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PAYROLL TAX SCARE ON CAMPUS

Laundrette facilities probe

AS the results of the questionnaires sent to one-fifth of the students come in there are fears that unless there is a very large demand for facilities for washing, the project will have to be abandoned.

John Butler, who has been fighting hard to implement his election promise of last year said: "We have had a report from the Maintenance people that at the moment a Laundrette is not feasible because of insufficient hot-water in the Union."

Hot water

At the present there is sufficient hot-water in the Union to supply all demands, but a laundrette would increase the consumption radically. The existing supplies would have to be supplemented if the laundrette scheme goes through.

"The cost would be increased quite a lot," said John Butler, "but if there was sufficient demand we could still have the laundrette. It all depends on the response that we have to the questionnaire."

Questionnaires on the £5,000 laundry facilities to be installed in the Union basement have been distributed to students on a random one-in-five basis.

This follows a proposal by Tony Klug that since the laundrette has been held up by difficulties with the hot-water system, Guild Council should first ascertain the potential demand for these facilities.

The proposed laundrette would be open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sundays.

The question of pressing facilities is also being considered in the form of a large steam iron suitable for sheets as well as other garments.

The facilities will be a help, particularly to students who live in digs but whose landladies do not do their washing for them.

by Kevin Stephens

The new Selective Employment Tax provides for a rebate to the Universities, but it is not yet known if this will be extended to employees working in Service jobs within the University.

If it is not the financial structure of the Union, the Refectory, and all the Halls of Residence will be badly hit.

• The Union, employing 155 people, might have to foot a bill as large as £6,000, though this could vary depending on the status of the part-time employees.

• The Refectory, with 165 employees, many of them young girls, may be faced with a £5,000 tax bill.

• And the Halls of Residence, with over 250 employees could be set back £10,000 (here again, many are part-timers).

Mr. R. T. Jones, commenting on the effect the new tax would have on the Union if introduced said: "Such a tax would knock our present arrangements for six. We could probably recover some of it by a moderate increase in prices but we wouldn't go mad."

Shortage

It would be impossible to get rid of any of the Union staff as there is a considerable shortage at the moment. Normally the number employed is between 180 and 200.

In the Refectory the position is similar. Mr. Humbert, Refectory Catering Manager, said last week: "I cannot envisage any price increases which would cover this sort of increase in expenditure." At the moment the Refectory is balanced on a knife edge, with the prospect of more price increases being held off with difficulty. If no rebates were allowed Mr. Humbert's problems would be enormously increased.

The general feeling in the University is that the Government would not dare impose a tax which would hit so directly at the students' pocket. Strong pressure will be brought to bear on the University

Grants Commission to state the universities' case, but no definite ruling can be expected for two or three weeks.

The position of the part-time workers in the Union has not yet been clarified. Mr. Douglas Jay, President of the Board of Trade said on Sunday that the question will be considered, but that is as far as the Government is prepared to go at the moment. Out of the Union's 155 employees, 86 are part-timers. They could make a difference of £3,000 in the total tax bill.

But there is a feeling that the Government may be taking money with one hand only to give it back with the other. If there was no rebate for the catering and services staffs the University would have to apply for an increased grant from the Government to cover the extra costs.

FOOTNOTE. Students at Oxford and Cambridge Colleges will have to make their own beds and wash up their own cups and saucers as a result of the new tax. The Colleges are regarded as being independent of the Universities and thereby do not get a rebate for the "Gyps" they employ to do their students' housework.



(Photo by Alan Hunt)

• Pauline, bass guitarist to the She Trinity, who made a great impression at the Ents' Comm. spectacular on Friday. One thing did mar the evening, however—there was about a hundred cases of people getting in without paying. Ents. Comm. later warned of the serious consequences of this sort of behaviour. Because of this, the function failed to break even.

LIBEL CHEQUE STOPPED

GUILD Council last night passed a motion instructing John Butler to stop payment of a £30 cheque to Jeremy Hindle.

The cheque was in settlement out of court for the alleged libel which appeared on "Wall" last term. The President was also instructed to tell the Union Solicitors of Council's motion.

Roy Shutz, Guild Treasurer, who proposed the motion said that he regretted the payment to Mr. Hindle and the capitulation of Guild Council in the face of Mr. Hindle's threat of libel action. Mike Hartley-Brewer supported Mr. Shutz. He said "The assumption all along has been that Mr. Hindle would win the case, (a) I don't agree, (b) if he did he would only get nominal damages and (c) he won't go to court anyway—he has more to lose than we have."

Regretted

The President, Miss Haase and Mr. Redhouse, in opposing the motion regretted that Mr. Hindle should receive payment but felt that the Guild should not risk a much larger payment in a libel suit.

The motion was passed by a small majority.

Mike Hartley-Brewer then went on to question John Butler's action in removing the article from "Wall" and he attempted to set up an inquiry into the constitution. Council, however, were not prepared to take any part in this and many of them left the council Chamber so that the meeting was inquorate.

NUS go back to ISC

THE spring Council meeting of the N.U.S. held during the Easter vacation at Exeter produced a complete reversal of the position taken by the Council last November at Margate. The motion bound the September Council meeting to apply for full membership of I.S.C., and was carried by a clear majority. Geoff Martin achieved a double victory in that not only was his motion enthusiastically carried, but he was then himself elected as the new president of N.U.S., to succeed Bill Savage whose two-year term in office ends this year.

Council also passed resolutions designed to encourage Rhodesian students to continue their studies in England if they could not do so under the Smith regime, and it was decided to send a representative to University College, Salisbury, to investigate the situation and report back to the next Council.

CARNIVAL TO MERGE WITH ASTON RAG

THIS year's Carnival will be the last to be held in its present form. The memorandum on the nature of future Carnivals, drawn up by the President and the Chairman of Carnival Committee, is now unofficially known to have been accepted by the University Senate in its entirety.

Mike Hardwick, Chairman of Carnival Committee, said, "We've pushed through these proposals to get a change in the date of Carnival, and it has been accepted by Senate that we will hold future Carnivals jointly with Aston in March."

It is probable that the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week of the new joint Carnival will be free from academic work.

Initially, it is intended that the University at Edgbaston will be largely in control of the organisation of future Carnivals owing to

the greater experience that Birmingham possesses, and the wider scope of our present Carnival compared with Aston Rag. Plans for the constitution of such a joint organisation committee are being drawn up, and it is hoped that it will be possible to implement them in the near future, as the Carnival date is being effectively drawn three months ahead of schedule. When experience has been gained in running this joint venture, both universities will share equally in its organisation.

The Guild has fought for five years to achieve a change in the date of Carnival from the summer term to either the spring or autumn terms; the disadvantages and advantages of such times are clearly laid out in the memorandum. The concern about policy of future Carnivals was expressed at Guild Council after last year's Carnival, and it is due chiefly to this instigation that policy was investigated, resulting in the present change.



(Photo by John Thomson)

★ Mike Hardwick

Tulips — and rain — and ducks — and yet more tulips

THUDDING wet rain at the entrance to Cannon Hill Park, and four signposts — Tulips, Dutch Village, the Japanese Garden of Contemplation, and Ladies, Masses and masses of tulips; tulips in circles and squares and oblongs and triangles with Japanese umbrellas of lights.

Ordinary tulips, ones with frilly edges, ones all bunched up in the middle; colours of red, blood-red, purple, crimson and white streaked, the colour of banana lollipops; vibrant pink as a background for one muddy drake zealously pursuing a bashful female duck; tulips like sentinels diligently enclosing tight-knit clusters of white flecked pink-meared trees and creeping greenness; more tulips the colour of over-ripe strawberries spreading before a pink elephant with black spots, inconspicuously wearing a black and red spotted bow tie.

Tulips everywhere and all wet. Like the Japanese Garden of Contemplation—just a series of sloping, twisty paths with a few chunks of

dark orange stone; one or two plants between; and two Chinese lanterns at the entrance, the only pretension to its name, the significance of the boulders being not

clear. Time spent searching for the Dutch Village, only to find it as a collection of cardboard booths, filled with the wonders of the

Netherlands and traditional clogged and hatted peoples, huddled round with shawls, giving the impression that they rather wanted to go back home. Me too—my shoes leaked.



Dead eye Dick comes home again

RETURNED to Brum after almost a year's absence, Richard Godfrey, one-time news editor of "Redbrick," now one of the "Daily Mail's" staff men in the Midlands.

After leaving this haven of further education under a rather dark cloud, Richard went to Edinburgh to work for the "Scottish Daily Mail" where he remained, sustained by a liberal diet of haggis and whisky, for seven months.

The outside world has moulded him, as he is the first, in fact the only, person to admit, into a picture of sartorial elegance.

Battered Levis and kinky mac have been discarded in favour of a natty chalk stripe two-piece.



straight from the time when "men were men and women were easy."

Even his hair has succumbed to the strictures of professional life and the "machinations of Lord Rothermere's evil machine."

So if in your travels around the Union, you come across a rather suave gentleman leaning against a wall labelling the fact that so many good brains are going to waste at university, don't chide, just put it down to experience.

He, she three, four

FOUR girls trying to look like boys. Trouser suits. Black Cuban-heeled boots. Four girls in a man's world. Four making up a trinity. The She Trinity.

Pauline, the one with the long hair, who never smiled from Black-pool.

Girls who don't have a road manager but who drive themselves from stand to stand.

Sue, the one with the dark glasses, from New York.

Four girls who came to England rather than to America.

Shelley, emigrated to Canada from Edinburgh as a girl.

A group who take a pride in their music and believe in rehearsal.

Robin, who plays drums and whose Canadian boy-friend owns a night club.

A girl group who cannot but be different in a world of men and screaming young girls.

"We think people accept us. The girls shout and cheer at us even if they don't scream."

Robin's the leader, the spokesman, the most self-confident. "In Canada it's unheard of for a group not to honour a booking or not to turn up on time. We were horrified when we heard that this sort of thing is quite common in England."

Shelley's pretty—"No photos till we put our war-paint on."

Sue talks with a broad American twang but says little.

Pauline wants to be an actress when she finishes but she doesn't smile and doesn't talk.

Rumble

Who's who in Deb. Soc.

LAST Friday in the Council Chamber Deb. Soc. made a bit of a boob. Charles Wright was elected unopposed as next year's Deb. Soc. chairman and a certain Mr. Peter Townsend was elected on to the Committee but not so unopposed, along with Ray Phillips and Andrew Hamilton.

Dave Silver, in proposing Pete, told the gullible audience what a good bloke he was along with all the other usual guff which must needs be said on such occasions. Some of the audience saw at once, others were not so bright. "Who is Pete Townsend anyway?" they thought. "Another of our brilliant young debaters. He must be." And so there they were.

But this was a state of affairs which could not be allowed to continue. Up spoke Mike Hartley Brewer, that intrepid follower of right. "This Townsend fellow is an impostor. He is not a member of the Guild. Someone has kept off the committee because of this. This cannot go on."

And so a record must be set down of the day that Mr. Peter Townsend was thrown off Deb. Soc. committee because he was a member of the Who and not the Guild. In his place we have Dave Berry but alas no Cruisers.

... and don't walk on the grass either

LIFE at Manor hasn't been the same since. Indeed, one feels, Manor may never be the same again. On that first evening of term residents ate their meal in subdued silence, scarcely comprehending the full poignancy of the news.

At High Table the Warden was cheerfully tucking into his meat and veg. In his outward appearance was no trace of regret, no pang of remorse. What motive, what iron strength of will had forced him, a man usually so humane, so understanding to issue this monstrous edict that henceforth no gentleman of Manor should be allowed to pick flowers.

Stunned and disheartened, their every hope for flower-picking season shattered, students consoled themselves in memories of bygone years at Manor. Of happy hours spent picking four-leafed clover on the lawn. Of the sparkle in a cleaner's eye as she accepted daisy-chains from her thankful students. Of sheaves of nettles for the kitchen staff, small tokens of appreciation for a particularly peculiar salad served earlier the same evening.

But today no more. When news was received of this cruel and unjustified piece of legislation, it was as if somewhere, deep in the heart of every Manorian a vital chord had snapped. We have suffered a grave loss of liberty. Today life is a little shallower, mankind a little poorer.

Rumble this week

Hilary Macaskill, Ann Clarke, Brian Whitaker.

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DOWNTOWN RUMBLE

THEATRE

ALEXANDRA: The Honourable Gentleman

REPERTORY Theatre: Edward II, 12, 13, 14th May; The Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles

BIRMINGHAM Theatre: My Fair Lady

CINEMAS

ODDEON: The Silencers and Broken Sabre

ABC Cinema: Casanova and Brainstorm

GAUMONT: The Sound of Music

SCALA Superama: The Great St. Trinians Train Robbery and The Anxious Prawn

CINEPHONE: Darling

FUTURIST: The L-Shaped Room and Live Now—Pay Later

WEST End Theatre: Frankie and Johnny

and The Swinging Set

ABC, New Street: Morgan—A Suitable Case for Treatment, and The Spy Killers

ABC, Colleshill Street: Morgan—A Suitable Case for Treatment, and The Spy Killers

TONIGHT

Greyhound Racing: Alcester Lanes End, Kings Heath, 7.30

Walsall Road, Perry Barr, 7.30

YORK Road, Hall Green, 7.30

CONCERT: The Ornette Coleman Trio, At the Town Hall, 8.0

THURSDAY

MEETINGS: An Artist in the Circus, Mr. R. Niblett, At the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hall, 7.45

FRIDAY

BARBECUE in aid of N.S.P.C.C. At Morton House, Priory Road, 7.30

These Have I Loved (with apologies to Doris Arnold), Mr. J. B. Pratt, At the Harbourne and Quinton Community Centre (Quinbourn Record Society), 7.45

YORK Road, Hall Green, 7.30

DANCE: Modern Dancing to Johnny Patrick's Big Band, Brenda Cott, and the Second City Jazzmen, At the Town Hall, 8.0

EXHIBITIONS

REFERENCE Library: Selection of Shakespeare's Plays in Foreign Languages, Until 8th May

COMMUNITY Service House: Exhibition of Painting, Ceramics, Embroidery by Jill Bradley and De Sousa, Until 14th May

REBA Galleries: Open Exhibition of Water Colour Paintings and Crafts, Until 14th May

MUSEUM and Art Gallery: Congreve St. Wild Life and Man, Until 31st May

It is self-evident that we have many personable and attractive young ladies in this university—a stroll round the campus on any sunny day will convince the

Frivolous
Biting
Bold
Enquiring

THIS IS YOUR

opinion

NO RETURN FROM GREAT HALL SLOT-MACHINES

DEAR MADAM,—If the grumbles which are heard in the Union are as strong as the grumbles which are heard in and around the corridors adjacent to the Computer Services Department then the Union must sound a very dissatisfied place these days.

The complaints arise from the slot machines which are situated, presumably for the benefit of both students and staff in the lower corridor of the Main Building. Under the recent gambling laws "one-armed bandits" are subject to inspection to ensure that the probability of a reasonable return for one's "investment" is achieved. These machines should come under the same laws because money is lost in them so frequently that the matter is beyond a joke.

Could not the Union form its own protection society, perhaps a "Student Consumer Group" attached to the Birmingham Consumer Group. They would report on the "one-armed bandits" of any trading on the Campus where better value can be obtained outside, and would collect evidence which could be presented to the University authorities. They would then be in a position to take appropriate action against traders who made an unjust profit from students.

SHORT-OF-CHANGE.

GIVE LIBERALS A VOICE AT DEBATES

DEAR MADAM,—Many of your readers will have suffered the three-hour saddle-sore boredom of the General Election debate. With the exception of the speeches of Mr. Walden and Mr. Knox, the whole afternoon reflected little glory on the quality of our politics.

As a debate, standards fell very low. Eight (!) monotonous platform speeches were made even more dull by the "heckling" of huge chunks of Tory Campaign Handbook, whilst all the red-blooded passion and fire of student socialism was reduced to the level of Mr. Haffner's dog impersonations.

The excessive time allotted to the platform allowed only four members to speak from the floor. No-one could be called to put any point of view other than blanket acceptance of the straight party line (what-ever happened to Vietnam, immigration, or the Bomb?). In particular, those of us who had hoped to put forward some critical liberal comment were frustrated by the two-party monopoly. Thus, what was made by the U.A.U. Secretary was entirely sacrificed to the making of small, party political points. To arrest any further decline, we hope that future motions will give the chance to discuss the liberal radical alternative to this unedifying display of mud-slinging Tweedledum-Tweedledee politics.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
KEITH J. SALWAY.

Yours faithfully,

E. M. DONNACHIE,
Chairman, B.U.A.U.

A PLEA FROM A LOVER

MADAM,—I have just seen the result of the N.U.S. student beauty contest in a national daily paper and I heard that there was no Birmingham University entrant. I am writing to enquire, through your columns, why none of our young ladies entered this competition. After all, unvarnished beauty is not the only qualification for this competition—intelligence was the primary requirement.

It is self-evident that we have many personable and attractive young ladies in this university—a stroll round the campus on any sunny day will convince the

doubters. Why then have they not come forward? Can it be that they don't have the nerve? Since when were the girls of Birmingham University chicken?

I also have it on good authority that only nine girls have entered the Carnival Beauty Competition. As a result of this, the competition has had to be advertised in the columns of the "Birmingham Post" and "Mail," and has been thrown open to all the girls in Birmingham. Obviously there is a chance that the Carnival Beauty Queen won't be a student here. I consider this to be an appalling state of affairs.

What is the matter with our women? It cannot be that there are not incentives enough. There is after all a £25 prize for the winner.



■ "Examinations, when man was weighed As in a balance." — Wordsworth.

MERMAID NOT WORTH 1/-

DEAR Madam,—Yet again have I fallen foul of the advertisers. For the tenth and positively the last time I was led into believing "Mermaid" was going to be interesting and worth twelve grimy bog-door pennies.

Yet again it looked with-it, glossy-photo full of excitement and revelation. Yet again was I wrong for it was its usual boring collection of pretentious excrement. (I use that word in case their hosts was not upheld, but I did think that clarification of the situation was warranted, especially as the article had been read outside the University. A suggestion was made by the U.A.U. Secretary at the meeting that the host university should have the right, if it so wishes, to bar members of visiting teams from its licensed premises. This suggestion will be discussed at the next Athletic Union General Committee, and any decisions communicated to Guild Council.

Still, unlike most people, I spent my shilling expecting that at long last "Mermaid" had descended from the clouds of brain paralysis that surround its office. I should have known better. Only one thing confuses me—why did Hartley-Brewer wreck his Presidential chances by being associated with it?

Yours sincerely,
MATT CONNELLY

DON'T LAUGH AT WALL! IT'S ALL SERIOUS STUFF

DEAR MADAM,—I must point out to certain members of our community that down-to-earth expression is the only way to make people sit up and take notice and think. In our community we have "Wall." Some people do not like it. It hits them where it hurts and this is just what it is meant to do.

It is so easy for any influential person within the Union to build up a shiny image of himself and to have their halo tailored to size; but "Wall" can and does try to show them up for what they really are. It is because of this that the truly clear thinking and honest individual has a chance to emerge. Messrs. Muntion and Connelly having exposed the real truth about the other ninety per cent of the self-styled pseudo-politicians.

But how much effect on us does it have? The majority of students seem to read "Wall" just for the amusement of it. This is the whole apathetic outlook of the establishment. It is due to the clever and subtle way in which the individuals attacked by "Wall" and exposed have cajoled us into dismissing "Wall" as an upstart publication which is not to be taken seriously. By this way, such people as John Butler can escape any serious, aroused criticism which could result from "Wall."

AN APOLOGY FROM SCARD

DEAR MADAM,—May I take this opportunity of correcting a serious error which was made in an article in the SCARD magazine "Black white, or grey?" published last term. In the article I quoted Mr. Andrew Foulds, now M.P. for Smethwick, as having stated:

"I have always been in favour of restriction of Commonwealth Immigration. Cut this out and show it to your friends."

This quote is entirely spurious and I would like to express in your columns my sincere apologies to Mr. Foulds, PAUL BARNARD.

It is a great relief to me that there are some individuals who refuse to have the wool pulled over their eyes; I refer to Mike Redhouse and Tony Klug. A few more individuals like these in responsible positions would do a great deal of good to the Union. It is our duty to give them the responsible positions in the Union; responsibility which affects all of us. We must try and see through the built-up image of the power-crazed individuals amidst our community, which is intended to mislead us into believing that they know what they are doing—they do not.

RICHARD F. SYRETT.

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REDBRICK EDITORIAL

Birmingham University
Newspaper

Wake up - get
out and vote!

IN spite of pressure, threats, and persuasion "Redbrick" is not coming out in favour of any one of the candidates in the Presidential elections. Were this a National election and was "Redbrick" a National newspaper things would be different. As it is "Redbrick" must stay unbiased since it is the only newspaper in the University. (In spite of any claims made by the Editor of "Wall.")

However, "Redbrick" is not joining with the greater majority of this University in apathetic mire. In a University of about 6,000 students it is shameful that only 2 per cent. of them can find the time and interest to vote. When you vote you are not just electing the President of the Union buildings, but the President of the Union of students who will represent each single, individual student.

Surely it is about time that the onus of electing the president was lifted from the shoulders of the dedicated few. Whether you live in the Union, the Refectory or the Mason Lounge it is your duty as a student to vote for one of the four candidates tomorrow.

The President Birmingham needs is not a behind the scenes worker. We need a President who is worthy of the position as the representative of one of the leading redbrick universities in the country. He must have the interests of the students at heart before all things and must not always crawl to the University authorities to lick their feet at every possible opportunity. Every candidate must, in the present system, produce a manifesto and he must fill this manifesto with promises which, we hope, he sincerely believes he can fulfill in his year of office. In spite of this, most of the promises are pipe dreams which can only be carried out by a year of hard work.

When you vote tomorrow bear this in mind, and do not be swayed by fantastic promises which cannot be fulfilled.

End of a dictator?

COUNCIL have seen the light at last over the Hindle-Wall affair. This time, we hope, he has been well and truly squashed and about time too. Hindle almost succeeded in becoming a petty Union dictator, and a potentially dangerous president has not been seen.

Council have the power to tell Hindle exactly where he can go and perhaps he will take the hint. Even if he carries out all his threats to the full, in the long run it is not the Union who will suffer but Hindle himself when it is shown how small minded he really is.

Anyone who seems to gain a position of power has to show that he is immune to attacks as insignificant as that published in "Wall".

Editor: Ann Clark

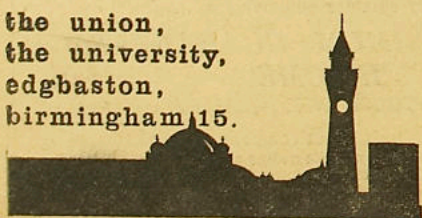
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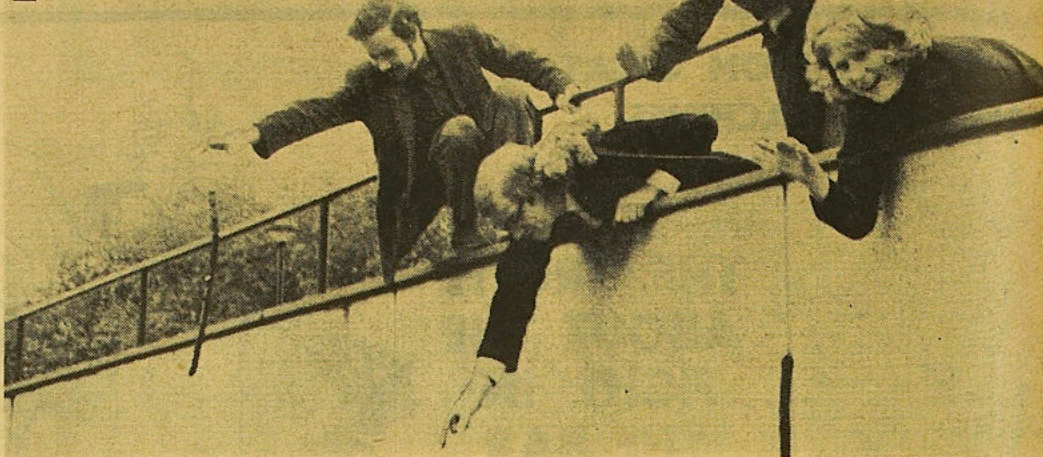
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poohstuck



(Photo by Dick Thomas)

"Pooh," says Christopher Robin, talking of This and That on the very top of the Forest, "when I'm—you know—when I'm not doing Nothing, will you come up here some-times?"

STILL keeping his promise to all those frustrated Peter Pans now forced into not doing Nothing, Pooh Bear has been waiting forty years at Galleons Lap for a swiftly-growing body of student devotees to find him.

Gauntlet

Hull University, with its Winnie-the-Pooh Society of over eighty members was the first to hit the headlines. Besides playing the classic game of Poohsticks, Hull held a Pooh Reading to the accompaniment of piano, kazoo, jew-harp and a spasmophone. As final proof of fanaticism they challenged Nottingham to do battle in the British students' Poohsticks and Hum Championships.

Now Birmingham has thrown down the

gauntlet. Defying Hull, Nottingham, Antipoo and all other phillistines obediently doing something, we have formed our own Pooh Society.

Heading the committee as Christopher Robin Designate is Chairman John Westwood, assisted by an Unbounced Tiger (Treasurer C. Gimson), a Guardian of the Pooh and Sacred Texts (Secretary J. Kopriva), a Hummer Laureate (R. Venning) and a Rhyme Organiser (S. Castles).

Perhaps extracts from the society's Constitution will best convey the essence of the Pooh experience.

Any person showing Due Reverence for Winnie-the-Pooh shall be accepted as a Probationary Member of the Society upon payment of the annual subscription of 1/-.

To be accepted as a Full Member a Probationary Member must submit a suitable Hum to the Hummer Laureate.

Strip Club Probe

There's a dirty strip club to the east of Digbeth Bus Station. Redbrick's undercover men, Peter Nicholls and Robert Lapsley, investigate the whole sordid business.

THERE could have been a scuffle at the door. It wasn't so much my face they objected to, it was the telescope under my arm. When you first see it, the place looks more like a castle: the windows are boarded up, the cash desk is hidden away to one side—they say it was only the bye-laws that prevented them from digging a moat.

We approached the booking office. Someone peered from behind the counter.

"Press," I said, "press."

"Push," he replied, "off."

So we paid up. "It's quite good, really, monsieur," he said (he liked to be called Jacques). "You get a feed, a group, six strips and as much bread and butter as you want; all for ten bob."

Humouring

It said "GUICHET" over the booking-office—we thought of humouring him by paying with some old French francs that I'd been saving for the Coke machine, but we didn't.

There's an obstacle course to get into the place. The turnstiles are just a minor hazard. After them there's a long, dark, rickety passage festooned with army blankets. At the end of this there's a swing door. We tried to open it but couldn't.

"Pull it," advised a woman lurking in the shadows. We groped for a handle, there wasn't one. "Pull what?" we asked hopefully. "No, no there's a bit of string, pull that." We were in.

Enjoying

It was a long, dimly-lit room. A bar stood down one side. Bitter was 3/6 a pint, whisky and gin was 4/-. To the centre of the room twenty people were standing around, nervously chatting, waiting for something to happen. There was a card table in an alcove at the far end of the room; there were no family estates balanced on the turn of a card, the croupier's dress shirt may have been a bit stained and his bow-tie crooked. But they were all enjoying themselves (and let's face it folks, if you can do that in Brum at 1 a.m. then you've found something that most of us have missed).

Then came the first strip. We didn't exactly get caught in the rush to the stage. That had been and gone leaving us standing at the card table. We got a few glimpses of Debbie as she did her act (she was billed as "Debbie from the Orient," but I reckon Grimsby was nearer to the mark). We soon realised that going to a strip club is no relaxation. You're got to be on the move all the time. They

Hums shall consist of about "that" number of lines, or perhaps slightly more, but certainly not less.

Membership

To qualify for membership a person must be alive or show signs of being so. All Probationary Members, upon acceptance as Full Members shall place their Right Hand (which shall be the other from their Left) upon the complete works of Winnie-the-Pooh and Hum the "Anxious Pooh Song" (Hurrah for Pooh!).

Members shall not know their TWY-STYMES (or anybody else's for that matter). Pooh shall be the sole Life Member of the Society.

The Committee shall give due notice of any Pooh Meet, preferably before the Meet takes place.

A quorum shall consist of at least 10 members and Pooh.

Eeyore's technique

Poohsticks shall be the only recognised sport of the Society. (Eeyore's technique shall not be permitted). If, during a game of Poohsticks a Poohstick isn't or hasn't (as the case may be) all members must stand upright on the bridge (preferably on their hind legs) and upon a given signal shall pronounce, in a fluffy sort of voice the word "POOHSTUCK!"

Regeneration

The door marked "salon" led to the food. We sat at a table eyeing a large bottle of Daddies Favourite Sauce that looked ripe for a bit of spontaneous regeneration. "It's good stuff, that," said the waiter as he brought the food. "It puts hairs on your chest. Mind you, you've got to rub it in well." We laughed impudently—he stalked off, deeply offended, in his inner self, clanking his spoons and rattling his plates.

No bald-headed old men. Most of the customers come in once or twice a week so they have to book new girls every few days. Debbie was working her way across country; she had just come from Leicester. It had been Northampton the week before. With a bit of luck they can work two clubs at once. Joan had just arrived by taxi from Soho Road. What could be the human soul that the merely superficial level of slapstick comedy. As I have already said, it makes us have sympathy for Jubb — the trouble is that as the genre develops this element of pathos may become merely another form, albeit more modern and with it, of sentimentality. But Jubb is far from this limit.

It was 2 a.m. when the club closed. Joan had done the sixth act; she'd taken the whole lot off—I tell you, I was so shocked I didn't know where to look. Jacques and the Gulchet hadn't led: "It's good value for ten shillings, monsieur."

REVIEW

Playscript

DAVID KARLZBERG— GENIUS OR . . . ?

Ann Clark

DAVID KARLSBERG publisher—writer—occasional artist and photographer wrote a play at 17 and at 23 decided it was a work of great merit. He published it himself and launched a fantastic publishing campaign. The play "The Last Days" is in his own words, "a powerful play not at all nice, about the frustrations and tragic loneliness of the individual and rebellion by violence and suicide."

Ultra-sensitive

Karlsberg has no modesty in his publicity drive. He is out to gain recognition in any way he can and he has left no stone unturned. In a way, however, his publicity is misleading and creates a wrong impression. He is himself concerned more on the fact that he has gone it alone than on the play itself.

"The Last Days" is Karlsberg's first major play. It is a sensitive work rather than one of great sensation. The anti-hero of the play, Benjamin Longrik, is not as Karlsberg says in publicity "a son disgusted with sex and life, driven to the limits of insanity to become an inspired demonic visionary and an appalling murderer." But rather an ultra-sensitive individual lost in a mental backwater of misunderstanding and the frustrating humiliation of country life.

The play explores his relationships with his mother, father, brother and brother's mistress, the latter being perhaps the most unconvincing character in the play.

Karlsberg, with his violent publicity would outwardly seem afraid to recognise the inner sensitivity of

the play and yet even he had to admit that he did not know which were the "two pages which ought not to have been printed" which are mentioned on the dust jacket.

"The Last Days" as a play is not an obscure work. In places it is fascinating and even beautiful. "It is not autobiographical," he said. "Though I always felt under appreciated. When my mother read the play her only comment was that she didn't like murder and she didn't like sex in plays and this had both." He went on to add that when he was younger he was very shy. "That's why I worked as a sales representative for a while. I had to cure myself of my shyness somehow."

And cure himself of his shyness he certainly did. Karlsberg the individual has created himself an image. He has done this round his play, perhaps to the detriment of the play itself.

Image

People are interested in Karlsberg and not in "The Last Days". They do not want to read the play but rather to learn more about the man behind it. Why has he created this publicity? What is he like? Is he as mad as he appears to be? Is he a genius as a writer or just the best P.R.O. in the business?

The answers to these questions are not to be found in the play but this does not really matter. "The Last Days" is certainly a play of merit. It is well worth reading and it should lend itself well to stage production. Karlsberg has written and Karlsberg has advertised and it is up to the reader to deduce which is most sincere.

"The Last Days" by David Karlsberg. Published by David Karlsberg is on sale at the University branch of Hudsons at 45/-.

Books

Jubb—a step towards a perfect anti-hero

PENGUIN have brought out this month the most recent of Keith Waterhouse's novels—"Jubb" (Penguin, 3/6). It is hilariously funny, yet unaccountably sympathetic towards its anti-hero, who is one of those obnoxious little men who peer into "Porny" bookshops without ever buying anything, and who walks around the streets on his council estate hoping to see ladies undressing for bed with the curtains open.

In many respects it is another step along the road which began with Tom Jones, began its modern period with "Lucky Jim" and has reached its latest culmination in the film "Morgan—A Suitable Case for Treatment." But, as with all of these anti-heroic novels and films, it has a claim to reach further into the human soul than the merely superficial level of slapstick comedy. As I have already said, it makes us have sympathy for Jubb — the trouble is that as the genre develops this element of pathos may become merely another form, albeit more modern and with it, of sentimentality. But Jubb is far from this limit.

The circumstances of Jubb's life, from his first abortive encounter with a woman (which left him without any sexual experience because he was too scared to take the resistance of the situation) to the final dismal end in a plastic wardrobe in the toilet of a train, are described with a true feeling for the individual which goes far beyond the "attitude to life" reporting which is so prevalent in the "Lucky Jim" type of story line. Jubb is not another Alfie. His philosophy of existence is hardly touched upon. It is the MAN he is that captures our attention and not merely the comic situation he gets into (as with "Lucky Jim") or the comic-tragic results of his outlook on life (as with Alfie). Jubb doesn't live by a system—he just lives.

"Lenin" is the subject of the second of Penguin's "Political Leaders of the Twentieth Century" series (7/6)—a reprint of David Shub's earlier book with considerable revisions. The result is a compulsively readable history, not only of Lenin but of the revolution in all its aspects. The book sets Lenin into the backdrop of his time extremely well and contains useful sections on "the seeds of revolution"—a résumé of the revolutionary movements in Russia since the defeat of Napoleon and the "essentials of Leninism" (selections from the great man's works furnishing a "master guide" to his ideology).

The intriguing story of how Lenin, mainly through sheer force of personality, gained control of the party machine against the opposition of many of the principle early revolutionaries, and ruthlessly carried on to rule exactly as he said a communist country should be ruled. "Capitalism cannot be defeated and eradicated without the ruthless suppression of the resistance of the exploiters, who cannot at once be deprived of their wealth, of their superiority of organisation and knowledge, and consequently for a fairly long period will



• David Karlzberg, the controversial playwright and publisher.

Theatre

SHAW AND MARLOWE MEET AT THE REP

AT last John Harrison has come up with two interesting productions at the Rep: Shaw's "The Simpleton of Unexpectated Isles" and Marlowe's "Edward II."

Both plays are rarely performed and Mr. Harrison has some interesting ideas about them; his productions are not always realised to the full, but individual points are often illuminating.

Kevin Stephens

The central roles in "The Simpleton" are played by Barbara Barnett, a beautiful and enigmatic priestess, and Benjamin Whitrow, the simpleton of the title, a foolish and pathetic Anglican priest, but Mr. Whitrow gives him great strength in his simplicity. Perhaps Linda Gardner is too common as the young woman, but Eric Woofe and Barbara Atkinson give splendid support to the main part of the argument, and there are two very good small parts in the hands of Jim Duckett (who commits suicide because he thinks he is an Empire builder, but hasn't had the luck of Rhodes) and Michael Tudor Barnes as a superior angel—oh yes, the last judgment takes place on stage, and Shaw has some fascinating ideas on

the subject. "The Simpleton" is very entertaining and well worth a visit to the Rep.

"Edward" is less immediately appealing; eccentricities are more noticeable here, and Henry Knowles, though quite adequate as Edward, hasn't the power to make this a great performance. Gabrielle Drake, however, makes a fascinating person of Isabella and has some splendid moments of real power. There is a horrid little boy as the young king and some bad small-part players, but the leads are well played by Gary Watson, Michael Tudor Barnes, Patrick Mower and particularly Eric Woofe as Young Spencer. The conception works, much to my surprise, I must admit; but it does—and that's good.



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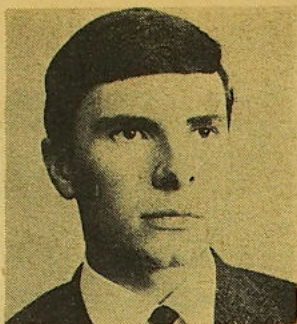
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MIKE HARTLEY- BREWER



PROPOSAL

NEXT year's President must be a man who possesses not only the organising skills which we need in the Union itself; but also the wit, speaking ability and personality which are essential in our representative to the University, the city and other Unions. Above all, he must be a leader rather than a mere Union official. **MIKE HARTLEY-BREWER** is the obvious choice.

A graduate student of political science, he has been active in Union affairs since his first year. Most of you will know him as an outstanding speaker and debater. In his second year he won the Deb. Soc. Open Tournament. Last year, when he was Chairman of Deb. Soc., the society had its best year ever, and he led the only Brum team ever to reach the finals of the Observer Mace Competition.

Mike spent last term on a tour of some 40 American Colleges. He was chosen by open competition to represent all the British Universities as a member of the first combined Universities debating team. This outstanding achievement is ample proof of his qualities as a speaker and a representative of his fellow students.

Another of Mike's activities is writing. He co-authored "Colour and the British Electorate," a study of race in politics which has been published in Britain and America. He was Political Editor of "Redbrick" as a freshman, and has also written for Student News, "U" Magazine, Isis and Mermaid.

He has been an outstanding Guild Councillor and at other Universities; has sat on the Union and Publications committees of the Guild; was an influential delegate at N.U.S. Council; and even managed to fit in sport, as a member of the University Judo team. He has helped to put Brum on the map. He can keep it there.

On graduating, Mike was awarded the University's highest student honour—the Vice-Chancellor's prize for the outstanding student of the year. His other achievements are too numerous to list, but he has fought successfully for many causes, including the South African Student Fund, a great interest in N.U.S. affairs, and more political activity in the Union (Mike did the ground work for the formation of Pol. Com, which organised the Rhodesian Teach-in, etc.). Early this year he introduced the alternative vote system for Presidential and Vice Presidential elections, and widened eligibility for the Vice-Presidency.

But his two most reforms concern accommodation and Carnival. It was Mike who led the campaign for student flats to be provided by the University. (Remember the Council motion, petition, survey on flat amenities, etc?) And it was Mike who instituted the Inquiry into Carnival leading to two great changes which will revive its fortunes—next year's Carnival is to be held in March, and will be run jointly with Aston.

He has proved his experience, drive and ability. Make M.H.B. your first choice tomorrow.

INIGO BING, MIKE HARDWICK

MANIFESTO

Next year must be a year of initiative for the Guild in some spheres, and solid preparation for future advance in others. For financial reasons, capital expenditure on new services and Union extensions will not be possible—the Guild's deficit for this and the coming session will be £6,000. But plans must be made for the radical modernisation of our ancient catering service, extension of the shop, and other improvements. These can be affected after 1967 when the Guild capitation fee for the next five years will be fixed at a much higher level.

But immediate action is imperative on entertainment. To stop the Ents. Com. slide, the Smith report's recommendations must be fully implemented, and new ideas, such as Discotheque evenings, must be tried.

As the University expands the average student feels increasingly alienated from the Guild, and the Union loses importance as a social centre. It is up to the President to combat this by establishing strong links with Halls and Departmental societies, visiting them periodically to discuss their problems and suggestions. But the best way to bring ordinary members into the working of the Guild is to hold an open meeting each term (not a rubber stamp A.G.M.) where members can discuss real issues of policy and air grievances. It works at other Unions. Why not here? And the V.C. must be invited to one of these meetings to explain University policy and answer students' questions.

The fight for proper representation of our interests must go on. Three people on the powerless Court of Governors, plus three and two on the Lodgings and Refec. Committees is not good enough. We must improve the student staff ratio on these bodies, and there is surely a case for the President to sit on the University Senate.

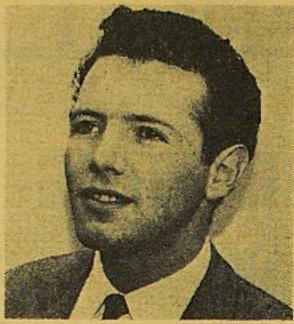
On accommodation, the University is moving towards more liberal lodgings regulations. But the big issue is flats, and if elected I would continue my campaign for a University flat provision policy. Aston have one block of flats already. Flat dwellers must also be encouraged to appeal to the new Rent Tribunals if exploited by landlords.

A major Presidential initiative is now required to increase Brum's influence in N.U.S.—for a big Union we take too little interest. Next year's President should also establish stronger links with the new Universities of Aston and Warwick. The joint Carnival with Aston will be a great help here. But it will mean a lot of hard administrative work and negotiation, much of which will fall on the President. As an instigator of this project I would be proud to be able to carry it through.

I hope you will give me the opportunity.

MIKE HARTLEY-BREWER.

TONY KLUG



PROPOSAL

TONY KLUG is a 21-year-old undergraduate with a remarkable list of achievements.

His experience is wide and impressive. Worked in industry before joining University. Elected to Council in first term with a large majority; re-elected for his second and third years, polling even more votes.

Tony's first achievement was getting "Founder's Room" opened all day so that for the first time ever students could eat on the campus between 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. He relentlessly campaigned for improvements in the surface of the car parks and when the one in Pritchatts Road was forbidden to students at the beginning of this year, it was Tony's efforts that restored it to its rightful owners. Tony Klug has also represented this University at football, table-tennis and debating, and has sat on the Guild's External Affairs and Publications Committees. His pastimes include bridge, snooker and sports of all kinds. It was only to be expected that Tony would be elected last year's "Freshman of the Year."

As Business Manager of "Redbrick," Tony gave the paper its best financial year in history. Many more pages per week, bigger sales and a large profit to help "Redbrick" afford its first-ever colour supplement next term.

It was Tony who proposed revision of lodgings regulations so that ALL second year students may live in a flat regardless of age. It was Tony who proposed the motion at Council for the installation of laundrette and dry-cleaning Units in the Union; It was Tony who reformed the Constitution to introduce "open seats" so that every faculty is likely to be fully represented on Guild Council in the future; It was Tony who represented this University as a delegate at last month's N.U.S. Council.

His energy and ability have resulted in his winning this year's "Open Debating Tournament."

His experience and achievements are unequalled in the Union. Industry has given him the experience of negotiations with older and powerful people—such as the Vice-Chancellor. His personality and genuine friendliness, his wit, ideas and approachability would make Tony Klug, a first-class President. Support him and next year will be a great year.

MIKE BOYFIELD (Chemistry). JOCK CAIRNS (English).

MANIFESTO

Election pledges have a habit of being broken. Let me make it quite clear from the outset that I do not intend to make any promises which I know to be outside the powers of a President. Whereas I would like to see a new Union building, or at least extensions to the existing premises, whereas I would like to see new Union kitchens and dining rooms, and although I would work towards these ends, I would not promise to bring them about, since the President has neither the authority nor the financial resources.

What we have to do in the coming year is to accept the resources which are at our disposal and use them in such a way as to maximise the welfare of every student on the Campus.

These are the sort of proposals I would institute if elected:

1. Take a regular column in "Redbrick" were information of general student interest, such as new student discounts, new car parking, library and lodgings regulations, information on students' grants, etc., can be automatically passed on to the student body as a whole, rather than keeping this sort of information within the confines of the Union building, which seems to be the practice at present.

2. Have a voucher service cashable in the Halls of Residence or the Refectory, so that missed meals at the Halls are not paid for twice, and to enable more students to use the Union facilities if they so wish.

3. Entertainment, it appears, will be greatly improved next year. But how about Sunday nights? Until I questioned it at a recent Guild Council meeting, everyone thought there must be a legal restriction on Sunday Socials. This is not true! How many of us find ourselves at a loose-end on a Sunday evening? It is the duty of the Guild to cater for this obvious demand. Also, greatly increased publicity concerning Union functions in the Medical and Dental Schools.

4. Lodgings regulations have been something I have been trying to reform for quite some time. If my motion is passed at Senate—its final stage, then in future all students, regardless of age, may live in a flat. At the same time, financial resources for student accommodation must in future be used to provide for more student flats.

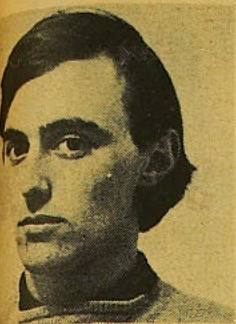
5. Bring pressure upon the Authorities to provide a bus service along Edgbaston Park Road (slightly alter the 1A bus route perhaps), and at the same time, to remove restrictions regarding the parking of cars on both the Campus and the Vale sites.

6. Take a long, hard look at Catering, with the expressed view of discovering and providing what sort of service is really wanted, rather than the present system of haphazard guessing. One obvious demand that can be immediately catered for is the installation of cigarette machines in the Union.

7. Encourage suggestions and criticism, and be approachable at all times by all students. This should help with the idea of maximising the students' welfare, given our existing resources and limited budget. These are the sort of policies I will follow if elected. I hope you give me the opportunity of putting them into practice.

TONY KLUG.

JOHN SAUNDERS



Proposer: David Silver (Eng) Victor Camilleri (Eng)

MANIFESTO

BEFORE you read any of the fanciful eyewitness designed to catch votes and then be done. Now read on.

The Union Kitchen equal much time is spent cleaning queues waiting for food to be done. By spending £2,000 we can modernise the kitchen, make the food taste better, and make working conditions more attractive for staff.

Automatic cash registers used in the refectory cost roughly £30. By putting them in the Main Bar, where beer and cigarette money has to be counted, we can make service twice as efficient.

The money turnover in the Union at lunchtime is as big as that for main meals. I would like to see hot snacks served at lunchtime. And I would like to have a questionnaire sent out exactly what people do want to eat.

There are other small improvements round the Union, like cigarette machines and sewing facilities.

We are not going to put a Union for at least ten years and even then they are going to find a square yard on the campus to build the present building must be expanded. I want to build a new structure on the piece of land outside the corridor alongside the snooker room. This would extend across the Main Bar furthest from the taps. In this room would be a darts board, two nine pin wooden bowling alleys, a table, and tables and chairs to increase the size of the bar by at least half. Access would be by a wide doorway out of the bar. The roof of this building would be at the level as Concourse lounge and would be fitted with tables for eating outside during the summer.

All this could be done at a reasonably low cost and would provide much needed extra facilities. It doesn't need vast structural alterations, and, in any case, like that infamous scheme for a laundrette, ladies' toilets are relegated to a wooden shack behind the hall.

Schemes for laundrette, roofing over the Mermaid fountain need too much money to get out of them, and they belong in cloud cuckoo land with promises to make the Union a happier place. What I propose would give a real return at a cost well below £100,000.

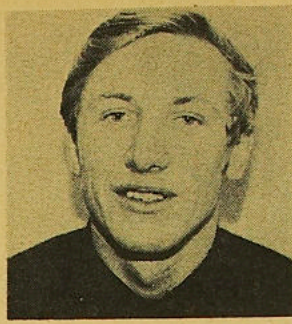
Union finances are a year's cycles, and the present five year period is up at next session. This means that next year plans must be made for the following five years and applications must be made to the University Grants Committee for schemes that we would like Government paid for. Also, at the end of the next session membership fees will go up from £8 to £12. This means Union will be in a stronger position next year to get expansion and renewing existing equipment. Moreover, I will only give grants for a particular five year period, year the Guild needs leadership not exclusively internal politics and wrangling. This I can promise you.

There is a lot wanting Guild's relationship with the University administration. I want to convince the University that students are not just a mass but a case worth listening to. I propose to set up a staff student relations committee to meet once a month to discuss issues of mutual interest. One issue where I think a lot of staff behind us is lodgings. We must campaign for easier flat regulations. Moreover, we must insist new halls of residence are converted into mixed sex accommodation that they should remain segregated when the House has already proved to be an unqualified success. So ridiculous that new halls should be built in the future, short-sighted belief that they must be segregated.

This is our university as it is the Vice-Chancellor's, and we have every right to put our opinion forcibly when the City Council get dictatorial. It gets a bit worrying when the students of a University like Birmingham fail to realise their own importance. I have got something important to say not only about the education of our own University but also about the education in general developments. We must avoid becoming the Government's technocratic calculus. To do this we need a strong and unified voice. I would hope to give the Guild

J. C. SAUNDERS.

DAVID SMITH



PROPOSAL

I'N proposing DAVE SMITH as the next President of the Guild of Undergraduates, we do so for two main reasons, his experience in Guild matters and his sincerity, hard work and dedication in dealing with them.

His experience speaks for itself. In his fourth year at the University, he has spent all but the first six months on Guild Council. This last year, of course, he has sat on the Executive and has most successfully filled probably the hardest and most thankless position of all, that of Internal Affairs Representative, commonly known as Chairman of Ents. Comm. An active sportsman, he has served two years on the Executive of the Athletic Union, and this year has been the University's representatives on the Council of the Birmingham District A.F.A. As far as N.U.S. goes, he was instrumental in gaining the major concession on shoes, has run a regional meeting for N.U.S. Entertainments and has attended N.U.S. Council.

From departmental committees to Union Committee, Dave has filled positions all along the line and has proved his ability and competence. It is our belief, that his conscientious application to all he sets out to do, will be of the greatest benefit to the Guild.

BRIAN J. BARKER (Law),

DIANA S. DAVIS (Biol. Sci.).

MANIFESTO

My plans for the future of the Guild of Undergraduates lie more in the development of its administration than of its Union Building, in the understanding that the office of President requires a lot of time and hard work, not making vague promises which may not or cannot be kept.

In addition to confirming and strengthening the system as it stands at present, I would add these further points for special emphasis:—

1. To make a general awareness that the Guild is the whole student body and not merely the Union and its dwellers. In this way to diffuse greater activities around the campus and the Halls:

(a) to lessen the strain on facilities;

(b) to create more interest in everyday affairs to the majority.

2. Bound up with this, to follow up my memorandum on the co-ordination and provision of Entertainments by overseeing its full implementation. With courses becoming more strenuous and competitive, leisure time is going to be at a premium and efforts should be made to provide the best possible relaxation. I should particularly like to see more activities in this line and general facilities available outside ordinary term-time for the Medics and Dentals who often suffer at the hands of vac. closures.

3. To encourage this University to play a leading part in the setting up of a regional office for the N.U.S. whereby more concessions on consumer goods, reductions on prices in the entertainments field may be obtained. These reductions would be correspondingly passed into the student pocket.

As far as representatives to the University and other Unions are concerned, any President would naturally strive his utmost to confirm and extend these. In short, I propose to put serious effort into running an organisation in which all can find some interest.

DAVID SMITH.

This is how the new voting system works

TOMORROW for the first time, the Alternative Vote system will be used in the Presidential elections. It will also operate in next week's Vice-Presidential election.

Instead of voting for just one candidate by putting X on the ballot paper next to the favoured name, voters will put the candidates in order of preference by writing 1 next to the name of their first choice, 2 for the second choice, etc.

Unless one of the candidates has an overall majority (50 per cent. plus 1) when the first preferences are counted, the candidate with the smallest number of first preference votes will be eliminated. His votes will then be allocated to the remaining candidates according to the second preferences expressed on those ballot papers.

With three candidates, one must win after the first redistribution. If there are four or more candidates then elimination and redistribution continue until someone gets an overall majority.

It should be explained that no advantage accrues to his first choice if a vote fails to mark his other preferences, since the second choice on a ballot paper is not considered unless the first choice candidate is eliminated.

The main advantage of the system is that votes cast for candidates who turn out to be not in the real running are not wasted. When the "effective choice" manifests itself in the count of first preference votes, people who voted for an also-ran candidate will be able to have their estimate of the other candidates' merits taken into account. It is therefore desirable to express your full range of preferences rather than vote for just one candidate.

For example, candidate A gets 500 first preference votes, B gets 490, C gets 400. Under the conventional system all the votes cast for C are in a sense "wasted." With the Alternative Vote, 300 of C's supporters might prefer B to A. B will thus win by 790 (490 plus 300) to A's 600 (500 plus 100).

The system has been successfully operated in other Unions, and was passed by Guild Council earlier this year. It only operates where there are more than two candidates.



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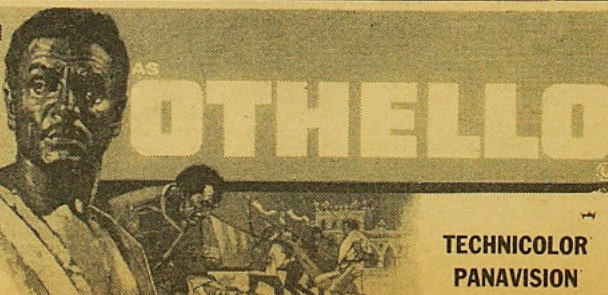
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by Hilary Macaskill

THE Guild Theatre Group took the audience at Nancy, France, by storm when they performed at the International Festival of University Drama two weeks ago, carrying off the award for a script based on a set theme.

Countries from as far apart as Brazil and Turkey competed in the Festival which ran from 22nd April to 1st May. Each country enacted a play of its own choice and a play based on the set theme, so about fifty plays were seen and adjudicated in ten days by the panel of twenty judges.

Guild Theatre Group, the last group to appear, chose two plays as their entry for the first part of the competition. — "Watch the Bucket" by Henry Livings, in which

Rosemary Dexter directed Geoffrey Hoyle, who appeared in "Act Without Words" at St. Martin's Theatre, London, in January; and "Spare" by Charles Wood, which was directed by Garry Sayer.

"Hamlet Smith, Prince of Salisbury" comprised the entry for the second part, in which the text, "Hamlet", was paralleled with the Rhodesia situation. The technique used was that of English pantomime—Hamlet, representing Ian Smith, was a girl and played by Hilary Thomas, who appeared in "Sport of My Mad Mother", Gertrude, who represented Brit-

annia, was a man and played by Patrick Barlow. Claudius, portraying Harold Wilson, was played by David Rees. Quotations were taken from different parts of "Hamlet" and re-assembled to bring out its relevance to the Rhodesia situation.

The idea was conceived by Geoffrey Hoyle, Rosemary Dexter, and Keith Drinkel, who also directed it in this country, and



Photo: Geoff Carter

Some of the cast of the award-winning Hamlet: Hilary Thomas, who played Hamlet (representing Ian Smith); Rose Dexter (foreground—she was Ophelia, the Queen); and David Rees, the King in the script who was meant to represent the Prime Minister.

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Victory party swings

LAST Saturday, Socialist Union held its final fling before going into hibernation for the exams, when it held its Victory Social. This was supposedly to celebrate the Labour Victory in the General Election, although the only Labour Party representative there was Mr. John Garwell, unsuccessful candidate for Selly Oak.

Whilst this was rather a poor response from the Party, Socialist Union were not at all surprised, as they had discovered the Bureau cracy in working in Selly Oak at all. As it was, they were withdrawn as soon as it was found out where they were, but they undoubtedly helped to reduce Harold Guden's majority from five thousand to under eight hundred.

The Social was also attended by the Chairman of the National Association of Labour Student Organisations, which is centred on the University of Aston, although the Editor of its magazine, "Labour Student", is now Roger Clipham.

Storm breaks over West Hills

WITH the opening of the cricket season this year came the typical deluge one annually expects to arrive with cricket: rain and storms of complaints about the general lack of both facilities and enthusiasm for the performance of the sport.

One of the major complaints of the cricketing fraternity is the general state of the ground during matches. There is only one scoreboard for three pitches; only two light screens (and these were made by the groundsmen because of lack of funds). During matches there is neither shelter nor seating for spectators. M. E. Blumberg, Fixtures Secretary, said last week, "On Saturday players' wives and children had to watch from a bus and there were no groundsmen to be seen at all to brush and roll the pitch between innings. It's quite ridiculous, it wouldn't be so bad if they had warned us beforehand."

The cricket ground is supposed to be a self-contained unit, but this object defeats its own purpose. There is nowhere to store equipment and groundsmen have to bring rollers and mowers over the road to the pitch.

Another cause of complaint is the lack of liaison between the various committees, Senate, and the Cricket Club. "For example, we wanted to play on Sundays, so we put it to the Athletic Union, and they took it to the West Hills Committee who said we could. The motion came before Senate which sent a circular to the effect that cricket could not be played before one o'clock on Sundays, but the Cricket Club never received a copy. Because of this we are going to start next Sunday's match at twelve o'clock."

The final complaint is related to the alleged irresponsible use of money in purchasing catering equipment. Five hundred pounds were spent on two cash registers when cheaper ones would have done, and another five hundred went towards a coffee machine which has not been used, "because people drink tea at tea-time and beer thereafter (sic)."

Mr. Humbert, Catering Manager, said at the weekend, "It is not only a coffee machine but it also supplies hot water all day."

A last word on the subject was given by Norman Kilner, ex-Warwickshire player and Honorary Vice-President, who said, "Funny how they never come and ask anybody who knows anything about cricket how to build a cricket ground."

Wyddrington and Lake mix it

PLANS for a common ground floor area between Lake and Wyddrington Halls have been passed by the Hall's committee. The plans put forward the idea of common amenities on the ground floor between the two Halls.

The President of Lake Hall, Philip Semark, said: "In the two Halls space for amenities is at a premium as they were both designed with the idea of being part of a student village on the Vale site."

When this idea was curtailed due to the U.G.C. withdrawing financial backing it also hindered the development of an association between Lake and Wyddrington. By adopting the plan for a communal ground floor area the two halls can both associate better and make better use of the limited space for amenities. The common ground floor will avoid duplication of facilities between the two halls.

Over the past two terms, mixed dining at all meals between the two halls has proved most popular. Co-operation in a jointly produced play last term "The Rape of the Belt" resulted in an excellent production which succeeded beyond all expectations.

photo brief

Top scholarship for University engineer

AMONG the ten Kennedy Scholarships recently awarded was one to a Birmingham graduate, John Allum, who holds a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering. At the moment he is doing Voluntary Service Overseas in Brunei, and hopes to take up the scholarship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology on his return.

Mr. William Linning, his sponsor, said: "He is a young man with splendid gifts of intellect who is working hard to develop these gifts to the full. Very early on he showed interest in V.S.O. and after graduating he went on V.S.O. rather than do graduate work so that he could broaden his education before taking up engineering."

John Allum graduated from Birmingham with first class honours in July 1965. While studying he went twice to the Continent of Europe, making a deep impression on the firms that he visited. He also went to the U.S.A. In his final year he was in the first mixed Hall. He has wide interests in sport, music and travel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ASTON PROFITS

ALLEGATIONS that Aston University's Carnival was not a success were denied by W. Boas, Aston's carnival chairman.

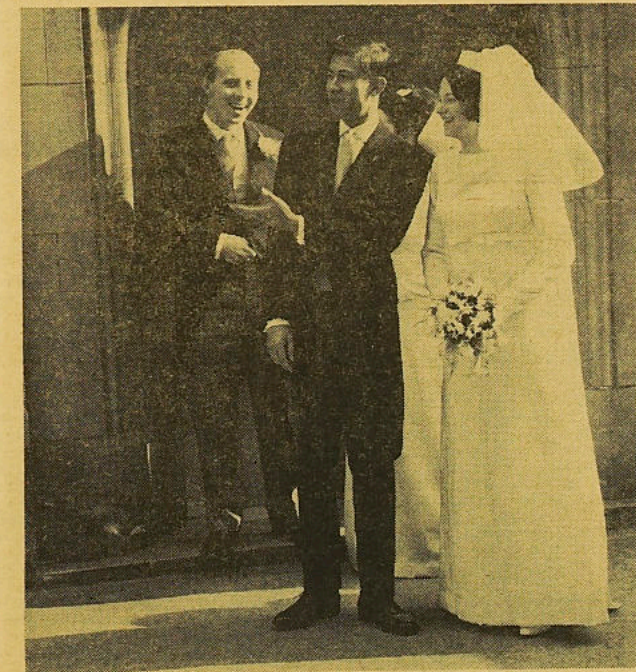
"Our Rag Ball held at the Bingley Hall on March 5th, reported to have made a loss was attended by 2,725 people and the latest estimate of the profit is £191 5s. 8d. The reported allegation that our affairs were 'mishandled' presumably refers to the financial aspects of our Rag Week as a whole. The nett amount available for distribution is nearly £2,000."

He went on to say that they had only been able to have a street collection on one day and that many of the students were taking exams in the following weeks.

On a profit per student basis Carnival 42 realised 16/- while Aston Rag Week took 12/- per head.

FOLLOWING A SUGGESTION in Guild Council last term, a book exchange will operate in the Union from 12 to 7 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. It will be staffed by the students themselves.

Any books used for courses at the



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Chatpridi Chatrabhuti and his bride laughing with Vic Camilleri after the ceremony at St. Francis Hall. Theirs was the first wedding to take place in St. Francis Hall since it was granted a licence to solemnise marriages. The Rev. Bob Hughes said "The form of service was worked out by Marie Isaacs and myself." There was another wedding the next week and there are several tentative bookings in the near future.

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Joe's eye view of the Great Hall

This unusual view of the Great Hall was captured by REDBRICK photographer Geoff Carter

University may be offered for sale, regardless of condition or edition. The owner can state his own price and a five per cent commission will be charged. A list of books available will be posted on the official notice-board in the New Entrance Hall of the Union. Notification of sale will be through the pigeon holes.

It has been clear for a long time that such a system was needed. The individual student often will not bother to sell the odd book if it means advertising it separately; not everyone has the time to scrutinise individual notices on the office chance that Gibbon's Decline and Fall will be offered for sale. The profits made by the bookshops is eliminated. It is hoped that the service will be of special use to final-year students and freshers anxious to avoid large book bills in their first term.

The book exchanges run at Hull, Leeds and University College, Dublin (which achieved a turnover of 4,000 books last Winter term) all run very successfully and their services are in great demand.

At the three-day National Student Journalist Conference held at Bedford College, London, from April 14th-16th, Michael Christianson of the "Sunday Mirror" presented the Sunday Mirror Cup for the best student newspaper to "Varsity" of Cambridge. The Features Cup was awarded to "Guild Gazette" of Liverpool, who also took the magazine award with "Sphinx" "Union News" of Leeds, took the prize for the most improved paper.

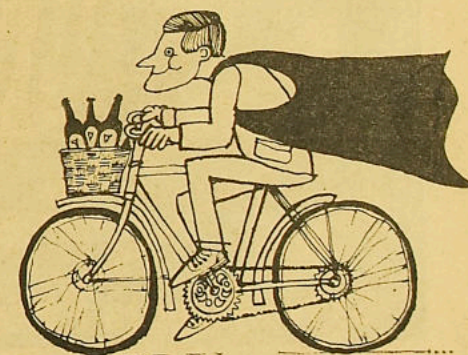
Geoff Kingdom, an engineer of Manor House, had his blue Austin Mini stolen from High Hall between 10.45 and 11.45 last Saturday night. "Unfortunately it was my brother-in-law's car. I didn't know the number," he said.

The car still has not been traced.

The snack bar extension will not now be handed over until June at the earliest. Originally scheduled to be opened last October, and then postponed to the middle of January, the extensions are not even nearly ready. Mr. Humbert, the Refectory Manager, said, "It is the usual old story of delays in materials and so on."

The Ring Road round the Arts block will be closed for two years following a decision to extend the Arts buildings.

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SPORT

Athletics

Fast out of the blocks

IN the first two matches of the term the athletics performances have been very encouraging and several records have been broken early in the season.

On Sunday, May 1st the University beat Notts, A.C., one of the Midlands' strongest clubs, by 124 pts. to 104 pts. Performances of special note were P. McMahon's new University record in the 440 yards of 49.5 secs. and P. Lewis's new record in the pole vault of 11ft. 6ins. K. Gee threw a personal best of 120ft. in the hammer, which was a commendable improvement of 20ft.

In the Loughborough Relays Meeting on Saturday the University finished second to an extremely strong Loughborough Colleges team, with seven clubs competing. The 4 x 120yds. hurdles team consisting of T. Browne, J. Gathercole, T. Scrase and R. Richardson came first in a meeting best time of 60.2 secs., two seconds faster than the previous best. The 4 x 100 yards relay team were narrowly beaten into second place by Loughborough, but were awarded the same excellent time of 42.7 seconds, a new meeting best and University record. The team was T. Scrase, A. Burke, P. Victor and M. Dawson.

The 4 x 880 team would, without doubt, have also broken the University record in their relay if they had not dropped the baton at one change, but still recorded a good time of 7 mins. 56.2 secs., to finish third. The 4 x 220 team came third in a time of 1 min. 29.2 secs., the first four teams all beating the previous best time.

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Rugby Tour

Et encore du vin

THE Rugby Club took a party of 20 on a three-match tour of France over Easter and had a really successful time. The results in the order of playing were:—

v. Le Club Athletic, Pompadour WON 15-11
v. Usseil WON 22-6
v. La Faculté de Médecine et Pharmacie, Tours WON 16-14

Canoeing

HEADING FOR ROUGH WATER

THE newly formed Canoe Club had its first taste of competition on Saturday, April 30th when two members entered the slalom held at Bransford Weir, near Worcester.

John Wrigglesworth and Jim Gibb, both research students, performed quite well, in spite of very little practice. Wrigglesworth did particularly well to come fourth with a very polished run but Gibb was unlucky in capsizing.

The Club intends to concentrate mainly on slalom and rough water canoeing thus enabling Birmingham to compete with other universities, who also practice this aspect of the sport. It is intended that members should enter national events as well as the inter-club competitions which will be held. On a national basis individuals are ranked, in slalom, in a divisional system much as in football—that is the experts are in Division One whilst the beginner must start in Division Four.

Thus as competition will be organised on a suitable stretch of water for one particular division. Due to lack of enough sites only six First Division slaloms are held each year and from the results of these the National Championship is awarded.

These results, coming after a very mediocre season, when the 1st XV continually played below form, were gained through playing fast, open rugby in the typical French mode. The success was mainly due to the way the team really enjoyed playing its rugby, something that often failed to occur during the last season.

The team was extremely fortunate to receive much publicity, in the form of television, radio and newspaper coverage wherever we went. A 20 minute spot on television was given to the first game and a three minute radio interview of the two captains was broadcast before the game at Tours. As the interview was in French, the club captain, Peter Wilson, was grateful for his knowledge of the language acquired from his French wife.

Socially, (and the team didn't go just to play rugby) the tour was a rave. A second year lawyer, who prefers to remain anonymous, was the resident comedian and was in himself a guarantee of a rave-a-minute. Following each game there were semi-official civic receptions at which informal speeches were made and the champagne flowed. These were always followed by typical French meals et encore du vin.

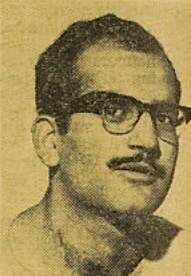
Finally the overall success of the tour was proclaimed absolute when at the end of the week the stamina of even the rave-a-minute boys was seen to be lacking. Also the success can be measured by the fact that plans for a similar tour next Easter are almost finalised, which speaks well for the "entente cordiale."

Record times and strong competition

THIS could be the year of the destruction of the Oxbridge athletic myth, for the Redbricks are stronger than ever before. But the Oxford and Cambridge athletes are not likely to relinquish their reputation without a hard fight.

In these championships, like the Olympics, the athletes are meant to be competing for honours for themselves, including selection for the Empire Games later in the year; but the pundits who will be watching each university's score cannot be ignored and there will be a strong element of team rivalry. Broadly speaking it seems that Oxford will dominate the sprints, Birmingham the throwing events, and Edinburgh the long distances, though perhaps this statement is too general.

Undoubtedly the star of the Championships will be 25-year-old Trinidadian, Wendell Mottley (5 ft. 11 ins., 164 lbs.) from Cambridge who took the silver medal in the 400 metres at the Tokyo Olympics in a fantastic time of 45.2 seconds, just three-tenths of a second outside the world record and only one-tenth of a second from the gold medal. Wendell has already shown unmistakable signs this year that he is going to be in even better form by the time the outdoor athletic season starts.



• D. Irani, favourite to win the discus.

First he ran 47.8 seconds for the fastest ever indoor 440 yards in Britain at the Cambridge University v. Birmingham University v. Loughborough at Cosford on Feb. 16th. Then he shattered the world best time on an indoor board track with 47.3 seconds at the A.A.A. indoor championships on 26th February. On the 21st May this University could witness a new world record in the 440 yards.

After Mottley there is a formidable array of quarter-milers who will be fighting for the number one British position. Peter McMahon could spring all sorts of surprises.

but he may decide to try for the marathon in Jamaica which will probably mean that we will see him run the six miles in Birmingham. International Mike Turner and R. Robinson of Cambridge and G. Loosely of Aberystwyth will make these events very exciting to watch.

The pole vault will provide an exciting competition when the established international, Trevor Burton of London, faces the fast-improving newcomer, Mike Bull of Belfast. Both could be reaching for the 15 ft. altitude and from this height they will be grateful for our new foam-rubber filled landing area.

The long distances, the three and six miles, will see a strong challenge from Olympic athlete, Pergus Murray, and his team from Edinburgh. Pergus won the British Universities cross-country championship on February 5th and his team won the Imperial College relay on February 19th from a field of 83 universities and colleges. Pergus Murray ranked in the Commonwealth three miles top ten last year.

In the hammer we will see the clash of two giants with giant personalities—Laurie Bryce, the fierce Scot from Edinburgh, and Peter Aston from Birmingham. If Peter gets down to some hard training he could be nudging Laurie out of the international team this year. Peter has already been selected to go to Hungary in June for some advanced coaching.

The strongest man in the West Midlands by virtue of his 1966 championship heavyweight weightlifting title is our own Dinshaw Irani. He will be facing British international Alan Carter of Swansea and the walking mountain American, Steve Cohen, of Cambridge in the shot, but Dinshaw should have things all his own way in the discus. He intends whipping the platter out beyond 106 ft., the distance the Indian selectors want to see before sending him to the Empire Games.

If Mike Campbell of Leicester is anywhere near his best form we could see the existing track record and the B.U.S.F. record in the high jump broken. Not far behind Mike and all capable of jumping clear over a tall man standing on tip toe will be M. Selby and L. Hall of London and Brand of Loughborough G.A.T.

Birmingham is strong in the horizontal jumps. If Perry Christie (Law) can overcome his injuries he could regain the form he had in the 1962 Pan-American Games where he gained the silver medal for the Bahamas in the triple jump. He could also be a danger to G.B. international Peter Reed (London) in the long jump. Peter ranked



(Photo by S. R. Joshi)

• R. Richardson, who will face strong opposition in the 440 yd. hurdles.

sixth in this event in the 1965 Commonwealth lists. On present form Nsa Harrison and Derek Glendinning of Birmingham could give us first and second in the triple jump.

Another clean sweep for Birmingham is likely in the newly-instituted two-mile walk. John Padick (Physical Metallurgy) was 10th in the 20-kilometre walk in the Tokyo Olympics so a mere two miles shouldn't bother him too much! He will be supported by Brian Maddock, another of these chaps who can walk faster than I can run!

Always mentioned first by athletics reporters—so I'll include them last just to be different—are the sprints. And this is really a case of "last, but not least exciting," for the short sprints are crowded with super-fast athletes. President John Archer leads a formidable team from Oxford in G.B. international Andy Ronay, Mike Hauck, and John Barry. Irishman Kilpatrick (Belfast) is their main danger and Peter Victor (Birmingham) could come through on that day.

Tennis find it tough in the south-west

THE results of the tour of Devon and Somerset were rather disappointing, although victories against such strong opposition as St. Luke's College (which contained five county players) could hardly have been expected.

Despite the loss of full-blue John Westmorland, the team will be only slightly weaker than last season. Useful additions to the team this season include Chris Gedney, and Mike Westlake, a half-blue two seasons ago, is now playing again after taking finals last summer.

The second team has also been considerably strengthened by the addition of Mike Donovan and Ray Higgins.

With Nottingham losing four of their top players, the Birmingham team consider themselves firm favourites to win the Midland Division of the U.A.U. Unfortunately the key match with their main rivals (who have beaten the team in indoor matches this year) was scheduled for Wednesday but cancelled because of rain.

The second league team should once again gain promotion. They started well on Thursday evening with a 4-0 victory.

The first league team who were promoted to Division Two of the Birmingham League last season will, no doubt, find it an uphill struggle if they are to stay there, especially since H. Bryan is playing for "Tally Ho" in Division One this season.

Men's Squash

END OF AN OUTSTANDING SEASON

WITH two teams able to enter the Midlands League next season, the 1st team, at very short notice, was last week required to play off with Old Silhillians to qualify for a place in the 2nd Division.

Although short of practice, the team won convincingly and deservedly (4-1), to bring an outstanding season to a resounding close: T. Schroger, No. 1, and P. Horton at No. 5 (capt.) both lost one game but still won with impressive ease, whilst H. Bryan, No. 3, won in three very short games. N. Harrison, No. 2, and J. Ahluwalia, No. 4, however, both had long close matches, Harrison losing the fifth game 7-8, Ahluwalia winning his 9-6.

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CRICKET

University fall short

THE University cricket season began with nets on Monday and a practice game on Tuesday.

A number of good freshers emerged from the trials, in particular A. Richardson, who also played for Lincs. v. Hants. on Wednesday, I. Vintner, B. Whitehead, P. Bolton and J. Wainwright.

The U.A.U. game against Loughborough C.A.T. was rained off on Wednesday and the season began with a game versus A.E.I. Rugby.

This match was played on the second square at Wast Hills. It was very wet and the University opening bowlers, Rohlehr and Blumberg were very ineffective.

A.E.I. reached 60 runs before losing their first wicket to a ball which bounced many times before hitting the batsman's leg.

Ken Free at the other end bowled very well and took two wickets in an over. He and Pete Bolton, that

"floater specialist," continued to bowl very well and A.E.I. struggled to make 126.

The University quickly lost a wicket, that of Vintner, but then Miller and Richardson struggled to adapt themselves to the shocking pitch—no groundman was to be seen—and put on 50 runs before Richardson lost his wicket.

A few quick wickets fell and then Whitehead and Bolton batted well until almost time, when Whitehead was dismissed.

The first moments of the match were embellished by some stalwart shots from Wainwright

CYCLE RACING

Off to a flying start

COMPETING in the U.A.U. 25 miles time trial championship at Hull on April 24th, Birmingham rider Martin Crowther recorded a time of 1hr.1min. 23secs., to take third place behind John Funniss, Leicester University, 1-0-28.



(Photo by Alan Hunt)

THIS is the triumphant Commerce seven-a-side Rugby team which confounded the upper echelons of the University Rugby faculties by rising,

unheralded, through the early rounds of the University tournament with exciting displays of hard fast rugby.

and the University fell short by 20 runs with four wickets to fall. A.E.I. Rugby 126. Bolton 6 for 42. Gee 3 for 20.

University 107 for six. Miller 39.

FIXTURES NEXT WEEK
Tuesday, 2nd XI away at Exeter College, Oxford.

Wednesday, 1st XI away at Notts. University.

Thursday, 1st XI away at Coventry.

Saturday, 1st XI v. Loughborough at Bournbrook. 2nd XI v. Loughborough at Wast Hills.

Sunday, 1st XI v. Leicester University at Wast Hills.



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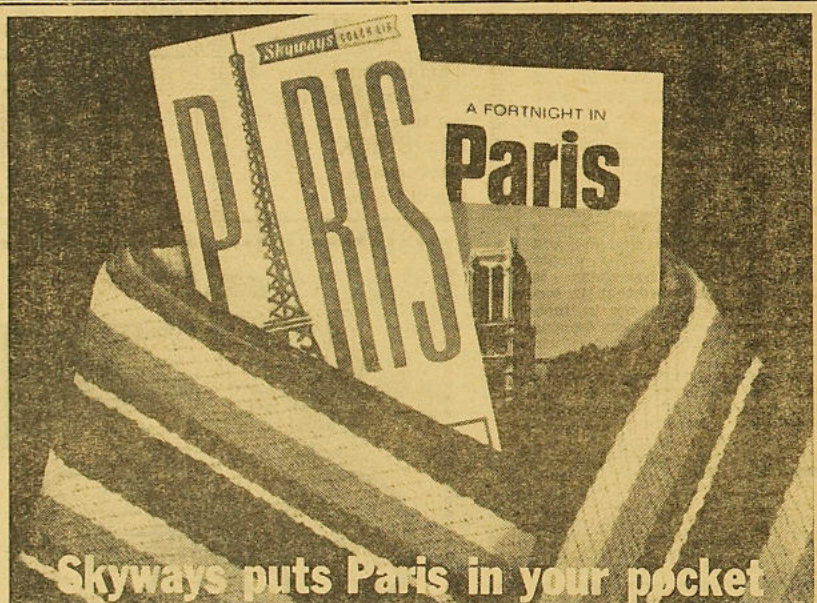
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Debate

No room for scoundrels: Charles Wright new Debsoc Chairman

LAST Friday in the Council Chamber Charles Wright was elected unopposed as next year's Deb. Soc. chairman. Ray Philips, Andrew Hamilton and Dave Berry were elected members of the new Committee.

Having disposed of the future, Deb. Soc. turned to the present to debate the motion that "Politics is the last refuge of the scoundrel."

Dave Silver, substituting for James Hiley, bumbled his way through one of the wittiest and most lively speeches he has given in Deb. Soc. for quite a while. Using his peculiar mannerisms to great effect he told us all about the Presidential candidates and how he knows nothing about politicians except that they are prognostics and this, in his eyes, made them scoundrels.

Inigo Bing brought poise back from the States—cool, clean, satirical poise. He had told the Yanks—He was King Bing of Balsall Heath—a suburb of Liverpool and now he told us about American politics, Zurich midgets and Dave Silver's soul. The two latter topics convinced him that politicians are no more scoundrels than people in other walks of life.

Dr. Samson, a C.N.D. man, seemed harmless enough. In seconding the proposition to be embarking upon a private conversation between himself and the roof. "The motion expresses a deep concern with the inability of people to appreciate the true nature of Party politics," he murmured. Soon however he exploded in a tremendous impassioned appeal on the beauty of life and the ways politics, among other things, are distorting it. "It is through and only through personal integrity can we attain it."

The audience was with him all the way and the applause at the end was prolonged. Listening to Doctor Samson was an experience which lifted everybody out of the debating atmosphere. Mr. Garwell had the unenviable task of bringing us back to earth. This he did in a subdued but engaging way using passion himself at odd moments, but relying mainly on the argument that Truth is much more complicated than Dr. Samson supposed and that politicians are no less victims of this complexity than anyone else.

The last two speeches raised the level of the debate to a rare peak and the floor speeches shared the effect of this inspiration. In the end the motion was defeated by a small majority.



(Photo by Leslie Southern)

• Charles Wright, next year's Deb. Soc. Chairman. Here he speaks in last term's televised debate.

Air squadron flop in DHT

THE University Air Squadron were again hosts to the other U.A.S.s of No. 12 Group at R.A.F. Shawbury for the De Havilland Flying Trophy competition held each Easter.

Birmingham, the holders of the trophy, were represented by Alan Ross-Jones and Rod Dowd. The competition was judged on an aerobatic display and spot landings.

This year's competition was keenly contested. The standard of flying in the aerobatics especially was very high and produced one of the best displays for some years. The eventual winners were Manchester University Air Squadron.

Carnival wants you now

WITH the next, and last, June Carnival looming nearer and nearer, Carnival Committee is going right ahead to make this the best summer Carnival that has ever been held in Birmingham.

Mike Hardwick, Chairman of Carnival Committee, said, "We want this Carnival to be a great success, in both an entertainment and a financial sense. To do this we've got to have the support of as many students as possible. I believe each student has an obligation to participate actively in his own Carnival; each student can enjoy making this Carnival a really great success, so that the fruits of this success can be given to charity."

Carnival Committee still wants more applicants for the Carnival Beauty Queen Competition, and it will be remembered that there is a prize of £25 plus a free hair-do and manicure for the winner. Car Competition books are available in the General Office of the Union every day (the money obtained through the selling of these is one of the three major sources of revenue).

Bob Hopkins, Stunts organiser for Carnival Committee, has drawn up and planned a list of stunts to be performed during Carnival Week. If anyone wants to take part in one of these stunts or organise one themselves they should go to Carnival office.



(Photo by Telecast Studio)

• Pat, Bonny, Ann and Vivien, the Covergirls for this year's new-style cover of BARB.

LANDLORDS HOLD OUT

Students powerless to claim reduction

STUDENTS may be doing themselves more harm than good by applying to the Rent Tribunal for a reduction in their rents. This is feared by the Lodging authorities at both Birmingham and Newcastle.

This is the result of a group of Newcastle students having appealed successfully to the Tribunal for a reduction of the rent for their flat, their rent was reduced by £124 a year. The Newcastle authorities are worried that a large number of students might now decide to appeal to the Tribunal making landlords unwilling to take students any more.

Miss Edwards, Birmingham University Lodgings Warden, said, "I would be very concerned if there was a lot of publicity about students appealing to the rent tribunals in case this would deter householders from having students. There is no reason, of course, why students should not apply for a reduction of their rent if it is felt to be excessive."

A Birmingham Rent Tribunal spokesman said that, "at a guess, two out of ten of their applications came from students." As far as Miss Edwards knows four students in one flat have had their rent reduced by about ten shillings a week.

The Warwickshire Tribunal have had a case in Coventry, where landlords said they would withdraw their lodgings from the list if the students didn't withdraw their applications and the warden there submitted. However, a spokesman for the Tribunal said, "If any landlords tried using pressure on the Lodgings Warden to withdraw applications we would jump on both of them."

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Rent Act action?

... which are felt to be too high by the tenants. There are innumerable grotty rooms in Birmingham with two beds and a gas fire for which the occupants are paying five pounds a week and upwards. Isn't there a case for having some of these rents looked into? And there is certainly a case for the...

Students in Halls of residence who may have wondered if they were eligible to make an application will be disappointed to hear that because they get meals they are in fact ineligible for a reduction. Mr. Marshall, Halls Administrator, commented: "Birmingham rents are now almost comparable with those in London and I think it's a matter for the powers that be to look into the grants system. I just

don't see why London and Oxbridge should get £370 when Birmingham only gets £340."

A spokesman from a Newcastle company that specialises in letting flats to students said, "I do not think any good can come from this if the matter is pursued," but the chairman of the Newcastle Tribunal considers that nothing but good can come from students with excessive rents applying for a reduction.

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