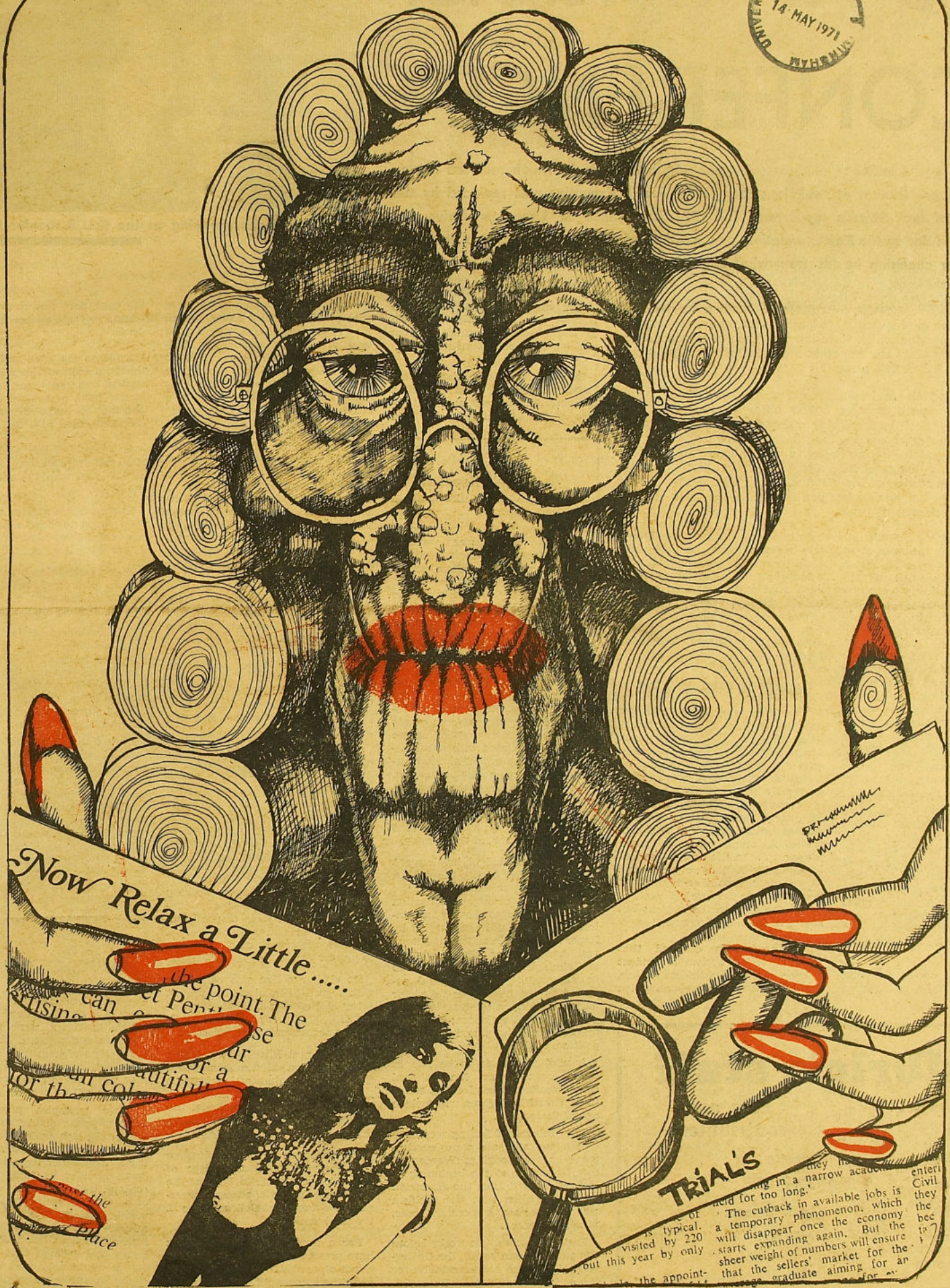


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LEFTWARD MOVE AT N.U.S. CONFERENCE

TWO years ago a minor revolution took place within the N.U.S., which received not an insignificant amount of publicity, when Trevor Fisk's Executive was replaced by the leftish group of Jack Straw's supporters. The 1971 Conference at Lancaster University, which was held during the Easter vacation, saw another leftward transition: this time with political power changing hands from what might loosely be termed the "Left" to the "Militant Left."

Last December a meeting took place in London attended by members of a group of about 50 student leaders, where contingency plans were formulated which were later to come to fruition in the election of Digby Jacks and ten other representatives of this group, to the 15-strong N.U.S. Executive.

The Monday Club see these election results as yet another retrogressive step in student politics, but an objective report on this conference must see it as something different, without necessarily going to the other extreme of hailing it as the dawn of a new age. Critics would maintain that an objective report would only be left-biased, because the delegates were motivated in that direction without being representative of the views of "their own students"; or because delegates not having left political affiliation were shouted down—as they undoubtedly were.

Jack Straw's opening remarks at the conference took the form of an attack on the Monday Club, which he described as "a small, tightly-knit group of politically-motivated jackasses, whose cavortings can cause shame even to their colleagues in the Tory Party."

He went on to reject as "a big lie" their accusation that N.U.S. is no longer concerned with educational matters, having subordinated these to other issues such as South Africa, industrial relations or immigration. In refuting this slander Mr. Straw gave many examples of the work N.U.S. is doing in the educational field.

Perhaps this is one of the junctures at which Straw's "Left" and Jack's "Militant Left" part company, because an important aspect of the wages-grants campaign discussion centred around a paper presented by Ray Phillips (President of Birmingham 1968-69) went a step further than Straw in that it made no apology for including what could be regarded as non-educational considerations in the demand for a student wage.

The conference considered that student grants should be replaced

by student wages, with the Executive making moves to lobby the Government to get the statutory grant replaced by a uniform minimum wage and to organise a widespread campaign to explain the reasons to the public. These reasons are best seen in the form they took in Mr. Phillips's discussion paper:—

UNDERLYING THEME

"The basic underlying theme of this new approach is that knowledge is to be valued not so much for its own sake as for the potential good/evil that it can bestow on mankind. Expressing this idea in a slightly more familiar way, we may assert that no discipline can be adequately appreciated or usefully studied unless placed in the context of its moral and social implications. . . . In the case of Student /Community Action we are bound to recognise that there is almost limitless scope for project work of value, not only to the student but also the local environment."

The conference declared that "Without a fair system of student finance from the school-leaving age, the expansion of higher education

served only to increase the opportunities for the middle-class child at the expense of children from working-class environments."

On a lighter note, a delegate from London University, speaking with a distinctly Irish accent, said that before going to university he had

By a
"Redbrick" Reporter

worked for five years as a labourer on a building site, and was opposed to the idea of a student wage in that it effectively brought students down to the level of workers, whereas he felt strongly that the defeat of capitalist lay in bringing the level of workers up to that of students. He enquired as to whether failure to pass exams would carry with it the right to redundancy pay!

The institution of a student-wage campaign follows closely on the heels of one for an increase in student grants. The conference was under no illusions about the degree of failure associated with this campaign. A meeting held at this University to discuss the campaign, was attended by fewer than a dozen people, and from conversations at Lancaster it would appear that this response was typical of that throughout the rest of the country.

Unless mass student involvement can be achieved during the session 1971-72, a call for an attack on the binary system of higher education (technical colleges having an inferior status to universities) led by Roger Howarth (President of Aston) and Anne Naylor (President-elect of Birmingham) seems unlikely to be successful. The proposal accepted by the conference called for demonstration; sleep-ins to integrate halls of residence; joint attendance of lectures and a national petition.

A pilot protest is to be run in three areas before the national demonstrations take place. It seems likely that Birmingham will include one of these areas.

The problems of finding accommodation for students were encountered by the Lodgings Warden at this University at the beginning of last session, but from the discussion it became clear that the problem was far more acute in certain areas, notably Swansea.

Last September, two weeks before the autumn term began, the University still had no accommodation for 300 of its new students. There followed an urgent appeal from the Accommodation Officer, which resulted in just sufficient places being found to house all the students—at least on a temporary basis.

However, such temporary accommodation has been found to suffer disadvantages. Six girls in a



Digby Jacks speaking at the N.U.S. conference.

cramped flat, who paid £2.70 each, were given four days' notice. When they requested tenants' rights to at least seven days' notice, the landlady moved the new tenants (10 working men) into the house to force the girls out. The girls spent the last weeks of term in a bed-and-breakfast house, which they had to leave by 9 a.m. and not return before 9 p.m.

Conference considered that the housing shortage was in no way a problem peculiar to students. "Student accommodation problems are part of the national housing problem which should be treated as a national emergency. The ultimate solution lies in the nationalisation of land and the building industry."

The issues so far described have an unquestionable relevance to both students and education. Despite contentions that the N.U.S. should confine itself to educational discussions, a change in its constitution two years ago, permits the conference to discuss virtually any matter it wishes. It chose to discuss both the Industrial Relations and the Immigration Bills.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

"The N.U.S. Executive is instructed to give the full support of the combined student body to the efforts of the working class, to maintain their rights threatened by the Industrial Relations Bill."

The conference called for support to be given to all groups working in opposition to the Bill; such support to take the form of participation in local and national action, and the offering of union facilities to protest groups.

No similar action was called for with regard to immigration, protest being limited to a condemnation of the Bill, and those supporting voluntary or involuntary repatriation.

Last year at Birmingham during the occupation of the Administration buildings in protest against the University's involvement in the University College of Rhodesia, no action was taken against individuals.

The following incident took place at Margaret McMillan College of Education and came to light at the conference when a student representative from that College spoke at the final session.

For a number of years students have pressed for the removal of the terms of occupancy concerned with prohibited hours for visitors to the Halls of Residence. This request has always been refused.

In a report to the Governing Body meeting, the Principal said:—

"... any visitors during prohibited hours are trespassers and that if students wish to pursue a way of

life that does not conform to my terms, they should become day students."

Evidence was apparently laid with the Principal to the effect that a student had had a man in residence in her room over a period of time and that the use of drugs may have been connected with this matter.

As a result of this allegation, the Hall was searched by the Principal at 4.30 a.m. with the assistance of the police.

In the event a number of students were found to have men in their rooms and subsequently disciplinary action was taken against them.

Digby Jacks takes over from Jack Straw. How well has Straw succeeded as President of N.U.S. and what can be expected of Jacks?

It is an undeniable fact that Left-wing politicians seem much more prone to in-fighting than do their counterparts on the Right, and on a number of occasions during his term of office, Mr. Straw has shown something approaching brilliance in his handling of difficult situations.

During the 1970 Bradford conference Straw was faced with a minor rebellion from smaller colleges claiming that they were getting poor treatment as members of N.U.S. An articulate Welshman speaking for these colleges, threatened to wreck the proceedings, through his ability to produce a very emotive atmosphere. When his third request for an extension to his speaking time was greeted with a thunderous 'Aye' from the assembly, Mr. Straw intervened and with five minutes of rational speech soothed the troubled waters.

DRUGGED STUDENT

At Lancaster, the President showed a similar ability, when a student, evidently suffering from the effects of drugs, went on to the platform and occupied his seat. Despite offers of help from some delegates, Straw refused to allow the man to be forcibly removed, waiting instead until he left voluntarily.

These examples present Jack Straw's public ability to handle a crisis, and it is understood that he is no less capable at Executive meetings. The author inquired of Digby Jacks whether he would be able to contend with ideological differences of opinion between himself and the members of his Executive. He admitted that this could present serious problems but added that he hoped and believed that such difficulties would not result in the rest of the Executive taking up "an anti-Jacks position."

Mr. Straw, a member of the Labour Party, leaves N.U.S. to contest a seat on the Greater London Council. It is an open question as to what Mr. Jacks, a member of the Communist Party, will be contesting when he leaves N.U.S.

FEMALE PRESIDENT— NO DIFFICULTIES

ANNE NAYLOR, Guild President-elect for 1971-72 is confident that her victory last term was in no way a reflection of women's liberation activities, and she feels that had she stood on a women's lib ticket she would have lost the election. Anne speculates that no difficulties will arise from the fact that she is Birmingham's first female President, except that people may tend to credit her mistakes to the fact that she is a woman. She stresses that if the University authorities think that she is a weak little girl they're going to get a surprise.

Anne and Paul Dodgson, Vice-President Elect, have not as yet worked out their specific roles in relation to one another. Originally the Vice-President's role was envisaged as the Chairman of the External Affairs Committee but Anne says she is externally orientated herself and does not think that this alone should be the Vice-President's primary role. She feels that the Vice-President should take the work load off the President as this was the main reason for the Vice-Presidential sabbatical year.

"We shall probably work together at first as far as Department Committees are concerned and Paul will work out his more specific role—from there. He may take an interest in Community Action and other projects like this, for which my time is limited."

Anne's first priorities on coming to office are to work towards greater involvement at all levels in the University by setting up Guild Commission on the structure and functioning of the Guild.

"This Commission would not only include members of the Guild Constitution Committee but would also, I hope, include all special interest groups on the campus, such as Athletic Union, the Halls and even Women's Lib."

Anne believes that the Birmingham students are more apathetic this year than in the previous two years. "I don't know why. It may be because the students tend to associate with other interest groups apart from the Guild, which is primarily departmentally orientated and hence does not reflect these interests. I think Guild ought to be made more relevant to the students. I don't believe that the apathy is widespread; it may just be a backlash on the activities of the last two years."

Anne has no particular plans for bettering the lot of the female student as she feels that there are many others who are more oppressed, and more important. "I agree with a lot of Women's Lib but I should like to think I will be trying to benefit everyone."

She agrees with direct action as an ultimate weapon with two reservations. "Firstly it is liable to give students as a whole a bad reputa-

tion and secondly if it is used too often it becomes ineffective. But some properly-used non-violent direct action is a useful weapon."

Anne feels that the Guild does not make enough effort to publicise its proceedings and said she was impressed by a publication of a few years ago called "Hot Air", which gave a cynical but factual account of Guild affairs.

"I think that Guild Hansard and Information sheets are acceptable but perhaps too formal. Something more on an *ad hoc* basis which reached all parts of the campus would be better. 'Hot Air' was successful because it was attractive and unusual."

As regards to interest outside the Presidency, Anne said that she had outside interests but they were all mainly connected with her work as President. Next year Anne will return to her medical studies. "I don't particularly want to get caught up in the Hospital rat-race or become a G.P. I think community medical work experiencing medical problems at their root causes would be the most rewarding career."

Biology bomb scare



Evacuees from the Biology building waiting to be allowed back in.

THE Biology building was evacuated on Monday last week following a 'phone call to the Vice-Chancellor telling him that a bomb had been planted there. The 'phone call was timed at 11.15 a.m. However, it was not

until 11.25 a.m. that fire alarms in the building were sounded.

A search was made by the police, University security guards and members of the engineering staff, while firemen

stood by. No bomb was found and at 12.40 p.m. staff and students were allowed back into the building with instructions to carry out detailed search of their work areas. This, too, brought no result.

The drinks machines, together with two cigarette machines, will remain in the Games Room.

Anne Naylor—next year's President.

GRANTS UP

THE announcement last Friday that the Government are to increase the level of student awards by £76 million over the next three years may easily have led you into believing that you would be getting at least an extra £70 with your grant next year. This may not be the case.

The announcement came at the second stage in negotiations for increased grants; the discussions between the Department of Education and Science and the local education committees to decide how much money was available for the increase. The first stage involved a joint working party of members of D.E.S. and N.U.S. to decide the amount necessary to restore the maintenance grant to its original level, taking into account the rise in cost of living, etc. The amount announced as available falls short

of the amount proposed by the joint working party by £35m.

Obviously not all the proposals put forward can be implemented. These include the ending of discretionary awards for students taking H.N.D. or other recognised qualifications (i.e., such students should automatically be awarded a grant instead of the decision being left to individual local education authorities) and the abolition of parental contributions. It may well be that some sort of compromise will have to be reached, especially with regard to abolition of parental contribution.

The allocation of the £76 m. over the three-year period will be decided during meetings this week between Mrs. Thatcher, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals and the N.U.S.

Conversion

DURING the Easter vacation, the games room has been redecorated, refurbished and a colour television receiver installed. These alterations have been carried out with a view to the games room being used as an overflow to the Coffee Room at peak periods, and to provide an additional television viewing facility, until such time as the major scheme of converting Founder's Room and Reading Room has been carried out.

It is intended that Founder's Room and the existing Reading Room should be converted into one large room providing a full snack and bar service. After completion of this work (it is hoped during the Long Vacation), the Games Room will be used solely as a television room, and will be refurbished accordingly. It should be mentioned that the expense of this work will be borne by the U.G.C. for all furnishings and by the University authorities for structural alterations—the Guild will only pay for redecoration.

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V.S.O.

a need for
volunteers

DURING the winter months a handful of V.S.O. staff members have toured countries overseas visiting volunteers and looking for volunteer assignments for the following year. Their visits included India, Ceylon, Thailand, Laos, Colombia, Malawi, Zambia and Uganda. What follows is a brief resumé of some of their impressions.

Policy is essentially fluid and inherently full of dilemmas and apparent contradictions. Nevertheless, there are two basic aims which remain absolute: the first is to give practical help to developing countries, and the second, to increase understanding between young men and women of this country and of the developing nations. These are

the two pegs upon which V.S.O. has to hang each project and are the criteria which on tour one forgets at one's peril.

On tour one may set off with a jaundiced eye and sceptical mind; for instance: "I had gathered that the projects in Colombia were window-dressing in a country where funds were abundant." In the final

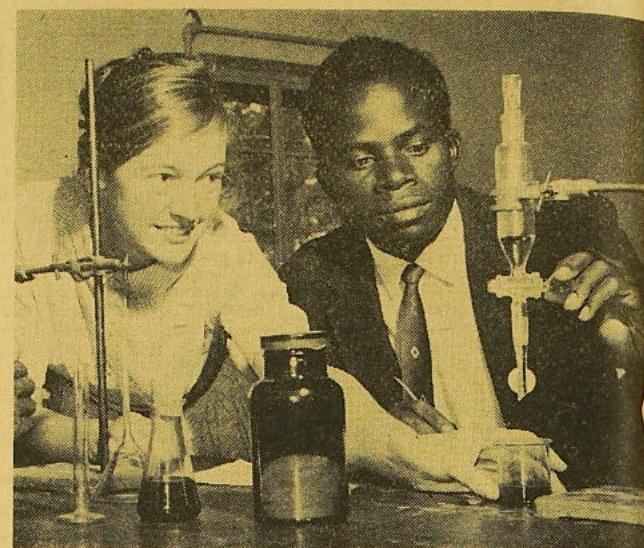
report these projects were seen to be not only viable in their own right but also as stepping-stones to a more practical involvement in the development of the country—to openings in social work in the cities' barrios and medical work in the rural areas.

Each country views its volunteers in a special way. "Colombians do not fear those who bring gifts, nor respect them either." Or: "There is no doubt at all that the British volunteers have a special place in the hearts of Indians, who talk of the V.S.O.s with parental pride."

These divergent views must be respected; we can only do what we are asked to do, and sometimes not even that for lack of volunteers with the right qualifications.

Each volunteer and each project has to be seen against the physical, political and economic background. A patchwork of impressions sometimes emerges; of beautiful people in beautiful countries. But to read that "Thais are gentle, friendly, warm people, hospitable and kind, loving children, and music and flowers," may make one forget that in Thailand a volunteer needs to be able to adapt to the intractable paradox of "a hostility towards Western ideas and the fact that a farang (foreign) teacher is a source of enormous prestige."

And the impressions of a volunteer are "that the national culture promotes a way of life that blends imperceptibly into the horizon; a curious anonymity, a 'replaceable on request' nothingness, where all that one does as a volunteer is accepted with most gracious smiles,



and promptly lost in a great open bowl of non-resistance."

In another country the first impression of "The descent to the airport over a lagoon surrounded by palm-fringed, sandy beaches is but a foretaste of the further delights of Ceylon, and one feels that everyone should be on a perpetual holiday to savour it all to the full, and on the surface the Ceylonese themselves do not appear to have an air of insouciance and gaiety.

However, a visitor does not take long to realise that beneath this carefree atmosphere the island is divided by both political and racial tensions. But on a personal level the situation for volunteers is a very encouraging one, providing they keep out of any political involvement."

In Ceylon the role of the volunteer is still one of meeting the real shortage of middle-range manpower, and the government still sees them foremost as technical aid.

Again in Malawi this personal satisfaction of the volunteer is emphasised. "The atmosphere of Calvinist restraint does not seem to affect the morale of volunteers significantly. And they are working in a country where the average income per capita is one of the lowest in Africa, and where the need for external assistance is an obvious one."

Where racial tensions and civil war have wrecked a country's economy, the need for volunteer help in schools, hospitals, and community development projects is obvious. In the Eastern States of Nigeria, "the effects of the war are most clearly seen from the state of the roads and the buildings. Few buildings on the road from Onitsha to Enugu are free of a disfiguring rash of bullet and shell holes, some are completely gutted and stand gaunt and deserted.

"Schools in particular have been badly hit, because they were ideal billets for soldiers and accordingly attracted mortar and small-arms fire from the other side."

Fifty V.S.O.s have been requested for the Eastern States and in situations like this it is difficult for the touring officer to resist the temptation to promise them. But many things have to be considered—the suitability of living conditions, the supervision of volunteers, and above all—V.S.O.'s ability to supply them.

Despite newspaper reports which imply that Uganda is scarcely a safe place to be at this time, following the recent military coup, the volunteers have been left in peace to go about their work. It is not for political reasons that we cannot hope to send more than 20 to 30 extra teachers to Uganda when the Government has asked for 100—but simply because V.S.O. has not enough to send.

On tour we must constantly remember the V.S.O. supply and demand curve—and particularly the supply bit. At this time of the year we are painfully conscious that we don't have enough volunteers to go round.

Obviously, volunteers have to be what they are best trained to be. No one can go leaping off into the bush brandishing an Honours degree in Economics and Sociology and hope to conquer poverty, suffering and disease in single combat.

V.S.O. could post as many doctors and nurses as it can recruit. Engineers are usually able to get practical experience overseas with V.S.O. though they have had little previously, and they are badly needed in Ceylon, Malawi, Tanzania, and the Caribbean.

There is a permanent and increasing need for teachers in Africa, particularly Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia and Malawi.

Although a clear pattern emerges from this year's tour reports, that most countries want teachers of Maths, Science, English and vocational subjects, there is still some demand for Arts graduates.

Linguists can teach English as a foreign language in North Africa, Rwanda, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia and Colombia. Trained teachers are wanted everywhere.

Above all, host countries overseas hope for volunteers who will feel committed to their work and will make as professional a contribution as possible. It is sad that, bedevilled by the postal strike, V.S.O. is finding it difficult this year to recruit the additional volunteers for which the countries overseas are asking and whose services they would value so much.

G.T.V.
win—no
prize

A LITTLE-KNOWN fact—the National Student Television Association conference took place here during the vacation. Representatives from six student television organisations gathered in Council Chamber to discuss the same topics as last year, totally reorganising the association.

Useful discussion was, however, largely obstructed by petty rivalries between the organisations (our Videotape machine is bigger than your Videotape machine) and nobody ever thought of asking any important questions like "What's the use of student television beyond providing students with the joys of playing with Videotape machines?"

The rivalries came to a head with the competition which was won by GTV with a hastily put-together but well-presented programme of little consequence. The programme was praised by the competition judge, Francis Essex, ATV's Head of Light Entertainment, but ATV itself had previously refused to put up any prize money. This fact was inadvertently overlooked by the company when David Stafford, the programme's director, and Peter Donovan, one of its scriptwriters, were interviewed about their success on "ATV Today."

The prize-winning programme can be seen today in Concourse at 5.15 p.m.

PETER DONOVAN
DAVID STAFFORD

Kids are Real

"YOU'RE taught at school to be able to meet the demand of this society." You're not meant to be interested in too much change."

My main memory of attempts to seize pupil power in school is of frustration; something was very wrong but not knowing enough to dodge the teacher's smiles and the meaningless confessions they made to democracy.

It's not surprising that the "Little Red School Book" is under fire from everyone in shooting range. There are enough university students too, who are uninformed schoolkids at heart to show how well the conditioning has worked.

And the repetition of bungling attempts at representation and participation in the Universities shows an equally hopeless task as an ant trying to stab an elephant in the big toe. It's the schools, where you're taught that you're too small to win, rather than that you're strong enough to lose, that breed uncomplaining factory fodder.

The "Little Red School Book" is never extreme in its views. It's mainly a preliminary information pool; it addresses education systems and ways of teaching them in an orthodox way; sources of information and aid. There is no evaluation or asking of facts, and so little dramatisation that it reads almost like a soul-less textbook; but not quite.

The sections on drugs and sex will probably take the most attacks. The larger part of the drugs section is concerned with tobacco and alcohol, their physical effects and the financial reasons why the Government is unlikely to deal with the problems they cause.

The case for cannabis is accurate and unbiased, although next to those against tobacco and alcohol, it is fairly obvious which way the hash crumbles.

There are essential warnings against hard drugs, and a plea for hash legalisation on the grounds that the official dealer is not likely to try pushing heroin with the hash.

After Martin Cole's problems, Birmingham is unlikely to welcome the section on sex.

"People go to bed with one another for many reasons.

"They are close friends and enjoy talking to one another—with their bodies as well.

"They do it because people need sexual satisfaction, and masturbation is no longer considered to be enough.

"They may lack security and seek it through sex.

"They may be under pressure to do it because everybody else in their group boasts about their 'conquests.'

"They may use sex as a way of exploring their own identities.

"They may have deep feelings for each other and perhaps want to have children.

"Sex may or may not involve strong feelings. Strong feelings may or may not involve sex.

"People who warn you against both

strong feelings and sex are as a rule afraid of both. They haven't dared to do very much themselves, so they don't know enough about it. Or their own experiences of sex may have been bad. Judge for yourselves from your own experiences."

We can expect the Archbishop of Canterbury et al to be waving the finger of damnation at these examples of personal freedom.

But although these two sections are those specifically destroyed to expose the half-truths of education and the media, it is the main part of the book, on the rights of school-kids and the ways they can achieve them, which will have the most devastating effect on the safety of the head-teachers' rostrum.

The attacks on the "Little Red School Book" are really aimed at this liberating attitude; that kids are real and when properly informed have as much power as their masters. Change "kids" for "people" as the final paragraph spreads out from the school-rooms into the streets.

"Work for change always starts with you. The struggle is carried on by many different people in many different places. But it's the same struggle."

MAXINE LINELL

WALL EDITOR
RESIGNS

JOHAN STOBART has resigned as Editor of "Wall." In his letter of resignation to Rod Playford he gave his reasons as being on a matter of principle; namely the removal of articles on "Wall," by Guild Executive.

At the end of last term an article about Rob Levi was removed after it had been claimed that it was libellous. Stobart has stated that "Press Council could have been summoned, at which I could have called at least five witnesses to re-

fute Mr. Levi's claim of untruth in the article."

The article in question was submitted to the Guild solicitor, who replied that "I think the wording... is libellous on the face of it."

However, he added: "... if this is part of a private war it is possible that the courts might take the view that it was merely a jest in doubtful taste."

Last night Guild Council elected Brian Butler as the new editor of "Wall." He was proposed by John Stobart.

In an advertisement which appeared in the "Journal Portugues de Economia e Financas," January 16th-31st, 1971, Barclays announced "Presence maintained in Cabora Bassa."

There was considerable confusion with the announcement at the end of March that the £12 million performance guarantee had come to an end in August 1970.

At the annual general meeting of Barclays Bank on April 26th, Mr. John Thomson, chairman of Barclays, conceded under pressure from shareholders that Barclays D.C.O. was still involved in Cabora Bassa. No performance bonds were outstanding but a line of credit was still available to a sub-contractor.

"Another point to remember is that the Kunen dam will soon be under construction in Angola and when it is completed it will have the same social, economic and political repercussions throughout Southern Africa," commented N.U.S. Secretary-elect Mike Terry.

"So far," he alleged, "Barclays D.C.O. chairman Sir Frederick Seebom has not denied the bank's involvement in this new project."

Applications for
University Nursery

THE University runs a Day Nursery for students' children up to five years old. Twenty children can be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there are a few vacancies (part-time or full-time) for next year. Admissions are governed by priorities laid down by the Health Service Committee. A preliminary list of next year's admissions should be ready by May 31st, 1971, but this is dependent on all possible applications being received before this date. These should be sent to the Lodgings Warden and Student Welfare Adviser, from whom further details may be obtained.

First priority is given to the children of current students whose courses would otherwise have to be discontinued. Places are so short that children of new students are unlikely to be admitted—nor are there likely to be any places for the children of members of staff.

Parents with children at present in the Nursery who wish to apply for next year should notify the Lodgings Warden and Student Welfare Adviser as soon as possible.

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BACK in 1970, after the snow had cleared away and whilst the spring was settling in, groups of young revolutionaries were plotting in the back streets of the City. One such outfit, a team of left-wing politicians, were getting together on the schools movement scene, and planning to form a union in their own schools. By June, with the collapse of BUSS—Birmingham Union of Secondary Schools—imminent, their rival, Birmingham Schools Action Union, was beginning to thrive, with a campaign on "banning the cane" for good.

The Schools' Action Union is a national organisation, with membership open to everyone inside school—school students, ancillary staff and teachers—its basic aims being Equality, Democracy and Freedom. These stand not only for its membership, which is organised along democratic centralist lines leading from branch level within individual schools, through the Districts and Regions, to the National Committee, but also stand for the revolutionised system which is intended to be set up within schools eventually.

The members of the S.A.U. realise that they are not going to get Democratic Schools, with everyone in school running the place, without a Democratic Society. The primary objective of the union, around which its whole ideology is centred, is to bring off mind-revolutionised people willing and understanding the need to overthrow the present system, not only through the eyes of their present struggle, in the education system, but also in later working life, through the modern capitalist state.

In Birmingham, nothing concrete was set out, other than publicity campaign through leaflets, magazines, the Press, television, and getting it to the people in school and on the street, until September. By this time, the group was large enough ("we never give membership figures") to hold regular meetings on Sundays each fortnight. By October, they were being held every week in a committee room at the University of Birmingham Union, the membership growing steadily.

On October 5th, the organisation was ill-prepared for the suspension of the self-styled District Secretary from school by his headmaster, called Greenhalgh. Apparently, the head-teacher had taken offence at his number-one opposition leader being installed as President on the "school council" by an overwhelming majority vote of fifth and sixth-year students. He must have heard of the plans to convene a special meeting of the council, out of hearing of the teachers who had been appointed by Greenhalgh, along with himself, to "look after" the group; and of the intentions to publicly denounce the "council" as a sham, it having no powers other than suggestions to the headmaster (assuming he had allowed any individual points to be discussed in the first place).

Little was done by the S.A.U. at first, other than work quietly as a pressure on the Further Education Sub-Committee. After a month of nothing, and a National S.A.U. Conference later, the whole story of how the member had been suspended for submitting a critical article of his school for publication to the S.A.U. national magazine "Vanguard" was released to the Press for mass publication. (He did not even write the article; it was got together by a couple of other students at his school.)

Things moved fast, with the local Labour Party M.P. jumping in for a slice of political capital, and Margaret Thatcher being brought in to it all when she gave out the prizes at a local school. Eventually the suspended member, who refused to apologise for an article he never wrote, or give a written undertaking promising to keep out of "disruptive activity," or get his hair cut, was put into a nearby College of Further Education, where he has ended the rest of his educational days.

All the publicity from the suspension gave a boost to the Schools' Action Union, nationally, but to the Birmingham group especially. A team of members attempted to inspect Turves Green School (where copies of the S.A.U. "Vanguard" magazine have recently been stolen by the headmistress, Myfanwy Edwards, who has set up her own anti-union in opposition to the N.U.T.) but called the operation off when confronted by an army of police officers.

At King Edwards', Camp Hill, the care-

Schools' Action Union — the first year

taker, Jackson, viciously attacked an S.A.U. member during a leafletting, but was put in his place by two other members, and the Press who also turned up.

At Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School, the S.A.U. and interested parents attempted to set up a Parent-Teachers Association—to discover that such a thing is just NOT DONE without the sanction of the head. A few months later, he set one up himself, anyway!

At the end of the year, Birmingham S.A.U. had brought off some very good meetings, with lectures from speakers of the Association for the Advancement of State Education, Rank-and-File Teachers, International Socialism, Spartacus League and Women's Liberation.

During the winter season-of-no-activity, a close-knit district group was set up to co-ordinate action within the branches, and the first editions of the Birmingham S.A.U. paper "Havoc" were brought out.

A march for comprehensive education was planned, but called off on the day because, (1) permission was refused by Birmingham powers-that-be, and (2) not enough people turned up. Nevertheless, groups of members converged on the Bull Ring, closely followed by the police, and involved themselves on an intensive magazine-selling and leaflet-distribution campaign.

More recently, groups of members have been involved in "Vanguard" selling at school gates. At a number of local secondary schools, copies of S.A.U. magazines and other literature have been stolen by head teachers, and at Kings Norton

Secondary, the headmistress announced at morning assembly that "Vanguard" contains "pornography" (a reference to contraception), threatening to call the police on the return of the sellers.

Of course, the S.A.U. shall return to the school, but on some occasions the police have actually been called in time to "catch" members selling papers, and, within the past few weeks, copies of the "Little Red Schoolbook" now up for prosecution under the

Written for "Redbrick" by a member of Birmingham S.A.U.

"Obscene Publication Act," after a few thousand of the books have been seized by Special Branch (the political wing of the C.I.D.) which follows the activities of the S.A.U. very closely now.

At Blessed Humphrey Middlemore Comprehensive, a police officer arrived in his "panda." He apologetically explained that he had to act upon a complaint he had received that a group of "communists" were dishing out "pornographic literature"; at the same time saying that S.A.U. members were quite within their law-abiding rights to do so—but he wished that it wouldn't happen in his division.

At Archbishop Masterston Boys', the headmaster became quite excited at the group of "hippies" standing at the gates with his lads. He actually drove out in his car and chased them back into school!



Probably the worst case of "pigging" occurred at Colmers Farm, Northfield, where the school students were told to expect groups of "sex and drugs" propagandists who would be coming along with "lice and nits" in their hair, to sell newspapers. Apparently, this sort of advance warning has been given at most schools in south-east and south-west Birmingham, and the S.A.U. does not refuse to investigate such a challenge.

Three members turned up at the gates as the students were being "let free," and promptly began selling. After a few minutes, out came Davis (the school's chief member of staff) and advised the "mere children" to "hopti" before the police come. The students, anxious not to be taken as mindless fool sons and daughters of the working class, stayed put. They wanted to know the truth about the S.A.U. Was it really out to deprave and corrupt them? Were their teachers telling them the truth?

After following the S.A.U. cadre group down the street to a more convenient talking ground three times, the thronging masses of students were soon confronted by two walking weapons of bourgeois suppression—the police.

"Get into that bloody car," shouted P.C. B192 to an S.A.U. member, where he threatened to "get" him on any of six charges, including the "Uniforms Act"—everyone was wearing "fist" badges.

One S.A.U. member went off to phone his legal advisers. Seeing this, headmaster Ball came up claiming that the same member had thrown a large bag at his colleague. He also stated the deliberate lie that S.A.U. had trespassed on school property.

Ball then attempted to take off with a "Little Red Schoolbook." When this was pointed out to a constable by the S.A.U., he sheepishly offered to give it back if his "nightmare" would go and leave him alone.

The S.A.U. member accused, after discussing the events with groups of school students further away, and also phoning the Press, then returned to the scene of near-battle; whereupon, the said constable hastily retracted his threats to arrest him on sight.

Definitely the most incredible case of police violence in Birmingham recently was on March 27th, when a demonstration against British imperialism in Ireland was attacked by a large force of police officers and Special Branch men. At this atrocity, a six-year-old member of the Schools' Action Union was carried off to Digbeth Police Station, along with 12 adult demonstrators who were charged, and have so far still not been tried in court. The young school student was kept by the police for over four hours without food and drink, and despite repeated demands for his release by his parents, friends and lawyer.

This is what we are up against. The authorities, scared of a "pupil-power" uprising, have found that lies and other word fabrications are of no use in protecting their society in which the "stupid workers" must be kept in their place—trained for work and subservience, and barred from the "houses of learning"—the universities and colleges where the managers are trained to manage even better.

The Schools' Action Union, the instrument of everyone in school, the enemy of the sole dictatorship of the head (and behind him, the governors and education committees who are totally unrepresentative of the people at large and the people in the schools) is out to win a victory. A victory for the people is the aim of the S.A.U.: in the first instance, a victory for the people in schools, for their right to organise their own unions and their own schools.

Associate membership open to university students for £1 per year.

Where now for Co-ordinators?

LAST Wednesday, 5th May, the Birmingham Education Committee met and considered the case of Mrs. Jennifer Muscutt, suspended from her position as a teacher at Garrets Green College of Further Education for having taken part, three years previously, in the making of the sex education film, 'Growing Up.' Outside the Education Offices in Margaret Street a large body of people waited while the petition calling for her reinstatement was handed in. The next day it was announced that Mrs. Muscutt was to be reinstated.

A victory for the forces of freedom and justice? Perhaps, but it remains to be seen whether Jenny Muscutt will be permitted to return to Garrets Green, as she has asked, or whether she is to be directed to some other college, at the "discretion" of the Education Committee. It also remains to be seen whether the coalition of "left," revolutionary and liberal groups which came together to take action in her support, will hold together to pursue their common interests now that the immediate issue has been resolved.

The four groups who initially co-operated in the organising of the petition, march and teach-ins (N.U.S., Campaign for Academic Freedom and Democracy, Schools Action Union, and Women's Liberation) have already been joined by other organisations who were involved in the protest action. The march to the Education Offices on Wednesday, May 5th, attracted a large number of people, representing groups as varied as the Socialist Revolutionary Group and Aston University Conservative Association.

More people could have been involved in the proceedings when the march reached Margaret Street, where it attracted the interest of people returning from their lunch-hour or on the way to the shops. Unfortunately, no public address equipment had been brought with the march and it was decided that it would be inadvisable to hold a discussion of the case there and then. Consequently the teach-in at Aston which followed the march was well-attended, but not as well as it might have been if held earlier and did not involve many local people.

However, the meeting did include representatives of the teaching unions, Birmingham college and school students, and teachers, as well as university students. The discussion of further strategy to be adopted in the case either of Jenny Muscutt's reinstatement or of her dismissal resulted in the passing of resolutions calling for the dismissal of Alderman Dawes, the introduction of comprehensive education and the democratisation of schools. The meeting was opposed to the binary system of higher education which discriminates against Local Education Authority colleges, and it was resolved to support anyone who might be in danger of victimisation as a result of their part in the protests.

It was agreed that the ad-hoc co-ordinating committee should be regularised and extended, and the first meeting was held the following Friday (May 7th). At this meeting proposals for pursuing a positive policy aimed at democratising Birmingham, and especially Birmingham education, were discussed. The success of the campaign for the reinstatement of Jenny Muscutt encourages hopes

ing helps to prevent talent emerging in the wrong classes (somebody has to have second-class education in order to provide the second-class citizens necessary to our economy). The authoritarian school structure makes it impossible for the school student to take action on his own behalf (and divides staff from pupils in order to maintain the head teacher's rule. The oppression of women makes possible the continued exploitation of men (for example, by providing a hidden reserve labour force) and perpetuates the bourgeois family system on which authoritarianism (and Capital) is based.

The next meeting of the committee will take place at Birmingham Students' Union, President's Office, on Thursday, May 13th at 7.30 p.m., and anybody interested in participating is invited to attend.

The film which caused the Education Committee's discomfiture will be shown in Deb. Hall this afternoon. One thousand two hundred students at Birmingham University have already seen the film, and a further 1,200 will be able to judge it for themselves this afternoon, and to discuss it with its maker, Dr. Martin Cole.

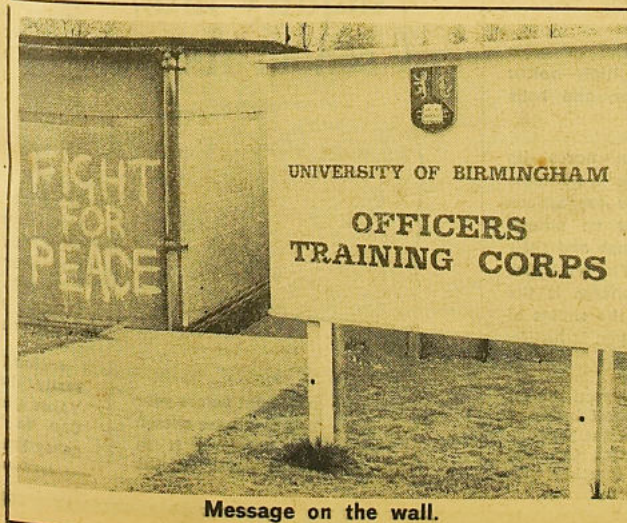
New Student flats

THE University of Birmingham is planning to build self-catering accommodation for a further 500-550 students at its Manor House Estate on the Bristol Road, Northfield. Site investigations have begun, and if they prove satisfactory it is hoped that the project can be completed by October 1972.

The new development will stand on the opposite side of the main drive from Griffin Close, the University's first venture into this type of accommodation, which has proved very successful since its opening last October.

Like Griffin Close, it will be financed mainly by borrowing on mortgage. The Government has advised all universities that the maximum contribution it will make to the cost of providing accommodation for the increasing number of students during the next quinquennium is £250 per place.

At Griffin Close each self-contained unit is fully furnished with bathroom, w.c., kitchen and study-bedrooms for three or four students.



Message on the wall.

Donation

THE receipt of £100 for the Emergency Grant Fund, from a donor who wished to remain anonymous, has strengthened the fund so that a number of students can be helped in this, the first year in which it has been in existence.

Although I have said that the lack of awareness of the University welfare services is unfortunate, this is not strictly true. If they were utilised on a wide scale a sad situation would arise, because not only would the services be drastically overworked, but we would become a neurotic, problem-obsessed campus.

The existing situation means that people who use the services are definitely in need of them and were observant enough to find their whereabouts indicated on the Welfare card issued by the Guild Welfare Committee. However, there are still many people, equally in need of help, who do not realise that assistance is available.

There are, too, those who require help of a kind which as yet is not provided on a large scale in the University—that of a professional counsellor with whom students can discuss problems in strict confidence and know that they will receive



Some of the 1,200 who saw "Growing Up" in Deb. Hall last Friday.

P.N.P. OFF

THERE are better places than Birmingham on God's ever-shrinking little acre for getting it together.

A few people meet, want to start something—like an organisation or a movement—and set about moving round their environment to find the hidden sympathisers, the unknown friends who will help them grow from an idea into a fact.

If they had any choice in the matter they'd automatically look elsewhere for a starting place. Things—good things—tend not to happen more often in Birmingham than anywhere else.

Nevertheless, notwithstanding and by quite a few happy chances the idea of P.N.P. was talked about here last Christmas, written about last February and March, and came about in the last few weeks with a sudden burst of speed and enthusiasm which startled its most optimistic well-wishers.

P.N.P. now exists here. What it exists for was explained in an

article in the final "Redbrick" of the Easter term, but briefly, it is a network of people who are resolved to help alienated and mentally or emotionally isolated people to re-establish some form of genuine relationship.

It sees accepted psychiatric techniques for coping with such problems as largely irrelevant, since they teach people to accept as normal, hostile environments instead of seeking to change that environment. P.N.P. contacts in Birmingham are as follows:—

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AUDRENE: 747 2795 (Castle Bromwich).
PETER: 454 6416 (Edgbaston).
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LORNA: 559 2456 (Halesowen).
JANE: 427 6125 (Harborne).
TED: 354 1069 (Sutton Coldfield).
JANET: 523 7603 (Handsworth).
CLIVE: 523 7603 (Handsworth).
ANN: 454 8877 (Edgbaston).
ANDY: 454 0740 (Edgbaston).
IAN: 449 0409 (Moseley).
CLIVE: 440 0409 (Moseley).
DENNIS: 706 7690 (Solihull).
RUTH: 454 3130 (Edgbaston).

A need for Counsellors

IT is surprising how few students in the University are aware of what welfare services are available here and where to go when a problem arises. At Birmingham we are fortunate to have qualified persons to help us solve any of the wide range of difficulties which inevitably afflict a student. Unfortunately, the benefit of this is not generally appreciated by the bulk of the student population on the campus.

Certainly everyone is aware of the existence of the Health Centre, but how many readers know that the Lodgings Warden is also the General Welfare Officer and can help with loans, or that we have an educational psychologist to help us with work difficulties? How many would think of approaching the Appointments Board for advice before their final year, when it is almost too late to start worrying about vocational decisions, particularly when the pressures of final-year exams might be causing stress?

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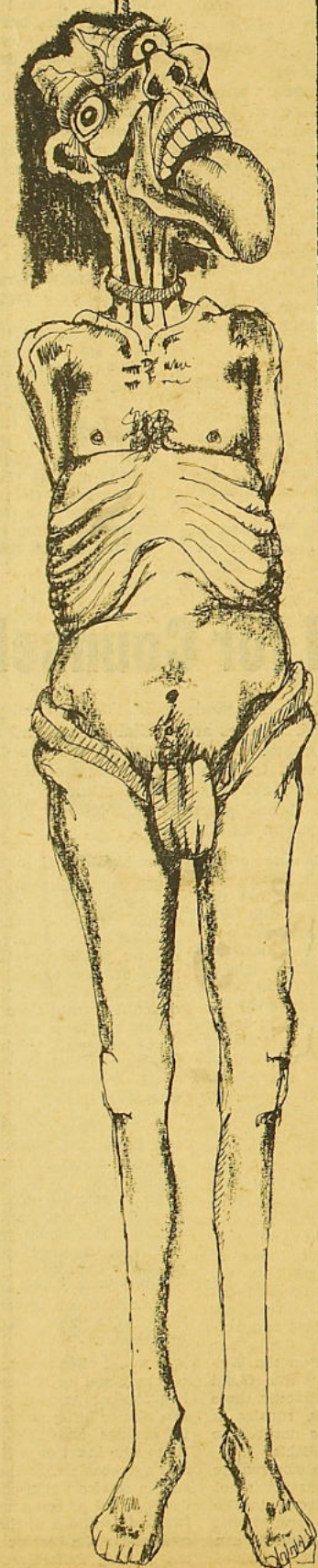
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Some kind of helpful attention. The counselling which is practised in the University now by several people concerned with the different sections of the welfare services constitutes just one part of each person's job. The ideal situation is one in which students can discuss their difficulties with close friends and tutors, but there are inevitably extreme problems which friends are incapable of solving, and few students communicate successfully with their tutors.

So to make a realistic attempt to co-ordinate the welfare services it seems necessary for us to follow the example of several of the other large universities and to establish a central, professional counselling service. This would provide a central location where students could present miscellaneous problems to people specially appointed to help them and, where necessary, to refer them to a more specific welfare department.

It would offer professional advice on study and motivation difficulties, help students to adjust to university life, aim to bring about a reduction in wastage and help to redeploy those who insist on withdrawing. It seems probable that the success of such a service would encourage the development of communications between all sections of the University and ensure the best possible use of the existing welfare services.

B. THORNER.



revolution on trial

The promise of a peaceful, happy summer has been broken.

Traditionally, the majority will pursue its undisturbed, self-absorbed course, drunk with cloudy liberalism, fooled by false optimism, but untouched by the signs of mounting injustice.

Elsewhere, there is a battle about to burst.

IN July, OZ and its directors, Richard Neville, Jim Anderson and Felix Dennis, will tread the dimly-lit corridors of the Old Bailey. The public spectacle of the long-awaited obscenity trial is the climax of a single-minded campaign to wipe the smile from the face of the underground and to land a dirty and heavy blow between all of our legs.

Gaol for LSD student

A student was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment at Middlesex sessions yesterday after admitting having 4284 tablets containing LSD and 433g of LSD in a bag at Muswell Hill.

The scattered outposts of the alternative press, and most other creations of the counter-culture, have suffered repeated interference from religiously pure and clinically motivated police and politicians. They've become used to having their homes trampled by eager hounds, their offices trashed by avid porn hunters and their files and personal belongings stolen, never to be seen again, by Filth Squads hot on the hippy trail.

Four years ago when OZ and IT and a whole wave of media lunatics sprouted and proclaimed a new style, very few people listened. Least of all John Bull and the Great British Establishment. But during this time a lot has happened fast, the

Teacher saves boy in acid mishap

Evening Mail Reporter

QUICK action by a chemistry master saved a 15-year-old schoolboy from serious burns when sulphuric acid spilled over him during an experiment in a city school laboratory.

movement has begun to grow and shape and multiply—voices have echoed louder, and balls have begun rolling.

And so reaction flexes its claws. It's no longer a harmless joke: these weirdos are serious and they're coming up strong. Stop the young thugs and their perverted habits. The cry is law and order. The charge is the crime of breaking the chains of morality. The weapon is Justice.

"Oz Publications, Inc., Ltd., on divers days between the 1st of January and the 8th day of June, 1970, within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court, conspired together with

Vivian Laurence Bergs and with certain other young persons to produce a magazine containing divers obscene, lewd, indecent and sexually perverted articles, cartoons and drawings and illustrations with intent thereby to debauch and corrupt the morals of children and young persons within the Realm and to arouse and implant in their minds lustful and perverted desires."

Finally the guardians of the protestant ethic have declared

BY JOHN TILLEY



unequivocally hostile intentions in the name of decency and silent majorities everywhere. The noise of the Tory machine can be clearly made out above the rustlings of early summer. Already the pouncings are getting more and more regular. The swing to freedom and tolerance is sticking, in some places it has stuck.

The Old Bailey performance marks the end of an era of fun-loving, isolated freakdom, it represents society's aggression to a way of life which is becoming harder to live out.

In case you haven't noticed,

Inquiry into school files

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

The board of governors at a public school is to inquire into the reasons why personal details are included in confidential files on pupils.

Parents complained after girls at the Henry Martin School had written about them in a letter to a teacher's desk. One mother has asked the school to delete the details. The school has agreed to take up the case.

Our correspondent said the girls' entry on her read: "She has a beautiful, pretty, blonde hair and will only be 14 years old. I don't know how she got so lovely" and that her mother was a good-looking woman.

there IS a movement before your very eyes. You may have chosen to ignore it or interpret it in your own warped ways. All the

same it exists. This movement is dying already—cerous diversity, fast-changing cultural strength of today, very great time of old England, liable to spill into the black-out urban

As the great porn and obscenity debate waffles on to nowhere, Lord Longford has been appointed to sort out the good from the bad. In the States recently, Nixon totally rejected the findings of a very respectable and learned 17-man commission into the subject of pornography. They concluded by making recommendations along the Danish lines of enlightenment and common-sense, citing the statistical indications

knowledge in both social and scientific spheres.

I declare that World War III is now being waged by short-haired robots whose deliberate aim is to destroy the complex web of free will life by the imposition of mechanical order.

Timothy Leary

The reaction really set in last year when the Labour lot tabled a new Misuse of Drugs Bill which threatened stiffer treatment all round in the soft drug scenes.

Instead of getting better it went the other way. A reprieve did arrive through the bathroom window as it happened. Out went repressive Socialists. In came new broom repressive Tories who immediately pick up the threads and concoct a particularly severe Misuse of Drugs Bill which looks like ascending to legal status this summer. This is the gist of it:

(1) Increase the maximum penalty for giving cannabis to a friend (in official language "pushing") to fourteen years—the highest fixed penalty in British law at more than twice the average sentence served for murder (Misuse of Drugs Bill, Schedule 4).

Police search protest in Carr bomb case

(2) Require you to prove your innocence rather than the police to prove your guilt (Misuse of Drugs Bill, Clause 28).

(3) Increase police powers by allowing them to "detain for the purpose of searching" on "reasonable grounds." The government has refused to define this phrase (Misuse of Drugs Bill, Clause 23).

And this comes at a time when other countries are growing up about the hash situation, especially in Holland and Canada (a government report has just been published, once again proposing relaxation).

If there is still anyone who's mixed up about the cannabis question, take a look at Michael Schofield's "The Strange Case of Pot"—and bear in mind that at the time of writing the author claims he hasn't had a joint in his life.

Meanwhile Purdie and Prescott face the judges on repeated indictments of bombings. The fuzz search the press and public outside the court and the Angry Brigade continues to blast the system, nowadays opting for boutiques rather than Robert Carrs and Metropolitan Police Commissioners.

"If you are not busy being born you are busy buying. You cannot reform profit, capitalism and inhumanity, just kick till it breaks."

Communique 8: The Angry Brigade.

"Friends" staff are arrested in Ireland which continues to burn on our doorstep. Editor Alan Marcuson is being interviewed by London fuzz. Little red books are ripped off, and piles of alter-

of an improving attitude to sexuality and healthier and more honest social patterns. AND

NIXON THREW IT OUT.

With Longford in the chair, Heath and his pals probably won't even have to stick their necks out that far—it's already been seen to.

On the subject of commissions, has everyone forgotten the Woolton Report on Drugs? That, of course, received a similar fate to the above example. A staggering amount of evidence was typically ignored because of political power considerations. Expert opinion was slaughtered giving way to vague old wives tales and the other repressive

Relatives claim \$57m for Kent State shootings

From Michael Leary, New York, May 4. Claims for damages of some \$57m (\$12.5m were made last year by relatives of five students who were killed and 47 who were wounded in the shooting at Kent State University, Ohio, last year. The figure was made known by a committee of the shooting, which was met last night by members of the university's board.

symptoms of paranoia. Lady W. and Co. suggested nothing particularly controversial: merely a relaxing of the law directed at the ordinary hash smoker and an undertaking to seek greater

native literature is systematically seized up and down the country. Censorship rears its death mask everywhere.

Even the valiant attempts of RELEASE, STREET AID, AGIT-PROP, BIT and THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES are starting to look weaker.

US 'Freaks' to stop traffic

Washington, 1 May

So far there is only a cluster of incidents by which to trace the growth of conflict. Here, we lack the tension with which the American front has been injected (to draw too many parallels with U.S. brothers and sisters is dangerous. There, the diseases are magnified and frequently distorted). Anyhow we can learn from their energies and determination — enthusiasm which seduces tens of thousands into the streets, to celebrate their life-style and rap the knuckles of middle America.

So can we learn from the incredible Dutch, who fight their wars with the bizarre belly-laugh of the kabouter.

If you've been reading your colour supplement you'll know what a far-out city Amsterdam is.

There's very little that goes unnoticed by the gnomes and pixies of the flat lands; as soon as the dwindling mainline establishment element even quietly hints a conservative measure, the people, all kinds of people are right in there shouting the odds, creating havoc and generally having fun. The beautiful thing is that they're actually getting somewhere.

Mick Jagger was on television here the other night and said he was an anarchist. An anarchist? Mick Jagger is staying at the Georges Cinq hotel. If he wants caviare, the head waiter says yes sir Mr. Jagger and sends someone off to Russia.

Jean-Jacques Lebel

Tucked away in the folds of a vivid, trembling backcloth of world events, Britain begins to gather its own stormclouds. If you keep your eyes open nowadays, it's getting more and more difficult to remain detached; it looks like we are about to see and feel a series of repressive attacks against virtually everything which isn't strictly normal and safe and prescribed. The reaction will intensify in coming months and we are going to have to experiment with ways to fight it.

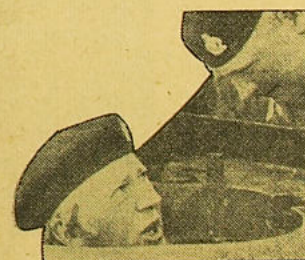
Leaving the drama aside for the time being, it is fair to say that the OZ trial is but a foretaste of darker things to come. Few counter-culture organisations have had a change to dig in and prepare their defences; even considering OZ's amazing success story and its developed identity, the birth of a new force in the creases of INK, its security is critically balanced. It might be silenced. A warning to others, delivered in brutally puritan tones, a cold reminder of how much time we all have to serve under the present governors.

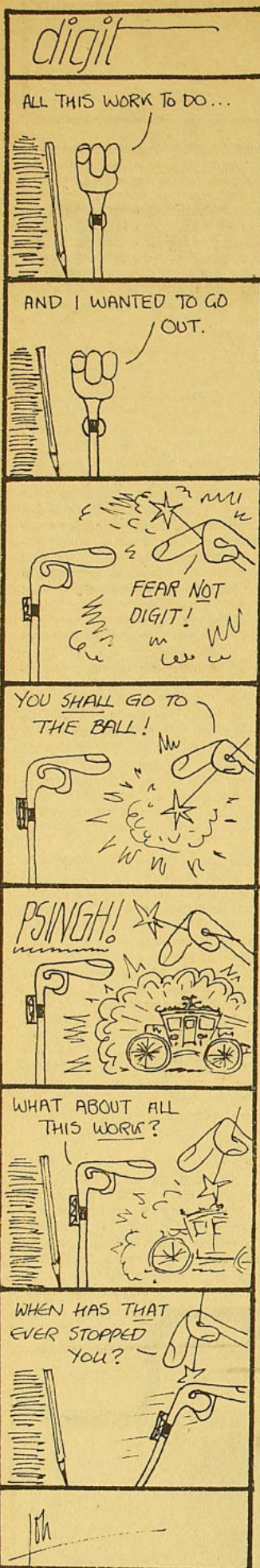
Up till now oppression has usually taken a subtle guise—the future may well bring more and more blatant moves for which the Maudslings and Nabarro's crave your support, or your silent impotent acceptance.



NIXON: "We're going to see Government workers are not interfered with."

Barefoot mobs threaten to paralyse Washington U.S. ARMY CALLED OUT TO CHECK HIPPIES





LAST term the University Senate agreed to increase student numbers from 7,000 in 1972 to approximately 9,000 by 1977. This decision was accompanied by a debate on the campus, primarily restricted to the academic staff, on facilities and resources needed to do this. Indeed, the Court of Governors resolved that unless the U.G.C. and the Government met the University's needs on accommodation the University would actually resist an increase in student numbers.

All taking part in the debate assumed that the education the University was giving its students was adequate, it was sufficiently good to not seriously consider altering any expansionist plans. It is the contention of this article that the education offered by Birmingham University inhibits severely the development of its student members and until the university is democratised and made more receptive to the needs and demands of contemporary society, H.M. Government would do well to channel its increasingly scarce resources into developing alternative and more flexible forms of higher education.

In two weeks' time the annual farce commences: the terminal and final examinations. Some 5,000 students will be coerced into over-awing and stuffy halls in weather that should be appreciated to write all they know on one particular subject in three hours.

This situation, and the anxiety it produces can be juxtaposed against the holiday camp atmosphere on the campus induced by June sunshine. Exams provide the most effective means the University has of forcing students to conform to its educational ideals.

Under Ordinance 22 of this University this can often mean the educational ideals of the head of the department. If the student fits into the educational slot well he is rewarded—a pass on to next year's exams or a good degree.

Many of the anti-educational aspects of examinations are widely documented and often admitted by University authorities, few however seem enthusiastic to change them. They remain because they retain the power situation of the staff over the student and enhance the educational myth that teacher always knows best.

In 1967 Tom Fawthrop, a student at the University of Hull tore up his final papers and walked out of the examination. For this act the University felt unable to label him and give him a piece of paper which told the world how good he was.

For Universities to abandon exams many argue, would be for it to abandon

education for what?

don its standards and its status in the educational world. This usually ignores the high wastage rates the examination system engenders and the inflexibility which examinations cause to the detriment of a student's education.

For the University to stop sacrificing the annual 10 per cent on the altar of standards and to abandon the sacrosanct path of elitist education would mean a total reappraisal of its role in higher education in this country.

DESPITE Robbins, Universities still believe in "academic education," the training of an elite, the importance of research, the search for value-free truth. The inadequacy of this educational concept in contemporary society can easily be shown by the increasingly high proportions of graduates who fail to find employment.

National reports commissioned by the Government are increasingly being sceptical of University education. The high percentage of unemployed graduates is an illustration not only of the poor career services in Universities (as was noted by the Heyworth Report) but more fundamentally of the type of education being given by Universities.

Historically the University of Birmingham, like most civic Universities, was conceived for the people of Birmingham. Josiah Mason, the founder of what became the University hoped to develop an institution for the education of Birmingham's illiterate poor. It developed through Chamberlain's conception into a manifestation of civic pride. The Charter in 1900 was an accolade of recognition to the second city in the land. The University's major departments were orientated toward commerce and industry. Its early intake was primarily Brummies.

The demand for research necessitated by the needs of Victorian industrialism established strong research traditions quickly in Birmingham University. The concept of an academic community was established in the Charter with the novelty of three student governors appointed by the Guild of Undergraduates and in the small size of the institution—about 700 in the first year. Departments being small the professor was a more representative expression of departmental opinion than today and performed a more useful function on Senate.

THE academic ideal of education, however, once entrenched in Birmingham, remained. The local community was soon jettisoned, education for those who could afford it replacing the working-class intake with a middle and Upper-class elite. The University began to develop its site on the Calthorpe estate and move out of its original buildings in the city centre where it was an important feature of local life.

After the second World War it was firmly established in Edgbaston, not one of the most deprived sections of the Birmingham community. Due to the increasingly undemocratic nature of the departments and the effective constraints built into the University system, the ideal of an elitist education remains.

One only has to read the Vice-Chancellor's speeches to the Court of Governors to realise this. The nascent and recent demand of students to play a part in academic decision-making, to seek a more economically-orientated function for education and to develop courses to incorporate a greater degree of relevance is putting pressures on the University system which to many academics are alien.

The power situation which they hold to control the education in this country is being challenged, the educational myths, such as academic

freedom, the lecture system and the pursuit of Renaissance Man, are being questioned.

Research is particularly being pressurised, and rightly so, much is too specialised and irrelevant. Research, as Shirley Williams indicated at a University Open Lecture last term, is expensive if regarded economically. Much of it seems irrelevant and highly specialised, pursued partly because it is the Professors' main interest and partly because it may uncover some new truth. Research is increasingly the discovery of what already exists and not the initiation of new ideas.

STUDENTS legitimately wish to be taught better. The teaching system in the University seems to recall the words of Eric Robinson: "it does not have the confidence to justify itself." Is it fair, as the Select Committee on Student Relations indicates, for students to continually vote with their feet?

In some departments in the University students still have to sign in because if they were faced with a choice no-one would go to the lectures. It is no surprise that demands by students this year through the Guild of Students to play a role in the appointment and evaluation of staff are being shelved.

Other students are requesting that some form of social action be an integral part of the coursework. The pursuit of value-free truth cannot, however, countenance the use of knowledge in dealing with the imperfections of our social and economic system. They exist, this it admits, that they may be relevant, this it ignores. Many departments deal with large firms and the problems they face, few deal with the problems they cause, pollution, waste, urban environment.

The new demands being made by students on the ancient academic ideal of education followed by the University is obviously causing the structure to creak—hence a review body. However it is vitally important that the review body discuss the education in the University before it formulates proposals, otherwise much of its work will be of little interest and indeed value to the campus.

THE tremendous demands for higher education in the next decade must again vitally affect the education in the University. The Government proposes to increase the number of students from 200,000 to 400,000. Community-orientated courses may well be introduced and could necessitate the abolition or serious modification of the full-time

student. The boarding school principle might well disappear and Birmingham become a regionally-based institution.

Certainly the changes in the next ten years need thinking out now, disciplines and departments may need to be completely changed, and perhaps a more vocational element is needed at the secondary school level, and inasmuch as the University, through its entrance requirements, is in a position to affect schools, it should take a lead in making courses more flexible, more inter-disciplinary and more relevant.

The role of both the head of department and the teacher needs seriously changing. Is not the teacher a guide, enabling with his skills to develop a student positively? Exams likewise need extreme modification to ensure they discover not rote-learning and question-spotting but the full and practical ability of the student.

SENATE has decided to opt for 9,000. Five years ago this question would not even have been questioned as much as it has. In opting for a higher intake the members of the University should be well aware of the educational commitment they must initiate now. Universities in comparative terms with the rest of education are expensive forms of education, and increasingly uneconomic forms.

The only true way to restore the University to the people of Birmingham from whom it has been taken is to sell it and give the money to those sections of education in the city which are atrociously deprived. Perhaps more could be given to the Polytechnic. However, given the selfishness of the campus community and the status-orientated nature of our society, this is perhaps a little unrealistic.

Academic freedom, in the words of the Vice-Chancellor, is freedom for the institution to administer its affairs freely, unless radical changes are introduced at Birmingham not only in structure but also in education, the situation will continue to deteriorate.

The Government will either have to replace the Universities by an alternative form of higher education or upgrade the Polytechnics and starve Universities of funds. Educational reform is now made more urgent by the increase in Birmingham University's size and student population.

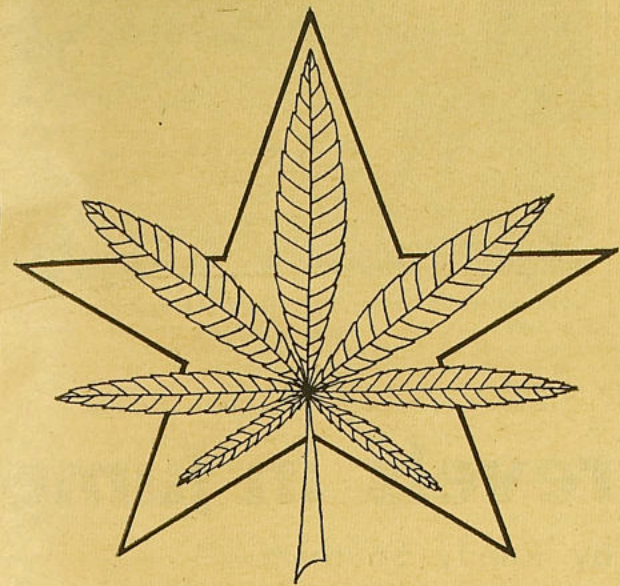
"The Student Revolt," states Eric Robinson, "is not because of the specialities of institutional organisation or the inadequacies of teaching techniques but because of the basically restrictive conception of the education to which they are subjected."



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INSPECTOR CLOUGH



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Carnival to exceed £5,000

IN the report of the 1971 Carnival Committee, Chairman Pete Gates said that "a step forward has been made," and that Carnival had succeeded in realising a significant sum of money for local charities which it is hoped will ease some of the social problems in Birmingham. However, the closer links in general policy with Community Action and the town did not materialise.

Clive Burnett, in his Treasurer's report, suggests a number of reasons for the lower receipts on last year, in particular the problem of general collection of all income (£2500 is still owed from the Midnight Stroll and even more from the Car Competition). The final figure for all income is expected to be in excess of £5,000 although only £4,300 has been collected so far. Decimalisation and the general economic situation are also given as reasons for the lower receipts.

confident enough to take over next year's organisation."

In conclusion, the report suggests that a Guild working party should be set up to investigate the feasibility of holding a Carnival in the Autumn Term.

The "Man Alive" documentary of Carnival '71 is to be shown on May 26th and it is hoped that it will improve the response of students and the public towards student charity organisations, throughout the country.

Finally, the report thanks the numerous volunteers who worked so hard for Carnival '71, in particular the permanent staff of the Union.

GUVERNOR GIBBS

DURING the last academic session, a student demonstration took place on the campus, in protest against the award by Birmingham University of an honorary degree to the ex-Governor of Rhodesia, Sir Humphrey Gibbs.

The following account of an incident which took place during Mr. Wilson's visit to Rhodesia in October 1965 was published in the first part of the "Sunday Times" serialisation of the Wilson memoirs.

"At the end of the meeting I inquired whether Mr. Sithole had eaten. He, too, like Nkomo, had been given no breakfast, he, too, had been kept in a hot police van and had eaten nothing all day. I asked the police who were in attendance what arrangements had been made to provide food for him. None had.

It was at this point that, for the first time in my life, I totally lost my temper. . . . On going in to harangue the Governor I was unable to see him because of red flashes before my eyes.

I made it clear that I was not having this treatment of the Africans by the Rhodesian Government and their police. I told the Governor that the African leaders had come at my invitation and they were to be treated in a civilised manner. . . . Half an hour later they were sitting down to an excellent meal, the menu having been brought to me for approval."

The Governor to whom Mr. Wilson refers is, of course, Sir Humphrey Gibbs.

'Redbrick'

The last issue of "Redbrick" this year will be on June 16th. Copy should be handed to the editor, by Sunday, June 13th.

Any East Pakistani students who are not able to make arrangements of this kind should also contact the High Commission, which is prepared to attempt to find ways in which it can help them.

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BLUES NEWS

STARLING LEADS LINE-UP

ATHLETIC UNION Colours Committee recently announced its list of awards for the winter season plus some outstanding ones from last summer. "Redbrick" readers will be particularly pleased to see the name of Dave Starling in the list. It has not yet been clearly established whether he is receiving his Blue for activities on or off the field.

Full Blues were awarded to the following:—

Badminton—J. CROXTON

Represented U.A.U. Staffordshire, B.U.S.F. Men's Doubles Champion (with E. Donnachie).

Basketball—P. HIELD

Represented English A.B.B.A. under-19 throughout the season.

Cross-Country

R. SMEDLEY

Represented England (under-19), 2nd in International Junior Championships in San Sebastian.

I. GILMOUR

Represented Scotland (under-19) in International Junior Championships in San Sebastian.

Hockey (Mens)

R. BROWN

20th in English Junior Championships. Represented U.A.U. Cricket (1970)—M. WOOLDRIDGE

Has taken a record number of wickets in a season (57). Represented Worcester Club and Ground.

Hockey (Mens)

P. LONGMAN

Represented England (under-22), 1971. West Midlands Champion 1971. U.A.U. Champion 1970, 2nd 1971.

M. GILBERT

England (under-22) trialist, U.A.U. Mericians.

P. GUISE

Worcestershire (under-22), Worcs. "A" Captain, Midland U.A.U. Hockey (Women)

MISS A. EDWARDS

Lancashire Northern Counties, Combined Universities.

MISS K. JACKSON

W.I.V.A.B.B.I. Combined Universities.

Lawn Tennis (Men) 1970

M. J. WEBB

U.A.U. Warwickshire, B.U.S.F. Semi-Finalist singles B.U.S.F. final-ist and doubles (with R. Eaton).

R. J. EATON

U.A.U. Hampshire, B.U.S.F. quarter-finalist, singles, B.U.S.F. final-ist doubles.

Netball—MISS S. POOK

B.U.S.F. representative.

Rugby

D. STARLING

Cheshire final trial and reserve for Cheshire XV. U.A.U. representative and all-time "Redbrick" favourite.

P. BUTLER

Top points scorer. 214 points in 24 games.

Squash—R. J. EATON

Selected English Universities. Captain U.A.U. South U.A.U. quarter-finalist.

Swimming—MISS W. DODDS

Silver Medal B.U.S.F. 220 free-style 1970-1971. Bronze medal B.U.S.F. 110 freestyle 1970 W.I.V.A.B.

Trampolining—A. WILLIAMS

Birmingham Open Champion 1971. West Midlands Champion 1971. U.A.U. Champion 1970, 2nd 1971.

A. WHITE

East Midlands Champion, 2nd West Midlands Championship 1971, 2nd U.A.U. Championships 1970, U.A.U. Champion 1971.

ATHLETICS

Ruthie revels in jumps

by Randy Southam

FOR the first athletics match of this term the University travelled to Loughborough to take on Northumberland and Durham A.A.A., ranked the fourth county last year, and Loughborough University Past and Present.

Spectacular running by the dental contingent ensured an overwhelming victory on the track, where only a handful of points were lost.

On the field, it was a different story. Key members were fortuitously injured on cup-final day and the remainder battled bravely to prevent a rout. With a full team the winning margin would have been ten times the 14 points it eventually was.

Meanwhile Ruthie was sorting them out in the Midlands pentathlon although she was only

competing as a guest. Her 42 points was only ten points short of the European qualifying standard and a firm reminder to the selectors for the international against the Netherlands and Belgium later this month.

In the two jumps she cleared 16 metres and 1.63 metres. The K.D.F.9, converted this to 20 ft 4 in. and 5 ft 4.17 in.



Commonwealth Games representative Rog Richardson (left) returns tonight.

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NOTES & COMMENTS

BREW XI JUMP

Latest development!

JOHN O'MANIA, 1500 m. runner extraordinaire, seems to be having difficult in getting his time of 3m. 50.1 ratified as a University record. The race was held in Brighton last year, and so no other University athlete saw it, or even claims to have heard of it. There are also suggestions that it was run on the beach, timed by a girl friend, etc. If this trend continues I doubt if a time in an Olympic final will be acceptable to the ratification committee.

Tony Newton has scoffed at rumours that he had an illegal hammer throw of 327 ft. He said that the rumour was probably being spread by someone trying to scare cuddly, lovable J. Skirtbrant. In fact his illegal throw was only just over 320 ft.

Ace decathlete, Dennis Toomey, an old boy of Guinness Athletics Club, is one of the last of the old school of athletes. He claims that

training not only smacks of professionalism but is positively detrimental to one's performance. Thus he attributes his failure to vault 10 ft. recently to a training session last November.

That most studious of student dentists and recently naturalised Scot, Jamie McAukettle, claims a similar philosophy. However, reports suggest that since before Christmas he has consumed vast quantities of orange squash in preference to the amber fluid. It was this training schedule which led to him running a 56-second relay leg on Saturday.

The Jason King of Lake Hall and boy wonder sprinter, Pete Crone, has still retained his ability to defeat a high-class field whilst still doing a time slower than the third man in the race. This obviously defies the space-time continuum and is the latest fallacy in Einstein's general theory of relativity.

Our dynamic duo Geno Griffith and Golden Wonder Holden have developed a novel modification to the steep Lane water-jump. They filled it with beer and called it the Brew XI jump. The first time they came up to this barrier they dived head first over it and subsequently drowned.

A young lady who showed great distress at the loss of both her heart-throbs was subsequently assured that they did not suffer, and this seemed to comfort her. After all, as one eye-witness pointed out, they got out to go to the toilet three times.

TRAMPOLINING

Titles retained

EARLY on a Saturday morning various members of the University leapt (or do I mean crawled?) out of bed to get to the Sports Centre by 7 a.m. They were the members of our intrepid men's and women's trampolining teams eager once again to prove their supremacy in the U.A.U. and W.I.V.A.B. championships, held this year at Liverpool.

Earlier in the term, two practice matches against Coventry College had resulted in being narrowly beaten at Coventry, followed by a convincing win at home. The teams were therefore not over-confident about winning at Liverpool, especially when it was realised that the standard was much higher this year. However, competition brought out the best in most of our bouncers, and it was with great delight that we retained the men's and women's team and individual titles.

Special congratulations must go to Helen Southern, who came first in both women's competitions against Coventry and who also won the women's individual title. Also Adrian Williams and Andrew White won one match each against Coventry, and have worthily each won the U.A.U. title once and come second once.

RESULTS:—

W.I.V.A.B.: H. Southern 1st, R. Tann 3rd, D. Mitchell 4th, W. Barron 6th, J. Taylor 8th, V. Jones 13th.

U.A.U.: A. White 1st, A. Williams 2nd, F. Gouthwait 6th, J. Shuttleworth 8th.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking our coach, Mr. A. Hunter, without whom this consistently high standard would not be possible.

CYCLING

HALLAM IN TOUR

AT this moment the University's star cyclist Ian Hallam is in the middle of a seven-day tour of Holland. Ian flew out to Holland last week to take part in this race which is his first stage event.

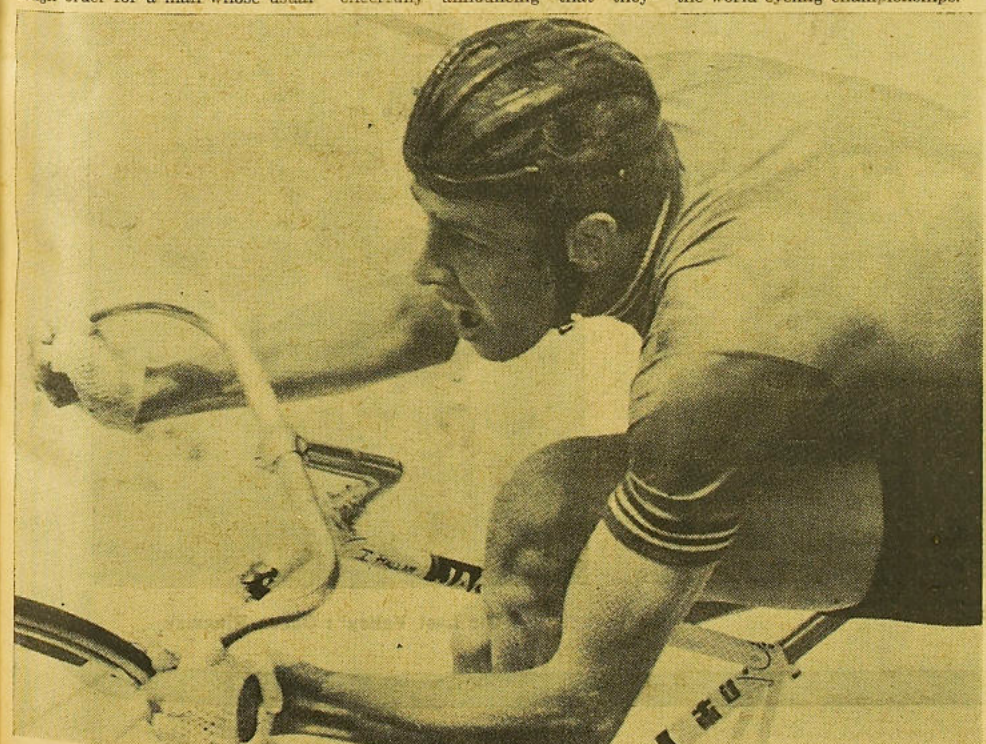
Each day he will ride about a hundred miles at an average speed of just under 30 m.p.h. This is a tough order for a man whose usual

event takes in less than three miles around a track.

However, Ian has not gone into this race totally unprepared. His training schedule has been tougher than ever taking in more longer rides than ever before. There are not many people around who will set out on an evening training stint, cheerfully announcing that they

have ridden to Worcester and back via a circuitous route the same morning.

All this work should improve Ian's all-round cycling ability. Certainly he is going to need all the strength he can muster later on in the summer when he attempts to improve last year's second position in the world cycling championships.



Ian Hallam—pictured during last year's world championship amateur pursuit.



Geno Griffiths pictured returning from the toilet for the last time.

ATHLETIC UNION ROW RAGES

ONE of the biggest arguments in the history of Athletic Union produced the closest result in the Council Chamber last Friday evening. Following the recent A.U. application to disaffiliate from the Guild of Undergraduates and its subsequent rejection by Guild Council, a working party was set up including Guild and A.U. representatives.

This working party thrashed out the points made in the initial A.U. document and came up with a formula to keep A.U. in the Guild but giving it better financial guarantees.

The document they produced was presented to Athletic Union General Committee last Friday. In it the Guild agreed to bear A.U.'s rent and hire charges, salaries, wages and gratuities, stationery and postage, sundries and audit fees, telephone bills, capital equipment, J.D.S. costs and Clubhouse deficit on their non-disposable income.

The proposals were put to the meeting and supported by A.U. chairman Jim Aukett and Guild President Rod Playford.

They were opposed by the inevitable Gerald Hobley ably abetted by that loquacious larksman Mr. K. (no relation to Jim) Manning.

After much heated argument a vote was eventually taken and resulted in a 16-16 split. It was then decided that a postal vote be taken on the issue. The issue is thus in abeyance and *sub judice*.

ORIENTEERING

Val & Wendy for Sweden

ONE of the newest clubs in Athletic Union, the Orienteering Club, just two years old last March, has rocketed to stardom in the recent B.U.S.F.-U.A.U.-W.I.V.A.B. orienteering championships. The

Ladies' team were the medal winners in the event held in Lough Forest, near Stirling, Scotland. Under the expert guidance of their captain, Miss Val Pacey, the team won both the B.U.S.F. and the W.I.V.A.B. competitions.

Individual positions in B.U.S.F. were Val Pacey 1st, Wendy Dodds 12th, Val Jones 22nd, Chris Osmond and Ros Murphy were unlucky not to finish the course in their first-ever event. Val Pacey also won the inevitable W.I.V.A.B. teaspoon as W.I.V.A.B. individual winner.

The men's team were not as successful, partly because some team members were unable to attend because of pressure of work. E. Finch (men's captain) was highest placed,

25th in B.U.S.F., 12th in U.A.U. The other team members were D. Pitcher, G. Bell, P. Devlin and H. Calderbank. The B.U.S.F. winners were Edinburgh, and the U.A.U. winners were Manchester.

Incorporated in this event was an English, Scottish and Welsh triangular match, E. Finch being in the team representing the English Universities.

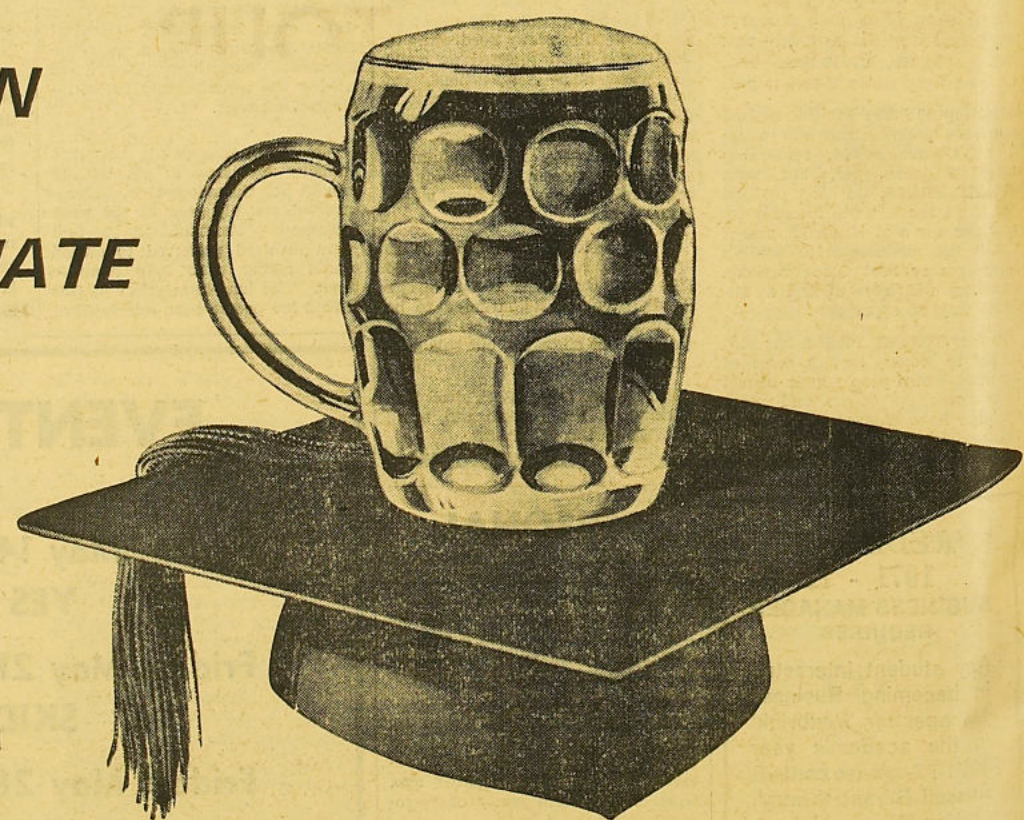
On the results of this event and other events this year Val Pacey and Wendy Dodds have been selected to represent W.I.V.A.B. in international orienteering events in Sweden this summer including the famous five-day "O"-Ring event.

E. Finch, who was nominated for the U.A.U. team which is travelling in conjunction with the W.I.V.A.B. team to Sweden, has yet to hear the results of the selection committee's decision.

E. A. FINCH, Orienteering Captain

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THEATRES

Repertory Theatre: Closed for the move to Broad Street.
Alexandra: May 10th for two weeks: "Not Now, Darling."
 May 24th for two weeks: "Love From a Stranger."
Belgrade Coventry: "The Lion in Winter."
Midlands Arts Centre: "Old King Cole" and
 "The Wonderful Lamp."
Birmingham Theatre: "The Red Army."
 Monday-Friday, 7.30. Saturday 5 and 8 p.m.

CINEMAS

Jacey: "War and Peace." L.C.P. 7.15 p.m.
 Next week: "The Christina Jorgenson Story."
 "What Do You Say to a Naked Lady?"
Odeon New Street: "You Only Live Twice."
 "A Fistful of Dollars."
 Next week: "Beyond the Valley of The Dolls."
 "Myra Breckenbridge."
Odeon Ringway: "Cotton Comes to Harlem."
 L.P.C. 6.50 p.m. "The Last Valley."
ABC New Street: "The World Forgot." L.C.P. 7 p.m.
 Next week: "Up Pompeii."
ABC Bristol Road: "Ryan's Daughter." L.C.P. 6.45 p.m.
ABC Selly Oak: "Percy." L.C.P. 7.40 p.m.
 Next week: "10 Rillington Place."
Futurist: "When Eight Bells Toll."
 "The Last Adventure." L.C.P. 6.45 p.m.
 Next week: "Nashville with Music."
Gaumont: "Song of Norway." L.C.P. 7.20 p.m.
Arts Lab: Thursday, 13th May: "Sanjuro." 7.30 p.m.
 "The Milky Way." 11.00 p.m.
 May 20th: "The Wanderer." 7.00 and 9.00.
 "Accident." 11.00 p.m.
Midlands Film Theatre, Cannon Hill:
 Until May 15th: "They Shoot Horses, Don't They."
 7.30 p.m.
 May 14th: "M."
 May 16th: "Escape From The Sea." 2.30 p.m., 4.45 p.m.
 "Duet for Cannibals." 7.30 p.m.
 May 17th-18th: "History of Mr. Polly."
 10 a.m., 2.30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Compendium Galleries: Upper Gallery: Alwynne Bowen,
 Painting; Central Gallery: Norah Heler, Embroideries
 and Cottages. May 4th to May 22nd.
Museum and Art Gallery: Costumes from "The Six Wives
 of Henry VIII." Until August 1st.
Ikon: Until May 29th. Paintings by Jack Coulthard.

DAY-BY-DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th

"Buddy Miles Express": Town Hall, 7.45 p.m. 65p
"On Liberalism": Talk of Mao's Work. Union. 2 p.m.
"Growing Up"—Sex education film made by Dr. Martin
 Cole. Deb. Hall, 1 p.m., 1.30 p.m. All tickets taken.

THURSDAY, MAY 13th

Film Soc.: "Capricious Summer" by Jiri Menzel.
 Haworth Building. 7 p.m.
Babies: "A Threat to our Survival." Lecture by Mr. Peter
 Sewell. City Art Gallery. 1.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 14th

Yes and Lancaster: Union. 8 p.m. 50p
Regency Ball: Lake/Wyddrington. £3 double ticket.
Idle Race: Westbourne College. 8 p.m. 50p

SATURDAY, MAY 15th

"A Night of Opera": C.B.S.O. Town Hall. 7.30 p.m.
 35p - £1.25
Disco: Founders. 7 p.m. 15p
Pink Floyd, Faces, Mountain & Quiver: Crystal Palace
 Garden Party, London, 1 p.m. £1.25.

SUNDAY, MAY 16th

Sunday Flic: "Charlie Bubbles." Deb Hall. 7 p.m. 15p
Pretty Things and Regis: Digbeth Civic Hall. 8 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 17th

Film Soc.: Treasure of Sierra Madre by John Huston.
 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18th

The Faces: Town Hall. 7.45 p.m. 40p - 80p

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th

C.B.S.O.: Town Hall. Pieces from Handel/Harty.
 Mozart, Sain Saens, Britten. 7.30 p.m. 25p - 75p



Yes, who appear with Lancaster in Deb Hall, Friday.



"The Last Valley": Odeon Ringway