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## NEW DEAL PLANNED FOR THROW-OUTS

by REDBRICK reporter

3-year  
study of  
student  
'flops'  
is planned  
soon

A NEW deal for students who fail their examinations is promised this week.

A committee to be set up by the University to study student wastage rates will start work in the near future. Headed by the Vice-Chancellor and containing university top people, it will be the most exhaustive study ever undertaken on the subject.

Taking a lead from the Robbins report on Higher Education, out last week, the project will spread over three years. Robbins said that it should be an essential part of the responsibility of any University to investigate the general wastage levels.

At present the wastage rate—those who leave without getting any degree at all—in British universities is 14 per cent. "This is nothing to boast of in universities as selective as ours," commented the Robbins report. "Differences in wastage rates are not explicable solely in terms of quality of students

admitted or in terms of the way they are taught."

It is not yet known who will be on the committee as Sir Robert Aitken is away in Washington this week, speaking to an international conference of medics.

Sir George Cartland, the Registrar, while not wishing to disclose any further details of the plan, said yesterday that the idea that departments deliberately failed a certain number of people was completely fallacious. "It is the object of the university to get everybody through," he said. "There shouldn't be a failure rate at all. It certainly isn't our policy to fail anybody."

### Absurd

"This is an excellent idea," said President John Paling. "This sort of problem has long merited a study of the type which is apparently being proposed. I look forward to the result of any such survey with great interest."

"All universities should re-appraise their purposes and aims in the light of Robbins."

"It's a darn good idea," said Guild Secretary, Bob Bootle, "about time they did something like this. It's absurd that 20 per cent of entrants should be rejected. Personally, I think there is more wrong with the teaching and the exams than with the students, if this sort of thing happens. The survey should sort out who is at fault."

Another member of the Guild said: "If the authorities are going to do their best, then I suppose it's up to us now."

Further details about this survey—its composition and objects—will be announced at the end of the week.

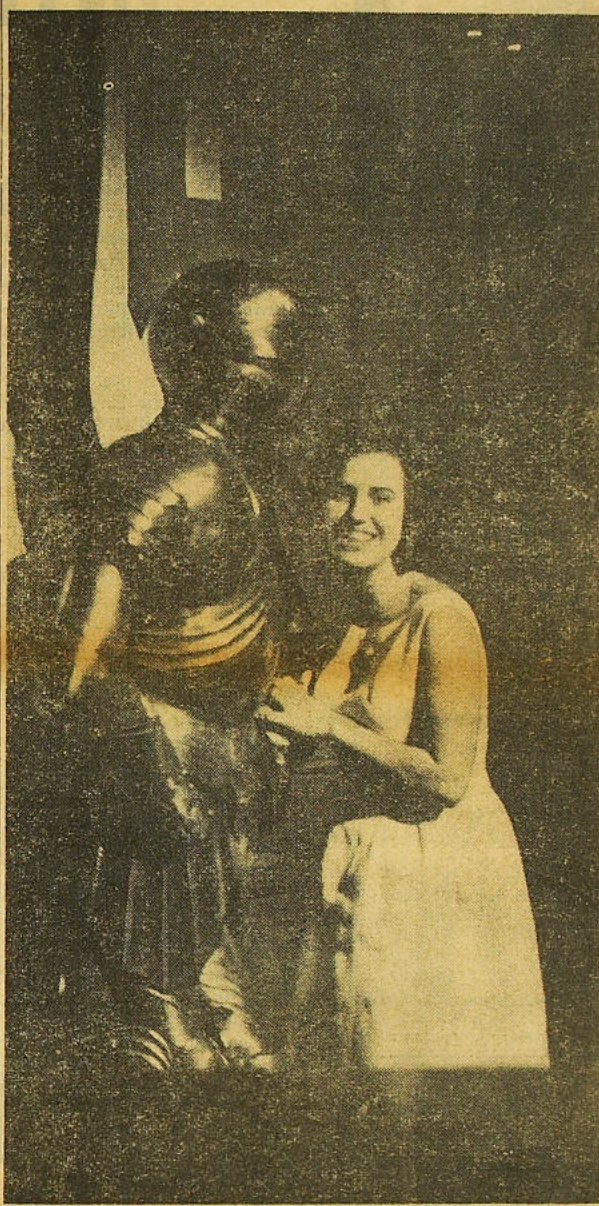


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• The Vice-President, Val Tompkins, at the dinner with her knight in armour.

## CLASSICS MOAN OVER "FORCED" LECTURES

### Boycott call put off

STUDENT discontent at the quality of lectures came to a head this week when the Classical Circle sent a deputation to Professor Dudley of the Classics Department, demanding that their complaints should be considered and action taken.

At an SGM of the Circle (the fourth one this term) held last Wednesday, 22 members out of 28 voted in favour of some form of protest, and a petition was signed to be presented to the staff. Support was particularly strong amongst students in the third year, who voted unanimously for the protest to be made, and the first year also backed the movement strongly.

Several people felt that a boycott of all lectures should be called, but at the meeting it was decided to see the Professor before any further action was taken.

Professor Dudley's reaction was fairly sympathetic, and now the matter is in the hands of the staff, who are debating how far they are prepared to give in to the students' requests. The chief complaints are that, at present, lectures consist too often of mere translation from the Latin, with no critical appreciation of the works involved, and that these lectures are compulsory.

### Complaints

Comments from members of the Classical Circle were almost totally condemnatory. "When a lecture is neither useful nor interesting, I object to going," said one. Another added "If I knew what I know now about the Department, I'd never have done Latin," and a third summed up the whole attitude with "I have not taken a single lecture note since the first week of the first term—two years ago."

### LATE NEWS

## £70,000 BEQUEST FOR MEDICS

SIR ARTHUR THOMSON, the former Dean of the Medical Faculty, has given £70,000 for the development of the Medical School. The money will form the basis of a trust which will be used to initiate or foster projects for which finances cannot be obtained through official channels.

He said: "My contribution is but a small part of what is required to extend and develop fully the distinguished work the School has already done."

Sir Arthur will consider grants from the trust from the faculty submitted to him through the Dean.

## Pigs-head makes dance boom

by REDBRICK reporter

The baronial setting with the candlelight gave the whole dance an authenticity that has been lacking in past Ents. Comm. functions." Ken Overshott summed up precisely the atmosphere at last Friday's President's Dinner Dance.

The natural decor. of the hall, so often an embarrassment at such

functions, was exploited to the full, rather than transformed as in previous years. The meal, in keeping with the surroundings, began with the ceremonial entrance of the Baron of Beef, borne on a litter and presented to the President. Also served (on the wooden tables from the Priestley Hall) were boar's head, turbot and the traditional English mead.

In contrast with last year, all

the tickets were sold. The inspiration behind the idea was Alan Newell, chairman of Ents. Comm., who described it as "Definitely a success. This proves there is an awakening of interest in formal dances."

Other comments were equally favourable. "It is to be hoped that the future functions from the committee will be as well organised as this."

Dancing went on throughout the meal and continued well into the morning.





## Fighting talk

RODNEY WATTS, Assistant Guild Secretary, is trying to organise what he calls a "Political Forum."

The Conservative, Socialist, Liberal and Communist societies have been asked to provide one speaker each for some time early next term. The general idea seems to be to get all four together on the Deb. Hall stage, let each say his piece, and then leave them to fight it out amongst themselves together with the audience.

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• DID you, as a child, draw the sun as a yellow blob with streaks of light radiating from it? Then you are an intuitive genius.

Desmond King-Hele, at last week's Open Lecture on "Space Research" devoted the first half of the lecture to glorifying early poets such as Dante, Milton, Tennyson, etc., who had such remarkable "insight" that they were able to propound the "exact" nature of space and the sun's radiations.

The second half of the lecture bore little relevance to the subject of the lecture. Mr. King-Hele briefly explained how the path taken by satellites indicated the shape of the earth, and then spent the rest of the lecture postulating possible reasons for the "pear-shape" of the earth.



## ONE LONG YAWN

# HITCHCOCK FLIES INTO TROUBLE

## Tedious fantasy

WITH his direction of "The Birds" (Odeon this week) Alfred Hitchcock over-reaches himself. His technique of piling shock upon shock and of gradually screwing up tension to snapping point works well with crime and psychological drama; with out-and-out fantasy it is merely laughable, and/or tedious.

Based on the story by Daphne du Maurier, "The Birds" is concerned with the massed attack of all the birds in Christendom on a small community on the coast near San Francisco. There is a sub-plot dealing with a romance between suave, handsome lawyer Mitch Brenner (Rod Taylor) and suave, beautiful heiress Melanina Daniels (Tippi Hedren), complicated by Mitch's possessive mother and his old flame, the village school-mistress.

The film gives no indication as to why our feathered friends should suddenly start pecking people to death by sheer weight of numbers and beating hell out of a whole town. It leaves one in mid-air at the end as to whether the hero and heroine escape safely from the town (which has by this time been completely taken over by the birds) and there is absolutely no indication of the final outcome of the battle with the birds.

It is also one of the slowest films to warn up that it has been my misfortune to sit through: the film should have been cut by an hour at the beginning and extended by an hour at the end.

• The Birds attack a group of children



The basic fault of the film—apart from some rather ham acting from all concerned—is that there is no attempt to manufacture plausibility out of an essentially implausible situation, as fantasy must do to come over effectively.

## Failure

Hitchcock has managed it before, with "Psycho" and others, but fails completely in this case. Some of the scenes of the birds creating mob hysteria by diving in their millions on the panicking town are mildly exciting, but do not compensate for the tedious mess with which they are surrounded.

Possibly "The Birds" is one big piece of symbolism, with the birds representing all the forces of nature in revolt against poor, weak humanity. The film does not work on this level either, and to judge by Hitchcock's previous works, is not meant to.

For those who are interested, Alfred Hitchcock puts in his inevitable five-second appearance right at the beginning, when he leads two white poodles out of a pet shop. He might have done better to stay out of the film altogether.

NIGEL HARRIS.

## She's with it, you know

GETTING "with it" is now the main pastime of Miss Helen Holmes, who has just joined the Anglican Chaplaincy of the university.

Miss Holmes, a 32-year-old former solicitor has been studying

at the College of the Ascension for the past two years. She feels it helps her work to be in the know about current trends.

"We had a rule of silence after nine every evening," she

said, "so there was little time for watching television or listening to the radio. I can twist with the best of them, but I have had two years without the Beatles and all that."

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CND troubles in Oxford too. This week "Cherwell" reports that the Oxford Committee of 100 has "ground to a halt" because of lack of support and unsuccessful demonstrations.

NIGEL HARRIS.

## MIXED BILL IS GTG HIT

THE difficulty of presenting three widely different one-act plays by different authors is one that regularly faces GTG. Last week they successfully overcame it and the audience went away contented.

All three plays, a medieval farce, an English oddity and a Russian jest were performed briskly and with enthusiasm. Admittedly "Jackie Juggler" is a somewhat tiring curio piece, but Chris Holliday held it together in the part of the much-liked Jenkin Caraway.

Pinter's "The Room" was the intellectual dish of the evening. I was fortunate in having the producer, David Silver, and a co-producer, and a third person to explain its meaning to me, but I am sure that for the rest of the audience it was the impression given by the actors and their own imaginations that supplied the meaning.

Diane Hill (Rose), Richard Moody (as Kidd), and John Fearn (Mr. Sands from around Liverpool) acted in excellent Pinter style. If production had left something to be desired in "Jackie Juggler" it was well done both in "The Room" and the third play, Chekhov's "Jubilee."

## Evil

The evil here was both in the conception and in the acting. Gary Sayer looked more like an agitated Austen Chamberlain than in fashion this—than a pompous, sedate chairman.

A good production had been lost. But all were happy and went away with no memories of the last time GTG tackled one-act plays. A successful evening.

JEAN ROGISTER.

## UNTIDY AND VAGUE

# Are poor Americans really so rich?

IN "The Other America" (Penguin Special, price 3/6d.), Michael Harrington writes about the world of the American poor, the people who live in the tenement areas of the big cities, and in the backwoods of Kentucky and Tennessee.

He is neither a sociologist nor a statistician and his book is essentially the work of a layman, consisting mainly of his own personal experiences in these areas, together with some facts and figures, which are

generally presented in an untidy manner, and are often rather vague in their meaning. The book suffers from this tendency to include as many people as possible in the ranks of the poor, so much so that one gets the impression that Mr. Harrington regards all Americans with a less-than-average income as being poverty-stricken.

Whilst his personal experiences deal with the really poor people—the diseased, the alcoholics, the unemployed and the ignorant—his statistics, generally speaking, include people who would be regarded in the United Kingdom as prosperous and successful.

Yet for all its faults and exaggerations, the book is worth while, since it does deal with the subject of real poverty in America. It is a pity that Mr. Harrington did not obtain sufficient and clear-cut data on the really needy people.

book fails to give an accurate assessment of just what proportion of the population they comprise.

RUSSELL KING.

## REDBRICK comment

The Birmingham University Newspaper

## A plan to save wasted years

EVERY year over 4,000 students leave Britain's Universities without degrees of any sort. Half of these after a year.

If this University is to study the reasons for this high rate of wastage of human it is excellent news and yet further proof that Birmingham has one of the most progressive Universities in the country.

It is inevitable that some students will fail at University, those that are simply not suited to a University way of life, or those that are too idle to work. But the throw-out rates of some departments of this University are just ridiculous—and Birmingham is only a minor offender.

Students are accepted almost under false pretences if a third of the first-year are going to be thrown out as a matter of course. It seems that some universities are being deliberately selfish, taking on far more students than they can cope with so that after the first year they can throw out those who do not quite come up to their standards. If this is not the case, then universities are going to be undermined in the second and third years and they should have a close look at their selection procedure.

These universities do not appear to think of the wasted year, the feeling of failure that the student is left—and branded—with.

The men at the top, in their secure academic jobs, don't realise that it may take more than 32 weeks for a student straight from the sixth form, to settle down to a University way of life.

If the more enlightened departments in Birmingham like Commerce and Social Science, can thrive on a minimal throwout of first-year students, why can't other departments and other universities? Then they would cut down on the amount of human misery instead of promoting it as a deliberate policy.

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## personal column

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PUBLIC lecture—"Is Birth Control Enough?"—given by Professor F. Lafitte, Wednesday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Grand Hotel, Colmore Row. All welcome.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS—Come and hear Erich Auerbach, FRPS, of Ilford Ltd., speak on "Photography for the Arts Pages" next Monday, 5.15 p.m. Committee Room 7.

## PRESS POST

## INSULTING WHOSE SENSE?

SIR—I was very pleased to see your leading article last week in which you described the motion to ban South African goods from the Union as "an insult to our intelligence." It exposed a kind of thinking altogether too common in our society today.

Is it not a similar insult to our intelligence that there should be laws preventing us from murdering and house-breaking? Is it not a similar insult to our intelligence that British firms should be prevented from exporting arms to the Communist countries?

I am quite sure that the individual is quite capable of deciding for himself whether or not he commits murder or sells Russia an atom bomb. Likewise I am sure everybody will remember the pilchards in the pilchard sandwiches on sale in the Union come from South Africa and will thus make a wise and sensible choice.

Yours, etc.

DAVID JONES.

## ... OR TO KEEP ON SELLING THEM?

SIR—The question of the sale of South African goods in the Union resolves itself into two parts, firstly why should the sale of such goods be banned and secondly if an embargo were applied what effects could this possibly have.

"These goods," says Mr. R. Watts, "come from a Nazi-type state." Without arguing as to whether the term nazi may or may not be applied to South Africa it is nevertheless possible that members of the Guild may wish to purchase

concur with the Council majority. Indeed the emotive nature of the arguments of Messrs. Watts and Co. echo dangerously the techniques of mob oratory and sentimental appeal, so familiar to the leaders of Nazi Germany.

Furthermore were the ban to be extended on the same principle to the products of other lands in which racial discrimination exists then the Union would have to stop selling or using anything of American or Australian origin.

How could any such ban have much effect? The total value of South African goods sold in the Union each year is £30. Mr. Watts sees the ban as a token opposition to apartheid. It is manifestly obvious that whereas this would have no effect on the South African government the restriction of the liberty of the individual in the Guild, were the ban imposed, could not possibly justify such an action even for the sake of Mr. Watts' conscience.

It will be concluded from the foregoing that we consider the motion accepted by Guild Council to be the only adequate and sensible solution to the problem. The signatories of this letter wish to make it clear that their opinion in no way implies support for the domestic policy of the South African government.

Yours, etc.

D. C. HENCKEN, K. W. MORTIMER, N. JONES, J. M. DADEN, R. SOUCH, J. M. WILLS, P. A. RANSBY, J. WILLIAMS, F. SWIFT, JOHN R. STREDWICK, C. DITTRICH.



## SOUTH AFRICA: TO BAN THOSE GOODS...

SIR—The editorial in last week's REDBRICK was downright misleading, to say the least! It appeared that we were only considering the banning of SA goods from the Union, and you seem very conveniently to have left out the other two parts of the motion.

You seem to have forgotten that because of the very small quantity of goods involved, even if 95 per cent. of the guild boycotted SA goods the other 5 per cent could easily buy up the £30 worth of goods. Thus any efforts made by the majority would be futile.

The editorial says, "... What happens to the people who want to buy South African goods? ... Surely in a democracy the wishes of the majority are binding. For those who wish so strongly, there is nothing to stop them from buying the goods in Selly Oak. Further, anyone with a little of that intelligence that you do not want to be insulted, must have realised the gross inconsistency of thought. There must be at least one person who disagrees with sending 'our man on the march.'"

## Trends

At present in South Africa, no non-white is able to enter a university, and from present trends it seems only a short time before the National Union of South African Students is banned. Are we going to let these matters pass us by?

The situation in South Africa is now very desperate. It would appear that only a bloody revolution, or invasion, will settle the problem. For those of us who abhor war and bloodshed, every protest—however small and ineffective—is worthwhile.

The time is coming, of that let there be no doubt, when another regime will be in power.

## Racist

Will it be black racist, pointing the finger of accusation at us, or will it be multiracial and welcoming us, our trade investment and friendship?

We hope that no one's intelligence is insulted, and trust that everyone will consider the situation, giving us their full support and presence at the SGM next Wednesday.

Yours, etc.

RODNEY WATTS, WALTER GREEN, ARTHUR THRELFALL.

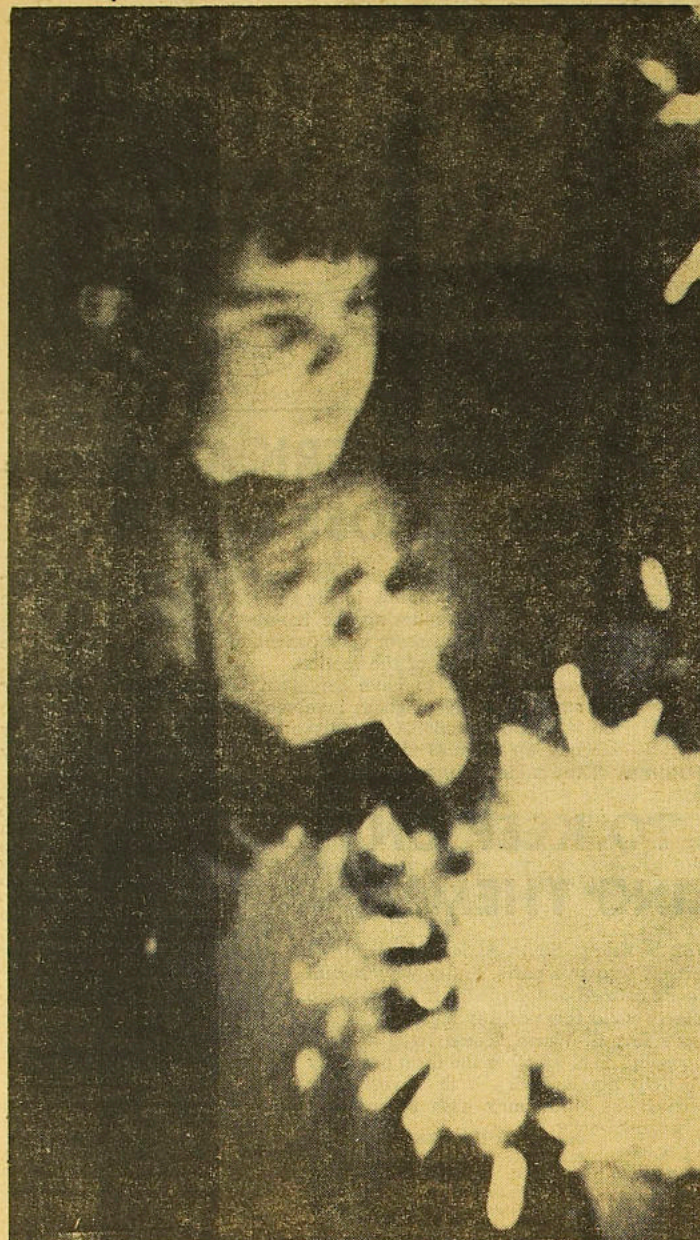
## ROBBINS RETORT

SIR—Robbins obviously had not seen the Redbrick quotes.

Yours, etc.

NICHOLAS HUTCHES.





As bonfire night has come and gone more, the same unanswered questions linger. Why do we celebrate Nov. 5th? Is it worth it?

On bonfire night suffering goes arm in arm with pleasure. The things that matter by day are set aside in the romance of the night.

## FUN AND HORROR ON THE NIGHT OF GOOD FIRES

IN a shop doorway in the centre of Birmingham an old man plays, fumblingly, an old accordion. He is blind. Destitute. People walk past hurriedly, ignoring the greasy old cap he has placed in front of him for pennies.

Further down the street another rag of humanity lies propped against a wall, head lolling hopelessly. Two young children support him and hold his hat. In this hat are many pennies, some pieces of silver too.

Why is he so much more favoured? Simply because he is not living, not even dead. He is a Guy.

### Pleasant

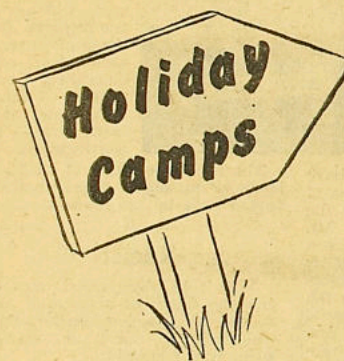
The British public once more demonstrate their willingness to ignore the needy in favour of more attractive but less necessary objects for their charity. How many people ignore the Oxfam posters when they go to buy their doggies' Butch? Who cares?

The answer is, of course, why should we care? It is unnatural to expect people to be unselfish; if they are, it's very pleasant, but it's rare.

Bonfire Night is a selfish ritual. Old people, cats, dogs, will testify to this. Why do we have it? It's true a man called Guido Fawkes created a certain disapproval back at the beginning of the 17th Century, especially among M.P.s, but is this enough to burn him annually? Doubtful, considering that bonfires took place around this time for many years before his parents ever met, or viewed him a possibility.

It's really the last festival of a dying year, a final gesture of light and noise to a world growing dark. After this, winter. This is the knowledge that no one need utter, the fact that will ensure the "Fifth's" continuation.

But is it worth it, this remnant of paganism?



## Playground or moral cesspool?



IN a holiday camp, people relax; their everyday life and work, and possibly, their sense of values are forgotten. They are away from home, this is probably their "big week" or fortnight of the year, for which they have saved, and which they have dreamt about.

There is sun, sand and sea, and all the amenities of theatres, ballrooms, bars and coffee bars, bingo sessions, swimming pools, a roller skating rink and a chair lift; all the so-called normal working-class individual could require.

He spends money in a way which is completely foreign to

him—his relative values are thrown to the winds, in an effort to wield a new monetary power, but is this also the case with regard to his moral values? Are the amenities of holiday camps just a facade for what some people come to them to enjoy, namely sexual licence?

### Conform

The atmosphere aimed at in a camp is a free and easy one; you do just as you like, as long as you can conform to certain rules, such as eating at set times. Hosts and hostesses emphasise the attitude of "Now you're on your holiday, make the most of it," this could go to the heads of young people,

perhaps away from home and family for the first time in their lives. This is particularly true of girls, they spend all day with their new friends, on the beach, in the swimming pools and cafes; they spend all evening with them in the ballrooms and theatres—and when slightly under the influence of alcohol there seems to be no reason why they should not spend all night with them as well.

The usual deterrents: "We've nowhere to go, together" or "suppose my parents found out," no longer hold; their parents are at home, and although the Ex-Navy punks are not built for two, nobody is going to worry if two sleep in them.

Obviously, there cannot be a general condemnation of holiday camp morals—the large majority of campers come for a holiday

which involves little effort of planning on their part, and the majority of the staff because there is reasonably paid work for them.

This is not the point; some young people in their teens and early twenties come to have an enjoyable holiday, but, aroused by beat music, their senses blurred

by an unaccustomed atmosphere of a hard, narrow iron

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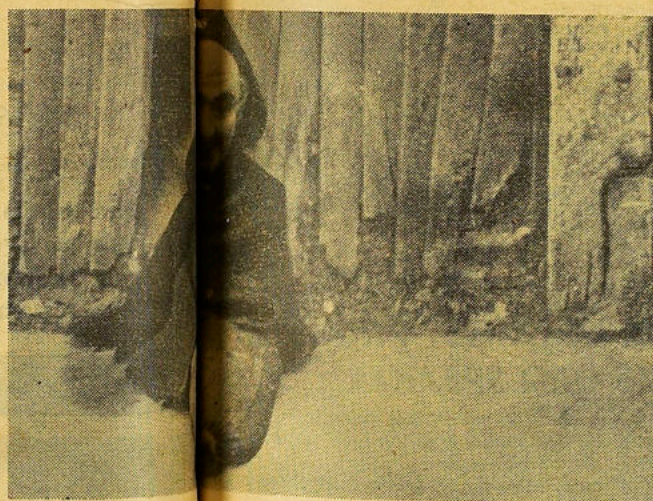
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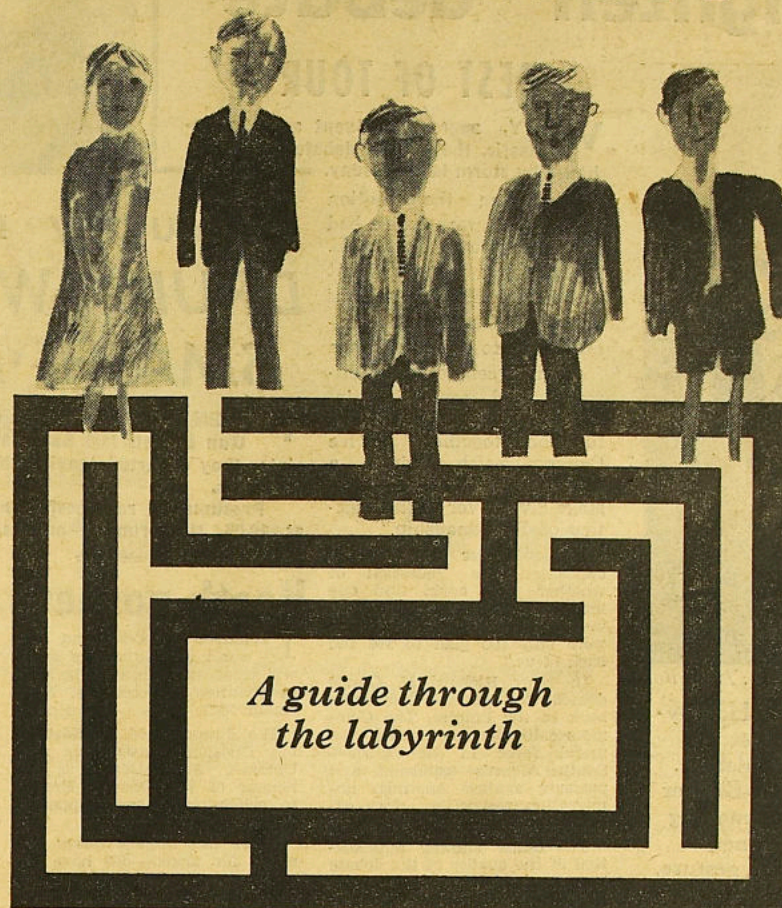
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## STATE EDUCATION



A guide through the labyrinth

Every parent is concerned to give his children the best possible start in life—a first-class education. But this is not easy. The State Education System is infinitely complicated and the average parent soon becomes hopelessly lost in the bureaucratic labyrinth. He is confused by a tangle of rules and regulations which vary not only from county to county, but from borough to borough. Free choice of schools is often denied him. He is subjected to political and class pressures, conflicting opinions, red tape and pure administrative bloody mindedness.

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## THE CREED OF THE HUNTER

Part two of the three-week feature 'The End of the Game'. Pages of dramatic pictures show the tragic slaughter of wild animals in East Africa carried out in the name of game control, for the rich prizes of their pelts and for sport.

## INSIDE ISLAM

For thirteen centuries the holy cities of Islam have been closed to the infidel and few Westerners have seen their sacred places. Last year two Turkish Muslims made the pilgrimage to Mecca, one of them was a photographer. Dressed in white robes and veils they crossed the desert by the traditional route, halting to pray and take part in ancient ceremonies, and entered 'the blessed city'. This week, in the Colour Magazine, you can see some of the photographs they took.

**SUNDAY TIMES**  
COLOUR MAGAZINE THIS SUNDAY

TESSA LIFETREE



# COMMONWEALTH IS OK Punchy Canadians brighten debate

## BEST OF TOUR

WITTY, aggressive, fluent and enthusiastic, the McGill debaters took the house by storm last Tuesday.

Supporting the motion that the Commonwealth had a role to play, Gordon L. Echenburg, a past President of the McGill Students' Society, referred to the example set to the world of a fraternity composed of different and conflicting interests yet able to exist and function together. "The Commonwealth brings a touch of sanity to a world stage given over to the practice of Brinkmanship."

Hartley-Brewer threw at the opposition the question of whether they could find one important role the Commonwealth had filled. "Countries were only too glad to see the back of us."

In reply Richard N. Currie denied that he was hankering back to the Empire. The Commonwealth, he emphasised, is a moral force in the world—South Africa's expulsion and pressure against Australia immigration restrictions were examples of this.

The House showed appreciation of the quality of the debate by carrying the motion 114 votes to 42 and in his summing-up Currie was equally generous by praising Birmingham as the best debate so far on their tour.

Mr. Michael Hartley-Brewer at last Thursday's debate. Mr. Hartley-Brewer is not in fact making a disgusting neo-Churchillian gesture, but is demonstrating the absurdity of the proposition

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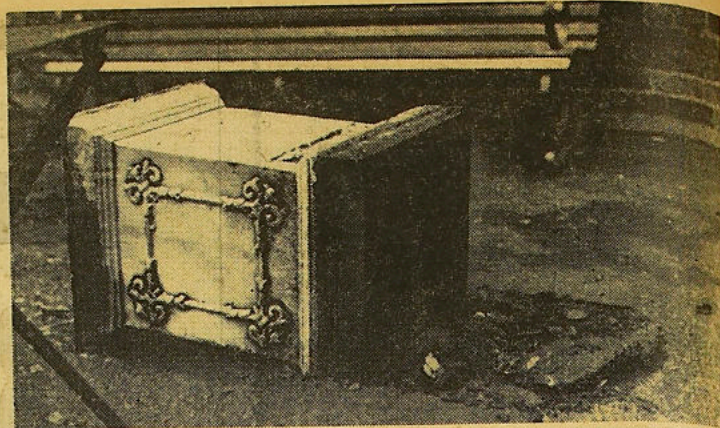
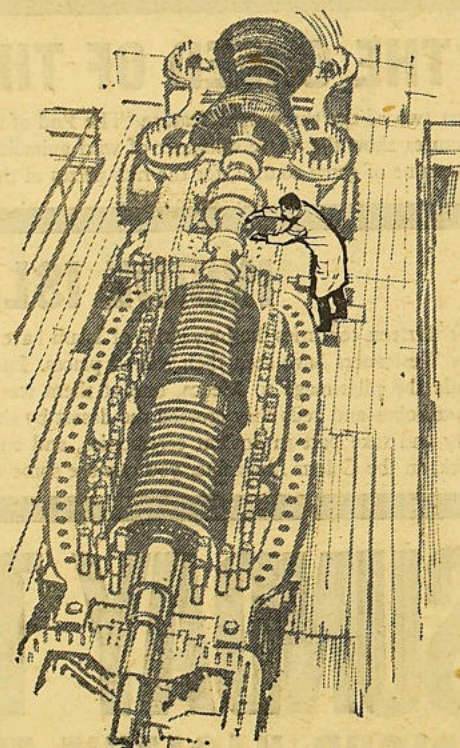


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## Saturday night orgy DRUNK WELSHMEN SMASH 'BARRELS'

FIFTEEN or twenty drunken Welshmen descended on the Gun Barrels last Saturday night at 10.15. Half an hour later they departed, leaving the garden in an advanced state of chaos.

Presumably refugees from the Union Bar, which closes from Cardiff University here to play rugby against the QE Medical School — overturned all the large (four feet high) concrete flowerpots which comprise the garden's main decor. Several were uprooted from solid tarmac, dirt and flowers were scattered all over the forecourt, and one was carried twenty yards and deposited in the middle of the bowling green.

## Heath nosheth

LEADING figures from the world of politics and sport will speak at a dinner to be held in the new refectory on November 16th.

The dinner, held by Edgbaston Division Conservative and Unionist Association, is in honour of Mr. Edward Heath, to celebrate his new appointments.

There has been a heavy demand for tickets—500 have already been sold at the price of 35/- . Among the speakers are Dame Edith Pitt, M.P. for Edgbaston, and Mr. Ted Dexter, the well-known cricketer.

One of the uprooted flower-pots in the Gun Barrels' garden last Sunday. It has been torn from solid tarmac.

## No food price increase WAGES UP

UNION food prices are to remain the same following the general wage increase for catering workers, said Ken Overshott, Chairman of Catering Committee.

"The refectory had to put up their prices after they gave their staff a wage increase recently," said Ken. "But we're hoping that we can absorb the increase without any change in prices, even though we generally pay higher than average."

There has been no noticeable decrease in the amount of coffee drunk since its price increase at the beginning of term.

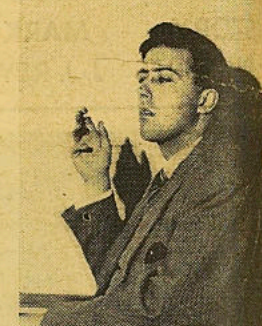


Photo: Peter Bond  
Suave, sophisticated Ken Overshott.

## SEX IS THE GREATEST PROBLEM, SAYS ORD SPEAKER

NOT what to eat, but where to eat—this is going to be the main problem in the next century, as the race continues between food and population production.

The Secretary of the Birmingham Freedom from Hunger Campaign gave this impression at last week's ORD meeting.

"I'm not sure if sexual energy is not the greatest problem. Go forth and multiply ought to be modified today and something positive will have to be done along the lines of birth control."

Meanwhile, the role of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign is not just to supply food but the right kind of food proteins. Many bodies are working to this end. "Food is such a common matter that people from all creeds and classes are responding." The government has contributed £183 million this year, "because half the world cannot develop if the other half starves." "America," he said, "could feed the world's starving, but the real charity is in assisting these countries to help themselves."

## ARABS REVOLT

WHILE the calm Anglo Saxons at the President's Ball danced overhead a minor riot broke out during the Arab Society Social; glasses were smashed, chairs hurled and one bystander injured as one gentleman was being forcibly restrained from attacking another.

## Penalties salvage draw

# JENKINS THE DAY

Birmingham 6 Chester 6

THE question that all the 1st XV must be asking themselves is what would they do without Jenkins. Even suffering from double vision for most of last Wednesday's game, he scored all the six points with two penalty kicks. In fact the general play was aimless and at times contrasted with the keenness of Chester College team by being almost listless, and though superior in skill, the University only managed to draw the game.

## SPORT IN BRIEF SWIMMING

THE Men's Swimming Team met a strong side from GEC Whitton last week in what proved to be a close and exciting contest, the result of 35-28 to GEC being in doubt until the final relay. The only individual winner for the University was Nicholson in the Breaststroke. The Water Polo Team faced a much more experienced side and a 6-1 defeat showed up flaws that must be eradicated.

This Saturday, the University face their toughest match of the year against BUSF and UAU Champions, Manchester. Four international swimmers will be taking part. For transport to and from Union contact R. Beltridge via pigeon-holes.

## NETBALL

ON Wednesday the Netball team had an easy victory over Worcester Training College, beating them 38-4. Shooters, Sue Edwards and Christine Wells played very well.

Birmingham met Keele in their second WIVAB match on Saturday. Although the team was somewhat under strength, Pat Needham stepped into the breach giving unfailing service to the shooters who were not at their best. The final score was Birmingham 26, Keele 12.

## MIDLANDS U.A.U.

S. T. JONES and M. E. Rouse of the University Rugby Club played for the Midland UAU team last week. Jenkins and Ball travelled as reserves. Twelve of the team were from Loughborough.

R. Woods (right) Birmingham's brilliant goal-keeper, has been selected to represent the Midland UAU soccer team to play Worcester FA.

## Cross-country

The University team were 9th, with 281 points in the first race of the Birmingham Cross-Country League at Halesowen on Saturday. Dick Cooper of Worcester was the individual winner, and the team race was won by Worcester with 52 points. University placings were Wrighton, 29th; Shepherd, 42nd; Walmsley, 44th and Norman, 46th.

# SAVES



Photo: J. J. Reynolds

## Badminton

# Men save ladies in distress

THE University Badminton Club gained a very creditable win last Tuesday evening when they defeated Worcester-shire by 12 games to 9.

By winning all four singles (3 men's and 1 ladies') the University was away to a flying start and a 7-2 win in the men's doubles matches made their position unassailable. However, the experience of the Worcestershire ladies gave them a 4-0 victory over the University girls, whose lack of match experience was also apparent in the mixed doubles where the University suffered a 3-1 reverse. Here,

loose serving was fiercely punished by the Worcestershire players, causing valuable points to be lost.

With the ball rolling loose anything can happen.

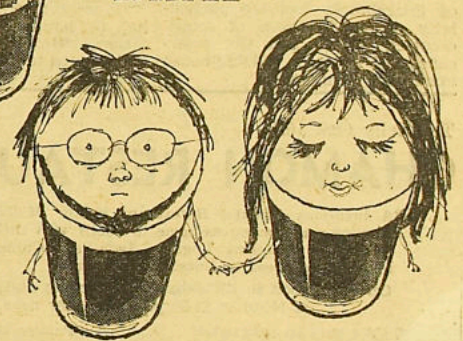
## ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM were defeated by a full strength Cambridge University Athletics team last Wednesday, the winning margin being 50 points. The Birmingham team were not disgraced by their performance, but the result does indicate a weakness in the majority of field events, when the team is up against stiff opposition.

## ANOTHER GUINNESS TANKARD WINNER



'GUINNESS  
CAN'T BE  
BEAT'



Congratulations to R. Krimholtz, Southampton University whose sketch inspired this illustration.

## Ladies' Hockey SECONDS OUTSHINE THE FIRSTS



## BIRMINGHAM 1 CAMBRIDGE 5

THE Ladies' Hockey Team had a hard match against Cambridge last Wednesday. Despite valiant attempts by the forwards, the opposition proved a little too strong both in defence and attack, and by the final whistle, had scored five goals in reply to Birmingham's one, which came during the first half from a fine shot by A. Gough.

Also playing away to Cambridge last Wednesday, the 2nd XI Ladies' Hockey Team had their best win of the season with a score of 8-1. Scorers were M. Harrison (4), A. Mulaney (3), and L. Jenkinson (1).

## Golf

AT Bristol on Wednesday, the University Golf Team and Bristol University engaged in a closely-fought match. The result was all square, four matches to either side.

Despite a very cold wind and rain the golf played by both sides was good, especially by Reeve, Godman and Platt for Birmingham. These three won, while Swain (the captain) and Wawn halved.

## SOCCER Rosser on the mark again

ENTERTAINING Liverpool University on Wednesday, the soccer club were fortunate to gain a draw, Liverpool twice took the lead, and playing confident football always looked capable of winning. Birmingham equalised twice through Rosser and Hollinshead. Saturday's visit to London ended disastrously with a 5-1 defeat. Only one goal down at half-time, the team was playing quite well, but the defence crumbled in the second half and London added four more goals before a fine move ended with Mitchell's shot being beaten down by the goalkeeper for Rosser to score from close range.

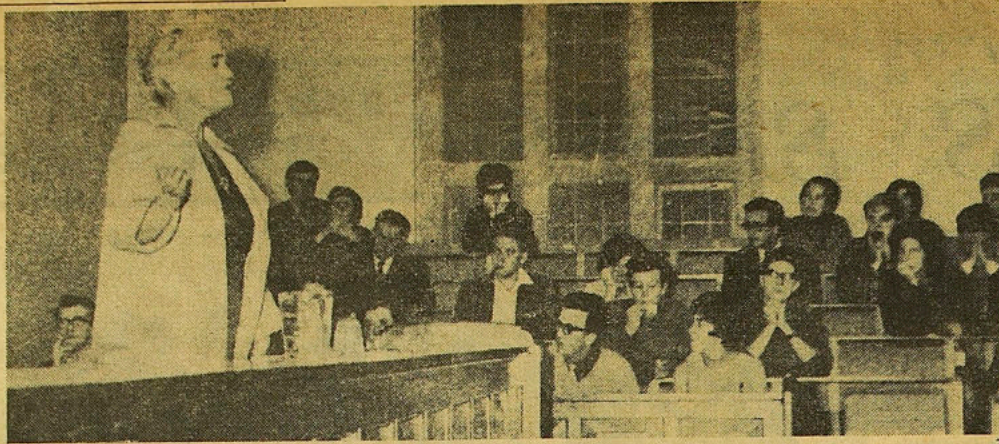
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Claimed he had French

# STUDENT WHO LIED SENT BACK HOME

Found out after three weeks

**FIVE-YEAR RACE  
SURVEY  
GETS GOING IN  
BIRMINGHAM**

A FIRST-YEAR Civil Engineering student has just left Birmingham after having unsuccessfully tried to lie his way into the university.

Malcolm Dunstan, of Bishopstrow in Wiltshire, was removed from the University by the Registry last week after the discovery that he did not have 'O' level French. He filled in his registration forms when he entered the university, and claimed to have French.

This was discovered only when the Joint Matriculation Board refused to issue Form R, on the basis that he had not matriculated. He had not received the application form until about two days before he went up.

THE race-hate survey centred on the university announced in last week's REDBRICK entered its first stage last week.

Mr. E. J. B. Rose, former director of the International Press Institute in Zurich, arrived in Birmingham last Tuesday. For the next five years he will be conducting an enquiry into racial problems in Britain, using Birmingham and the Black Country as his centre.

The Faculty of Commerce and Social Science is to aid Mr. Rose in his work. Dr. Rex, who will be Mr. Rose's chief help in the University, said last week, that "amongst the projects in which Mr. Rose is interested is a study of Sparkbrook, focussed particularly on the problem of multi-occupied houses and the emergence of a large lodging-house immigrant community."

"He was hoping against hope that they'd keep him in," said his father, a dentist in Warminster. "But he knew he was on pretty insecure ground. He's to blame, but the university could have checked up on him earlier."

Mr. Paterson, the Science Registrar, said that there was always a possibility of this happening. "We've got so many people to check at the beginning of the year," he said "Somebody could always slip through. After all, you could get away with using a club of which you weren't a member for a few weeks, but you'd get caught eventually."

Malcolm, who has four 'A' levels (one grade 'A' and three grade 'B's), has been offered a definite place for next year if he gets French. "He's been treated quite fairly over this," said his father. His mother, on the other hand, thought the whole situation was "a bit odd."

"It seems a terrible pity that this had to happen," said Malcolm's father. "He'd settled in so well and seemed to be having a marvellous time."

## MONEY FOR FLOODED OUT ITALIANS

THE Italian Society's collection for the victims of the recent flood disaster in northern Italy, amounted to £33. The money is to be sent direct to Italy by the Italian Vice-consul in Birmingham, Signor Piccioni, who also organised a collection amongst Italians living in Birmingham.

Miss Penny Lynall, Chairman of Italian Society and organiser of the collection said "We are very pleased with the result of this collection."



Dudley Stamp, next Tuesday's Open lecturer. Mr. Stamp, a prominent Geographer and a prolific writer of text-books, will lecture on "Land and People."

## Banned paper out again tomorrow

AND ANOTHER SURVIVES

"SOUTH WESTERNER," the Exeter university student's newspaper will be out again tomorrow.

Its publication was suspended as a result of articles, which appeared in the last edition. These, written by students who had failed their examinations, alleged that the failure rate at Exeter was above average and that the university was "an intellectual wasteland."

The Senate, which was considering the matter, has decided to take no further action.

"Palatinate" (Durham) who printed a near-pornographic article on Black Magic, seems to have avoided being banned so far.

### Worry over train chaos

Birmingham's only contribution to the Annual Meeting of the NUS is a motion concerning the chaos over train-ticket arrangements for Continental trips experienced last summer.

## A TORY PM?

Good ones  
just don't  
exist  
—says Lee

FOLLOWING their recent success with Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, Socialist Union did their best to maintain enthusiasm by inviting another big name, Miss Jenny Lee, M.P., a member of the Labour Party's National Executive, to speak in the Union last Friday.

Miss Lee, who was married to the late Aneurin Bevan, spoke of her party's need for someone like Harold Wilson: "If we didn't have Wilson, we would have had to invent him."

The first part of her address was far too much like mass propaganda to be easily accepted by the audience. Even so, most of the hundred present appeared to agree that there was "No such thing as a good Tory Prime Minister." "They're not with it," cried Miss Lee. "The Conservative die-hards are just nostalgic for the past, but we're ready to go."

Eventually, Jenny realised that Scarborough and the Council Chamber are many miles apart. She gave some credit to the intelligence of her audience and went on to discuss education instead of simply damning Tories. "There is nothing very original about the Robbins report," she claimed. The Labour Party had been advocating massive increases in higher education for years.

"Medieval concepts of advanced education must not be allowed to dominate our society," she said. We had to accept that "the granting of degrees by CATs was inevitable."

After calling for more public control of the economy, Miss Lee moved briefly to foreign affairs, a field in which she felt obvious concern for the future. "God help us," she appealed, "if we leave that old-fashioned conservative mentality the task of reducing further the tensions of the cold war."

## QUICKER GRILLING FOR VERNON COMING

£2,000 cost

QUICKER service and better quality for the Vernon Grill—that's the idea behind new equipment to be ordered by Catering Committee. The main improvement is to be the installation of a £1,500 £2,000 Call-order grill sometime next term.

"We haven't actually got permission to order it yet," said Ben Overshot, Chairman of Catering Committee. "But if we do get it, it will mean a tremendous improvement on present conditions. Meat will be served better, fresher and quicker, and there'll be greater consistency of quality than we can achieve at present."

Catering Committee also hope to install a new refrigeration unit and a new vegetable steamer in the kitchens next year.

## Blow for ivy-girt tradition

THE air of ivy-girt traditionalism has blown away from university architecture. What is built in the next decade will probably be a fluency university building for a century.—"The Architectural Review."

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