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Guild Council last night by n Nelson on the effectiveness rineffectiveness of the ently installed sugar mach-

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They caused more delays than they were worth, he complained and I much simpler solution would be ingar bowl and tea-spoon in place it he machine in its present position. John Palmer, replying on bealed Catering Committee, said the towls were unhygenic and marful. For a trial period packets of sgar had been tried but these had proved expensive and had been attend iterally almost everywhere, including the central reserution of the Bristol Road.

The sugar machines, he went on, wild be tried for another couple of weeks yet.

Redbrick: "respectfully suggests.

could be hung from the

### SNOOKER COMPETITION

to yesterday lunchtime, three pairs had completed first-round ties in the brick" snooker competi-Entrants are reminded first-round ties must be pleted by Saturday, Febru-l'th, or both players are e to be disqualified from us further part in the com-

### LATE NEWS

N.U.S. CENSURED

tion eventually put before meil last night was some-rent from that passed at f. and aimed essentially

ctify the existing anomalies mants structure; stablish an annual review

assurances from Her overnment that grants ared to their 1962 real the next year. In also bore in mind of the protest meeting ham, the failure of inegotiations with the mability of fify the issues at stake, at the N.U.S. executive ling of the campaign.

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## BIG DEMAND FOR **FRANCOISE**

ENTS. COMM'S biggest ever venture, the Francoise Hardy concert at the Town Hall on February 14th, is almost certain to rank as their biggest ever

the concert, which includes the humorous folk singer Steve Benbow, and the Reg Webb jazz band in addition to Francoise Hardy, will cost in the region of £800. The big risk involved in such a concert has been justified by the tremendous demand for tickets, almost half of which have been sold despite the intentional lack of publicity until last week. publicity until last week.

This is the second venture in the Town Hall, although the previous attempt, the Indo-Jazz Fusions was not financially a success. The policy this year has been to stage big concerts in town, rather than in the smaller capacity Deb. Hall, with the idea of keeping prices as low as possible.

Nelson Bathurst, Chairman of Ents, Comm., who has been plan-ning this concert for more than

six months, aimed to break even on a two-thirds full house, but is now expecting the biggest profit on a single function for some years. This would completely offset the losses on previous dances during the year.

### **PHYSICISTS** ROUT EXEC

AT a Special General Meeting A Ta Special General Meeting held before Guild Council last night, dozens of Physicists who packed the side benches succeeded in defeating a motion to move the date of the Presidential election forward two weeks, when it would have coincided with Physicists' final evams exams.

At the same meeting a motion was carried to reduce the size of a quorum for a General Meeting of the Guild from one-eighth to one-twelfth.

No more dances in the Union or barextensions at Union functions—this was the grim possibility raised after a drunken brawl in the Founders Room at last Friday's Ten Years After Dance.

Ents. Comm. Chairman Nelson Bathurst gave this warning after he, together with stewards, had ejected the trouble-makers: "It only needs someone to get hurt, ambulances and eventually the police arrive, and the magistrates will be reluctant to give us any more extensions." He went on: "Union members should not tolerate this sort of thing."

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The problem for Executive this weekend was whether or not to convene the Disciplinary Board on the question of Friday's fight. At a meeting on Monday night Executive voted against the measure on account of the lengthy procedure involved, which might magnify the whole affair. No-one wished to risk making martyrs of the two sparing students. Instead, Charles Wright is to issue a personal warning to the offenders.

Some sort of mechanism which takes swift, appropriate action in cases like this is desirable, but impossible with the present system. Until an efficient body of less complicated administration is established, it is simply not worth the trouble. Board members are elected but not fixed; offenders are privileged to object to three members and the process of election must be repeated. After judgment, an appeal procedure can be launched—but the whole business is lengthy and tedious.

The incidence of such outbreaks is not high—but it interesting to note that the two characters involved have a history of glassmashing and drunken antics. General opinion seems to be that this sort of thing is a mild annoy-



**NELSON BATHURST** Ents. Comm. Chairman.

said: "This seems an isolated case, but if some students insist on smashing glasses and brawling then the obvious answer is cut the bar extension."

The police were called in only once last term—Executive does not want them at all, but they feel it is a pity that a few students should be allowed to gamble with the enjoyment of the community.

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### Personal

Internal: 3d a word. Insertions up to mid-day Tuesday

WILL the gentleman who left his organ on stage in the Debating Hall please come and collect same (R. D. Bate).

B stands for Buggery (A. N. Dathan).

HILARY is randy! (Dave Blandford.)

forget to shave? (K.

TO B or not to B. Interested apply room 194, Chad. (A. N. Dathan).

ANNIE, get your Knickers down. Mike (R. Potter). BROADS, B.U.S.A. Easter cruise: members & nonmembers welcome. See Sailing Club Noticeboard.

ANDREW Dathan and Steuart Hopley wish to announce that they will not be sending Valentine cards this year, but will send the money to charity. (A. N. Dathan).

JANE is ready. (Dave Blandford.)

on the sofa, any offers? (P. Field.)

badly! (M. G. Dunn.)

companies in many industries.

CONSIDER Haddock (Gus

MONICA has laid down the law. (W. J. Morley).

ECCE Homo Felicitations—
—Pete. (J. Stroding).

EVENING all Ground Beale.

(C. Turner).

JOHN and Sandra: Congratulations and best wishes from:
Ian and Trisha, Ick, Susan,
Malcolm, Wit, Keith and Mike.

(Ian Fox).
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Law II.

KING Sutwick holds two fiefs

Signed Holy Roman

HAPPY rib-taking anniversary.
Adam (C. Turner).
WALK for Shelter: Saturday,
February 17th.
STAN. — Did Carolyn break
your glasses? S. Williams).
WANTED. One manger. —
Apply470 Wydd. (S. Williams).
SHE'S payneful. Signed Teeside. (M. Suter).
JOHN plus Jacqueline plus car
equals wow! (M. Suter).
BAKED beans are great, tremendous ever? (R. Hodges).
SHELTER Group. Campaign
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Group's organiser. Tuesday.

Group's organiser. Tuesday, February 13th, 7.30. Mixed EVENING addition tomorrow.

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NORMAN, why don't Liver-pool take football lessons at Goodison? Geoff and Richard, (G. J. Vaughan).

EEYORE sends greetings. (C.

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HAPPY Birthday Pooh, Christopher Robin, (C. Robinson),

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LAKE Wydd "DO" this Friday,

7/6, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Mike Cotton,

Herbie Goins.

"LE Roi Se Meurt." Come

and see how. Feb. 13th, 14th,

15th

15th.

IRANIANS meet Noon Panir and Sabzi, Charles Wright too. Monday, February 12th. Union Committee Room 4, 5.15 p.m. WHAT'S Evesdropping? (C. Turner) JOIN Xylene Sniffers anony-mous! (J. Simmons).

Personnel Officer, Science Research Council Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory,

is this apathy or merely sanity and a healthy respect for the private life? "If we're happy—then so what?" say the Haltstudents: "Is being happy enough?" say the Union stirrers whose only apparent ambition in life is to put a mental bomb behind every exponent of the inertia art in the University. The main trouble with Union affairs is that they tend to m the people concerned instead of the reverse, and consequent those who dabble in this way find their lives narrowing, and what started out as a quiet paddle soon gets deeper, inevitably a drowning struggles begin; and another drop out sinks to the

> In the process his so-called alert mind will have become a stilted as any to be found in the lower depths of the halls—where the sole concern is the mechanism of keeping one's life as safe and secure as possible.

Half Brick

Halls and the Union-

blanket disapproval

ting up there on the Vale Site and on Bristol Road, where on

A refuge from all those who have no particular axe to grind on the Union political scene, no particular desire to justify them selves by projecting an image on the Union scene. Instead, Hale

HALLS are cosy, Halls are warm, a happy little community :

can forget one's troubles and neuroses, and concentrate on get intersexual dining with a neighbouring hall of women.

students can expiate their student consciences and live up to image of themselves that they feel they ought to have, by sitting up into the small hours, bitching about themselves and the bir

in the next hall. Who screwed whom last week is such a common topic of idle smearing, usually said with more than a ligar jealousy in the voice, that the criticisms of Muggeridge and then

It could be argued that most of the people in Hall are same (or relatively so) and the Union tub thumpers, politicos, and stirrers are all insecure schizoids, who only seek to attract attention to themselves on a public scale, in an effort to enlarge their overinflated egos.

True, the political machinations of Union (and even Hall) politics hold little appeal for the run of the mill small minded Hall student, who is as happy as a pig in its own crap with his lot;

in recent weeks would almost seem justified.

The answer—strangely enough—does not seem to lie in the so—becoming a flower power drop-out is hardly the way to a feexistence, but neither is being chewed mentally to bits in the source. achinery of organisational and public life.

Maybe one could do nothing, read "The Times" and "R brick" regularly, discuss them with your room-mate and/or lov go around proclaiming that you are alert and aware, bore every death with metaphysical discussions, and go to bed hap the knowledge of your passive involvement with everything.

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### B.B.C. COMPARISON ANGERS Q.E.

BIRMINGHAM Regional Hospital Board has complained to the B.B.G. after a programme which contrasted the services of Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the private Edgbaston Nursing Home. Professor Trethowan, a senior con-sultant, criticised the "ten-dentious film editing which

dentious film editing which made odious comparisons even more odious."

The programme, "Man Alive," on January 23rd, included a short film which showed patients being received at Q.E. and the nursing home, and which was followed by a discussion contrasting the two services. The Board claims that it was told that "the film would describe a patient's time in hospital, but instead it was used for a medico-political discussion on the merits and demerits of private practice.

succeeded. But if they wanted to tell people about the relevant factors they have been sadly lacking."
Professor Trethowan pointed out Q.E.'s "very different function and far wider scope" than that of the nursing home, and a consultant affirmed that "there can be no comparison."

no adverse comment from the Q.E. Desimond Wilcox, of the "Man Alive" team, described the controversy as "a storm in a tea-cup" and denied that the programme made invidious

Vm. YOUNGER'S

# E.G.M. SAYS WAIT A YEAR

"TO wait for a year and then press for a 26 per cent increase" was the verdict of the E.G.M. held last Thursday to determine Birmingham universities Grants policy.

About a hundred and fifty indecisive looking students loosely filled the Deb Hall to debate the motion that we should press for a 26 per cent increase, should press for a yearly review of grants, and to remove some of the anomalies in the means test. The low attendance was surprising in view of the fact that this issue above atlendance was surprising in view of the fact that this issue above all others affects students the most. Roger Hird, proposing the motion, went systematically through all the arguments that we have heard ad nauseum in the last few weeks, as to why the students should have a full 26 per cent increase this year.

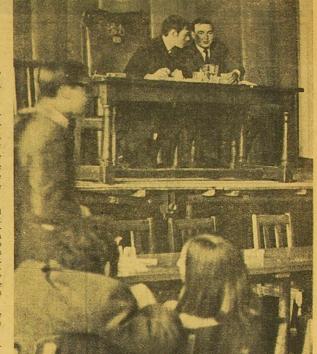
### ART EXHIBITION

A FESTIVAL ART EXHIBI-TIGN is to be held in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Refectory from Monday, February 26th until the Thursday of that week. All staff and students of the universities and colleges connected with the Birmingham Arts Festival are invited to submit up to four original works of painting, drawing, sculpture or prints.

Entries should be taken to the Mezzanine Lounge on Saturday, February 17th, or on Monday, February 19th. There is an entrance fee of two shillings, and two prizes up to the value of ten guineas.

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The motion must now be put be-ore Guild Council to fully deter-nine the Birmingham University



Empty seats at the sparsely-attended E.G.M.

# College food boycott battle

THE students at Birmingham College of Education staged a dramatic food boycott last Thursday after a particularly bad meal on quality and variety of meals, p Vednesday had brought to a head a series of tration was the solidarity of the students; out vening, and the rest ate the bread and cheese

Do-it-yourself meals during the Refec. boycott.

Once more 100 tickets have Cotton with Lucas return afte

been reserved for sale in the Union for this Friday's "Do."
They will be available in the New Entrance Hall at lunchtime today. This term Lake and sity, This group, well known in the Lawley L

Wyddrington are aiming to pro-vide excellent sounds rather heralded as the successor to

than "big name" groups. Mike Geno Washington

LAKE WYDD 'DO'

the methods of cooking and to the delay be-tween cooking and serving, the continual provision of unpopular meals due to the students not eating them in the first place and the lack of such things as fruit being available as an alternative to dessert.

The students have the added difficulty that under the training college grants system the money they have for food is paid by the LEA. directly to the college and so the students have either to eat at the college or to eat out at prohibitive extra cost. ttra cost.

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### Redbrick memorandum

(i) numble pretty-boy competition or (short-trousered Gulld Council). (iii) If it is felt that models must be taken from inside the University for financial or other reasons, sugest Ray Phillips stripped to the waist flagellating a daffodil (Rhys Vauchan)

Re "Student Life" and "Stu-

numbers of them
Law Quarterly Review.

(4) Re Front Page Leader:—
"STUDENTS COMMEND VOPO'S
PERCEPTION (fac recte nil time).

(i) They are inferior.

### Column impartial

DEAR SIR,—Although "Red-brick's" "Fifth Column" cil was in fact inquorate, and claims a commendable degree I decided to take alternative

# Critical Half **Brick criticised**

Pickr Sir.—I do not know who who who the article headed "Half Brick" of January 31st, 1968, page two, since it was not signed, yet criticised the Introductory Course for Overseas' Students, arranged by the University. As director of the course I should like to make a few comments on the criticisms.

The objects of the course, as originally devised, was primarily to find those students from overseas in need of help with the English language. The other parts of the programme were starranged that the students learned how to cope with lecture and tutorials. In addition there have always been lectures on the press and the politics of this country and on the conurbation birmingham, as well as a trip to Coventry and the theatre.

claims a commendable degree of impartiality in reporting news, it was seen that the person who was responsible for the recent "Wall" article denigrating engineers, was also responsible for the front-page item headed "Anti-Wall Engineers".

Surely a purely defensive move to protect the name of engineering students cannot be interpreted as anti anything. As I explain in my contribution to this week's "Wall", the objective in calling Press Gouncil was not particularly censorship of "Wall" but to resist the slur

cil was in fact inquorate, and I decided to take alternative action.

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Again "Fifth Column" in last week's "Redbrick" goes on to defend "wall" without considering the merits or demerits of the article in question. The editorial considers we should make an effort to endear ourselves to the rest of the campus. The campus, and the university should become affort to endear ourselves to the rest of the article in question. The editorial considers we should make an effort to endear ourselves to the rest of the campus. It had suggested some two years ago that the University should be to take alternative action.

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# To slaughter reactionaries R Sir,—Last Wednesday's debate, on ietnam, was a depressing occasion. A Debating Hall had apparently come, not bate, but to take part in the ritual ter of a reactionary, pro-American properties of a reactionary, pro-American properties. On a wave of righteous indignation we confirmed our belief in ourselves as progressive, liberal-minded followers of Western democracy. So democratic was the occasion, indeed, that the

DEAR Sir,-Last Wednesday's debate, on Vietnam, was a depressing occasion. A packed Debating Hall had apparently come, not to debate, but to take part in the ritual slaughter of a reactionary, pro-American proposition. For this proposition, two unfortunate Vietnamese were put up to debate in a foreign language against our meet articulate and eccent position. For this proposition, two unfortunate Vietnamese were put up to debate in a foreign language against our most articulate and accomplished debaters. As might be expected, the So democratic was the occasion, indeed, that the chairman forgot to ask for votes for abstention—in spite of a very forceful speech for abstentions by Mr. Chattrabhuti.

What is more worrying, though, than this procedural slip, is the glib way in which we presume to lecture others—the Americans by choice. Last term we lectured the American Negro on Black Power, and organising reception and organising reception of the sare matters in which we personally choice. Last term we lectured the American Negro on Black Power, are well-stiff in the American Negro on Black Power, and organising reception of the sare matters in which we personally and a handful of others are well-stiff in the same of the sam

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article in your Half Brick column on Wednesday.
You obviously could not have been aware of the implications of your statement: "In order to find female acquaintances he has to join Dance Club, "To anyone who has not attended Dance Club meetings, this could imply that if they did, all they would find would be overseas male students looking for a "bird." Obviously this is very damaging to Dance Club, come because they want to learn to dance, and this can be proved by the progress made. So the point we should like to make is this; when you write attended to make a proved by the progress made or from Britain. Any girleading your statement is hardly likely to be encouraged to come to Dance Club, be encouraged to come to Dance Club, when you write articles, please ensure that your statements do not have overtones which are likely to affect to a great when you write articles or not, for fear of being accused of looking for a pick-up. Similarly, the many overseas students who are said to come with a complete the provided by the progress made.

\*\*Needless to safety \*\*The other reason we are writing is trontier, bringing refugees to safety \*\*

\*\*The other reason we are writing is to inform you that out of all the overseas students who do attend to specifically be on the look-out for a girl—this is not exactly what you said, but it is what is greatly implied by your statement. Those who regularly come to Dance Club, come because they want to learn to dance, and this can be proved by the progress made. The fermion with the review of High Hall about the review of Family, although the word of the word of the tripe that we got in form Mr. Barker.

I don't suppose that he happens to be a member of Family, although the would like the would like the was biased before launching into an all-out advertising campaign for the Tamily. One expects to read in a review of a dance a short passage on the merits or dearnin

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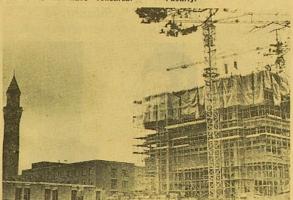
## New block a year behind

THE Arts and Commerce faculties are to share the new Arts-Commerce Tower which is at present under construction behind the Arts Block. Owing to labour troubles the building is already a year beind schedule; it was begun in April 1966, but instead of

April 1966, but instead of being finished in October 1968 it will not be finished until October 1969.

The new building will provide extra space for the Commerce department and complete rehousing for the Modern Languages departments. There will be rooms for teaching staff and for research fellows, some of whom are living three to a room at the moment. There will also be more seminar rooms, which will allow more seminar reaching as opposed to lectures; however, there will not be any increase in the staff-student ratio or in the number of either, as the present number is quite enough to fill the new building as well as the old.

It has been suggested that the housing of some arts de-



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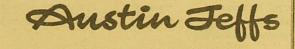
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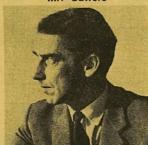
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Prof. Burroughs and



ing Michelangelo at 9 a.m. is like having lamb casserole for bret fast," commented one pale first-year

girl.

Having secured an hour on the campus timetable after so long, the Senate Division of the Registry i loth to start haggling for anothe hour. Arguments that claim that students are apt to lose interest in a course that was not their first choice do not hold water when seen against the fact that only 38 ou of 1,500 students did not get their first choice this year, and thus applications for a change of cours are not always welcomed by thorganisers.

The question of an LF, examina tion is under consideration by both the University and the Guild. Professor Burroughs is "not unaware" of this question, considering it to be "an interesting motion tha ought to be discussed." Mr. Sawer sees a case for and a case against. "It is a pity to regard everything as examinable," he says, "student choice is the key." He is loth to le bureaucray take over.

bureaucracy take over.

At present the course is only sanctioned by the threat that action will be taken if an Inter Faculty essay is not handed in. The action depends on the head of the erring student's department, but it seems that no matter what the outcome, that has little or no effect on any-one's degree.

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# ALUAD OF OLD WALLS

Of the three official Guild publications, "Wall" is the only one which consistently arouses comment, laughter, admiration, contempt, disgust, anger — each issue produces some sort of reaction, sometimes physically manifested, as in last Friday's premeditated obliteration attempt with a paint spray. The value of "Wall" lies in its ability to comment on news, something which 'Redbrick' cannot always do. Also, there are very few other universities with similar institutions.

**David Fraser** 

IF you think you are the first to be provoked, tantalised or annoyed by WALL, you are wrong. Research has brought to light that WALL's long and dishonourable history started sometime in 1941 when, under the name of PILLORY, it was pinned up in the corridors of the Art's Faculty in Edmund Street.

The first reference to Pillory in Guila News, the predecessor Redbrick, is in the Christmas 1941 issue and takes the form a "prayer for Pillory": "Look after it. It is so young and enterising and full of possibilities, and yet it lies already under reat of death." Apparently someone had ripped down an article d replaced it with a "spurious addition, in very poor taste." A graphs apparent for a glass casing

Dick Holt, present editor of "Wall," commented: "It took us 27 years to get a glass cover and now the cretins spray paint over it." By January 1942, however, "Pillory" had recovered its respect and "appears determined to thrive and kick." "Somehow "Pillory" has drawn sufficient oxygen from the uncompromising atmosphere of university apathy to breathe forth fresh fire against shortcomings... all we beg is that constructive criticisms appear alongside the

sarcasm."

An uproar was cased the following week by "one of the most scurrilous articles that has ever appeared in the university." Condemned as "stinging and thoughtless," the editor was branded "a schoolboy philosopher."

In May 1942 "Pillory" was again in the news for waging a verba battle about conditions in the refectory, but it appears that the staf were anonymous and in 1944 it is revealed that the editorial boar consisted of both staff and students.

newspaper, an idea stolen from the Russian peasantry," "Pillory's" pretige appears to have risen considerably since it started. On Jut 23, 1944 "Guild News" reprinted 400-word poem that appeared of "Pillory." It was not very funny.

its position from the corridors of Edmund Street Arts block to its present position in the Union. In January 1952, an article laments the decline of "Pillory" laying the blame on the "quality of the union Wall Newspaper." and in 1953 a few words tell us ""Pillory" is no more, no longer is the writing on the

The Gulid minutes record the first complaint against "Wall" in 1951, and the following year they elected an editor, but it was not until 1958 that "Wall" was declared official and made a member of the now defunct Publications Committee.

In an issue of "Guild News" in 1958, "Wall" appears to have declined to something near its present form. It is described as a newspaper "inspired by 'News of the World', 'Reveille', 'Lilliput' etc., and having a long and honourable tradition of pornography, scandal, bedroom humour and embarrassing cracks."

The most comprehensive definition ever given publicly of "Wall" was that made by Mark Burke it a 1966 edition of "Redbrick." Comparing it with the office of a cour jester, he described it as "the only publication' that can comment of its fellows, it is the only one, too that has the right to mock, distort, abuse and smear—this is both its point and privilege." Dr. Smith of the English Department, remembers "Pillory" in 1942, and wrote a article for it. He says that in the past 26 years, the tone had changed. It used to be "more considered and less scurrilous." From Normandy landings to abuse of engineers, Alan Munton, ex-edito of "Wall," must have the final wor when he says: "I enjoyed writin obscenity for "Wall," and I know other people enjoyed reading it."



People will still gaze at "Wall" whether they can read it or not.

DANCE LALAGE GRUNDY

### Brawls and blues

OWING to a superfluity of parties, praunces and perigrinations in Birmingham, Friday night at the Union has to have a more particular attrac-

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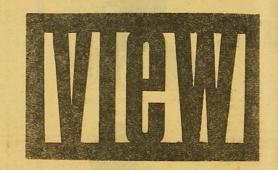
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"VIETNAM," by Mary McCarthy. Penguin Special, 3/6. MARY McCARTHY visited Viet-

ALAN MUNTON

book containing more information about Vietnam. For we do not be their authority ing but excellent b



MAURICE YACOWAR

# Same sound, new musicians

THE personnel of the Woody
Herman band has changed considerably since last year, but the sound remains essentially the same. The presence of the leader seems to guarantee a continuity of style and ideas. The formula remains the same—plenty of exciting up-tempo numbers interspersed with gentler ballads, but this is not meant as a derogatory criticism.

Herman is without doubt a real.

FILMS

Poor meandering cow

### MERMAID TRICIA ELLISON Visual impact improved

PROBABLY the greatest praise that the current "Mermaid" (edited by Patsy Simison and Peter Leach) could receive is that it is enjoyable; you can read it from cover to cover without finding yourself either bored or hopelessly lost. It succeeds in remaining intelligent without becoming impossibly intellectual.

### FILM SOCIETY

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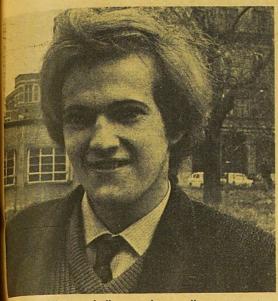
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REVENGE"

On the practical level of readability, the new layouts have made this issue more attractive. The separate articles are interesting in themselves, though you may feel cocasionally pedestrian (at any rate it's pleasant to discover that others, and well related to the central theme. "Oze the central theme." "Oze the central theme. "Oze the consensus despite its total divor." "Oze the consensus, despite its total divor. "Oze the consensus the central theme. "Oze the consensus the centr



# POLICE SAY NO



John Allsopp-indignant about police treatment.

where early hours of Sunday morning, January 21st, an sit was made in Richmond Road. John Allsopp, 2nd psychologist, was charged a committing a disorderly namely shouting, to the anance of residents.

I court a week later—backed Executive and defended by University solicitor—he ded "Not guilty". The testify of two police officers red markedly from that of ap himself and two medic exes.

I was, nonetheless, cond, and fined three pounds. the night in question the had been called to a party, Allsopp was attending, to igate the theft of a handbag. Was leaving the party Allwas accosted by an officer, according to the latter "exd the circumstances to him sked if he would co-operate me in my investigations by his name and address."

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### Food rationing again?

THERE have been further complaints about the Refectory. On this occasion, claims that the portions have decreased in size, despite the increased prices at the beginning of the academic year. Last week a first-year dentist commented that his meal was three-quarters the size of the previous week and overheard a member of the overneard a member of the Refectory staff say: "It's about time someone com-plained, they're cutting down on everything."

It was suggested to Mr. Humbert, Catering Man-ager of the Refectory, that this could be a move comparable to that on the Vale Site, where the size of meals has declined in an at-



Mr. Humbert categori-cally denied that the Refectory has been pursuing a similar policy. The inquiries by "Redbrick" were the first that he had heard of complaints on this sub-ject. He stressed that the "girls are only human" and that students who felt that they were not getting sufficient food should mention it at the time.

Mr. Humbert concluded:

"On principle we would not alter the size of the portions. They are carefully worked out to be a reason-able size for the majority of our customers."

### Worried minds

ASTON UNIVERSITY has become increasingly unhappy about the present system of selecting university students from sixth forms. The methods used at the moment are based used at the moment are based on interviews and headmasters' reports.
In the Behavioural Science

course, new selection tests are likely to be introduced, to find out how potential students are likely to react under the stress of a university environment. This comes at a time when

there is increasing concern about student wastage rates and the exam failures figures. Dr. the exam failures figures. Dr. Wankovsky of Birmingham University is preparing a report on these very topics, and it is likely to be submitted to Senate before the end of this term.



## Ocean of animosity greets Vietnamese

THE debate held at 1.30 last Wednesday was "This house supports the government of South Vietnam and its American allies in their just struggle against Communist aggression."

The first lunchtime debate for a long time, it certainly proved a ong time, it certainly proved a successful experiment.

Successful experiment.

Speaking to a Deb Hall oozing from the windows and bursting at the seams, Mr. How of the South Vietnamese Embassy began for the proposition by asserting a desire to explain the true nature of the war. Hartley-Brewer grinned knowingly and flexed his tonsils in anticipation. Each time his people had been given an electoral choice, claimed How, they had rejected Communism. He concluded by quoting Kennedy, who had described South Vietnam as a proving ground for democracy in Asia.

Mike Hartley-Brewer then rose.

ground for democracy in Asia.

Mike Hartley-Brewer then rose, and leering seductively, accused the first speaker of passing over the more important aspects of the war. Lashing himself into a fury, he condemned his opponent's credentials. How, he claimed, came from a long line of morally illegal governments, who had used widespread corruption in elections, in which no Communists or even neutralists were allowed to stand.

Throughout, the Brewer on-

### VERDI BY GOG

FROM Wednesday, February 7th to Saturday, February 10th, Guild Opera Group will be performing Verdi's "A Masked Ball" in the Deb. Hall of the Union. Originally centred around the murder of King Gustav III of Sweden, Verdi and his librettist had to yield to the censors, who objected to the murder of a monarch being

the Brewer onthe proposition speaker somewhat and grinmed nerouisly. As the American presence and the South Vietnam Government were totally illegal, concluded Brewer, their struggle could not be just.

Entering the affray, the Rev.
Nauyen-Dinh Ngat justified the war as necessary because he believed the freedom of the South Vietnamese people was actually imperilled by Vietnamese people was actually imperilled by Vietnamese necessary.

Seconding Brewer, Pete Gowan imed that even if the Americans to beat the Vietnamese here of the More of the South Vietnamese people was actually imperilled by V

Please bring all Car Competition money to GENERAL OFFICE (2nd floor of Union) as soon as possible.

More books of tickets can be obtained from CARNIVAL OFFICE.

## THIS WEEK'S SPORT: Season's first victory at Rugger-Soccer 2nd

Men's Hockey

### Semi-finalist beaten

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. 3, MANCHESTER UNIV. 0.

THE first XI entertained Manchester University at Wast Hills on Wednesday. Manchester have reached the semi-finals of the U.A.U. and were unbeaten by Universities until their visit to Birmingham last Wednesday.

The university wasted little time in disposing of Manchester's unbeaten record. Some five minutes after the bully off, Fishburn emerged with the ball on the top of the circle, evaded a flying stick tackle, and slotted the ball neatly past the goalkeeper. Winutes later, the bespectacled dynamo, grabbed his second goal on a long corner.

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committee dealing with the Wast Hills playing-fields agreed to recommend to the University that the pitches be made available for use on Sundays, com-mencing next session. This de-cision means that I.D.S, will be able to function normally next year, atlhough the Metchly Lane pitches will be lost to the Q.E.

The pitches will be used solely by I.D.S. on Sundays, subject to the approval of Mr. Plowright, head

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Univ. 1st XI: won 34.

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1st XV v. Manchester
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v. Cheadle "B": lost 7-3.

Sundays : Students 2/ FOLK KLUBB OLD CROWN INN

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CLUB AIM

Junior Cup Final-Extended use of Wast Hills-Basketball, Lacrosse

SWEET TASTE OF

**VICTORY** 

AST Wednesday the everlastingly mighty university Rugby team took the damp citadel of Manchester by storm, and they also managed the University in the afternoon as well. The taste victory was indeed sweet, as Manchester are the semi-finalists in the U.A.U. and so with the scent

It was Manchester's misfortune that Brum chose this game to unleash their new secret weapon the dainty, beautifully-shaped foot of chairman Phil Taylor. On two occasions in the first half, ainst the wind, he hit the ball between the sticks to notch up the points which mattered.

strong in their nostrils they proceeded to look for new scalps and pubs.

Competent-not

outstanding

E the perimeter of the Iffley Road running track, Birming-

Basketball

Birmingham ........ North Staffs. Tech.

Golf

POOL WIN AT

HOYLAKE

Birmingham 31, Liverpool 41

rows, English girls' champion, Ian Caldicott finally won after an exciting struggle. Penny's missed 3 ft. birdie putt on the 10th would have squared the match, and then Hoylake's tough finish proved too much for her, the match ending a 4-2 win for Brum. On his home course Arnold Waun lost 2-1.

29pts. for

John Lord

m University Soccer Club performed competently rather sutstandingly when they beat Oxford Centaurs.

The backs were hardly ever in the picture, but Pete Williams proved to be a graceful mover in retrieving the balls which went astray. Bob Kottler, at scrum-half (the man who puts it in) had another splenting marking is uncomfortably close and their tackling sobertough. However, on the day Birmingham resorted to the tactics, but again found trouble in converting midfield accolless which stabilised this sometimes eratic team.

It is to be hoped that this uni-

sometimes eratic team.

It is to be hoped that this university will keep up the new found form, and keep on the winning way. Why not see this reformed side in action, on as well as off, the field. Support is required today on Bournbrook at 2.30 p.m. when Brum take on Bristol University in the first home game of the season. It's all good free entertainment.



RALPH BANTHORPE

Rugger Club enjoy first success: Back row (I. to r.): T. Monnington, P. Mihalop, J. Battersby, M. Young, J. Suggate, A. Landon, P. Williams, J. Davis; front row: T. Brentall, M. Macloss, W. O'Neill, R. Huges, P. Taylor (captain), R. Phillips, C. Lee.

Athletics

## **Banthorpe** wins indoor title

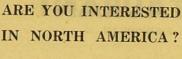
A<sup>T</sup> the A.A.A. indoor championships last Saturday the University A.C. showed its high

Ralph Banthorpe, a first-year dental student, comfortably won the 200 metres title, even won the 200 metres title, even though he had to run with the handicap of being spiked at the first bend and losing his shoe at the same time. Not surprisingly his final time of 22.8sec. was not as fast as his qualifying times of 22.6 sec. (University indoor record) which were achieved with the minimum effort needed to reach the final effort needed to reach the final.

Pete Miller substantiated his good run of last week when he ran the second fastest qualifying time in the 300 metres of 1m, 54.5s. (Uni-versity indoor record). In the final he again recorded a good time of 1m, 55s. despite being pushed

### Canoe Club

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# SIX ARRESTS AT APARTHEID



Students gather for last Saturday's South Africa demonstration.

# MEETING

LAST Saturday afternoon, six students were arrested in the Bull Ring, where they had been protesting at a South African trade exhibition that was being held there. One of the students was from Birmingham University—Dave Buttrick, the new editor of "Left", and the other five were from Aston University. They appeared in court last Monday and were remanded on bail until February 28th.

The demonstration started at about two o'clock in Chamberlain Square, where just under a hundred people from various socialist organisations, both in the city and in the universities, gathered. They then marched to the Bull Ring with typical lack of attention from the Birmingham shoppers, and there held a rally, several people making speeches protesting about apartheid in South Africa and about the trade

a number of students went into the exhibition itself and tried to discuss the problems of South Africa with the staff on the exhibition stands

es taif on the exhibition stands.

The Bull Ring police were continually moving them on, but a group of people sat down and were later arrested by the police who had been called in. The rest were ejected from the Bull Ring.

Many feel that to try and get arrested — which was apparently what the students had been trying to do, was to a certain extent irresponsible. Martin Lowe said on Monday evening: "The only thing that this achieves is possibly a certain notoriety for the people concerned. Having discussion with the people concerned is much more effective."

There will be daily lunch-time pickets in the Bull Ring until the exhibition finishes.

Demonstration

leads to death

THE occasional startling

lack of communication between students and universities was tragically illustrated recently at the new University of Wessex, when a member of the academic heard. Mr. Sidney

demic board, Mr. Sidney Purviss, died from injuries he received after falling off

the roof of the new Tower

he received after falling off the roof of the new Tower Restaurant.

The members of the board were stranded on the roof at the end of the "topping out" ceremony, when the ladder used to climb on to the roof was removed by students as part of a "non-violent demonstration against the squandering of university money." According to the President of the Students' Union: "While £75,000 has been wasted on this restaurant, 70 per cent of our students are living in tents two miles from here."

The comment from Mr. Tony Fisk, acting assistant pro-vice-chancellor, was: "I cannot understand these complaints—these students are like a lot of irresponsible will then they complain. I admit that our accommodation facilities at Wessex are limited, but plans are going ahead to purchase a number of ex-Civil Defence Nissen huts in 1973. Of course, negotiations will take some time yet ..."

Officially, the meeting ended at this point, but

# Saturday. Such an action is not only irresponsible, but also utterly pointless. It does nothing but waste the time and money of everyone concerned, and in addition alienates public opinion to what is, after all, very good grounds for protest.

STUDENTS and trouble are almost synonymous in the minds of those outside universities; inside the position is hardly different.

hardly different.

The standard of behaviour tolerated inside the Union, and especially in the bars, is one which is unheard of in any other student union, and which in a public bar would result in the police being called at regular intervals.

police being varied at regular intervals.

Some improvement in the standard of behaviour around the Union is long overdue, when it comes to the point that we cannot be trusted with

we cannot be trusted with a licence to extend the bar opening time.

Standards of behaviour outside the Union seem little better when one considers the case

of the group of students who

of the group or students who went down to the Bull Ring with the intention of getting themselves arrested during the demonstration at the South Africa trade exhibition last

Saturday.

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President Charles Wright has had an unfortunate time as far as the composition of his Exeas the composition of his Executive is concerned. On election last summer both the Guild Relations Officer and University and to resign duen their imminent departure from the University. Last Christma Mark Burke resigned over the issue of excessive paperwork, and now John Palmer and Rhys Vaughn have also resigned. Vaughn have also resigned.

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It is time for Executive to try and forget any personal differences they have have and ast as a cogent body, with some sort of purpose behind them. The President's job, already difficult, cannot be made any easier by the rapidly-changing personnel on his Executive, He must either think out new ways of administering them, or else abandon all hope of introducing any reforms at all this session.

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### CANADA FLIGHT

THERE are still quite a few places left for the Guild charter flight to Canada. Mrs. Williams, of Canada. Mrs. Williams, of the Union travel office told "Redbrick" last week that the flight is open to full-time students and members of staff, or anyone with ex-ternal membership of the union. The cost is £47 10s. to Toronto, the plane leaving on July 9th and return-

ing on September 15th.

The organisers are also trying to get visitors' visas trying to get visitors visas to the States, together with clearance cards, etc. Anyone interested in joining the flight should see Mrs. Williams in the travel office on the second floor of the Union.

### Aston Exec. pressured

Members of Aston University Executive claim that pressure is being put on them to resign from their posts. They feel that this is an attempt by the authorities to curb the recent increase of student activity on the campus. The pressure from the academic authorities has varied from a gentle warning to a grim ultimatum. The possibility of termly reports to be submitted on their academic progress has been suggested.

## DINERS TAKE A TICKET TO RIDE

N an attempt to save the Halls administration £750 a ar, Mason Hall J.C.R. have launched an experimental meal-ticket scheme to prevent non-residents from eating in the hall residents from eating in the hall free of charge. Last term, up to 200 outsiders each week were receiving a free evening meal, causing additional expense to the hall and lengthening the meal queues. On many evenings the kitchens had to cook \*\*\* xtra meals at short notice, and regular residents who took their meal towards the end of the serving period were frequently subjected to long hold-ups, and were given food of a lower quality than that advertised on the menu. the menu.

The initiative for the new scheme whereby each resident is given tickets for five weekday suppers and two weekend lunches, came from the hall J.C.R. Committee. The Vale Site authorities had been working on ideas for a similar scheme for some time and are viewing the present experiment with interest. It is hoped that a ticket system may be inaugurated over the whole site if the Mason pilot scheme is a success.

Jeff Defries, President of Mason Hall J.C.R., told "Redbrick": "In an effort to try and modify an increase in fees, we are presenting the Administration with as many

economies as we think possible and practical without unnecessarily interfering with the liberty of the student." The general consensus of opinion in the Hall is that the new ticket system will be a worthwhile innovation, although there is a certain amount of opposition to certain facets of it from some J.C.R. members.

### Beauty Queens at 3B.'s

THE B.B.B.'s dance on Friday, February 23rd, will be organised in conjunction with Carnival, who plan to hold the Birmingham preliminaries of the "Carnival Queen" contest in the Deb. Hall the same even-ing. The six girls going for-ward from this heat will join six girls from the Aston preli-minaries in the finals to be held on March 6th. Last year, all three eventual winners came

three eventual winners came from Aston.

The groups appearing at the dance are Elmer Gantry's Velvet Opera (whose first record, 'Flames', was very popular but did not get enough coverage to put it in the charts) and the Freedy Mack Show, an American rhythm and blues group featuring girl dancers.

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