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## STUDENT INJURED - GLASSES BROKEN - SOCIALS CRASHED

## BAR BRAWLS CAUSE CONCERN

**D**RUNKEN rowdiness at socials was the subject of a question at Guild Council last night. Kevin Brehony (Geography) asked what measures were being taken to prevent further disturbance at socials, following the fight at the Bugs Social run by Geog. Assoc. last week, and incidents at two other socials during the week.

Ray Phillips, Union Secretary, in reply, said: "It is difficult to know what to do as the first week is always a little rowdy. One student has been contacted by the President, but if there are any further incidents we will have to take more permanent measures." All the incidents occurred between 10.30 and 11.0 p.m. after the bar had closed.

## N.U.S. Executive heading for trouble

**A** DECISION to double the N.U.S. subscription fee for each student is likely to cause furious debate at this year's N.U.S. meeting in Margate.

It was at Margate two years ago that the fee was raised from 1s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. and now the fee is again to be doubled. This represents a 300 per cent rise in two years.

Phil Semark, N.U.S. Chairman, said, "I don't think we will be getting value for our money when the fee goes up to 5s., particularly if they don't divert money to the regional headquarters."

The N.U.S. election system is also causing dissatisfaction amongst colleges and Universities. The report of a committee set up at the Easter conference, due to be published this week, will recommend no change in the present system.

"We thought that there was something very wrong with the system last year, but it seems a very negative attitude to disaffiliate from the N.U.S.," said Tony Klug, Guild President. "It is only a report, and the delegates to the N.U.S. conference in Margate next month need not accept it. If necessary it can be amended or rewritten."

He continued, "We will wait and see what happens before we start talking about disaffiliation. However there is a lot to be said in favour of it."

Several colleges have already threatened to disaffiliate from N.U.S. unless the system is altered.



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At Bradford a committee has been set up to consider disaffiliation and the forming of a breakaway movement in the North.

Students at Southampton University have already approved a motion recommending disaffiliation unless the voting system is changed to "a more equitable method" by Easter 1967.

A Chemistry student who was at the Bugs Social described the scene: "I was inside dancing when, all of a sudden, there was a commotion near the door of people pushing to get in. Then several people came over and proceeded to do them in."

"When the steward tried to shut the door, there was still a commotion and further fighting."

## No pass outs

One steward complained: "Two of us just cannot hold the door." The other added that the gatecrashers had come from the bar into the social without pass-outs.

Another student amplified the account of the fight: "It seemed to be a big joke—several people joined in for the fun of it." Later he added: "I think it was bit stupid to have all this trouble over a 5/- hop which was nearly over—there was only 15 minutes to go."

An organiser of the hop, Stanley Aspinally (Geog. II) said that the gatecrashers were "absolutely drunk and looking for a fight. They came inside and started throwing glasses about—there were some people in our department that fancied a fight and that was it."

There were also several incidents in the main bar during a week in which the bar reported losing about 200 more glasses than usual.

Large piles of broken glass were found in the main bar on the evening of the incident at the Bugs Social and several window-panes were smashed.

## Hospital

The following night Fred Lake (Maths. Science I) was hit on the head by flying glass while taking shelter from fire extinguishers which were being used in a fight between two rival faculty gangs. He was taken to hospital and had several stitches put in his head, but was not detained.

The bar was closed at 9.30 because of the fight in which more glasses were broken.

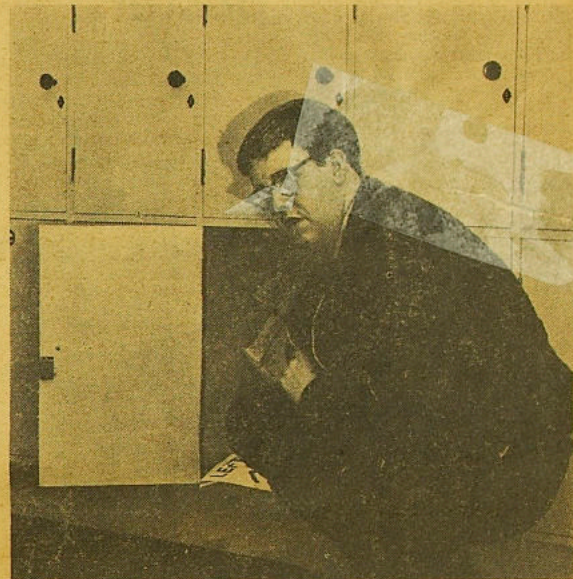
"It means we have to serve people with glasses which in the normal way we would throw away," commented a barman. "Students bang their glasses on the tables which are solid teak."

Tony Klug commented on the disturbances: "It often happens at the beginning of the year. Here we are trying to scrape and save to make ends meet and when members break up their own property it may mean that some other services and facilities have to suffer."

The Permanent Secretary, R. T. Jones, remarked that these matters tended to be magnified out of all proportion and that students were often a bit lively at the beginning of term.

As for the loss of glasses one student was heard to say: "It's not really surprising—at the beginning of the year everyone is trying to stock up their flats."

**ELECTIONS:**  
Chairman of Carnival Committee:  
Lance Fink.  
Editor of "Redbrick":  
John Norman.



Dave Gale, Socialist Union International Secretary, checks the Socialist Union locker for the missing funds.

(Photo: Geoff Carter).

## Red hot money returned by Tories

**S**Ocialist Union's funds, a sum of over £13, which disappeared on Saturday, have been found in the Conservative Association's locker in the Societies' Room.

"They disappeared mysteriously on Saturday and after we had worried ourselves sick, the Tories happily chirped up that they had 'found it' in their locker," said Roger Cliphsham, Socialist Union chairman. The money was returned to Dave

Gale, Socialist Union International secretary, by Tony Page, vice-chairman of the Conservative Association. It had been discovered by another member of the Conservative committee.

Dave Gale commented: "I reckon someone with a queer sense of humour put it in the Tories' locker." He added: "It could have been very embarrassing for everybody concerned."

Socialist Union had already received one donation of ten shillings before the money was recovered.

## SLOT MACHINES TO BE WITHDRAWN

**C**OFFEE machines have been withdrawn from everywhere on the Campus, except the Union, owing to misuse by students. "The amount of damage has been a bit much," said Mr. Humbert, Catering Officer for the University. "From January onwards in the last session machines were broken open, lifted up, stock was taken and money stolen."

"Machines are fed with counterfeit coins or foreign money, the machines jam. The next person who wishes to use it, cannot, and usually takes a running jump at it."

The manufacture of counterfeit money has been developed to a fine art. Some of it is so finely made that the silver discs inserted into the machines are the exact size and weight of sixpences and thus do not jam the machines.

The machines will now be withdrawn by the firm which owns them, not only from the University but from the whole of Birmingham.

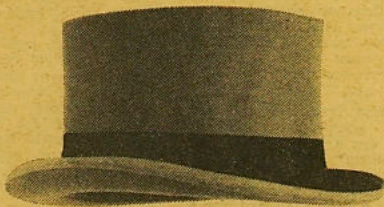
The candy and cigarette machines, however, are to remain on the Campus, but there will be no refund if money is lost in the machine.

"It seems a shame that the genius who manufactured this 'money' could not have applied his talents to some matters of more worth to the rest of us," said one student.

## LAUNDRETTE SHELVED

**P**LANS to install a laundrette in the Union have been abandoned for this year through lack of money. However, Tony Klug, President of the Guild, has hopes for the project's being revived next year, if the money is forthcoming.

At the moment the amount the Guild receives from the University is far too low. By next year there should be a substantial increase of approximately 50 per cent per student, raising the amount to £12 10s. a head. Then the laundrette, at present a "non-issue," can be reconsidered.



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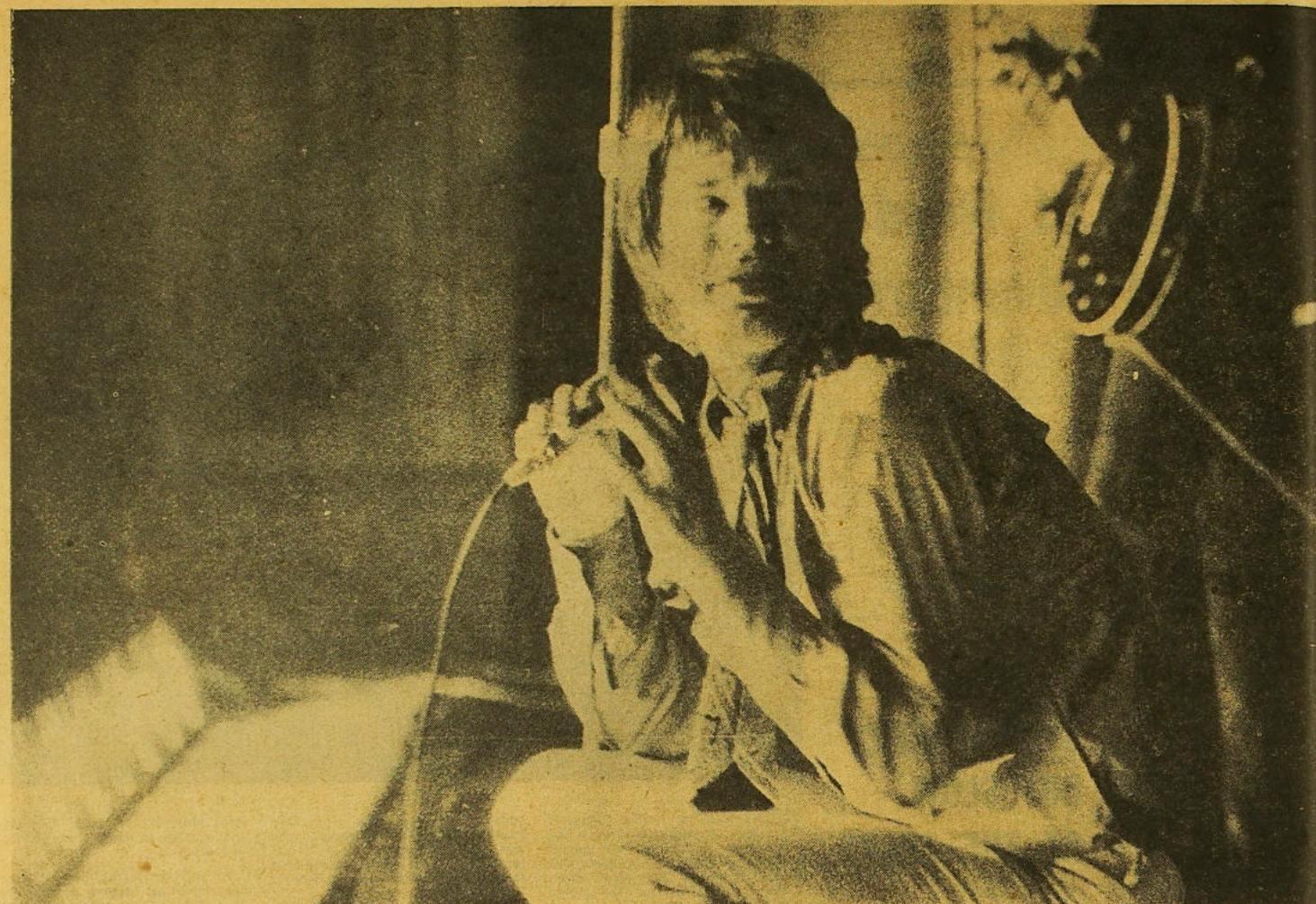
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by an entertainer who doesn't have to make any effort to be  
nice to anyone". **NOT LIKE SOME, OH NO, NOT AT ALL**

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# THIS IS YOUR opinion

## Not Guilty

DEAR MADAM.—May I apologise to, and sympathise with all those who had their drinking curtailed in the main bar last Thursday evening.

The behaviour which led to the closing of the bar was childish and inexcusable.

May I also point out that for once neither of the groups of engineers present that evening had any part in the closing of the bar. An inspection of the bar after it had been closed revealed that no broken glasses littered the areas occupied by these two groups. Nor were they responsible for the letting off of the fire extinguishers or the breaking of any windows.

Yours,  
CHAIRMAN, MECH.  
ENG. SOC.

## Nameless

DEAR MADAM.—It is of increasing annoyance to me that, having read some of the obscenely provocative letters in "Redbrick," I find the letter signed by some obscure pseudonym.

My rage at the contents cannot therefore be vented on the idiot who wrote the epistle. I am forced down into the bar to vent my rage on the innocent barman.

Sign your letters and beware my wrath.

Yours etc.,  
PENELOPE NAME

## Hold fast

DEAR MADAM.—What a joy it is to see that the vast majority of freshers have not as yet sacrificed their femininity to the university system.

How long will it be before the inevitable happens and they become the snide, pseudo-sophisticated, in-crowdish beings of last year who inhabit Founder's and dress in op-art and grotesque mini-skirts?

Can someone please explain why this change has to take place?

Yours etc.,  
ELEGENTIAE ARBITER

**Where has  
all the  
freedom  
gone?**

DEAR MADAM.—I would like to reply to Miss Virginia Breakwater's letter of utter disgust which appeared on this page last week. This page is entitled "Opinion," therefore everyone should feel free to air their views here, be they serious or flippant, logical or misguided.

One can understand Miss Breakwater's reaction to this scathing invective. A fresher myself, I was most irked when I read the letter from which so much controversy and ill-feeling has stemmed. Nevertheless, I disregarded it as the work of some maladjusted exhibitionist in the pursuit of sensationalism.

Come on, Miss Breakwater, what about freedom of speech? After all, you were allowed to have your say, weren't you?

Yours,  
RICHARD DARWIN

## Funny habits

MADAM.—I was very pleased and gratified to read that some members are conducting their affairs in the conventional way by getting married in St. Francis Hall.

I was very puzzled at first by the sure nine which you gave, until I concluded that you must have been using the term marriage both literally and figuratively, meaning that he or more members had taken the bait. This explains the presence of the nuns I have seen in the main.

Yours,  
A FUSSY FRESHER  
C. WOOD



"The objects of the Guild shall be . . . the promotion of intercourse between students of the University (Guild Constitution, 1966).

We cannot accept letters without full signatures.

## Medics' plight

DEAR MADAM.—Medics (and Dentists) receive a vacation grant of £6 2s. 6d. for about seventeen weeks of the year.

This is clearly not enough, especially when one considers that it costs about £8 per week to stay at Hall. Yet all Guild Council do is put forward a motion "deploring" this fact, or "thinking it queer." Is this the Guild Council we want to be represented at the N.U.S. Conference?

A MEDIC.

## Comments please

DEAR MADAM.—I note in your columns many criticisms of Freshers' Conference.

I would like to point out that this year for the first time a new service was run by the Guild as part of its provisions for welcoming Freshmen. Information desks were set up at focal arrival points in the city centre manned by second and third-year students. Freshers were assisted in finding the starting points for buses to their lodgings and were often helped with luggage.

I would welcome any comments by Freshmen on this service ("Operation Hi-Jack" as it was nicknamed) so that we can assess its value and effectiveness for use in future years.

Yours etc.,  
C. WOOD

## Two week's later still on the defensive

DEAR MADAM.—After reading your article on the "dumb fresherette" and the epistle on "virginal dollies" we are almost ready to "fill the bogs with puke" unquote—heartily glad that we are inaccessible to the ordinary campus male (?). Every male (?) complete with bum-fluffed features and virginal body is neither desirable nor appealing to any female.

## Some attack . . .

DEAR MADAM.—In reply to "a disgruntled, decrepit third year," and others of a similarly warped nature, may I say on behalf of all Freshers that I find their attitude both puerile and unreasonable. May I also add that when I am a third year I shall probably be equally warped, puerile and unreasonable.

Yours,  
A DISGRUNTLED, BUT DEFINITELY NOT DECREPIT FRESHER

## ...and some approve

DEAR MADAM.—Harping back to the "freshers' dispute" (which is probably a little high by now) the original explosion shattered our illusions. Through the deluge of witty insults we saw an uncomfortable large vestige of truth: It did take quite a few days to find the coffee bar! Thanks for the laugh—it cheered up the frantic firsts.

From,  
TWO OF THEM

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

The "decrepit, disgruntled third year" who has not enough gumph not to be distracted by the "rash of socials and dances" for freshers, has obviously been too thick to have taken anything in from his past two years at university. Quote, "For in the society of one's fellows, personality and character are formed" (Guild of Undergraduates Handbook, 1966)—besides most of the second and third-year students are just as eager to leap on to the cattle-market bandwagon as are the spotty male freshers.

The typical "dumb fresherette" photo looked like Miss Typing Pool, 1959—we have yet to see the like!

Isn't it about time that your beer-sodden minds were enlightened to the fact that everyone is a fresher at one time, and your cankerous bodies were either developed or destroyed on West Hills for us fresherettes—dumb or otherwise.

Signed,  
TWO SICKENED, UNSCRUBBED, UNEAGER FEMALES WHO CAN'T SEE THE FUTURE GETTING ANY BRIGHTER!

## ...and some insult in turn

DEAR MADAM.—Would you please include this letter in your columns.

Dear disgruntled, decrepit third year.

Protected as you are by your assumed shroud of anonymity, you do not feel it no personal blow to your morale that you should openly admit your lack of academic conviction to the entire campus. The fact that fresher-inflated rash of hops, socials etc. is intended to be patronised by freshers, seems to have eluded you.

Your own self-admitted decrepit nature obviously rules out any chance you might have had of deriving pleasure from the aforementioned hops etc.; it therefore remains to be said that the only reason that you find the freshers' activities distracting, is that you possess insufficient moral fibre and academic stamina to pursue your studies, when you feel you could take the easy way out and live solely for kicks.

The insidious manner in which you attacked the fresher hoard, has not I assure you, gone unnoticed. The sour-grapes acidity of your comments has been more than neutralised by the caustic wit of the entire fresher community.

In closing I should like to wish you the best of luck in your final year—you'll need it. May all the rotund appendages of your loathsome body turn square and fester at the edges and may you puke endlessly in every bog you enter.

Yours,  
AN ANTAGONISED FRESHER

## Thoroughly disgruntled

MADAM.—We feel moved to protest in the strongest possible terms at the latest abuse of our English language, perpetrated within these very precincts.

The powers-that-be with the inanity peculiar to such august bodies, have seen fit to designate the latest gastronomic erection by, of all things, the mongrel appellation "Chel-snack." Surely a profanity to the ears of any sensitive and right-minded Englishman.

We therefore contend, in all humility and out of the sincerest wish to improve our literary heritage (justly envied throughout the civilised world) that the aforementioned erection

tion, in deference to its proximity to that proud and famous monument hallowed to the memory of our noble founder and patron Sir Joseph Chamberlain, whose deeds remain untarnished by the ravages of time's rapacious grasp, a beacon light to the inheritors of great nation's traditions; should henceforth bear the title of "Joe's Cafe."

Etymological note:—Cheld: (Ang. Sax.)—a small type of cucumber grown only in East Anglia.

Snacre: (Lat.)—to eat loudly.  
TWO DISGRUNTLED FRESHERETTES

## Socks up, Fred!

DEAR MADAM.—I am a keen supporter of "Crossword by Fred" but in the last edition he seems to have slipped up.

Not only did he forget to insert one clue, but he made up a non-existent word. One has ENTRAILS and not an ENTRAIL.

Also one clue was wrongly numbered, and another was technically wrong. He thought the Roman letter for ten was a 'V'.

Could he please pull his socks up?  
Yours fanatically,  
BRIAN ORANGE.  
Sorry!—Fred—Ed.

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# PROTEST!

## A PATTERN OF DEMONSTRATIONS

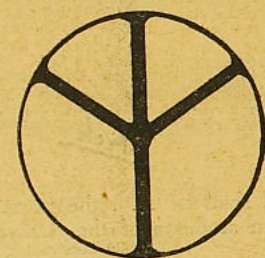
"THE great days of C.N.D. have gone. Aldermaston doesn't make the front page any more. It's become part of our Easter tradition. It gets a mention — together with the Queen's Easter service at Balmoral . . ."

"That Labour Party conference when the disarmers thought they had beaten Gaitskell—it won't happen again."

The rebels are still there. But they're all mixed up. They want to fight for something and can't decide how to fight. The marches still go on, but without the publicity they need. Sit-downs don't pay any more.

People still argue that demonstrations have some value. "All the time and effort put into a march is rewarded," they say, "if only a handful of onlookers are shaken out of their apathy and made to think."

This is perhaps the only way to justify a demonstration. Banners and slogans won't persuade anyone



but they can make people think, and ask themselves, "Why are these people doing this?"

"I suppose it eases my conscience, showing people in public that I disagree. If I can't do much to change things, at least I care."

"Not today, thank you," said the housewife when offered a C.N.D. leaflet. Perhaps tomorrow, then. If there is a tomorrow.

Finally a word from a Birmingham policeman: "I enjoy the occasional demonstration. It breaks a dull routine. Only trouble is it messes up the traffic."

Whatever the value of demonstrations, the following report shows that when your right to protest is threatened, you really do start to protest.

STUDENTS at the new University of Lancaster have recently started an unusual kind of fight. Unusual, that is, in this country. They are fighting for the right to demonstrate.

The problem came to light because a large proportion of students live, not in Lancaster, but in the neighbouring seaside resort of Morecambe. Whenever those in Lancaster wanted to demonstrate in the city centre they asked for permission and it was granted within 24 hours. At Morecambe the natural place for processions is along the promenade by the sea. The students applied for permission, but it was not granted.

Above: Traditional protest march. The Birmingham University contingent here seen protesting something or other.

Below: Last November Rhodesia demonstrators leave Chamberlain Square.

Whether or not there is a good reason for doing so. The law on this is verbose, but specific: Lesson One is all about NEWS-SENSE. This means being sensible about news and generally not making a fool of yourself. For example, if you begin:

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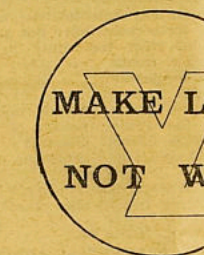
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Left: Police waiting for Harold outside Digbeth Civic Hall last March. Below: Demonstrators outside the Hall. Also waiting for Harold.

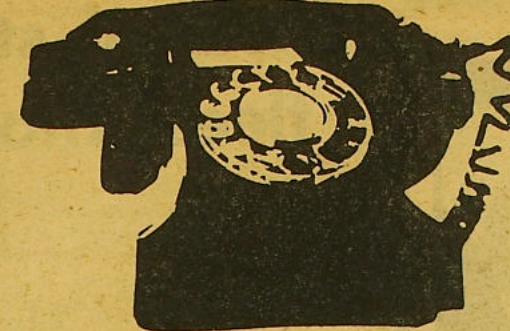


Demonstrations are covered by the Public Order Act 1936 and unless there is a reason for preventing them as danger of a riot break permission is granted.

But at Morecambe you are asked to demonstrate on menade has to be to the Town Council. This body may reject any



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# TO OUR NEW CORRESPONDENT

or how to be a Redbrick editor in three easy lessons.

BEING a guide to would-be editors on how not to do it, but nevertheless describing how it has always been done. (In case you happen to read "Redbrick" from the back and haven't seen the front page yet, I'd better tell you what it's all about). The new editor was elected yesterday. By the time you read this I may be the new editor. Or I may not. If I am, you can now read how I did it. If not, this is how the other chap did it.

O.K. So Sir William Haley didn't print that letter you wrote him. And Cecil King didn't think much of your offer to take over from Cassandra while he was on holiday. And the B. Awful School of Journalism took your ten guineas but you still didn't get into print.

You came to university. Fame was sought but not found between the shiny pages of "Mermaid." So at last you drifted into "Redbrick" — to start from the bottom and learn how to do it properly.

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INFERENCE is a useful way of telling everybody what you think without actually saying it.

"Redbrick" has no evidence that the President is misleading people deliberately."

Or take the fictitious Pete Smith (Comb. Subs. II). Try asking him this:

"I say, Pete, did you go to that fantastic orgy in Bournbrook Road on Saturday?" If he says yes, make sure you're invited next time. If he says no, write it up like this:

"Mr. Smith denied any suggestion that he attended an orgy in Bournbrook Road last Saturday, but offered no information as to his whereabouts at that time."

If he's got wise to your tricks he'll probably try something clever like "What! Do they still have orgies in that dump?" This time you write a short bit in the "News-brief" column: "Among enquiries received by Redbrick last week, was one from Pete Smith (Comb. Subs. II) who wants to know whether they still hold orgies in Bournbrook Road on Saturdays."

Meanwhile letters from your department are received, marked "Return to Sender" and popped back in the internal post. Now you're beginning to be a journalist. When you're not actually doing a big story you're hanging around waiting for one to happen.

Stormy scenes have shaken the Council Chamber every fortnight for as long as you can remember. You have scribbled notes in a packed half empty Deb. Hall as the 11th Open Lecturer addressed an enthusiastic/apathetic audience.

Week in, week out you report the happenings in a place where nothing ever happens. When it does they won't let you publish it.

All news is non-news. Smell out a good story and they'll start talking about something else or slam the receiver down. Or if you manage to get a bit further, there's always that voice at the other end saying what he'll do if you print it.

But gradually the cynicism wears off. You realise that until now you've taken it all too seriously. You learn to be dishonest like everyone else.

"Reports that . . ." really means "someone you overheard in the coffee-bar said . . ."

"Rumours that . . ." (you were so desperate for a bit of news you had to make this one up).

"Students protested at the bad

organisation of the dance . . ." (you and your friend arrived late).

"Said one student on hearing the news . . ." (nobody else would, so you said it yourself).

"University officials made no comment . . ." (Either you couldn't be bothered to phone, or it was Sunday).

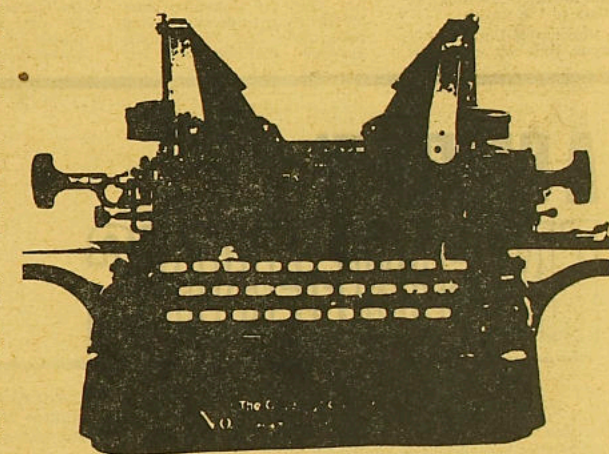
"University officials were not available to comment . . ." (You tried to phone but got the wrong number).

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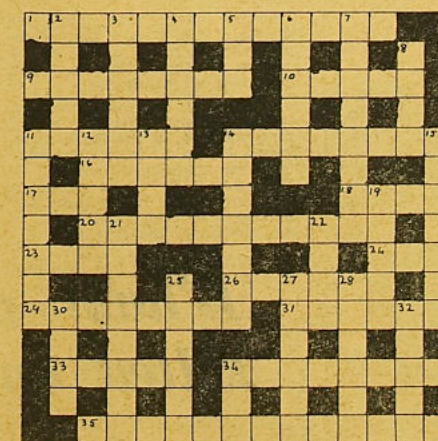
"The possibility of a lodgings crisis . . ." (You only get away with that one in a Freshers' Edition. Keep it for next year).

Then it comes to the elections. You want to be editor. You tell all those councillors how responsible you're going to be next term. You've grown out of this sort of thing. Or perhaps you've got used to it. Or just don't notice. Who cares? Whoever tells the truth anyway? Who can?

by Brian Whittaker



# crossword by FRED



11. He is two men in one (7).
12. Level up in heated argument (5).
13. Rim or ledge — lout (4).
14. Pest-control agent, something of a sailor, rising (3-4).
15. Look in uppermost region for shellfish (7).
19. Hair found in mattresses (5).
21. Island's main movement — uprising, can be published, with preparation (8).
22. Was acquainted with antelope sound (4).
25. Deputy, pretending to be taking part (6).
27. Dance-jacket (6).
28. A song fragment to take opportunity (6).
30. Peer and look round disheartened (4).
32. Rising clique, disheartened (5).
34. Leave to go up hill (3).
17. Goddess who gives help in return (8).
18. A collonade to see in South America (4).
20. Does, perhaps, secretly follow one who would be more likely to wear 1 across than this (11).
23. Rush in more editions (4).
24. Measure the Spanish litre (3).
26. Elizabeth follows the sailor — she's in order (6).
29. Silly chap, silly chap — Kler Hardy was under one (5, 3).
31. Town supplier admits therein (4, 2).
33. An endless breeder, the priest (5).
34. A street I write about in essay (8).
35. Ah! On tall gents — that's where they're found (3-6, 4).

Solution to Crossword October 5th

## ACROSS

4. Apogee, 10. Acid, 11. Cope, 13. Prefers, 14. Tense, 16. Esne, 20. Palindromes, 21. Sailor, 22. Nott, 24. A letter to mother, 25. Ibis, 29 and 1. Four of a kind, 30. Co-operation, 31. Sine, 32. Agent, 35. Entrail, 36. Agent, 37. Wend, 38. Strays, 39. Shame.

## DOWN

2. Knot, 3. Nerr, 5. Plenipotentiary, 7. Ease on, 8. Signet, 9. Spear, 12. Perihelion, 15. Sports, 17. Smothering, 18. Esterify, 19. Asthetics, 23. So long, 26. Boiler, 27. Speeds, 28. Writer, 29. Foals, 33. Each, 34. Teen.

## CLUES DOWN:

2. It's seen on head of head of see (6).
3. From what we hear, you dog, it's a game (6).
4. Silent letters, in "entrances" (6).
5. House god — an ape in small arrangement (3).
6. Ring again? Have second thoughts about the act, and act on them (6).
7. How will you solve this clue if you look around in the White Sea? (4, 4).
8. Jersey — other small island is there (4).



# House supports the Canucks

By Marjorie Willetts

WE'VE all heard of back-chat: it was Chat back at the international debate between Birmingham and McGill. The motion was, "Britain has gone from barbarism to decadence without passing through civilisation."

In expectation the atmosphere of the House rivalled that of the Coliseum before a particularly lively show. Nor was it disappointed.

Proposing the motion, Mr. Chattrabhi contended that no country could consider itself civilised which had not mastered the basic art of preparing food. Things were so bad, he continued, that foreigners had to bring their own restaurants with them.

A country which used civilised benefits to further the cause of barbarism was not merely barbaric, it was decadent. The material trappings of civilisation Britain had in abundance, said Mr. Chattrabhi, but spiritually Britain was an essentially barbaric nation.

He continued that economically England had progressed from crude to sophisticated exploitation of her own people, who were forced into soulless work with which they could not identify themselves. Civilisation, concluded Mr. Chattrabhi, had never entered into the history of Britain, nor into that of the world.

The Honourable Opposer, Mr. Chetwynd, then rose to his feet



H. Lionel Chetwynd (opposer) and Danny Trevick (second for the opposition), the debaters from McGill.

and, fixing the academic-gown wearers with an astounded eye, welcomed his Batman friends.

He then proceeded to define civilisation as "a willingness to respond and act." This willingness England possessed, but she lacked a sense of her own civilised state as the fact of debating the motion sadly proved.

That there were elements of barbarism in our society he would not deny, but England still had a rôle to play in the world.

Seconding the motion, Miss Barbara Phipps declared her intention of avoiding invidious historical reference, and proceeded to give a thumbnail description of British history. England, she stated, had made rapid progress—from barbarism to decadence.

It was in the nineteenth century that the transition from barbarism to decadence had been made, and Miss Phipps instanced the workhouse sys-

tem. She concluded that since Britain crept out of the last war, she had been a decaying force.

Mr. Chetwynd's second rose to declare epigrammatically: "Decadence is restraint without vigour, barbarism is vigour without restraint, civilisation is restraint with vigour." He agreed with Mr. Chattrabhi that a country could be judged by its gastronomic habits.

In Britain, the British were free to do what they liked. Prohibition had never darkened their political scene. "England keeps her hands to herself. She is aware of having been a world power and this gives her confidence. She develops her own society."

The debate was then thrown open to the House and after a succession of lively speeches the motion was put to the vote.

It was overwhelmingly defeated by 200 to 81 with 38 abstentions.

# Medical student flees Rhodesia

MR. SAMUEL MAKANZA, an African medical student, who has been forced to leave Rhodesia, is hoping to continue his studies at Birmingham University. He was in the fourth year of his course at the University College of Rhodesia in Salisbury.

The Medical School at University College is sponsored by Birmingham University, and this sponsorship has continued after U.D.I.

"The regime in Salisbury served a restriction order on me and made it impossible for me to carry on," said Mr. Makanza. "You are taken away from where you are living and are sent many miles from Salisbury for a period of between one and five years. This made it impossible for me to carry on with my work."

Mr. Makanza was served with the restriction order because of his association with Z.A.N.U., of which he is an active member. He is also an expert in guerrilla warfare.

"N.U.S. is guaranteeing me a scholarship," said Mr. Makanza. However, he will only take up this scholarship," said Mr. Makanza, "his attempts to get one from the Ministry of Overseas Development."

"All sorts of people are working for me to get this scholarship," he added. Prominent among these is Mr. Bill Savage, the President of N.U.S.

Mr. Makanza has not spoken to the Registrar yet, but hopes to do so in the near future. At the moment he is staying in Lake Hall until he is able to find himself "digs" in Birmingham.

"I liked London very much," he said, "but Birmingham seems to suit me far more. The people in Birmingham are far more friendly."

Pol. Comm. have arranged for him to speak in the Council Chamber on Thursday about the effect of sanctions in Rhodesia and the guerrilla warfare in Southern Rhodesia.

## Newsbrief

### Mark Lane to return

DEB. SOC are trying to get Mark Lane to return and debate against a supporter of the Warren Committee in November.

Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment" and a leading figure in the "who killed Kennedy controversy," spoke to a packed Deb. Hall last week. He said then that he would like to debate against someone who supported the Warren commission.

Possible opponents include Prof. Goodhart Q.C., Lord Devlin, Anthony Lewis, the London correspondent of the "New York Times," and Louis Blou-Comer, who has already appeared on television with Mark Lane.

Miss F. M. Cowell, Principal of the Good Housekeeping Institute, has been appointed as Senior Catering Adviser by the Department of Education and Science. She will advise the Department, local education authorities, colleges of education and the University Grants Committee on catering in the colleges and universities.

TOMORROW India Society are presenting "Shakespeare Wallah," a film which was shown at the Berlin and London Film Festival in 1965.

This multi-national collaboration has an English dialogue and is described as "a genuine synthesis of East and West." It deals with a highly fascinating process of cultural change and starts at 7 p.m. in the Haworth Lecture Theatre.

RIDGE HALL opened this session without a President for its Junior Common Room. Last term Susan Jackson was elected but now she has changed from Modern Languages to Law and the pressure of work has compelled her to resign.

It's certainly an arduous and time-consuming job," said Marian Kilroy, last year's President who is remaining in office for the time being. She continued, "You always have to be on the spot when wanted."

It is the responsibility of the second year to find another President for the Junior Common Room and posters have appeared all over the hall urging a speedy re-election.

Students are among sections of the married population which have a higher than average fertility. This was revealed in "Census 1961 Fertility Tables," a compendium issued last week by the Stationery Office.

## B'ham graduate killed on holiday

DR. BARBARA SHANN, a graduate of Birmingham University Medical School, has been killed in a boating accident while on holiday in the island of Elba.

She was sailing out to sea in her sailing-boat, when it was in collision with a passenger hydrofoil.

Dr. Shann, 24-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Shann, of Alvechurch Road, Birmingham, was

educated at Edgbaston Church of England College and then at Cheltenham Ladies' College. She then gained a place at Birmingham University.

After qualifying in June, she worked for about three months as a house physician at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Dr. Shann's parents, who are both doctors, are in practice at West Heath. She also leaves a brother and sister.

# Socialists discuss Pirates

PIRATE Radio Stations was the subject of Socialist Union's first meeting of the year on Thursday.

Mr. Terry Bate, one of the brains behind Radio Caroline, the first of the "pirates," spoke first. He was followed by Mr. Brian Blain of the Campaign for Live Music, run by the Musicians' Union.

He stated that Radio Caroline had two vessels on the High Seas abiding by the law of the country where they are registered.

Mr. Bate denied the existence of any documented proof that Caroline had interfered with any distress

signals—a claim made, and later withdrawn, by the Postmaster-General.

He defended the "pirates'" position with the assertion that they pay an agreed sum to the Performing Right Society.

He concluded that the fact that 30 million people aged 16 or over listen to the "pirates" at least once a week showed a well-proven need for the service provided by the "pirates."

Mr. Blain then rose to put forward the musicians' point of view, claiming, "The people who make the music have not been consulted." The reason for this was that they were

the least wealthy of all the people involved.

He cast doubts upon Mr. Bate's figures and quoted those obtained by Mass Observation in 1964. The vast majority of the 24 million who listened to Caroline then were under 21, and the numbers tuning in at any one time averaged 1.8 per cent in London to two per cent in the north.

Mr. Blain said he was not against the gramophone record as such, but was concerned with the problem of needle time.

"The nub of the moral issue," he said, "is why were they called

pirates in the first place. Make no mistake—they are parasites." Mr. Bate then replied that in countries like North America and Australia, Top 40 format broadcasting took forty-five per cent of the available audience.

Mr. Blain, when questioned, said there was no real need for more than one station doing Top 40 format broadcasting, and claimed that the Performing Right Society does not pay anything to the Musicians' Union.

Both speakers then answered several questions—the meeting lasting well over one and a half hours.



Eddie, the last head barman.

## More Scotch in the bar

ALTHOUGH Robert Ireland, the new head barman from the heart of Midlothian, has lived nearly a quarter of a century in England, he has lost neither his friendly Scots nature nor his gentle burr.

Having previously worked in the Albany Hotel, and several other clubs, Bob obviously finds the main bar of the Union a new experience—the affection for halves of shandy and the paucity of tips largely contributing to this unfamiliarity.

This new job is also a challenge for Bob. Despite his newness not only to the Union Bar but also to the position, he enjoys the friendly atmosphere, and his only request is typical—that the students "will treat us the same way as we treat them."

## photo brief

SIR EDWARD BOYLE says—

## LABOUR POLICY TOO RIGID

"NOT too gloomy" was Sir Edward Boyle's assessment of Britain's situation in a speech before a crowd in the Council Chamber. We just lacked strategic thinking. In his speech he attempted to analyse the country's troubles and offered some remedies.

The present crisis he said was sterling's longest and most serious since the war. It he attributed to an unrealistic ratio between labour vacancies and the unemployed. He also blamed the prices and incomes policy for bringing about inflation. While prices had to be kept down wages had risen.

The government was wrong to squeeze profits at a time of technological advance when investment was necessary and when world trade was becoming more competitive.

The government plans for the future he said were too rigid. One could not forecast the demand for electricity, cars or fashion goods. It was for the government to use all means to handle short term fluctuations to prevent any long term weaknesses.

Over education he criticised the government expenditure. While there was no allowance for rising University costs, money was being wasted on free milk and school meals. After the increase in Colleges of advanced technology an abrupt standstill could only cause damage. Re-organisation of secondary education was undesirable if it meant abandoning existing buildings. Money was needed to provide education after school for those connected with industry.

His chief criticism of the government was that it interfered too much with people's private matters. School meals and prescription charges should be paid for, hospital and further education were. This same criticism also applied to industry.

The Government had left no room for choice, he finished. Change was essential for rapid growth. This he argued could be provided by a Conservative government.



MASON HALL, the new women's hall of residence on the Vale site has already taken its first residents though it is not yet quite finished.

In spite of this the residents seem reasonably satisfied. "The first few nights were the most trying," said one student. "We were without several important commodities but everything is arriving now. Most of the

complaints seem to be about the lift which is not very reliable.

Already Mason Hall possesses more luxuries than did Wyddington or Ridge at a similar stage. The games room and bar are still being built and the laundrette is not yet open for general use, but no one is complaining, "at least we didn't have to sleep on camp beds," said one thankful student.

## High Hall all sold out



The Mindbenders

ALL the tickets for next Friday's High Hall Rave were sold nearly a week in advance. "By Monday we had only a few unsold tickets, which we are keeping back for Hall members and the training colleges," and Ken Littlewood, president of J.C.R.

"I think the reason that the raves are so successful," he continued, "is that we aim to give value for money. We never make a large profit. Also High Hall is a marvellous place to hold dances of this sort. We have a different stage for each group, so that we can give six hours live entertainment free from breaks and interruptions."

The Mindbenders and Unit 4 Plus 2 head the bill this term and the dance will run from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## Arts man to talk

MEMBER of the Arts Council, Alan Bowness, begins the series of open lectures for this term with a talk called "Junk or Art."

His talk will be about the history and aesthetics of the use of unconventional materials in art.

Alan Bowness is the author of many books on art including "Impressionists and Post Impressionists" and "William Scott: Paintings." He has also written a paperback "Modern Sculpture," as well as assisting in the compilation of other works on sculpture.

Besides his writing Alan Bowness has helped to arrange many exhibitions including the London Group Jubilee Exhibition at the Tate Gallery.

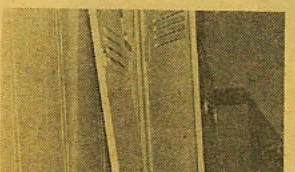
The talk will be held in the Debating Hall on Tuesday, October 18th.

## Extra Mural

Following a recent well-attended course in Dudley, the University of Birmingham Extra-Mural Department has organised a new course of lectures beginning on October 12th.

The lectures are intended to explain to the lay-man the work now being done by brain experts in the city and to give some idea of the problems they must tackle.

## Lack of space causes locker shortage



Some Lockers in the Arts Block.

"A DESPERATE situation," "an acute shortage." These were just two of the phrases used by officials of the University when questioned about the fact that many students had been unable to obtain lockers in their faculty buildings.

Particularly hard hit are the Faculty of Arts with 801 lockers for over 1,000 students.

The problem may be seen in the light of the overall difficulty which is affecting the whole University—rapid expansion of academic facilities with no accompanying expansion of general amenities.

Many of the lockers are out of use because keys have been lost or damaged, and although it has been apparent since the end of term that difficulties would arise, nothing has been done to avert them.

The authorities claim that there is no more space for lockers, and many students are having to share lockers with friends or do without.

One student remarked: "It is now up to the authorities to deal with the problem by making better use of available space and by taking immediate steps to install more lockers and prevent a recurrence of this situation at the beginning of the next academic year."

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## Women's Hockey

# NO DISGRACE IN DEFEAT

AFTER the match against a strong Moseley Ladies' side on Saturday the 1st XI have high hopes of winning the W.I.V.A.B. championship this season.

The team contained seven of last year's players including three full blues, Sylvia Shirley (captain), Shirley Moore and Jo Burden, and four freshers. The forwards adjusted quickly and combined together well, while the defence after a shaky start, settled down in the second half.

Moseley, playing downhill, were one up after a few seconds and had added a second goal by half-time. In the second half the University, with the advantage of the slope and encouraged by some fine forward play by Rosemary Lown, mounted frequent attacks on the Moseley goal. These efforts resulted in a "cracking" goal by fresher Jill Smith.

Considering that Moseley's team consisted almost entirely of county and territorial players, the University team deserve more credit than is indicated by the score.



Rosemary Lown bursts through the defence during practice last week.

## Basketball

# Hoopsters hopeful of continued success

IN the past few years basketball has become a very popular sport at the University. What other sport can claim a U.A.U. championship for the University team and participation of 20 teams in inter-departmental sports? This interest is expected to expand along with the availability of the new sports centre's much-improved facilities for spectators and players.

The University Basketball Club

will not find it easy to match its fine record of last year without two of its top scorers. However, a strong nucleus of good players remains and with the aid of a few new players to balance the team the season should be successful. The emphasis will be placed on team-work and defence to produce a flexible system of play based on well-drilled patterns. Many familiar figures will be battling for places in the first team, although many new names are certain to appear.

The season gets under way today (October 12th) at 3.0 with a friendly match against Sheffield

University, perennial finalists in the U.A.U. championships. The match with Leeds on Saturday is also a promising fixture. The most important home fixtures of the year will be games against Cambridge, on October 22nd; Old Nortonians, on October 24th; and Loughborough, on November 2nd and November 22nd.

On February 10th and 11th, the Basketball Club will be the host team for the U.A.U. championships tournament, involving eight regional qualifiers. Since Birmingham are also the defending champions it will be most interesting to follow the tournament.



Sylvia Shirley, this year's women's hockey captain.

## Rugby

# FIRSTS LACK STAMINA

AFTER a good start, the University 1st XV were outplayed in their first match by a fitter team which had already played a number of matches this season.

Without the line-out experience of Boden and Battersby, the University were never able to get clean possession, which was unfortunate because when they had the ball, the threequarters, with Vintner outstanding, often looked dangerous. In one particular move they broke from within their own 25 and were stopped just short of the Worcester line.

It was soon after that Worcester scored their first try, and from then on the University never looked capable of winning, especially with two players injured. However, they never stopped trying and their perseverance was rewarded with a fine, late try by Wheatley which was converted by Taylor.

Taylor, Kenyon, Wheatley, Vintner, Monk, Hughes, McCoss, Mihalop, Monnington, Davies, Fearnley, Peters, O'Meara, Mayson, Doyle.

## Cross-country

# MUDDY FRESHERS TRIUMPH

LAST Saturday, at West Hills, the club christened its new course with a fine victory over Reading University 1st team and King Henry VIII School, Coventry. The team was made up of freshers and one or two "old lags" (to make sure that Birmingham won) although with due modesty it could not be claimed to be more than a second team. However, the performance of the freshers was encouraging, and it is only to be hoped that they maintain their enthusiasm throughout the season. Those gaining points for the University were: 4th Thirkettle, 5th Nile, 6th Taylor, 7th Salway, 8th Mitchell and 11th Miller.



A glimpse of the action, of which there was plenty, as the 1st XV prepared for the new season.

## Soccer

# Fresher scores in his first match

ON Saturday, playing under perfect conditions at West Hills, the first XI defeated the Birmingham Works A.F.A. Representative XI 2-1.

After last Wednesday's trials, with only one fresher gaining a first-team place, the prospects of doing well against the always competent works sides looked a little bleak, especially after two reserves had to be brought into the side originally selected. However, once the University found their feet after about 20 minutes' play they never looked like losing.

Playing with plenty of spirit the home side began to gain the initiative. Several chances were created by each side and it was due to sound defences that the score-sheet was blank at half-time. The University, however, after the early thrusts of the Works side looked good enough to win.

In the second half, after the several near misses, especially by fresher centre-forward Birkinshaw who shot straight at the goalkeeper from close range, and Harrop who had a fine shot well saved, the University went ahead with a well-deserved goal.

## Neat goal

A short corner on the left wing allowed Whitehead to centre hard into the goalmouth. Harrop just failed to score and the ball ran loose to Birkinshaw who made no mistake with a crisp shot from close range. Soon afterwards the Works defence was split wide open by a through ball on to which Harrop ran and moved towards goal. He had time to draw the goalkeeper and place the ball firmly into the goal.

Although full-back Bright went off with a leg injury, the University still looked the more dangerous team. The Works nevertheless still had enough fight in them to keep Walker occupied in the University goal and he made two excellent saves. Towards the end right full-back Tart also had to leave the field with a strained foot. It was at this point that the Works scored their only goal. A high centre was misjudged by Walker and the Works' side inside-forward headed into an empty goal.

Much credit must be given to the way the University were prepared to chase and cover. Collins, at centre-half, had a very fine game and Lycett worked tremendously hard. Newcomer Birkinshaw also had a most promising game.

1st XI: Walker G., Tart S., Bright K., Helowicz G., Collins G., Taylor P., Smith M., G. Lycett (Capt.), Birkinshaw M., Sinclair D., Whitehead B.

## Medics Soccer

# Medics in six-goal draw

ON Wednesday, October 5th, the Medics entertained Wolverhampton Grammar School for the opening game of the season. Unfortunately heavy rain during the night had made the pitch almost waterlogged. However, the game was fast and skilful despite the conditions.

## Equaliser

The Medics went into a deserved lead in the 35th minute when Brotherton headed home a good Tranter cross. Wolverhampton equalised just before half-time when goalkeeper Crossley tumbled a seemingly safe ball, allowing an attacker to slip through.

A deceptive floating cross caught

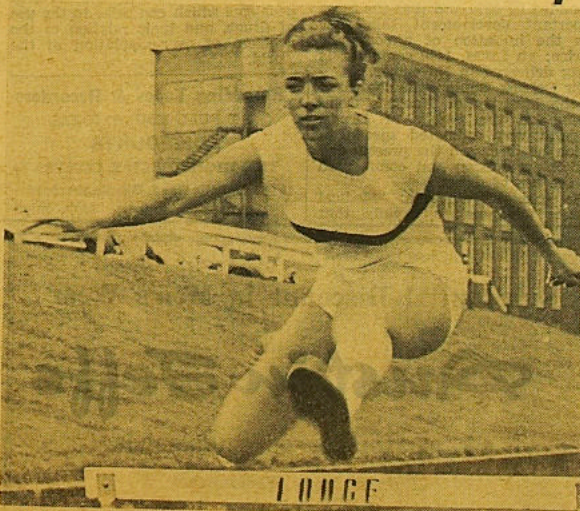
the goalkeeper unawares in the first few minutes of the second half and Wolverhampton went into the lead 2-1. There was then a period of stalemate during which Thompson and Boughton came close for the Medics.

It was not until the 70th minute that Thompson hit a deserved equaliser for the Medics. A few minutes later the Medics were fortunate to take the lead through an own-goal by the Wolverhampton centre-half.

Finally, however, the visitors scored with almost the last kick of the game to make the score 3-3. This was the result of the only real defensive error by the home team which left space for the visiting inside-left to drive home a fine shot from the edge of the area.

## Women's Athletics

# Successful ladies hope to continue successes with your help



WENDY PALMER (Phys. Ed. II) practising her event, the 440 yds. hurdles.

## Sports Comment

# Trials reveal promising talent

THE first week back at University is a busy time for everybody, and the sports clubs have been no exception. The new teams of officials have been hard at it organising trials and practice matches, hoping to establish strong teams with a balance of experience and youthful enthusiasm.

## RUGBY

The rugby club, with Mick Doyle as captain this year, is mainly disturbed at the loss of last year's excellent second row; and as yet no freshers of first team standard have appeared to fill the gap. Already the experience of Boden and Battersby has been missed in the line-outs.

The back row should, however, be the strength of the team, with Doyle their enthusiastic leader. The back division also shows signs of maturing into a strong unit. Given the opportunities Vintner, at outside-half, is capable of leading the "threes" with vigour, and making the sole efforts expected of outside-half halves under the new laws.

The second XV enjoyed great success last year, and show every sign of being able to do the same this year.

Early organisation of the Faculty sides is much more difficult, as they have to give up some of their talented freshmen to the University.

Nevertheless, they are beginning to build up their teams.

Mermaids' captain, Royston Greenwood, was quite pleased with the talent unearthed in last week's trials. The enthusiasm of some of the freshers noticeably inspired the "old hands" in their practice match last Saturday.

## SOCCER

The soccer club, unfortunately, has not enjoyed the same success in the trials.

Only one fresher, Birkinshaw, was selected for the opening match of the season, but contributed by scoring an important goal in their 2-1 victory. Once again the important factor for the soccer club will be injury. If more talent is not forthcoming a short list of absentees could weaken the team considerably. Nevertheless, Saturday's match was a good start and let us hope that such success can be maintained.

## HOCKEY

The women's hockey club has excellent prospects for this year. In conversation with this year's captain, Sylvia Shirley, I found her most enthusiastic about the progress of the team's trial matches.

The club has acquired no less than ten county junior players this year. Prominent among them were Merial Gaskin (centre-forward), Gillian Smith (left inner), Helen Disney (back) and Catherine Dawson (right half).

The club should be able to boast strength in depth for the season, the new in-take adding to a nucleus of established players.

# Academicals lose first match

WHILE losing 11-3 to Old Longtonians at Stoke, the Academicals need not be unduly worried over this, the first game of the season.

Hampered by the lack of a regular scrum-half, the Birmingham backs linked effectively in a number of movements, one leading to a try, after a fine break by the captain, J. Mair.

Freshman D. Orange hooked well in the set pieces, taking five strikes against the head and R. Batten was prominent in the loose. But the Stoke side crossed Birmingham's line on three occasions, converting once, to give them their eleven points.

# Touchline

## RUGBY

1st XV 5pts., Worcester 24pts., Academicals 3pts., Old Longtonians 11pts.

## SOCCER

1st XI 2, B'ham Wks. AFA 1  
Medics 3, W'v'rhampt'n Gr. 3  
Mermaids 2, B'ham Tele. 2.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

1st XI 3, Edgbaston 3  
2nd XI 4, Edgbaston 0  
Wanderers 2, Rugeley P.S. 2

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

1st XI 1, Moseley 3  
2nd XI 2, Moseley 0

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# Editorial

## The fringe outside the Union

**I**n a University the size of Birmingham it is inevitable that students split themselves up into different groups.

Students come to the Union because they want to join G.T.G. or Redbrick, or because they want to play Bridge or join another Union Society. Before they even enter the Union they're basically Union people and the Union caters for its own. These Union people will probably be very happy in the Union but what happens to the fringe group?—those people who have not found their own niche in the University.

Many people only enter the Union at the Freshers' Conference. They never dare to come back. They eat once or twice a day in the warm impersonal refectory and then they disappear. I am not now referring to those people who do not wish to have any other interests apart from their work but to those who feel that they have just not been catered for—they wish in a way to conform with the tradition of being a student, whatever they think that is, but they just do not know where to start.

As far as an introduction to the Union and the Union societies, the Freshers' Conference is not really any help. For the student who is basically a Union type it is just fine. He knows where he is going from the very start. But for the person who is not really sure it can be very bewildering.

This problem of the fringe groups in the University is a very important one. It is also a very difficult problem to solve. In fact there is really no solution unless it be in a change of attitude in the Union societies who instead of encouraging their own kind, try to cater slightly more for people who are not sure from the very beginning.

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**LIB.** Soc. Freshers' Party, Fri., Anglican Chaplaincy, 7.30 Free beer and sausages. Admission 1/6.

**HAVE** you seen your mother, baby? Standing in the queue for the Arts Rave.

**TOMORROW** is 5th House Discotheque.

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**WAYNE** Fontana

**GRAHAM** Bond

**ALEXIS** Korner  
**TOP** class entertainment from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**NO** politics, no speeches—free beer and sausages, Fri, 7.30. Liberal Society Party, Anglican Chaplaincy. All welcome. Admission 1/6.

**SOCIAL.** Golden Horn Society, Staffords'. Today—bar extension. 8 p.m. Founder's Room. Don't miss it.

**METH.** Soc., Sunday, 16th Oct. 4.30 p.m. Canon Bryan Green talking on "You and Christianity." Prayers 3.30 p.m., tea 4 p.m.

**AFTER** Film Soc.—5th House discotheque.

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**FRI.**, 21st Oct., only 7/9½.

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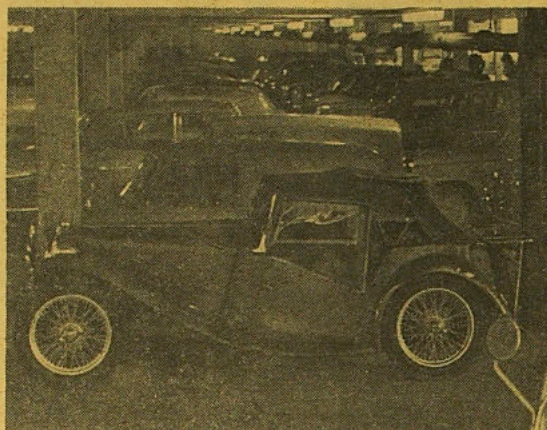
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# Face-lift for Deb. Soc.

## CARS CRAMPED IN CAR-PARK



**M**ANY students have complained about lack of space in the South Car Park.

The reason for this is not clear, but the attendant agreed that the car park was "definitely much fuller than usual." This morning, he said that by twenty past ten, there would be no room at all.

Although parking permits have not been issued yet he thought there was "no possibility

of any fiddling." People who had applied for permits have receipts and he always inspected these carefully.

Mr. Walker of the University Services Dept., when asked if more applications for permits had been received this year, replied, "I am not prepared to divulge this at the moment." "The South Car Park hold over 800 cars.

## Cheating allowed

**R**ESearch in the University's Centre for Programmed Learning has shown that giving pupils the answers to questions in advance has no bad effects on learning.

Tests were carried out on 60 grammar school children using teaching machines. Some of the children were set maths problems and given the answers at the same time. The others tackled the same problems but

under strict supervision to stop cheating.

Results from the experiments showed that there was no difference in the results achieved by the two groups. Similar tests involving student teachers and pupils at secondary schools produced the same results.

Mr. George Leith, the centre's deputy director, said: "The tests suggest that availability of the answers was no impediment to learning. Whether this applies at all ages and abilities needs further investigation."

## Medical authorities give candid views

**A**T the annual inauguration of the Medical School, Professor D. V. Hubble, the Dean, said that the Medical School was still sponsoring a medical school in Rhodesia. This was decided after the Government's decision to continue to support University College in Salisbury. He emphasised that the school was still multi-racial.

He announced that the Medical School at Birmingham would be expanded by 1970 and that the most important development this year was the initiation of a computer service: an I.B.M. 1440 computer is being delivered in November.

Sir Derrick Dunlop, the chairman of the Ministry of Health's Committee on the Safety of Drugs, made a very animated speech in which he discussed the present-day medical profession and commented on the use of drugs.

He told the students: "Medical science advances so rapidly that

what you have learnt in the last few years may bear little relationship to the practice of medicine in only twelve years' time."

He went on to say that medical students should aim to be educated "gentlemen"—a word now looked upon as a sort of four-letter one placed only over public conveniences.

Speaking of modern drugs, Sir Derrick said that young doctors are now armed with therapeutic thunderbolts which are put into your not-always-very-Godlike hands. He also mentioned the ethical problems which can arise in the use of drugs, and their relation to the problem of over-population of the world.

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**D**EB. SOC. have announced their new image to combat the falling attendances of last term. But Charles Wright, the Chairman, thinks that Deb. Soc. are going to have difficulties keeping within their budget.

"It has been traditional that Deb. Soc. have debates at 5.15 p.m. on Thursdays. We are going to experiment this term with debates starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, late-night debates, and also the more traditional Thursday debates.

"At Thursday debates people always have to leave before the end and go and eat. However the International Debate showed that we can cram the house full at this time. Less people than ever before left before the debate finished." I'm sorry that people who play sport will not be able to attend the Wednesday debates.

"Our grant from the Guild," he continued, "is only £200. Keele get £350, Edinburgh £415 and Bristol £500. We cannot entertain external debates properly on this amount."

This term Deb. Soc. have got 18 external speakers not including Mark Lane, whereas there were only 18 throughout the whole of last year. They are also introducing new blood into the Society with the election of three freshmen onto Deb. Soc. Committee. "We had 100 people at our freshers' tea" Charles Wright continued.

Future attractions include debates with other universities, a teach-in on Higher Education and an "Old Hands" debate.

## PEACE IN VIETNAM

**T**HIS Friday, Socialist Union will be holding a meeting in the Council Chamber on the present and future prospects of obtaining peace in Vietnam. They have been very fortunate in obtaining as a speaker Mr. Faris Glubb.

At present Mr. Glubb is closely associated with the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, and groups concerned with the Vietnam war. His own view of the problem is that the basic assumptions on which the war is being fought are all wrong, and that until there has been a fundamental re-think by all the outside powers involved there is no hope of an end to the war.

Anybody interested in the problems faced in Vietnam should find Mr. Glubb well worth listening to even if some of his ideas come as a shock to them.

## Cutlery souvenirs

**O**N the first day that the University of Aston in Birmingham's Union was open, 100 pieces of cutlery disappeared even though a smaller proportion of people than expected used the new facilities. Especially popular were knives and forks. The average replacement cost is about 4/- per item.

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