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*'The Union is
culturally dead
—too many
scientists with
too much work'*

—CHARLES
WRIGHT

ARTS WEEK A DISMAL FLOP



Ruth Simpson, a first-year Lawyer, throws off her gown for Carnival to sell "Barbs".

(Photo: Graham Sharples)

Image scarred by Aston

THE new-image Carnival's first unofficial stunt this year occurred yesterday evening outside Rackham's store in the city centre. A group of Aston students cemented a lavatory to the pavement outside the main entrance to the store.

The manager of the store put in a vigorous complaint to Carnival Committee Chairman Derek Palmer, who assured him that as soon as the culprits were found they would be sent to Rackham's to apologise.

Derek Palmer, who was understandably annoyed, said: "This is unfortunate. It is the kind of thing we didn't want to happen. But we can't always have complete control. I hope this is an isolated incident, and that the people of Birmingham will accept it as such."

FOUR TO ONE

THE first female ever to enter the Presidential election stakes for over thirty years made it known last week that she was standing for the post.

Sue Jackson, at present Guild Relations Officer, says that she is surprised at the amount of interest that her candidature has caused.

"It is nothing to do with the fact that I am female; just that I feel most strongly about the way the job should be done. For too long it has been the province of those whose primary aims were themselves."

Another new candidate came into the running last week. John Palmer, who, until his resignation a few weeks ago, was Chairman of Catering Committee.

This now makes five candidates: Ray Phillips, Nelson Bathurst, Sue Jackson, John Palmer and Chris Tyrrell—and there are still a few days left before nominations close on Monday morning.

A massive and abysmal failure. That was the verdict on the arts festival which ran, no doubt to the surprise of many, from Monday to Saturday of last week.

Five of the eight events listed on the programmes were cancelled. Only one, the old hands' debate, drew a capacity audience.

The near total collapse of the festival in the last fortnight of its preparation was due to a number of factors. Ill-timing—a week before Carnival—bad publicity, vague, misleading letters, sudden cancellation, and unbelievable lack of communication, all contributed.

There were financial difficulties too—expenses had been wildly underestimated—but the Guild could spare only £100.

Where does the blame for the failure lie? Barbara Phipps, Festival Organiser, claims: "The real trouble was a lack of identification with the festival itself on the part of the individual college organisers. They felt no responsibility, and cried off at the last minute." Bruce Buchan, Union Secretary, would have none of it: "It is not executives' job to run this type of venture." But Barbara Phipps maintains that "the responsibility for the festival must be borne by the Guild." No-one, it seems will carry the can.

The festival was first conceived four months ago, and it was felt that there was neither time nor money to plan a lavish festival (though Newcastle have produced a most impressive programme in just three months).

Barbara Phipps volunteered to run a small scale venture of student organised events which it was hoped would be self-supporting. Unfortunately, interest and enthusiasm for this proposal was not forthcoming. "Let them have it if they want it," was the attitude of one councillor. Predictably though, it was passed by Guild Council

Snooker competition

ALL entrants are asked to note that third round ties must be played by Sunday next, March 10th, and that this time no extension of the closing date will be allowed. It is suggested that the TOP person on the list be made responsible for booking a table at a time arranged by the players.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

MONDAY: Oedipus Rex cancelled—supposed to have been performed on Wednesday—Shenstone College.

TUESDAY: String Quartet—Birmingham School of Music withdrew with Aston because of bad publicity.

WEDNESDAY: Stuart Hall talk—audience of 40. Old hands' debate—full house. Success.

THURSDAY: Polish Mime Troupe—cancelled because much too expensive.

FRIDAY: Lecture non-existent. B.P.: "It was not meant to go in (programme)."

SATURDAY: Pakistani International Concert—cancelled. Pakistani Soc. withdrew at last moment. Barber Institute Concert—Success.

THE TROUBLE WITH IT WAS:

On the principle behind the Arts Festival, Barry Kyle, G.T.G. chairman, commented: "This all-together-boys idealistic attitude is totally unreal. The internal interest of any artistic group is far greater than the desire to fulfil external commitments. It's disastrous to rely on Guild societies—must bring in people from outside or there is no incentive. A load of shambolic amateurish events sandwiched together in one week is no Arts Festival."

Medic found dead

PHILIP WALL, a final-year Medical student, was found dead on the railway line underneath Pritchatts Road bridge early on Sunday morning. The probable time of death was late on Saturday night. Friends at Lucas House, the postgraduate residence on Pritchatts Road where Dr. Wall and his wife had a flat, were shocked that this should have happened to an apparently normal student.

One sixth-year Medic who knew Wall well commented that "nothing untoward happened at all during the weekend: it was so quiet it just was not true." Dr. Wall completed his Ph.D. thesis three years ago, and thus joined the present final year in mid-course, but had several close friends among the Medics. "He had been married only five months, and had his whole career in front of him: there was no logical reason at all" was typical of the reaction.

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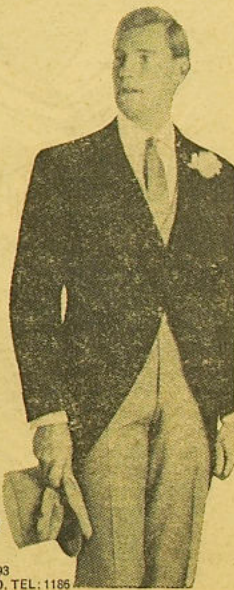
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YOUR OPINION

Editorial
not for sale

DEAR Sir—I was horrified to hear that pressure has been brought to bear upon you by some of your staff in an attempt to get you to print editorial comment openly supporting one of the presidential candidates. I am sure that the gentleman in question cannot be aware of this flagrant attempt by his supporters to vilify any integrity "Redbrick" retains by such an irresponsible and unjustifiable act.

The position of an editorial in any newspaper is to provide comment on the news, not to attempt to turn that newspaper into a political organ for the community in which it circulates. The arguments of those people who would like "Redbrick" in general and you in particular to come out in favour of one candidate are that it is about time "Redbrick" took a strong line on something and that he is the best bloke for the job. That is as may be.

However, these arguments are not concomitant. There are many iniquitous causes about which "Redbrick" could take a strong stand, the failure of the Arts Festival is the one that springs to mind, and it is quite possible that one candidate in the presidential elections is very much better than another, but you, and your editorial board, if you have one, which I doubt, cannot, as anything but private individuals, state in the paper the virtues and/or vices of any one candidate in preference to the others.

This would be comparable to printing one election manifesto without all the others. Any comment on the subject of presidential elections must be objective and in no way partisan.

Yours,
MEGAN GRIFFITHS.

Non-students
all for
Carnival

DEAR Sir—I have been impressed this week by the interest shown by two of our department technicians. They have set out collecting sponsors for the midnight walk, and have been very successful. One has already 57 sponsors, and will earn £8 10s. or more when he completes the 20 miles.

How many other students (including myself) can point to such active participation? I also wonder if Carnival has contemplated reaching other young people on the technical staff, who like Pete Hall and John Smith, might like to assist the carnival programme.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE GREENE,
Ind. Met.

THANKS

DEAR Sir,—Mr. W. H. Marpole, an external member of the U.M.S. would like to publicly, and most sincerely thank the male student and others who stayed by him, obtained the ambulance, and saw him safely to hospital when he collapsed (at the outward bound bus stop, Edgbaston Park Road), on his way to the lunch hour concert, Friday, February 16th.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. MARPOLE.

Unfair to
desk

DEAR SIR,—While grateful for the amount of publicity given by "Redbrick" to the welfare desk, we are a little worried at the tone of your article "No moral problems at desk."

You say: "But the panel's other object—to answer or at least discuss, students' moral problems—was not a success. There was no inquiry on these subjects at all."

Is it any wonder there was no inquiry? The desk was never intended to give moral advice, for that would be impertinent to students. Neither is it there "for anyone to examine his personal problems." The desk is simply intended to give students advice on the welfare provisions of the University, the N.U.S. and the Guild; mundane but important things like accommodation, legal aid concessions, travel grants, health and vacation work. Although the desk will only be available Thursday lunch times there will always be someone on duty in N.U.S. office between 1 and 2.

Can we appeal to all students interested in student welfare to come forward and help the committee—we urgently need helpers to gain some experience for next year.

CHARLES WRIGHT,
SUE JACKSON,
G.O.

DEAD BARB

DEAR SIR,—So part of this year's Carnival image is a new-style "Barb"?

I'm no connoisseur of Rag magazines but I think Mr. Mark Burke and his colleagues ought to be eternally grateful to Playboy Forum and other university publications from which he can pinch material. The only original material in the magazine was the Lord Mayor's message.

Yours unenthralled,
MIKE GREENWOOD,
(Dentistry III).

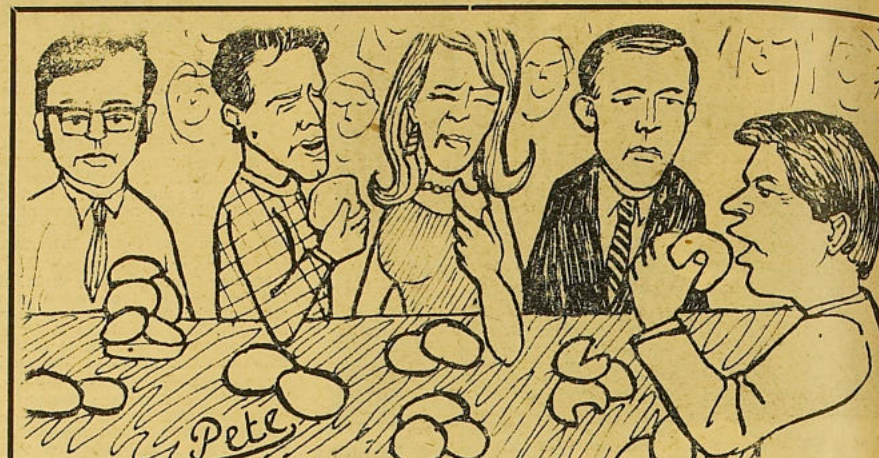
A wealthy student

DEAR Sir.—The poster currently being used by the executive of the N.U.S. in the campaign for increased grants, contains a flagrant lie.

The subject of the poster is a poor 22-year-old medical student (who appears wealthy enough to have afforded one of the most expensive models of stethoscope). It is stated that "he is supposed to work, buy books and instruments, eat, sleep and keep warm and travel on a pound a day. He is one of the lucky third on maximum grant."

I am also a 22-year-old medical student on maximum grant. For the current year (October 67—June 68) I received £346/2/6. This is the standard grant for one year and one week over. This works out at over £8/15/0 a week for the 39 weeks (including vacation) between the beginning of academic year, and qualification (I hope). Nor is this exceptional.

Last year (October 66—October 1967) I received £450/5/0 for 48



Probably the only safe way to decide a new President is to have a doughnut-eating competition. No manifestos, no personality cults, no smears in "Redbrick", no under-hand fighting, no posters. In fact, the result will still be the same, as the candidate with the biggest mouth will get in.

Anti-American feeling
unjustified

DEAR Sir.—As someone who has many friends in the U.S. and who has experienced the exceptional American hospitality to British students, I am concerned that, due mainly to the Vietnam situation and the domestic problems in the U.S., so many students here have developed a dislike for the American people themselves.

Andrew Baker's article in last week's "Redbrick" brings up particular examples of police brutality against students opposing the draft, and of censorship. In these cases it is right to condemn the American society. Descriptions of what has recently happened in California are not necessarily exaggerated. What Garrison is trying to do, and what has gone on in Dallas since the Kennedy assassination has largely been censored.

Only while I was there in September, another witness "disappeared" and somebody tried to burn down the famous wooden fence. The whole situation is becoming increasingly mysterious and few people you speak to in Texas believe that Oswald did it alone.

But I think these cases are rather more isolated than the article suggests, and other domestic situations mentioned, such as the race problem, are misunderstood by British students. The U.S. is a great democracy, where by comparison with most nations, the freedom of speech, of political view, of religion and of personal choice is upheld to the highest degree.

This is ignored by the kind of student who, while, for example,

rightly condemning the lack of political freedom and racism in Africa, conveniently forgets the same deplorable situations elsewhere (i.e. recent happenings in Russia and Kenya).

There are countless people in American Mid-Western and East Coast cities who are working to improve negro conditions. In Harlem, last year, Mayor Lindsay's team (backed by New York senators Kennedy and Javits) performed miracles. Anybody looking round Chicago's South Side can see redevelopment taking place at an incredible pace. Race riots, particularly those in newly-built areas, are making the job so much harder. They are a disaster—negroes lose friends everywhere.

Unfortunately, there is George Wallace and the half-dozen "Dixie" states of the Deep South which can't be defended. It is unfortunate that these areas which are generations behind the rest of the country intellectually and politically, tend to overshadow so much of the good elsewhere. Negro mayors were elected last autumn in Gary, Indiana, and in Cleveland—a city the size of Birmingham.

Much more can and must be done for the poor of America, but a lot is being done, and arguments that Americans just "don't care" are unjustified.

Yours, etc.,
MARTIN KENIG.

LAW VOICE

DEAR SIR.—We notice that Mr. Jenkins professes to speak for the whole Law Faculty on the merits of the disciplinary board's actions.

We regret that one so ill-qualified (naive, even) should take it upon himself to speak on our behalf. This is not to say that we necessarily condone the disciplinary board's actions or procedure, but merely reserve our right to form our own opinions.

Yours faithfully,
J. NORTH,
IVOR WEINTROUB,
BRUCE BENTLEY,
MARTIN REYBOLD.

Medics
habits
exposed

DEAR Sir,—I read with interest your report on the Medical school buffet. May I reply on behalf of the staff and myself.

Firstly, I am well aware of the habits of the counter girls, who are breaking the rules of hygiene, such as putting fingers inside the cups, licking fingers, wiping hands on their aprons.

They would support me I know, when I say they are always being reminded of these dirty habits. Usually they are girls who have been working in factories, and catering is new to them. Their habits at the factory are hard for them to lose, so they tell me but the report on their behaviour is a fair one.

Secondly, when I asked the girls to read the report, their comments were as follows:

1. Table left with ashes, papers, cigarette ends all over the place, including in the cups (there are ashtrays provided);
2. Ashes amongst the sugar;
3. Students sitting with their feet resting on the tables;
4. Then how about the common room—it really has to be seen to believe that medical students really live like this.

This is the other side of the picture. I think we all have a higher standard to reach. In the meantime I shall do my best to prod the staff on the counter, and who knows, I may have a higher standard by the time the medic "chips" bar is open next year.

Yours faithfully,
BETTY HOGGETT,
(Medical School Buffet Manageress).



Seen here getting into training for their first round tie, are Birmingham's University Challenge team of Dick Holt, Roger Hird, Colin Glitheroe, and Martin Jenkins. The tie was played last night, but the result is as yet unknown.

University opposed to Vietnam war

THE opinion poll on U.S. policy in Vietnam has shown that the students and staff generally oppose the war. Besides the overall results there are many interesting points raised by the poll. Two of these are that the most militaristic, hawkish department is the Medical School, and that the Engineers returned their questionnaires like machines.

The attempt to reach all members of the academic staff and all registered students was not entirely complete. Unfortunately a few people did not receive ballots either because their name was not on the lists consulted or the departments did not complete the distribution. Physics only passed ballots on to post-graduates.

In a few cases it was found that students had filled out several forms thereby trying to bias the results and effectively depriving others of their vote. It was felt that no major cases of duplication occurred except those detected in Medicine and Education. It was interesting that statements one and two were ticked in almost all questionnaires.

The primary purpose of running the poll was to stimulate interest and thought about a problem of significance. Obtaining an accurate record of the staff's and students' opinion was secondary, so the poll was not run using a 100 per cent return, but a random sample. The large response and numerous enquiries about the results have proved that the poll succeeded in its primary goal.

The table shows, among other things, that:—
The Arts Faculty is the most strongly opposed to the war.
The Engineers returned the highest percentage of questionnaires.
The Medical Students, though supporting the war, are opposed by the Medical staff.

The staff is more strongly opposed to U.S. policy than the student body as a whole.
Analysis by sex and year showed that:—

18 per cent more of the women oppose U.S. policy than the men do. The men become more in favour of the escalation of the war in the second and third year.

28 per cent more of the undergraduate women are in favour of a reduction of the war effort than are post-graduate women.

Among other things, the poll revealed that one student who is a member of a department designated by the letters C.I.A. obviously thought that five alternatives were not sufficient. His remedy for the Vietnam problem (and this poll) was a "write-in" sixth alternative: "The U.S. should draft all American students in Britain."

The Registrar has stated that any student can get in touch with him and, if necessary, he will act as a surety. You should always ask for bail, otherwise you will find yourself locked up overnight, and if a surety is required as well, you can insist on facilities being made available to get in touch with someone to act as surety.

If you have an innocent explanation, it is usually better to give it straight away; but if it is written down, make sure that it is accurate and, in particular, do not sign anything without first checking it carefully.

It is always as well, having given any explanation, not to be drawn into any discussion with police or security officers, who, in their zeal, may, even without meaning to, get answers from you which appear later, in cold blood, to be suggestive of guilt.

As most students wanting legal representation probably will not be able to afford to pay a solicitor, it is best to apply for legal aid. You will be brought up before a magistrate, who will decide whether or not to grant the application.

If you are not brought straight before a magistrate, you can enquire at the magistrates' clerk's office in the Victoria Law Courts on Corporation Street.

Grants protest
meeting

by Kate Taylor

ALTHOUGH the subject has lost the fine edge of controversy at this University, at the N.U.S. rally, held in Trafalgar Square on Sunday, students from all over the country showed that the grants campaign will not die a natural death before they have at least made some noise.

The rally managed to attract over 2,000 students who packed into the square cheering and listening to speakers confirming their views on the necessity of increasing grants by twenty per cent. However, there was general disagreement as to the ways and means of forcing the Government to realise many students' hardships.

Mr. Geoff Martin, N.U.S. President, spoke of the probable breakdown of the campaign because of "the worst kind of extremism," from small sections within the student world. He was thinking mainly of "sit-ins" at, for example, Leicester and Aston Universities and outbreaks of violence directed at Mr. Gordon Walker and Mr. Callaghan.

He and his followers were aiming for the clean-cut good-boy student image of reasonableness and persuasion.

On the other hand, Feargus Nicholson, of the Communist Party, claimed that the Government would never be influenced unless the students made themselves heard forcefully through marches, "sit-ins," and all other forms of mass protest.

The rally finished with the comment that "students were not working merely for themselves, but for all underpaid sectors of society."

Afterwards, many of the students marched to Downing Street shouting "Gordon Walker out! out! out!" only to be stopped outside by the police cordon.

Even if it yielded no concrete results, at least it kept the tourists well entertained, and gained even more publicity for the cause.

War was declared, wet jammy doughnuts were to be seen flying in every direction, water was thrown down from the balcony and the innocent spectators around the table retreated behind Deb Hall curtains. Nelson Bathurst hid behind his microphone but Charles Wright remained in his seat eating and occasionally throwing doughnuts.

Order was temporarily restored once more—but where was our President—still at his place eating doughnuts.

Although Rhys Vaughn had probably eaten the most, it was decided to declare Charles Wright the winner for perseverance. This was done at the first opportunity before the union was reduced to a pile of rubble due to the strain.

Three minutes later Martin Lowe was seen scurrying along the union corridors with an ill-gotten beer can tucked under his arm.

Senate not
bothered

FOLLOWING the recommendations of Guild Council on Disciplinary Board procedure, the University Senate is to set up an ad hoc committee to meet the Guild Executive and discuss the matters raised by the recommendations, which involve reorganising the terms of reference and the procedures followed in the Disciplinary Board meetings.

The ad hoc committee is then to report back to Senate at a later date, and a decision is to be taken on a later date. In view of the fact that Senate is not meeting Exec. directly, it seems unlikely that Senate is particularly concerned or interested in the matter.



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TRAFFIC

"It would seem that environment rather than intelligence is instrumental in the formation of aesthetic appreciation." In view of the abysmal failure of the recent Arts Festival, it seems only too obvious that this University lacks that environment. Why? Can the Engineer never leave his drawing board? Or will the 'Arts people' ever emerge from their mythical cocoon of culture and actually get down to doing something? Where does the blame really lie?

'ART'—

THE scene closes on this week's Arts Festival ("what arts festival?") and a gloomy hush will probably shroud the whole business, as we stick it in the Guild attic among the rest of the skeletons which usually result from attempts to get the arts going on a community level in the University.

The promoters would like to forget, possibly, and we can expect they will save their consciences with vague references to "inveterate apathy" on the part of all students towards the arts. After all, if we did get the nuts-and-bolts set talking about objective correlatives, storming the ivory tower which is the frail citadel the arts student is supposed to command, there would be little left to live for to those who get vague, sadistic satisfaction from attacking those unfortunates on the other side of the cultural fence.

The whole business is a farce—though you won't hear many say so—simply because it's difficult to get many arts students to say why culture must be rammed firmly down every scientific throat. One supposes that arts students are the lucky people who hold the cultural key—so they hurriedly and guiltily assume the burden—and preach most of the pretentious nonsense that flies around the university—along with the idea that the cultural message must somehow be spread to those who dwell in sties of statistics and things. One wishes that some common ground might arise where participation in the arts would become a question of united and spontaneous enjoyment rather than the rigid atmosphere of a paralysed and pseudo-patronising arts festival; attendance of whose events is urged as a duty rather



Pete Westbrook of the Reg Webb Quintet.

IS IT A FARCE?

By Margaret Burrows, Tricia Ellison and Mike Dunn.

ment rather than intelligence is instrumental in the formation of aesthetic appreciation. Student reaction ranges from total disinterest to over-riding enthusiasm with the vast majority in bored suspension in between. No matter what their intellectual standpoint students seem to find difficulty in inconveniencing themselves for the rewards of culture.

Whether this is the result of an absorbing social life, or sheer laziness, students will no doubt be the first to object when the final theatre is gleefully transformed into a bingo hall. Arts purveyed on the campus should negate many of the

objections to paragonet. Then why has this trial-run festival failed—particularly when the academic festivals of other years and festivals held by other universities have been successful.

No-one wants to be associated with what appears likely to be a failure from the word go. With lack of co-operation from societies and individuals, plus a meagre £100 when other colleges utilise grants from unions and university authorities and established committees that run into thousands, the Festival should have been abandoned before it was allowed to run into the depths of last week's fiasco. A festival needs time, money, enthusiasm, originality and, above all, a new name. If festivals are worth doing they are worth doing well.

Ideally the idea should be to maintain an aura of spontaneity, combined with efficient organisation to keep things running smoothly. Presentation counts most. Give the basic idea a face-lift by presenting a trendy image—the arts synonymous with sophisticated entertainment—give them culture that conforms with the student image—why else are the late night one acts at the Rep so popular? Much can be said for presenting what the people want to see rather than what the organisers believe they should want.

MIDLAND ARTS CENTRE

The Midland Arts Centre, physical expression of the Cannon Hill Trust, was established four years ago on a fourteen-acre island site in Cannon Hill Park, leased from the Corporation. The primary aim of the centre is "to encourage young people to enjoy and practise the arts." In the next ten years the Trust plans to build theatres, pavilions for music and dance, studios, workshops, and an Arts Club. The atmosphere of the place is supposed to be exciting and stimulating rather than stolidly improving.

The Arts Club, catering for the age range 15 to 25, is one of the more interesting developments. According to Leslie Holloway, head of the information section, it provides "opportunities for exploring all the arts" in an informal rather than educational atmosphere. In addition to studios, workshops and discussion rooms there is a social club.

The interest of the Centre tends to be with children in their formative years rather than with students. "If a chap has reached the age of 15 without acquiring the seeds of interest in the Arts we hold out very little hope for him," Preaching to the converted, perhaps?

In the present attempt by some students to achieve greater understanding between the city and the University, participation by students could be beneficial. But, as Les Holloway admits, "students do not make a lot of use of Cannon Hill—perhaps because the University has its own cultural life." However, he said that Cannon Hill is ever, he said that Cannon Hill is mainly "for those not at university." There is a very mixed membership but this is successful in a way that Youth Clubs tend not to be: people are interested in one particular activity, they thus have something in common, and "class" does not matter. More students "would add experience and intellectual weight to the Arts Club, which tends to be largely composed of recent school-leavers, but Birmingham's contribution to the cultural life of Britain is aimed more at the schools than the universities. "We've got to write off the present generation and aim for the future generations."



CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Colmore Circus.

JEWISH SOC. ATTEMPT TO BREAK WORLD RECORD FOR HORA DANCING.

Start 8 a.m. until midnight Thursday.

BAR FOOTBALL MARATHON Starts 11 a.m. until Saturday.

JEWISH'S SUBWAY ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND Work all day.

CARNIVAL SHOW 2 p.: Sheldon Hospital. 6.30: Park Hill.

Dance Top Rank Ballroom, including Rag Queen Finals.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

STRETCHER RACE 12.30 from Aston Union.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND — Work in afternoon.

BAR FOOTBALL continued.

DWILE FLONKING 10.30: Kings Norton Green.

2.30: Kings Heath, nr. Vicarage Road.

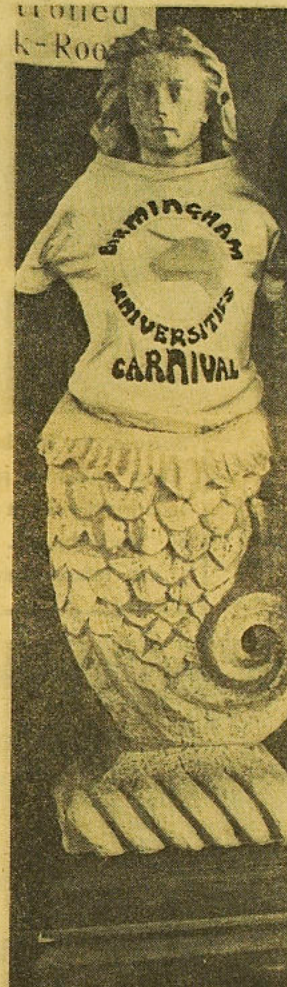
4.30: Bomb Site, Islington.

Folk Club: BIRMINGHAM ARMS FOLK EVENING

CARNIVAL SHOW 7 p.m. Magnolia House. HORA MARATHON ends midnight.



Build-up on the Adventure Playground.



Work in progress on the Handsworth site.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

2.45 p.m: Richard Nile starts LONDON-BIRMINGHAM RUN from steps of Nelson's Column, Trafalgar Square.

CAR CLEANING in car parks. ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND — Work all day.

BAR FOOTBALL continued. DWILE FLONKING — as Thursday. FOLK CLUB: Busking in Brum at dinner.

CARNIVAL SHOW 2 p.m: Bourn House 5.30: Rubery Hill Hospital.

PRIZEGIVING 4.30 p.m. at Ceylon Tea Centre

DANCE: Aston Union.

FLOAT BUILDING — Evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

CARNIVAL DAY

BED RACE 9.0 a.m: Start from Red Lion Kings Heath.

2.45 p.m: Richard Nile should finish Marathon.

BAR FOOTBALL ends.

2.45 p.m: Afternoon Procession.

6.45 p.m:—TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

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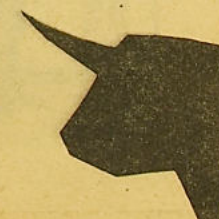
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CARNIVAL





Cars washed while you wait

DEFENDING upon permission from the Public Works Department, a group of Medics hope to start washing cars on Friday. Hoping for 400 cars in that sloping car park near the Town Hall ("because of the drainage") the plan of action is to send an advance party of females to the car park who will ask drivers if they desire their cars to be washed, take the relevant names and addresses, and then call in the cleaning party. It will cost 5/- a time and with 50 people planning to take part it is hoped to raise £100.

'Hora' record under attack once more

AGAIN this year we have Hora dancing, last year's biggest "Barb" seller. Naomi Goldstein, organiser, aims at beating the world record of 36 hours, set up last year, that Manchester failed to beat last week, a ndsetting up a new time of 40 hours.

Naomi describes Hora dancing as an "Ancient European

dance, now the national dance of Israel."

Starting at eight this morning in Colmore Circus, the dancing will end at midnight on Thursday. Four hundred pounds was raised last year, and it is hoped more will be collected this time.



Carnival Committee — no comment!

Police don't want any unofficial stunts

"WE want everyone to tell us what they want to do so we can present all stunts to the police and show them what is going on before anything happens," says Claire Gessler, Carnival Committee's Processions Organiser.

Carnival Committee accept no responsibility for unofficial stunts but it seems likely that if another stunt as unofficial as last year's occurs there will be no need for a Carnival Committee next year. Although the City Fathers are not too keen on Carnival, it seems that the police are very receptive and helpful.

Thus having notified the police there will be two processions on Saturday, one at 2.45 and a torchlight procession at 6.45. With entries from all the halls and most departments there will be 35 floats ranging from harems to Magic Roundabouts and Homeprise Flower to Bonnie and Clyde. The Carnival Queen will be in a stage-coach financed by Carnival Committee and it is hoped that this cost will be more than compensated by the amount of "Barbs" sold by her entourage.

Barb girls are tangerine this year and each will wear a black felt motif of a bull's head—Give generously.

YOUR CARNIVAL WEATHER

THERE is a 30 per cent chance of less than 0.10in. of rain during Carnival week, and a 70 per cent chance of the total being less than 0.40in. This is normally one of the driest weeks of the year, with an average of about 0.42in. falling at a measurable rate over a period of about 10 hours out of the 168.

Any rainfall is likely to be very light up to Wednesday but there is a risk of perhaps a couple of narrow belts of rain or showers crossing the Midlands in the latter half of the period. The risk of any heavy, prolonged rainfall is less than 20 per cent.

The spell of cold weather which has lasted throughout February shows signs of coming to an end and although the week will start rather cold, previous years being used as analogues indicate at least a 60 per cent chance of above average temperatures during the latter half of the period. However there is a slight risk that strong South-West winds developing to the North of the country might extend their influence as far South as the Midlands after Thursday.

Marathon run for charity

AT 2.45 p.m. on Friday, Dick Nile, Law II, plans to depart from the steps of Nelson's Column, Trafalgar Square, on a run to Birmingham, this year's most strenuous stunt.

"I am confident of finishing, but a little apprehensive about the amount of publicity this has been given," says Dick. "I hope to keep a steady five miles an hour all the way."

He has kept fit running cross-country races for the University and doing athletics, and he expects the run to take 24 hours. The route will be up the Uxbridge Road, along the A40 to Oxford, and to Birmingham via Stratford, and the run will be done without any breaks.



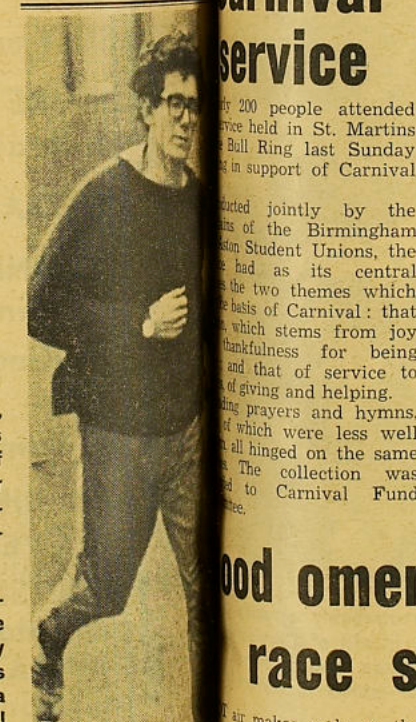
"Ragmag"-touting gang Tech. lay their hands on our leader and carry him off to their distant home. We didn't seem to mind, and who'd blame him?

Palm kidnapped

DEREK PALMER, Carnival Committee, kidnapped by Oxford Technicians, has the story.

"I was not exactly the victim, "in fact, it turned out to be quite an informative and amiable visit. I was extremely well and fed on vast quantities of baked beans, taken to see Richard B. Palmer at 3 a.m., driven round Oxford at 70 m.p.h. in a 1920 hearse, and shipped back to Birmingham by minivan. I have been fortified with butties."

So it was "not a serious kidnapping attempt" as he easily have kicked these teeth or something.



Dickie Nile, who started his 110-mile marathon on the arrival of Graham Tilden in a monk's habit, busied himself in the morning.

Good omen in balloon race success

The air makes cash, so the University's science department provided the gas, and the race came in during Saturday Balloon Race.

The stunt broke even financially, the money received paying for all the materials bought, so when it is staged again, probably next Saturday, all money taken will be profit.

Considering the stunt was a week before Carnival, it was financially quite promising and good publicity.

New Lake record set up

THE Vale Site took on the appearance of a flooded White City last Saturday night when Lake staged a race around the lake.

Publicity for this was excellent and the event was well attended with over 500 people present. The first race at least was taken seriously and Pete McMahon's lap record of 69 seconds was beaten by six different runners, with Ralph Banthorpe setting a new record time of 67 seconds.

As the evening wore on the races became less serious, with the High Hall J.C.R. Committee team revealing a couple of surprise faces, and the women's team taking almost twice as long as any male team. Casualties were few although Dr. Mike Hayes fell into the lake. In the end the Lake team were overall winners and the post-grads were runners-up. After that there was the dance in Lake, that gave all profits to the Hall Carnival Committee for their float. "For 5/-, two bars, a pie bar and three reasonable groups can't be bad," commented one member of Lake J.C.R.

8,000 NOT ENOUGH

CARNIVAL have now sold over 8,000 "Barbs" but plenty of help is still needed if they are all to be sold before Saturday.

All this week a team from Carnival are to tour all the old people's homes of Birmingham, and the geriatric wards, giving old-style music hall shows to the inmates. The reception has apparently been quite enthusiastic, with the old people participating.



Two of the more unusual entrants in the ladies' heat of the Lake Races. Unfortunately they were not among the first to finish.

'BARB' REVIEW

Old jokes, new style

This year's "Barb" may be filled with old and consequently unfunny jokes—one postgrad called it "the worst 'Barb' for years"—but it also has a new, subtler level, in line with Carnival's "new image."

The "Town and Gown" section is entertaining but serious, but how will the people of Birmingham, whose businessmen buy "Barbs" by the dozen for their employees, react to what they might regard as criticism of their city? This, coupled with the lack of smut (for which, regrettably, many people buy ragmags) might be "Barb's" undoing—whether or not its new, serious, clean image sells, it will be a good indication of public taste.

The biter bit—and a police station as well

A SINGLE, mocking blue poster proclaiming Aberystwyth's Rag has been staring down on Lake Dining hall for the past fortnight. Incensed and not a little awed (how the Hell did that get there?) by this, a motley crew of would-be stuntmen decided something of a tour de force was required in retaliation. Thus it was the five of them, bedecked with psychedelic green and orange, descended on Aber in the wee

small hours of Saturday morning.

Spying, blurry-eyed, a likely looking Union they proceeded to plaster it with their phosphorescent goods, until someone discovered 10 police cars parked around the back. They found the University though, and completed their mission with a revengeful will.

Now everyone knows about Carnival, even to the littlest Welshman in the furthest corner of the land.



"Barb" again!

Saturday night & Sunday morning

AS dawn broke over Gosta Green last Sunday, triumphant if tired-looking individuals were seen in various garbs trudging down the Lichfield Road to Aston Union—where coffee and breakfast, but above all a haven of rest, awaited the survivors of the sponsored hike organised as a Carnival stunt.

A staggered start, 23 miles of outer circle, 800 people, each walking for an average six hours, resulted in what could be the most phenomenal financial success for Carnival this year. Individuals were sponsored for up to £30 for the whole circuit, and most people earned at least £1. Very few competitors were seen to dare to fall by the wayside, and despite lack of sleep and stiff limbs all day Sunday, many were still able to enthuse about the walk.

To the average academic—following his sedentary occupation—20 miles is a good challenge without being impossible to tackle. "The first 10 miles were a cinch," said Carla Biella. Most people found the last few miles the worst drag, especially when at one turning into Tyburn Road it was discovered that a we should raise about £2,500."

short cut had been ignored and a cunning checkpoint placed so no one could cheat.

Sadistic Carnival Committee members, who shall be nameless, first wafted the suggestion of hot soup as being "only a mile or two down the road."

Four miles later—the agony and indignity of the stumbling, soup-orientated mob became intense. Eventually, about five miles from the finishing post, soup was located—a good thing for mutiny was in the air. But "the soup was bloody diabolical," said Cliff Cooper, Law I.

Triumphant competitors spent Sunday eagerly dragging promised sums from sponsors—and amassing small fortunes in this way. Commenting on the stunt, Al Langlois, Aston Carnival Chairman, said: "If this is successful and we collect all the money promised to the walkers,



"Bloody students, demonstrating again."

New look for 45

CARNIVAL 45 has been dubbed a "new-look" Carnival. What exactly is new is difficult to see and if it is changing its image this is a change of necessity. Derek Palmer, Carnival Chairman, does not hold out much hope for the survival of Carnival in the traditional vein.

A Carnival that provides citizens with an annual opportunity of seeing the students in their city is not going to last long when the students are seen smashing up a pub. Any changes made are thus an effort to make Carnival a working proposition, an occasion that will be appreciated by both townspeople and students to the extent that both will look forward to it next year.

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GRAHAM SHARPLES
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IAN SALMON

This year there are a host of stunts and activities that are highly commendable for their social benefit. Project 84 plan to extend the accommodation at Ladywood Boys' Club and work with the Parks Department in converting waste land into playing fields as two of several technical schemes. An Art Exhibition is also planned for this weekend at the Ceylon Tea Centre. It will run for two weeks and applications are invited from Birmingham schools, their entries being judged at 4.30 on Friday.

The Scout and Guide Club plan to take a coachload of handicapped children to Dudley Zoo. The Folk Club were busking in Birmingham on Monday,

and are giving a folk evening at the Birmingham Arms tomorrow, while a group of university musicians are giving a show today at Sheldon Hospital, and shows tomorrow and Friday.

The adventure playground project must be the most ambitious of the year. Pete Gaffer, the organiser, says: "It has gone very well and I am very pleased with it. A wall and a fence have yet to be ripped down and a new fence has to be put up before completion, which will not be before Friday. "Response has been pretty good," says Pete, "with 35 people sometimes working at one time."

Horra dancing, Dwile Flonking and car-washing combined with the above could make this the best-looking Carnival for some years.



"Midnight Rompers" gather for the remarkably unaptly named 20-mile walk round Birmingham, in aid of Carnival charities. Most people completed the course, and at least one walker—our Pics Editor, Pete Mills—stood to collect

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THIS WEEK'S SPORT: Soccer a great week — Rugger narrow

Lake Race

Lake take relay from postgrads

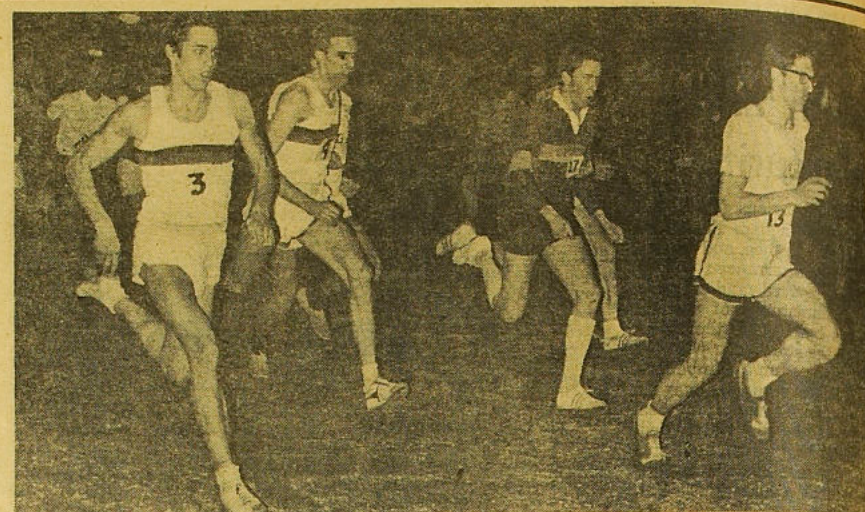
A MID tumultuous applause from the 500-strong crowd, Ralph Banthorpe broke the tape to give Lake Hall "A" victory in the second annual "Round the Lake Relay." The Men's race was of a very high standard, with six runners breaking the lap record set by Pete McMahon last year. It was left to Banthorpe to set the fastest time of 67.1sec. for the 550yd. course.

The only serious rivals to the Lake team was the Postgraduates' Richardson who finished a few yards up on Alan Kin, but Colin Graham, running against Dave Sheppard gave Lake "A" a lead they never looked like losing.

Jim Aukett and finally Banthorpe made the winning margin something like 30 yards. The time of the winning team was 4 min. 38.4 seconds, 4.4 seconds up on the Postgraduates. Civ. Eng. were third in 4 minutes 50 secs.

The Women's race was a less serious affair but a creditable effort by Wyddington "B" gave them victory in 7 minutes 4.0 seconds. University House were second and a Chemistry team were third.

The races were much better organised this year and their undoubted success firmly established as an annual event in the University Athletics programme. A trophy given by Dr. Mike Hayes for the first half team home was presented by the Miss Wyddington beauty queen, Liz Stockley, at the Races Dance in Lake Hall.



Rog Richardson leads Alan Kin at the start of the Lake Race. (Photo: Ian Sabin)

Rugger

Twice robbed in last minute

Birmingham Univ. 5 pts; Oxford 8

YET again the rugby team were able to turn in two very fine performances, against sides which are capable of being first class opposition. The University were desperately unlucky not to win both games but the basic ingredient of the usual first team players.

At Oxford, the elusive road and an empty clubhouse greeted the "Rugby Boys." Rejoicing in their good fortune the lads decided to do a spot of "training" (such dedication and headed straight for the goal). Unfortunately, Oxford eventually turned up to find the Brum staggering on to the field. Oxford proceeded to capitalise on this state of affairs going for points up after 30 sec.

After Oxford's second try, the University hit back with a score when Pete Williams in one moment of glory, or probably madness, charged down an attempted kicking kick, and with his golden knee flowing in the breeze, he was able to pick up and score. In the couple of minutes, Brum scored a try on the left wing which meant victory, but the referee didn't agree, as he wants a book.

Birmingham Univ. 6 pts; Birmingham 9

THE local derby between students came up for the second time this season for the second time, the Oxford turned out the victors—thanks to a last-minute try.

Armed with the knowledge that any cut on this ex-agricultural pitch, meant an anti-tetanus injection, the University took advantage by lining their jock straps with razor blades — for the benefit of the enemy. However they were to manage well enough without later, as long as they could keep a path through a maze of penalties and piles of you know what.

Despite the opposition's advantage in height and weight, the University were more than able to contain them with a well drilled but legal (how else?) game. Brum scored from two penalties, on well until the last minute from the city. The best kick of the match, however, was an attempt by Mad Stan Peters from the second row, who protruded his left heel, cocked up his right foot as if in pain, and missed the ball and only managed to remain standing through the late footwork, of which Nurn would have been proud. Brum hunk with the dogs, Stan.

This week there's a feast of Rugby entertainment at the University, at which all would be welcome. With kick-offs around 2 p.m., the team plays Aberystwyth today and Worcester on Saturday.

defeats—Golf: big win—Weightlifting: National rankings

Golf

STAR STUDDED EXETER BEATEN

Birmingham 4; Exeter 2
Birmingham 2; King's Norton 3

MIXED fortunes for the Brum golf team this week. On Wednesday they lost 3-2 to a strong King's Norton side, but on Wednesday scored a great win against the star-studded Exeter University side by 4-2 at Burnham and Berrow in Somerset.

At Kings Norton, A. Dathan and P. Birtwistle halved; Smythe and Bovill lost 2-1; Coldicott and Kraft lost 4-3; Arnie Wynn and Tip Turner won 1 up, and Armitage and Paterson halved.

At the Burnham seaside links the weather was unusually mild and sunny. Star performer Andrew Dathan excelled himself in a convincing 2-1 victory over current U.A.U. champion Reg Radway. Continuing his great run of form, consistent Paul Birtwistle scorched home two up, and resourceful captain Tim Bowdler won 3-2. Nick Kraft returned a huge 7-5 victory, your correspondent Dave blew it by 3-2 through bad putting, and unfortunate Mick Paterson had a living nightmare on the greens, losing 3-2.

Today the team is, due to play Bristol University, at Edgbaston.

2nd XI Soccer

Twice down—but draw

Birmingham 2nd XI 2; Loughborough Colleges 2

Twice a goal down, the 2nd XI fought back to hold the Colleges side to a draw. The game hinged around command of the midfield. In the first-half the Colleges' half backs had it sewn up and the home forwards found it difficult to find space to work. Nevertheless chances were made and missed and the Colleges took a first-half lead when slack covering allowed the inside-forward to slide the ball into the corner.

With midfield dominance ebbing away the Colleges allowed the Birmingham half-backs to put the forwards away. The equaliser came when John Harrop gave the ball to John Boardman who hit a magnificent, through pass for Fred Oldfield to run on to and score. Although the Colleges went ahead again John Boardman grabbed the second equaliser when nipping in to turn a low cross from Fred Oldfield past the keeper.

Wanderers Soccer

Revenge gained despite penalty

Wanderers 3; Sheffield 3rds 2
AFTER the 8-1 defeat handed out last year, a weakened Wanderers side expected another drubbing because three players had gone home and six of the side that played had been taking part in the Frank Morton trophy in Manchester the previous day.

However nobody in the side was pushed and the Wanderers won more easily than the score suggests. It was 3-1 until the last kick of the match when Sheffield converted a penalty. The goals were scored by R. Caddy, K. Tindle and D. Ashley. The last goal really belonged to K. Tindle who was about to put the ball in the net when he was hauled down. D. Ashley followed up to walk the ball into the net.

Weightlifting

FOUR IN RANKINGS

IN the British junior ranking lists published recently four members of the Weight Lifting Club figured prominently in the strength set rankings. Alan Gardner headed the light-weight class, also placing third in the light-heavy-weight class.

On the Olympic lifts, lifters in the top ten in various classes were Alan Gardner, light and middle weights, Paul Travis, lightweight, and Pat Squire in the light-heavy-weight class.

The Brum team on the Olympic lifts, Alan Gardner, Pat Squire and John Lowe, are competing in the U.A.U. Olympic championships which are to be held next Saturday in the New Sports Centre commencing at 1.30.

Birmingham are reigning team champions, and hope to retain this title. In the individual championships Alan Gardner has a good chance of winning the lightweight title. He is also attempting to reach a qualifying total for the Junior British championships and will try to break the British record on the clean-and-jerk behind neck, which stands at 258 lbs.

LUCKY VICTORY OVER DEPLETED LOUGHBORO'

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY 2; LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGES 1

WHAT a great week for the B.U.A.F.C. first team. On Wednesday they beat a weakened but still very useful Loughborough Colleges, and on Saturday they joined the second team in their respective final of the Birmingham A.F.A. Cups.

Taking Wednesday's match first, Birmingham can consider themselves very lucky to have won in spite of having five of their team in the U.A.U. game at Leicester, Loughborough, as only they can, fielded a team which appeared to be just as strong.

Birmingham started well, making several clear chances, all of which were wasted. As the game continued, it was clear that the Colleges' reputation for fitness is not unfounded. However, the Colleges were surprisingly weak in the finishing but they did create the chances. Their half-back goal should be attributed to a last-luck. From a right-wing, Dave Rosbrook got to the ball and pushed it away into the arms of George Helowicz, who was on this state of affairs going for points up after 30 sec.

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Toughline

Wanderers—
At XI v. Loughborough Colleges: won 2-1.
At XI v. Mossley Y.C.: won 2-1.

At XI v. Loughborough Colleges 2nd XI: drew 2-2.
Wanderers v. Sheffield Wanderers v. Wimbush: won 3-2.
Wanderers v. Wimbush: won 5-1.

At XV v. Oxford: lost 1-5.
At XV v. Birmingham: lost 3-6.

At XV v. Exeter: won 4-2.
At XV v. King's Norton: lost 3-2.

..and then nine men reach Birmingham cup final

BIRMINGHAM 2; MOSSLEY Y.C. 1

A FINE display by nine fit men saw Birmingham go into the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup with a win over Mossley Y.C. The Youth Club had previously reached the semi-final of the National Youth Club Cup and were unbeaten till Saturday. However, the magnitude of Birmingham's performance lies in the fact that they lost one man after 10 minutes and another was reduced to a walking passenger after 20 minutes. There is more to come. They won the game during half an hour of extra time, which must have seemed like two hours to the 9½ heroes of the first team.

Birmingham started characteristically by missing three or four chances. Then, tragedy struck. The game seemed to have hardly started when right-half George Helowicz was involved in a sickening collision of heads. He was carried off and taken to hospital immediately, suffering from concussion. Then, Mossley took the lead. Keef Gardiner had replaced George Helowicz in the half-back line. Suddenly a lucky deflection gave their inside-left a clear shot at goal and although Ian Finch made a valiant effort to save, he could not stop the ball rolling over the line.

Then, as soon as the game was restarted, it looked as though someone had hammered the last nail into Birmingham's coffin. Dave Hughes twisted his knee badly in attempting to level the score. So, Birmingham's fortunes were at a very low ebb. But gradually they fought off the shackles of a two-man deficit and were playing equally as well as Mossley.

Again, half-time was the turning point. Birmingham re-stocked the fire in their bellies and actually had the cheek to come at Mossley. Eventually it paid off. From a left-wing corner Rog Hawkins shot at goal and Mel Birkinshaw lunged at the ball and slid it home. Yet another opportunist goal.

Even though a little of the University's morale was restored, it was Mossley who applied the pressure for the last quarter of an hour. But Birmingham held out, due to some poor shooting from the Mossley men.

Extra time must have seemed like another turn on the rack for the nine "fit" Birmingham men, but they sewed the game up in the first half of the extra time, when Keef Gardiner scored a goal worthy of winning such a stirring cup tie. Steve Hart, who from time to time became centre-forward, took a good ball down the middle from Bas Brown and slipped the ball out to Keef on the right wing. Keef shot hard and true, beating the goalie all ends up. But he did not knock the heart out of Mossley.

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IT came as no surprise when on Friday the Returning Officer of the Guild, Mr. Bill Davies, announced that Dai Rees had won the Presidential elections by a sizeable majority.

Rees, who had been evens favourite from the start, will take up his Presidential duties halfway through the Summer Vacation. He is at present internal relations secretary.

Rees will become the first President of the Guild to come from the College of Commerce.

Many see this election as a decisive step in the history of the Joint Guild.

The university authorities, who own and finance most of the Students' Union may refuse to acknowledge his election.

Mr. Rees has been one of the strongest supporters of student representation and feels that students should make more effort to control things which affect them.

The surprise result of the election was the placing of the unknown candidate, Martin Drew, over the much-favoured Kevin Dufficy.

Mr. Dufficy's posters failed to arrive on time while Mr. Drew pursued an election campaign which was as bizarre, cunning and expensive as it was effective.

Virtually unknown before the election, Mr. Drew has proved the value of publicity.

Not surprisingly, Colin Scott was last in the race. Those who voted for him must have supported him as the University candidate. Scott, who had made his stand on "demonstrators' irresponsibility," claimed that he had made his point. A mere 72 endorsed him.



Returning Officer of the Guild Mr. Bill Davies announces the results of the Presidential Elections. Results: Dai Rees 651, Martin Drew 132, Kevin Dufficy 114 and Colin Scott 72.

No lobby

DESPITE police fears the principal speaker at last Friday's debate, Mr. Luu Tuong Quang, the South Vietnamese Embassy's information officer was not lobbied as he left the Aston Union.

Mr. Quang was opposing the motion: "That this House supports the National Liberation Front in South Vietnam."

Mr. Robin Doughty, a principal Aston Socialist, proposed the motion which was carried almost unanimously. Mr. Quang turned up in place of the South Vietnamese Ambassador.



Dai Rees, newly-elected President from the College of Commerce.

Kyrle hell

THE All-night discotheque which was to be held in Kyrle Hall, Sheep Street, during Carnival Week has been cancelled, it was revealed on Friday. Al Langlois, Aston Carnival Committee Chairman said, "There was difficulty in arranging the discotheque in the first place, but ultimately, the decision was in the hands of the Council, who have now vetoed the idea of the All-night discotheque in Kyrle Hall."

In actual fact Kyrle Hall will be owned by Aston University, a compulsory purchase order being served on Friday.

Kyrle Hall, a special Youth Club project, has been in operation for 35 weeks. The experiment had failed due to lack of support. The Kyrle Youth Centre will close this Friday. Mr. Langlois added: "I feel that the decision to cancel the discotheque could have come sooner."

BARB PRICKS

BARB is this year's Rag Mag, produced by Edgbaston and Aston Carnival Committees.

However, it seems that the content is liable to provoke controversy. Al Langlois, the Aston Carnival Chairman, said: "Aston's job was to get rid of all the blue jokes, which we have done, and the articles written by Edgbaston were to follow the policy of fostering good relations with the city, all in all, producing a new look 'Barb.' It certainly has produced a new look 'Barb,' but most of the content seems to be slandering the Brummies."

Although many Brummies will laugh at phrases such as—"All the girls look the same, but what can you expect in a dung-heap like Birmingham" and "Middle-aged Brummies with brown-button eyes, you can recognise them anywhere before they open their mouths." Many will not.

Keith Portnell (Combined



John Talbot, looking stern and inspired, announces once again that Aston students are apathetic. Perhaps they are sick of listening to him.

'General' apathy

THE activities of those still trying to generate activity throughout the campus on representation suffered a severe setback last Wednesday when for the second time running a general meeting failed to achieve a quorum. The Liberal Society had intended to pass a motion at the meeting requesting the University to come to a decision on the principle of student representation within eight weeks.

However, the meeting had to be abandoned and only general discussion ensued.

John Talbot, C.N.D. Chairman; Alan Richardson, Socialist Society; and John Burton, Debates Chairman; were all vociferous in attacking general student apathy. Once again Mr. Richardson attacked the issue. All we get every week is this damn comic," he claimed.

He went on: "There are 30 people over the road on Senate who can be influenced by what goes in the 'Sun.'" A spokesman for the "Sun," Mr. Mike Connaughton, said later "It would appear that Mr. Richardson would like the 'Sun' to be composed for Senate and not for the students!"

Complaining about the general student apathy, John Talbot claimed that the only way to interest the Aston student was to present him with a challenge. "Otherwise," claimed Mr. Talbot, "he is politically useless."

A spokesman for the apathetics claimed that as the student body had shown it was behind the executive in their claims for representation, it was up to the executive to negotiate in any way they thought fit. "After all, that is what they were there for. I wish they would not bother us."

MINISTER SHOUTED OUT

PATRICK Gordon Walker, Minister of Education, was forced by student demonstrators to walk out of a speaking engagement at Manchester University on Friday night. "I am not going to speak when I am not wanted," he said.

As he tried to get out of the hall student demonstrators blocked his way and there were several scuffles, before he managed to get out to the door, porters and police helping to clear a way for him.

The students' union afterwards issued a statement condemning the "irresponsible and discourteous behaviour of certain students," and apologised to Mr. Gordon Walker and the organisers of the meeting.

C.N.A.A. clamps down

A SHORTAGE of staff and lack of proper facilities has forced the Council for National Academic Awards to approve less than 20 per cent of the courses submitted for recognition.

The C.N.A.A. annual report points out that some colleges had even less experience at running honours level courses in the Arts and Social Sciences than in Science and Technology. The Communications course in the College of Commerce is to be submitted later this year.

Last year the proposed degree in Librarianship at the College of Commerce was not accepted.

The B.Sc. Business Studies course, now part of Aston University, was rejected by the C.N.A.A. almost two years ago.

Clouds over 'Sun'

OWING to financial problems, the "Birmingham Sun" is unable to come out in its own right this week. "Red-brick" has therefore provided space for Aston, to provide coverage of Carnival and Aston news.

The "Sun's" difficulties stem from lack of advertising and their consequent debts to the printers. The Aston Guild refused to give the "Sun" a loan until too late, and this was in any case unacceptable because of the strings attached which tried to restrict the Editor. There will be no more editions of the "Sun" this term. The next one is on May 11th.

COURT LAUGH

ON Thursday, February 28th six Aston students arrested during the Anti-apartheid demonstrations in the Bull Ring a fortnight ago were given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay four shillings costs.

Mr. John O'Rourke, one of the students charged conducted the defence.

His defence was entertaining and enlightening and more than once the court felt disposed to cheer.

Questioned as to why he had left the Bull Ring Centre when asked to move by the police, but merely moved to another spot, Mr. O'Rourke claimed: "If I am asked not to park my car in New Street does this mean that I can't park anywhere in Birmingham?"

The defendants claimed that the chants of "One man, one vote" were of a choral nature and did not represent an annoyance.

The students had been charged with causing obstruction to the annoyance of passers-by.



Robin Doughty, Aston Socialist and Anti-Apartheid demonstrator and supporter of the N.L.F. in Vietnam. Another of those who claimed to represent most of the Aston students in the fight for representation.

Students' writ

NEARLY four months after a decision to take Legal Action against Aston University being sent down from the Birmingham Science Course the three students involved have not yet been heard in Court.

The students have taken out Writ of Mandamus against the University. If they win their case then the University will have been shown to have ignored the principle of natural justice.

The students are also hoping to claim damages for loss of earnings. Mike Griffin claimed that the case will be heard in court soon. Mike Partridge, one of the students concerned, claimed that the Guild had forgotten the and that things were not going fast they they could.

The £100 necessary for promotion of the students' case has been transferred from the Guild funds to the N.U.S. because the University was fused to allow their money to be used in a legal fight against them.

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