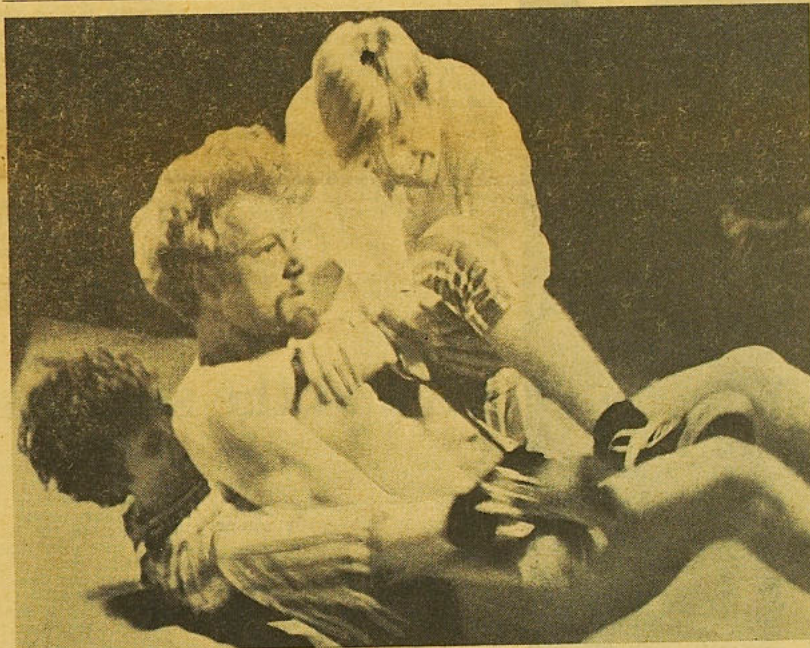


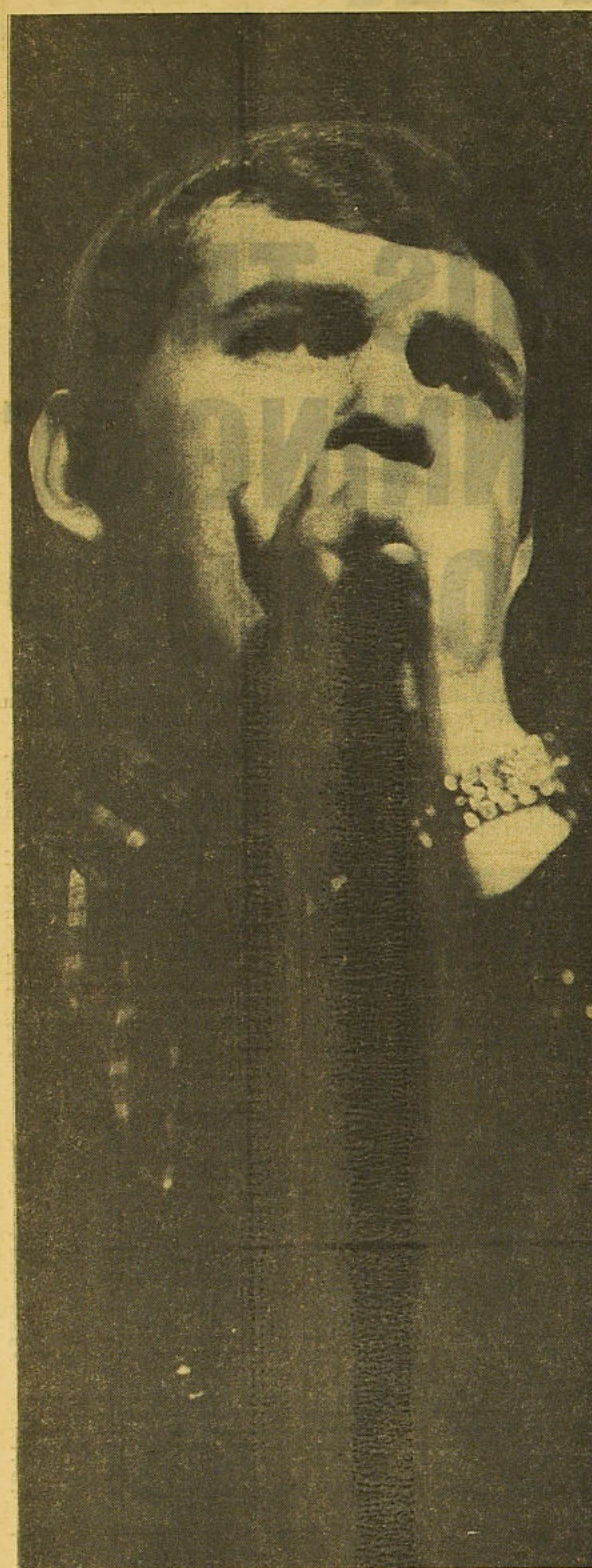
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BEGINNING OF
THE END FOR NUS?****UNREST** which has been simmering within N.U.S.
for nearly six months reached crisis point this
week.This afternoon student leaders from 30 universities and
colleges throughout Britain will debate a motion of no con-
fidence in N.U.S. Executive.The situation came to a head last Wednesday when John
Harris, President of Keele University issued a statement:"After a debate lasting into the early hours of this morn-
ing, Keele University Students' Union disaffiliated from
N.U.S. "We disaffiliate because we cannot trust the Executive
to carry out the clear instructions of Council, the sovereign
body of the N.U.S."Within three days of this dra-
matic news, Salford University
voted 8-7 to leave the Union.
Reading may possibly leave, and
there is strong agitation at Essex
University.At Bradford, a committee has
been set up to consider disaffil-
iation and the forming of a break-
away movement in the North.Students at Southampton have
voted to disaffiliate unless the
voting system is changed to "a more
equitable method" by next Easter.**Negative move**Commenting on the news of
Keele's disaffiliation, Phil Semark,
N.U.S. Chairman, said: "I don't
think it'll make a lot of difference
because Keele is rather small.""It is a completely useless move
to get out," he continued. "You
should stay in and do something
if you feel like that."But Keele students claim that
the N.U.S. voting system makes
change from within impossible. "We
have tried reform before and it has
never worked," they say.Last October in "Redbrick" Tony
Klug, Guild President agreed that
there was "something very wrong
with the system." Although he con-
sidered disaffiliation to be a very
negative move, he agreed that
"there is a lot to be said in favour
of disaffiliation."**Two falls . . .
two submissions . .****MAX LAMBERT** goes down to a vicious attack by his
two assailants in the W.U.S. Exec. Wrestling last
Friday. The event was a great success as crowds flocked
to see the almighties do each other in.The wrestling was followed by an auction in which Charlie
Kent and President Tony Klug were sold off to the highest
bidder. True values in £ s. d. were thus obtained for president
and vice-president.Charlie Kent went for a pricey £7 to Ted Mynors, whereas
Tony Klug managed to raise 17/6, paid by Pam Jobling.
The latter price, however, is much the better value per inch of
ruling body.The World University Service has a branch in every
University throughout the world. Each branch is given a
yearly project. In the 1966-7 session Birmingham has been
asked to raise £300 for SACHED—The South African Com-
mittee for Higher Education—a body set up by the National
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Albert Luthuli, to help post-matriculation students to gain
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'DISSENT' YET****SOCIALIST Union's** magazine, "Dis-
sent" went on sale last night, and
sales are continuing today.Articles in this edition are on many topics
from Rates Rebates to Lodgings Regulations
and the situation in West Germany.This issue includes the full text of the
Vice-Chancellor's article which appeared in
the staff magazine, "University Bulletin," but
says Paul Hardman, "Dissent's" editor, "We
think the race discrimination article is more
important." "Dissent" has published the
Vice-Chancellor's article "because in the in-
terests of closer co-operation between staff
and students, I feel the V.C.'s views on stu-
dents should be known by everyone."

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ART

Triangles and grids in the masters

THE Masters, the international art series published by Purnells has so far studied nine modern painters in its "complete gallery of painting": Modigliani, Miro, Matisse, Giacometti, Braque, Sutherland and the latest, Mondrian.

In all of these the standard of reproduction is high, but the printing process used seems better able to handle large slabs of uniform colour, and gives a more accurate impression of the original, when dealing with pictures painted in that way. Such is the art of Piet Mondrian, the Dutch artist who came of age at 40 in the pre-war Paris of 1913 and 1914—the days of cubism. He was strongly influenced by the cubists but developed their ideas of breaking down objects into their constituent cubes so far that eventually he came to think that the only lines which mattered were the verticals and horizontals.

This led to paintings made up of lots of little boxes, and at this point he broke with representational art and saw the boxes as self-sufficient. The near drabness of some of these pictures, with only small differences of tone and colouring between adjacent boxes, soon developed into the aggressive grid systems known so well; huge blocks of uniform colour balanced against one another on the outer edges, the centre being criss-crossed with thick black grid lines.

The virtuosity of some of these grid-paintings is amazing. Composition in Black and Blue (1926) is painted on diamond-shaped canvas, and consists of a vertical and a horizontal line intersecting so as to leave a very small triangle of space enclosed on the bottom left side, which is dark blue. According to all the rules, this patch of blue should throw the whole of the canvas (the rest of which is white) off balance, yet the positioning is so perfect that the white space opposite appears to have weight—just enough to balance the blue properly. The whole thing is rather like a

lever system with a pound of steel on one end and a pound of feathers on the other. One may complain that there are not enough modern artists included in the series. But on reflection, a proportion of nine out of sixty-eight is not so bad for a century which is as yet only half over.

ART

Twentieth century concrete prints

LAST Thursday evening in connection with the Arts Council's exhibition of New Prints, Victor Pasmore gave an intermittently rambling and brilliant talk about print-making and the modern abstract movement.

This Hemingway-type figure of English twentieth-century art, loped nervously around the platform providing a living witness to the metamorphosis that has taken place in England in the last thirty years. Pasmore emerged as a force at a time in this country when we were sleepily far behind in the modern movement, basking obliviously in a world of impressionism.

Suddenly at the age of 40, Pasmore, along with other prominent artists, broke with this tradition and started actively experimenting with abstract art, very largely as a result of the vastly-influential Picasso exhibition of 1946. Since then, as Pasmore is prepared to admit, there is doubt that his works in the new idiom are as great as his earlier pieces, but as he emphasised with a vast swing of his gorilla arms, "the past is dead, from now on it's got to be all abstract whether we like it or not."

He also talked significantly about his approach to his latest prints

VIEW THIS WEEK

JOHN HANCOCK
KEVIN STEPHENS
DAVID REES
ANDY SIMS
MARY LUBE
MARGARET CLEGG
IAN BRUCE

FASHION

Top knots for Queen Mary

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTLAND was renowned for her luxurious mane of red hair, but now they are telling us that she was bald as a billiard ball and apparently when she was executed her wig fell into a basket with her head. Now days wigs are more secure, fastened and the intention of wearing them is not always to be seen. Many of them are blatantly false, both in the way that they are worn and the distance from which they are manufactured. Dynel plaits are the cheapest, but top quality hand-made European wigs are at a minimum cost of nine guineas. Non-European wigs, either Asian or Indian, are of much coarser texture but offer again the price range beginning around twenty guineas.

Hairpieces, top-knots and fringes are the most popular variety of false hair; fringes cost as little as two pounds. Prices are bound to be reduced as demand from a large variety of women and girls increases, in fact big stores are already capitalising on this interest because it cannot be washed, lacquered or set as your own.

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THEATRE

Musical history

FOR Christmas the Rep. has revived the musical version of the Sellar and Yeatman classic humorous history, "1066 and all that" which was last produced at the same theatre about thirty years ago. The script is unfortunately dated, the best jokes being those actually in the book (which doesn't seem to have dated). An elementary knowledge of history is, despite the publicity, an advantage.

There are some lively song and dance routines (two pianos and percussion), some amusing sketches (which lack good punch lines) and the whole show is directed with spirit by Peter Dews. Finlay James is useful and the best in Brum this Christmas, with admittedly no competition; it is lavishly dressed, especially in such numbers as Henry VIII and his wives, all in black and white.

The acting is generally acceptable with Colin Farrell intermittently managing to escape from the out-of-date humour of the Common Man, but he's a good actor. Benjamin Whitrow has the much easier job of the compe. "Utterly remarkable" however are Brian Cox (King John and the Bruce), Eric Woole (Caesar and Henry VII) and Frank Moorey who's probably the most useful member of the present company.

One episode is very fine and reminded me of "Oh What a Lovely War". The Agincourt scene, when one doesn't quite know whether they are being serious or funny. The Common Man (or us) is saying: "When this war's over, there won't be another one." He means of course that the Great War was the war to end all wars—or perhaps he doesn't. Maybe it's been said before, but it's handled simply, and beautifully.

Ten Sixty-six runs until February 25th when two Shakespeares will play in Repertory: "Richard II" and "As You Like It."

G.T.G.

Hell is other people

AFTER their Cardiff trip, G.T.G.'s first production this term opened last night: Jean Paul Sartre's "In Camera." This is a Workshop project directed by Angela Moore, following her production of "The Stranger" last spring. One of her ideas is to experiment with background music, and this has been specially composed by Ilona Sekacz, a first year music student.

What happens when three people are thrown together in a hotel room? Well, when they are respectively a society nymphomaniac, a lesbian postal clerk and a cowardly pacifist reporter, and the room is Sartre's concept of hell—anything can happen, and the play is eighty minutes of brilliant theatre.

The four actors are Tony Coult and Isabel Jones, both from G.T.G.'s "Galileo" Judy Lee, who's also rehearsing for the Spring Major Genet's "The Maids," and David Rees, who last appeared in "The Happy Haven" and "Three Sisters," which will be revived at the Crescent Theatre next month.

"Hell is other people..." is one of the characters' conclusions. Tonight and Friday are the last chances you have to see how he reaches it. A few tickets only are available on the door.



SCENES FROM A SICILIAN WEDDING. FROM "THE NEW ANGELS"—DIR. UGO GREGGORETTI.

FILM

New angels v. the un-men

THE best new film in town is "The Pawnbroker" (West End)—Lumet and Steiger, and a professionalism that can pass for excellence. The second-best is "The Quiller Memorandum" (Odeon)—a more or less serious spy-thriller.

At the Cinephone, "The New Angels" averages stinks; but "Up-Side Down" is very fair, which makes three worthy movies in one week... (luck). For a number of reasons none of them interest (or perplex) me as much as the intricately cory "1,000,000 Years B.C."—A.B.C.s. Coleshill, New Street. It's a box-office hit; a lot of it is just mediocre, idiotic. The dopey-ness, though, is quite nice. The bland random thousands in the title alone point up one main tendency—a kind of friendly care-free extravagance.

The plot wanders around the encounters of the three species of human-being meant to be then existing. One race is blond, bronzed, very civilised. Then there are gangs of Neanderthal thugs. And finally, Un-Men—dark furry horrors who lurk in caves, and wrestle and belch gustily; a bit like the Yahoos in Swift's book. Also the usual pre-historic beasts dance, twitely, with a clock-work inventiveness about on a par with the rest of the acting. "Ugh," says Raquel Welch—grittily—sultrily—happily—helplessly—etc. Neither the phrase nor her expression has to change; the absence of dialogue is useful. Only now I'm in difficulties. It's a platitude that the most potent myths of this century have lain in the rubbish of the worst kinds of cinema; but the rule still holds good. "King Kong" for instance is a much greater film, and "about" far more than the terrific cliché of Schoedsack's conception. And look at the complexity Hitchcock works from seemingly thin flimsy materials. If "1,000,000 Years B.C." isn't only a fun-movie it is just because of its artifice—the consistency of it, and the obviousness. The world of the film is curious; full of stacey waste-lands, cardboard flower gardens, ropey back-drops simulating distance. The favourite shot is a kind of indeterminate, unconvincing pan. In this environment the human look like ornaments. All of this falseness, I think, indicates the film's truth. The unreality literally is anti-matter; morally translated that is a negative force, or the weight rather of absolute nullity.

If that interpretation looks arbitrary, perverse, consider the film's end. Hundreds of volcanoes erupt; all the sets fall apart. There is mass-havoc, death. This isn't at all

Blossoming Webster

AT last the University has come out with some jazz, albeit at Aston, where Ben Webster was featured with the Ronnie Scott Quartet and Blossom Dearie. In the rather plush surroundings of the Great Hall at Aston the first set was taken by Ronnie Scott, tenor; Kenzie Baldock, bass; Tony Oxley on drums and Stan Tracey, who despite the fact that he had to battle with an ancient upright piano, produced a superb performance, although his angular style does lay him open to the criticism of sounding like a poor man's Thelonius Monk.

This was particularly noticeable in his articulate solos on the standard "Sweet Lovely," where his style was completely divorced from his more familiar fluid line in the jazz "Under Milk Wood."

Tracey was later replaced by Blossom Dearie, who produced an indifferent performance. Her voice has neither the range of Annie Ross nor the power of classic jazz singers and she could gain only limited success even within these restrictions. What success she had was largely due to her choice of material, including her own song, "Sweet Georgie Pame," which gained a slightly embarrassed audience reaction more suited to cabaret.

After an interlude in the bar the audience returned to hear Ben Webster playing smooth, fluent, slightly innocuous jazz, with a fine tone and control of his tenor. His performance contrasted oddly with Tracey's sharp angular solos. However, the set failed to produce any excitement; even when Scott joined him to chorus on "C Jam Blues." Webster retained a very composed approach which failed to rouse a somewhat stolid audience who would probably have enjoyed the concert more if they had had more time to spend in the bar before being elected into the city after closing-time.

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A YEAR OFF—WITH PAY

A SABBATICAL Year for the President—this will be the issue under consideration at Senate very soon. A memorandum on this question has been submitted to Senate, and it is from the memorandum produced by the President and passed unanimously by Guild Council, that this article is taken.

A very pertinent point to raise right at the beginning is why should the President have a year off studies and be financed by the Guild and University acting together? Is it because Guild Council felt that the President should have a year lounging back in his office?

In answer to this one can begin by dividing the duties of the President into four sections. First, there is the routine administrative work. The Guild of Undergraduates, apart from representing students at all levels, also administers the Union Building. This involves a lot of people in a lot of work, but it also means that there must be one person in touch with all aspects of its work. There must be one person to whom every student can complain and suggest. The considerable volume of mail must be dealt with, and agenda for committee meetings must be selected. In his capacity as representative, the President must see many of the University officers, often for as long as three hours a day, to communicate the Guild's view and deal with any problems. It is becoming more and more difficult for the President to do these duties efficiently and to conduct a full-time course in the University, especially taking into account his additional duties listed below.

Keep informed

The second section of the President's duties stems largely from the first. The President sits on ALL Guild Standing Committees in order to keep informed with the activities of them all. Apart from the actual time spent in committee he must spend a great deal of time preparing work for the committees particularly those of which he acts as impartial chairman. Under these sections also come the various reports which from time to time the Guild presents to the Uni-

versity. These usually have to come from the President and their efficacy can be judged from the Lodgings Regulations reform which has recently been achieved.

As if all this were not enough, much of the vacation time of the President is taken up with conferences of some kind. Again these

by Mike Redhouse,
Guild Treasurer

play an essential role in the life and activity of the Guild. It is from these conferences that the President may gain useful ideas for reform in our Guild or our Union.

The last category is, perhaps, the one which at first sight appears the most unnecessary. This concerns the social functions to which the President is invited. All those which the President now accepts are to an extent obligatory. Many societies of the Guild would be upset if the President were to refuse their invitation (and rightly so). The President also represents the student at civic dinners, university functions as well as a host of functions within the Union itself. Although enjoyable in themselves they take up valuable time that could well be spent on academic work.

The table below will give some idea of the average MINIMUM number of hours spent by the President on the Guild's behalf.

Function	Time per Week
Routine admin.	15
Policy committee meetings	10
Preparation of speeches, preparation for meetings, and implementation of meeting decisions	5
Obligatory social occasions	12
TOTAL	42

Even after it is pointed out that these figures represent the minimum, there will be those who do not consider this a full week's work. Even these people will agree though, that it is impossible to complete a full-time degree course concurrently with these labours. Either his work as President or his work for a degree must suffer.

Arguments

Before considering, and dismissing, the arguments against a sabbatical year for the President there is one further argument in its favour which carries some weight. In theory any student of the University can stand for President (though with certain conditions of a minor nature) and this is how it, surely, should be. In practice, however, because of the conflict which inevitably arises between degree

In many universities the President already has a sabbatical year. "Redbrick" here presents the case for a sabbatical President at Birmingham.

and Guild duties, the candidates are limited to post-graduates and members of two out of the five faculties of the university. Apart from limiting the choice of the electorate many "good men" in the past have been deterred from standing because of this conflict.

The arguments against the sabbatical year come under two categories, objections from the university and objections from the Guild itself.

Unreasonable

From the University's standpoint it is often indicated that the President's academic work would suffer as a result of a year off from his course. But it can also be argued that it is unreasonable to expect a department to carry a student who is unable to fulfill his academic commitments because of his duties as President. It can be no pleasure for any department to see a potentially good student floundering in his work because he is fully occupied with other matters. The Guild does suggest, though, in its memorandum, that the President keeps in touch with his academic work by doing work or attending lectures, say up to four hours per week.

From the Guild's viewpoint the idea of a "professional" president may of itself be inadmissible in a student organisation; he would tend to become a "pure administrator" or "an employee of the Guild."

It is important to realise that the Guild already employs its permanent officials who deal with the professional part of the administration. Secondly the president is an elected post and particularly students are unlikely to elect a status-seeking president. Thirdly the position of the president in the Guild is that of its servant and not of its "employee"; and lastly a sabbatical president would take far more time to mix with the students and thus retain his awareness of their problems and views.

Of course there are other arguments against the sabbatical year and many of these are raised and self which is available in General Office in the Union.

Explained

The memorandum as approved by Guild Council, was considered at a meeting of the Senate on December, 1966, and the President, who was in attendance, gave explanations and answered questions on the case for a Sabbatical Year.

The President was not, however, permitted to be present during the subsequent discussion at the meeting. The Senate decided to set up a Commission to investigate and report on the matter; a submission by the President that he should be a member of the Commission was not conceded.

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SINCERE thanks to all who helped W.U.S. week in any way. W.U.S. meeting, 5.15 p.m. Tuesday, anyone welcome. W.U.S. lunch, 12.30-1.30 Tuesday. Mixed Lounge, 1/2 per head.

WAROP give your bum a chance.

HUMANIST Society. Professor Premlin speaks on Materialism and Ethics at 7.30 p.m. today in Committee Room 2.

CHEM. I wishes to congratulate N. Hocker Esq. on his tithead whilst denying all knowledge of him.

"THIS HOUSE believes that the Royal Family should be shot, stuffed and stuck in the British Museum as a monument to human folly." Birmingham v. Manchester. Charles Wright, Perry Christie. Wednesday, 2 p.m. Council Chamber.

WAROP, Warsaw, show us your arse.

LEFT don't forget.

METHSOC. Andy wants your questionnaires.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Meg. WAROP, the sight of your tonsils annoys me.

PAUL is engaged to Sue and Ian is engaged to Chris.

WHAT IS 6 ft. 3 ins. tall, greasy, throws pennies, and drops 48 places?

ART. University exhibition. All members of the university are invited to submit up to four original works of painting, drawing, sculpture, prints, etc. Entries should be taken to the Mezzanine Lounge of the Refectory on Wednesday, February 15th, 8.30-6.30 or Thursday, February 16th, 8.30-12.30. There will be two money awards.

WANT TO GO to a brewery? If so join Liberals, we are!

HONEST Warsaw we mean it, we hate you.



Ben Webster (tenor) plays at the Aston Jazz Concert last Saturday. (Review page three.)

Photo Neil Smith

CHRISTIANS HEAR AGNOSTICS' COMMENTS

CHRISTIANS examined their consciences about their attitudes to Study, the Community and Evangelism at the Student Disciplinary Conference held last Sunday. Afterwards some hard-hitting agnostic comments were made by Charles Wright, Chairman of Deb. Soc.

John Brazier, speaking on Study, said that students are faced with a conflict between study and taking part in Guild life and that they should try and achieve "a bit of both."

"Study," he said, "should not be undertaken because of an obligation to the taxpayer but should be an act of self-dedication with love as the motive."

Roger Hird, speaking on Community, criticised the "isolated monasticism" of many Christian students and said that they should be "in the firing line" and expose themselves to all forces of sin in

order to do any good. John Simpkin said that Evangelism was the natural result of our love of God.

When one's life is God-based one must talk about Him. Charles Wright, in an excellent speech, criticised the self-righteousness of many Christian students, the "us and them" attitude.

"Some Christian students," he said, "do not like to get their hands dirty. They take part in their duty, not because they really want to be involved."

POET'S ESCAPE AND DREAMS

GEORGE MACBETH, poet and critic speaking to Film Soc, and seeming a little remote in looks from the Bronze God formed the subject of his lecture last Friday, began by stating that the title of his talk bore only a tenuous relation to its main subject. This proved to be only too true.

Looking rather like a middle-aged Mod with intellectual leanings, he spoke of dream worlds and reflections of reality. "The tracking shot," he claimed, "is the thing that distinguishes the cinema from all the other art forms taking the viewer forward into the action." He cited Hitchcock as the master of the tracking shot, and claimed that it was he who gave seriousness to the American cinema.

From this point his talk developed, not into a discussion of Hitchcock films and Hitchcock cinema technique, but into the Hollywood star system, self identification and dream worlds. "Disneyland" he claimed "was a real life film set in which one could wander in a life size dream world."

Following up this statement with vivid accounts of his own experiences in Disneyland, he went on to state that the reign of media such as the cinema, providing dream worlds into which escape from reality could be made, was coming to an end, and the era of drugs as an escape had arrived.

"Whatever Happened To Baby Jane"

BETTE DAVIS
JOAN CRAWFORD

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Founders, Sat., 7.30

"East of Eden"

JAMES DEAN
JULIE HARRIS
RAYMOND MASSEY

INDIA SOCIETY today celebrates the 17th Republic Day of India with an exhibition on modern India and a social evening with Indian dances, music, songs and a G.T.G. play at 7.00 p.m. in the Debating Hall. Admission free.

RADICAL STUDENTS CONVENE

THE Radical Alliance, formed last year to combat N.U.S. executive stagnation on vital student and moral issues, are holding their first national convention in London this weekend. It will start at 11 a.m., Saturday, in the Mahatma Ghandi Hall, Fitzroy Square.

The convention is intended primarily as a "workshop" for exchange of experience and for planning of a radical alternative to present N.U.S. inactivity. The main call for action will undoubtedly come from the National Co-ordinating Committee of Overseas Students in Britain.

On Sunday morning they will call for mass protests against the great rise in fees for overseas students. The convention will act as a mobilising point for the February 1st lobby of Parliament on this issue.

The first main session will be on student autonomy on Saturday. Addressed by David Adelman of L.S.E., it will discuss methods of gaining greater freedom from the *in loco parentis* stand of college authorities. Witness our own Halls dispute as an example.

The Sunday afternoon will be given over to the study of the teachers salaries problem, and the organising of support for the March 1st student-teachers' lobby. It is rumoured that the N.U.S. is trying to limit this lobby to a token demonstration, whereas the convention will organise mass participation.

Birmingham R.S.A. have already organised one 29-seater coach at a return fare of 14/- leaving the Union at 8 a.m. on Saturday. More

will be booked as needed. Accommodation at low or nominal rates has been arranged. Students wanting to attend should book with any committee member of the Liberal, Communist, or Socialist Societies, or sign on any of the Convention notices.

WHITE TIE AND TAILS?

AS part of a campaign to bring Guild functions up to date, Mike Redhouse, Guild Treasurer, proposed a motion in the last Guild Council to do away with white tie and tails for Executive at Guild Dinner. Instead they will wear dinner jackets at the dinner, which will take place on March 10th.

Other members of Council notably Neil Hocker of Chemistry, attempted to take the debate further and proposed that dress should be completely informal. This motion was eventually heavily defeated.

Neil Hocker intends to take the question further. "The insistence on Dinner Jackets is the only way the Executive can prevent more than 400 Guild members attending the Dinner since the Deb. Hall can only accommodate maximum of 400," claims Hocker. "There would be catastrophe if a more respectable number out of the total Guild membership wanted to come."

Mr. Hocker intends to raise the issue again at the next meeting of Guild Council. He sees the Dinner as a minority entertainment which costs the Guild an exorbitant amount of money.

Guild Council only have to pay half-price to go to the Dinner which last year was subsidised by £312 out of Guild funds. The income from ticket sales was only £65. Visitors, which included representatives from other universities, and civic dignitaries, have to be paid for and they get free drinks at a private bar.

Under Mike Redhouse's reforms £30 will be saved on the hire of dress for Exec. The successful motion means that they pay for the hire of their own dress. An extra £10 which was notated to the Guild by J. B. Priestley will also go towards the cost of the dinner.

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WEST CAR PARK TOO MUCH TO ASK ?

SIR.—Was it really too much to ask? Are students really so apathetic towards matters of direct concern to them? Is there really no better chance than one in over six thousand that a student will feel moved, as I did, to write to you on the subject which I raised last week.

I wrote to your predecessor, Sir, upon a matter of direct student concern, to wit, on the subject of the University's Car Parks. I anticipated a response. I understand, however, as a result of conversation with your staff, that not a single communication not even from Mr. Hocker—has been received by you as a result.

Where are the flood-waters of correspondence from dynamic Chem. Eng? Where is the torrent of irate tirade from members of the Motor Club? After all, one doesn't have to write a pompous, verbose, pedantic, and anachronistic style in order to secure acceptance of one's correspondence by your eminent newspaper. All one has to do is to make one's point.

If students feel strongly about having to pay £5 to park in a quagmire WHY do they just sit back and take it? WHY do they not DO something about it? At worst, writing to "Redbrick" relieves some of one's pent-up frustration; better, it results in a chain-reaction of feeling amongst one's fellows, which may even prod someone into action; at best, one may even achieve more than one set out to do.

Does not undergraduate (or graduate) remember the time when parking at the University was FREE, and Hall residents were not penalised, as they are now, in respect of their motor vehicles?

I have lingered long and lugubriously over this letter concerning the lamentable lethargy of apathetic academics. I could linger longer. However, enough is enough, so I shall now close.

I beg to remain, Sir, your obedient, loyal, and hopeful correspondent.

ROGER W. MATHEW
(Biochemistry III)

Since Mr. Mathew's letter was written "Redbrick" has received three letters about the car park.

PARKING IN THE MIRE

DEAR SIR.—Roger Mathew has brought up the issue of the diarrhoea-like state of the West Car Bog, and I feel a few weekly words of moan in "Redbrick" may help to bring someone to surface it properly.

If a student is to pay an atrocious sum of money to have his car parked, he really doesn't expect to have to leave it in a filthy faecal quagmire, and to have to leap out of it only to have his/her shoes and lower half bemired, which I feel is the appropriate word since the surface is of a texture and fluidity which can only be likened to the homogeneous mixings of a Balham Elsan.

The situation will, I'm sure, steadily become worse as the unfortunate personnel who have to park on it, take their revenge as they leave of an evening by axle-cum-wheel spinningly snake and slide out of it. As the surface worsens and worsens one dreadful morning will be with us when every car which attempts to drive into the bog will either slide down hill into either the Haworth or Chem. Eng. buildings, leaving Mr. Greenwood of ancillary services with the problem of extricating the tangled mass of cars from these two unfortunate buildings. Let's have something done about it soon.

GEORGE BROWN

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Thefts have been in the news again. This week, "Redbrick" Cartoonist Richard Dryden had his wallet stolen. It contained his car licence, front door key and £4 10s.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

DEAR SIR.—I was very glad to see in the last issue of "Redbrick" that the Guild Council have taken prompt action on the massive fees rise announced for overseas students.

I would like to point out, however, that this Government action is not directed against overseas students only. The Government and Opposition have been waging a cold war by speeches and statements etc. against the financial position of all students. The idea of replacing grants with loans has been seriously put forward.

The action against the overseas students is the first volley of the hot war upon the conditions of all students in the U.K. British or otherwise. Next for the axe will be people like myself, who have been accepted for a P.G. course, but not for a grant, and are financing themselves out of previous earnings.

A logical continuation of this line would be to make firms and local

authorities pay the full £250, thus reducing the number of scholarships available by about one third. Government loans could then be made available for the unfortunate who are then unable to get a grant for their undergraduate course.

The above outlined strategy may not be followed by the Government in exact detail—but it certainly could be if we allowed them to get away with quadrupling the overseas students' fees. Mass student action is needed, not the shilly shallying shown by the N.U.S. Executive at their last meeting in London.

The National Convention of the Radical Student Alliance (couched a head) will no doubt take up this issue forcefully. The Communist Society will certainly give over part of its next meeting to a discussion of tactics in opposition to this measure, and all concerned are welcome to come along.

PAUL CARTER
(Chairman of Com. Soc.)

NO D.J.'s

DEAR SIR.—I hope everyone does not know about the Guild Dinner and Ball, because only 400 people can go to it, although, if it is called the Guild Dinner and Ball, there should be enough room for every Guild member. However the organisers are no fools: by charging an extortionate price, demanding that men wear dinner jackets (and presumably trousers) and banning short dresses, they make jolly sure that only 400 people bother to turn up.

What is more farcical is the fact that last year the Guild subsidised the Dinner and Ball to the tune of £312. This means we are paying for people who can afford to spend something like £8 on an evening out.

Some people argue that as it is a formal occasion formal dress should be worn. But hiring a dinner jacket costs £3, and should students making do on a grant which is not meant for hiring dinner jackets do so, when the rest of the year we watch how the money goes very carefully? This argument does not, of course, apply to the more affluent among us who will never miss an opportunity to show the rest of us how much better off they are.

It does apply, however, to those of us who believe in the purpose of a Guild of Undergraduates and feel we would like to go along to such an important event as the Dinner and Ball. If the men were allowed to come in lounge suits, it would save them £3 rental. But then the dinner could not be held in the cosy (or is it stuffy, a better word) Deb. Hall, which would certainly disrupt the arrangements that have worked so well for so long. And we cannot have the Guild tampering with tradition, can we now?

NEIL HOCKER
(Chemistry constituency)
(Guild Councillor)

REVOLUTIONARY IS A TORY SAYS CHAIRMAN

DEAR SIR.—The position of "Bourgeois Counter Revolutionary" (letters column last week) is symptomatic of disaffection displayed by most sincere left-wingers in this country.

It is apparent however that the critic is not a disillusioned Labour supporter but a Conservative Association member. Now that we have some idea of his true identity and his political persuasion we can deal systematically with the points raised.

It is not a myth that Socialist Union exists to provide a focus for all left-wing feeling in the Guild. This function has in fact increased due to the nature of this term's programme which would not have been possible without co-operation with the local Labour Party.

Although we realise that it is very unlikely that revolutionary changes will occur under Labour, nevertheless changes are under way, for example the Government's policy for secondary education and it could eventually have a revolutionary meaning.

Contrast with this the barren ideology of the Conservatives—a party deeply steeped in tradition whose only achievement in opposition has been to organise a meeting of the fascist babble in Trafalgar Square. When we are confronted therefore with such a motion as we were last week we will vote for the Labour Party as a party with vision even though we deplore its economic policy, or we will abstain. But we can never align ourselves with the Tory policies which offer nothing but a free-for-all such as we witnessed in those thirteen years. It is not us who are in a

ridiculous position but those who voted for the motion in the belief that they were voting for change.

Yours fraternally,
KEVIN BREHONY
(Chairman, Socialist Union)

ECONOMIC PROF.

DEAR SIR.—The inaugural lecture given last Thursday by Professor Davies, the incumbent of the Chair of Soviet Economic Studies, was looked forward to by us with great interest, especially in view of the forthcoming visit to Great Britain of our Prime Minister, Mr. Kosygin.

We Soviet research students and scholars in the university community think that a positive historical analysis was displayed in the lecture and believe that it reflected a genuine seriousness in the approach to the research carried out by the University's Centre for Russian and East European Studies, which Professor Davies leads.

We therefore would be more appropriate and up to date in the anniversary year of our Revolution to call it the Centre for Soviet and Socialist Economic Studies.

L. BASILEVICH
E. KUCHIS
DR. V. TKACHENKO
L. TYUKHIN
DR. E. ZHIZHIN

STUDENTS AND THE UNIVERSITY

THE V.C. starts with an accurate account of the events leading to the censorship of "Wall." He goes on to describe the first "offensive personal attack on the Presidents of Ridge Hall," Dr. and Mrs. Bray, made by "Wall." He states the two principles which he says he agreed with Guild President, Tony Klug, about the policy of the Guild and its publications.

Refrain

The first was that the Guild should not countenance personal attack, in its publications, on members of the University staff. Tony Klug has since denied that he ever agreed with the second principle: "That the Guild should refrain from intervening in the internal management of Hall affairs."

He says that he discussed it with the V.C. but only agreed that the Guild should not usurp the powers of a J.C.R. However, he informed Guild Council that if a Hall J.C.R. requested intervention on its behalf, then the Guild would help the J.C.R.

Sir Robert next gives his reasons for removing the second "Wall" article. "I felt that the President and the officers of the Guild had not dealt satisfactorily with 'Wall' and

that the tone of the further attack was so damaging to Ridge Hall, and to the general relations of students and staff in the University that I was obliged to take the action that I did, and to bring the incident to the notice of Council."

He says earlier, "Hitherto, whenever I have thought that the actions of students in connection with Guild activities have needed to be checked, I have consulted the President of the Guild, and left him through the Guild machinery to exert such restraint as we thought desirable. Presidents have accepted the responsibility and usually discharged it well."

But it should be remembered—as the V.C. knew at the time—that when the second attack was made, Tony Klug (with four other Guild officers) was at the N.U.S. conference in Margate and therefore could not be consulted. Dave Smith as an officer of the Guild was simply ordered to remove the article by personal consultation, but by letter.

Drastic step

The implication seems to be that Tony Klug did not discharge his responsibility very well, since for Sir Robert this was the "first time in my 13 years of office that I have taken such a drastic step." After this Guild Council, Tony Klug and Mike Redhouse spent a considerable amount of time and diplomatic skill in returning to the status quo. By setting up the Press Council, they made it clear to everyone that such problems as these could—and would—be settled through the Guild

machinery, as the V.C. himself says in his report they ought to be.

Sir Robert now turns to the significance of all this "in a wider context." He says "There is evidence in other universities in this country, and in other countries of a recent increase of student assertiveness. The student campaign against the appointment of the Director of London School of Economics is an example. The proposed blacklisting of certain Colleges of Education by the N.U.S. is another: sixth-formers were to be warned against applying to enter them because they are held to be overcrowded and of an inferior academic standard. The extreme example is last year's disturbances at Berkeley, California."

"Students are certainly feeling a new power in their hands, akin to that of the trade union; they talk of strikes and militant action. They complain in the N.U.S. of the 'unjust, inefficient and archaic' university exam system. They have provoked enquiries in L.S.E. into the teaching capabilities of departments, and major review of teaching methods at Berkeley. They are beginning to press for student representation on University Senates."

It is true that students have become more assertive. But a fact which the V.C. has failed to bring out is that in all his examples the students' assertiveness has brought to light injustices. At L.S.E. the inquiries into the teaching capabilities undertaken by three members of staff revealed that L.S.E.'s problems are largely due to weaknesses in particular academic departments. In fact the report was so explosive (it contained comments amounting to attacks on the teaching capabilities of some departments), that all

An article by the Vice-Chancellor which appeared in the University Bulletin last term was quoted by "Student News" on Monday and published in full by "Dissent" yesterday. "Redbrick" here examines in detail some of the issues raised.

except the most innocuous parts have remained unpublished. At Berkeley and a university into teaching methods, once again produced by the staff, contained many suggestions for reform. At a campus where the smallest tutorial consists of about 15 students, where many first and second-year lectures are attended by hundreds, and in some cases over a thousand students, and where lectures are often given over a closed-circuit television, a review of such a large impersonal atmosphere was needed.

Misleading

The comparison with Berkeley is in any case misleading. What possible connection can there be between "Wall" and "Redbrick," and a situation involving a Free Speech Movement, Civil Rights, The Vietnam war, and the university of such colossal size (30,000 students) that staff-student relations are incomparably more difficult than in any British university? The Berkeley revolt of 1964 was described by two leading sociologists in New Society (19-66) as "in retrospect... an isolated event caused by very specific local factors..." To use the V.C.'s own words, Berkeley is an "extreme example."

Furthermore, the quotation "unjust, inefficient and archaic" appeared in the "Times" (and "Daily Mirror") report on the N.U.S. debate about the existing system. The remark came from a floor speaker and is an individual opinion, not official comment or official policy. Senate representation is a reasonable demand in universities where decisions concerning students are often made without any reference to them.

Finally, the comparison with Trade Unions seems more emotive than helpful. The V.C. concludes

his report with: "This assertiveness is not necessarily and of itself a bad thing, but if it splits a university into antagonistic camps of teachers and taught it cannot but be harmful. It will then destroy the relation of confidence and the sense of community which the universities of this country have cherished as a means of education. The assertiveness of ignorance unwilling to learn, and the ill-mannered assertiveness of arrogance, are the dangers. The task of the University therefore extends beyond academic teaching, to helping students assert themselves in an informal, well-mannered and constructive fashion. That requires knowing them personally, gaining and keeping their confidence, and taking a firm line on what is important in university education."

It is with these observations in mind that I have brought the recent incident, without wishing to exaggerate it, to the attention of the University.

The qualification that "assertiveness is not necessarily and of itself a bad thing" must carry little weight after what has gone before. The implications of the entire report seem to be against such a qualification. The Vice-Chancellor never makes it clear whether he approves or disapproves of student "assertiveness," but the accumulation of all these examples seems to suggest that he strongly disapproves.

Firm line

Whilst one agrees that students should be "informed, well-mannered and constructive," the University authorities do themselves hinder this aim. For example, shortly after the report appeared, at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee which considered the censorship issue, Tony Klug and Mike Redhouse were allowed to present the Guild's case, but not allowed to remain for the following discussion. If any points they had made had been misunderstood, or if the committee discovered they had inadequately questioned the student representatives, there was no opportunity to rectify the situation. This particular committee did in fact support the students' point of view, but in a future situation they might have been misunderstood by the committee, or required further clarification.

The most striking point about the last paragraph of the report is the tone of discipline and paternalism: "taking a firm line on what is important in university education." What evidence is there that the university authorities infallibly know better than any other group in university education? This paternalistic attitude is scarcely conducive to proper staff-student relationships. It is impossible for relationship to be valuable when one side holds over the other the threat of discipline.

The V.C.'s comments were brought about by articles on "Wall." What has been overlooked is that whilst everyone agrees that the "Wall" articles were in bad taste, they were not purely student "assertiveness." The censored "Wall" articles reported a meeting held by the Presidents of Ridge Hall at which many girls were deeply moved. Though the report contained some immature and unfair remarks, it also contained many facts. This was more a case of poor journalism than of students asserting themselves. The V.C. says in his article that he does not wish to exaggerate the incident, but one is left with the strong impression that the incident has not been put in its true perspective.

The latest edition of "University Bulletin" (January 9th) gives a full description of events which have occurred since the previous one, events involving a considerable change of attitude over censorship by the University Authorities. No mention is made of the report analysed here.

Do the V.C.'s original remarks still stand?

by Chatpridi
Chattrabuthi (a student from Thailand and last year's Debsoc Chairman)

Overseas students' fees

IN reply to Roy Hattersley, M.P. the Secretary for Education and Sciences said, "Faced with the rising cost of education the Government has, however, considered the position of students from outside the U.K. receiving higher education in this country who benefit from the present nominal fees."

It is not denied that the university fee of £20 per annum is nominal. Students from abroad would readily admit that we obtain a very good education here, the tutorial system is incomparable. One is very proud of a British degree. That it may cost the state over a thousand pounds to train a pure scientist is acknowledged. One is grateful for the opportunity.

Yet to say that overseas students only pay £20 per annum is a misleading statement. In the case of local students their education is also subsidised.

But it is stated that more than three-quarters of the students are without grants of any form. Mr. Crosland said that there is a large deficit. His figures are:—
Numbers of students 30,000;
Fees payable, £80 each per annum;

Government's deficit, £18,000,000. This, on paper would seem a large figure and in view of the present foreign exchange difficulties, the increase of fees to £250 would look justifiable. There would then be an increase of a few million pounds.

The fact is that overseas students do not pay £20. The amount is far greater than that. It costs about £250-£700 per annum to study in this country. This is the amount of money which we have to pay to stay here and the Minister

ought to be aware. What British parent subsidises his son to that amount? This is the foreign exchange in favour of Britain.

My figure is quite different from the Secretary for Education. The numbers of students, 30,000; The actual payment, £800 per head.

Total, £18,000,000. Where is the deficit Mr. Crosland talks about? If the fee goes up to £250 each student will need £750 to stay here. The problem confronting us is more than the issue of payment alone. No doubt the parents will continue to pay, the overseas governments will pay and ask for more foreign aids and the vicious circle continues, much to the distress of the now non-Cabinet Minister, Bottomley. What is distressing is the approach to the problem. While saying it is a financial crisis, the whips are out against the academic world. I do not equate a cultured man like Mr. Crosland with the one-time "fast-gun cowboy" Reagan, but one can but notice their tendencies to economise in education. My reading of Socialism tells me that education is a birthright... if the latest measure comes from the exponents of free-enterprism, we have the cry of economy...

... world brotherhood, the Red Flag and Jim Callaghan... next time I will canvass for the Liberals. A cynic might say, and many are saying that this is another attempt to check an influx of overseas students. It is tempting to think that all students come from underdeveloped countries. One has to go to the Faculty of Law at Hull and the London School of Economics to wonder why the devil they don't transfer the buildings to Africa... that would solve congestion near the Strand. But the

fact is that there are students from over 90 countries in Britain. The largest contingents are Nigerians and then Indians. There are a very large number of students from the Irish and the section of the Commonwealth as well as the Europeans, excluding the au pairs whose claim to scholarship is rather dubious. As for the Americans... one has to go down Earl's Court. These are the targets, the clay ducks for the Wilson administration. Perhaps the new fees would put them off from coming here... It might not put off the Americans or "Our Kith and Kins" but the market money of Lagos who are only just managing to keep their Olucku and Awolowo will find it even more difficult.

The British Government might say "that's hard luck" we owe Zurich plenty. This is true, but is the measure going to help Britain? The issue involved is the principle of education itself. This article is a personal apology. If you like, but I would say that any measure which interferes with the free movement of students is undesirable. To use financial reasons is a great deviation from the socialist principle. We heard of the hysterical cry of Brain Drain... now we have the cry of economy... if these people have their own way the university would be abolished and in its place we will have the School of Excess Drunkenness and the Institute of Screws Nuts and Bolts.

The ultimate aim is a real movement of intellect. At the moment it is a one-way traffic and it would remain so for some time but it need not be so. International conflicts arise from ignorance. There ought to be international universities where people will come from all

A REAL FUTURE IN AEROSPACE

Speaking to the Manchester Institute of Directors on Oct. 24, 1966, Sir George Edwards, Managing Director of British Aircraft Corporation, said: "The time has surely come when the whole nation must be made aware of the financial and balance-of-payments facts of life of the British Aerospace Industry. This year it is exporting products to the record value of £200 million. But that is only part of the story. In every aeroplane which is sold abroad over 90 per cent of the money is paid for British brains and skills. Less than 10 per cent is the cost of the raw materials.

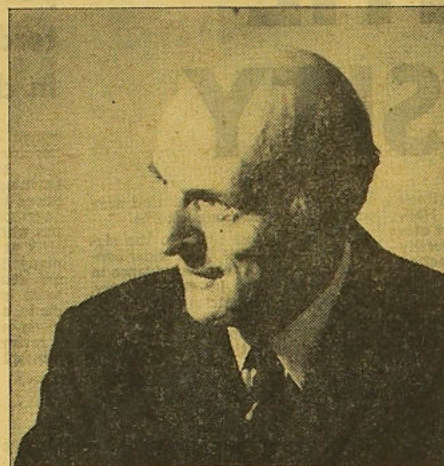
"Britain never had an industry which was more perfectly suited to her needs than is the aeroplane industry to the needs of our present crisis. We take some metal—mainly relatively cheap aluminium alloy and worth less than £100,000—and we fashion it into something we sell abroad for over £1 million. The rest—the 90 per cent—is made up of the British know-how, research genius, design and engineering skills which add up to our technological leadership.

"Make no mistake—we do still have this technological leadership. We are way ahead of all other Western countries except the U.S.A. and in number of respects, especially in basic thinking, we are ahead of them too.

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"For one reason or another we did not reap the commercial benefits we should have done from many of these things. But today's British designers and scientists and technologists are no less brilliant, no less dedicated and no less determined than the men whose example first inspired them to join our industry. What we are suffering from is not lack of first-rate brains, not lack of dedication, not lack of determination, but an



Sir George Edwards

overall lack of national pride in our achievements and a national failure properly to exploit them.

"Today's British design teams are already achieving technological successes of the same order of magnitude as their most legendary predecessors have achieved. The jump-jet I have mentioned, TSR.2 I have mentioned, Hovercraft (only in their infancy), new and vital defence weapons like ET.316, and the British half of the world's first supersonic airliner, the Concorde; these things are the tangible proof of Britain's ability, of Britain's leadership.

The Younger Generation

"We in aerospace have no need to cringe in corners and succumb to the symptoms of what the French call the 'English sickness.' I lay on the table today the credentials of British design teams and engineers to be regarded as the corps d'élite in the export battle of Britain—and I don't give a damn if some of them wear their hair long and their trousers tight. There's nothing wrong with their brains or their brilliance. I tell you this, and I know: they are as good as men of my generation—in many ways they are better—but they rightly look for the support of their own management and for the support of the nation acting in planned and joint concert.

"My own corporation, B.A.C., is doing all it knows how to turn the enormous conversion factor of the present products from those design teams into hard export cash. Of the new orders so far booked in 1966 by B.A.C. (orders worth over £120 million), £90 million is for export. This is 75 per cent. Of the actual hardware against old orders which B.A.C. factories will deliver this year, 59 per cent is for export. And this is for products of whose value over 90 per cent is

paid for the content of British skill and brains. This know-how is still our most marketable and rewarding national commodity.

"I have just been re-reading the Chancellor of the Exchequer's praise for the motor industry... There he pointed out that their 1965 figure of £370 million exports was 36 per cent of their total production, and this export percentage was above that of France or Italy. Mr. Callaghan then exhorted them to chase the German export percentage of 51 per cent and outlined the enormous benefits which would accrue to balance of payments if they succeeded.

"We in B.A.C. this year have sold nearly 60 per cent of our production overseas and, as I said, 75 per cent of this year's new orders are for export. The B.A.C. One-Eleven—the world's first short-haul jet—is currently, on its own, Britain's top dollar earner.

"This shows you what can be done. We can and will do more. Each Concorde sold abroad, for example, and at current prices, is worth about £6 million—which is £40 per lb weight against the 12s. 6d. per lb which Britain gets for an average car.

"Today, across the nation's balance of payments, our industry—in terms of its exports plus the essential transport and defence equipment it supplies at home and which would otherwise have to be bought from America—is worth £400 million to £500 million a year.

Planned Stability

"What we must do, as a nation, is to recognise that arithmetic—to recognise our abilities and, by planning, ensure that never again do we fritter away the brains, the patience and the loyalty of the men who can make what is already our technological leader industry into our bread-winning leader industry.

"We can do that quite simply by choosing the right products, military and civil, by collaborating where it is sensible and productive with France and later with Europe, and by so streamlining our Government and management control and financial procedures that the menace of the wreckage of cancellations and stop-go no longer dog our every day's effort. If, jointly, we can achieve such a planned stability, then we are home and dry. All the talk will then no longer be of contraction, but of expansion of this great and vital national asset which, despite all its troubles, is still the envy of every country in Europe and of many more outside it."

Overseas students:

Protest meetings

Adelstein to speak, Statement from Bottomley?

by John Reddihough

DAVE ADELSTEIN, president of L.S.E. Students' Union, will be the main speaker at a protest meeting on Friday against the Government's plan to increase College fees for foreign students.

The meeting, in the Council Chamber at 1.15 p.m., is organised by the N.U.S. in co-operation with the overseas students organisations as part of a widespread protest movement against the increase, which will include a mass lobbying of M.P.s at Westminster next Wednesday.

It is hoped that Mr. Arthur Bottomley will be made aware of the strength of student feeling on this matter when he speaks in the Union later the same day.

"Stupid and short-sighted" was the general opinion of foreign students who were asked about the proposed increase in their fees from about £70 a year to £250 a year. Many of the foreign students at Birmingham are supported by their governments but they all thought that the increase in fees would bring about a change of policy of their governments.

One group of students from the Sudan felt very strongly about it. "There is bound to be a sharp decrease in the number of foreign students in Britain as their Governments will not be able to afford the fees and so they will be sent to other countries such as Germany and the U.S.A. instead." Another student from the Sudan, a postgrad

scientist, said: "Instead of saving five million pounds the British Government will lose much more in the end—they are very short-sighted." He pointed out that the thirty thousand overseas students spend a great deal of sterling in this country and when technologists who have studied in Britain return home they favour British machinery and methods. "Now they will go to Germany instead," he continued, "where education will be cheaper and so they will order German machines."

Another student, from Nigeria, said: "I think that it is grossly unfair that the British Government should fail to distinguish between developed and under-developed countries. This so-called Socialist Government is supposed to be promoting the educational advance-

ment of the poorer countries."

Although few of the students questioned thought that they would suffer directly they were angry that some of their friends who are self-supporting might find it difficult to pay for their education in this country. As one Iraqi student said: "A high percentage of foreign students are supported by their families; now their chances of further education in this country will vanish." He also thought that few British companies would now be willing to pay for foreign research students as they have done in the past.

So it seems that the Government is being very shortsighted in attempting to save money and, unlike these foreign students, has not thought about the ultimate harm to the British economy and to foreign relations.

Lodgings regulations

IN last week's "Redbrick" the account of the new lodgings regulations said that first-year students over the age of 21 may now live in a flat, provided they accept certain provisions.

The new regulations are, in fact, as follows:

First-year students over the age of 20 may be given permission to live in an approved flat, provided they have received parental consent, and that the accommodation is shared with another student permitted to use the flat, or there is a responsible person other than an undergraduate resident on the premises.

All second and third year students under the age of 21 on the first day of a term may be granted permission to live in an approved flat provided that the accommodation is shared with another student permitted to occupy the flat or there is a responsible person other than an undergraduate resident on the premises.

The regulations for students over the age of 21 are as they were previously.

Women in lodgings are no longer compelled to return home by 11 p.m. Any past distinctions made in the regulations for men and women have been removed.

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Carnival goes prehistoric

by Keith Berryman

RECENT research by the department of archaeology has shown that it is almost exactly two thousand years since the first chariot was supplied to Boadicea by the British Chariot Corporation Longbridge Works.

The chariot was supplied on June 4th, 3 B.C. and featured for the first time the new transverse mounted spikes on the wheel hubs.

The celebration of this anniversary is the justification for Project Monolith, the gigantic scheme whereby hundreds of civil engineers are planning to pull a huge monolith from Stonehenge to Birmingham.

Quite by chance the anniversary coincides with this year's carnival and in addition to celebrating the duomillennium it is hoped that the monolith project will attract publicity for carnival. Some degree of success is already in evidence, the "Birmingham Mail" will be carrying a story within the next few days and the B.B.C. are "interested."

Motive power for Monolith will be provided by teams of hard-working slaves pulling in shifts of two hours each. As the total distance to be covered is about a hundred and five miles and the monolith cannot move at more than two miles per hour about twenty-five shifts will have to be worked. Administration of the huge labour force which this will involve presents possibly the most difficult problem facing the organisers.

The engineers plan to use a skin of expanded polystyrene supported on an aluminium frame. Using this method of construction Monolith will be about 40 ft. long, 2 ft. high, and 8 ft. wide, and will weigh about 1½ tons.

Transport on rollers, as used by the ancient Britons was tried and found to be impracticable for the long journey. Instead car chassis will be used from Stonehenge to Birmingham and rollers will only be used as the Monolith leads the Carnival procession through town. Great difficulty is expected in cornering at the junction between Corporation Street and New Street. Although this is not the most difficult corner on the route, it is the only one that has to be negotiated while the Monolith is mounted on rollers. Steerage will normally be provided by the car chassis. Unfortunately the building team has not managed to find any suitable chassis yet, so people who leave their cars in the South Car Park will have to watch out. Trial runs will be beginning during the latter part of next week, by which time it is hoped that the early problems of construction will have been overcome, and the designers will be able to evaluate more fully the steering and speed characteristics of Monolith.

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TOUCHLINE

RUGBY
1st XV v. Cardiff Univ.
Drew, 3-3.
1st v. University College,
London. Won 17-9.

SOCCER
1st XI v. Loughboro' Univ.
Won, 7-0.

HOCKEY (Men).
1st XI v. Loughboro' Coll.
Won, 2-0. (Midlands U.A.U.
Finals).
1st XI v. Coventry and
North Warwick. Lost, 3-0.
Wanderers v. Warwickshire
Constabulary. Won, 1-0.
Wanderers v. Coventry and
North Warwick 3rd XI.
Won, 4-0.

HOCKEY (Women).
1st XI v. Moseley. Drew,
2-2.

LACROSSE
Men v. Old Hulmeians "B."
Lost, 6-3.
Women v. Bedford Col. of
Phys. Ed. Lost, 9-3.

RIFLE CLUB
v. Manchester. Won 758-757.

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
SOCCER RESULTS**

(11-a-Side)
Brew XI 1, Civ. Eng. 0.
Biology 4, Meth. Soc. 3.
Metallurgy 0, Manor 1.
Spanish 1, Elec. Eng. 2.
Chem. Eng. 2, Chemistry 10.

(Six-a-Side)
Biochemistry 0, Biology 0.
Spanish 2, Manor 0.

LEAGUE PLACINGS

	W.D.L.	P.	A.	P.
Chemistry	8	0	0	37
Biology	6	0	2	40
Elec. Eng.	4	2	2	18
Brew XI	4	1	1	15
Spanish	4	0	3	30
Maths.	3	1	2	17
Manor	3	0	4	19
Chem. Eng.	3	0	3	14
Meth. Soc.	2	0	3	11
Geology	2	0	5	19
Law	2	0	4	18
Physics	1	1	4	21
Civ. Eng.	1	1	5	10
History	1	0	3	9
Metallurgy	1	0	5	12

After Tynan, Gascoigne, Gilliat :::

Ronald Bryden

Why? How? What's it like?

RONALD BRYDEN was born in Trinidad and went to school in Canada. He produced shows there. When his college put on 1966 and All That he played the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. Do we have here the first, distant stirrings...?

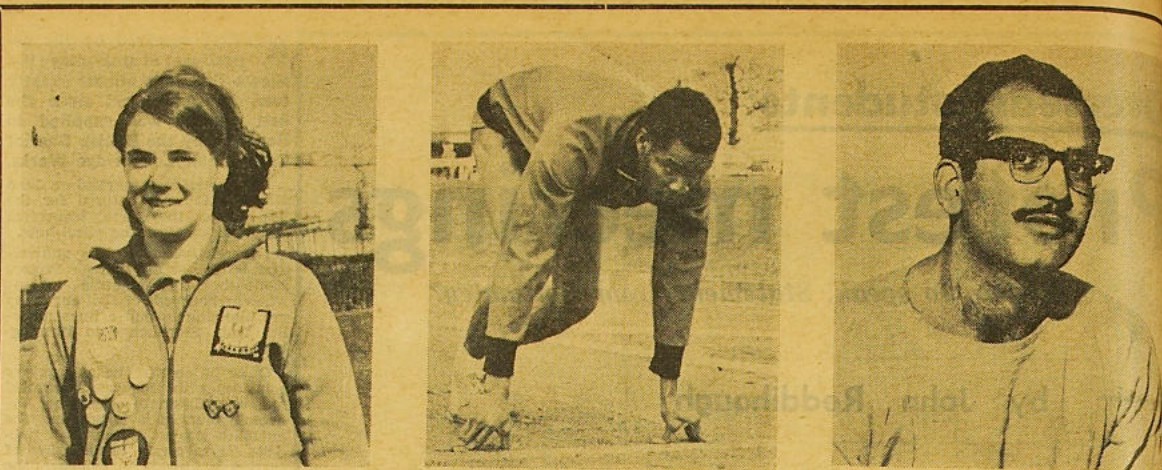
Cambridge. Bryden was at Cambridge from 1951 to 1955, where incidentally he wrote theatre notices for the Cambridge Review. When he went down he wrote for The Spectator, moved on to become the New Statesman's drama critic. It was the success of his work here—intelligent, witty, literary—that led to his being chosen by The Observer.

Full marks for homework. Being The Observer's theatre critic is hard work. He has to see a lot of plays, obviously. It takes research. Bryden was the only London critic to find, then read, a copy of Lope de Vega's La Fianza Satisfecha, the original of Osborne's A Bon Honneur. (The Guardian had started a rumour that it didn't exist.)

Still not bored. After more than 1,000 plays Bryden has still not been bored. Whatever the reason for this, it seems to result in not being boring. Read him in The Observer every Sunday. You may agree.



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Ruth Martin-Jones Agree Burke Dinshaw Irani
Three of last year's stalwarts who will still be out there batting for Brum.

Athletics

Could this be the Athletics Club's best season

THIS year the University's Athletic Club is on the verge of its most important ambitious season yet, and it could prove to be its most successful season also.

During the past few years the club has established itself as one of the top University clubs, having repeatedly beaten nearly all universities, including Cambridge, both indoor and outdoor. This year the Club hopes to go one better and have challenged the Amateur Athletic Association to a match. The challenges have only been accepted before from Loughborough and Oxford—now it is our turn on May 10th.

With so much at stake the club

will need every possible support from its members. It obviously will be the athletes who make or break this season—and also obviously it will be the athletes that will make or break the club. There has been a hard core of the Club training throughout the winter—including many of the winter athletes of last year—but these cannot pull the Club through on their own. Support from athletes—both freshmen and the established members—is

essential, and for these training now is imperative. There are only fifteen weeks to the major meeting of the season—that against the A.A.A. on May 10th and only six weeks to the first match of the outdoor season—probably against Cambridge. There can be no real excuse for not training—almost every dinner-hour and most evenings some people are out training, and they would be only too pleased to see those not training at present

come out and join in. If anyone is not sure what to do he should contact Mike Rawson, the athlete who has run in many international for England and is willing to advise anyone keen enough to really train on Monday nights. In brief, now is the time to train—not in two weeks' time. It is vital that anyone wanting to compete next year gets stuck into training—so do come and make yourself known.

Women's hockey

W.I.V.A.B. hopes boosted

PLAYING on a very wet pitch and battling against a strong wind, at West Hills last Saturday, the 1st XI played well to achieve a draw against an experienced Moseley Ladies' team.

During the first half the University defence was severely tested by persistent attacks from the Moseley forwards but due to some good play by goalkeeper Jean Dando and backs Shirley Moore and Helen Disney the home side were lucky to be only two goals down at half time. The first goal resulted from a cross pass in the circle which, held by the sticky surface, trickled over the line after hitting a post. The second

goal was scored after a good combined move from the Moseley forwards.

The main reason that Moseley were able to take such command of the first half was because their players adjusted much more quickly to the difficult conditions, due to their greater experience. The University players tended to wait for the ball to come to them but on the sticky surface it would not run. Moseley made use of this by using long through passes knowing that one of their players would always reach the ball first.

In the second half the University started badly with the defence muddling and failing to clear the ball and they were lucky not to concede another goal. However, they settled down after about ten

minutes and the forwards came to the game, especially Rosemary Lawn who produced several solo runs beating two or three defenders each time. The University gradually got on top and began to force Moseley back into defence and this resulted in two goals scored by left-inner Gill Smith.

Wednesday's match against Oxford should prove to be extremely exciting as the teams are well matched in skill and enthusiasm. However, Birmingham have added incentive knowing that they beat Oxford they have a good chance of winning the W.I.V.A.B. semi-final on Saturday. However, they must be sure not to become too confident or depressed when the result at Oxford.

Rod Morrod

A.U. chairman hits back

IN last week's "Redbrick" Dick Cooper put forward his views on the malady of Birmingham sport without, I feel, being explicit enough in either his criticisms or his solutions.

Sport here may be fairly definitely split into two types: for those who participate merely for enjoyment and the more intense "professionals" of representative sides.

Let us firstly consider the former—the participation in sport at Birmingham has exploded during the last year, mainly as a result of the introduction of the Faculty system. West Hills and the Sports Centre.

The Faculty system was set up two years ago, but has only this year flowered into anything like its intended ideal. For the first time the clubs are becoming substantial in both organisation and team spirit, especially the latter. This feeling is developing inside both faculties and departments for the players' own teams, loyalty and endeavour have resulted.

For the non-team sports, badminton, judo, etc. the Sports Centre has sparked off a demand un-

dreamed of for this early stage of its life. As the other phases of squash courts and swimming pool are built eventually participation will increase.

It is because of this kaleidoscope of activities, that the presentation of this complex set-up must be made clear to the Freshman. One way of doing this is through "compulsory" sport. Feelings are at present turning against this long-standing bastion of the establishment. However, a constructive change in the set-up would be to make Physical Education a course requirement during the first term, in the same way that Inter-Faculty Studies is during the second. Thereafter allowing a choice, Freshmen will then have received an insight into the facilities. Most people will admit that after some time here, they feel the need for some activity, if only to remove the all-conquering flab (Mike Redhouse please note).

Whatever happens in this direction, enjoyment of sport here is most certainly not "so bad" and can look forward to further expansion.

The other side of the coin is a completely different matter. Good facilities and success do not go hand in hand. As stated last week, certain of our teams are poor and have been for some time, especially the soccer and rugby teams. But

on the other hand many are well to moderately successful.

The point here is that, as time goes by, students who make their teams successful leave the University and if not replaced, the team soon sinks into mediocrity. Since Birmingham is not Oxford, students are not recruited for their sporting ability and the arrival of stars is very much "the luck of the draw." However, here is one field in which club committees can really utilise their Vice-Presidents. Either by planned recruitment or use of existing men, a panel of "wild card" players in schools and colleges could be set up.

Present players must be encouraged to spread the news of what a great place Brum is to the stars of other university teams, who envisage post-grad. studies, and all we have quite a lot to offer hard training internationalists in most sports.

The presence of a really top-class performer in a team makes a fantastic difference to the capabilities of its team-mates.

Finally a weekly column in "Redbrick" featuring a sports personality would produce more specialist interest in teams and encourage players to star.

All this combined with better training and more constructive team training will surely produce the goods.

SPORT

Rugby

Improving: one draw, one win

BIRMINGHAM University first fifteen have begun the term with mixed fortunes in their first three matches, having won one, drawn one, and lost one.

Possibly the best rugby that they played was in their first game when playing Camp Hill O.E. With the advantage of the slope in the first half they ran the ball unceasingly, but to no effect and had to be content to turn round with the scores level 3-3, both sides converting a penalty. The University's was a fine effort by Phillips out of some rather heavy mud. However, playing up the slope in the second half proved too much and after heavy pressure Camp Hill secured the game with a try.

This match was followed on Wednesday with a disappointing game against Cardiff University who seemed content to play a kicking game, trying to make use of a tricky wind. Birmingham took the lead with an easy penalty by Phillips but Cardiff equalised with a neat drop goal. However, unfortunately for Birmingham they lost Mayson who was carried off with a pulled hamstring just before half-time and took no further part in the match.

This made the second half an even contest with Birmingham attempting to play rugby when they had the ball but however hard the seven forwards played, the amount of clean ball was not enough. Five minutes from the end Phillips sent a penalty kick just wide from a good position and thus victory was denied.

Injuries in this match caused changes and on Saturday Watson made his first-time debut and Merritt made a rare reappearance for the University. Playing at University College, London, there seemed to be a lack of cohesion throughout the team at the start, and U.C.L. were quick to seize their opportunities. They scored two early, unconverted tries with good running, but failed to really push home their advantage.

The lack of cohesion in the Birmingham side was increased when first Hartley went off for ten minutes, seemingly concussed, and then MacCoss went off just before half-time when an opponent's boot

Rifle clubs' Finest hour

THE Rifle Club had their "finest hour" on Saturday when they beat Manchester University at home. The club has never won against Manchester in living memory, but on this occasion the team shot well, and victory, which was uncertain until the last shot had been fired, was theirs by one point. The final scores were:—

Birmingham 758
Manchester 757

Last term the team had considerable success and won four out of the five shoulder-to-shoulder matches. The "A" team is now top of the Midlands League and the team in the Inter-Varsity League is well positioned. The team has, therefore, hopes of another good term's shooting.

Ladies' Lacrosse

EXPERIENCE BEATS BIRMINGHAM

ON a wet and slippery pitch at West Hills last Saturday, the University conceded only their second defeat of the season to an "A" team from Bedford College of Physical Education. The match was the first one the University have ever played against Bedford, whose first team is recognised as being of county standard, and certainly, in the light of the good lacrosse played under bad conditions, the scoreline is almost irrelevant!

The University were missing four regular players; Odie Warren, who was playing for East Reserves, Janet Thomas, Margaret Bardell and June Jones, yet the standard of the game was probably the highest so far this season. Bedford scored after five minutes and were soon two up, playing with the wind. Some good attacking play by Birmingham resulted in a goal by Jane Stonehouse who seemed tire-

less on the wing, and play was very less and extremely fast. Bedford, with a nice passing movement scored again, but many more shots were smothered by the defence or saved by stand-in goalkeeper Jane McCall, who stopped shots which seemed certain to go in.

Play was not all in the Birmingham goalmouth and the attack kept up pressure at the Bedford end, and were only foiled by some brilliant goalkeeping. With the score 2-6 against them at half-time, the University lost no time in attacking in the second half.

Katy Curry, back at centre after an injury had a fine game as did Sally Farmer who scored once at the end of the first half and worked very hard through the whole of the second half. Birmingham's attack paid off when Margaret Dick, who could have been used more in the first half, took the ball at the side of the goal and scored with a beautiful high shot.

Although the ground got worse as the game progressed, the standard of play remained high. Drusilla Bevir and Susan Shippey (playing

her first game for the team) covered their wing attacks well. Drusilla particularly doing a lot of attack work in mid-field when the opportunity arose.

The defence played well. Gwenda Hewitt, at third man was rarely beaten by her opponent, while Joyce Mann (point) marked the passing (the Bedford captain) almost out of the game. Alison Brown played a useful game at cover-point, taking several good interceptions.

There are no excuses for a defeat, but it is certainly not by the scoreline that this game will be remembered, for, however well the team does in the rest of the season, as represented by winning games, it is unlikely that the standard of any other game will approach this one. This was no push-over win for Bedford, and, to an impartial spectator, the scoreline was unimpressive, although in the passing movements Bedford, who play three or four times a week, had the edge.

The final score was 3-9, but next time it is equally likely that the position will be reversed, and it was certainly a game to remember!

Soccer

Seven goals beat L'borough

Birmingham Univ. 1st XI 7
Loughborough Univ. 1st XI 0

AT West Hills last Wednesday the 1st XI began its programme this term with a resounding 7-0 victory over Loughborough University. The win was particularly pleasing because it partially avenged the 6-0 defeat that was suffered at their hands in the U.A.U. competition last term.

The "man of the match" was undoubtedly centre-forward Barry Whitehead, who scored five goals. Each of his goals was scored from around the edge of the penalty area, and they were hit so powerfully that they gave the goalkeeper no chance. Two of the goals were scored in the first half, in which Birmingham played some very attractive and purposeful soccer, and fully deserved their two goal advantage.

The second half saw the Loughborough defence continually being beaten and it was not long before Johnny Harrop headed the third goal following a left-wing corner. Whitehead then added three more, and Mel Berkinshaw completed the scoring. Berkinshaw fully deserved his success, because of his untiring efforts in defence and attack.

Birmingham were so superior in team work and individual virtuosity, that they could have scored many more goals. In comparison Loughborough lacked the spirit of Birmingham who found the determination that let them down in the previous encounter. The home defence did what it had to do very well, and John Wallis in goal made one particularly fine save from a close range shot.

Sporting their new red jerseys the University played like a team of inspired and undoubtedly, if this form can be maintained, the team will do well for the rest of the season.

Men's Lacrosse

First league defeat

Old Hulmeians "B" 6, Univ. 3

THE men's lacrosse team suffered their first defeat in league matches this season. This was not entirely unexpected although disappointing, for Birmingham could quite easily have won.

Birmingham were unfortunate to lose the toss, playing the first quarter against continuous driving hail. It was during this quarter that Old Hulmeians pressed home their advantage, for although Birmingham opened the score through Menday who scored again later, they were 3-2 down at quarter time.

It was in attack that the lack of match practice showed for passes and shots were repeatedly inaccurate. Birmingham had more of the play and created more scoring opportunities but these were wasted by not bouncing the shots on the unpredictable surface.

One redeeming feature was the way Birmingham rallied splendidly in the last quarter and one very good goal was scored by Bullock.

It is to be hoped that this defeat doesn't discourage the team, but rather spurs them on to greater efforts in the forthcoming fixtures.



Photo by Graham Sharples

Bar brawls becoming expensive

DEPARTMENTAL booze-ups have made the Union bar into a "pigsty" in the last week, according to the barmen. On Wednesday and Thursday nights twelve dozen glasses were broken, the floor was awash with beer, and light fittings and stools were damaged.

On Wednesday evening the Cardiff and Birmingham rugby teams were celebrating and until 10 o'clock the atmosphere was convivial, although a Phys. Ed. smoker swelled the numbers in the bar. However, between ten and eleven o'clock glasses were being smashed on the floor, thrown through windows and their contents sloshed all over the bar.

All the blame cannot be conveniently placed on the foreign rugby team. The same evening there was a Chem. Eng. stag party and some vociferous members of the Chemistry department were in the bar.

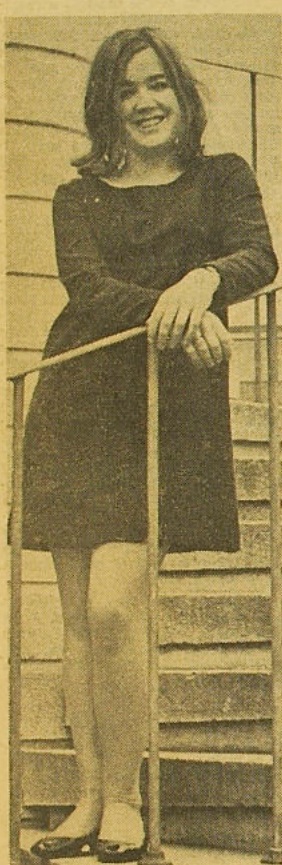
Thursday evenings' damage was the result of a completely unofficial departmental booze up when Chemistry and Geography department seemed to "rival one another in an attempt to shut the bar first."

Bystanders were horrified. "It's a long time since I have seen such infantile, ignorant and irresponsible behaviour," said one training college student visiting the bar for a quiet drink. The participants weren't convinced. "I quite enjoyed myself," said one Chemist. "It was really a comparatively quiet evening."

The bar was closed at five to ten. "I had no choice" said the head barmen. "Only a few students are responsible for this sort of thing. I blame it on the vast majority who are just not standing up to this in morality and they are suffering for it."

The trouble makers are said to have left the bar within two minutes of it being closed and at closing time police were called in to the Gun Barrels to clear the bar and one student was arrested and charged the following morning.

Tony Klug, Guild President, posted notices in departments and all over the Union on Friday morning deploring the behaviour of some students in the Union Bar. Some departments are getting worried about the reputation they are getting because of the behaviour of the irresponsible minority. Roger Carter, chairman of B.U.G.S., said that his society were doing all they could to stop it.



THIS is Patsy Simison, the woman behind every well-designed poster in the Union (and elsewhere). Patsy will be designing lots more posters this week—for "Mermaid," which is coming out on Thursday. "We're hoping to double our circulation on this issue," said Patsy, "so we want everybody's support."

But what will the January issue of "Mermaid" be like? Commented Editor Mark Burke, "It'll be rather surprising." Pressed further he would only say "I've shifted the emphasis of the magazine on to items of general student interest and concern—it should make the best lunchtime read for weeks." ...So there you are. Lunchtime tomorrow is "Mermaid" time—and if anyone would like to help in distribution, they would be very welcome in "Mermaid" office, any time today.

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Abortion Debate: Prof. McLaren displays a "fetus"

Student wins fight to leave S. Africa

A SOUTH AFRICAN student, Livingstone Mrwelyana, will be arriving on March 13th to take up his place at the University. Financed by the South African Student Fund, he will join the Law Faculty. Academically qualified, he is "the ideal student."

His struggle to leave South Africa started three years ago when U.C.L. set up a fund similar to S.A.S.F. and asked Livingstone if he would come to U.C.L. Not having a passport, he tried to escape from South Africa, but was caught by the

border police, and imprisoned for three years. U.C.L. spent £240 in two years on legal fees, and managed to have the sentence reduced to two years.

His release came at the end of December, and although Max Lambert, Ext. Aff. Chairman, has not heard about him since December 20th, provided his exit permit is granted, Livingstone will be leaving South Africa on March 1st. His fare may be paid by W.U.S., or, if not, by the University. There will probably be about £200 remaining from the fund after he has completed the course.

Manor House has been approached about providing him with residence.

Klug cracks down!

TONY KLUG, Guild President, yesterday issued a warning that disciplinary action would be taken against students breaking regulations concerning communications to the press.

His warning came the day after sections from an article by the vice-chancellor had been quoted in the N.U.S. newspaper, "Student News."

The regulations, section 51 of the Guild constitution, are as follows: Statements of Guild policy or decision of Guild Council shall, when necessary, be communicated to the public press by the President. Members of the Guild wishing to discuss any matter concerning the Guild in the public press must inform the President of the full facts involved and obtain his permission before so doing.

SOCIALIST UNION TO BREAK WITH TRANSPORT HOUSE!

SOCIALIST UNION, together with the National Association of Labour Students Organisations, N.A.L.S.O., is moving to a crisis point in its relations with Transport House.

Roger Cliphams, who resigned from N.A.L.S.O. executive last term said that Transport House, in his view, was a "myopic, bureaucratic body." "They won't accept a representative at the National Conference, and so there's no chance to achieve anything in the national picture," he said.

This opinion is echoed by N.A.L.S.O. as a whole, who earlier this month held an emergency conference in London. No formal proposal for disaffiliation from the party was put forward, but feeling ran high. Delegates discussed future prospects without the administrative help of up to £1,200 which Transport House gives each year.

Mr. Alan Richardson, chairman, told the conference that £1,500 would be needed to implement resolutions, many opposed to Government policy and critical of the Labour leadership, which had been passed by the conference.

However, only on the national level is there particular dissent. Socialist Union has always had extremely cordial relations with the local Labour Party executive.

ABORTION DEBATE

Booming deb-soc has best night yet

LAST Wednesday's debate was the motion "That this house believes that every woman has the right to an abortion." At first glance this seemed like the annual abortion debate grinding around yet again. In the event it was nothing of the sort. The figures speak for themselves.

At 7.30 p.m. close on 400 people wedged into every available space in the Council Chamber and overflowing into the passages outside rose to the chair.

by NORRIE HEARN

The voting was 152 for, 14 against, with 77 abstentions. And the evening was every bit as absorbing and passionate as the result suggests.

Val Graham's opening speech set the tone for the evening. In an argument remarkable for its quiet controlled emotion, she succeeded in drawing attention to the mother's dilemma under the existing law—back-street abortion or nothing. She castigated the doctors who frighten "desperate women" with tales about the horrors of abortion while denying them proper medical care. Two self-righteous moralists who regarded illegitimate children as a punishment for sin she said. "Remember 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy,'" which point Mike Hartley-Breen interjected to suggest that there was another beatitude even more apposite to Val's thesis "Blessed are the chaste for they shall inherit the earth."

The Reverend Marie Isaacs took a Christian, as opposed to a bigoted or dogmatic view of the problem, raising the important point that the term "human being" if denied to the foetus might on the same grounds be denied to the deformed, the insane, or even the aged. "Many old people are even more unwanted than new arrivals in a family," she argued.

The problem, she claimed, was everybody's problem; to ask the mother to resolve it by becoming the sole judge as to life or death was taking the easy way out.

The expected fireworks from Prof. McLaren did not materialise. There was one doubtful moment when he held aloft a brown paper bag and said, "a foetus is in collection of cells. I've brought one along to show you." Yes, thought it might shock you? He then revealed a small, blonde plastic doll.

For the rest of the evening there was some lively contributions from Cindy Ashworth, Mike Hartley-Breen, several medical students, a nurse, and best of all a Russian student, Mr. Tyukhin, who captivated the house with a bubbly Krushchev-like performance. "There are too many unwanted people in the world already," he said, "I don't want to be political, but look at the Chinese." (Cries of "Mao Tung's a bastard".)

Summing up, Professor McLaren admitted to having learnt more from the evening than he had anticipated, praising the honesty and sincerity of the house, he said "Obviously I have a lot of serious thinking to do."