the new year, will feature social, ethical and political problems of aid.

Could you say this just six months after graduating?

AFTER two months the work on the filter drew to a close, and by that time I had acquired a firm knowledge of the plant. This now meant that I was able to look at the whole problem of glass-dissolving in a wider sense, and was able to start developments in a number of sections. I was now faced with my first real management task—that of ensuring the co-operation of the foremen in modifying a technique which had been built up over the years and which to them

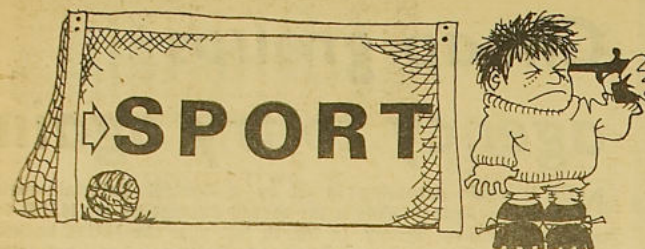
seemed the correct way to do the job. This task was difficult, and I learned a tremendous amount from tackling it. Technically, the work I had begun was successful, and although the filtration trials did not meet with any measure of success, modifications to the process enabled the plant to achieve economies in steam amounting to some £40,000 per annum. This, of course, was a team effort, but I was conscious of my own contribution and derived great satisfaction from it."

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Sailing

Race carries on in cold and fog

THE University Sailing team achieved a clean sweep in their match against Cardiff on Saturday, winning by the maximum score of 483 points to 30.

In a strong wind and rather weak sun, the Birmingham team sailed straight into a lead which was not even endangered by their first two boats making a mistaken diversion towards the wrong buoy. The placings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd gained in both races left the Birmingham team glowing with satisfaction that was dimmed only by the prospect of having to mend some more seriously damaged equipment before Sunday's match.

On Sunday, a second team sailed against Manchester in dully cold, wet and foggy conditions. This made it impossible for the sailors to see beyond their noses; the race officer had to describe the position of the first buoy as "somewhere over there" and the rest of the course was left to the charts and imagination.

Manchester narrowly won the first race 18-17 after a decision in favour of Manchester which involved a difficult interpretation of the rules. Birmingham won the second race 19-19, which was just too small a margin to give them victory.

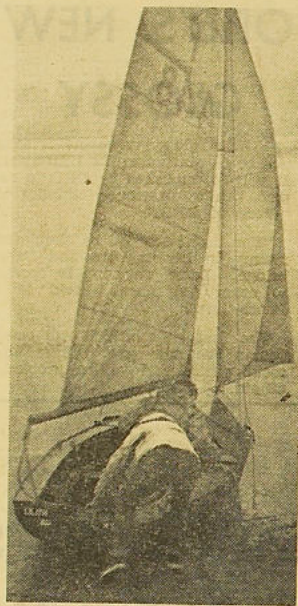
Special mention should be made of the improvement in the Sailing of a Freshier, Alan Jessop. He is evidently finding his form in the University boats and is meriting consideration for a place in the first team.

Swimming

73-50 VICTORY

THE University Swimming team easily disposed of a weak Cardiff University team on Saturday. The Men won by 36 points to 22, and the Ladies won by 37 points to 28.

This was the first time the Ladies have put out a team this season. All the season they have been plagued by an alarming lack of reserve strength, which has inhibited their progress. Any lady who is interested in joining the Swimming Club is cordially invited to contact any of the club officials via the pigeon holes.



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Soccer

POOR FINISHING COSTS GOALS

AFTER two defeats against Loughborough and London, the 1st XI beat Keele University 3-1 in their first home U.A.U. match of the season on Wednesday.

The University played very casually during the first half and, at times, Keele were allowed to dominate the play and look a far better side than they actually were. It was, however, Birmingham who scored when Hollinshead moved into the middle to hit a fine shot into the top of the net. Before half-time, Keele scored a surprising but nevertheless well-deserved equaliser.

In the second half, the University tried harder to take control of the game and this they did to a certain extent. Keele were still allowed too much room, however, and so continued to look dangerous at times.

Lycett, who was having an excellent game at left-half, moved far upfield shouting for the ball, and Smith obliged with an accurate through pass. Lycett took the ball in his stride and shot past the advancing goalkeeper.

Rugger

SUCCESS AT LAST FOR MERMAIDS

THE victory that has so long evaded the Mermaids' Rugby side came at West Hills on Saturday when they beat Old Dixonians 3rd XV 8-5.

Mermaids have shown consistent improvements in forward and three-quarter play and especially in defensive covering. It was somewhat disappointing that, in this fast, open game, all the tries came from defensive blunders.

About half-way through the first half, Dudley followed up a mix-up in the Old Dixonians' three-quarter line, kicked on and scored. Wainwright successfully took the conversion. A similar mistake in the Mermaids' three-quarter line let the Old Dixonians equal the score at 5-5 at half-time.

Mermaids put the pressure on right from the beginning of the second half and were rewarded when skilful forward play allowed Wainwright to touch down. Much of the play that followed was exciting but indecisive. Mermaids showed a tendency to fade in the last few minutes but nevertheless well deserved their victory.

Basketball

TWO MORE WINS CHALKED UP FOR UNBEATEN TEAM

THE University Basketball team, although playing well below their best form, proved too strong for Keele University.

Effective rebounding by forwards Greene and Wilson resulted in a 14 point lead for Birmingham with five minutes of the start. Despite emergency defensive changes, from zone to man-to-man, Keele were overwhelmed by a confident Birmingham side, who eventually won by 80 points to 33.

A pleasing feature of the game was the successful working of the "fast-break" and Keele had no answer to the quick interpassing of the Birmingham team.

Derby Technical College proved much stiffer opposition on Saturday. The University started slowly but had established a 17 point lead by half-time, due mainly to accurate set shooting by P. Hwang and consistent rebounding by G. Greene. A spirited second half rally by Derby took them into a three point lead but Birmingham, in their turn, staged a comeback and finally won 69-66.

The second team lost to Moseley Tigers in the Birmingham League by 58 points to 49.

Sports Comment

ON the whole, this season has been a good one for Birmingham University sport, and the prospects look good for several teams in the U.A.U. and W.I.V.A.B. championships. Although recent seasons have been lean ones for the University Soccer and Rugger teams, many notable successes have occurred in the minor sports, including several outright victories in University championships.

ALREADY this season, many Birmingham sides have shown that they will yet again be serious contenders for U.A.U. and W.I.V.A.B. honours. The Ladies Table Tennis team has reached the W.I.V.A.B. Semi-Finals and the Mens team have started their attempt to retain their U.A.U. title with a 15-0 whitewash of Keele. The Fencing team look set for another good run in the U.A.U. competition, which they have won for the past two seasons. Both the Basketball team and the Swimming team are unbeaten, while the Water Polo team recently drew with the powerful Loughborough side.

ALTHOUGH most of the other University sides have had inconsistent results this season, two of the best achievements were the defeats of Cambridge University by the Athletics team, and also by the Women's Hockey team for the first time in living memory.

WITH sport in the University becoming increasingly decentralised with the opening of the new Sports centre at West Hills, there is a greater need for pooling information so that the progress of University sport can be surveyed as a whole. REDBRICK feels that it can play a great part in co-ordinating this information and intends, in the near future, to widen the scope of its sports coverage to include general articles on the state of sport in the University.

A VENTURE like this obviously needs many people to write about and comment on the sporting scene.

AMONGST 550 students there must be some who have an inclination for this sort of journalism and if so, they should contact REDBRICK office as soon as possible.

Sports Editor: Rowland Davies

Catering ready by January

A BLEAK WILDERNESS AWAITS ITS BEER

by Pete Stonier

IN its first six weeks the University's new playing-fields at West Hills has withstood the first onslaught of the new season and has emerged with fewer teething troubles than expected of such a vast enterprise.

In six weeks Washhills has shown that it has the makings of one of the finest University sports centres in the country and with its modern, roomy, almost luxurious facilities is a far cry from the rough-and-ready days of campus-based sport.

University sportsmen are adapting well to the four-and-a-half mile journey out to the "bleak wilderness" at West Heath where a light wind or shower causes havoc with the game and makes any player look forward to the after-match hot drink and snack followed by a get-together round the bar.

But for this he will have to wait until January when the catering facilities are scheduled to be finished and until then all after-match entertainment has to be done back at the Union. This has brought criticism from many quarters. Martin Clark, a Medics first-team rugger player, said "The quality of the pitches and the changing facilities offset the unprotected nature of the place, but it should never have been opened until it was completely finished. It's reminiscent of school days when visiting teams have such appalling entertainment facilities offered them and certainly not what we expect when playing away matches."

Other criticisms too have been levelled at the poor draining of the showers which results in the changing rooms being flooded after constant use, and also the state of the pitches as stones are being kicked up from the sandy undersoil. Erik Donnachie, Chairman of Athletics Union, commented: "We expected many difficulties such as these and everything is in hand to put them in order as soon as possible."

Little outcry

Most sportsmen however seem well satisfied with Washhills and if recent University results are anything to go by are showing it in the standard of their play. There has been little outcry against the imposed 1/- return transport costs to the ground, owing to the inadequacy of the £400 University grant said Erik: "This is far cheaper than hiring corporation buses, although we did contact them earlier on about subsidised services. Many people seem to arrange their own transport which again cuts costs and eases the problems of organisation."

So with most people willing to stand the cold and forego their aftermatch beer for the time being, the scene is set for completing by January a completely self-contained sports centre of which Birmingham University can be very proud.

Women's hockey

Match lacks polish

ON Wednesday, the Women's Hockey team beat Leicester University by seven goals to two. Birmingham started lethargically, and it again needed a goal by the opposition to produce some co-ordinated effort.

The forwards, after an untidy start, played well but still failed to use the long forward pass to break up the Leicester defence. The forwards also seemed reluctant to tackle the opposition and thus back up their own defence.

In spite of the score, the Birmingham defence did not have an easy game and played hard to keep the score down. There were few real highlights in the game. Shirley's shots at goal were always hard and direct. One of the best goals came from a short corner, controlled by right-inner, Low and then banged into the corner of the goal by Shirley. Another of the goals came from centre-forward Jones, who ran on to a forward pass and completed the move on her own with a fine goal. Several goals came from forward rushes, the seven goals being scored by Shirley (3), Lister (2), Jones and Low.

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TOUCHLINE

Fencing

v. London Univ. Lost 11-16
v. Cardiff Univ. Won 24-3

Basketball

1st team v. Keele U. Won 80-33
1st team v. Derby T. Col. W 69-66
2nd U'm v. Moseley Tigers. L 49-58

Men's

Table Tennis

v. Keele Univ. Won 15-0

Ladies'

Table Tennis

v. Keele University. Won 9-1
v. Leicester University. Won 7-2

Sailing

1st team v. Cardiff Univ. W 483-30
2nd team v. M'chester U. L 361-37

Men's Lacrosse

1st team v. Old Stopfordians 'A' Won 8-4

Men's

Hockey

Trojans Hockey Club v. Coventry Tech. Lost 4-1

Swimming

Men's team v. Cardiff U. W 36-22
Women's U'm v. Cardiff U. W 37-28

Women's

Squash

v. Coventry. Lost 1-4

Rifle Club

v. Leicester Univ. Won 759-730

Soccer

1st XI v. Keele Univ. W 3-1
1st XI v. Cambridge Falcons L 0-2

Rugger

1st XV v. Lydney. Lost 0-16
Mermaids v. Old Dixonians 3rd XV. Won 8-5

Women's

Hockey

1st team v. Leicester Univ. W 7-2
2nd XI v. Leicester Univ. L 1-5

Ladies'

Badminton

v. Leicester University. Won 9-0

This week's Sport in brief

Ten-pin Bowl

LAST Saturday, at Stinchley, the University Ten Pin Bowling Club made an excellent start to the season when four teams had a clean sweep win over Sir John Cass College, London.

Ed Osmond, of Birmingham, had the highest series with a score of 480 and B. L. Kane bowled a top score of 183. Birmingham had to fight hard for the points, however, and there were several close finishes.

In the Wednesday 4.30 league, the Alphas have reached the top position, but cannot afford to relax the pressure, as the Pseudos and Olive's Boys are close behind with higher total pinfall.

John Hughes is still way out ahead in the individual competition though with a slightly reduced average pinfall. Terry Veasey and B. Kane are in second and third positions, but have a long haul to catch up on the leader.

Men's lacrosse

HALF-TIME TACTICS TALK PAYS OFF

AFTER a half-time tactics talk the Men's Lacrosse team pulled a win out of the bag against Old Stopfordians 'A' on Saturday.

In a slow start, Birmingham had the better of their opponents in teamwork but failed to make use of their opportunities and some loose play allowed Stopfordians to pile up a three-goal lead. Birmingham fought back in the second quarter to make the score level by half time.

In the third quarter the attack had the measure of Stopfordians defence, held together magnificently by Bulcock, and managed to draw them out of the centre leaving it free for Menday to go in and score. The team successfully repeated these feint tactics and made the score 7-3 without any difficulty. In the last quarter both sides scored only once and the final score was 8-4. Menday scored seven of these from some brilliant shots and Hollingworth scored the other. Birmingham played better on Saturday than in previous matches and this was helped by good anticipation by the defence and faster clearing so that the attack did not have to waste time getting the ball up the field before starting its manoeuvres.

Cross-country

ON Saturday, the Cross Country Club came 5th in the Birmingham League out of nine teams. Bygott, who was with the leaders for the first lap, ran another good race to finish 12th. Shepherd, who was never quite able to get on terms with the leading bunch, put in a storming finish to claim 13th place. The rest of the scoring six was completed by Jones (23rd), Rumball (36th), Mundh (42nd), and Taylor (52nd).

This result was a good one for the University considering that they have moved to a higher division, but it might have been better if Walmley, suffering from the effects of NO5, had not been among the back markers.

Women's squash

LAST Thursday, the Women's Squash team lost 1-4 to Coventry. The only member of the team to win her match was Pat Gent, who beat her opposite number by three games to one. All other members of the team lost by three games to nil, but all these games were keenly fought.

Table-tennis

THE Men's Table Tennis team won their first U.A.U. match of the season last Wednesday when they beat Keele 15-0.

The Ladies' Table Tennis team have reached the semi-finals of the W.I.V.A.B. team championships with wins over Keele (9-1), and Leicester (7-2). They have also won their first league matches, beating Girdings 6-4, Springfield "B" 9-1 and Quiborne "B" 7-3.

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Rhodesia teach-in follow-up— Nottingham fails

WEDNESDAY'S Rhodesia teach-in held at Nottingham University was a sore disappointment, not because of the quality of the speeches, but because the attempt to copy the Birmingham one was a dismal failure.

John Poole, chairman of their Anti-Apartheid group, had been given responsibility for arrangements, and complained that no-one else had wanted to help.

The speakers themselves were excellent, but they failed to prevent the audience, which was only 200 at the beginning, from dropping to 40 very quickly.

David Bullock made the first speech. He was supposed to be speaking for Rhodesia House, and the Conservatives, but changed his mind and spoke for himself.

John Peck, a local Communist candidate, came next, followed by David Lanham of the Law Department at Nottingham.

Z.A.N.U.'s Mr. David Mutasa spoke from a personal viewpoint, as did Professor C. A. W. Manning who talked mainly about South Africa.

The best speech of the evening was delivered by Mr. George Cunningham, a policy designer from Transport House who spoke to an audience of 20 and apologised for the lateness of the hour—at 10 p.m.



• Inigo Bing: "I'm a bit worried about it since I'm in my final year, but it's an opportunity I can't miss." Inigo Bing is studying law.

U.S. TOUR FOR TOP DEBATERS

MIKE HARTLEY-BREWER, last year's Chairman of Deb. Soc., and Inigo Bing, this year's Secretary, have been selected to tour the United States next term, as two of the four members of the Combined British Universities debating teams.

The teams were chosen last week in London by a selection committee including Kenneth Harris, of the "Observer," who himself went on a similar tour just after the war, and Eldon Griffiths, M.P. Applications were invited from all Universities in the country.

The tour, which is being organised by the English Speaking Union, will last for seven weeks next February and March. Mr. Bing will be travelling with Mr. Bob Marshall-Andrews of Bristol, and Mr. Hartley-Brewer's partner will be Mr. Calder Jose, Nottingham's Chairman of Debates.

One team will go east-west, the other north-south, thus visiting most major universities in the country. The debaters expect to be speaking four or five nights a week on any of about ten selected motions.

"It was a tremendous surprise when we heard the committee's decision. Four entered from Birmingham, and we thought there was only an outside chance of even one being picked," said Inigo Bing.

Mike Hartley-Brewer commented: "It was obvious from what Kenneth Harris said afterwards that they were looking for people with an interest in politics. I would have thought Inigo and I were a bit leftish for the English Speaking Union! Our partners are both Tories, by the way."

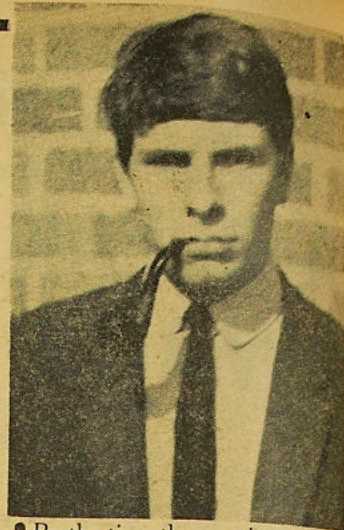
Jock Cairns, the Guild Secretary, and Treasurer Roy Shutz also applied for the tour, but were unsuccessful.

POPPIES AND PEACE

AFTER the poppies, a week for peace. For the second year running, Birmingham Churches will combine to make something constructive of Remembrance Sunday and the week following it. The University S.C.M. is also co-operating fully in this, with a comprehensive programme of open meetings in the Union.

Highlights of the week include:—

Next Monday: Talk on The Nature of Conflict (7.30, Council Chamber). And on Tuesday: A panel discussion, "Prospects for Peace in International Relations (Council Chamber, 7.30). The speakers are obviously well-informed about the topic and include Neville Brown who was once at the Institute for Strategic Studies and John White from Overseas Development. Further information can be obtained from the S.C.M. booklet.



• By the time the tour is over we'll probably have had enough debating to last a lifetime."

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BUREAUCRACY RUNS RIOT

THE Guild of Graduates now has a Permanent Secretary—the Clerk to the Guild—an office on the campus in which all graduates are welcome, and with the machinery to communicate with graduates in a matter of hours.

It is also intended that when this preliminary work has been done, a codification system will be introduced whereby graduates will be identified.

This will make readily available a variety of statistical information says the University in a Press hand-out. For example: "It would be possible to list all male graduates of 1934, at one time living in a Hall of Residence, holding a Master's degree in Pure Science, living in Lancashire and a member of our Manchester branch."

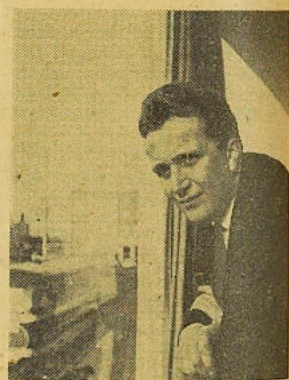
"After some hours of machine work, it might be found that no-one fell into all of these categories at one time, but the example indicates the selective capabilities possible!"

MIKE JUDGES JEWS

AT Birmingham last Friday 55 students from other Universities, turned up for the Jewish Society's annual weekend school. Mike Hartley-Brewer and Nathan Myers, a lecturer at the College of Commerce, judged the first round of the Inter-Universities Jewish Federation debating tournament. The competition was held at Miller House with teams from Cambridge, Bristol, Birmingham and Cardiff. Cambridge will go through to the next round to be held at Bristol.

On Saturday there was a student service held at the Birmingham Hebrew Congregational Synagogue. In the evening the weekenders went to see Timon of Athens at Stratford. After the performance there was a midnight Jazz party at Miller House. A lecture, an Israeli film and a farewell dance ended the weekend.

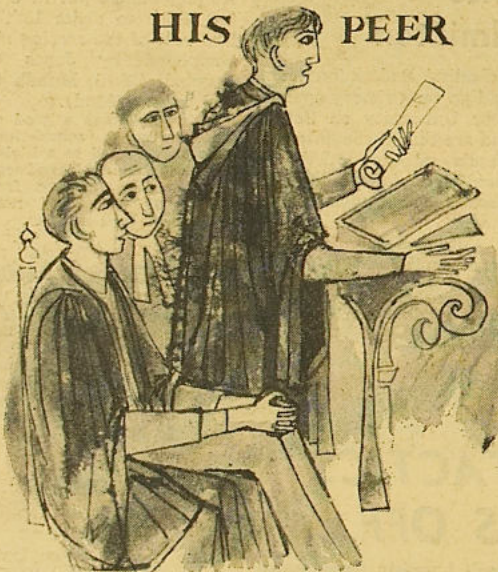
GRADUATE SPEAKS ON CHOICE OF MEDIA



• David Turner

David Turner—one-time student of this University—spoke to a half-full Deb. Hall yesterday on "A choice of media." He discussed the problems of script-writers in relation to stage, films and television—in the light of his own experience.

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