

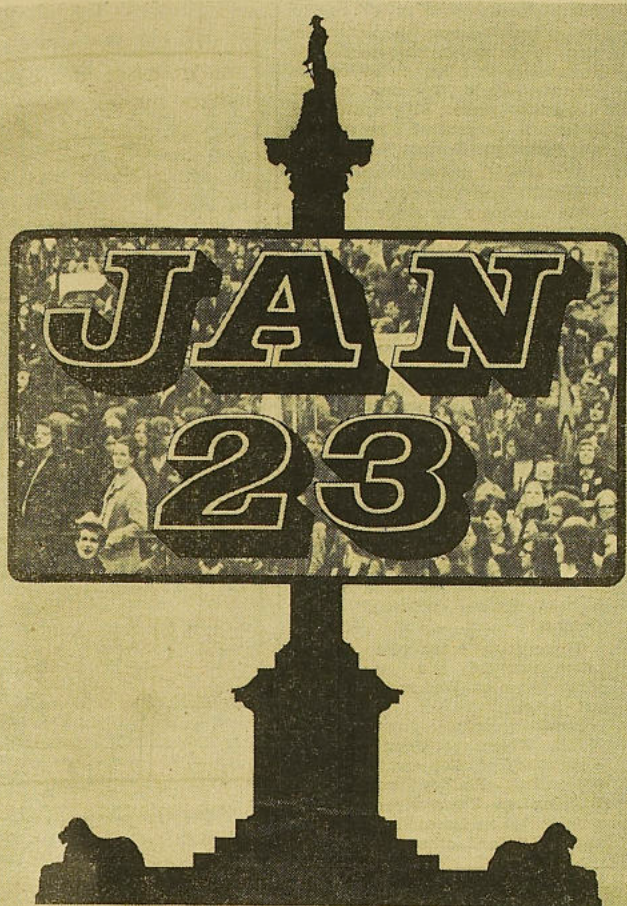
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Issues widen for Jan. 23

By RUSSELL BRYANT

FOLLOWING Margaret Thatcher's decision to postpone any further action for a year on the recently published Consultative Document on the Financing of Student Unions, the N.U.S. and campaign organisers have had to change their approach in preventing any undesirable changes that may now be made.

The mass demonstration and march planned for Sunday, January 23rd has been advertised throughout the campus with the slogan "Now Tell the Government," which may prompt many students to ask "What about?"

Speculation amongst students and commentators concerned with Higher Education has suggested that the Government's delaying tactics may have several possible motivations.

For example the delay would allow for legislation to be introduced appointing Registrars, or Margaret Thatcher may be taking time to consider alternatives, or as some feel, the Tories may be hoping to give students a false sense of victory and security, with the aim of delivering a hard blow when the fuss has died down.

If the first two of these suggestions, and the list is by no means complete, are correct, then great advantage may be taken from the delay in that we may propose alternatives and objections. Moves in this direction have been arranged throughout the country this weekend with meetings and teach-ins; at Birmingham there will be a

teach-in to discuss Union Autonomy and other issues at 1.15 today in Council Chamber, with John Randall (N.U.S. Executive), Ray Phillips (Community Action Research Officer of the N.U.S.) and others.

On Saturday coaches will leave Aston University on the hour in the morning up until one o'clock, to allow students to attend the Conference on Women's Lib. at U.C.L., and other meetings that are being held in London.

The third possibility, the likelihood of a Tory plan to legislate whilst the student body lies low is a difficult one to deal with as this entails broadening the issues and demanding that the Government resigns.

The demonstration on Sunday has been given a wide range of issues, ranging from Student Unions to Free Milk, on which to concentrate.

Information regarding the Demo. Weekend is given in the table. Accommodation details and the extent of the activities can be found out from the Information Desk in the New Entrance Hall of the Union.

LONDON

DEMO-WEEKEND INFORMATION

SATURDAY, JAN. 22—

Coaches leave Aston at 10, 11, 12, 1. Tickets £1; names should be given to Reception Desk. Accommodation available for Saturday night.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23—

Train leaves Birmingham New St. 9.25 a.m. Return train arrives Birmingham at 11.44 p.m.

Tickets £1 from Union Reception Desk, Shop, Welfare Office, Information Desk, Refectory and Sports Centre AU Office.

March will leave Speakers Corner at 1.30, travel down Oxford St., Regent St., and end with a Rally in Trafalgar Sq.

Speakers include: Alan Sapper, ACTT Gen. Sec.; Stan Broadbridge, Pres. ATTI; Mike Cooley, DATA Pres.

Now tell the Government

By ANN NAYLOR

News in brief

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

BIRMINGHAM University Guild has been invited to participate in the forthcoming series of University Challenge programmes, to take place during February and March, 1972. Selection for the team of four with one travelling reserve will begin with a preliminary test on January 25th in the Council Chamber at 1.15.

The test will consist of 20 typical questions used in the programme, and the 20 contestants with the best results will be eligible to take the final test on February 1st, which will consist of forty typical questions. The five students with the highest marks will be selected to represent the University.

Previous teams from Birmingham have met with some success, four years ago the team reached the semi-final and six years ago the final. However the last team that competed was knocked out in the first round.

Further information concerning the new competition may be obtained from the President's Office.

PRELIMINARY DOCUMENT PUBLISHED

THE Review Body which was appointed by the University Council under the chairmanship of Jo Grimmond has just published its preliminary views in a booklet entitled "Consultative Document

prepared by the Review Body." This document is intended to be for discussion and it is hoped that any comments and suggestions should be submitted to the Review Body so that the Review Body might consider them before making its final report to the Council in the middle of 1972.

The Review Body has pointed out in a "Note for Open Forum" that neither its members nor the Council are committed to any of the views in the document.

Little reaction was forthcoming following "Redbrick's" double-page feature on the report last term, and it is hoped that now the document is generally available there will be some correspondence.

NEW SERIES ON POP

A NEW series, entitled the Development of Pop will be broadcast on B.B.C. Radio Birmingham from February 3rd which will be introduced by Richard Middleton, Staff Tutor in Music at the Extramural Department.

Each programme illustrates and discusses a particular style on stage in the development of pop.

Listeners are invited to send in questions and comments which Richard Middleton will try to answer in the penultimate programme, and the final programme will be a live session at the University to which listeners will be invited.

TO many students the announcement that Mrs. Thatcher has postponed the implementation of her plans will have seemed like a victory, and so think that no more needs to be done. Several points can be made about this. Firstly, it is the IMPLEMENTATION that has been postponed for a year not the DECISION: this will have to be made by July at the latest. Secondly, she has not conceded to our other points, she has not dropped the Consultative Document, she has not said that the present system is satisfactory and she has not stated that she believes in autonomy for Student Unions because quite clearly she doesn't. Thirdly, I believe that this feeling of victory is just what she wants, she feels that this will take the "wind out of the sails" of our campaign, so that we will not be able to keep up the level of interest and activity on this issue. We must not let her have her way.

Many people believe that the extra time will enable the Government to bring in the Registrar of Student Unions suggested by the Federation of Conservative Students, Gilbert Longden's Private Member's Bill and others.

This proposal must be opposed with the same vigour that we oppose the proposals in the Consultative document. Both will undermine our Union, and its democratic practices. He would restrict Student Union activities, undermine autonomy, represent state interference in Student Union affairs, disrupt student/staff and student/college autonomy relations and weaken Student Unions as representative and campaigning organisations. For these reasons we must oppose it.

However, I believe that the Private Member's Bill will not receive government support on February 25th as they will say that consultations are continuing. However, this does not preclude them introducing it themselves later.

The announcement by Mrs. Thatcher that she has postponed for a year her plans to get a stranglehold on Student Unions has not, therefore, altered in any way our preparations for the massive National Demonstration on January 23rd. In fact this partial victory achieved by the massive and broadly based campaign of opposition which has been waged, is all the more reason why we should now campaign for real victory.

The demonstration on Sunday is not an act in isolation. A weekend of activities and events has been planned of which the march and rally are but one component. It is hoped that through this process to the understanding of the true nature of the attack on students and how it is linked to other groups within our society will be increased.

The N.U.S. Central Action Group which consists of representatives from all parts of the country have chosen slogans and invited speakers on issues confronting or concerning students. It is precisely because of the broad range of activities upon which students have campaigned that we are now under attack.

The January 23rd demonstration should make clear to Mrs. Thatcher that, whether in 1971, 1972 or any other year, this attack will be resisted by students with the backing of trade unionists, educationalists, teachers and many others.

The success of January 23rd depends on YOU the individual students.

(See Page Two for Personal View)

"Alternative Course" on NON-VIOLENT ACTION

Starts TODAY (Wednesday, Jan. 18th) at 8.00 p.m.

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GEOFFREY OSTERGAARD and NIGEL YOUNG.

The Labour alternative?

IN the past few months, students have watched with horror as the Tories have attacked the old, the sick, children, council tenants, low wage-earners—in fact all sections of the working people. The Tories have set themselves to remove all the gains the Labour movement has made in years of struggle.

They have systematically whittled away at the social services. Prescription charges, school meals, dental treatment have all gone up. Free milk has been abolished for children over seven. Subsidies on rents and food have been removed, leaving the cost of living to soar. They have introduced vicious anti-union legislation to hamper the struggle of organised labour to win better wages and conditions. Now they are using unemployment as a weapon to bring the labour movement to its knees.

Meanwhile Big Business reaps the gains of the reduction in corporation tax and the high income earners gain from the reduction in income tax.

This Government is not driven just by doctrinaire spite or innate viciousness but is desperately trying to solve the crisis in British capitalism. The British share of world trade has slumped since the war, growth has been tiny, investment has fallen off and the rate of profit plummeted. Hence the need to reduce the workers' share of the national income. On a world scale inflation, unemployment and monetary crisis remain the universal problems of the advanced capitalist nations.

The question we have to ask ourselves now is why we have a Tory government at all. We see the answer in the failure of the Labour government to carry through even the minimal reform programme of the manifestoes of 1964 and 1966. They came to power with the avowed intention of using the white-

hot heat of the technological revolution to expand the economy and enhance social justice on the basis of the National Plan.

By the time they left office they had reimposed prescription charges, frozen wages for a period, made reductions in the education and health programmes, allowed unemployment to rise, curtailed immigration on racial lines and attempted to shackle the trade unions. In fact they laid the basis for every one of the Tories' attacks.

Harold Wilson gives a hint of the explanation for this in his memoirs. He tells how the Governor of the Bank of England, Lord Cromer, told Wilson that Wilson would have to adopt Tory policies to which he was fundamentally opposed. It is only since June 1970, too, that Wilson has told us that during the Labour government's term in office there was a strike of capital against the government—the industrialists refused to invest in the economy.

The lesson is that a Labour government cannot control or plan the economy while 80 per cent of it remains in private hands.

It is to discuss these ideas and to play our part in bringing down the Tories and replacing them with a Labour government committed to socialist policies that a Labour Club is being formed on the campus. We urge all students who support the Labour Party or who are sympathetic to socialism to join us (contact me via union pigeon-holes) and come to our meetings which will begin shortly.

PETE DUNCAN
(Commerce)

Environmental action

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION is a new staff-student University Society whose purpose is to concern itself with the problems of conservation and enhancement of the environment. Whilst the Society will be concerned generally with all environmental matter, we believe that it will best be able to tackle local problems, and we intend to establish close contacts with other organisations with similar interests, both within the University and outside.

We envisage four main types of activity—evening meetings, work parties, survey and project work, and propaganda and lobbying activities. Although we have not yet drawn up a detailed programme, we hope to arrange at least three evening meetings this term, perhaps including a brains trust with a panel including an industrialist and a planning official.

As far as actual manual labour is concerned, we are going on a working party at Croft Castle in Herefordshire on the weekend February 4th-5th, where we shall probably be reclaiming some ornamental lakes from 20 years' growth of scrub. There will also be a working party on the Olent Hills on January 22nd, and a diseased elm tree felling session on the Drottwich Canal.

When the Society gets under way, we hope to become active in lobbying public and private organisations to obtain action against pollution.

We feel that there is a need for a group like E.A. in this University. However, E.A. needs people—YOU—in order to become a viable proposition. We are holding an inaugural meeting at 5 p.m. on January 20th in Committee Rooms 1 and 2, and hope to see you there. If you are interested and want more information contact Chris Palls, Physics (Int. 5452) or Mike Winter, Biochem. (Int. 0600) either by phone or by internal mail.

M. R. C. WINTER

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What after January 23rd?

by Anne Naylor

(This is a personal viewpoint—not necessarily the views of the Executive or Guild Council)

IT will be necessary after January 23rd to maintain a high level of activity amongst students. I also believe it is important also to widen the area and nature of the struggle. We have to ask ourselves two questions: (1) Have we enough autonomy at the moment? (2) Autonomy for what?

On the first point we must decide whether or not we want control of the Guild Constitution and finance by the University authorities. At the present moment it is quite possible, though admittedly not probable, that the University could turn round and say: "If you carry on with that project we won't give you the money," because the money we receive—be it the per capita subscription, the sabbatical officers grant (half paid by the University) or our inflation award—is controlled by the University authorities.

I am not saying that they have in the past or would in the future decide to curtail our activities in this way, but the mechanism is there and so should be discussed.

We should also discuss whether or not our constitutional changes should have to be approved by University Council after they have been approved by a democratic General Meeting of students. Again I am not saying that they should not, but I believe it should be discussed.

Secondly, we come to "autonomy for what?" I believe we need autonomy to fight as we have done in the past not only for the rights of our membership, e.g., grants, accommodation, etc., but also on broader issues—comprehensive education, race, Rhodesia, unemployment, the binary system, etc.

For this reason I believe the campaign should be broadened to include a fight against the Government's educational policy. It must

be appreciated that the contradictions in our society have manifested themselves in other fields of the education world. The need to fight alongside these other attacked groups is paramount and vital to our campaign.

We should therefore work both internally and externally for complete autonomy for student unions and also on such issues as fair pay for teachers, comprehensive education, end of selection, end of public schools, restoration of free milk and lunches, full building programme, end to the binary system, opposition to the James recommendations, recognition and implementation of school unions, jobs for graduates and school-leavers, course and exam content, etc.

It is important that we do campaign on these and other issues such as the sell-out on Rhodesia and not devote our attention to autonomy in isolation as if we did that all the Government would have to do to curtail the activities of student unions would be to issue a "consultative document" every October!

There is a teach-in to discuss union autonomy and some of the wider issues on Wednesday (today) at 1-5 p.m.

Speakers include: John Randall, N.U.S. Executive; John Downes, Federation of Conservative Students; Ray Phillips, ex-President Birmingham University and Community Action Research Officer of the N.U.S., and others.

letters

Why I'll stand

FELLOW students: Under the relatively placid surface of Guild politics and the tranquil round of Union life, the Guild is passing through a major crisis. The very tranquillity of the atmosphere is an ominous symptom of it. The Guild is rapidly becoming stagnant, mortally stagnant; its life is slowing down, and nothing is being done to reverse the trend.

The life of a community is in movement and growth; but the movement in the Guild is futile: we are busy standing still. There is no development, no growth into the future; there is only decay—decay of the sense of community, decay of activity, decay of participation. No-one now takes a real interest in the Guild; the student body is content to let things drift.

I place the blame for this crisis on the politicians, and most of all on Executive. It is the duty of a leader to stimulate interest, but Executive has done nothing to re-awaken the life of the Guild. Indeed, it committed itself early to a policy of inactivity; and, when Mrs. Thatcher threw down the gauntlet, it showed itself to be both unprepared and incapable.

Members of Executive have cared too much for their own images. The risk of utter failure has held them back from decisive commitment; but, as the late Robert Kennedy reminds us, "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." Executive has dared nothing and achieved in exact proportion.

Some may think that such words are contrary to the best interests of the Guild, written during a campaign which demands the unity of the Guild; but I will not be a party to an uncritical solidarity. The campaign is threatened by the crisis, and lack of dissent can only stifle the Guild. If the Guild is not

already divided in serious debate, it is time to divide it.

I am dismayed also by Executive's failure to take a moral stand on issues. Once we might glory in our opposition to Rhodesian racialism; today that opposition is mute. Our silence is a confession of fear and cowardice.

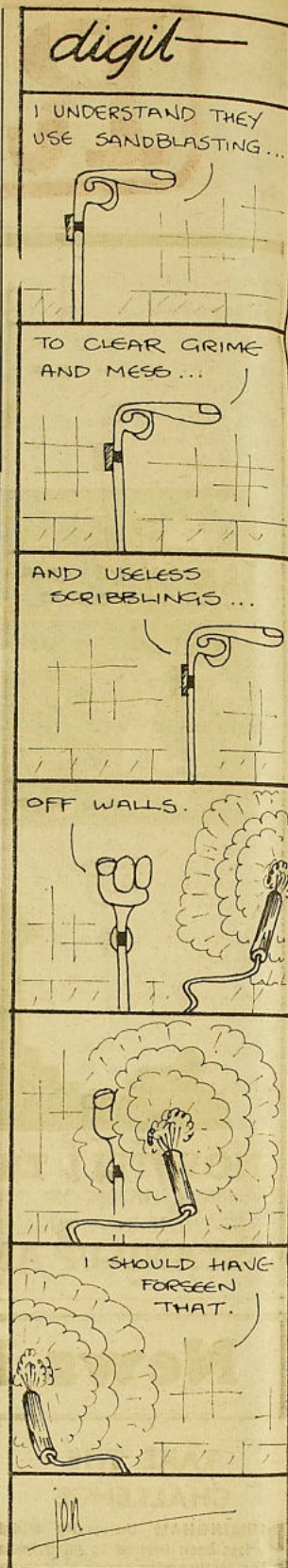
If the young intellectuals do not take a stand for freedom, justice, peace and truth, there is little hope for the future.

We should not be afraid to speak out for what is right; for Emerson writes, "If a single man plant himself on his conviction and there abide, the huge world will come round to him." May not our community achieve much more?

It is clearly undesirable that this situation should continue into next year; but I can see no other result if the present leadership supplies next year's leaders. The Guild stands in need of new leadership which will be active in promoting a sense of community, in stimulating commitment to the Guild by its members, and in making this campus truly alive again. We cannot hope to find this leadership in the present Executive.

It is with these considerations in mind that I make the following announcement: it is my intention to present myself in March as a candidate for the Presidency of the Guild.

MARTIN JENKINS,
Guild Councillor for French



Social work alternatives

DEAR SIR,—Concern is frequently expressed at the extent of social deprivation, poverty and intolerance in our society. A few social workers, consumers of the social services, academics and students feel that the present methods of social work are not tackling the problems at sufficient depth. It is therefore proposed to hold a number of meetings to discuss radical alternatives to social work as it is at present practised, and more radical training for workers in this field. The first meeting will be at 8 p.m. at Carrs Lane Church Centre on Wednesday, January 26th. Interested people may wish to contact the undersigned at 523-6891, 472-1301 extensions 853 and 809.

Margaret Ashby, 40 Hall Road, Birmingham 20.

Jean Hardy, 46 Selly Wick Drive, Birmingham 29.

Robert Holman, 7 Peverell Drive, Birmingham 28.

sport 1

SUCCESS REAPED

by Randy Southam

SINCE the last "Redbrick" our beloved Cross Country and Athletics Clubs have been carrying the banner far and wide, reaping success wherever they go. Aukettle, Shaw, Aggro Smedley and Lewis have all had fine wins at Gosford.

Golden Wonder Holden won an important C.C. race at West Hills. Miles Gilmour starred behind Bootsie Bedford at the Osterly Park relay and Pog Brown covered 160 miles in training in one eight-day period.

Down at Mountain Ash for the Nos Galan race (that's four miles starting at 14 minutes to midnight on New Year's Eve) Shirley Aldridge was the fastest competitor to have drunk eight pints before the race. The dryer of Phys. Ed., Chris White, also turned out for his annual run and turned in the sort of performance that takes a year to forget.

INDOOR TOO HOT

Well, what have we to look forward to this term. In the A.A.A.'s indoor championships our lads will probably find the competition too hot for this time of the year. But in the U.A.U. and B.U.F. cross country championships to be held in Sheffield on February 5th, things could well go our way.

Challenging for outright individual champion is our own G.W.H. Judging by recent form the serious opposition would come from G.B. international, Jack Lane.

The course favours G.W.H. as Sheffield has always been lucky for him but Lane will take some beating. In the team race the traditional opposition comes from Leeds, Oxbridge and the home club, Sheffield. To win, one of these clubs must pack men in front of the dynamic trio of Smedley, Brown and Gilmour.

MEDAL CHANCE?

Of these three one must stand a chance of third place overall. But which one? The distance is too far for Smedley and the course too hilly. Brown will have to run faster than he thinks he is capable and Gilmour rarely runs with confidence in his own ability.

Following these four, a much-improved Thompson should not be too far back and Pete Shaw running very much over distance has

the good sense to run an optimum race.

It is much more difficult to see who the remaining two of the team will be, but of those remaining none are obviously faster than Shaw. As eight run but only six

count in the first team, someone has the choice of not running in the first team or coming close to winning the second team race. It's not an easy decision to make.

Whatever happens "Redbrick" will be there to report.

MERMAIDS SOCCER

Revival raises hopes

AT the start of the summer term, hopes were high that promotion this year was to be ours. After the near miss last season it was felt that the team losing only three real regulars in Graham White, Colin Barton and Steve Quy would sweep all before it.

This view was reinforced both by our early form and by the emergence of equivalent replacements in the persons of Kingsley Grimble, Steve Moon and Pete Laurent.

However, this early promise was shortlived and was followed by a series of what can only be termed mediocre performances during which four defeats were suffered in five matches. All too often our play was indifferent and only rarely punctuated by the sharp fluid football for which Mermaids are well known.

This bad run culminated in perhaps our worst performance to date—a 5-3 defeat by low-flying Tamworth. Obviously these results have greatly hindered our chances of gaining honours this season but nevertheless the term finished with a fine run of three victories in which some of our best form was recaptured and all is not yet lost.

Pershaps mention could be made here of our strikers Graham Robinson and Pym Grimble, whose recent returns to form have played such a part in this revival and to the tireless work of Martin Henson in the defence and Larry Hills and Kingsley Grimble in midfield, on whose ability the bulk of the team's strength lies. Let us hope, however,



Pete Butler, English Universities full-back.

will gain the success which I feel they so justly deserve.

Autumn term league record: P.10, W.5, D.1, L.4, F.23, A.19. Leading scorers: Robinson 10, P. Grimble 5, Ryan 4.

S. RYAN.

Runner disappears

by Matt Choftheday

MYSTERY still surrounds the whereabouts of the University's ace runner, Golden Wonder Holden. His club chairman, Walter Wallcarpeting, last night confirmed rumours about the star's disappearance. He said: "I confirm the rumours."

G.W.M., or Andy as he has lately been known, has not been seen since last night and thus he has missed all yesterday evening's training sessions. Speculation is rife.

Reports of sightings come from as far away as the Hayley Road. It is in this vicinity that his latest friend, Miss Sonia Schue, has a luxury penthouse bed-sitter. Miss Schue, recently voted Miss Refectory 1972, said to me on the phone last night, "— off!"

A close friend of G.W.M. confided last night that he had severe emotional trouble. Ever since the screws were taken off the door of his flat he has been a little unhinged.

When I suggested to G.W.M.'s publicity manager, Mr. A. Capone, that this was merely a publicity stunt I was shown the door of his office, with the assurance that I would get hit with it if I let the cat out of the bag. (If anyone sees a stray ginger tomcat could they return it to me c/o "Redbrick" Office please.)

The runner has had similar trouble earlier in his life. When he was six he failed to come home for lunch. When he eventually returned at five o'clock he was immediately sent to bed. Time will tell if Mr. Wallcarpeting is capable of such fierce discipline.

Poison-pen picture No.1

Dr. G. E. LOBLEY

WHO is this Dr. McDonald Hobley who queries the presence of myself and my Celtic colleague elsewhere on these pages. Isn't it about time someone questioned the authority of this inquisitive scientist?

They say curiosity killed the cat. It won't on this occasion for Dr. Wobley is Athletic Union's very own paper tiger, he is Athletic Union's answer to Tommy Docherty, looking like a refugee from a sheepdog trial.

He is well known in sporting circles for that is how he plays—in circles. In this, the last year of the financial quinquennium, Athletic Union looks to Dr. Knobley to steer a safe path until July 31st.

Great savings have already been made—Rankmoore is paid in Welsh currency, thus saving 3/4d. per week over the late Wellies. The new boy brings with him new economies—no razor blades, no personal car expenses, no fish food.

It was good to see from these pages that the clubs stand firmly behind Slobley and his manoeuvres. This much-maligned man however has had his financial setbacks. The naughty nautical Sailing Club proved it was impossible to do a three-point turn at 30 miles an hour in a minibus and a fixed asset worth in excess of £600 currently became worth something like £120. Not to be disheartened, off Doc popped to the Guild with his begging-tin and that magnificent institution in its infinite wisdom coughed up.

Other financial setbacks have been rumoured; will Kingsley Mumbling expect Athletic Union to pay his legal representation on Guild Council; will K. T. Meddlesome become Vice-Chancellor and charge students to use West Hills pitches, and will Max Muddles ask for financial backing for the newly-formed Edgbaston Mixed Sauna and Health Club?

These and many other problems the irrepressible Gobley will have to face. One word of advice to all you clubs who feel hard done by and who feel they ought to have that little bit extra—money-wise that is. Lob is definitely susceptible to domineering women—you mean you haven't met his wife.

Consequently Miss M. F. D'Aisychain wishes it to be made known that for a small fee she would be willing to assert her persuasive and feminine qualities on the great man.

B.R.W.

Sportscene

IF you read this week's page of sport you might get the impression that Birmingham University sportsmen have generally spent an extremely restful Christmas. However this is not strictly true as many fine performances have been achieved since the last appearance of this paper.

Unfortunately, despite the frantic efforts of Mr. R. Carr and friends, details of these performances have not yet reached "Redbrick". However I am hoping that more news will be available next week including the excellent performances of the Fencing Club in the U.A.U. competition.

Although the English rugby players found difficulty in controlling Barry John and co. last Saturday, the equivalent universities' match on Friday night was considerably different. In this match the general run of play was reflected in an English Universities' victory.

Appearing for the English team was the famous Pete Butler (star of the Circuit Training Hall). Pete wasn't up to his usual impeccable goal-kicking form, but did land one penalty goal which contributed to his team's win.

"Redbrick" sports is under attack again. First of all I would like to apologise to Mr. Steve Ashton of the Transportation Department. The first paragraph of the orienteering article on November 17th stated that the club hadn't travelled in a mechanically-sound vehicle for two years.

Mr. Ashton tells me that the club have frequently used a Land-rover of which he is custodian and is maintained in excellent condition. The article in question was written by a member of the Orienteering

by Andy Holden

Club and I have not been able to find out the reason for their statement. However I am sure that they did not intend any slur on Mr. Ashton or his machine.

Towards the end of last term I received an interesting communication which ran as follows:

Dear Golden Wonder,
Who are these people B.R.W. and A.J.R. who keep cluttering up "Redbrick" sports pages?
Yours sincerely,
DR. HOBLEY.

P.S.: Give Alfa a kiss for me.

I mentioned the matter to B.R.W., whose answer appears elsewhere on the page. I have yet to give Alfa his kiss. I'm not sure whether I ought to.

Lastly the editor received a communication from a mysterious Mr. Crook. Mr. Crook was one of the most transient of last term's SportsScene heroes. Apparently he thought we were casting aspersions on his activities. Now I ask you—have SportsScene ever cast aspersions on anyone's activities? Why does the guy think we write the column?

For the sequelae Mr. Crook's letter (the contents of which cannot at this moment be disclosed because they are subjudice) please watch this space in the next few weeks.

Keen observers would have noted that Fester Feet and "Lightning" Barlow found a new training patch to play on at the end of last term. It was thought at first that this fearless pair were considering joining the R.A.F. However, further information revealed that their interests haven't turned to flying. Apparently the reason for their appearances at the Air Squadron on Somerset Road was that they had scored there on a previous visit. As everyone knows Barlow's nickname is based, not upon his speed on a football pitch, but on the fact that he never strikes twice in the same place.

Their encounters with two well-known nurses (well known to everyone except Fester and L. apparently) confirmed his reputation. Never mind lads—keep trying.

...in the eye of the Beholder?

The large majority of our openings for new graduates in 1972 will be for electrical and electronic engineers for design and development work, and for mechanical and other engineers for the industrial/production engineering areas.

The competition for good jobs is likely to increase this year, and we are having to plan our interview schedules on the assumption that there will be more applicants for each opening than hitherto.

Our interviewers try hard to be unbiased, but being human they tend to favour candidates who know what we do and what we have to offer.

Our booklet, *Information for Graduates—1972* is available from University Appointments Boards, and it gives the dates of our visits. Reading it could make quite a difference to your career prospects.

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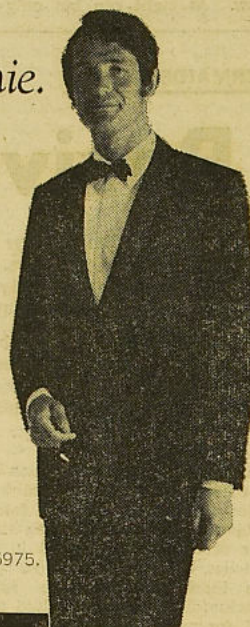
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