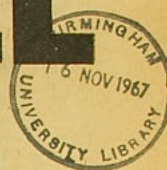


UNION BILL BLUNDER



No. 732 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1967 Price 3d.

Bums-jazz lose out

DURING the weekend well over £200 was lost on university entertainment functions. On Friday night the Metallurgy Society Bumstomp dance lost about £100, and on Saturday night, an Ents. Com. Jazz Concert lost well over £100. Nelson Bathurst, Chairman of Ents. Com. said on Monday: "This will be the last jazz concert of this type in the union. People aren't prepared to pay a lot of money to go to live concerts."

Chris Firth, Chairman of the Metallurgical Society thought that the Jazz Concert on the Saturday following the Bums dance, may have had something to do with his loss, but also there was the fact that the weekend was the sixth one of the term, and a lot of people had treated it as a half term and had gone home. "Most of the publicity posters that we put up to advertise the dance were stolen during the week and this may have had something to do with it," said Chris. "This is not going to affect our plans for having a dance next year, but our social programme for this year may be affected."

Nelson Bathurst speaking about the relative success of the union discotheques, compared with live concerts, said: "We can't afford to book really big groups, but we can get these on record and people only need to pay a small amount to hear them."

Contraceptive service for Manchester

AT a Guild AGM Meeting at Manchester University, a motion was passed calling upon the university to provide a contraceptive advice centre at the Student Health Clinic. It included a proviso that if the university did not provide a clinic, then the Union itself would open one at the Student Nursery, with the co-operation of local doctors.

A further motion was passed calling for contraceptive machines in the union lavatories at Manchester.

PERVY POLTERGEIST

ITEMS of feminine underwear have been disappearing from a Leeds Hall of residence over the last few weeks. Statistics have revealed that only Marks & Spencers bras and panties have gone missing.

A resident of the Hall claimed that there is no evidence of theft, and that the items concerned had probably been mislaid. "Some girls are more careful than others." The same Hall last year was plagued by a poltergeist. Is it still there?

JUNCTION JAZZ
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Last year, Guild Secretary Ray Phillips, commissioned Union alterations over the summer which have appeared on the Union Committee bill for the current session.

Newly-elected Union Secretary Bruce Buchan found out about the £3,600 bill last week. Even Barbara Phipps, Chairman of Union Committee, did not know of the size of the potential bill.

Bruce Buchan, who started the year off with £6,000, now has only £3,000 left. When expenditure for essential maintenance has been deducted from this last figure, there will be only about £300 left for any facility improvements.

"I would have liked to have known about this earlier," said Bruce Buchan yesterday. "Now we don't know what the financial position will be at the end of the year. Charles Wright and I made out a list of priorities to be done, but now that the bill for the summer alterations has come through, the priorities will be financially undesirable."

When asked whether he would have approved the £200 notice-boards for the New Entrance Hall had he known of the bill, he said, "I would have preferred to have seen the bill first."

Last year's bill was £1,000, said Ray Phillips, said that "this sort of thing is quite usual," but we thought that this year we would have a lot more money, so we spent about £1,000 more than before."

Calculated risk

Treasurer Roger Hird stated yesterday that "in the atmosphere of heady enthusiasm last summer, more work than usual was commissioned. I am not really concerned. This happens every year, but Bruce Buchan was elected late and suddenly found these bills."

Ray Phillips went on: "After the previous, very tight quinquennium we felt that we could splash out a bit this year, and there was not much point in waiting till autumn when we could do the improvements over summer. It was a calculated risk which did not come off."

JUKE BOX VERSUS ORATORS

LAST week the Union orators met their match. Discussion was being drowned, they said, and even Mike Hartley, who people couldn't hear him. All because of the Union jukebox.

Then it was discovered that under a lapsed edict of Guild Council made four years ago, the jukebox must not be played in the Coffee Bar and Founder's Room at the same time. Although this rule has been ignored for the past 2½ years, Union Secretary Bruce Buchan switched off the Coffee Bar loudspeakers, leaving the records playing only in Founder's Room from Monday to Friday.

But now Bruce claims that as a result of the change, takings, usually £14, will fall by £5 or £6 a week.

"If the takings are so low," he says, "we can't possibly afford to be putting new records in at the present rate. Due to the lack of profitability the jukebox will return to the standard of the year before last."

"Outside operators have a 50-week year, but in 30 weeks we have to cover the hiring fee for the whole year."

Student reaction so far has been mixed. Said lawyer Pete Ullathorne: "If I had to choose between the jukebox and Mike Hartley-Brewer, I'd choose the jukebox every time."

Ray McCann, a physicist, said: "We should keep it running in the Coffee Bar, but have separate controls, so that the one in the Coffee Bar can be kept quieter."

But Guild Treasurer Roger Hird, while agreeing that dual volume controls would satisfy most people, commented: "Personally I like the Coffee Bar being quiet."

NO LOANS—YET!

SPEAKING at a N.A.L.S.O. education conference, in the Union on Sunday Dennis Howell, Minister of Sport, denied that the introduction of student loans was scheduled for the near future, and suggested that the subject had not even been discussed.

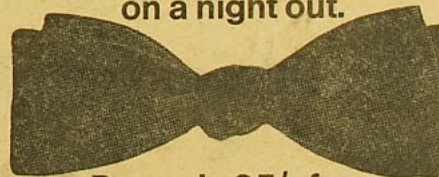
Alderman Hall, chairman of the education committee, replying in the "Birmingham Post" said: "We have taken our time in compiling a scheme, which we believe is what Birmingham wants."

Disease carriers suspended

MANCHESTER University refectory have suspended fifteen members of the kitchen staff as a result of investigations by the Public Health Authority. The staff concerned were found to be salmonella carriers — a form of bacteria causing food poisoning — which can be lethal.

The head of the student health centre at the University said that the employees can return to work when they are cleared by their own doctors.

How to spend a fiver on a night out.

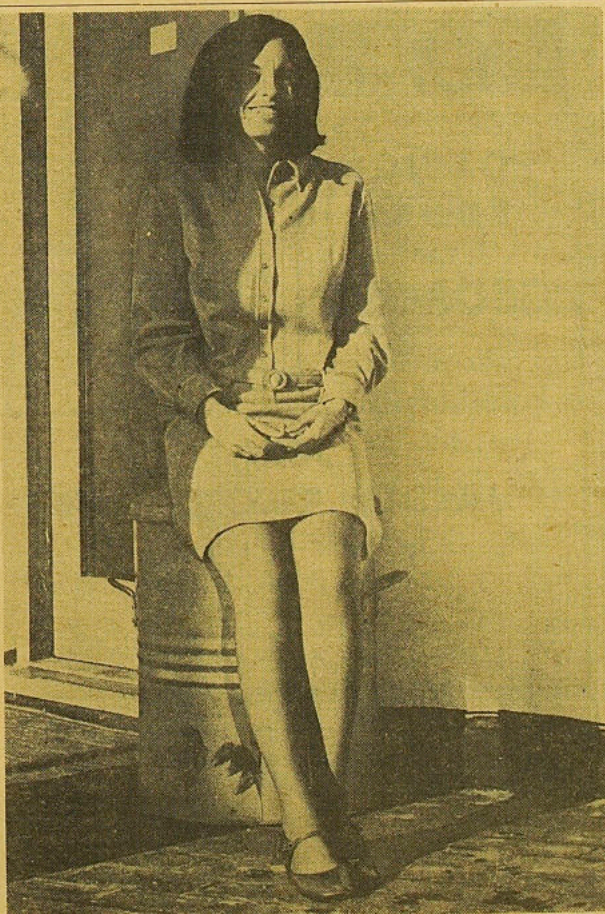


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Stephanie Farley from Wells, likes cooking, Latin America, the theatre, and having her picture taken. So we did.

Photo Pete Mills

REDBRICK SAYS....

Are you live or canned?

THE outstanding flop of two major Union Entertainment functions over the weekend is hardly a matter to be taken lightly. It seems that students at this University prefer canned music to live. Discotheques are ravey successes, live dances—people don't want to pay the extra. One emergent possibility is that the whole Guild Entertainment policy may have to be thought out afresh. Why is it that suddenly students do not want to have live music—they just want to dance—don't care who to—and pick up a bird cheap. Sex comes before live groups. Why the popularity of soul-less discotheques—tanned and dead, with nothing moving, nothing live on the stage, nothing to get involved with other than a record deck and a dribbling D.J.

Jazz fans unite

The same goes for Jazz. Three or four years ago this University could win the Inter-Universities Jazz competition, yet after three years of dying interest it is impossible to get more than a couple of hundred people out of six hear some of the best in Britain. It is time enough to come along and Apathy extends even to entertainment.

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BUMS—Take note. Wall's plastic cover is here, so there's no more knocking our stuff.

FOLK. ANYONE from Linthwaite should go back immediately and not spread foot-and-mouth disease any further.

BUGS. DOWN on your knees and defend your reputation.
HILARY: Thank you for returning my fundamental particles—Ian.

FOLK. JEFF—It's getting better, isn't it?
BUGS what?

TONY hates everybody.
MARGIE Harris congrats on sex advice in Lake.

FOLK Concert: Watsons on Hedy West and the 3-to-1.
BUGS Beat ball.

STOP the search. Bill's found it. He's got one.
TREVOR Lucas.

JEFF do you need moonlight? WHERE?
LONELY dwarfs apply Mason.

BARRY does not need a refrigerator.
TREVOR Lucas club night.

Monday, Nov. 20th, 7.30 p.m.
AVON ROOM.
DONKIN come home Pete all is forgiven Exit.

HOW does it feel to have a gut like that at 21?
WHEN?

TONY I think you're decent at heart.
PUNCH-UP—Judo Inter Regional Championship, 9.30 Sat.

18th, Main Gym. Spec. FRIDA welcome.
TONY H. November 17th.

GUSTO Jastrokings at Splendour in the grass.
WHO?

LYNNE—sneak one more and we'll bring your bloody neck—Bill and Terry.
ROB—climbing is no substitute—belay on to better things.

DIANE—Social fame at last?

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WOULD the person who swiped a wheel off my scooter kindly get knotted.
MELATRONIC Moodies.
MEW—where were you week Friday?—Drew.
PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY Thurs., 6 p.m., Council Chamber.

GO NOW!
HOMOSEXUALITY, a talk by Dr. Feldman, Council Chamber, 6 p.m. on Thurs., 16th.

BARRY—let her see the world. FLAP your ears and fly Sue. THANKS for telling us, Graham—we'd never have guessed.

PAUL. I was not exchanging a baby elephant for a bird—Offers to "Redbrick".
C. W. MOSS seeks Mickey Mouse. Offers to "Wall" Office.

ROB—Does it fit in the bath?
LYNNE needs lubricating.

STUDENTS Table Talk "Vietnam Through Christian Eyes." Speaker Brian Wilde. Sunday, November 19th, 4.30 p.m. Selly Park Baptist Church, Pershore Road.

HAVING trouble with cold places? Buy a blow-torch.
ROB. Watch those very severe rises.

MEW—Where were you week Friday? Drew.
HAMISH is back but his Haggis is limp!

FOR Lewd photos apply Sheila, Chem. II, or Fred, Physics II.
J.M. Plus H.W. equals more members for Transco.

FRED, wet fart Casanova strikes again.
HEATHER. How about Little John?

SHEILA. Next stop Physics 3.
SOCIALIST UNION. P. Jenkins, M.P., Home Secretary, speaks at Council Chamber, Friday, November 17th, 5.15.

KEEP WARM.
I.V.S. Talk by Chris Clarke on International Aspects of I.V.S. 5.30. Next Tuesday. Committee Room 4.

HIPPIES—Bondi Beach.
MILLIGAN Fans—Pontypool. WHAT'S the attraction of living with Simon Audrey?

GRAHAM BARKER may be able to prove it but Terry can't!
COME and see what a Quaker meeting is like, this Sunday at 4.30 in Selly Oak Methodist Church. Tea is at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

MITCHELL. I love you, but we can't go on meeting like this—Morgan.
MARY and her Bolshy Virgins recommend Ghetto Coffee!

EVEN the good times are bad: Soon as I Ghetto you baby.
CAROLINE ENTERPRISES present the Gallows Discotheque from Wednesday, Nov. 22nd—Drop in!

NOVEMBER CAR RALLY—Due to the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease, the Motor Club has been forced to postpone the November Rally scheduled for November 18th/19th. It is now hoped to run the event early next term.

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BUQUO members look in Union P.H.s.
TWO M.P.s tonight. Debate Blood Sports.
DEBATING SOCIETY, tonight, 7.30 p.m., Council Chamber.
U.F.O. Research? Contact Mike Durham, Haworth Building, Ring 0191. Astradisc members very welcome.

O DOUCE Gloria, dis, ma fleur et ma gloire.
SERAIENT—Elles fontées? Je meurs de le savoir. Chevalier à la Rose.

BLOOD SPORTS Debate, tonight at 7.30 in Council Chamber: "This House Believes that Blood Sports are cruel, degrading, and ought to be banned." Proposing: Bill Price, M.P. and Patrick Sherry, Opposing: Marcus Kimball, M.P. and Sue Jackson.

COMING SOON. Indo-Jama Fusion, Dec. 3rd, at the Town Hall. Tickets from 5s at Union Reception Desk.
SURPRISE! Surprise! in P.H.s.

COMMUNIST SOC. and Socialist Union. 2nd Class Marxism. Monday, Nov. 20th, 5.15. Comm. Room 2.

STAMP SOCIETY meeting 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20th, Comm. Room 4.

FRUSTRATED male seeks enlightened female for mutual enjoyment. Box G3, Redbrick.
HOMOSEXUALITY, a talk by Docley Feldman, Council Chamber, 6 p.m. on Thursday 16th.

CHESS CLUB meets on Wednesday, 7 p.m. C.R.I. Home League match. Chess Ladder, etc.

PUNCH UP—Judo Inter-Regional Championships, 8.30 Saturday, Nov. 18th, Main Gym. Spectators Welcome.

FOLK.
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TREVOR LUCAS.
TREVOR LUCAS Club Night, Monday, Nov. 20th, 7.30 p.m. NORMAN. What price Liverpool now? Geoff.

PAUL. Woman don't like Foot and Mouth but you would not know would you. HA HA.
PAUL. Get a woman not Foot and Mouth. Prove your manhood.

LOOK in your P.H. Love BUGUA.
MARTIN. Empty vessels make most noise!

HAPPY Birthday Geoff.
I ASKED Theresa for it—But she had to deklein—Barry.

PIRMO. We're not deaf in 221B.
WHAT about the rubber wings, Dave.

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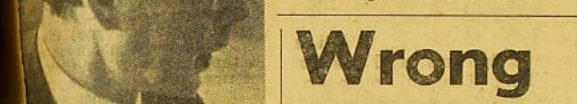
No demand for new library facilities

BY LINDA PARKIN

AS a result of discussions between Guild representatives and the Chief Librarian, Dr. Humphreys, one slight amendment to the existing library procedure is to be made, subject to the approval of the Library Committee. This concerns Combined Honours students who, it is hoped, will be allowed to take out more than four books at once during the final term.

The possibility of opening the Library until 11 p.m. on weekdays, and Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning was also discussed, but, as yet, no agreement has been made. Dr. Humphreys emphasised that the Library Committee was not trying to resist all change but wanted to provide the best facilities for all classes of readers.

"I am not convinced that there is any strong body of opinion against the termly loan system," he said. A significant improvement of relations between readers and the Library staff has occurred since the fine system was dropped, and this is so important that I would be loath to go back to it."



Dr. Humphreys of the Library

Whether there would be enough people using the Library during the extended opening hours to make it worthwhile is a question for the future, but the cost of staff and maintenance, including lighting and air-conditioning, make it doubtful. Even now, the number of people using the Library after 8.30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings hardly indicates a demand for extended opening hours, yet if the University

Informality at Remembrance Day service

SPONTANEITY and improvisation were the key-notes of a Remembrance Day Service with a difference, held in SFH last Sunday evening. A crowded chapel argued, sang and listened to poems and songs, passages from the Bible, Lorenz and Robert Graves, an extract from Martin Luther King and other writers, all dealing with the theme of "Man at War."

In the introduction, Rev. Marie Jones said, "conflict, or if you prefer it, disagreement, is a necessary part of man's progress... how does this conflict have to take the shape of what we call war?"

Backed by photographs illustrating the romance and excitement of war, as well as its degrading horrors, Patrick Barlow and Barry Kyle, with Gary Peacock providing music, commented on the readings, acted out improvised scenes to illustrate certain points, and drew spontaneous reactions from the congregation.

Most of the readers read from where they sat, to emphasise that the evening was not a performance, but an exploration together into war and the relevance of the Christian faith to it. "We were all involved," said Gary Peacock, "there was no sense of them and us, of actors and audience."

EDITOR BANNED

THE editor of the Edinburgh University newspaper "Student" has been suspended from his post and from the Union, by the Student representative council, because he published an article advocating the taking of LSD.

Opinion in the university is divided over the ban, and the University Senate is to look into the matter.

Wrong title for revolting Reds

A MORE appropriate title for the teach-in last Wednesday afternoon would have been "The U.S.S.R. after 1917" instead of the "Russian Revolution and the Soviet Union 1917-67", the occasion being that almost no mention was made of the revolution itself.

The teach-in was the highlight of the Russian anniversary week and consisted of a number of short speeches on various aspects of the Soviet Union. The opening speaker was Mr. Koulibor from the Soviet Embassy, who spoke with the decorum that is so typical of diplomats from that part of the world.

Professor Bob Davies gave a closer account of how the U.S.S.R. had based its technology and economy on certain western standards but stressed that this resulted in an uneven development owing to concentrated effort in only a few fields. Future evening out of this could lead to a capitalist type of system.

Unfortunately the teach-in went on for a very long time, with many people leaving and none arriving, with the result that very few people were present for the last section on the position of the arts today. Mr. Les Labeiz, editor of "Survey", opened the discussion by asking what happened to Russian literature, and to Soviet writers. He said that literature cannot flourish on enforced unanimity. He saw the fate of Soviet literature in the fate of its writers, and named Mayakovsky, Mandelstam, and Babel as examples of writers who had died under Soviet repression.

Paul Wiburg then spoke of the important relationship between literature and society. Literature can be based on actual, though not on enforced unanimity. Mr. Wiburg proposed that western writers' opposition to society may end up as the exception to the normal pattern. However, he emphasised the need for Soviet writers not to insist on dichotomy between western decadence and Russian progress.

Rodolph Schesinger, editor of "Coexistence", could not understand how individualism could be the ultimate aim of one's life in a socialist society. He left us with the challenging view that artists should serve society and not be individualists.

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Soviet official at the teach-in last Wednesday.
Photo Dave Robinson

FULL MARKS FOR SMOOTHNESS

VLADIMIR VASSEV, late of the Geneva Disarmament Conference, now Charge d'Affaires of the Soviet Embassy to the Court of St. James, gave a smooth performance in the Council Chamber on Friday at the last meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Revolution, which would have been approved of by any standard. He said that Anglo-Soviet relations had always been good—there were periods of difficulties, of course!

At the moment the relationship is good—the "Cold War" which he thought was an invention of the Americans, had thawed during 1953-1954. But he thought that there were two misunderstandings which poisoned the present Anglo-Soviet relations, namely Vietnam and Rhodesia. As befitting the experienced diplomatist, he omitted to give us details of the "poisons."

When asked by an interested listener if the Soviet Union gets on better with the British Labour Government than with its predecessors, he refused to be trapped, and said: "I do not want to comment on your internal affairs," but went on to give some indications from which "you can draw your own conclusions."

To some, what the Charge d'Affaires said was new information—to others it was what they already knew. But most would agree that as a diplomatic performance Vladimir Vassev deserved full marks.

WARMTH IS COOL

THE Warmth Society got off to a cool start on Monday evening, when it held its first official function—a social—in Founder's Room. Although admission was only 1s. 6d., the cost of hiring the discotheque was only just covered, and the bar failed to make a profit.

However, those warm people who did go enjoyed the evening, from the jazz of Rich Dryden and Brian to the two excellent guitarists, and including Tamla-Motown and Ravi Shankar. It was meant to be different, which is perhaps why not many people went along. Maybe, next time, Warmth will be able to please everyone.

Paper-knife for Horace?

The editor of "Torchlight," the Hull University newspaper, has his mail opened by the chief clerk of the Union before he reads it. Hull Union secretary said that the mail is opened purely as a matter of administrative convenience.

Don't give Horace any ideas...



Library during a slack period.

Photo Dave Robinson

Halls debates

HALLS DRAWS

IN an unprecedented draw, Wyddrington tied with University House in the first contest of the Inter-Halls debating competition last Sunday.

Sue Klonin, proposing the motion "That Progress is Only Apparent," for Wyddrington, gave a colourful, cynical account of what she described as man's alienation of himself through his failure to control the technology which he had developed. Warfare, of course, was the prime example of this, and both Sue Klonin and her second, Chris Saxby, spent much of their speeches rubbing it in. More originality would probably have won the debate for them.

For University House, Reg Webb pointed out that retrograde factors in mankind's development must not be allowed to preclude his progress in other directions. Although progress can only be assessed with hindsight, standards have improved throughout history. Furthermore, what is progress to one person may not be regarded as such by another. Jeremy Wilson, the second for the opposition, deplored "the crude calculus of the proposition" in assigning plus and minus marks to progress and warfare respectively, and making them cancel to give zero. Had he not got bogged down with too many points of information, he would have been able to make more of this argument.

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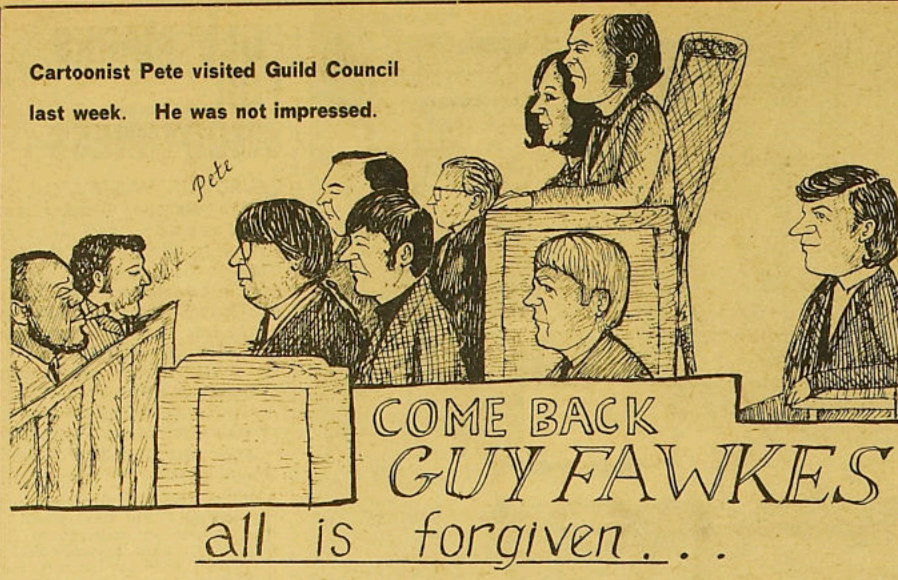
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'Wall' editor Dick Holt proudly displays his new 'Wall' plastic cover. "They can't take me crudities down now," he says.

Photo Pete Mills

Cartoonist Pete visited Guild Council last week. He was not impressed.



Average between extremes

Inaccurate

DEAR SIR,—The Editorial heading superimposed on the Athletics report last Wednesday was so inaccurate that many of those present at the match felt attention should be drawn to it. While recognising the difficulties of the Sports Editor's job, we feel that he should make any headline he chooses to superimpose on eye-witness reports accurate. The headline "Easy for Oxford" can only have misled those not present at the match, and undermine the efforts of the club members.

The Athletics Club is one of the more frequently nationally recognised clubs of the University, and a report of the match in the "Daily Telegraph" did not understate the performance of our team.

To hold the Oxford team—certainly the top University Athletics team at present—to such a close match that the result depended on the two relays, was a great achievement.

Sincerely yours,
JACK GROUT
(Capt., 66-67),
ROGER RICHARDSON
(Capt., 67-68).

Revolutionary thought

DEAR SIR,—Last week we witnessed a very curious spectacle, the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the greatest failure of this century. For all the bright hopes of the Russian Revolutionaries, all they succeeded in creating was a totalitarian dictatorship, albeit occasionally benevolent, to those who agreed with the regime, but for only a few years could it have been called socialist. Yet Socialists celebrated its creation.

This raises the question, in 48 years' time will "Socialists" celebrate the creation of another dictatorship, in Rhodesia? Admittedly, they have, at present, no illusions about this one. It has been a dictatorship from the first. But it may mellow. Eventually, the Africans may have as many privileges as the Jews have in Russia.

Two things are clear concerning Rhodesia. One is that the present British Government does not wish to bring it down. The second is that it has been forgotten by political organisers in this university. Polcom preferred to spend its energies whitewashing a regime that has at times sunk as low as Nazi Germany and has seldom risen as high as Franco's Spain.

And the second anniversary of U.D.I. passed unnoticed.

GUSTAV CLARK.

No Tower Power

DEAR SIR,—On the whole "Redbrick" has maintained this term the improvement in standards attained last year, but it appears from the nauseating style of the "Tower Power" report in this week's sports page that standards are once again declining. The writer of the article may well feel superior to those who work "in the heart of chocolate country," but that is no excuse for a display of lofty condescension on his part.

On the subject of facilities at Nottingham University, I advise the writer to be more appreciative of the facilities at Birmingham.

Surely, to mock at one's opponents is not "sporting," and I hope that in future, "Redbrick" will refuse to print such facetious rubbish.

Yours sincerely,
KATHERINE JEFFERSON

Possibly some will agree with this theory. I hope many will disprove it. Perhaps Birmingham can become, in one sense, a suburb of San Francisco.

Yours sincerely,
TONY ELLIOT,
Min. Eng. III.

Coloured manifesto

DEAR SIR,—May we ask, through your columns, when the President (Charles Wright) intends to follow the policies of his manifesto; or is he following the course of this present Government?

The only item passed by the Guild so far this year, is to bring colour T.V. into the Union, which is very nice at first appearance but, surely, a waste of money to the majority of students at the University.

Would not the money be better spent in keeping the coffee-bar open until 9.30 p.m. (we refer you to the manifesto of Charles Wright)?

Yours,
JOHN RESTING
(Civ. Eng. II),
JAMES DALY
(Min. Eng.),
I. A. BROADBENT
(Min. Eng.),
A. MORROW
(Civ. Eng. II),
M. P. EDWIN
(Phys. Met. III).

FEES REDUCED

DEAR SIR,—The student political scene, being as fickle and as volatile as it is, very seldom manages to keep any particular issue alive for any period of time. Crises arise overnight—there are angry speeches—everyone at once is vitally and urgently concerned with the matter at hand—perhaps there is a debate, a demonstration or in extreme cases a teach-in; and we all go happily and exhaustedly to sleep, content in the realisation that "we've done our bit."

And what about the Vietnamese, Rhodesians, Overseas students, etc., etc? Do they feel as consoled as we do after our "gargantuan" efforts?

It is concerning the latter, the affair about overseas students' fees, upon which I would like to dwell in general detail, being in the above category myself. It may be of general interest to some to know that the fees for new students are increased to £250 per annum and for those already here by £250 per annum. For cases in the latter category, the university set up a fund out of its own resources, to assist those whose studies might be affected by the increase.

The majority of overseas students who applied, to the best of my knowledge, were granted a reduction of £50.

The university authorities come in for such a variety of criticism and abuse, some justified, some not, that it is about time that someone pointed out facts to the contrary. I would like, personally and on behalf of all the students who benefited, to express my sincerest gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for what I regard as a truly magnanimous gesture on their part.

It is a pretty disgraceful state of affairs when a university has to publicly apologise for what amounts to a flagrant and insulting breach of contract by the Government.

Yours,
R. LIS,
Chem. Eng.

Creating parochial sound and fury

DEAR SIR,—I fully concur with your remarks in last week's Editorial concerning Guild Council, and, noting your lack of wisdom in drawing a veil over what was, as ever, five hours of sound, five hours of sound (and not even fury) signifying nothing.

The parochialism of Council, the mediocrity, the insufferable tedium of it, has all been noted in the past. What is disturbing to me is, with only a few exceptions, Council's utter smugness in face of all

JUKE'S COFFEE STRONGER

DEAR SIR,—At last week's meeting of Guild Council it was announced that, because of a motion passed four years ago, the juke-box facilities in the coffee bar would, in future, be severely curtailed. The amazing thing about this announcement was the enthusiasm with which a significant proportion of Council greeted it, despite the fact that most people who use the coffee bar seem to enjoy listening to the juke-box. It therefore seems that, on this occasion, several members of Guild Council might well have been out of touch with the feelings of those that they are meant to represent.

At the next meeting of Council a motion will be debated which, if passed, will mean that the juke-box can once again be enjoyed in the coffee bar.

If this motion is not passed the takings of the juke-box will almost certainly drop, and thus the company which loans us the machine will be reluctant to change the records so frequently.

I am sure that many people who use the coffee bar feel strongly on this matter, and so it would be a shame if Councilors were to vote on it next Tuesday without consulting the opinions of those they represent. It takes such little effort for Councilors to do their job properly and put a notice up in their department and give their constituents a chance to register their feelings one way or the other. Only by doing this can Guild Councilors claim to be part of a truly representative body.

Yours, etc.,
I. NELSON.

NOT SO MUCH A MERMAID

A "NEW look Mermaid with greater use of colour" is promised by newly-elected "Mermaid" editor Patsy Simison. "Mermaid," the university's glossy magazine, formerly called the university's intellectual magazine, but these days "Mermaid" editors tend to shy away from the word, has not yet appeared this session but the first issue is appearing soon. Patsy wants each issue of "Mermaid" to be worked around a particular theme. "This will mean that the magazine will be able to examine thoroughly a particular issue and I hope that it will look different, with greater use of colour. 'Mermaid' will have something very serious to say about each issue that it takes up."

Until relatively recently "Mermaid" has had a limited minority appeal, but this changed with the last editor, Mark Burke, who made the magazine much more popular in its appeal. The new editor hopes that the trend will be continued, but the whole magazine will be given greater coherency.

Also, the possibility of getting new printers, with a greater and more interesting range of type-set, is being considered.

FICKLE STUDENTS

SIX students in the first year of the Law Faculty have changed course since the beginning of term, or have failed to arrive. One of them commented that Law students formed "a little clique of their own."

Other departments where some students appear to have been dissatisfied include Chemical Engineering and Philosophy.

Yours, etc.,
MARK BURKE
Chairman, External Affairs

Argument pointless

DEAR SIR,—To be perfectly honest and truthful and reasonable, I now believe what I suspected before these heated arguments on sex, etc., are in this society, pointless.

Having seen some of the replies to my letter, it is evident that one cannot discuss any sociological subject logically, since everyone bases their arguments on their own particular philosophy of the purpose of life. Since one's philosophy is based on one's personality, very few people will change their beliefs since this means changing their personality also. Mind you, in some cases the latter is definitely desirable.

Thus, "reality" is an individual thing and so no amount of discussion on basic beliefs such as personal relationships, will arrive at a common conclusion in every respect, so long as each individual has a different personality, etc.

Since no one appears willing to change their personality, there is no way of making everyone's personality the same, even assuming we knew which personality would be best to choose, and assuming that this would be desirable anyway.

However, the etc. above can be changed to some extent, e.g., in the case of sexual morals, these are at least partly determined not only by personality, but also by certain irresistible forces, i.e. sexual. Thus, the wide difference of opinions on sex from various people suggest that these differences may be explained by the difference in sexual drive in the individuals concerned. It would be best to increase the sexuality of the less sexual, rather than vice versa, since there is evidence that the latter often leads to unhappiness and neurosis, whereas the former usually produces the opposite effect. This leads me to ask—why haven't Chem. Eng. synthesised masses of aphrodisiac?

Yours facetiously,
BARRIE DICKINSON
(Biol. Sci. III)

Apathy in B.U.C.U.A.

MANY people think there is something wrong with B.U.C.U.A. this term. With membership figures up to 250 this is the largest political society in the university, yet "Nothing seems to get done, and what looks so good on the agenda for this term does not seem to materialise," said Graham Barker, German I.

Apart from the general apathy that kills plans organised this term, such as coach trips to the Commons, by lack of numbers, the main difficulty is lack of good speakers. This stems first from the apparent reluctance of Conservative Central Office to send good speakers to the Conservatives, and second, from the priority of the Debating Society when their political speakers coincide with those of the Conservatives.

"It is more beneficial to have more political speakers in a debate than merely talking to an audience," said Andrew Hamilton, Past Chairman of the Conservative Association. Already this term the Conservatives have stepped down and cancelled an invitation so as to enable a politician to speak for Deb. Soc. without competition from their own speaker, and as the situation continues, disillusionment with the Conservatives grows.

Tim Richards, Chairman of B.U.C.U.A., plans a shake-up in his committee very soon, to sort out the active from the passive members, and hopes this will create some activity.

Mason J.C.R. President

THE election for the first J.C.R. President of Mason Hall will take place on Tuesday November 21st, the candidates putting their case before the J.C.R. on the previous day. The successful candidate will become president of both the Chad and Calthorpe wings of Mason Hall.

Perry Christie, retiring J.C.R. President of Chad, said that "it should be exciting in a democratic sense—it will be the first time men and women have been in direct competition. And because there are likely to be more male candidates, the men's advantage of fifty votes may be nullified."

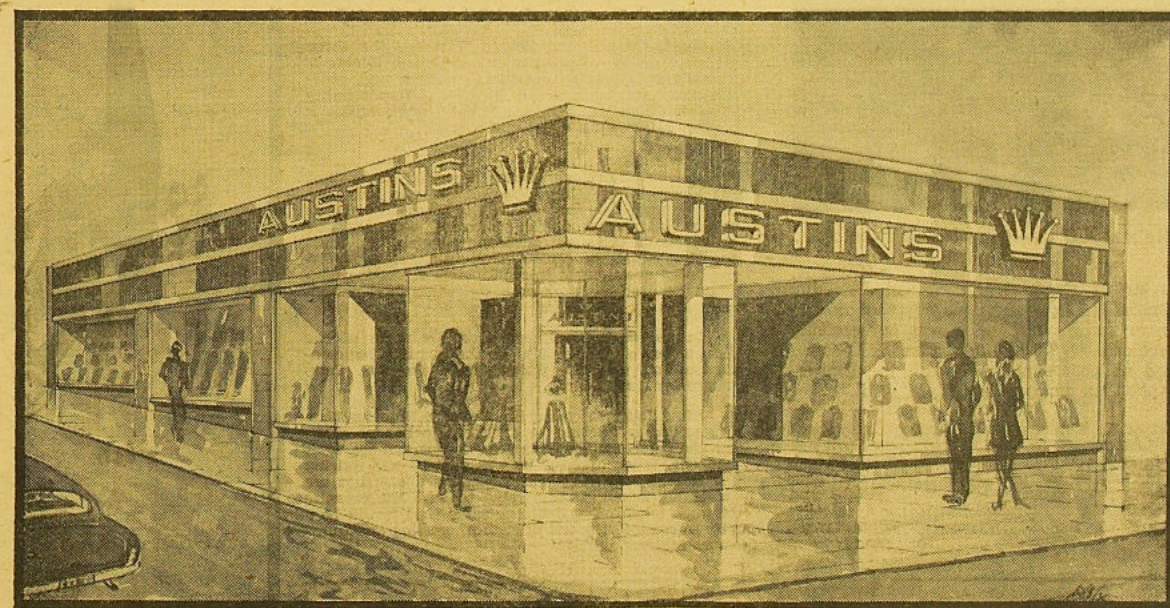
Debating turkeys

"A VERY good meal and an enjoyable social occasion," seems to be the general verdict on last Wednesday's Debating Society dinner. Despite a difference of opinion over the numbers expected, which arose a few hours before the event, Mr. Verdegem produced a handsome five-course turkey dinner for the forty-nine invitees who turned up, although he had expected to cater for eighty.

And then there were the speeches... Lord Arran wittily did himself justice, Professor Ferris expounded his theory of increasing the independence of universities increasing student grants so as to enable them to pay their own fees and Bob Hughes and Perry Christie both spoke competently.

The quality of dress and general formality of the occasion was intermittently contrasted with strains of bawling voices from the bar, but this detracted nothing from the select atmosphere of the dinner.

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SIR ROBERT LOOKS BACK

by Dilys Leadbetter

TO many students the Vice-Chancellor is just a name. He is someone who is rarely seen except at occasional social functions and who is only heard of when he comes into conflict with the Guild. Few people realise exactly what his job as Vice-Chancellor entails and know nothing of him as a person. This article set out to find something of Sir Robert's past career and how his days are spent here.

Aged 66, Sir Robert Aitken has been Vice-Chancellor of this university since 1953. Before his appointment here, Sir Robert was Vice-



Sir Robert Aitken—to retire next October.

Chancellor of Otago University in Dunedin, New Zealand. He, himself, admits that no-one was more surprised than he was at receiving Birmingham's invitation to become V.C., as he had had no past experience with the University, other than an occasional flying visit.

Most of Sir Robert's life has, in fact, been spent in New Zealand. His first school was a small primary school in South Island. From there he went to high school in Gisborne, North Island. "This school," adds Sir Robert, "was comprehensive, co-educational and multi-racial, and has probably done much to make me think of the advantages of co-educational schools."

Then he went on to University at Otago in Dunedin to study Medicine. After graduating, Sir Robert decided not to enter general practice. Instead he began teaching anatomy. It was at this stage of his career that one of the major changes in his life occurred. He won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford and entered Balliol to study physiology. From there he was appointed Reader in Medicine at the British post-grad. Med. School at its beginning in 1935. Here he remained for four years. He then came from London to Aberdeen, to become Regius Professor of Medicine (1939-49).

Then says Sir Robert came the biggest crisis in his life—he was invited to become V.C. of Otago University. He says: "It was a critical decision. If I was to accept the post as V.C. it would mean leaving England where we were settled and giving up Medicine. So we went!" Then five years later came Birmingham's invitation to become V.C. and so back to England it was.

As Vice-Chancellor of a University like Birmingham, what is Sir Robert's function? The function of V.C. is nowhere defined. He is designated V.C. and Principal in Charter Statutes and Ordinances, but no-one is clear where Vice-Chancellorship ends and Principalship begins. He is chairman of Senate and a member of Council. He has been made an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees of Council of all senate committees, and of all faculty boards and some faculty committees. He is therefore uniquely placed to know who is active and what is happening in all parts of the University.

Formally, however, he has virtually no executive authority, no responsibility for absolute decisions. He can propose, but he cannot dispose. He can be consulted, he can advise, he can encourage, or discourage, but he cannot direct. As he admits, it is only by diplomatic ways and means that he can influence decisions for he cannot exercise authority through his position.

If the ultimate authority does not lie with the V.C., where effectively does it lie? Under the 1900 Royal Charter, establishing the University, the Court of Governors is the supreme governing body of the University. It has between 400-500 members. The court meets only once a year when it receives reports from Council and V.C.

Under the Charter, the Council of the University has the "government and control of the finances of the University and of the discipline, practical affairs, business and work of the University." This is the effective governing body and can make regulations.

Subordinate to Council is the Senate of the University, which under the Charter has "the regulation and control of the curriculum and education afforded by the University and the discipline of the University." The Senate comprises all the professors of the University, non-professional heads of academic departments, certain officers and three elected representatives of the non-professional academic staff.

Court, Council and Senate then are the three principal organs of government. Although Senate is formally subordinate to Council, custom and practice have established a firm division of responsibility between Council and Senate, which make Senate a partner rather than agent of Council.

It is in the three organs described above that the power in the University lies but one must not underestimate the role of the Vice-Chancellor. He is at once a member of the governing body and the chairman of the main academic councils. He must therefore be at the centre of all discussions involving broad questions of internal policy or outside relations. Sir Robert's work on a University level nationally takes up much time.

In the past, Sir Robert was Chairman of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth and was also Chairman of the V.C. Committee for three years.

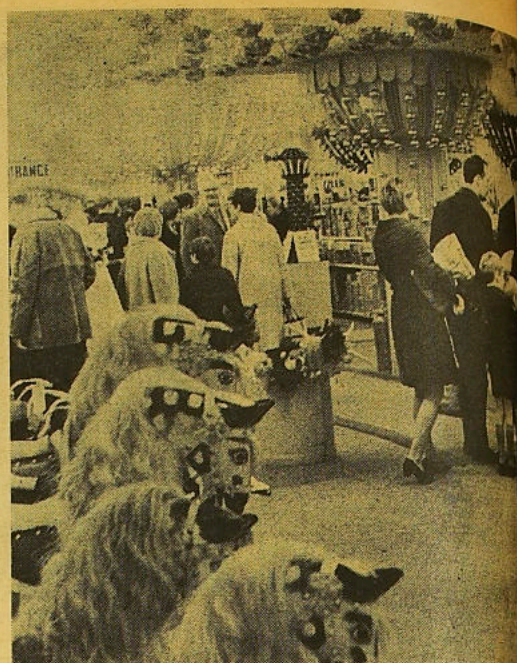
After fourteen years Sir Robert's time as Vice-Chancellor is drawing to a close. He has no plans for the future and intends just to wait and see what happens. When asked if he was glad he was retiring Sir Robert answered: "One's feelings about that are inevitably mixed. It is a relief to have the pressure of work taken off and at the same time it will be a pity to come to the end of such interesting and sometimes exciting activity."

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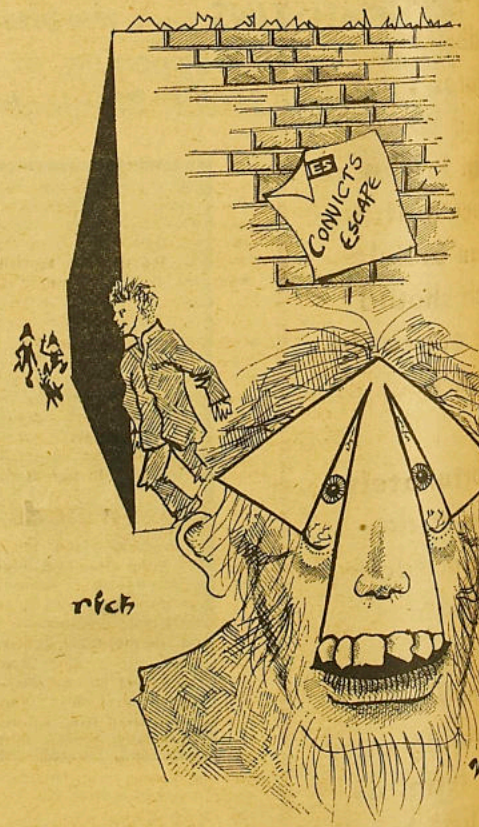
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EARLIER and earlier every year the bared backside of Christmas to-come reverses gingerly on to the holly, doing for the end what the crown of thorns did to the other. This time the appearances of Christmas occurred sometime in late October. Rackhams being first into the fray with their decorations and expensive gifts.

In the womb of Birmingham, in that writhing underground hell, at the bottom of New Street, the shoppers are already writhing about in the ninth stage of materialistic obsession, and drawal is impossible. Shuffling mindlessly like slaves or horses, harbouring images of presents, money to be spent, or fully stocked up, not even conscious of the bitter cold as they fully prepare for the official merrymaking, and in order to get it out to the full they get two days' paid holiday.

Every now and then in the affluent misery you will find the man, or woman, for whom Christmas does not exist. Remarkable only by their stinking poverty, they are left out of the joyous dirge. Christmas, 1957, is not meant for them, and Santa Claus ignores lowly bomb-sites. Inside the big shops, however, their soul brothers find work by preserving the last vestiges of an excuse for all



"We propped one of 'Redbrick' tall stories up against the wall and climbed over"

THE SIXTY DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Story: GRAHAM BARKER
Photos: IAN SALMON

The only time people think of Christmas with anything remotely resembling pleasure is when they are not actually undergoing it; the real thing is nothing like the traditional, romantic image we have been led to accept. The only thing that keeps Christmas alive is money.

Very bronchial, indifferent old men with histories of offences against little girls, suffer little pains to come up to them and hand out an air-rifle, or a doll that is a Tommy-gun which is a surprise of the dying.

plete mental dependence on the mass media which is to be found in the adults who invent and buy them.

No longer does a simple, cheap toy operate to attract and develop the individual personality of the child — instead, expensive and tawdry heaps of mass-produced junk present the child with a ready-made, instantly predictable personality identical with that of every other kid in the street who wants to be Batman, or Robin Hood, or Davy Crockett.

One day Vicar

Christmas is the time when everyone shall go forth and make money, relentlessly and with the knowledge that everyone else is doing exactly the same, dustmen, milkmen, delivery men, newspaper boys, can large sums of money out of people too timid or sensitive of what the neighbours might think, to resist. The vicar, whom you never see for the other 364 days, knocks on your door and stings you for a donation towards the road-fund tax on the archbishop's sequined Bentley. And the capitalists of the future sing two lines of "Away in a Manger" then spit through the letterbox if you don't immediately hurl money at them.

Queen nods

The newspapers and television have the thing ritualised down to the last. Special, Never-to-be-Repeated Christmas Tragedy (train home Christmas presents whipped, etc.) and the inevitable Action and Fun Packed Holy Day Viewing, with two hours of watered-down Walt Disney, an hour of flagging circus, then Brian Rix, followed by an exceptionally boring one-hour Spectacular. Plus, of course, a quick nod and a wave from the Queen, to assure the nation that even though she may be blown out in body and mind by the Christmas goodies, we are Ever In Her Heart.

Came second

The three-day marathon also brings great joy to the sponsors of Christmas, Religions Inc., who at last have the legitimate chance to get the television and radio coverage they so desperately need. Carol Services help to sustain the assault

on the pockets until the next ecclesiastical sowing at Easter, and commentators describe the scene as though it were the Second Coming, instead of the almost two-thousandth repeat of the first one.

Credulous?

In fact, the whole religious Christmas set-up is such a distortion of the truth as we are brainwashed to memorise it, that it is surprising that the churches, particularly Anglican and Roman Catholic, haven't been sued for deliberate misrepresentation. What we appear to be celebrating is little more than the birth, to a quick-witted mother and credulous father, of a Jewish child conceived out of wedlock. There seems to be something very much out of joint when one considers the attitudes of our churches both to other religions and illegitimacy.

All in all, Christmas is probably the one time of the year when people suffer the most financial hardship and mental anguish to achieve so little; yet no one is prepared to do anything about it. For big business (and that includes the churches), the opportunity is too good to miss. Myths are created and prolonged in order to plague the consciences of people who don't want to share in something they dread, but cannot help doing so. Spending, just like any other bad habit, can become compulsive.

Endurance

Nobody could any longer call Christmas a festival, or happy, or anything to look forward to. It is a time for profiting from the occasion and on the other side, a time for endurance and survival of it. The enjoyment aspect is no more than could be had at any other time of the year.

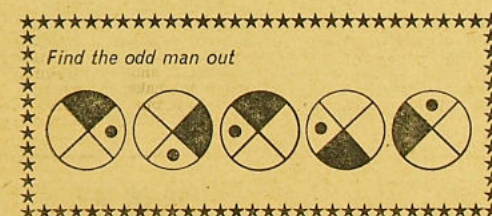
Ranting nausea

Purely because Christmas is made so nauseating and worthless by the rantings of the pious and the legal pickpockets alike, people seek to inject some significance in the whole hollow affair by giving one another pointless and costly gifts, and sending out vast quantities of Christmas cards, and wearing pathetic paper hats, and getting drunk. The situation only gets more unbearable, and every passing Yuletide hammers another solid gold nail into the coffin of innocent illusion. The result, when the job is completed, will be so unique that a charge will be levied on those who wish to stare, and on those who wish to mourn. So Merry Coloured Glass Balls to everyone.



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FASHION

MARGARET QUYSNER

Life-savers for impoverished students

THERE are plenty of winter dresses in the boutiques at the moment, and since you've probably got very little cash in the bank you are no doubt looking for cheap, distinctive, good-quality clothes, which is rather like looking for fish and chip shops in Delhi (or even Edgbaston).

Every winter or autumn fashion magazines return continually to the old autumnal russets, browns

and yellow colour range. Evening articles are usually entitled "Fashion pure and simple" and feature creamy silks and black crepes. It's inevitable that there should be repetition, but when you're a low-budget fashion fan the standbys are often life-savers. One cannot always afford to splurge through the first half of the University session in Rainbow lines of lime greens and blinding pinks because they make you feel so sick on off-days, i.e. five out of seven days per week, but indigo, puce, burnt siennas, black and creams are comfortable, soothing, and can be dashing.

The clue to buying clothes on a grant is planning, making the most out of a mustard or beige cardigan from Jaeger which may cost you twice as much as Marks and Spencers, but lasts you twice as long and literally never dates. One must always be cautious of buying donkey-browns. Some women, with mousy hair, grey complexions, covered from head to toe in chocolate brown, look as if they've spent a long weekend roping steers on the Pampas; if you have a tendency to drabness, move to either dark or light colours for contrast, especially for party wear.

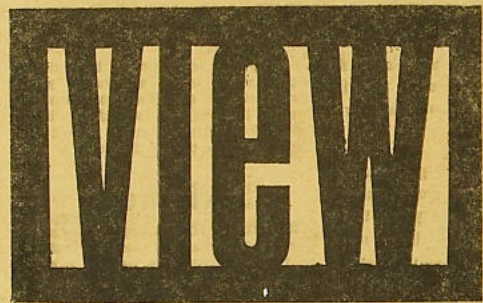
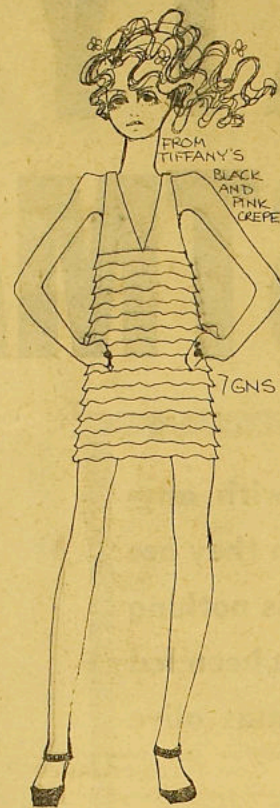
Turning to parties, buying evening dresses is still a painful exercise in practicality. The black crepe dress in the drawing would be great for a centrally-heated apartment, especially if you'd been under a sun-ray lamp for a week, but it's not to be recommended for any student parties we've heard of; that has definite minority appeal.

The second, in brown velvet, though you might think it staid and prim (you certainly won't fall out of it in a hurry, which is a positive risk in the black crepe), is warm, practical and flattering, especially with the white-lace edged collar.

RHYTHM CLUB

Aggressive jazz—playing demands attention

WITH Fifth House overrun by workmen, Rhythm Club at last reopened at the Bournbrook Hotel last Tuesday, just up the road in Selly Oak. If they mean to go on with jazz as good as this, then jazz fans in



RESTAURANT

DEREK PALMER

Friendly service in an oriental setting

START off with the Ivy Bush on Hagley Road, which tends to be a congregating point for students, despite its pseudo decor and overpriced tariff. Still, it's warm and lively, and after a couple of pints you'll be ready to try the classier surroundings of the Plough and Harrow. Mild is 2s. 4d. a pint, but a really luxurious atmosphere, and a chance to see the Birmingham big business tycoons taking some time off from golf.

After you've absorbed the air of prosperity, the prospect of the chippy begins to wane, and you're forced into choosing the slightly more exotic Hong Kong restaurant just by the Ivy Bush.

This is an unobtrusive Chinese restaurant. It is competent rather than spectacular, and it tries to blend Western music and surroundings with Oriental paintings and vague references to China.

One feels completely comfortable—there is no attempt to be over-exotic, and the lighting is actually sufficient to enable you to see what you're doing.

And so to the food. Service is good—reasonably friendly, reasonably fast—and the food, when it arrives, is also reasonable. Portions tend to be small, especially in view

of the prices, which are comparatively high, but in general the standard of cooking is fair. Standard dishes seem to be the safest—sweet and sour pork is a good buy—and the English menu gives a reasonable choice. The restaurant is licensed, and the wine list is about average in price and range. Big disadvantage—everything stops at midnight.

All in all, a place to visit if you're hungry and in the area, but not really worth a special trip.

BUMSTOMP

SUE HOLLIDAY

Zoot-money-waster

THE Metallurgy Society try to be dynamically entertaining each year, but in spite of this Bumstomp '67 got off to a slow start with the Deb. hall almost empty at 9.30 p.m. last Friday. Even with the sale of tickets on the door, the dance made a loss.

The B.U.M.S. gamble of featuring the more controversial and off-beat group of Zoot Money, although financially successful, was enjoyed by a large proportion of the audience.

The audio-visual experience, which can only be described as psychedelic, with surrealistic qualities, captured the attention of the audience throughout the performance. Many people experienced feelings of elation or depression, but whatever the cause, were completely transfixed. However, the effect was not universal, one student described the act as "a load of crap" and another as "a waste of time and money." Doubtless a dance and pick-up were more to their taste.

Zoot was well supported by the Soul Seekers and Reg Gens Explorers, the latter being more professional. The Discotheque was, however, a flop.

When interviewed, Zoot said he preferred playing at university dances to public concerts. Immediately after their performance here, the group returned to London, where they were playing at a concert on Saturday.

the University are in for a good year's listening.

The Pete Westbrook Trio played the first set—just alto sax, bass and drums. Westbrook, on alto, began with "Round Midnight" and the group didn't stop playing until an hour later. There was remarkable group sensitivity as they slid from tune to tune, tempo to tempo, and best of all, from mood to mood.

It was "free form" jazz which demanded listening to; it was aggressive music aggressively presented. Perhaps we were meant to wish occasionally that he would stop and give us a chance to catch up. But Pete Westbrook's tone is so pleasing, and his playing so thoughtful as he takes a phrase and works around it, seeing what can be done with it, that this kind of musical violence is finally very satisfying. On bass, Stuart Kelsey responded and supported sympathetically.

A largish audience relaxed visibly when the Reg Webb Sextet began—this was loud, modern, aggressive playing, too, but much easier to grasp. Lionel Jenkins' playing, on alto, is so uninhibitedly emotional that he excites in a completely different way from Westbrook; he is also something of a showman, enjoyable to watch.

Reg Webb was his usual imaginative self on piano, and Pete Bone, on guitar, a kind of sensitive swinger. The biggest drawback was the drumming of Tony Peters, which was far too loud and distracting during the piano and guitar solos; no pianist should be forced to play too loudly by his drummer. Conrad Cork is the best bassist to play

in the University for some time.

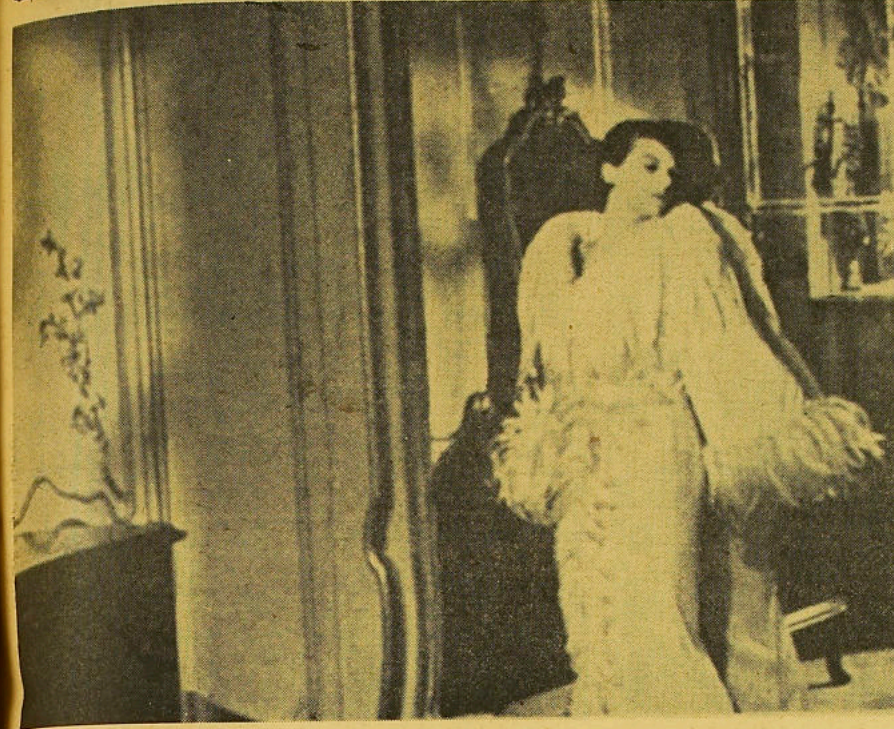
There's more jazz at the Bournbrook next Tuesday (it's fortnightly at present), with a bar open till 11.30—yes!—and the best 2s. 6d. worth of entertainment available.



Zoot Money at the Bumstomp last Friday night.

(Photo: Ian Salmon)

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Delphine Seyrig in Alain Resnais' "Last Year in Marienbad."

THEATRE

JAN BAKER

A play that fails to live up to expectations

"THE PROMISE" (showing at the Alexandra Theatre for one week only)

NOT, in fact, particularly promising, as the title would seem to suggest, though this was probably as much the playwright's fault as the cast's.

Set originally in Leningrad in the siege of 1941 "The Promise," by Aleksandr Arbuzov, himself from Leningrad, tells of a girl and two youths, who, looking for shelter, meet up in the same derelict house during the siege. The girl, Lika—Prunella Scales—youth, frightened, but fiercely sure she can look after herself, was good in the first act, though the audience often failed to laugh where they should have done, but lost too much sparkle in the other two.

She is charmed by Menat, whose house it originally was—a deceitful, brash, stubborn young man, unable to express his feelings, his key line being "I could tell you—but I shan't." Yet Colin Campbell, who played this part, lacked the necessary vigour, intensity, spontaneity and passion to be a success, though admittedly the part itself was rather unconvincing.

In contrast was "the other man"—Leonid (Derek Fowlds), who arrives half dead with exhaustion, and whom they nurse back to health. Quieter, gentler, more sensitive, he, of course, falls in love with Lika, and tells her so. A more convincing, moving portrayal than those of the other two.

Lika inevitably makes her choice, chooses Leonid, though loves Menat and apparently always will—yet he can't express his love for her. He leaves to build bridges (his ideal), she becomes a doctor (her ideal), Leonid writes poetry (his ideal).

FILM SOC.

"EVA"

by Joseph Losey

JEANNE MOREAU

STANLEY BAKER

Haworth Lecture Theatre

7.30 p.m.

but none of them feel their lives fulfilled.

Yet, every few years or so, Menat pops up, eventually realises he loves Lika, as do the others, and so, after 13 years, Leonid leaves them to start life together. Altogether somewhat unlikely!

The dialogue was often trite, which no doubt made the play more difficult for the actors, but the main criticism is that the characters progressed very little after

the first act. Whether this was a fault of the production, by Frank Hauser, or the play itself is difficult to say, though one feels the production could have been livelier.

The Promise? An engine! That all would be the same after the war? That they would all be happy, successful? Though undoubtedly significant, it failed to signify—and, far worse, so did the play.

JAZZ

PETE BONE

Expensive success

THE title of Saturday's jazz function in the Union may have perplexed some people, for jazz fans aren't usually associated with formal attire. But perhaps the sense was everyone should have a ball.

If so, few people can have been disappointed with what must have been one of the most successful jazz concerts ever held in the University. It was a pity, however, that there were two groups playing in different rooms at the same time.

The concert opened with the Pete Burden Quintet—Pete Burden (alto), Peter Zack (alto and tenor), Lionel Grigson (piano), John Hart (bass), and Spike Wells (drums).

Their music is very much in the hard-bop tradition, with plenty of swing and a hard, brittle sound, especially from the sax. Grigson's style owes much to Horace Silver, but there is no suggestion of sterile imitation. The pressing, insistent chords from his left hand ensure that there is no drop in tension. Grigson is also a talented composer, and the group played two of his originals: "Moroccan Roll" and "Man Speaks with Forked Tongue." The two all-stars had nicely contrasted styles—Pete Burden being the more forceful player. Sandy Brown and his All-stars with the leader on clarinet, Ray Crane (trumpet), Tony Mulliner (trombone), Brian Lemmon (piano), Brian Prudence (bass) and Mike Scott (drums), didn't have quite as large an audience as

they deserved, but they didn't seem to mind.

It's difficult to label their particular brand of jazz, for while the front line is at first sight "trad," the individual solo styles of these men are much more advanced. It seems to me a peculiarly British amalgam.

Sharing Deb. Hall with the Pete Burden group was the Don Rendell-Ian Carr Quintet, with Don Rendell (reeds), Ian Carr (trumpet and flugelhorn), Michael Garrick (piano), Jeff Clyne (bass), and Trevor Tomkins (drums). In the course of two sets they more than justified their reputation as Britain's leading modern jazz group. It was sheer delight to hear five individuals playing together with such obvious rapport. Surely this must be one of the most inventive groups in jazz today (not excluding Americans), because they play nothing but original compositions. Outstanding was "Voices" by Michael Garrick, where the theme was beautifully stated by Don Rendell on flute.

"The Hot Rods," written by Ian Carr and based on "Milestones," was the inspiration for an exciting tenor solo also by Rendell. Garrick's humorous quotes on piano seem to me rather tasteless, but fortunately he didn't overdo them on this occasion.

The group achieves a nice balance between strict chordal improvisation and the freedom of the avant-garde, which indicates that they are continually developing musically.

The whole concert was undoubtedly a great success, and I hope we see more like it.

FILMS

MAURICE YAGOWAR & JIM LEACH

Unreal past takes the mind from 'real' present

AFTER seven years of teasing audiences out of thought *Last Year in Marienbad* (Cinephone) still has the power either to bore or to enthral.

The screen credits are white on white; the film's theme is the vague distinctions that can be drawn between the real and the thought, the past and the present, figure and background.

An early conversation—as casual as anything in this pitiful film—includes a progression of "impossible," "incredible" and "extraordinary." What was "impossible" in the past becomes only "incredible" when the possibility is considered later (i.e. in the present) to have happened, and eventually can gain the force of conviction and come to be thought just "extraordinary."

X (the man, representing the unknown) tries to take the woman, A (first letter of the alphabet, the origin) from the other man, M (middle letter, both the known and the present). M is the master at cards and matches, the power figure, whom X can only watch with amused awe. So X's conquest of A last year at Marienbad did not occur. It was impossible for X to beat M. The frequent discrepancies between X's words and their images suggest he is talking himself into believing the impossible actually did occur. She still finds it "incredible," but as his arguments persist, she too, with X, will find the "affair" at Marienbad just "extraordinary."

The film is about the mental presence of the past. What happened shapes the present mind. But as powerful is the sense of what might have happened.

X taking A from M is the unreal past taking the mind from the "real" present, the romantic saving from the cold, the imagination luring her to madness, the force of mystery proving itself stronger than the knowing.

With *Marienbad* is an uncharacteristically decorous comedy by Jean-Pierre Mocky, *The Virgins*,

five anecdotes about the double standard. All the women come out losers, and not just of their "heads." But the one who comes out best is the youngest, whose patient search for a bed—with her boy—is just to be "moderne." All the other women make too big a concern of either preserving or sacrificing their virginity.

Bad Yorkin's *Divorce, American Style* (Scala) survives comparison with *Divorce, Italian Style*. The style in Catholic Italy is to dispose of the unwanted partner; in WASP America it is both more sophisticated and less humane. The complications arise because the divorce laws leave the ex-husband practically penniless: the woman can't afford to lose her alimony by remarrying, the man just can't afford it. Thus the wit is chiefly directed at the American preoccupation with money ("a human being just can't live on \$87.30 a week") and with "things."

Interesting side-glances at the legal system (the judge happily conducting a chorus of rowing couples) and at the American way of prostitution (her apartment as neat, clean, and impersonal as any other).

Selly Oak ABC this week has Howard Hawks' second best film, *Eldorado* (Red River best), an enrichment of the *Rio Bravo* situation. John Wayne and Robert Mitchum are the Old Cowboys teaching James Cagney the code. Monday, the Oak returns in *The Heat Of Night*. The "heat" is that blend of lust and laziness and anger that bubbles over in movies of the U.S. South, the "night" the usual ignorance, prejudice, but here the black man's as well as the white's. Rod Steiger is great, and Ray Charles.

Edgbaston ABC has *Bonnie and Clyde* Sunday for a week. Coles-hill ABC late movie Friday is *Sophia Loren* in the dubbed version of de Sica's *Two Women*.

Odeon has *Bardot* and Mike Sarne in *Two Weeks in September*, directed by Serge Bourguignon (*Sundays and Cybele*).



Sandy Brown in Founder's last Saturday.

(Photo: Dave Robinson)

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THIS WEEK'S SPORT: U.A.U. Soccer & Basketball - Hockey



Birmingham bringing the ball out of defence to start another attack against Oxford during the WIVAB rally.

(Photo: John Porter)

Women's Sport

RALLY SUCCESS

TWENTY-TWO Birmingham players were selected at the weekend to go forward to further trials for the WIVAB teams. Five lacrosse players, ten hockey players and the complete netball team were chosen at the regional rallies held on Saturday.

In addition the hockey and netball teams excelled themselves by winning the tournament.

LACROSSE

IN the first round of the trials for the WIVAB team, Birmingham had more than their fair share of success, with five out of 13 players being selected for today's trials at Crystal Palace. This achievement reflects the high standard attained by individuals, made more noticeable by the singular lack of team success in the tournament. While the selected players are to be congratulated, this is not the time for them to rest on their laurels, for there is a marked lack of teamwork. This is clearly not due to a poor standard of players, but can be attributed partly to the difficulty of positioning the team to its best advantage. The chief problem has been a serious shortage of defence players. So, anyone who feels strong enough to wield a lacrosse stick will be warmly welcomed to the club. If you contact Katy Curry or Gwendolyn Hewitt you will receive prompt attention.

The players selected were Margaret Bassell (G.K.), Odette Warren (P.T.), Jane Stonehouse (L.A.), Katy Curry (3.H.) and Fiona Strang (2.H.). We wish them all good luck this afternoon.

HOCKEY

ON Saturday West Hills was the scene of great activity when Birmingham entertained ten teams at the Midlands Universities hockey rally. Thanks to efficient organisation by the Birmingham captain Shirley Moore, who put in a great deal of hard work, and the unusually kind Birmingham weather, the rally was a great success. The Birmingham 1st and 2nd XIs both had a profitable day by winning their sections without conceding a goal. Credit must go to the umpires. West Hill staff, scorer Sylvia Shirley, secretary Pauline Clay and all those who helped to make the rally run smoothly.

NETBALL

IN gaining their first overall victory for a number of years at a WIVAB Rally, Birmingham University Netball team at last overcame their notoriously slow starting, a bad fault in games of short duration, and proved that they did not need an hour in which to inflict defeat on their university opponents.

The new Midlands division of the WIVAB was this year held at Keele and six universities were represented. Birmingham, Nottingham and Keele took two teams, Leicester, Bangor and Warwick

Birmingham 1st XI opened the day with a very good match against Bangor which, rather surprisingly ended in a goalless draw. Birmingham attacked throughout the game but failed to score due to the very good play of the Bangor goalkeeper. After this the Birmingham team really warmed up and scored freely in the next two matches, beating Aberystwyth 3-0 and Nottingham 4-0.

After lunch the match against Oxford, although good, was not as hard as expected and Birmingham won 2-0. Jane Davidson scoring both goals. The last match of the day against Leicester was very scrappy and the Birmingham defence had their hardest match of the day. However in the second half Rose Low scored two good goals to give Birmingham the match and make them winners of the rally. Birmingham showed their superiority by scoring eleven goals while their goalkeeper only touched the ball twice. In contrast Bangor, who were in second place only managed to score four goals. Jane Davidson (3), Rose Low (3), Margaret Pike (2), Philippa Cranmer, Gill Smith and Pauline Clay were the scorers for Birmingham.

This rally was a preliminary trial for the WIVAB South team and the following were chosen to go to Crystal Palace on Wednesday for netball trials: Jean Dando, Shirley Moore, Helen Disney, Jan Newmann, Pauline Clay, Pat Parkin, Margaret Pike, Rose Low, Jane Davidson and Philippa Cranmer.

The 2nd XI won their section of the rally by beating Bangor 1-0, Nottingham 2-0 and Oxford 1-0. Last week the 1st XI became Midlands WIVAB champions by defeating Leicester 8-1 and now go on to the WIVAB semi-finals to play against the Welsh section winners in January.

Touchline

Soccer
1st XI v. Aston Univ., won 10-0.
2nd XI v. Aston Univ., won 5-1.
Medics v. Lancaster, lost 7-0.

Basketball
1st v. Aston Univ., won 101-31.
1st v. St. Paul's, won 91-41.
2nd v. Aston Univ., won 66-22.

Rugger
Wanderers v. Birmingham 3rd XV, lost 8-3.
Academicals v. RAF Stafford, won 8-0.

Academicals v. Christ's Col. (Liverpool), lost 6-3.

Squash
1st v. Nottingham Univ., lost 3-2.
1st v. Nottingham Ladies, won 3-2.
1st v. Nottingham Club, won 3-2.

Hockey
Trojans v. Wolverhampton Tech., won 1-0.

Wanderers v. Lancaster Col. (Coventry), won 2-1.

Men's Lacrosse
v. Cheadle B, lost 15-2.

Soccer

BRUM SLAM TEN GOALS

Birmingham Univ. 10, Aston Univ. 0.

IN conditions more suited to daredevil motorway drivers (fog, for those daredevil drivers who do not know the difference) Aston had a nasty accident when they came from the slow lane to meet those fast-lane men the B.U.A. F.C. (There's none so fair, etc.). Both Aston's teams could not match Birmingham's speed and crashed to defeat.

The first team suffered no resistance and had little difficulty in reaching double figures. In fact, the referee gave Birmingham more trouble than the opposing side. At one point, however, he averted a nasty situation when a fight broke out on the field between two Aston players. To say that their side was a little disappointed was putting it mildly, because half of them were not even on first-name terms. To get back to the important point, goals were amassed by Keith Gardiner (4), Dave Hughes (4), Roy Hawkins (1) and Mel Birkinshaw (1). With the exception of goalie Ian Finch everyone in the team made some sort of goal-scoring attempt, whilst Ian Finch marked their forward line for a final word on their playing strength. I would remind you of the immortal words of Cassius Clay: "Dey weren't nuttin' but bums."

The second team tortured Aston

second team until ten minutes after half-time when Dave Hester scored to make the score 2-1. Birmingham. Goals from John Harrop (2) and Dave Peman (1) followed in quick succession. The first goal was scored by Tony Neal, whom Aston's team manager for a linesman when he was through the defence and crashed through the "baby-line." (Don't ask him how far it was, or he will tell you that it was about 10 yards.)

Teams:

1st Team: I. Finch, P. Jones, D. Hester, G. Holroyd, G. Collins, S. Hart, R. Hawkins, M. Birkinshaw, K. Gardiner, L. Frazer, D. Hughes.

2nd Team: C. Shewell, R. Oller, M. Sturt, K. Johnson, D. Burroughs, T. Neal, R. Pollard, J. Harrop, D. Peman, D. Hatten, J. Oldfield.

Men's Lacrosse

CHEADLE

PILE IT ON

Birmingham Univ. 2, Cheadle "B" 15.

THIS was a very disappointing game for Birmingham, who were unable to get the better of the opposition either in defence or attack. Cheadle started strong within a couple of minutes of the start, and they held a commanding position for almost the whole of the game.

The defence was not really as confident as they have been, and their performance, although not unenthusiastic, did not serve to keep the score down. They were lured away from the goal by the opposition, which meant an absence of covering whenever Cheadle had a free man. However, this mistake by the defence was understandable, considering that Cheadle were able to score from far out on several occasions.

The attack too was ineffective. They failed to penetrate the Cheadle defence until the last quarter when, most encouragingly, considerable pressure was brought to bear. Most encouraging, because although it was no longer possible to win or even draw the game, it showed that the attack could retain possession of the ball.

The pitch was very messy, and Birmingham's handling of the ball was poor. Cheadle, however, were not unduly affected and it proved an advantage to them.

Academicals

Rugger

Academicals 8, R.A.F. Stafford 0

THOSE with X-ray vision to penetrate the fog report that a win was achieved against R.A.F. Stafford by a goal and a penalty goal to nil. The fog and mud caused many movements to come to grief, and the only try came from Phil Littlewood when he broke from the base of a five-yard scrum. Dave Watkins converted and also kicked the penalty. It was not nearly as big a win as it should have been—would have been in dry weather.

Academicals 3, Christ's Col. Lpool 6
Honourable defeat followed on Saturday against a well-drilled Christ's College side by two tries to one. Christ's were scoring with a try after a five-yard scrum and this was the only score until half-time. Pete Moore scored an equaliser after strong appeals for a penalty try had just been turned down. Christ's then put on the best forward display encountered this season, and only sterling defensive work kept them to one more try following a good passing movement.

Dedicated—or not?

AS all of our readers should by now know, the Athletic Club go to train at the Lickey Hills every Sunday. Or do they? A week last Sunday it was raining. Result: Four athletes turned out, one more came along late, the rest didn't. Is this the dedication which we are talking about? Or is it just a coincidence that the British Universities Athletics title?

It has since come to my knowledge that enthusiasm is not at such a low ebb in all departments of our athletics team. Reports have been received of middle and long distance runners who have been increasing their training. Why? Because of their poor showing in the recent Birmingham League match.

It is now quite common for these runners to train for an hour or two, and these sessions are including more and more really long runs, e.g. twenty miles or so. But not satisfied with this, they have also been circuit training, weight-training

and interval-running training. There are reports that interval mileage is approaching 100 miles a week in some cases. It is obvious that such team spirit and dedication must soon bring improved results. It is worth remembering that these are the athletes who do their bit whatever the conditions, who compete in the worst conditions and with the most primitive facilities provided. It is possible that a Cheadle Club will be started with a membership of all those athletes who have topped the 100 miles training mark in a week.

Meanwhile it is worth noting that of the runners who did turn out on that fateful wet Sunday, four of them were cross-country runners. No doubt by now used to such conditions and the routine washing of vest and shorts after running. What's wrong with the other athletes? Frightened of getting their bright new vests and track suits dirty?

Basketball

TOWER POWER TON

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. 101 pts., ASTON UNIV. 31 pts.
BIRMINGHAM UNIV. 91 pts., ST. PAUL'S (Cheltenham) 41 pts.

ST. PAUL'S is another team which start in the West Midlands Colleges Imitation League and with the aid of this they almost succeeded in winning the game against the 1st team on Monday. They are not the best of teams, and it is always difficult to rebound a ball when the other side has a foot start on you before they tend to apply themselves with a will to crash-tackling in the region of the knees, and like maniacs.

Tower power prevailed at the end of the day and a 50-point victory would seem to be just desserts. It must be added that Rich Cowley performed two immaculate hook shots from the free throw line, which were greeted with howls of derision and disbelief from the American community on the bench. However, the rest of the team chipped in a few points, and notched up one of the biggest wins for a very long time—101 points to 31. President Richard Cooper expressed his delight at the result, and is rumoured to have put a tenner behind the bar on the strength of it. Of course, it's just a rumour.

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the assurance that it will not happen at the next Programme Match which will be against Old Notts on Monday, November 27th, 1967 at 7.30 p.m. Old Notts have a clutch of England, Great Britain etc. players and trialists, and are always a crowd-puller at the University, particularly after the 1st squad beat them for the first time in seven years last year. But before then, there is a match against Manchester University, at home, on Saturday, 18th, at 3.30 p.m., when the Kings of the Court will again be out in force.

Unhappily, he couldn't quite keep it up and lost his own personal game against that team by 27 points to 31 when the final whistle was blown. However, the rest of the team chipped in a few points, and notched up one of the biggest wins for a very long time—101 points to 31. President Richard Cooper expressed his delight at the result, and is rumoured to have put a tenner behind the bar on the strength of it. Of course, it's just a rumour.

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Squash

U.A.U. DEFEAT

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. 2, NOTTINGHAM UNIV. 3 (U.A.U.)

THE men's squash club paid the penalty for fielding a weak side against Nottingham University in the U.A.U., and lost 3-2. This was due partly to the absence of Trevor Schragger, last year's No. 1 who refuses to play in any matches. Fortunately, as runners-up in our section, we will have the opportunity of playing Nottingham again in the area final, and it is anticipated that the same mistake will not be made again.

The men's team played the University ladies, for the first time this year and it was necessary to have a handicap of five starts and American scoring. When the men recovered from the shock of finding that the ladies had the start and not them, they managed to win narrowly 3-2. Pat Gent, the Norfolk No. 1, beat J. Abiyah, the University No. 1, in a closely fought fifth game, and Mary Hopper managed to beat Jim McCollum, the opposite number through determination and a very big swing.

In the league the University beat Nottingham second team away by three rubbers to two. The wins were at one, two, and three which is very unusual since wins lower down the order are more frequent in the University team. The only player in the team who is unbeaten

so far in matches this year is the captain, Nigel Harrison and it is hoped that he will be asked to represent the U.A.U. again this year.

Cross-country

TEAM EFFORT WINS THE DAY

THE race against Aberystwyth last week was not, in fact, a cross-country race at all. Due to the "Foot and Mouth" restrictions we had to change our course on Saturday and run a road race. After hurriedly working out a course which was easy to mark and of a reasonable length we proceeded to beat Aberystwyth to keep our unbeaten record at West Hills.

The course was just over four miles in length and included a steep uphill section in the last mile. For the first half mile the runners were at one, two, and three which is very unusual since wins lower down the order are more frequent in the University team. The only player in the team who is unbeaten

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Hockey

EFFORT LACKING

TWO wins, one draw and one loss accurately reflects the fluctuating fortunes of the University 1st XI.

Three elements of skill, luck and effort make up a successful team. Birmingham most certainly possesses the first element but lacks effort, the killer instinct, and unfortunately the amount of luck is positively correlated to the amount of effort.

Today the 1st XI are playing Worcestershire "A" at West Hills. Worcestershire last year celebrated their first championship goal for some 15 years in the county championship. This year they have made tremendous strides and have won a match, so today's encounter should prove interesting.

Judo

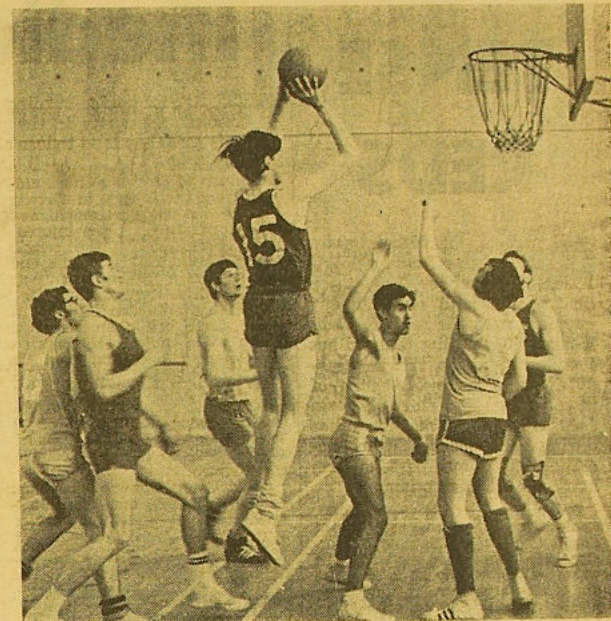
Inter-regional championships

THE Inter-Regional Judo Championships are to be held in the Main Gym on Saturday, November 18th. This is one of the important events in the University Judo World, when the seven regions will each be sending their ten strongest players. Birmingham will be represented by several members of the Midlands region team and they hope to do well on their home ground. The eliminations for the British Universities' team are to be held during the day and some exciting judo in the five weight categories is expected. As this is the first time the Sports Centre facilities have been used for such an important judo event it is hoped that the day will be a success. Spectators are welcome especially if they can make the 9.30 a.m. start.

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Towards the end Trojans attacked furiously when Rick-maintaining play in their opponents' half for most of the time. With ample possession Wanderers' three-quarters tried everything they knew to break through the Trojans' defence, but good covering and some peculiar decisions by the referee kept the home team out.

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Rich Cowley (15) evades the Aston rearguard to take a shot at the basket.

Faculty Sports

MIXED RESULTS

Medics Soccer

Lancaster Tech. 7, Medics 0
LAST Wednesday the Medics visited Coventry to play Lancaster Tech. 1st XI. Conditions were very foggy, but both goals were just visible from the half-way line, and luckily conditions got no worse during the game. The match started with play fairly even.

Thompson came close for the Medics with a good header, but generally it was a dull, congested struggle in midfield. Both sides were tackling hard and quickly. Then, rather against the run of play, Lancaster took the lead with a quick well-taken goal. This threw the Medics out of their stride and Lancaster quickly took control of the midfield and the game. They increased their lead still further with two suspect goals before half-time.

After a sharp talking to by Lovett, their captain, the Medics started the second half in a determined fashion. Cheeser and Perry were getting through a lot of work, and again the Medics had a fair

Trojans Hockey

Trojans 1, Wolverhampton Tech. 0
THIS match was typical 3rd XI hockey: an uneven pitch, one (whistleless) in the first half, umpire only, and a standard of play that rarely rose above scrappy. However what skill there was evident was shown by the Trojans' left-half Morris who actually managed to dribble the ball and gained yards on one occasion.

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share of the play. They came close on a few occasions, but the Lancaster defence was very strong and quick in the tackle. Despite their efforts, the Medics never looked really capable of removing the deficit.

Then, about half way through the second half Lancaster were awarded a very suspect penalty after a hard tackle by Thompson. Lancaster scored, and again the Medics team lapsed into a state of confusion and unco-ordination.

This time Lancaster did capitalise on the poor-spirited Medics and before the end they managed to score another three goals past the unfortunate Crane. The Medics were a thoroughly demoralised side at the end of the game. This was a pity since although the Lancaster team were more polished and composed, they were certainly not seven goals better.

Wanderers

Rugger

Wanderers 3, Birmingham 8
W half into a strong wind at West Hills, playing with a largely inexperienced team. The lack of co-ordination early in the game enabled Birmingham to gain a territorial advantage which they soon capitalised on with a converted try after some poor tackling in the three quarters.

However the home forwards' covering improved, and using close intrapping between forwards and backs, Wanderers began to attack. Only to be driven back by some huge kicks with the wind. Birmingham increased their lead when an orthodox three-quarter movement allowed their winger to go over in the corner, giving them an 8-0 advantage. Before half-time Wanderers came back into the game when Sutton made one of his many breaks from the loose and with the aid of some excellent backing-up, Wanderers forced the ball over the Birmingham line where Squires touched down for a try.

The second half was a complete reverse of the first, with Wanderers maintaining play in their opponents' half for most of the time. With ample possession Wanderers' three-quarters tried everything they knew to break through the Trojans' defence, but good covering and some peculiar decisions by the referee kept the home team out.

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Walk for Vietnam medical aid

TENSE REDS

AS part of the 50th anniversary of the Russian Revolution an October Revolution debate was held on Thursday evening, with the motion, "This House believes that the end has justified the means." The atmosphere was tense for much of the debate, and the platform speakers shouted at each other during the speeches which incorporated some personal remarks about each other.

Proposing the motion was Dr. Schlesinger of the Institute of Soviet Studies at Glasgow University. He began by saying that he was speaking simply as a Marxist and that there were no absolute means or ends. In an attempt to justify the means used by the Russians to reach their present state he spoke at length of the history of the Revolution. Although he admitted that there had been horrible sacrifices by the Russians, he appeared to justify this by the strong economic and political position which is now held by Russia.

Recalled

Dr. Leo Labedz, editor of "Survey," opposing, followed Dr. Schlesinger's example by speaking for well over half an hour. He recalled previous anniversaries of the Russian Revolution held while Jews were being exterminated or peasants starved to death.

"The Schlesingers of this world said that such things were historically necessary," he remarked.

His claim was that the development of Russia after the Revolution need not have been so brutal and he described the conditions of slave-labour under Stalin. Then he ended by criticising the present situation in Russia for its severe restrictions upon the individual.

"What is this glorious present which we should be so taken in by?" he asked. "Industrialisation could have been achieved without the means which were used."

Seconding the proposition, Georges Michel, editor of "Left," made many irrelevant points and was reduced to a personal attack upon the basis of Dr. Labedz's speech. He said that he did not intend to justify everything which had taken place in Russia since the Revolution and admitted that the Communists have many problems. His main point was that the Bolshevik Revolution was inevitable and that there was not any other way in which Russia could have progressed to its present position.

Compared

Speaking second for the opposition, Georg Gomori, a Hungarian, delivered a very clear and concise speech. He said that there had been an indefinite postponement of the Bolsheviks' promise of an equal, a free, and a prosperous society. There was nothing remarkable in the fact that Russia had become a great industrial power, he stated — Nazi Germany did this. He spoke bitterly of the millions of Russians who died in labour camps and compared it with the mass murder carried out by the Nazis. He doubted whether the cost of this could justify the means by which Russia had reached her present status.

After the summing-up speeches the counting of the votes brought a long and intense debate to an end. For 40. Against 128. Abstentions 31.

'LEFT' RETURNS

"LEFT," magazine of the Socialist Union, is to be printed after all. Legal proceedings are being taken against the original publishing company, who failed to meet the delivery date, exceeded the estimates, and used the wrong type of paper, and for that reason Chairman of the Society, J. V. S. Jones, delayed further comment.

A Burnley printer is now being used and "Left" should be available by the end of the month.

PICTURES of babies burning in Vietnam appear with such monotonous regularity in the national press and the more radical journals that they tend to lose all impact.

However, do you care about doing something to provide medical aid to help treat the injured in Vietnam? One of the biggest campaigns to raise funds to treat the injured is being organised by the religious and political societies of the Guild this Saturday. Starting at 11 a.m. in the Union, the collectors are to march to the Golden Cross on the outer circle and then round the North outer circle to the Swan on the Coventry Road, and from there into the Bull Ring, where a special exhibition is being organised. ALL the political societies of the Guild are marching—and most of the Executive, including Charles Wright, will be trying to complete the course.

Guild Council unanimously mandated the march, donating £15 towards the cost, and the money collected will go directly to the

British Red Cross, to be converted into medical supplies which are urgently needed for both North and South Vietnam.

Last week President Charles Wright, in an appeal to the students of the university and anybody else who is interested in walking, said: "I'm marching, most of the Exec. is marching, and we hope that everyone who wants to actually make some sort of concrete contribution to help those in Vietnam, instead of going on futile demonstrations, will come along on Saturday and WALK and collect money."

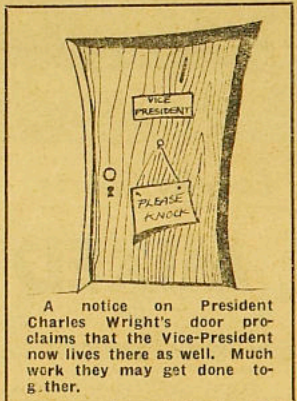
PIONEER DAYS OF ELECTRICITY

ON his death Michael Faraday left behind him "the most complete record of the life and work of any scientist, possibly of any man." At yesterday afternoon's open lecture in Deb. Hall Professor George Porter tapped this mine of information on "The House of Faraday" (meaning the Royal Institution).

From his talk, one quickly became fascinated by the details of "pioneer" science: the invention of revolutionary devices which today are commonplace domestic appliances, for instance, the pressure cooker, linked with names which have become legendary—Davy, Lavoisier and many others.

The lecture revolved, however, around the character and achievement of the most illustrious of these men—Faraday. The man who in his lifetime conducted 18,000 experiments, and invented the electricity transformer, had no mathematical training or formal education of any kind. He learnt chemistry from the "Encyclopedia Britannica," and was therefore forced to rely on his own thoughts and experiments to achieve such significant results.

Professor Porter is himself a director of the Royal Institution in London and is the joint recipient of this year's Nobel Prize for Chemistry.



A notice on President Charles Wright's door proclaims that the Vice-President now lives there as well. Much work they may get done together.

Security booty

AN amazing state of student apathy is suggested by the long list of articles which are lying unclaimed in the Lost Property Office, and which, if not claimed by December 4th, will be disposed of.

The list of items in the office includes a tape recorder, transistor radio, map-drawing instruments, electric shavers, briefcases, slide rules, watches, pens, lecture notes on various subjects, and even bicycles.

Four cases have been solved this week, but the number of articles where there is no method of tracing the owner is so high that the unclaimed articles must be cleared out every three months.

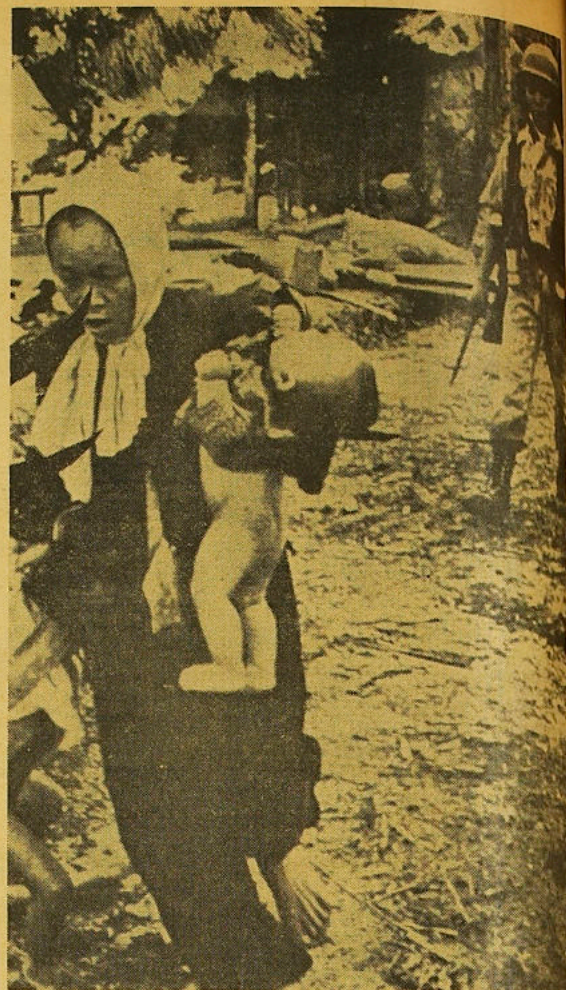
The Central Lost Property Offices are in the Services Dept. buildings, near the Elec. Eng. block, and articles can be claimed at any time during the week except Monday.

Easy time for Scientists

IT appears that it is two to three times easier for scientists to get first-class degrees than it is for arts students.

Following figures published by U.C.C.A. last week, it was deduced that among students with 'A' level qualifications higher than three C's 12.5 per cent of arts and social studies students with similar 'A' levels got "firsts." In fact more technology students with 'A' level marks lower than three C's got "firsts" than arts and social studies students with better 'A' levels.

It is argued that the potential talent of students in subjects like engineering is not fully tested at 'A' level and it is therefore not surprising that some students with modest 'A' levels excel at university. On the other hand, social studies students with excellent 'A' levels do not always do outstandingly well when confronted with subjects such as sociology, which they have not experienced at school.



Union staff meet Exec.

THE Union Executive hope to improve relations between the Union Staff and the students. Charles Wright said that they hope to do this by means of informal meetings between Executive Union staff from all departments of the Union, and any Guild Councilors who are interested.

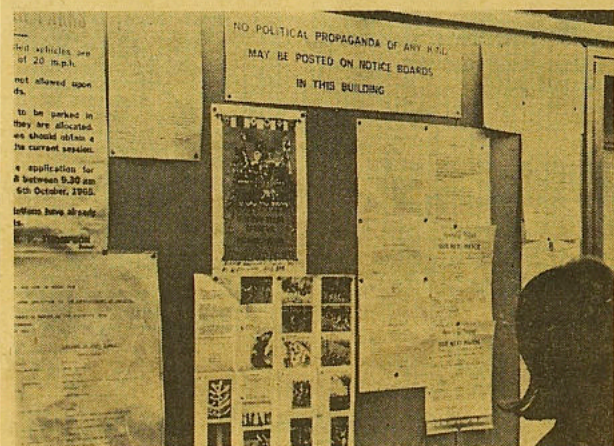
It was at first suggested that Executive members should meet Union staff daily at coffee and meal breaks, but it was decided instead to have one or two informal meetings per term; a certain number of staff would be invited to each of these and most of the staff

would be invited at one time or another over the year. It is hoped that this will make the staff feel more appreciated than they do at the moment; it will also give them a chance to discuss matters connected with the Union on an informal basis if they wish to.

HIPPY 'AD-LIB'

THE Liberal Society's magazine "Ad Lib" is due out within the next week. It contains a wide range of topics from the thoughts of Jeremy Thorpe, Terry Lacey and Jeffrey Ostergaard, a political science lecturer in the University, to articles on Vietnam, Rhodesia and hippies.

Edited by John Reddihough and costing a shilling, with the cover page adorned with a mini-skirted girl holding flowers, this issue certainly says something for the spirit of the University's young Liberals.



POLITICS NOT FOR BIOLOGISTS

ON the Biological Sciences notice board is a sign prohibiting the putting up of political posters, which is apparently being obeyed to the letter. In an interview with "Redbrick," Professor Finlayson, Head of the Department, said that the sign had been put up "a couple of years ago, when we had some very nasty notices exhibited—anti-Semitic and Fascist—and we have done nothing about it since. There is no conscious prohibition."

Professor Finlayson said that he was going to look into the matter and see if the Biological Sciences building could be brought into line with the rest of the University.

SATURDAY 18 NOV.

Start 11 a.m. Union

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