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EMERGENCY COUNCIL ANSWERS BACK

ULTIMATUM FROM GUILD

"TOTALLY unacceptable," was how Mike Redhouse, Guild Treasurer, described a letter from the University Council telling the Guild of their decision on the censorship of student publications. At an emergency meeting of Guild Council, proposing a motion which rejects the University Council's decision, he said, "We must take quick, vehement, unqualified steps . . ."

The emergency Council was called at twenty-four hours' notice to discuss what Mike Redhouse described as "the most important issue, the most basic issue, and the most urgent issue in my four years at University." "The University have no right to judge on Guild Publications," he said. "This is a negation of the students' right to an autonomous Guild."

On Thursday the Secretary of the University Council sent a letter to Tony Klug, Guild President, telling him of the Council's decision. Until this letter was received it was generally thought that University Council would merely endorse the Vice-Chancellor's action. "Had University Council merely done this they would have greatly enhanced the Guild's respect for them, the Vice-Chancellor and the University," said Mike Redhouse in Guild Council on Saturday.

Restatement of agreement

But University Council extended their decision. They decided "To ask the Guild to provide the Registrar with copies of all Guild Publications immediately on publication, each copy of 'Wall' to be signed and certified by the President of the Guild or the available Guild Officer next in seniority," and "To inform the Guild that, if matter appears in Guild publications which is judged by the University to be offensive to members of the University staff or a hindrance to them in the performance of their duties, the Council will hold the author, the editor and the Guild liable to University disciplinary measures."

After consulting with the editors of "Wall" and "Redbrick" and members of Executive, Tony Klug went to see the Vice-Chancellor to ask for clarification of the points made by University Council. The V.C. interpreted these decisions as a restatement of the agreement made between himself, the editors of "Wall" and "Redbrick," and the Guild President, that student publications should avoid "adverse comment on motives and personal characteristics, and what is generally called 'smearing'," and that the Guild should not intervene in internal Hall affairs.

Terminological inexactitude

This interpretation was not that of University Council and was unacceptable to the Guild. Phil Semark, speaking in favour of the motion at Saturday's Emergency Council made the point that it was difficult to reconcile the V.C.'s interpretation with the letter received by the President from the Secretary of University Council. "I cannot call the Vice-Chancellor a liar," he said, "but I can say he was guilty of a gross terminological inexactitude. He has been dealing with two bodies whose interpretations of the points concerned bear no relevance to one another."

Seventy-two of the 115 Guild Councillors attended the meeting on Saturday where the motion, rejecting University Council's decision, was passed unopposed.

Machinery inadequate

After the emergency Council Meeting Tony Klug said, "The events of the last week must not be misinterpreted as a weakening in the Guild's long-standing reputation of responsibility, but rather as revealing an inadequacy in the Guild's present machinery for the control of its publications. Steps are immediately being taken to improve this machinery."

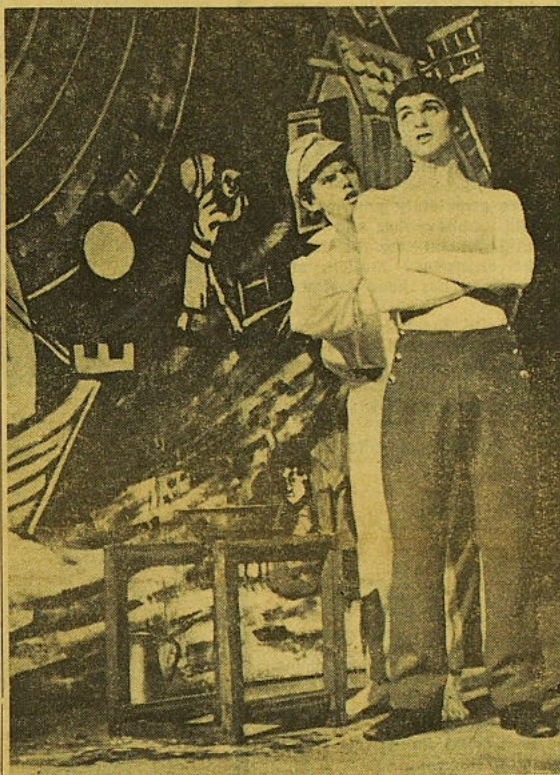
LATE NEWS

Tony Klug, Guild President, Mike Redhouse, Guild Treasurer and Philip Semark, N.U.S. Chairman elected to represent Guild at Finance and General Purposes Committee today.

Paul Mihalop resigns as Athletics Union Chairman. Election next term.

"But it is the Guild's responsibility to improve its own control and we reject the idea of being incapable of doing this ourselves. We wish to shoulder our own responsibilities. Surely University Council cannot deny us this right?"

Tonight three student representatives have been invited to a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. This is a sub-committee of University Council and can make recommendations to Council on the subject of censorship. They will discuss the ultimatum from the Guild and their recommendations will be passed on to University Council, which meets next on December 16th.



KEITH DRINKEL AND BARRY KYLE IN THE OPENING SCENE OF "GALILEO." (Photo: Alan Hunt)

Galileo goes to Cardiff

"GALILEO," G.T.G.'s biggest-ever production, has crowned its successful run within the University by being selected for the 12th National Student Drama Festival to be held in Cardiff over the Christmas vacation.

Competition for places in the Festival is very keen. Jim Hiley, Chairman of G.T.G., described the Festival as the "goal of most student dramatic societies." Over 90 entries were received for the "Sunday Times" Drama Trophy, which is awarded to the best major production performed by a student drama group. Only five places are available at the Festival.

Difficult play

Galileo is a difficult play to perform, and its impact on the campus in Birmingham has been a tremendous compliment to the Director, Jim Hiley, and to everyone connected with the production," said one actor.

About 100 people were involved in the production, and there is a cast of over 40, three of whom are boys from King Edward's School. Many of these people did not even know that "Galileo" had been entered for the Festival, but in the main their reaction was one of delight. "I'm thrilled to death," said one of the cast.

Birmingham is sending another play to the Festival; the play, "Spare" has gained a place in the one-act section. This is the first time since 1957 that G.T.G. has had two plays in the finals and in that year the major production won.

West End run

This year the chairman of the panel of judges will be Harold Hobson, theatre critic of "The Sunday Times," and the winning production will appear at the Garrick Theatre, London for a week's run early in the New Year.

G.T.G. are hoping that the Guild will subsidise the cost of taking the huge cast to Cardiff. "This is a fantastic success for G.T.G.'s 'popular theatre,'" said Jim Hiley. "It is a great occasion for us."

Action Tories lose pounds on dance

ACTION WEEK, organised by the Conservative Association, culminated in a dance on which a loss of about £80 was incurred. However, the recruiting drive was successful; the Association now has a membership of 170, 60 of whom were recruited in the last week.

"We have brought home to the undergraduate population that the Conservative party is alive, politically and socially," said Andrew Hamilton, Chairman of the Association. "Although the dance caused a loss financially, socially it was a great success."

The dance, which was held in the Avon Room, starred Long John Baldry. The Conservatives are hoping that they may not have to pay the full terms of their contract with the groups. "They arrived late and didn't play for the right amount of time," said Andrew Hamilton.

He denied rumours that the Association would have to dissolve to avoid a law suit for non-payment of debts. "This is not a very real possibility," he said. "But if we are sued we hope the Guild will help us."

Some parts of Action Week were well attended. Only about 30 people went to hear Jim Ackers on Monday evening but on Friday the Deb. Hall was packed when Quentin Hogg spoke on "Where are we now—a discussion of Conservative policies in the English political spectrum."

N.U.S.A.S. comes

IAN ROBERTSON, Chairman of the National Union of South African Students, will be speaking in the Deb. Hall on Thursday. At the moment he is in this country canvassing for financial support for various projects in South Africa.

At the N.U.S. Conference last weekend Ian Robertson received a standing ovation after his emotive description of the student situation in South Africa.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR IN THE SUNSHINE OF THE GIANT MTS. £45.15.0

The newest trend in holidays—King Wenceslas Ski Parties—WEEKLY from 23rd December include Dancing and a different National Feast every night, barbecues and folk-dancing. Free Beer on New Year's Eve Night! and a Fabulous Ski Masquerade on New Year's Day.

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opinion

EQUAL SHARES

LAST week's incident in which University Council gave itself the right to intervene in the internal workings of the Guild should serve as a reminder to all members of the University of the powers of this body, and of its unrepresentative nature. Apart from the Deans of the Faculties, it is almost entirely made up from the University administration and external bodies, notably the City Council.

In the University calendar, Council is described as being responsible for finance and University building schemes, in which fields it is doubtless very competent.

However, in other fields it shows no competence whatsoever, and it should stay out of them. We must have some supreme governing body for the University but it must be representative, for Council represents the city, Senate represents the professors, and Guild Council the students.

A new body is needed, representative of each of these three groups, and also including the non-professional staff, who at present have no voice at all. All the parties should have equal voice, and the new council should have the power to override any other body's decisions.

Such a new body may seem unnecessary, since as Universities go, we are unusually well run. However, we are not perfect. Every one of the faults which the Muscatine Committee found on the Berkeley campus is present there.

The only reason that we do not get the symptoms is because we are a small University. Last year we had Dr. Eversley; this year it's censorship. In a place this small there's no need for any clashes at all.

GUS CLARK.

BE MORE SUBTLE

SOME thoughts on the present situation in Ridge/High Halls: Firstly if, as reported by "Wall," Ridge J.C.R. Committee support Dr. and Mrs. Bray and refuse to consult the J.C.R. as a whole then harsh words from "Redbrick" will do no good.

Future progress will only come from within Ridge. Less reac-

tionary elements must be encouraged (subtly!) from the outside — perhaps they could aim at the election of a loud, broad-minded and progressive committee.

Secondly, much of the energy now being devoted towards attacking Dr. and Mrs. Bray could be more helpfully directed against University policy on Halls.

The Brays are, after all, their employees, and it is their insistence on maintaining segregated Halls which makes controversies out of trivialities like doors in walls in dining-rooms.

Having "experimented" in University House they either refuse to see success staring them in the face or they lack the courage to carry the venture to its logical conclusion—the mixing of more, if not all, of Birmingham's Halls. Guild Executive must not be so myopic. Seen in such a context the theories and practices of the Brays can only seem that much more ludicrous.

Finally a point of difference with your Editorial, on the subject of the selection of those who stay on in Halls. Your "solution" would seem to have been thought of over a quick snack some minutes before your copy deadline — you would do away with personal opinion, and replace it by personal opinion. But personal opinion could be an acceptable basis for selection, provided it is broadly-based (i.e. not just the opinion of the S.C.R.'s) and centred on criteria acceptable to S.C.R. and students. It is in the first place up to individual J.C.R.'s to fight for equitable machinery in their own Halls.

DAN GROVE.

YOU COWARDS!

I WAS disgusted when I saw the article on censorship in "Redbrick" and the "Comment" on it was so stupid as to be almost unbelievable. I would beg to inform the President of the Guild and the Editor of "Redbrick" that unlike them, not all students are utter cowards.

Having agreed that the articles shall remain censored, Mr. Klug then has the cheek to state: "I believe this outcome to be most satisfactory to the Guild of Undergraduates." Like hell it is! The Vice-Chancellor has no right to remove articles which justifiably attack two of his staff.

In "Comment" we read, "the Guild publications should be allowed to attack the policies of staff which affect students but this does not give them the right to be personal." The Brays are applying some policies which are not and never have been, ratified by the University Council for Halls of Residence. The V.C. has the insolence to write,



RIDGITES DON'T WANT IT

HAVING lived through the storm of publicity at Ridge, I feel I would like to put forward a different point of view from that which has, up till now, been so energetically propagated by various news-organs.

The issue of mixed dining has been made a pretext for a miserable campaign of smears against our Hall presidents. If this has come from within the Hall, then the originators have preferred to remain anonymous; if from without, then either one presumes that an ex-member of Hall is conducting a private vendetta with despicable weapons, or that the remarks are made by ghouls thirsting for news who have no knowledge of conditions in Ridge.

Of the many people, mainly first-years, whom I have spoken to in Ridge, all have completely dissociated themselves from the remarks made and expressed their concern for the unpleasant position in which it has put our presidents.

To return to the issue of mixed dining; there is nothing preventing individuals or groups of people from dining together in High and Ridge at evening meals and at weekends. Let me end by referring to Mr. Kirkland's oratorical outburst of last week. Although not being able to sympathise with his passionate misogyny, I share his feelings that familiarity may well breed contempt, especially on Monday mornings!

ANONYMOUS.
(Comb. Hons. 1).

WE are not disputing that the chit system isn't possible, but we are saying that the other system is far better. For instance, you need to know someone in High Hall before you can eat there. Also the chit system wastes a lot of time, and the students have to go out of their way to organise dining groups.—Ed.

IN view of the recently-published criticism of the Halls of Residence in general, and of Ridge Hall in particular, we should like to point out that not all members of Ridge Hall are dissatisfied. There are residents of Ridge who enjoy living there, and have found the rules to be unobjectionable. However, should any of hall life require reconsideration, we are certain that members hall are quite capable of dealing with their own affairs.

SOME RIDGE RESIDENTS

BETTER RELATIONS NEEDED

HAVING just come from a new university to Birmingham, I am horrified by the short-sightedness of the University authorities. Outwardly they appear liberal: the Guild is allowed to play in its own backyard. But once a member of the university staff decides to take offence over a worthwhile albeit badly constructed campaign for student rights, liberalism disappears.

With bland beneficence the Vice-Chancellor, the figurehead of the University, interprets the University Council's decision to Mr. Klug and tells him not to worry while arbitrary machinery for censorship is set up by University Council.

The Vice-Chancellor and his satellite officials must realise they are dealing with intelligent students. The Guild is not prepared to accept the propaganda of "the authorities." Isn't it about time Birmingham came into line with the progressive universities of this country, being proved in East Anglia, Essex and in Lancashire that monstrous staff-student relations can only be maintained if authorities accept the elected student representatives as responsible beings. Birmingham must follow this.

EAST ANGLIA

IN VIEW

Tonight

GREYHOUND Racing:
Alcester Lanes End,
Kings Heath, 3.00.
Walsall Road, Perry
Barr, 7.30. York Road,
Hall Green, 7.30.

JAZZ: Golden Eagle,
Hill Street, Ken In-
gram's Eagle Jazz
Band, 8.00.

THURSDAY
CONCERT: Town Hall,
C.B.S.O., 7.30.
FOLK: Civic Hall, Dig-
beth, 7.30.

Friday

FOLK: Birmingham
Arms, Moat Row,
8.00.

Saturday

FOOTBALL: Haw-
thorns, West Brom.

v. Manchester City
(L.I.), 3.00. St. An-
drews, Birmingham
City v. Cardiff City
(L.2.), 3.00. Villa
Park, Aston Villa v.
Leeds United (C.L.),
3.00.

GREYHOUND Racing:
Alcester Lanes End,
Kings Heath, 3.00.
Walsall Road, Perry
Barr, 7.30. York Road,
Hall Green, 7.30.

JAZZ: Civic Hall,
Digbeth, 8.00. Old
Crown, Digbeth, 8.00.

Theatre

ALEXANDRA Theatre:
Doctor In Love, 7.15,
Wed. mat. 2.30. Sat.,
5.00, 8.00. From De-
cember 12th Charles

Dickens' A Christmas
Carol.

REPERTORY Theatre:
This week, The Bird-
watcher, 7.15. Mats.
Wed. and Sat. 2.30.

BIRMINGHAM The-
atre: This week, Bare-
foot In The Park,
7.15. Sat., 5.00, 8.00.

CRESCENT Theatre:
until December 17th,
Platonov, 7.15.

Cinemas

ODEON, New Street:
The Group, 1.10, 4.15,
7.25.

A.B.C. Cinema: Doc-
tor Zhivago, 6.45.

GAUMONT: The
Sound Of Music, 2.05,
7.05.

SCALA Superama:
Shot In The Dark,

and Pink Panther,
with Peter Sellers,
2.25, 6.25.

CINEPHONE: I Am A
Fugitive From A
White Slave Gang,
and Go Go Go World,
12.30, 3.15, 6.10, 9.05.

FUTURIST: This Prop-
erty Is Condemned,
with Natalie Wood
and Robert Redford,
and The Psychopath,
with Patrick Wy-
mark, 1.15, 4.50, 8.30.

WEST END: I Deal In
Danger, with Robert
Goulet, and Back
Door To Hell, with
Jimmie Rodgers, 1.15,
4.20, 7.25.

A.B.C., New Street:
Tarzan And The Val-
ley Of Gold, and The
Brides Of Fu Man-
chu, 3.25, 7.00.