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The Union loses £110 this year
—the refectory, £800

THEFT FIGURES —NEW RECORD

More so far than
all last year

PILFERING from Catering Department has soared to an all-time high.

"The amount we've had stolen so far this term is as much as all last year," said Catering Manager C. W. Reynolds. "The situation has got so bad that at one time last week we had complaints from the services that they were running short of equipment."

Since the beginning of this term nearly 40 per cent of the knives—£62 worth—over 25 per cent of the forks, and more than half the teaspoons, worth £17, have been stolen from the Union's seven service points. The figures for cups and all other implements are similar.

"The situation isn't desperate yet," said Ken Overshott, Chairman of the Catering Committee, "But there's been a marked increase in the amount of stealing."

Figures

This time last year about £60 worth of goods had been stolen; so far over £110 worth has disappeared into the flats and halls of Birmingham. Figures for the first term of the session are always much worse than either of the other two, but until now have never been on this scale. "There isn't much we can do about it," said Mr. Reynolds. "There's no reasonable way of stopping it that isn't more expensive than the stealing itself. We're hamstrung by the large number of service points the Union has got, and there's nowhere we can check the stocks each evening. We certainly can't afford to emulate the refectories' method of handing out cutlery to each person as he comes along."

The refectory also has its troubles. Over £800 worth of cutlery and cups have been borrowed — as Mr. Humbert (Refectory Catering Manager) puts it — since the refectory opened last year. Half the spoons, one-third of the cups (1,750) and over one-fifth of the knives have disappeared from the original stock.

"I expect we'll get some of it back eventually," said Mr. Humbert. "I think people take the attitude that they're just borrowing them for as long as they like, to equip their flats or their rooms in hall. Now they're starting to provide implements in the new halls the numbers should start to drop."

● Tuesday night—Third-year student Steve Leach reports having a wallet containing £15 stolen from his case in the Library cloakrooms.



JUKE-BOX IS A HIT WITH THE COFFEE-ROOM LADIES

"WE like it" is not a new Beatles' release, but the opinion of the Coffee Room staff of the juke-box which resounds there every weekend. "We're used to noise, but we wouldn't want it all the time," they say.

"We don't mind it," said Mrs. Paste, supervisor of Founder's Room, "but it's just that bit too loud. Sometimes we can't hear what students order, and they can't hear how much it costs."

The juke-box is in Founder's Room during the week, and its removal to the Coffee Room on Saturdays has aroused criticism among some students. On the whole they agree that the Coffee Room is much livelier than Founder's Room, which needs the juke-box to give it some atmosphere.

● Juke Box finance note—a Union official said yesterday: "Takings come to £16-£17 a week, £6-£7 of this goes into Union funds and this is about as much as we expected."

Total takings are about £200 a year. "It seems people like it anyway—they're buying 680 records a week!"

Photo: Peter Bond.



FREE HAND FOR THE REDBRICK WRECKERS

ONE night last week a REDBRICK reporter and photographer walked through the university's unfinished buildings, completely unchallenged.

(The reporter is pictured "burgling" the V.C.'s office).

Walking the complete length of the biology block, making as much noise as they reasonably could, they opened doors, entered rooms and turned lights on and off at will without meeting any guard or nightwatchman. They could have smashed any equipment and done any damage they liked. The commerce block was similarly unguarded.

Outbreak

The week before, over £200 worth of damage was caused by one night's outbreak of vandalism around the campus building sites.

Asked if anything positive could be done to stop these incidents occurring, Mr. E. Bampton, Supt. of Buildings and Chief Engineer, said: "There's nothing we can do. We can't afford a proper night patrol. We can't legislate for chaps with mentalities of this kind."

There are eight night watchmen and two more at the Medical School. All the university policemen go off duty at 7.30. Our reporters met none of the night-watchmen as they wandered round the campus at 10.0 at night.

The cart before the horse

St. Francis Hall, under its new licence, can now perform baptisms. Although it is not licensed for marriage SFH officials deny this is in any way encouragement of immorality.

VANISHING REDBRICKS (Cont.)

THE thief has struck again. Money for the equivalent of 30 per cent. of the copies of REDBRICK left in the Med. School was stolen from the collecting box last Wednesday and Thursday. It now seems certain that the money has been stolen in a lump sum.

Last week the figure was 20 per cent.

SOCIALISTS IN THE COLD YET AGAIN

No speaker arrived

FOR the second time in three weeks Socialist Union gathered an audience and found themselves without a speaker.

Reginald Paget, M.P., who was to have spoken on "Britain and the Bomb" last Friday, failed to appear. Up to Sunday night nothing had been heard from him.

Three-quarters of an hour after the meeting was due to begin Chairman Arthur Threlfall called it off with a "Sorry folks, he hasn't come, so that's that"—and the patient audience went home.

Three weeks ago Trotskyist Cliff Slaughter was too ill to speak on arrival at the Union.

On Monday, the Socialists still hadn't heard from Mr. Paget, although the appointment had been double checked. "We were sure he would come," said Arthur Threlfall.

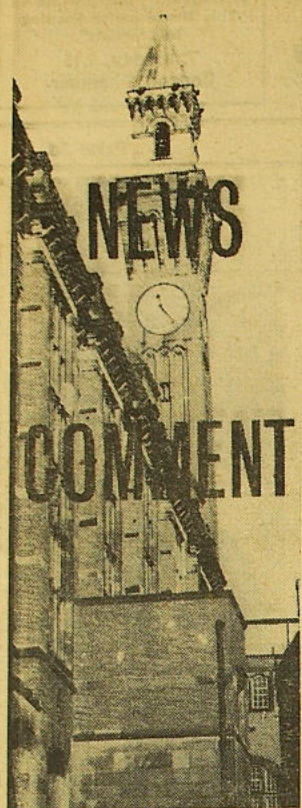
Those disappointed by his absence then will have another chance to hear him speak this Friday. His subject is "Trotsky" and the meeting should be an entertaining one, for Mr. Slaughter has the reputation of being an able and witty speaker.

Crash-helmet quiz results out soon

THE University Police were busy last week on the perimeter car parks checking motorcyclists and their passengers to see how many of them wear crash helmets.

The survey was requested by the Senate after the Faculty of Medicine suggested that the Guild ensure that all motorcyclists using the University facilities should use crash helmets. The

results are now being analysed. The survey was conducted on Thursday and Friday of last week, and may have an important leaning on future university policy towards motorcyclists.



SHORT, BRISK DEBATE

Splendid presidents end up all square

WITH four Union Presidents, resplendent in bow ties and pendants, on the platform, last week's debate ended fittingly in a draw.

The motion that "This House considers Manners Makymchuk Man Soft" was proposed by Mr. John Morgan, from Bristol, who had obviously seen "Tom Jones" and fallen in love with Squire Weston. He thought Hitler was rude.

STICKY PROBLEM

IN the open lecture, "Land and People", Prof. Dudley Stamp stressed the need for "intelligent use of land resources" in view of the fact that world population is increasing at the rate of 100 per minute. At this rate, he said, in 500 years time the present figure of 11½ acres per head would have decreased to one sq. yd. per head.

Prof Stamp declined to comment on the possibilities of cultivating the moon's surface, but thought "the ingenuity of Mankind will keep pace with this problem."

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"I've never been treated like this before I came to Birmingham," said 28-year-old American Globetrotter Lloyd Morrison in the Union this week. Mr. Morrison, who has visited 36 countries, "campaigning for world peace," expressed surprise and disappointment that nobody in England seemed interested in him. Unlike in other countries, he had found it very difficult to get on radio and TV

World record aim TAKE-OVER BID IN CONCOURSE

"RACHMANISM isn't dead yet,"—or so 100 students taking part in a non-stop game of monopoly in the Concourse Lounge would have us believe.

In an attempt to set up a new world record, at present standing at 150 hours, teams of four are playing in shifts throughout the day and night.

Half of those taking part are metallurgists and, in all, nine nationalities are represented. "The rules have been slightly changed so that the game doesn't end," said one, "the bank does a take-over when anyone seems to be getting a monopoly."

Four of them are attempting an individual record of 14 hours to beat the present one by four hours and will start tonight.

The Monopolothlon, which started last Saturday, is part of the International Student Week activities in aid of the World University Service.

There will be a Jazz Hop to-night in the Deb. Hall with music by the John Penn Five, and tomorrow and Friday a Schooner Race and Dutch Auction. In other stunts the Vice President will be raffled and beer mats, pens and Christmas cards sold.

WUS aims to help students throughout the world in times of difficulty. At present assistance is being given to students in Skopje, Hungary, Chile and South Africa.

Mr. John Hurdley from Liverpool, described the Mersey as "the rectum of the world." The University was "four miles up it." This did not appear to have much connection with the motion, any more than our own Mr. Paling's horrible puns—but it was all very funny.

The last President, Swansea's Glyn Macken, spoke well for a man without a speech, and insisted that all Welshmen were well-mannered in the Gun-Barrels.

Handful

After a handful of floor speeches, the House divided twice, farcically, the result being different each time. The tellers redeemed themselves by counting their own votes to even it up, and the Chairman, much to everyone's satisfaction, did not use his casting vote, but declared the debate drawn.

All was accomplished in what must be a record time of little over an hour, and the House went home much satisfied.

To say that this had been a great, or even a good debate, would be a misnomer. It was, however, a most enjoyable and successful evening, all the more welcome after this term's glut of serious motions.

and in the papers — his only source of income.

Mr. Morrison, a distinctive figure in tinted glasses and Scandinavian ski-sweater, began his world tour four years ago, and besides living rough with dozens of ordinary families, he has also met celebrities such as Yuri Gagarin, President Nasser and Dixon of Dock Green.

When asked if his life could be fairly considered to be one long scrounge, he replied coldly, "Let's not be mercenary about this."



Photo: Melvin Pett

ARTIST ADMITS-

I don't like it at times

MURAL UNVEILED

"EVEN I dislike it at times," admitted artist Peter Lanyon of his £2,500 brain-child, the new Arts Block mural, "and I certainly don't expect many people to like it first time; they will have to let it grow on them."

Mr. Lanyon, speaking at the inauguration by Sir Kenneth Clark of the controversial £13 a foot mural was joined by over 30 senior members of the University last Wednesday.

He went on to say, "students so often tend to narrow their thoughts within the confines of their particular study. I did the mural with this in mind, trying to introduce the concept of a broad outlook to enable them to envisage a complete subject. This will be alien to many of them at first."

"The mural is intended to produce a line continuity between the two open sides of a building, broken by the entrance hall."

In his speech inaugurating the Mural, Sir Kenneth said, "The mural hasn't got a very inspiring setting, but that made it all the more desirable to have something with a great kick."

Atmosphere

He talked about the common development of modern art and architecture, saying that modern art gives a building a certain atmosphere of which it should not be deprived for the sake of controversy. The effect depended on the artist's complete absorption of his impressions of nature and his ability to recreate them, with free use of medium expressing his own character.

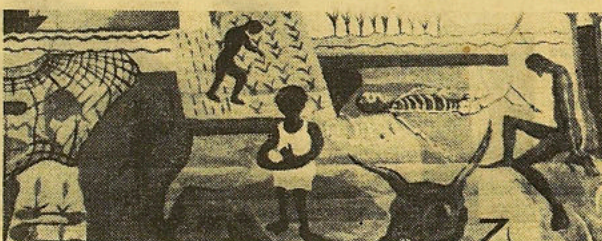
No one at the reception made mention of the fact that the electricity socket in one corner of the mural has now been covered up by a piece of purple painted plywood. When first on view early this term, the new mural caused a variety of reactions—for the most part unfavourable!

VICE WITH GTG



PICTURE shows Elizabeth Horton as Daffodil in GTG's production of John Arden's "Live Like Pigs" which opens next Monday for a week's run. The play is said to contain every kind of violence from rape to riots; it is concerned with the influx of a gang of gypsies into a respectable housing estate.

Great Hall mural Oxfam celebrates



THE above mural, the symbol of the Great Hall film festival held in celebration of Oxfam's 21st birthday, was the result of 150 hours combined effort by six students.

The basic design was draughted by Roger Hale of Coventry Technical College, and the resulting 18 by 25 foot mural was accomplished by him and five fellow students. It depicts the fight of under-developed countries against disease and famine, and the fight for the establishment of industry and the cultivation of land.

The main feature of the festival was a series of film shows throughout the week admission free, but all donations to Oxfam gratefully received. In addition there was a small exhibition of paintings.

"LIVE LIKE PIGS"

By JOHN ARDEN

From Monday, 25th, for one week at 7.15 in the Debating Hall

Tickets: 3/-, 4/- & 5/-

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REDBRICK comment

The Birmingham University Newspaper

The Union's petty criminals

THE Union seems to be rapidly turning into a thieves' kitchen.

Since the beginning of the new session 40 per cent of the knives, over 25 per cent of the forks and more than half the teaspoons have "disappeared."

It is the same sorry tale in the refectory. Mr. Humbert, the refectory catering manager, who has lost £300 of goods, kindly calls it "borrowing"—Quite a loan!

But let's be frank about it—the goods have not been borrowed, neither have they disappeared. They have been stolen—deliberately and criminally stolen.

It is a disgusting state of affairs. This stealing is not just limited to a few students; after all no sane person wants all the 1,750 cups that have been stolen from the refectory.

It is stealing on a mass scale. It is done by people who would normally be horrified if they were classed as thieves.

They are people with a "they won't miss an odd knife and fork" mentality.

They are people who do not realise that the students are the only one who will suffer through higher prices.

And they ARE thieves.

What of the night?

The University is faced with a tricky problem about policing the campus at night.

The damage being done at the moment does not seem to warrant the employment of night policemen, and the night watchmen, no doubt, do an excellent job as far as they can. But are they enough?

The buildings seem to be wide open to vandalism and theft.

It is an old saying, but none the less true, that it is better to be wise before the event.

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personal column

ORD presents Prof. Kenneth Hill in Council Chamber today at 5.30 talking on "Problems of University and Medical Education in the Developing Countries."

A DUTCH AUCTION will be held in the Debating Hall on Friday, 22nd November at 1 p.m. in aid of WUS.

WUS and UNSA International Evening, tonight! 7.30 - 10.30 in Founder's Room. Entrance 1/-.

WILL anyone who took my wallet from the Library, please return it. All will be forgiven. Steve Leach.

"TROTSKYISM TODAY," by Cliff Slaughter, in C.R.6 on Friday, 22nd Nov., at 5.15 p.m.

day, 22nd. Socialist Union wishes to apologise for Reginald Page's vanishing act last Friday.

WANT to buy a ranch on the moon? Want to find out the facts? Come to the Astro-Soc lecture: "Space and the Law," Tuesday, 5.15. Small Lecture Theatre. Physics Pointing Building.

GREECE, 1964 - £20 return by Tauern Express. Cheapest rates of all. Not student train. London-Athens, approx. five weeks, August 10th-Sept. 14th. Details from A. Hornig.

CONSERVATIVE Association: Friday, 22nd Nov., at 5.15 p.m.

in C.R.3. Mr. Adam Vetta will be speaking on "India." All welcome.

PRESS POST

WHOSE FAULT NOW?

SIR, — I assume from Mr. Bing's letter in last week's REDBRICK that he was present at the AGM and also presumably, a regular user of the Union and University.

If this is the case, I am at a loss to understand how he can maintain that the meeting was inadequately advertised. There were:

• Official posters in the Union and University in the usual numbers.

• Advertisements in REDBRICK.

• Regular tannoy.

• 200 copies of the various reports and statements of account available at the Reception Desk.

If Mr. Bing saw neither of first two, did not hear the third, and failed to avail himself of the fourth, he can really hardly blame it on Executive.

Finally, on the question of promoting discussion. Executive go to a good deal of trouble to learn their subjects for the AGM. We would be only too happy to answer any questions — if they were asked.

Rush

That members of the Guild do not trouble to learn THEIR subjects was proved by the mad rush to collect copies of the reports from Mr. R. T. Jones when it was announced that these reports were available at the head of the hall.

Nor did members avail themselves of the chance to discuss future policy, which was a great pity. It would be unrealistic to assume that Council and Executive are perfect, so why was there no discussion?

If we are to believe Mr. Bing, it was because the meeting inadequately publicised! And who gaged the members who were present, Mr. Bing?

Yours faithfully,

BOB BOOTLE,
Guild Secretary.

SPOTTING THE BALL

SIR, — After much difficulty I managed to spot the ball as requested in last week's soccer photograph. How much is the prize?

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IS REVIEWER UP THE CREEK ABOUT THE BIRDS?

SIR,—While the standard of film criticism has never been high, I think it reached an all-time low with the recent criticism of "The Birds." Your reviewer evidently found no connection between the relationships of the human characters and the arrivals of the birds' attacks.

AND JUST WHY CAN'T WE SPEAK?

SIR, — Are we to assume that all methods are to be used to prevent public discussion of the projected boycott of South African goods? This appears to be the case in view of the constitutional gag placed on Clause (b) of the notice to the AGM.

I feel that the issues would have become clearer in people's minds if discussion had been allowed, and "liberal" insistence on the "right" to buy South African goods would have been shown up for its obvious pettiness.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR THRELFALL.

TOP PERSON RETORTS

SIR, — Some day, no doubt, I shall forgive you and your News Editor for that "Top People" (Sick) insult, admittedly one of your better insults. What is unforgivable is that you have got the facts wrong, again.

As Sports Editor Ray Cochran knows, I have not entered the REDBRICK snooker competition. Whoever wrote that "news" story should have asked the organiser of the competition, i.e. Mr. Cochran, to check his story, and verify the "facts." Looking forward to reading your apology, I remain yours in competition, the Editor of "Wall."

Yours etc.,

ANDREW BARROW.

GROUSE OF THE DRIPS

SIR, — As it would seem to be the rainy season and I have no umbrella I would like to ask you what you propose to do about all the extra drips that seem to fall off these marvellous new university buildings, even on the few fine days we have. It it the plumbing? Also my shoes take in water now as well.

Yours damply,

M.B.

GREECE, 1964

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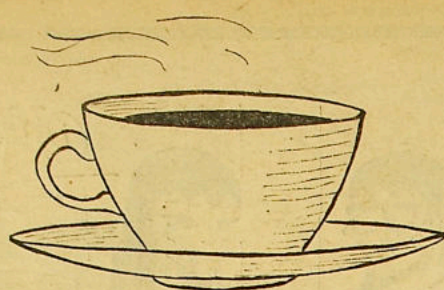
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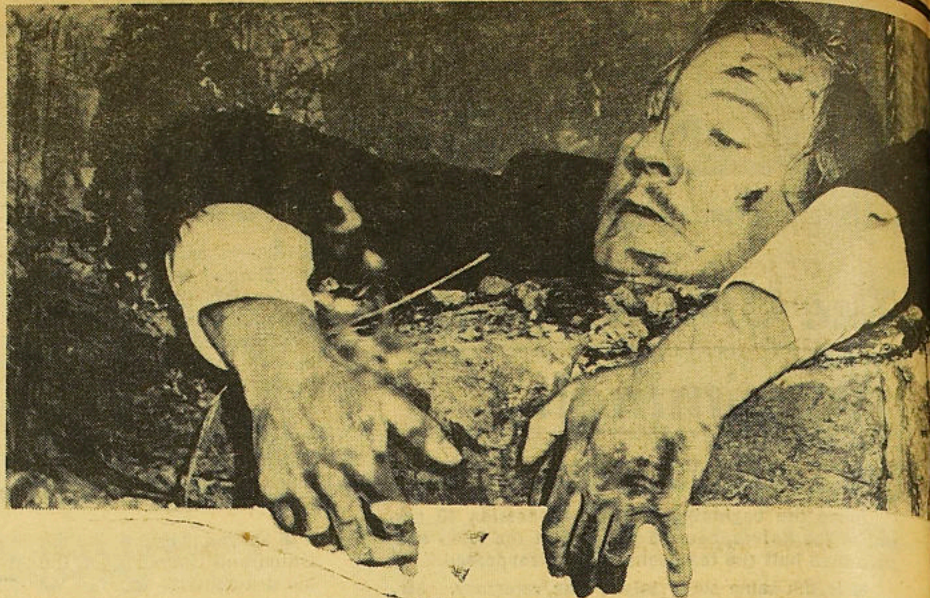
—Details: A. Hornig.



The coffee bar is in again. After being missed from the Birmingham scene for longer than anyone cares to remember, the continental vogue is at last hitting the suburbs of the city, leaving the centre deserted after 10.30 at night.

In Moseley, Five Ways, Costa Green and Bristol Street, four new coffee bars have begun operations, bringing a welcome touch of cosmopolitan night-life to Birmingham's dark and dreary suburban streets.

Katy Doyle concentrates on the "Gigi" in Mosley as a typical example of the new trend. As the centre has its cinemas and theatres, so the suburbs, too, are beginning to remain awake until midnight or after.



WHEN YOU'RE DYING FOR A DRINK OF COFFEE . . .

THE coffee bar is back. Several years ago, an old feature of English life began to re-emerge on the British urban scene; returning to us by way of the Continent, with Italian chrome Espresso machines and French or Italian-sounding names, the coffee bar is back. This particular type of social meeting and drinking place has its roots in the English coffee houses of the 18th cen-

tury, hotbeds of political argument, battles between literary giants and centres for the scandal-mongery rife at that time. These died out in England, and coffee houses, or bars as they are now called, have been restored to us in a slightly modified form, via the bistros of Paris, the background of all the more recent French literary giants from Verlaine to Sartre, and of artists such as Lautrec.

Associated

Coffee and coffee-houses have always been associated with political, intellectual and avant-garde types. The rash of coffee-bars which spread over the centres of London and Manchester, showed every sign of continuing the association of brains and the brown brew. Beatniks hit these towns with the first coffee bars and the Manchester Young Socialists opened their own coffee bar, the Left Wing.

London and Manchester were the first centres of the coffee-bar. Strangely enough, Birmingham, Britain's largest city, seemed undisturbed by the progress of the new. This is because Birmingham is mainly a manufacturing industrial city, and has always been associated with academic and artistic types. The city would-be intellectual Birmingham was the self-contained city.

Now, approximately after the conquest of Birmingham too has the coffee-drinking hordes. The centre is still barren, but as distinct from restaurants or afternoon-tea shops, and the four main bars are to be found in the fringes of the centre and suburbs.

Costa Green These four are "La Bohème", "The Gigi" at Moseley, "Gosta Green Tea", and "The Gigi" at Moseley.

NOWADAYS people aren't prepared to fight for their cup of coffee. Decent conditions, quick service and, if not luxurious, at least hip surroundings, are back in Birmingham.

Gone are the days of frowsy Lyons' tea-shops; coffee bars now are chic, slick, and—perhaps surprisingly—respectable.

The "Gigi" unlike the others is a suburban coffee-bar, and the area in which it lies, Moseley, consists, like Edgbaston, of large Victorian houses, divided into flats or let as lodgings.

It is the large student and young independent semi-homeless part of the population of Moseley which provides most of "Gigi's" customers.

One of them commenting on the popularity the place has gained in the four months it has been open, said: "Night-life stopped at 10 in Moseley, but now it goes on till midnight, which is pretty good for Birmingham, especially Moseley."

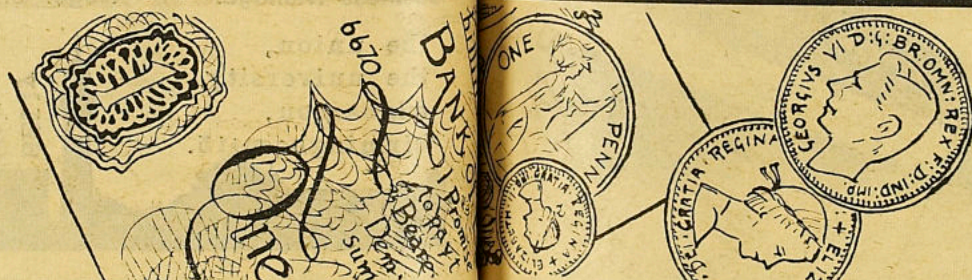
Victorian

The habitues are a very mixed bunch; well-bred elderly ladies out to do their shopping; students on their way home; young teachers and insurance and bank clerks, and the estate agents in which Moseley abounds, can all be found within the murky interior at some time of the day.

The atmosphere is one of boredom and cosmopolitanism, with French, German and Italian magazines scattered around, and yet it is highly respectable; as the manager said: "Definitely no Teddy Boys," which the owner explained in this way: "Moseley is the watershed between Balsall Heath and King's Heath; high-minded types only live up here."



The Bar above the cinema of the same name, and, the latest addition, "The Gigi" at Moseley. All except the first of Five Ways, "La Bohème", are owned by Mr. Andre Gosta Green Tea, The Gigi.



How to avoid nasty men of Carey St

MOST University awards that are made are intended to be adequate in meeting University fees, and the expenses involved in travel and the buying of books and clothes, although many take into account the financial position of the parents of a student and expect them to make some contribution towards the cost of the education of their sons and daughters.

Sometimes, however, a student gets into serious difficulties. The financial port which he receives is diminished or may be altogether absent; there are examples that can be seen. Should it be possible to obtain a loan, even if a big one, needs to be paid back. In the first year, most cases only loans are made, and this is particularly true if a student has a course because he has taken up some vocational course.

used in helping students so that after the money is repaid it can be used again to help another.

Even where your University authorities can help you, they may only be willing to loan you a small amount on condition that you raise the rest of the money yourself first of all.

What next? If you are unable to get help from the University you are advised to write for the NUS booklet "Educational Charities" (price 1.6d.) from the National Union of Students, 3 Endsleigh Street, London, W.C.1.

You may also wish to write to World University Service (Welfare Secretary, WUS, 59 Gloucester Place, London, W.1) who will be able to help you by advising you whether you are eligible for a loan—usually up to £50—from a Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Advisory and Relief Committee of WUS.



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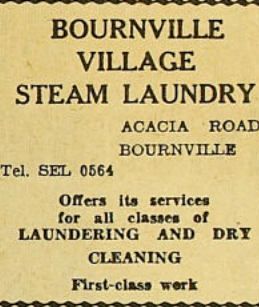
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Films

SEX IN THE DESERT

Anthony Williams

THE locale of "STATION SIX—SAHARA" (ABC, Colleshill Street, director — Seth Holt) is an oil pumping station in the Sahara desert, but the film is no exaltation on the mechanical gadgets therein. Rather it is about about the inhabitants of the station (who can best be summed up as a group of sex-starved men) and certain incidents in their existence.

The first is the arrival of a new inmate named Donetz, a German, silent and with strong self-control, who clashes with the man in charge of the station, Kramer (Peter Van Eyck). He is another German, but one with a hate of Germany, and their clash comes to a head when Donetz threatens Kramer's supremacy at the poker table.

Then there is a zany Scotsman called Fletcher (Ian Bannen) and Major Macey (Denholm Elliott), a paperspined Englishman who will not recognise the fact that he is no longer in the army. Macey has a mania about letters and this provides Fletcher with a chance to exercise his rather sour sense of humour.

Finally, about half-way through the film, and for no real reason at all, an American woman in the form of Carroll Baker arrives on the scene and proceeds to set everyone's pulses racing. In actual fact she does a darned sight more than that, and almost manages to reduce the running of the station to utter chaos, but all is saved when she comes to an untimely end and things return to normal.

The fact that the film consists only of incidents—there is no strong story line—tends to make it all rather slow going. It is, however, reasonably entertaining and worth watching if only for the very good acting of Ian Bannen and Denholm Elliott.

Books

SARTRE STUDIES FAILURE

Mark Burke

BASICALLY the story of French defeat in 1940 seen through the eyes of the differing characters in the novel, and their various ways of resisting. Sartre's "Iron in the Soul" (Penguin 4/6) becomes much more than that. A deep probing into the

true nature and effect of failure and defeat; a questioning of the purpose and meaning, if any, of life. It is a subtle, disquieting book. Diverse characters such as Gomez, the ex-General; Sarah, his wife; the paediatrician; Daniel; Mathieu, the schoolmaster

and soldier; Brunet, the Communist, modulate and draw together the various strands of the story to one harmony, though they do not meet, do not affect each other.

For the connoisseurs of sex and violence the book too

holds attractions. It is also, in parts, extremely funny. But it is not a novel to be read and forgotten. Existential, uncomfortable, but deeply sincere, it poses many very awkward questions for us to face, and try to answer, ourselves.

NEXT week, REDBRICK will be running a full-page review and feature on the Bradbury — Duckett — Lodge revue which opened this week at the Repertory Theatre.

Peter Van Eyck chases Carroll Baker.



Theatre

PLIGHT OF THE BUNGLED - B

Anthony Stephens

"QUEEN B" at the Alexandra Theatre last week proved an admirable vehicle for Dame Sybil Thorndike to display her acting skill. However, the play itself was unsatisfactory from almost every other point of view.

Dame Sybil plays the pompous and silly Lady Cuffe, who

transpires in the first act, has spoiled two of her three children and wrecked the life of the third, who has had to stay at home to look after Mummy.

Unfortunately the plot hardly progresses from this situation; everything is predictable and mechanical, and while the dialogue is credible, it never

risers above mediocrity in content. In the subsequent acts there is talk, talk and still more talk. The spectator is left somewhat bored, to say the least. Action is sadly lacking.

To some extent Dame Sybil's superb acting ability saves the evening, but it is debatable whether she enhances her reputation by choosing to appear in such dreary, lightweight stuff.

Sir Lewis Casson, Dame Sybil's husband, also does his best to salvage something out of the shambles, but "Queen B" merely serves to prove that good acting cannot redeem a play so totally devoid of intellectual content.

GRIP ON MIDFIELD

ROSSER OPENS UP TIGHT DEFENCE

Leicester 0 Birmingham 2

VISITING Leicester for the third UAU championship match, the University retained the same team that went down so narrowly to Loughborough last week, and from the start dominated the midfield play.

SPORT IN BRIEF

CROSS-COUNTRY

THE Cross Country Club was defeated at Loughborough on Saturday by 27 to 62 points. Loughborough occupied the first three positions, with Chris Page first home for the University in fourth place and John Wright in 8th.

MEN'S SQUASH

THE Men's Squash team beat Leicester five-nil last Wednesday. Phipps at No. 1 played faultlessly to beat his opponent 3-0. Varley, Slater and Scarborough all played well and won their matches easily. Horrobin a late substitute, did particularly well to win 3-0.

LADIES' BADMINTON

ON Wednesday, the Ladies' Badminton team beat Leicester convincingly 8-1, in the first WIVAB match this season, with only two of last year's highly successful team playing. The same team played Nottingham on Saturday and suffered its first defeat for over four years, losing 6-3.

GOLF

LAST week, at North Worcester, the team made hard work of beating an average Cardiff side 2-0. Against Handsworth on Saturday it was heavily defeated 4-1. The only winners of the day, Godman and Showan, won by four and three.

RUGBY

DEFEAT PUTS XV OUT OF RUNNING

Leicester 17 Birmingham 14

THIS was a disappointing defeat for Birmingham, and knocks them right out of the running for the Midland UAU championship.

They had a bad spell in the first half when their defence was decidedly shaky. Leicester opened the scoring with a penalty goal, but shortly after Pontin, Birmingham's right winger, crossed in the corner, and Jenkins converted with a fine kick. Then Leicester scored 14 points in quick succession, being 17-5 up at half-time.

At the start of the second half Birmingham improved somewhat but lost a number of chances through poor handling in the backs. Jenkins sparked off the Birmingham reply with a penalty. Bayden touched down a pushover try, and Pontin ran strongly to score another fine try. Towards the end the pack gained more possession of the ball but Leicester hung on with equal determination.

EARLY SPURT TELLS

AFTER a dramatic opening quarter, in which over three-quarters of the goals were scored, the University water-polo team coasted to an easy win over Leicester in last week's UAU match. Leicester were clearly completely outclassed, not managing to gain even a single goal. By the end of the first part of the match Birmingham were no less than eight goals up; by the end of the fourth they were eleven in the lead.

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Hockey's run goes on



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Only too keen to score, two attackers race for the ball.

Leicester 0; Birmingham 1
BY this unspectacular victory the University took another step forward towards winning their section of the UAU championship. The game however, was notable for the number of chances missed.

There was no score in the first half during which Birmingham struggled to get into the Leicester circle and the side pressed harder and harder in the second half. Shots by Stapley, Hull, and Long were wide of the mark as they became desperate to score. Then, with less than ten minutes remaining, Hill pounced on a long pass and slammed it into the net.

Unlucky

The University were unlucky not to increase their lead in the closing minutes. Tearaway attempts by Hill and Margrett and shots from Milne and Long were nearly successful.

By drawing 0-0 with Southgate on Saturday the University extended its unbeaten run to five games. In an eventless game, reserve full-backs Gregory and Serjent acquitted themselves well, but again the forwards showed little inventiveness.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Notts take a pasting

IN their last game of the WIVAB Midland Division Birmingham had a resounding victory over Nottingham on Saturday. Field and weather conditions were good, producing a fast pace, and all Birmingham's goals were scored in the first half.

Nottingham scored a quick goal at the beginning of the second half, but the remainder of the match was in Birmingham's hands, and although there were some constructive movements no more goals were scored, leaving them with a 3-1 victory.

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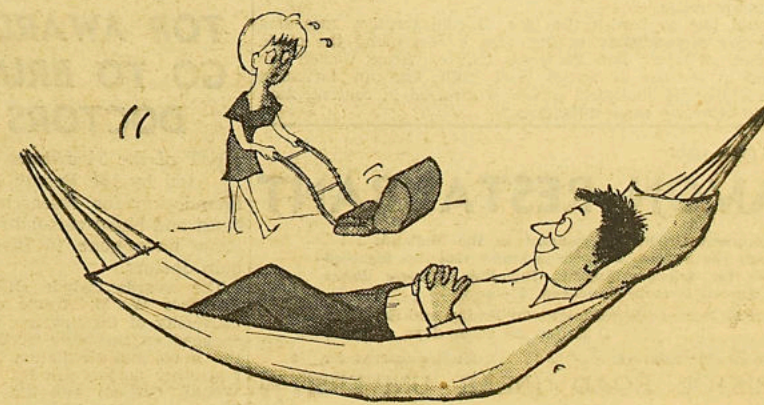
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• Jim Duckett.

BIG HOPES FOR THE NEW REVUE

THE revue written by Messrs. Bradbury, Duckett and Lodge opened last night at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. The writers, all from the University's English Department are hopeful that the revue will be a bit hit and eventually be transferred to London or another provincial theatre.

Advance bookings for the show have been average, and Malcolm Bradbury said that it is aimed at an audience half University—half Birmingham public—"That's to say, it's a mixture of intellectual humour and farce" he added.

The revue will run for a month, right up to the opening of the pantomime season shortly before Christmas. "We want University people to come and see it," said Bradbury.



"SINCE the Family Planning Association was started, more and more couples have become converted to the advantages of one of the contraceptives offered, and more are coming to clinics before marriage," said Professor Francois Lafitte, of the Social Studies Department.

Professor Lafitte was speaking about the recently published report, "Family Planning in the Sixties" prepared by a working party under his chairmanship.

"We would like to banish the idea of contraceptive measures being solely the responsibility of the wife, by extending the clinic service to men as well," said Professor Lafitte. "Some women are still wrapped in feelings of anxiety and guilt and an increased appreciation of the psychological problems involved in contraception would help to overcome these difficulties."

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Father attacks selection

A UNIVERSITY spokesman this week angrily denied reports in the Birmingham Planet that the medical school is operating a "closed shop" over its applications.

The story in the "Planet" quoted Mr. Alfred Hooper, of Swinford Road, Selly Oak, as claiming that his daughter had been passed over without interview in her application to medical school because he was only a State Registered Nurse, although she had three good 'A' levels.

"A girl in Denise's class was offered a place at Birmingham provided she passed in three subjects at a very low level. She was the daughter of a well-known surgeon," he was reported to have said. "I have no doubt at all that preference was given to the other girl because of her father's profession."

"Denise subsequently gained good 'A' level passes, but these had no bearing on her selection," said Mr. R. C. B. Gray, assistant registrar to the Medical School. "Her previous 'A' level results were not good enough to call her for interview, Birmingham being only her second choice. Selection procedure is such that candidates not selected for interview on previous performance cannot be given further consideration unless they then apply in the following year."

"From a random sample of students entering the medical school only 19.5 per cent. are the sons or daughters of medical practitioners. There is therefore no question of preference being given to those with a medical background."

Zoology

Denise is now studying for a degree in zoology at Cardiff University. Two Birmingham M.P.s are investigating her case, Mr. Charles Howell, Labour Member for Perry Barr, and Mr. Harold Gurden, Conservative Member for Selly Oak.

Mr. Howell has taken Denise's case to the Ministry of Education. He said this week, "It comes as no surprise to me, as this practice has been suspected for some time. There is a space on the application form for 'Parents' occupation' and this tends to have the effect of preferential treatment."

NEW CIV.ENG. PROFESSOR POINTS TO EXPANSION

PROFESSOR W. H. Wittrick, M.A., Ph.D., will be the first holder of the Chair of Structural Engineering which has been established in the Department of Civil Engineering.

The appointment marks another stage in the expansion of the department which, in addition to teaching increasing numbers of undergraduates, has developed strong Graduate Schools in Foundation and Highway and Traffic Engineering.

It is expected that the Department will expand its teaching and research activities further into the theory and design of modern structures.

DISCUSSION "STIFLED" CLAIM AT THE SGM

Meeting not quorate

AT last Wednesday's Special General Meeting of the Guild, Mr. Walter Green, seconder of the motion on South Africa, declared himself to be "a very disillusioned man."

The second part of the motion, asking Guild Council to ban South African goods from the Union, was ruled out of order by President John Paling. The meeting was not quorate for changing Guild policy.

"I expected everyone I have been arguing with these last weeks to come along today," said Mr. Green emotionally. "It is a pity we have to allow a constitutional

wrangle to stifle discussion." This remark prompted a storm of sympathetic applause.

The rest of the meeting was a mere formality. Mr. Rodney Watts briefly proposed the remaining two sections of the motion and both were carried overwhelmingly.

Part (a), deploring the South African Government's policy on higher education was passed by 160 votes to four, with one abstention. Part (c), asking Council to give financial assistance to South African students, was passed by 165 votes to 1, with 12 abstentions.

TOP AWARDS GO TO BRUM DOCTORS

OUT of the 34 awards donated by the British Heart Foundation for research into heart and blood-vessel diseases, three have gone to Birmingham doctors.

The awards include £4,000 to Professor W. M. Arnott of the University of Birmingham who is engaged on the basic working of the heart and circulation. The two other doctors are Dr. K. W. Walton (£2,500) and Mr. J. M. Bishop (£4,000) both of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

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Photo: Peter Bond

• Rodney Watts, resplendant in Executive robes, speaking at last Wednesday's Special General Meeting. He has said he intends to bring up again the question of the sale of South African Goods at a future Council Meeting.

'Completely new venture' by External Affairs

DESCRIBED by External Affairs as "a completely new venture in social work," an international workcamp run by the Balat Heath Association starts this weekend, with the co-operation of the national, political and religious societies of the Guild.

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