

Little support for Powell motion

AT tomorrow's annual meeting of the Court of Governors, a motion will be put by the Guild's representatives demanding the immediate resignation of Mr. Enoch Powell, M.P.

This follows a motion proposed by Mr. A. Sikand in which Guild Council condemned Mr. Powell for his racist views. It was said

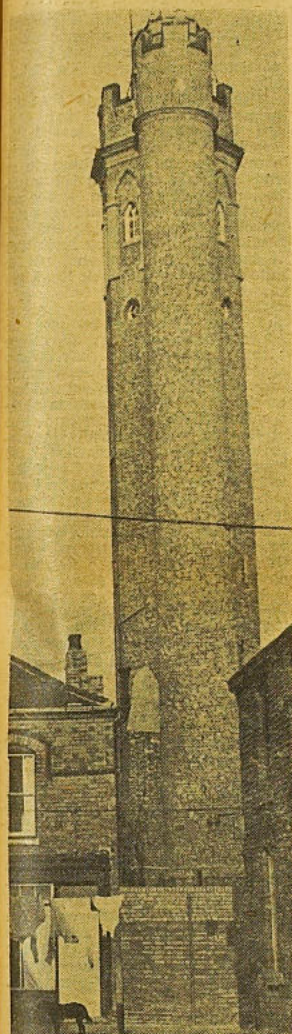
that these views were incompatible with his position on the governing body of a place of learning.

Mr. Powell is an ex-officio member of the Court as he represents a local constituency.

Reaction has been swift from Court members. Sir Joseph Balmer, former Lord

Mayor, has said that he will not vote for the motion under any circumstances and Harold Gurden, M.P., a member of the Monday Club, has said that he regards the very idea as disgusting.

Prof. Harry Ferns is supporting the motion and will be voting for it. It is not supposed that the motion will pass.



Edgbaston Observatory

CHAPLAIN SACKED

Roland Chaplain, of the Edgbaston Observatory, was informed yesterday that his contract with the University has been ended.

He received a letter from the Personnel Officer yesterday which said: "The Edgbaston Observatory Committee has recommended that your work has been such that your employment with the University should be terminated." Mr. Chaplain has never before been criticised for the standard of his work but he has been offered three months' pay in lieu of notice and been asked to finish work at mid-day today. Mr. Chaplain has refused this offer of pay as he wishes to continue his fight for reinstatement. Without his services the work of the Observatory would almost certainly collapse within a few days.

Although he has asked that no precipitative action be taken which could prejudice the success of Festival's Community Action, Radical leaders have said that they will do all within their power to rectify the action taken "in the name of the University."

Gerald Hitman said last night: "The public believes that students are only interested in themselves. Here we have a simple case of an employee of the University being sacked because the Professor in charge of his department does not like the idea of mere employees sug-

Geography (Prof. Linton) could not be able to know the ins and outs of how the Observatory should be run. He added, "Any member of the committee who is not prepared to look into the running of the Observatory should examine closely his own position." He appealed to members of staff to put pressure on Senate to review the decision to sack him.

The dismissal of Roland Chaplain has come after many months of wrangling over the policy of the Observatory. Professor Linton said yesterday that Mr. Chaplain had no case but on January 22nd he forbade him to publish his ideas on how they could best fulfill their commitments.

Mr. Chaplain, who was originally closely connected with Community Action, has given up all his work in this field to devote more time to developing his work at the Observatory. He has also given up his work on project '84. Over the last six months he has worked an average of 60 to 70 hours per week and over the recent cold spell has been working up to 21 out of each 24 hours.

Action

The meeting which has been called for Thursday at 1.15, in the Union, will discuss means of persuading the University authorities to re-instate Roland Chaplain. If they cannot be persuaded then direct action will be contemplated. In the view of the organisers the University authorities have taken a completely intransigent line.

In the words of one, "We see in the arbitrary action of Professor Linton that the mandarinism of French Professors is now being paralleled in this country."

It is expected that several hundred staff and students will attend this meeting and a formal General Meeting of the Guild may well be called for early next week.



Prof. D. L. Linton



Clare Morahan of the Art Conege was elected this year's Valentine Queen.

LATE NEWS

REDBRICK No. 2

INJURED

ON Monday night, Jenny Wickham, Assistant Editor of "Redbrick," sustained considerable injury when she was involved in a serious car crash. Jenny, who was to have been responsible for the supervision of this week's issue of the newspaper, was taken to the Birmingham accident hospital, suffering from a broken jaw and cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred at the junction of Edgbaston Park Road and Church Road, when a car ignored the red traffic light and slammed into the Austin Cambridge in which she was travelling. Jenny's driver, Steve Owen, also received substantial injury, being admitted to hospital with broken ribs.

The people involved were lucky not to be more seriously injured since the impact of the collision was sufficient to write-off both cars.

By Redbrick News Staff

gesting how the Observatory could improve its services. It is in matters like this that staff and students must show their true colours." A meeting has been called for Thursday at 1.15 p.m. to decide on action to ensure Roland Chaplain's reinstatement.

Mr. Chaplain said last night that he expected many of the Observatory clients would protest vigorously at his dismissal. "Many of them will now be convinced that the University was never competent to take over the Observatory," he said.

"They have been completely unrealistic in their approach. They refuse to pay salaries which would attract the staff which the Observatory needs. They cannot expect a staff of three to be able to fulfil the commitments which they have taken on."

Mr. Chaplain condemned the Observatory Committee for not taking an interest in the way it is run. He said that the Professor of

Marathon hikers return

SUZETTE RUSSELL (Soc. Sci. and Geog.) and Digby Horlock (Geog.) were the first pair home from the marathon hitch-hike when they arrived in Birmingham on Saturday afternoon having completed the 1,800-mile journey in the commendable time of 96 hours. This fabulous feat was due entirely to the brave efforts, disciplined stamina and rugged perseverance of this heroic duo in the face of potentially deadly climatic adversities.

Suffering from frostbite in Cornwall and chilblains in Caithness, they managed to cover the distance with the aid of between 20 and 25 lifts, collecting many unusual experiences on their way. Suzette told "Redbrick" yesterday that perhaps the most heartening incident occurred in the wilds of Wick: "The Police up there were fantastically helpful—they really went out of their way to help us."

In fact what happened was that Digby was provided with a cell for the night while Suzette was transported in a police car to a Bed and Breakfast establishment where she slept on the floor without any change. The following morning she was collected by these very obliging policemen and driven to a convenient spot where the pair were able to catch the 4.30 milk lorry to John O'Groats.

back to front

Barnabas is here

FOR just over three weeks now a newly-formed blues band has been spilling its sounds over various parts of the University. The four talented musicians began their practices in the idyllic surroundings of Lake Hall where two of the personnel originate—Chris Roberts (drums) and Bill Clague (bass).

Nigel Armstrong (organ) nurtured the idea of forming a group ever since he left one in his home town, and having met up with the other two, he managed to locate a versatile and highly proficient lead-guitarist in Steve Bywater.

Now using the Union for rehearsals and having purchased £270 worth of new equipment last week, "Barnabas" are preparing for their first batch of engagements which include the discotheques tonight and on Saturday, a performance on one of the Festival floats, and a booking at the Lake Wydd "Do" on February 28th.

When you hear them, listen espe-

cially to their original versions of "Summertime," "Help" and "Spoonful"—their music is much more than ordinary blues.



ROLAND CLARK

The truth about Jemima

AT last, after many weeks of soul searching I am in a position to reveal all, and with the help of ace photographer, Graham Sharples, that is what I am about to do.

The accompanying photograph was taken by sharp shooter Sharples (who wishes to remain insignificant), at one thirty-seven

Free control?

BILL MCKEEVER has so many contraceptives he doesn't know what to do. After applications to leading manufacturers for free samples, with a view to fitting out the Union boys, McKeever, Union Treasurer at Sheffield, has been inundated.

He has chosen Durex London by a mysterious selection method, and an "average Union member" commented, "I am sure the women of the Union will welcome the selection of this tried and tested brand."

The initial plan for a spot test on contraceptives was abandoned, according to McKeever because there were so many brands to consider, but one wonders if the project flopped from a dearth of volunteers.

B.S.T. (British Spagbracket Time) on Thursday, November 23rd, 1921, and has since been held in the private files of the Stockport Ironmongers' Foundation Home for Unwanted Lechers.

At first glance, the photograph seems to portray three men, namely Ray Lowry, Dave Entwistle and Bob Martin, each trying to pass on what looks suspiciously like a large pocket-sized suitcase (supposedly containing the dreaded script of Jemima Spagbracket's Music and Laughter Emporium Returns) to the other; none of them wishing to remain in possession of such potentially explosive material.

This is what the photo seems to represent; but, in fact, this is merely a subtle ploy used by the deadly, underground group MOLE (Manifesto of Lactiferous Erotica), to spread its malicious rumours concerning the abduction of the Rhoda Head, leader of the East Clapton anti-pun group.

In actuality, the three men in the photo are Winston K. Sucker-buttock, Gormless Ralph Nacker-tipple, and the Right Honourable Sidney Smythe-Bennett, the infamous croquet team. These three ex-midists are, as it happens, caught in one of their many sur-

reptitious attempts to break the world underwater bat-strangling record, on the top of a lower Bridlington Corporation bus, cunningly disguised as Mount Olympus.

You may ask why this photograph of world shattering importance remained hidden because this is the unquestionable evidence that supports Jemima Spagbracket's claim to be the last surviving descendant of Cliff Michelmore.

As a result of this, not only Jemima, but also her Music and Laughter Emporium are entitled to participate in the Great Snail

Public Relations event

PLANS are going ahead for the the University Symposium, to be held on the weekend March 15th-16th. It is feared, however, that the University Authorities may have differing opinions from the student body, concerning its primary purpose.

The suggestion for the Symposium (the re-titled Teach-in) originally came from the Guild before last

term's sit-in, as a means of opening discussion on University Reform to the whole Campus, with a view to initiating some resolution of our own internal problems. Students involved in partly organising the Symposium/Teach-in hope that all strong emergent conclusions will form the basis of discussion for an official Commission to look into the particular problems of this University.

The indication now is that the primary aim will be lost sight of as the authorities may regard the Teach-in as a public relations manoeuvre, and something to be ended in itself, obtaining the approval of public opinion for the way in which they are organising a constructive event; arousing and confirming this opinion by invitations to the most eminent and notable outside speakers available to address massed student audiences.

Obviously, students wish to have the best informed outsiders to address them, but they also hope that generalised introductory speeches on the problems which face their higher education will lead quickly to the detailed discussion of the specific problems of reform here at Birmingham, especially in communications, administration and educational priorities, and that this will not be seen as an end in itself, but as a greater step forward toward reform than has yet occurred.

Certainly, no members of the University should be distracted from this primary aim by the dictates of public opinion, otherwise students will not feel convinced of a genuine sense of purpose within the campus if they see indications of too great a concern for external appearances.

ROLAND CLARK

Plod-off home

EVERYTHING about Saturday's Plod-Off Discotheque in Founders seemed to be going so well. For start there were more people than there have been for ages, the records were good and danceable and the group played some excellent blues music. But what went wrong?

Now when a discotheque doesn't start until after 10 o'clock and the bar doesn't open until 10.40, you would imagine that the advertised finishing time of 2.30 a.m. might most probably be correct. But no! Like a forewarning of impending doom the bar closed at 11.30—still that wasn't the end of the world.

However, when the group came off early at 1.05 and the lights came on, the remaining people, quite a considerable number, gasped in amazement. That was our lot—Festival had made a packet, and perhaps it didn't matter too much about us.

DEREK JAMES.

RADICALS CONDEMN 'USELESS' REFORMS

LAST Wednesday a General Meeting of the Social Science Faculty elected a committee to prepare a working paper on certain aspects of educational reform. The meeting of nearly 100 students and staff was called by a group of Radicals called "The Campaign for Educational Reform."

At the start of the meeting Prof. Ferns condemned the group for saying in their pamphlet that the Staff-Student Committee had done nothing effective to promote educational discussion in the Faculty. He said that the committee, of which he was chairman had called a meeting to discuss modes of election for student representatives but only 20 students had attended. The radical group answered that if only 20 students attended this meeting it showed that the Staff-Student Committee could do nothing effective.

At this point argument became fierce with Prof. Ferns accusing the radicals of deliberate lying in saying that the Faculty Board were not doing enough to implement student representation. The radical reply, put by Charles Wright, was that the Board had not heeded the instruction of a previous General Meeting which had unanimously called on the Board to implement representation by last Wednesday.

After the initial discussion on the contents of the pamphlet Professor Ferns left the meeting and those who remained settled down to a serious discussion on the problems of educational reform. It was decided that a committee would produce a paper for discussion at a further meeting today.

It is now uncertain what action the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science will take on the matter of representation but according to many students in the Faculty relations with Prof. Ferns are rapidly deteriorating and action is still being contemplated.

More food time

FOLLOWING last week's "Redbrick" article on Hall food, Mr. Marshall, Halls Administrator, held a meeting at J.C.R. Presidents and Food Reps on Monday morning. He announced that breakfast hours were to be extended to nine o'clock each morning from today as a trial measure. Previously he had refused all requests that hours be extended, although other senior officials in the administration had said there was no objection. However, requests that a choice of meals should be given have not been granted.



Chris Tyrrell at Wednesday's debate

Conflict as staff stronghold stormed

AT the moment only three undergraduates are allowed to enter staff house; they are Ray Phillips, Chris Tyrrell and John Butcher, who are all on the Court of Governors. And it looks like being a long time before any ordinary students will set foot in this stronghold. It has already taken a committee six or seven months to discuss various recommendations, among them an extension to staff house which would allow more guests to be entertained; at present staff can take two guests to staff house provided they are not students.

There are also four other rather complicated proposals concerning visiting hours and categories of guests, which led Dr. McKee, at the staffs meeting on Monday, to point out that any recommendations should be simple and fair, i.e. no discrimination between different types of guests.

The guest could be "any person" providing the member of staff was entirely responsible for them and the committee was still empowered to limit the numbers.

Some members of staff felt that more time should be spent on the issue and asked for a referendum. This request was defeated by 110 to 101 votes.

There is obviously still a lot of conflict among staff house members but proposals for entertaining guests on a basis of non-categorisation will be presented to a general committee next month.

Starting next Wednesday (February 26th), "Redbrick" will be running a short column for all those who wish to advertise articles for sale or purchase. The charge will be the same as that for the Personal Column and insertions must be submitted no later than 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

J.K.

Film loan for Festival

AS an extra Festival feature, Compton Cinemas, on behalf of the Scala Superama, have loaned two films to the Guild completely free of charge. The first will be shown in the Haworth Lecture Theatre at 2.30 p.m. today and is a French production entitled "Le Viol"—a story dealing with the woman's fantasy of rape.

The second film, to be presented on Friday in the Arts Lecture Theatre, again at 2.30 p.m. is the Swedish film "Dear John." Last seen in the commercial cinema about two years ago, it's a remarkably tender (for the Swedes) tale of a sailor and a girl he meets ashore. Told in a nostalgic series of flashbacks, which gradually uncover the story in precise detail.

RESEARCHERS OUTLINE PLANS

Research staff, who before this term had no means of representation on the various committees on Senate and at faculty level, have set up a working party. Their ultimate aim is to form an association giving fuller participation in the University affairs to all members. There is a formidable number of people on the staff who have no means of gaining representation—at least 500.

Tony Sutcliffe, from the History Department, is currently circulating a questionnaire to get as many people as possible interested in this working party. During the next meeting, on Thursday, February 27th, they hope to discuss various policies and to elect officers for the association.

FORTY REJECT SELFISH CHARITY

FEWER than forty people were present in the Council Chamber last Wednesday when Deb. Soc. debated that "This house believes that charity begins at home", part of the Ash Wednesday campaign. After Martin Jenkins had increased the humidity and Rhys Vaughan had expressed regrets that there was no three-line whip from S.F.H. for the debate, Bill Sutton-Coulson proposed the motion; he said that a staid and stable financial basis was needed in this country before we could lend money to the developing nations without knowing how and where this money was to be spent, especially as there was a vast need for increased Government expenditure at home.

Chris Tyrrell, opposing, claimed that it was a fundamental mistake to regard poverty from a nationalistic viewpoint. The gap between the developed and the developing nations was increasing, and the

By Patrick Oakes

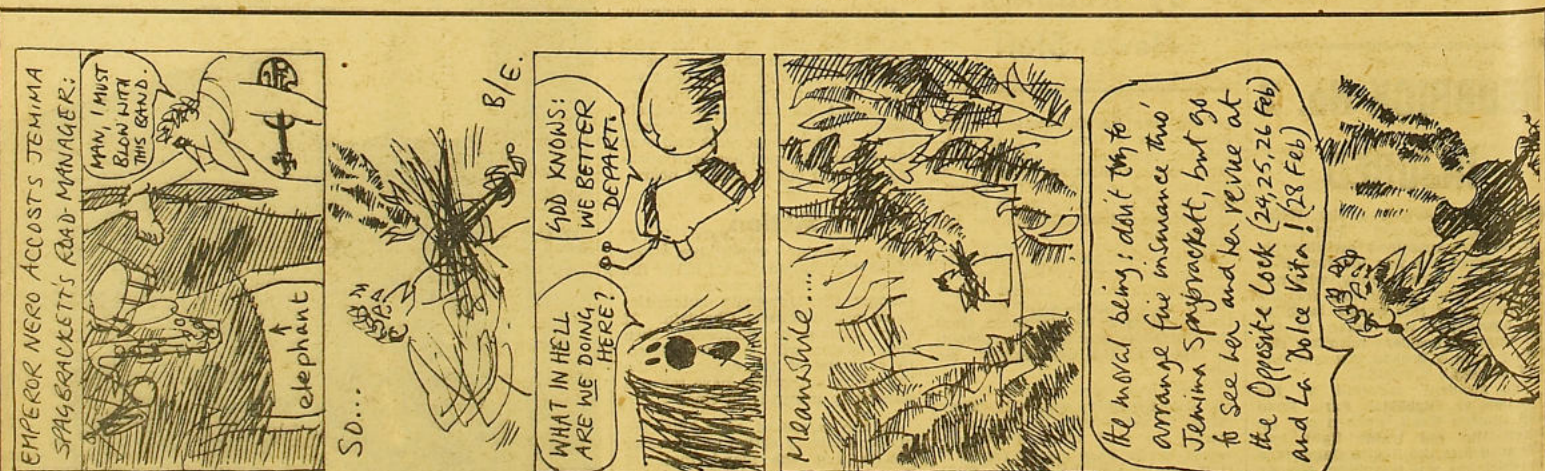
serious situation that threatened may lead us to increase foreign aid, if only from selfishness.

Ronald Bell, M.P., seconded the motion and suggested that progress in the poorer countries must be self-generated, after we had inculcated in them "those qualities, attitudes and institutions of contemporary Western nations."

Seconding the opposition, Nick Fogg of Christian Aid gave an excellent speech. He was a little unhappy with the motion, for it was not charity but justice that was required. When colonialism was at its height, 95 per cent of the world was subservient to the West; had it not been for exploitation, the present situation would not have arisen.

After the debate had been prematurely terminated by gastric rumblings from several members, the House voted and defeated the motion, only one brave soul of the forty supporting it, with a number of abstentions.

Lord Arran's appearance at the Festival "Test Tube" debate on Monday was not altogether well received by the packed House. Representing the artists, or so he said, he branded scientists as ugly, boring, immoral and irresponsible creatures, whereas he professed himself to be a "beautiful person." His attempts at wit were not all successful and perhaps fittingly he was defeated by a huge margin.



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REVOLUTION FOR HUNGER

BY NICK FOGG



Like many others, this woman starved on a railway station in Calcutta for more than 10 years before being resettled by the churches.

CHE GUEVARA lives! The South American guerilla leader has an aura of appeal far greater as the sacrificial victim of the peasant classes than he ever possessed as a harried figure in the Bolivian forests. Guevara has become a symbol epitomising the aspirations of oppressed peoples everywhere. His life and death must be taken as a warning to the developed nations that if human dignity is not conceded populations will seize it. All those tanks facing each other across the Berlin wall are fighting a mock battle which is not only morally wrong but irrelevant. If a war occurs it will almost certainly be in the so-called Third World. It is here that the battle for men's minds and bodies must go on.

Revolution

Those who care must be prepared to view revolutionary developments in the developing nations as a protest against consumption, hunger and, paradoxically, violence. The anti-aid chestnuts with which we are all familiar—huge dwellings, airlines, presidential palaces and gold beds—should be interpreted as a need for help rather than an argument against it.

By acknowledging the forces which seek to overcome corruption in these countries and to ensure more equitable distribution of wealth throughout the world, we are providing sufficient answer to critics of our aid programme. In the Philippines a persistent millers' lobby has prevented legislation forbidding the polishing of rice. Should we not align ourselves with the forces that wish to ensure a more healthy diet for the population? Throughout the world millions of refugees have been created by the selfish machinations of power-hungry men. Should we stand aside and do nothing?

At the same time, we must ponder whether the developing nations are helped either by a massive arms race or by much of the aid which is at present provided. It is more than a coincidence that 70 per cent of American aid goes to countries which border the Sino-Soviet regions. It is almost a joke that, in order to qualify for increased aid, the best thing that an underdeveloped country can do is sponsor a good, healthy Communist Party.

Yet political motives are not the only reasons for aid-giving. "All you need is love," we are told. How much this apparently applies to great nations. They seem obsessed with presenting developing nations with massive symbols of their wealth and power, stamped with the respective national emblems.

The absurdity of these policies was clearly demonstrated by a recent report that a £24 million sports stadium built by the Russians in Indonesia is now being used for anti-Communist rallies. How many American soldiers are killed each year in Vietnam by weapons which have mysteriously changed hands? It all goes to show the impossibility of imposing alien patterns from outside.

Imperial Britain

We in Britain have always fought a battle against ourselves. It often seems that half the nation is contradicting what the other half is doing. At present we are a little abashed by our 19th-century history. We often forget that Britain in the 19th century was not only involving herself in imperial expansion, she was also using her forces in favour of liberation movements throughout the world.

Simon Bolivar's revolt against Spanish rule could never have been

accomplished without the umbrella of the British Navy. The slave trade would never have been stamped out in the Americas, West India and Africa had Britannia not ruled the waves.

British investment in developing nations has never reached the rate to which it rose during the period 1870-1914, when we were investing an average of 4 per cent of our national income in the developing world. If the same percentage were invested today, it would total £1,150,000,000, as against our present £158,000,000.

If the U.S.A. did the same she would have to invest £28,000,000,000, compared with her present £600,000,000. In the last century men like David Livingstone brought back the news of what was happening in darkest Africa; how the population was being decimated by the slave trade, and the sorry story of economic exploitation of indigenous people. These revelations gave impetus to a growing movement of conscience at home.

Exploitation

The situation has not changed a great deal. Men are still exploited. The world is still divided into the easy rich and the desperately poor as it was in Livingstone's day. Slavery may have been abolished in name, but it still exists in the practice within the economic bondage in which the peoples of this world are ensnared.

Just as, over the past 100 years, Britain has overcome most of the problems of poverty which appeared to be overwhelming her, so she must cope with world-wide problems of a similar nature today. They must continue to do so. The top priority is to bring home to the British public and politicians the true facts of the situation.

"My proposal is, therefore, surely the mildest possible—oh! It is so weak! My proposal is that at least we should make the true state of affairs known" (Kierkegaard).

The author of this article, Nick Fogg, the University's secretary of Christian Aid, spoke at the Debate on Aid last week. The article is published as part of the Ash Wednesday Campaign which is sponsored by all the Christian Societies of the Campus and culminates today in a collection and petition. The organisers of the campaign emphasise that the money given is only a symbol; what is needed is commitment to political action in favour of the so-called "developing countries."



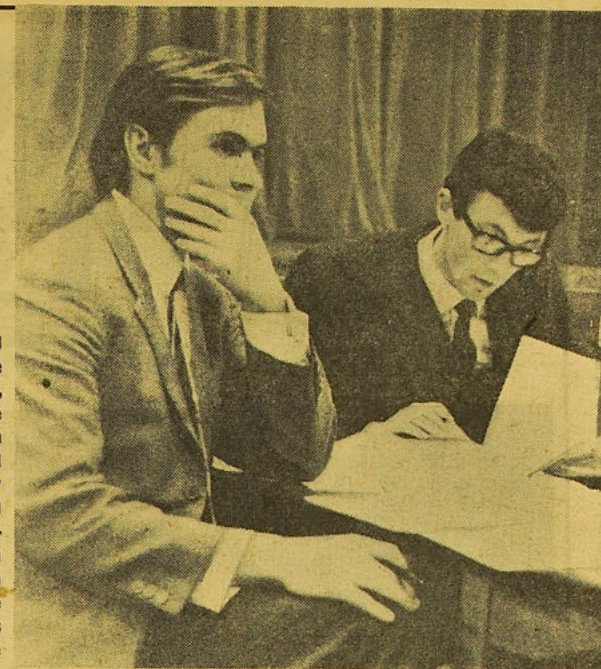
Children in poverty-stricken Guatemala.

MEDICS TALK IT OUT

DOCTORS must understand society if they are to be fully able to help their patients, Stuart Hall said on Friday. He was speaking at a symposium in the Medical School organised by students. He gave a witty sociologist's view of the medical profession as a tightly-knit exclusive group, with its own language and ethos, its own hierarchy and privileges. He suggested that medical students should be more aware of the subtle and complex interactions between doctors, patients and others concerned with their care. Only then could they be sure that treatment was for a patient's benefit.

by J. F. Wilmot

Dr. Andrew Smith, a G.P., said that medical students must see problems as they arise in the community, and not merely in the highly-selected group of patients in the abnormal environment of the hospital. A course in psychology, broadly based and geared to the needs of future doctors, was described by Dr. F. Roberts, a psychia-



David Thomas (right), President of the Medical Society, during the symposium. On the left Roy Osborn.

trist and lecturer in Mental Health at Bristol.

Groups met on Saturday to continue discussions, several of which were very lively. It was evident that while the scientific training of a doctor encouraged a critical attitude towards factual data, awareness of the many factors in human relations and the wider problems of society was lacking. At the meeting in the evening several people amusingly described their experiences in hospital and their feeling that they were regarded as objects rather than people.

Lack of communication in the medical school was very obvious, but

the symposium seemed to break down many barriers. Not only students and staff, but other doctors, social workers, nurses and physiotherapists could meet and talk freely. It must be the first time that poetry and jazz has been heard (albeit not too attentively) in the medical school. There was even a discussion on "Reform and Revolution" in the S.C.R.

It was obvious at the end of the weekend that many changes are needed in the medical course, and that students and all concerned with patient care should play a part in deciding what these changes should be.

Personal

JEWISH? What does the Jewish student want from University life? If it's not what Jewish Society is giving you, then come to informal coffee evening to air your views. Thursday, February 7th, about 8 p.m., 71 All Saints Road, No. 2 bus from Dawlish Road, or contact Rod Balk (Med II) or Sue Nieman (Chem. II) via Union P.H.

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ANNE Where's Graham? Yes doesn't it.

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FERNS WARNS REBEL

NEIL HARRIS, a post-graduate student in the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science has received a letter from his head of department condemning him for signing a pamphlet which Prof. Ferns regards as inaccurate.

The letter says that Prof. Ferns regards the signing of the pamphlet as unworthy of a man who teaches in his Faculty and that if Mr. Harris displays a similar disregard for truth in his academic work he will not receive a degree. Mr. Harris denies that the pamphlet which he signed was inaccurate but admits that it was written in great haste.

Before sending the letter to Mr. Harris, Prof. Ferns showed it to the staff of the Faculty. Mr. Harris has been advised that he has a cause for action in libel but regards the letter as an outburst which does not warrant such action.

Although Mr. Harris does not wish to make a major issue of the letter several post-graduate students in the Faculty are preparing a carefully-worded document contain-

ing similar facts to the one Mr. Harris signed.

The Harris document was discussed at the General Meeting of the Faculty and although it was explained by the signatories the meeting refused to accept the part which Prof. Ferns attacked.

The pamphlet condemned the Faculty Staff-Student Committee for its ineffectiveness in promoting educational discussion and the Faculty Board for not implementing student representation.

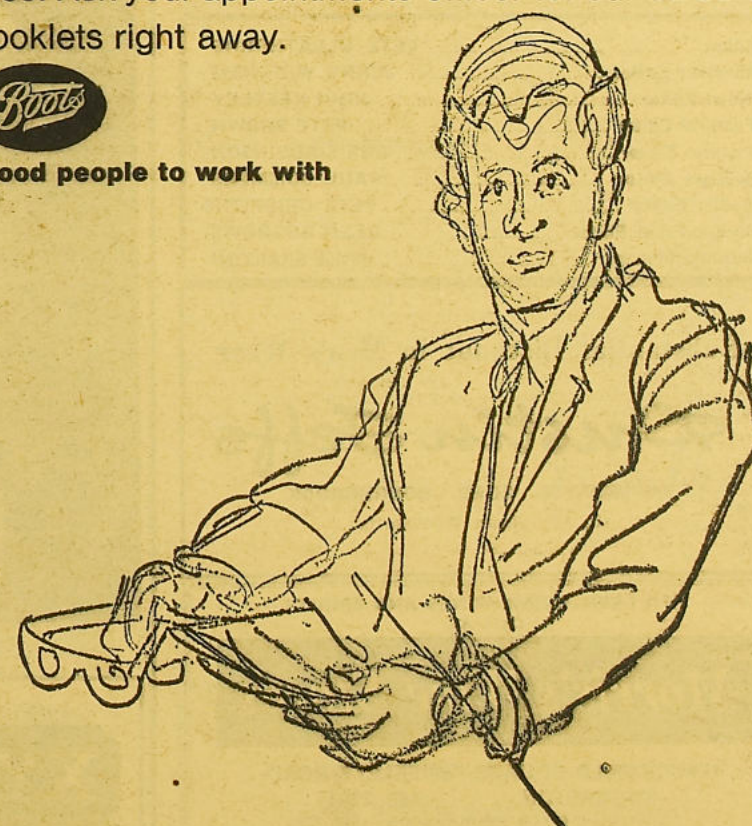
Arts progress

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THE NEW POST OFFICE

LETTERS

Resignation shows Debsoc. divisions

SIR—I have recently resigned as Internal Secretary of Debating Society. My reasons for doing so were numerous, but the chief one was the general inefficiency of Deb. Soc. Under Rhys Vaughan the committee met about once a month. Decisions were not made by the committee, but by the Chairman, and anyone else who happened to be in the office at the time. I hoped that under Pete Jackson this situation would improve; but this term we had one meeting which the Chairman said would be short, as anything left over could be dealt with at the next meeting.

Since then he has asked me to call four meetings and cancelled them all at 10 minutes' notice. This is the kind of situation which allowed Rhys Vaughan and Pete Jackson to cancel Colin Jordan's visit without consulting the committee. We could not outvote them because we were not allowed to meet.

Mr. Jackson has since censured me for making a decision—a minor administrative decision about a debating tournament—without consulting him. I made the decision during a weekend when he did not come into the Union. He has, in fact, revived Rhys Vaughan's policy that every decision, however small, must be made by the Chairman, who alters as much as possible and wrecks the organisation of everything.

A committee cannot function unless a member, once given a job, is allowed to use his initiative.

Pete Jackson has turned Deb. Soc. into a clique of his friends. When Jill Mums asked to be External Secretary, he agreed immediately. Jill Mums was the most inefficient internal secretary Deb. Soc. has ever had; as External Secretary she has done nothing, and the rest of the committee has had to do her job for her.

It seems that Pete Jackson is always ready to let his power-seeking friends, even when he knows how idle and inefficient they are. These are a few examples of how Pete Jackson is running Deb. Soc. He packs the committee with his friends. The committee grossly abuses the traditional sherry reception (I should know, I've yielded to that temptation myself). The debates we are offered turn out either frivolous or boring.

Rhys Vaughan was, as a Chairman, biased and unfair. Pete Jackson is boring and incompetent. Deb. Soc. receives some £300 of Guild money. I resigned from the committee because I believe this money is being wasted. When Perry Christie was Chairman, £330 a year was justified, in fact, it was not all spent—but this year the only debates which were well-attended and interesting were those that cost very little.

Should the Guild pay out £300 so that 80 people can be bored stiff in the Council Chamber? It seems to me that the sooner Deb. Soc.'s organisation is scrutinised and criticised, and the sooner Pete Jackson's friends are thrown off the committee the better.

Yours, etc.,
MARTIN SHEA JENKINS.

If you've sold 450 bombs,
you've just about covered the
£56 cost of the Carnival Queen
crowning festivities.

we don't



them,
apparently

Initiative encouraged

DEAR Sir,—In criticising Festival for stifling individual enterprise in your editorial last week, you suggested that the setting up of Committee on Service has killed the initiative of individual social work societies. Your assertion is not only totally unfounded but also shows a grave misunderstanding about the work of Committee On Service.

V.O.S.A., I.V.S., Shelter and the other social work groups have all continued to run their projects without interference from Committee On Service. Our main function has been to act as an information bureau for students interested in voluntary social work, and to refer volunteers to the University groups or to social work organisations in the city. Too often in the past initiative has been lost by students not knowing whom to contact to do community service.

It may be that our lack of centralisation is the main reason why social work still fails to make an impact on the average student. The organisers of Festival Community Action have been careful to balance the need for central co-ordination with the need for individualism, and we hope that the successes they achieve during Festival will lead many more students to get involved

in community service throughout the year.

Yours,
EDDIE HILL,
CHRIS SEWELL
(Committee On Service).

Delight at Ricardos

SIR—It came as something of a shock to read that your team of gastronomes could visit "Ricardos" ("Tantalus", last week) without trying (and consequently enjoying) the exquisite, grandly-styled "Boeuf Stroganoff Empress Catherine", served with "Tomatoes Provençale", which we have just had cooked for us by the Maitre d'Hotel himself.

The meal was served with justifiable pride by the man himself—the mere thought of cooking it sent him into a frenzy of delight!

Friendly arabs

DEAR SIR,—May I correct the caption which appeared below the Baghdad scene in last week's "Redbrick". It should have read "the Copper Smith's Market". All the tourists I met had found it among the most picturesque sights of the city. You could have added that, connected to the equally old covered bazaar, it leads to the site of "Bait ul Hikma" which, built in 830, was the first university in the world.

The two apathetic figures appearing in the photograph are not a rare sight in my country. They are typical of Iraq's proletariat who are exploited by the West's oil companies which, according to Arthur D. Little Inc. received, in 1960, 75 per cent of its invested capital in profits, whereas 90-95 per cent of overseas industrial investment give returns of less than 25 per cent of capital annually. It pays the country a tax of 50 per cent only.

There is no law in Iraq against contact between national and foreigners. If the majority of tourists share Mr. Graham Sharples's attitude, this lack is unfortunate.

I am, yours very truly,
TAGHLIB el QASSAB,

FILMS

COOGAN'S BLUFF" at the Odeon this week, is a Western of the genre—in fact it comes very close to not being a Western at all. It has Clint Eastwood (which just makes it a Western, I suppose) as our cowboy hero who takes a fresh, clean homespun philosophy and mom's apple pie out of the prairies and into the wicked city of New York.

Surprise, surprise—they don't like very much and he doesn't like them. However, Mom's apple pie was through in the end—albeit somewhat battered; all you clean young country boys can breathe again: wide-brimmed hats and a little brute force in the good old Western tradition soon enable the 20th century cowpoke to get his revenge on the delinquent and bums who are half the women and half the New York police while he's at it.

It sounds unlikely and it is quite generally, incredible. The normally taciturn Mr. Eastwood has his share of the dialogue for a change—the result is not an improvement on his previous performances, however Tisha Sterling, is the psychedelic New York teeny bopper, freaking out around some of the most unlikely-looking swinging nightclubs—they even out-swing those of the new defunct swinging London, looks very pretty and she has at least some talent as well.

At in all, a very ordinary variation on the cops and robbers theme.

Phil Irving

HARD as I try, I find it difficult understanding the appeal of a film like "Skin, Skin" (Cinephone). It's obvious, of course, what the movie is hoping to appeal to: any movie that bills itself as "the kinky Finnish film that even outshocks the Swedes" makes its intentions perfectly clear. ("Hey Fred, looks like a real winner down at the Pornophone this week.") But surely people should have learned by now that films which depend on this type of advertising approach almost invariably fail to deliver the goods.

Heaven knows, there's nothing wrong with a good erotic film—or even a bad erotic film if one is seeking solely titillation. But a film like "Skin, Skin" is not only bad, it's not even erotic. Granted, it contains a few minutes of (fairly) chaste nudity, but practically any "X" film worth its "X" will give you that nowadays. So why sit through 80-odd minutes of sheer, unadulterated boredom?

And make no mistake about it, "Skin, Skin" is dull, dull. Four Finnish students (two boys and two girls—right away one can see that the film isn't all that kinky) go off on a "wild" camping trip, in the course of which they spout every banality and cliché known to the civilised world (plus a few in current use only among Bantu tribesmen). They also make love—sporadically. They also bore one to tears—continually.

Ultimately, I suppose, the appeal of films like "Skin, Skin" lies in the tantalising possibility that a really daring scene lurks just around the corner. True, one has usually been disappointed in the past by films with blatantly sexy titles, but perhaps just this once? As long as this type of expectancy-syndrome exists, then rubbish like "Skin, Skin" will never lack an audience. But what a pointless experience the whole thing is!

On the same bill as "Skin, Skin" is Bunuel's excellent "Viridiana," a scathing attack on Christian dogma and values. As so often with Bunuel, one feels that his characters are much more believable on the level of allegory or parable than they are on the level of narrative proper.

Hersh Zeifman

MUSIC

DON'T be discouraged by the sleeve design—beneath the slyish face and the rather nauseating smile is a beautiful record, entitled "JULIAN BREEM PLAYS DOWLAND." H.M.V. CLP 1726.

John Dowland was a rather melancholy gentleman who lived from 1563 until 1630 and spent much of his time either composing melancholy music or being melancholy.

At Dowland's time, every educated person was expected to have, by our

standards, a considerable knowledge of music. The lute was a useful instrument; it provided an accompaniment for vocal compositions, was used in concerts and was the most popular solo instrument. This record is concerned only with Dowland's works for solo lute.

Many of these pieces are given dense circles, or are written in the form of most common dances—the pavan, the galliard and the allemande—although since the compositions are so beautiful and involved, it is difficult to imagine that they did actually provide the music for a dance.

The characteristic mood of Dowland's music is one of the sublime melancholy—although the composer

was subject to fits of depression, his music does not cause depression, but rather purges the listener of the feeling. The best example of this quality is the pavan "Semper Dowland, Semper Dolens."

However, the music does have power, and is not always slow and mournful; the shorter pieces, such as "My Ladye Lansdown's Puffe" and the two galliards which introduce each side are rigorous and rather more of this world, and perhaps easier to appreciate.

It has been described as self-indulgent music, but I do not find that this is so—listening to it, I forget my own neuroses.

Jean Inkster

BOOKS

"New Directions in Australian Foreign Policy," a collection of essays edited by Max Teichmann (Penguin, 6/-).

THIS book is a discussion of one of the most interesting and important problems in the world today—i.e. how can Australia, a rich continent the size of Western Europe with a population of 12 million, continue to exist as a white enclave in a context that is increasingly Asian and overcrowded.

That Australia continues to remain in this situation must be assumed; the book nowhere considers the problem of mass non-European immigration, and of course it is a well-known fact that even the most liberal Australian "chunders" at the helpful suggestion that 50 million Asians could settle down quite happily in the bush, and thus make everyone better off (except the kangaroos).

We are left then with "white Australia" whose foreign policy has in the past been almost directed by others. The period of British influence has vanished, and Vietnam is making the Aussies increasingly fed up with the Americans. The war is killing hundreds of Australians without even the chance for some heroics—the only major action they have been involved in for over two years, was when they were shelled by the even smaller (and even more bored) New Zealand contingent.

So the Australians are left to find their own way in the world. The problems they must resolve to do this are immense. Are they to intervene in Asia? Assuming that no Asian nation is capable of physically getting an army there for some twenty years, should they

carry on happily as they are?

But what if the Chinese devastated the place with nuclear bombs, and would anyone notice the difference? It is with these and other problems that the book deals, rationally and sensibly, presenting the alternatives as the various essayists see them.

As far as the book goes it is superb. But it is in those areas that I outlined at first that the deficiency lies. The book, by considering only the policies that fit in with the "white Australia" concept, fails miserably because of the complete unreality of that concept.

Sooner or later Australia must realise its duties to Asia and the world as a whole, and open itself up to an honourable level of coloured immigration. Only then can Australia be regarded as a sane member of the world community, and have a realistic, independent foreign policy.

Frank Pledge

THEATRE

THE Crescent Theatre currently has a production of the Marat Sade by Peter Weiss. The action is couched in the first public performance of a play written by the Marquis de Sade and acted by the inmates and staff of a lunatic asylum, about the murder of Marat Charlotte Corday.

Weiss's play has no simple rhythm, but a multiplicity of tensions and contrasts around a central theme designed to produce a strong response from the audience. The reaction of the united and balanced whole is a tremendous problem which is managed very well by the time.

This problem is intensified by filling the stage with highly individual characters who freely act out their own imaginations as much further the action on stage. The portrayals of these people are compelling enough to distract from the conflicts of the main characters. Every now and then one has to be jerked back

to the main centre of the drama.

The jerking is generally well judged—a boisterous chorus of four ex-revolutionaries thumping their noses at everyone, a ritual of mass execution, constant interruptions from an official censor, sharply bring one back to what it's all about. As de Sade recounts his own past experience while being flogged all attention is concentrated and the argument comes over without distraction. This, the climax, comes well before the interval. From then the audience is on its own to make what sense it likes from what it sees.

The main tension of the play is between de Sade and Marat (played by one of the inmates). Marat is tortured by an incurable skin disease which forces him to live immersed in water. The link between his personal and social agony is clearly drawn: he thunders against every obstacle to the Revolution with a sterile, feverish monotony. Sade sits calmly at the centre of the drama, stirring only to correct mistakes in the playing or to contradict Marat.

Both are revolutionaries but Sade

missiveness of jazz improvisation; listen to the treatment of the Dylan tune and compare their "Season of the Witch" with the Brian Auger arrangement—it's worth every penny.

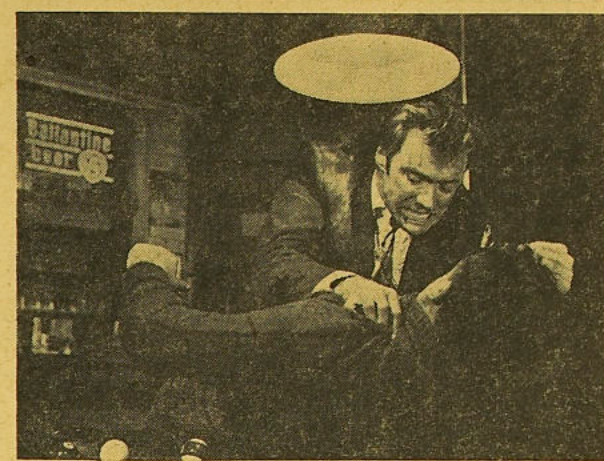
"STRICTLY PERSONAL," Captain Beowulf and His Magic Band. A NOTHER one of the currently increasing number of records which you are advised to "play twice

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SUPER SESSION," Mike Bloomfield, Al Kooper, Steve Stills.

A late-night session, performed and recorded spontaneously with the horn sections added later. This is a blues sound verging on the per-

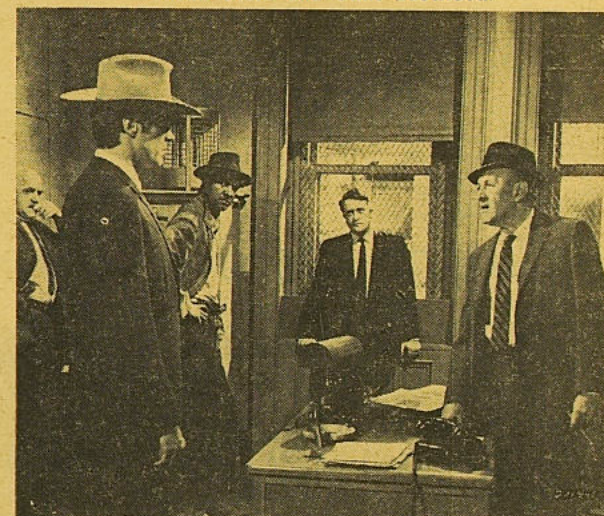
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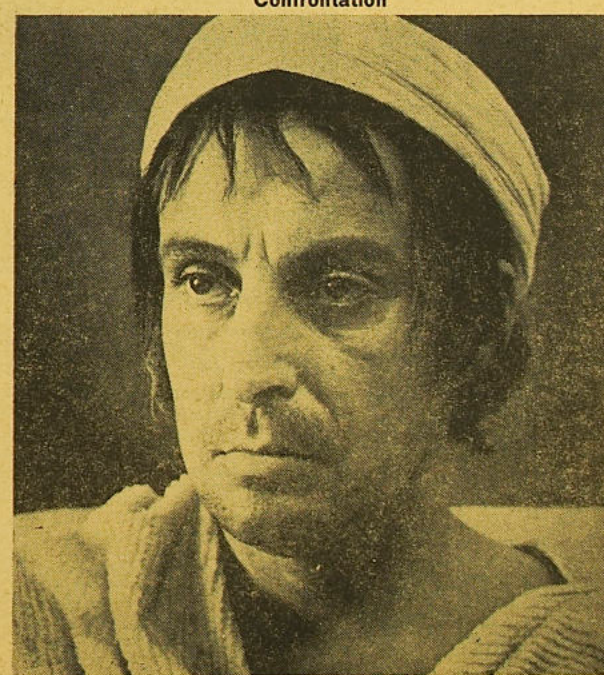
Brawl in Coogan's Bluff.



Susan Clark and Clint Eastwood.



Confrontation



Ian Richardson in Peter Brook's film version of Marat-Sade.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

PROMOTION CLINCHED AS ANDY & MAL STRIKE AGAIN

A FULL-STRENGTH Birmingham team went to Warley for the final Birmingham League Division Two match on Saturday intent on pulling back the 30 points deficit needed to gain promotion ahead of Coventry Godiva. The way they did this—beating league leaders Stoke A.C. by 54 points and Godiva by 109 points—indicates that the Birmingham team will be a threat to the best First Division teams next season.

From the start Malcolm Thomas went into the lead with Midlands junior champion Jim Harvey, and together these two moved well clear of the rest of the field. Pete Griffiths, John Eley and Steve Gibbons all established themselves in the first dozen or so early on, and by the end of the second of the four 11-mile laps Andy Holden and Gavin Russell had moved through to join their colleagues. Holden eventually passed Harvey and joined Malcolm with just under two laps to run. These two pulled away and crossed the line together, a habit they seem to be developing.

Behind them the rest of the team ran magnificently to hold on to their high placings. Pete and Gavin came in joint fifth, their highest placings of the series; Gavin's performance being particularly commendable as he had struggled against injury for a week and had to give up training for a time. John Eley was next in 11th place, a great follow-up to his 10th place in the Midlands junior championships the previous week. Steve Gibbons completing the score-team, also excelled himself to finish in 16th place.

Good backing was provided by Gordon Thompson (32), Dick Nile (40) and Tom Salway (41)—positions not aged—who were all near enough to have ensured victory if any of the leading runners had fallen back. Further down the field, former sports editor John Palmer ran steadily in his cross-country debut, but a storming last mile proved insufficient to catch the amazing Peter Cox.

Malcolm's efforts earned him the overall individual award for the series (Andy having missed one of the races), a just reward for the

tremendous improvement he has shown this season and for the terrific inspiration he has been to the whole team. No team could have hoped for a better captain and the response to his leadership has been reflected in the results of a very successful season.

Individual race result: 1 M. Thomas and A. Holden (32m. 31s.), 3 J. Harvey (Warley) (33m. 05s.), 4 P. Lancaster (Godiva) (33m. 50s.), 5 G. Russell and P. Griffiths (34m. 10s.).

CROSS COUNTRY

Team:— Pts.
1st Birmingham Univ. 41
2nd City of Stoke A.C. 95
3rd Coventry Godiva 150
Overall League Result:— Pts.
1st Stoke A.C. 355
2nd Birmingham Univ. 399
3rd Coventry Godiva 461
4th Leamington 483
5th Small Heath 828
6th Cheltenham 942

*Promoted to the first division next year.

SOCCER RESULTS

Mermaids 0, Birm. Gas Offc. 3
Mermaids 2, Wellwyn 2
Wanderers 4, Worcester T.C. 0
Academ. 0, Tamworth G.S.O.B. 4

W.I.V.A.B. REPORT

Clean sweep for hockey

DURING the next week or so, Birmingham University will be contesting a large number of W.I.V.A.B. finals. On Saturday last, the women's lacrosse team were defeated by Reading in the semi-final, but when the finals come along next week at Crystal Palace, a strong Reading side must be favourites to take the title and so give Birmingham the consolation of being knocked out by the eventual winners.

The two hockey teams are both through to the final and we hope to notch two wins here. The 1st team are to play Manchester University, and though Birmingham are not as strong as last year, they should still be able to beat a relatively weak Manchester side.

Helen Siddock, in her first season as 1st team goalkeeper, has been in sparkling form and another great display by her will ensure the defence remains solid at the back.

The 2nd team has a rather more difficult task, as they face a useful Reading University 2nds side, but Birmingham should have the necessary perseverance to wear down their opponents in what is expected to be quite a close tussle.

Two more finalists are our 1st and 2nd netball teams, where the 1st play Reading and the 2nd play Newcastle. The 1st team were beaten finalists last year, when they lost to Bristol, but there seems little in their way this year to stop them sweeping the board. Of last year's team, Wendy Palmer and Pat Duggan are not playing, but the team is good enough to beat all-comers without them.



Liz Genton, runner-up in the B.U.S.F. squash championships, and captain of the University team which has reached the W.I.V.A.B. semi-finals.

Tonight the women's table-tennis team are in action against Bristol in the semi-final of their respective competition, and with Linda Reid in the Birmingham team, a place in the final must be on. Linda was last year's singles champion and this year took the silver medal in the individual championship.

The swimming team finished third this year to Manchester and Sheffield, after last year's glorious victory, but managed to win the 4 x 55 yards free-

ROWING

Tale of mishaps on flooded Avon

LAST Wednesday the Rowing Club had its first match of the term, against Warwick University. The races were held on the Avon, then in flood, with Birmingham taking along the two new restricted eights.

As the club has no permanent cox (any offers?), they borrowed one from the opposition. Unfortunately he proved to be very inexperienced, much to the cost of the University's crews. In the first race the second IV were leading by one length when the cox hit the bank, losing a valuable lead, and the crew lost by three feet.

The first IV were leading by half a length, when the cox, steering to avoid a log, hit the landing stage ten yards from the finish. As Birmingham would have won, but for the accident, the race was declared a draw.

The results were quite encouraging since neither crews had rowed together before because of training difficulties, but still leave plenty of room for improvement before the

long-distance races later this term.
1st IV: Bow D. Burrows, 2 G. Tranfield, 3 P. Brown, Stroke R. Parker.
2nd IV: Bow M. Cooper, 2 M. Twist, 3 B. Jones, Stroke R. Plonkett.

ROAD SAFETY

Win for Ridge

IN spite of the bitter weather the 22 competitors in Sunday's Safe Driving Competition thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is amazing the difficulty which some drivers have in completing even the simplest manoeuvring tests—one particular Mini driver when asked to park his car against the kerb left it some three feet out!

On another test, which even an elderly but immaculate A40 Somerset completed smoothly, a hot Mini was forced to do eight extra manoeuvres. Marshals commented that the standard of driving on the road section was quite high, though many competitors failed to follow the correct route.

The clear winner, with 143 points lost was Malcolm Ridge, from London University, in his M.G.B. The remaining results were close, although the 2nd competitor, A. C. Mearley, with 160 points lost, in his Anglia, stood out for his good road manners—losing only 22 points on the road. Third was Dave Clegg in his Midget with 161 points lost, while the fourth competitor, Ronald MacDonald in another Midget, was best in the campus tests.

Many thanks must go to the Motor Club members who braved the cold to organise the event and the Courtesy Car Club who marshalled the road section.

THIS WEEK'S SPORT

SOCCER:—
1st XI v. Bristol, West Hills
HOCKEY:—
1st XI v. Shropshire "A"
Women v. Reading, West Hills
CROSS-COUNTRY:—
v. Madeley College, West Hills
BASKETBALL:—
1st Squad v. The Dons, 8 p.m., Sports Centre

SATURDAY
Birm. City v. Sheff. Utd. 3 p.m.
W.B.A. v. Ipswich, 3 p.m.
1st XI v. St. Paul's, West Hills
RUGBY:—
1st XV v. Kenilworth
Bournepool
U.A.U. v. W.I.V.A.B. Finals
Crystal Palace, Hockey, netball, table-tennis, squash.

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SPORTSVIEW

a weekly column of news and views in the University Sporting world

* THE recent decision by the Midland U.A.U. to attempt to set up inter-university leagues in all winter sports will mean a great deal of voluntary work for someone. At present all administration in the Midlands is carried out by the Director of Physical Education at Keele, H. W. B. Haley, at virtually no cost to the U.A.U. He is assisted by our own Brian Walker, who is organising the Midland Universities soccer league which starts next season. As the number of universities continues to increase this type of regional activity is clearly going to grow and the cost and administrative burden is inevitably going to grow with it.

It seems then that the time has come when the U.A.U. will have to take the initial step towards setting up regional offices with adequate finances of their own. Clearly this would start with part-time but paid area secretaries. Such secretaries would be invaluable in helping in the organisation of events outside London and in sorting out problems within the regions. Certainly some sort of expansion along these lines is needed if every university is to get full value for money from the ever-growing U.A.U. organisation.

* The weather is playing havoc with the fixture lists of all the major winter sports clubs but none is more seriously affected than the faculty soccer clubs, who have to complete a tight schedule of league matches. Their problems have only just started as Easter creeps on and a winter sports rapidly becomes a summer one. Mermaids tried to ease the situation last Saturday by playing two matches in one day. Defeat at the hands of the Birmingham Gas Officials in the morning was followed by a quick lunch and a quick dash across Birmingham by bus to play Wellwyn. An amazing incident in the second half robbed the team of victory. Goalkeeper Gizi Tiegel was being harassed by the opposing centre-forward, Mermaid full-back Bill Stockdale attempted to screen him and Tiegel kicked the ball straight at him with the disastrous result that the ball rebounded into an empty net!

* Birmingham are attempting to form a ski team to compete in the B.U.S.F. championships in the Cairngorms in April. If a team can be formed it will be the first one ever from here. The recent snow has certainly given the opportunity for some crafty practice at such places as the Lickies. A Keele University ski-ing is indeed a common event. As soon as there is a fall of snow the Phys. Ed. Department rapidly gets to work issuing its forecasts of skis and very rapidly the slopes around the University are littered with skiers.

* The cancellations of the U.A.U. track relay meeting at Crystal Palace due to lack of support is a bitter blow to the Athletics Club. Though not too hot in the field Birmingham excel on the track and here was a glorious chance to thrash Loughborough in an official championship. Now it seems that the University Athletics stars will have to wait until the summer to record their first victory over a genuine Colleges first team!

This year, however, things will be different! Birmingham have three lifters who are bringing the trophy back to the Athletics Union. In the first class Alan Gard-Keel will be out to repeat his success of last year, when he took the title by 40 lbs. Though hampered in his final last term by injury, more recently by a bad flu bug, Alan is now back to a regular training programme, and should be in form in March 5th when the title is on the line. Paul Davis will be endeavouring to make it a one-year triumph for Birmingham in the welterweight class. He has already shown his potential in the British Championships with a

550 total, made in the West Midlands Championships. Paul will be chasing a 600-plus total at the U.A.U.'s. With a little more hard work, he should be able to get close to Alan in the championships. The third member of the team will be Pat Squire, University Club Captain, lifting at middleweight. He was placed third in this class last year and he is hoping to improve on this, in his final year. So far this term Pat hasn't quite found the form which brought him a 625 lb. total just before Christmas, but with four weeks to build up his strength, he is hoping to have surpassed this level by championship time.

RUGBY NEWS

MEN'S SWIMMING

Gordon in the swim

IN this year's U.A.U. swimming championships, held at Coventry, the men's teams were unable to complete their first round heat. The University team is having one of the most successful seasons for a long time. This success Loughborough Colleges and Manchester, each containing the loss of the University club's most talented player outside competition.

There was, however, a noteworthy individual performance by Gordon Thomas, the most prominent hooker the University has ever seen, has been kept in his natural position by these championships. Gordon reached two finals, the 100 yards butterfly, and the 100 yards individual medley. In the latter he took fifth place in the events. This effort was tremendously good, especially as Gordon's training has been restricted to the pool at weekends to the detriment of his right place in the team and so his chances of hooking for the full Welsh team. Monnington has by his team managed to snatch the place in the final. All the Birmingham men, though, are outstanding, putting in a very respectable performance in the face of such opposition.

His presence was also in the freestyle squad, which the Birmingham team completed by John Campbell, Ron Birch and Dave Jones. The Birmingham men, though, are outstanding, putting in a very respectable performance in the face of such opposition.

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MAILE EXCELS IN FROZEN CONDITIONS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY 2, WORCESTER TRAINING COLLEGE 1

Both teams took the field in Arctic conditions, and on a surface better suited to figure-skating, contrived to produce some excellent spells of football. Birmingham pressed from the start and Worcester never got into the game at all. Only some goalkeeping by the Worcester custodian stopped Dobson and Hawkins opening Birmingham account. Once again it looked as though the Birmingham attack was to be plagued by bad luck. However Maile, who played some excellent football in the first half-hour, hit the goal that broke the spell. The ball was centred on the left and Maile rose to head it home, between the post and goalkeeper. Birmingham continued their ceaseless onslaught on the Worcester goal. Fraine was shot just over the bar and Dobson was unlucky to see a pin-point corner

slipped away by the goalkeeper from under the bar. The second half saw much the same pattern emerge as Birmingham surged forward. It must be given to the Worcester lads, who stuck to their task of defending with much determination. A second goal was bound to come, and some excellent football down the left flank gave Maile an opening. His first team shot was beaten out but Fraine, following up, hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

With so much emphasis on attack Birmingham left large gaps at the back, and a break-away at the end of the match gave Worcester a consolation goal.

One hopes that when conditions return to normal, the Birmingham team will remember that they can play some intelligent football if players are prepared to help one another. This match showed, at least, that this is possible.

LIFTERS TO PRESS FOR VICTORY

THE U.A.U. Weightlifting Championships, organised for the n'th time by the University Club, will take place on March 15th. Where is it to be? In the Salles Armies in the Sports Centre, starting at 1.30 p.m. Last year Edinburgh University won the team title and London University were runners-up. Birmingham were

where? This year, however, things will be different! Birmingham have three lifters who are bringing the trophy back to the Athletics Union. In the first class Alan Gard-Keel will be out to repeat his success of last year, when he took the title by 40 lbs. Though hampered in his final last term by injury, more recently by a bad flu bug, Alan is now back to a regular training programme, and should be in form in March 5th when the title is on the line. Paul Davis will be endeavouring to make it a one-year triumph for Birmingham in the welterweight class. He has already shown his potential in the British Championships with a

550 total, made in the West Midlands Championships. Paul will be chasing a 600-plus total at the U.A.U.'s. With a little more hard work, he should be able to get close to Alan in the championships. The third member of the team will be Pat Squire, University Club Captain, lifting at middleweight. He was placed third in this class last year and he is hoping to improve on this, in his final year. So far this term Pat hasn't quite found the form which brought him a 625 lb. total just before Christmas, but with four weeks to build up his strength, he is hoping to have surpassed this level by championship time.

RUGBY NEWS

POLICY CHANGE IS NEEDED

THE influx of talented freshers this year has meant that the University rugby team is having one of the most successful seasons for a long time. This success Loughborough Colleges and Manchester, each containing the loss of the University club's most talented player outside competition.

There was, however, a noteworthy individual performance by Gordon Thomas, the most prominent hooker the University has ever seen, has been kept in his natural position by these championships. Gordon reached two finals, the 100 yards butterfly, and the 100 yards individual medley. In the latter he took fifth place in the events. This effort was tremendously good, especially as Gordon's training has been restricted to the pool at weekends to the detriment of his right place in the team and so his chances of hooking for the full Welsh team. Monnington has by his team managed to snatch the place in the final. All the Birmingham men, though, are outstanding, putting in a very respectable performance in the face of such opposition.

His presence was also in the freestyle squad, which the Birmingham team completed by John Campbell, Ron Birch and Dave Jones. The Birmingham men, though, are outstanding, putting in a very respectable performance in the face of such opposition.



Pete Davies, University inside forward, rises high to head past the Worcester T.C. goalie. Unfortunately, his effort went just wide.

ORIENTEERING

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE—ALL IN ONE!

A NEW sport which is quickly gaining in popularity in Britain, Orienteering, provides an activity in which men, women and children of all ages can take part. Primarily it is based on the skilful use of a map and compass, but this by no means confines the sport to such persons as ex-Boy Scouts and ex-Girl Guides who have had formal training in the use of these instruments of navigation. Courses are arranged to provide the very basic training in the use of the compass and map, which is necessary for a novice to begin to "orientate".

The sport caters for walkers, strollers and runners alike, and although the object of the exercise is to get round the course as quickly as possible, it is often not those who run fastest who get there first; remember the story of the tortoise and the hare! Well the moral often applies equally well in orienteering.

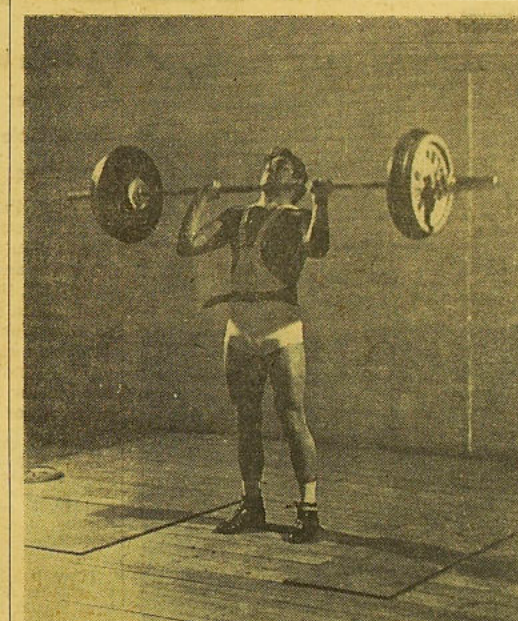
The course can be anything from two-eight miles long, but the length depends on the standard of the competitor. So if you're just starting, you only have to cover two or three miles. Around the course there are a number of checkpoints, which the competitor has to pass through if maximum points are to be gained. The competitors usually dress in old, warm clothing as the course is usually set in open fields or wooded country, and have been known to occasionally be a little muddy. From the start line, one progresses to the information area, where a map of the course with the positions of the checkpoints is on show.

Here the competitor receives his own map, and a set of descriptions of the checkpoint areas, e.g. by a pond, or in a hollow. The positions of the checkpoints are then copied on to your own map, as accurately as possible, and then one is set to depart. Speed is essential, as this planning stage is included in the time taken for the course.

The sport has really caught on in Scandinavia, especially Sweden, where it is recognised as the national sport. In Britain its popularity is growing every year. Recently the British Orienteering Federation sent a team to a festival of Orienteering, which was in fact the equivalent of a World Championship, with many other foreign teams invited to take part. The event on this occasion lasted three days, and who can wonder at it, when the organisers were faced with a problem of 30,000 starters!

British centres are in the Downs, where the Southern area holds its competitions, the Ridings of Yorkshire, and the Midlands, though new groups are springing up all the time. Some events have been staged at the Glen and Lickies Hills, and more will be in the near future.

It has been suggested that the University should start an Orienteering team, with a possible aim of getting a B.U.S.F. tournament in the future. This activity has an advantage in that since most major events are staged on a Sunday, they will not prevent other prizes on a Saturday afternoon. Indeed, the participation usually on a Sunday morning is often found to be both relaxing and invigorating. So how about it Birmingham? There is a notice on the Athletic Union notice-boards for anyone who is interested. Professors, lecturers, post-grads, students, male or female, all are eligible and needed to make this venture the success it deserves to be.



Pat Squires, the Univ. Captain, seen lifting in a recent Univ. weightlifting match. He will be hoping to lift Birmingham to the U.A.U. title next month in the Sports Centre.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Defence finally crumbles

W.I.V.A.B. Semi-final: READING U. 7, BIRMINGHAM UNIV. 4

IN the W.I.V.A.B. semi-finals played at Reading on Saturday, Birmingham narrowly lost to a well-co-ordinated Reading team. Reading got away to a quick start and scored an unexpected goal in the first minute. Birmingham, having had little practice as a team this term, took some time to warm up. However, the passing was good, especially in midfield, and we soon retaliated with a good long shot from Kathy Uren at second home. The Reading attack seemed to combine fluently and effectively despite icy conditions underfoot. Round the goal their defence clustered making it difficult for the Birmingham attack to penetrate. However, a determined effort by Linda Boyd, centre, resulted in a goal a few seconds before half-time, making the score 4-3 to Reading.

Concentrated effort by both sides, and good defending, effectively, and in return they made short, sharp forays into the Birmingham half, which emphasised Margaret Bardell's good goalkeeping. Further goals for each side emphasised the close struggle and the score was brought to 5-4. In the last few minutes

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ASTON "INCOMPETENCE" IN FESTIVAL

SERIOUS doubts have been raised as to Aston's competence at running their part of the Festival programme.

Already there have been three major crises and with Festival barely started our own Festival Committees are developing a bemused "anything might happen" attitude towards Aston's.

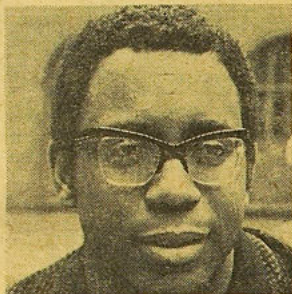
The most bizarre setback occurred on Sunday night when a first class concert arranged by Aston flopped dismally. Alfredo Campoli & the C.B.S.O. had been engaged to play a popular programme of Mendelssohn and Dvorak. Advance publicity was non-existent; there were no posters available for display in the Edgbaston Union or in town and those

Allied to this is a grossly inefficient Festival organisation which has at least three distinct participant bodies working largely at cross-purposes. Perhaps more significant is Aston's deep-lying fear of being overshadowed by Birmingham University. It was this which led to Aston's refusal to accept an overall Festival Co-ordinator, who would almost certainly have been someone from Edgbaston and who would

link between the two organisations and there is no question of Aston being underwritten out of Edgbaston Festival proceeds.

John Butcher was wary about discussing Keevil and his minions as he wishes to maintain more or less amicable relations with Aston; his Festival colleagues had no such scruples however.

"Aston? If they were not so pathetic they would be laughable," was one comment which typifies the reaction to Aston's carryings-on.



Elvin McDavid

by
Richard Powell

who did find out about this concert were told that the tickets had not been printed. Eventually, on Sunday night, 27 lonely souls disported themselves in the Aston Great Hall which has a seating capacity of 900. The loss incurred by this non-event is approximately £700, which will come out of the £1,000 "float" provided by Aston for their Festival proceedings.

A blues concert arranged for this evening has had to be cancelled because the Festival booking clashed with one of longer standing.

Perhaps most important to the whole concept of Festival is that only two of the five planned Aston community projects are being proceeded with.

The reason for Aston's failure are not hard to find. Roger Keevil, the Festival Chairman, was elected to his position apathetically unopposed. His bureaucratic bearing swiftly alienated those persons who were capable of producing Festival.

Havoc in Deb Hall as Cassidy hits back

AT about 3.30 p.m. on Monday afternoon a bizarre figure was reported seen desperately trying to hail a taxi at New Street Station. Three hours later the vast shape of Klondike Bill lumbered into the Union, neatly clad in a striped mohair jacket, hair swept back in a pony tail, and pulling on a bulbous antique pipe from Finland.

Within minutes of dropping his bag he was in the bar gulping down the first of many pints for that evening. At 8 p.m. what must have been one of the motliest bands of wrestlers were assembled in the dressing room behind the packed Deb. Hall for action.

Klondike Kate and Lolita Loren gave a slow yet interesting performance breaking the monotony of their subtle leg spreading hold by spitting water on the front row and making good use of their plastic buckets. The atmosphere was one of pantomime, with excellent audience participation and heckling, each hold and movement working like the punch line of a good revue.

Following the women came the ultimate in the "cowboys and indians" game in the bout between Cassidy and the Apache. The referee remained in the ring for a few seconds before he was despatched,

have been in a position to avoid these ludicrous occurrences. Seemingly, there is a case for someone to be given a Sabbatical Year and overall control of Festival to prevent a similar fiasco.

Luckily, Edgbaston is not affected by the ineptitude of Aston. Elvin McDavid planned the Festival programme, reassuringly successful so far, without placing any reliance upon Aston. There is no financial



The "Diabolical Undertakers."

and the fight to the finish began. This was undoubtedly the most spectacular event. Punches, chops and microphones rained down on the unfortunate Apache. Dismayed at the Indian's durability, Cassidy finally decided that the ring was too confined for his actions and promptly hurled the Apache through the ropes and continued punching him on the floor.

By Pete Harrigan

When they were separated Cassidy leapt into the ring, undid the corner padding and hurled his luckless opponent into the metal post.

The audience by now were worked up to fever pitch and were screaming for Cassidy's blood when the bell for round seven sounded. Yet all was not well, for the Apache leapt out of his corner, pounced on Cassidy, and Yardley counted the

winning fall before the dazed cowboy realised that the round had commenced.

The highlight of the show was Klondike with his exhibition of master moves, as he proceeded by both incredible footwork and quick reactions, to rain down a series of crushing face-down, double-back inter-locked reverse drop-kicks and overarm hammer body throws on the unfortunate Corbett.

Yardley, the heartless referee, was unable to see the beauty in Klondike's skill, and as a result Bill was evicted unceremoniously from the ring.

The Undertakers should have provided the climax of the evening, unfortunately, however, Nathaniel and Jonathan, feeling on their arrival a little thirsty, proceeded immediately to the main bar, which, unmasked, they made their H.Q. for the night, so it was not surprising that the wrestling standard, instead of their opponents, had to suffer, and it came as no surprise that they lost the bout and their masks.

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DEANS AND PRINCIPALS WILL DECIDE

AT last Wednesday's meeting of Senate it was decided to refer the question of student representation on the Social Science Faculty Board to the Committee of Deans and Principals.

Prof. Ferns said afterwards that although this might appear to be a method of shelving the whole issue, he felt that the Committee would deal with the matter in a very short time. He said: "A quick decision is wisdom especially as students believe that we are giving them a rat-around." Prof. Ferns insisted that he would continue to fight on Senate Executive. He said that the Committee of Deans and Principals is more politically aware than the rest of Senate and that he felt an agreeable formula could be reached quite quickly. "Because the University has been run in the old routine for so long," he said, "it will take some time for some members of Senate to realise what is involved in democracy."

Although the Committee of Deans and Principals came out against representation last term they will look into the possibility of a trial period of representation in the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science.

There has been some dispute as to whether the Guild's representatives should have been present at the discussion on Social Science representation. On Friday before the Senate meeting the President was shown the agenda by the Registrar. He was informed that there would be no discussion on the Social Science question and was refused access to the provisional reports of the Faculty Boards. The Vice-Chancellor said on Monday that: "This is the way the University is run." He said that the President of the Guild would be welcome to come to the next meeting of Senate when they had come to their provisional view. The reason the President was not invited to attend was that although there was consideration of the question it was not in fact discussed.

At the same meeting of Senate, the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Senate Sub-Committee were put to Senate. The Guild representatives had been led to believe that there would be discussion on the question of confidentiality. In fact there was not. It was decided that confidentiality could be discussed in the Guild-Senate Consultative Committee.

The Guild representatives present were not provided with Senate papers and according to Martin Lowe, "As soon as we came in there was a general drift towards the door. Half of Senate was not

present for these important discussions."

At the same meeting of Senate it was decided that as from next session confirmed minutes of Senate meetings will be placed in the Library. It was also announced that Sir John Wolfenden will not be chairing the University Commission. Senate has advised Council to set up a widely representative working party to look into the composition of the Commission.

Senate also discussed the political activities Questionnaire produced last term by some Social Science lecturers. There was some opposition to it and it was condemned for unscientific methods of distribution.

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