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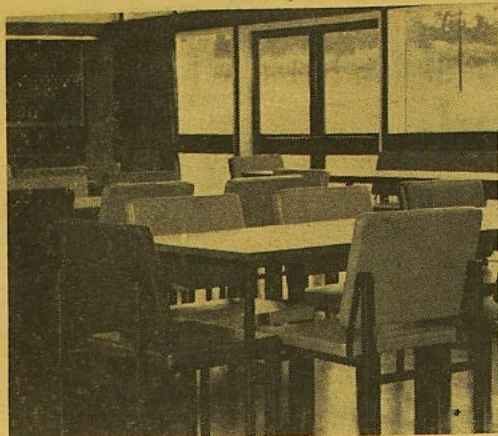
REDBRICK

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Haworth Theatre,
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No. 706

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1966

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A.U. mix-up causes chaos

ONLY one bus turned up to take the teams to West Hills on Saturday. Many matches started late and there were no referees for the 1st and 2nd XI soccer matches.

"It was partly our fault" said Paul Mihalop, Chairman of A.U. "But some of the clubs do not seem to realise that we have to have a fixtures list by the Monday before in order to book the coaches. We were not informed about Mermaid and Academical fixtures until too

late, nor of the 1st and 2nd XI games."

Apparently this situation is not uncommon. A member of Puritans hockey team said: "It happens every week. Last Saturday we had to ring up West Hills to get them to send a bus back to pick up people. We have to try and book a coach for a quarter of an hour before we need it because they always turn up late. On Saturday it turned up at 2.20 p.m. when it was booked for 1.45 p.m."

Bus 'broke down'

Members of the Mermaids soccer team had similar complaints. They arrived at West Hills on the second

coach—"and that broke down"—some of the players having to change on the coach.

The seven who had changed on the coach went onto the pitch at 3.20 p.m. because of League rules, whilst the others changed as quickly as possible.

"It could mean that we forfeit points if we don't start on time in accordance with League rules," said one member of the team. A 1st XI soccer player commented: "They're never on time now and there's often only one coach instead of the three or four we had in the past—and that's a crappy old thing."

"It's a pity that West Hills is so far away," commented Silvia Shirley, captain of 1st XI hockey. "The facilities are great—the only thing is that the showers tend to get blocked sometimes but the pitches are marvellous."

Said a member of 2nd XI soccer: "The pitches are the best I have ever played on when dry, but any rain and they're absolutely flooded." When asked about this Paul Mihalop said: "The builders and architects say it may take two or three years to settle down so theoretically they should be perfect in two years time."

'Ridiculous size'

On the subject of bar facilities which some think are inadequate and "a ridiculous size" the Permanent Secretary, Brian Walker said, "There are two pumps, and for about a quarter of an hour after the match it is true that we could do with about 14 pumps and 10 barmen, but for the rest of the time they would be completely useless."

Mihalop added, "I think of all the Universities I've played at we are the only one that has a bar open immediately after the match, and ours is one of the two Universities to provide hot meals after a match. Besides this we take about £150 which I think is very good."

Athletic Union last year received a grant of £8,000 from the Union which constitutes about one sixth of the total Union funds.

CASH CAMPAIGN TO AID DISASTER VILLAGE

'WE MUST HELP THESE PEOPLE'

BY REDBRICK NEWS STAFF

WHILST hundreds of rescuers still battle on to clear the stricken village of Aberfan following Friday's disaster moves are already afoot in the University to aid the victims.

A lightning one-day campaign has been planned for tomorrow in which it is hoped to raise £100 by means of collections and stunts.

The money will go to the disaster fund set up by the Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil which already stands at £12,500, it was heard last night.

Max Lambert, Chairman of External affairs and one of the main promoters of the Birmingham appeal said, "We raised £200 in three days last year for S.A.S.F.; let's see if we can do even better than that for the people of Aberfan."

"As in Aberfan this is a case of quick, efficient organisation so that the appeal will reach its peak almost immediately."

A call has gone out all over the University for collectors and people to organise money raising activities.

The biggest crowd puller is likely to be a pie eating and beer drinking contest in the Deb. Hall at 1.30 p.m. The list of contestants already includes Guild President Tony Klug, V.P. Charlie Kent, Deb. Soc. Chairman Charles Wright and big, beefy Dave Gale of Socialist Union, and by tomorrow many more people will be lined up.

'Ideal way'

Master of ceremonies at the contest will be Union Secretary Ray Phillips. Speaking of the appeal last night, he said, "We must help these people as much as we possibly can and as quickly as possible. I think a stunt like this is an ideal way to do it."

Charles Wright, Deb. Soc. Chairman added, "I think it's a brilliant idea. It's sure to succeed, especially when you consider the popularity of Union pork pies."

The contest will be backed up by a full-scale tin collection organised by external affairs. Max Lambert, Chairman, said, "Any help we can get will be very much appreciated. We will need plenty of collectors all day on Thursday."

Anyone who wants to help collect or organise money raising stunts should contact External Affairs Office (2nd floor, Union) today at two o'clock.



● RAY PHILLIPS, WHO IS MASTER OF CEREMONIES IN TOMORROW'S GRAND CONTEST IN DEB. HALL.

'Go-ahead year' now swings into trouble

ONLY four days before it was due to be staged, the Halloween Dance, one of Ents. Comm's. major functions was cancelled on Monday.

Only 14 tickets were sold although they had been on sale for a week.

In addition Mr. Verdegem, the Union Catering Officer claimed that he only knew of the dance last Tuesday.

This is only one of a mounting series of set-backs to hit Ents. Com. only four weeks after the start of the "go-ahead year" envisaged in the Smith Report.

Bad publicity is thought to be the main cause of the "flops" with the new-style discotheques bearing the brunt of the snub. Only 40 couples turned up on Saturday and previous ones have had even worse attendance.

Resignation

The Halloween dance cancellation came soon after Wayne Fontana walked out of a society dance, the Arts Rave last Friday (see opposite), bringing the nature of University entertainments to the fore, especially in the light of the Smith Report.

Pete Hartley, chairman of Ents. Comm., announced his resignation at Guild Council last night and immediately a special general meeting of Guild Council was called for

next Tuesday in the hunt for his successor.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the argument about whether Ents. Comm. should or should not join in with the new N.U.S. groups agency goes on. The factions supporting each point of view argue ceaselessly and the vital post of Chairman of Ents. Comm. is likely to be in the front line of battle.

FROZEN BRISTOL

BRISTOL University Union faces a deficit of £26,000 due to the Prices and Incomes freeze. Their new six-storey Union, which has a swimming pool among its many facilities, was only opened last year.

Bristol's President, Chris Wildt, said, "I hope that by economising the Union will be able to save £4,000 and that the University will make up the difference." One proposed way of raising the £4,000 is to increase the price of beer in the Union bar.



FONTANA

QUITS DANCE

Wayne Fontana, pictured here at last Friday's Arts Rave before his big walk-out which caused confusion in Deb. Hall. His road manager closed the curtains and the dance petered out as no-one knew what was happening.

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Faceless gamblers spawn in boredom belt

ONE normally thinks of Brum as a city that is concerned with little else apart from breeding cars and money. But Brummies also devote a considerable amount of their time towards getting rid of the latter commodity. The ways which exist in the city for dissolving money are various, but one of the quickest is to go to a Casino, where money can be dissolved at any hour of the day or night.

Technically, gambling casinos are clubs; but a knock on the door of the closed P.V.C. leather quilted door of the "Rainbow" Club soon brings a dinner-jacketed host to the door, and one is a member. Furry wallpaper abounds and electric candles sprout from the walls at every conceivable opportunity. These, together with the piped music which bubbles forth from the wall speakers, give the place an air of a cross between a tarty-up Chinese café and the drawing-room of a house in Solihull's executive belt.

If one plays roulette, one must look bored, and this seems to be the rule of the clientele. And in the approved fashion they all look bored as they watch their pieces of green and blue paper being raked across the table towards a very tasteful cedarwood box into which the croupier puts them. This is Birmingham in disguise. The two female croupiers, who call alternately in Brummie accents, "Place your bets, gentlemen, please," and "No more bets gentlemen please," would both look more at home behind the cash-desk of a supermarket. The

actions and studied mannerisms of the players as they carefully place their money on the table, are put on when they arrive, and are discarded when they leave.

Everyone stands or sits around the table, intently watching the numbers down as they are called, and trying to spot a sequence before placing their bets. But the most successful person there seemed to be a half-drunken Irishman who, by throwing his crumpled notes randomly on the table won a small fortune. For the losers there is the night bus home. But the corned-beef sandwiches are free.

Rag resurrected

LISTEN you slob. Don't just sit there fingering yourself! Instead of taking suspicious looks in Barb Bags to sample the delicacies of undergraduate humour, why don't you write some yourself?

In case any of you morons don't know it yet, this time Carnival will be held jointly with Aston University and it will be in March (2nd, 3rd and 4th) so we don't have much time.

Remember Carnival is not the prerogative of about 12 queers satisfying their nervous tensions by monopolising the Tannoy system. Carnival is you, or you are Carnival. It cannot work without your help. You may think there is not much you can do, but come to the office on the second floor and satisfy the Committee members in some way.

I expect you are all trying to forget last year's Barb, but remember it is you who write it. Prove that you are as filthy-minded as any real clean-living British University, besides we like the dirt up here in the office, we need the inspiration, we need . . .

Seriously though, folks, this University is nearly, or is, or should be, 6,000 strong. If we count Aston, which incorporates the College of Commerce and an Arts Faculty, our strength mounts to over 9,000. Other Universities raise more than us in cities smaller than our adopted home.

So remember, Carnival depends upon each and every one of you doing something. To manage top events we need your co-operation.

Dark Doings Done Down at Lake

"DO," said Bob Good, Lake Hall J.C.R. President, "is a new concept in big dances. With the combined ideas and efforts of members of this Hall and the girls of Wyddington we think that we have found a great new formula for student

entertainment." Doing the honours at Lake and Wyddington this Friday will be The Swinging Blue Jeans and two supporting groups, but the new ideas that have already made the "DO" a certain sell-out are the addition of a continuous cartoon film show and Pie Bar, where Doers can relax and eat pies, sausage rolls and Hot Dogs.

What with two bars licensed until 1 a.m. and the wonderful facilities only two Halls together can offer, the emphasis will be on an entertaining evening with none of the overcrowding sometimes associated with big, popular dances.

Don't miss this great night out which goes on till 2 in the morning. What with all those Dollies you're sure to have a great time. "DO come," says Bob, "and DO enjoy yourselves!"

ARAB WEEK

What do YOU know about the ARABS . . . ?

Come along and see their EXHIBITION above the Great Hall. Open till Friday evening. . . . And hear F. Globb when he talks about South Arabia and Britain . . .

NEXT FRIDAY, 5.30 p.m. C.R.I.

Rumble

Olde worlde gear in slumberland junk-shops

BIRMINGHAM'S old is slum old, Industrial Revolution old, but not Stratford-on-Avon olde-worlde-charm old. This explained the distinct lack of antique shops in town I used to believe, having ventured no further than Rackham's back-door. And in the town centre all that's to be found are two very expensive collectors-only type shops.

But have you ever been to the rag-market on Saturday afternoon? This is where the character of Brum's old reveals itself. Amongst the brash new tea-sets and purple suede coats are stall upon stall of—rags. And who knows, there may even be an odd piece of uniform here and there so that you can be really in! Amongst the old boots and new brocade are junk-stalls mostly selling a few bent spoons or worn-away paperbacks. Sometimes they have Edwardian chipped plates, old gold rings, and—my buy of a lifetime—two fluted silver cigarette-holders for a pound.

More junk in Mary Street in Balsall Heath. The shop is small and smelly, the window filthy and full of faded boxes of hair restorant so that anything that comes from here ranks high in conversational value. Two more antique shops in Broad Street, Hayles, which has a good selection of glass and silver, is rather expensive and supervised by a typical tweedy woman. Further down there is Platts, with lots to look at in the window, even if you don't want to buy any of it very much. Gimmicks like fluffy dogs and semi-precious stone sets are mixed with some genuine old jewellery.

Achaological iron arrow-heads for 12/- each (Valentines Day comes after Christmas) are at the Format Coin and Metal Co., 269 Broad Street, so this is the shop of a lifetime. There is also an Egyptian bead necklace for £5 (who cares if Cleopatra is out?) and a Roman pottery lamp for £6. Everyone has Edwardian paraffin lamps now so for extra originality this is the place to go.

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN

YOU'RE in Hall then? But why? I thought Hall life was supposed to be pretty deadly?

Oh no, it's great fun. Never a dull moment. Like at meal times when we pit our wits against the kitchen staff. Will they notice my sleeve bulging with a smuggled second roll? The empty glass of fruit juice left as I slide furtively past with mine slightly fuller than the rest? Both the allotted alternatives of fruit and pudding complacently decorating my tray? But, anyway, how do you mean deadly?

Well whitewashed brickwork, gaunt concrete stairs, echoing corridors, the typical stale cabbage-type smell. Rules. Especially rules. Don't you ever get fed up of them?

Mercurial heavens, no. We all enjoy scrupulously keeping all the rules. We have to sign to go out, come in, for late meals, visitors arriving, visitors leaving—personally I enjoy practising my signature. And block capitals addicts always find plenty of scope making out dreaded request chits.

Even tutors have to use them before making any radical alterations to the attractive modern decor of their flats. Like hanging a picture. On the chit they have to draw a simple, but accurate, sketch of the wall in question, clearly indicating the proposed position of the nail. After a suitable interval a University Official inspects the wall and goes away. Another chit. And finally a University Appointed Workman will come and drive the nail into the plaster at the precise spot specified.

That's the great thing about Hall, everyone suffers.

Rumble this week

MOLLY SCHOLEY
PHIL IRVING
PRISCILLA REEVE
MIKE TATE

PHOTO: HOWARD MYER

SPOTS, BOILS, PIMPLE



Read NOW what people say about the marvelous Masocip treatment "At last something that actually works."—A.J.P. Radley College. "After using your product, you have done for me what four different doctors couldn't do for me in years and you have done it all in one week."—G.L. West Wickham. "My face was a mass of spots and they have almost gone now."

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REVIEW

Andy Sims

Monsters, crudies and just plain light-hearties

THREE films which merit attention: not for being so marvellous in themselves, or even very good. But they are to an extent representative, pointing up recent trends in contemporary cinema and helping to characterise species of picture becoming more and more common.

First "Dr. Zhivago": it lasts for three hours and it reaches across three or so screens—or whatever the area is of the universe of space available at the A.B.C. Cinema. It's fairly assured of a marathon run. And on its arriving in London the public and most of the press blew fanfares of rapture. And the quality-critics blew raspberries. "Welcome 'Dr. Zhivago.'" "Dr. Zhivago" go home."

Monster-Movies used to romp the circuits and the cities like dinosaurs, and as in the past they faced extinction on two accounts. The market got flooded. And the creatures were witless. They were

also gutless, lacking in texture, variety and life. Despite the panoramas and the dizzy vistas, all of nature got converted to a glorified, petrified still-life. In the same way all forms of experience, love and war, birth and death, joy and horror, became appetizers and extras in a lavish banquet of banalities, to be minimised ultimately into photogenic jelly. And so on. Obviously in some circles David Lean's film will be dismissed.

For a start it bears very little relation to the novel. All the issues are simplified. Omar Sharif's poems seem to come out of his head like spurt. He scans infinity with his spurt-like eyes, knits his brow, Maurice Jarre leads his orchestra into Lara's theme. And lo, a lyric, or an oscar, or a hit record. The acting for the most part is stuck at this level of over-hopeful mimicry. And acting on the screen is often just a question of presence, projection, and competent editing. Rod Steiger is fine. Julie Christie is very fair, but even so expression seems always to be

alien, and shown in slow-motion.

But because it is David Lean's film it doesn't deserve any sort of curt ignoring. In terms of composition, technical and formal control, the picture is model. Every shot is a beauty. The frames are of rolled gold. And what the direction misses in originality and vigour, it makes up for in care and awareness. Every effect is gauged and obtained. Every movement is studied, deliberately, artfully, and then coaxed into success. Close-ups of a daffodil, crystals of snow, a pair of cracked spectacles, a cloth cap dropped on the path. Good, if standard stuff. And Zhivago's moon shines like polished silver plate. Horses charging into and over the camera. Or the zoom away from the mob in the field, in the street, and the god-like view from the clouds of a parade of heads and patterned motion. The track down the avenue of elms. Or the panning shot of the freight-train trailing, thinly, like a toy worm, across the length of the screen. Lean is working within the lines of conception and execution demanded by

the "genre." They may be worn. They are often narrow. Only Lean's talent, like his style, transcends the commercial rules, and the discipline of this kind of cinema. Even while he gives them their finest representation. He fulfils and crowns the conventions, widens their limits, and creates illusions of newness. Above all else "Dr. Zhivago" is an achieved work.

Grainy, wintry, rough-edged, crude, "The Idol" (at the A.B.C.'s Colleshill and New Street) is a type of film which America makes occasionally to display and exercise its own conscience and its grasp on the facts of life. In an "Outspoken Study of Adolescence," (that is, a long string of screen clichés), Michael Parks, Adam in the latest biblical joke, plays Marco, a modern super anti-hero; the man you hate to love. He wears a flat cap instead of a fig-leaf, carries a paint-brush because he's a genius, sneers because he's a rebel, and rides a motor-bike because he's a wild one and a kind of wonderful fiend. Also, he breathes noisily through his nose whenever he talks, so that more reminders of Brando, Newman and Dean are underlined.

Finally at the Cinephone, "De L8 L'Amour," which is winning in an off-hand, light-hearted manner, while "The Idol" says like a leaden pudding, Jittery, inequitable camera work, wide-awake black-and-white, a hopping and skipping rated way it paddles in the shallows of the New Wave. Loosely based on Stendahl's treatise on love, three episodes, or object-lessons in the "art," are more or less linked by a central character, the town dentist and local rover, Michael Piccoli. His fortunes vary. Threatened with vitriol by Anna Karina, cuckolded by Joanna Shinkus, and struck down by impotence with Elsa Martinelli. But the tone of the picture remains constant: witty, disingenuous, rather smart and over-clever, like the contemporary running along with the action.

It's witty, very slight, and rather trite. One of the women comments: "You sound like someone in a third-rate novel." The remark is apt. But despite limitations the picture is alert and all right.

David Brown

Abstracts on the doorstep

THE 50 Society is presently showing a small number of paintings in the New Entrance Hall by two abstract artists, Andrea Stone and Dinah Prentice (whose husband I briefly reviewed last week) and very good foils they make too. All

Andrea Stone's work on show is professionally managed with a spray gun (an implement art is going to see a lot more of), and all Dinah Prentice's not so well managed with packing boards, perspex and anything else that happened to be lying around.

Modern art is only good as long as it doesn't threaten our intelligence; due to its relative simplicity of technique, we have been thoroughly convinced of its genuine intention before we accept it. Accordingly, the relaxed and confident style of Andrea Stone's paintings is much more palatable than the rather clumsy methods of Dinah Prentice. The former is easy to recognise as a real artist; the latter seems rather to have executed decorative carpentry and badly at that.

Form without obvious colour is all right but the artist must realise that form is only directed at understanding, whilst colour involves our feelings. This is where Andrea Stone scores; her paintings combine plasticity of design with striving colour in a persuasive manner.

Compared to those of Andrea Stone, the Dinah Prentice exhibits come off rather badly. Dinah, so the story goes, laid off painting for five years, due to family commitments, but now that she has more time to work, is experimenting with the letter shapes she has been teaching her own and school children.

Most of her show is pretty crude stuff, but "spin-out" or "tracing" might just be your cup of tea. They're not mine. To my mind her better paintings such as these are brought down by poor presentation and the general mediocrity of her exhibition.

REDBRICK

still needs new staff

Staff Meeting for old and new staff
LUNCHTIME TODAY



ONE OF THE KINKY OLD FASHION-PLATES, FROM "VOGUE'S" "50 YEARS OF FASHION" EXHIBITION AT RACKHAMS.

Down Town Rumble

Theatre

ALEXANDRA Theatre:
June Evening.

REPERTORY Theatre:
Wednesday (evening),
Thursday, Saturday
(evening), Who's
Afraid of Virginia
Wooll? Wednesday
(Mat), Friday, Satur-
day (Mat), Little
Malcolm.

BIRMINGHAM Theatre:
Birmingham and
Midland Operatic So-
ciety, Flower Drum
Song.

CRESCENT Theatre:
The Birthday Party.

Cinemas

ODEON New Street:
What Did You Do In

The War, Daddy? and
The Boy Cried Mur-
der.

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

CAUMONT: The Sound
of Music.

SCALA Superama:
Othello.

CINEPHONE: De L'
Amour and The
Snobs.

FUTURIST: The Naked
World of Harrison
Marks and Women of
the World.

WEST END: Goal:
World Cup 1966 and A
Home of Your Own.

A.B.C. New Street: The
Idol and The Skull.

A.B.C. Coles Hill: As
A.B.C. New Street.

Tonight

GREYHOUND Racing:
Alcester Lanes End,
Kings Heath, 7.30.

Walsall Road, Perry
Bar, 7.30. York Road,
Hall Green, 7.30.

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

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Friday

JAZZ: The Dave Bru-
beck Quartet, Town
Hall, 8.00.

FOLK Singing: Bir-
mingham Arms, Moat
Row, Birmingham
Arms Folk Club.

Saturday

FOOTBALL: H a w -
thorn, West Brom v.
Sheffield Wednesday
(L), 3.00. St. An-
drews, Birmingham
City v. Blackburn
Rovers (L), 3.00.

Villa Park, Aston
Villa v. Preston North
End, (CL), 3.00.

GREYHOUND Racing:
Alcester Lanes End,
Kings Heath, 3.00.

Walsall Road, Perry
Bar, 7.30. York Road,
Hall Green, 7.30.

JAZZ: Civic Hall, Dig-
beth, Midland Jazz
Club, 8.00.

The manifesto, the response, how

THE manifesto published last week by the Radical Student Alliance provoked an immediate response from NUS executive.

They say the new "organisation" as attempting a take-over bid for NUS itself, and, as the R.S.A.'s groundwork had been well laid in hundreds of Colleges and Universities throughout the country, they felt that they ought to find out just what strength it had.

The executive handout which went to all University and College Student Unions and N.U.S. representatives denounced the new group as a politically motivated body set up with the sole intention of destroying N.U.S. and then demanded to know where the Student bodies stood on this "issue."

Of course N.U.S. had boomed again. In this case there isn't an "issue" to be debated at all; it simply is NOT true that the R.S.A. is attempting to take over N.U.S. for political purposes. The true situation is vastly different from that supposed by N.U.S. executive (who might be excused their fear that their cushy jobs might be in danger).

R.S.A. says in its manifesto quite clearly that it will "work through and outside existing organisations for the development of an active and democratic student movement, based on strong local and area unions and organisations, autonomous and democratic." Nowhere does it mention working AGAINST existing organisations, though it

the issue was fogged,

and the TRUTH!



by Kevin Stephens

does claim to work OUTSIDE them where it feels that those organisations are, BY THEIR NATURE, not able to do the job themselves.

A good example of this "outside activity" can easily be given. Many

students might wish to protest in a public way against the Vietnam war. Such a protest would carry much more weight if it came from an official Student organisation, rather than from a handful of unorganised students. The N.U.S. has a clause in its constitution which states that it must not involve itself in politics (Clause three), so obviously it cannot back such a protest. R.S.A. is the obvious alternative.

But perhaps it is the activity INSIDE existing bodies which causes most alarm in the upper echelons of N.U.S. The sort of job the R.S.A. would perform in this context can also be easily explained.

There is considerable discontent in many Colleges and Universities about the structure of N.U.S. electoral procedure. The "ticket" system now in use is so set up that if 51 per cent of all the Council delegates vote one way then that side will gain all eight executive seats—and this, say the dissenters, means that in effect N.U.S. executive is a self-perpetuating clique. They want to replace this system with the single transferable vote system (now in use in this Guild for elections) which means that in the above case the executive would be split fairly evenly and would be representative of the views of Council.

R.S.A. are in agreement with these criticisms of the electoral procedure (see part nine of the manifesto) and they will make

1. Students should have the right to complete control over their own unions and funds, without interference, to elect their officers and representatives and determine their own policies.

2. Students should have the right to effective participation in all other decisions that affect them, notably in academic, financial welfare and disciplinary matters.

3. Student should have the right to study free from financial barriers. This requires full and adequate maintenance, without means test, for everyone in full time education over school leaving age.

4. Education must be classless, integrated (not "tripartite" or "binary") and comprehensive at all levels. Adequate remuneration to secure a sufficient supply of teaching staff must not be delayed by the wage freeze, or incomes policy.

5. Undemocratic pressures on college government must be resisted; vigilance is needed in respect of the influence of industry on education and research; college authorities should be more democratically composed to include representatives of students, non-professional staff and trade unions.

6. Students as an organised body must be able to take collective action on matters of general social concern when there is a substantial consensus

every effort to get it changed by normal constitutional methods. This, to my mind, is far from the dirty political takeover envisaged by N.U.S. executive.

The R.S.A. could work in a similar manner within this Guild to help us get, for example, a decent level of student representation

of student opinion, for example action in opposition to racialism wherever it occurs and for the eradication of its causes in society.

7. There should be active co-operation with students in other countries, and in particular solidarity with those who are victims of oppression.

8. Lack of militancy and perspective have so far prevented student organisations from achieving these aims. But no organisation is entitled by virtue of its own constitution to represent students. If an organisation is to speak for students it must be heard to speak for them, or in default others will. We propose to work through and outside existing organisations for the development of a democratic and active student movement based on strong local and area unions and organisations, autonomous and democratic.

9. Students need national unions closer to their members by virtue of frequent participation and involvement of the membership in making and implementing policy, led by representative leadership rather than self-perpetuating cliques.

10. Student society is not a closed one and the successful pursuit of these aims makes necessary co-operation with educational and other trade unions and professional associations, locally and nationally, for common aims.

within the University. Part of its work would be to inform students and to encourage them to give active support to the ideas in the manifesto. As with any young organisation, it badly needs money, so if you are interested come along and help. YOU will benefit from its efforts in the end.

Frivolous
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Bold
Enquiring

THIS IS YOUR opinion

CONTRACEPTIVE CAMPAIGN

DEAR SIR, — The following resolution was approved by an absolute majority at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Humanist Group held on October 24th. "That it should be the policy of the Group to campaign for the installation of a contraceptive vending machine within the Union as part of a campaign for improved family planning knowledge throughout the University and as part of a wider Humanist policy to be formulated by the committee and approved by a General Meeting of the Group."

The immediate objective of the policy (i.e. the installation of the machine) was chosen as a starting point in a wider campaign towards better understanding and treatment of student problems. The need for such a comprehensive policy is surely underlined by the recent suicide of a Birmingham student, while the problem of unwanted pregnancies is an enduring and unresolved one, although understandably less publicised.

In connection with this policy the Humanist Group has organised several activities during the next few weeks. Dr. Martin Cole, who is in charge of the Brook Advisory Centre for unmarried people in Birmingham, will speak to the Group and all others interested next Wednesday evening, and the Group will also be launching a campaign to raise money for national and international family planning.

We ask all members of the University to take these problems seriously and to support the Group in its efforts.

Yours etc.
BRIAN SYKES
(Chairman).



RACIALISM IN REDBRICK UNFOUNDED

SIR,—I feel it is my duty to register a protest, in the strongest possible terms, at the inclusion of John Drew's name in the "Redbrick" article on the "Refectory Squeeze" (page nine of your last issue).

Mr. Drew's obsession for tomato sauce is of a highly personal and delicate nature and his views on the subject were uttered in the strictest confidence. Since your (and I do not hesitate to use the term) "expose" he has been the object of ridicule and, worse, social ostracism.

I wish to make it quite clear that Mr. Drew makes no claim to be a mirror of student opinion. Any implications that he wishes to impose his culinary aspirations upon his contemporaries are scandalous and without foundation. Mr. Drew informs me that some of his best friends eat brown sauce.

In conclusion I venture to suggest a restoration of the status quo in the Refectory. Since the ladies at present in use are considerably larger than the spoons used last term I feel sure that this latest intrusion upon our liberty of choice is false economy. Let us have both sauces and gravy.

Yours faithfully,
N. F. REDDISH
(Law 3)

KANGAROOS

DEAR SIR,—It has become traditional for you to publish a letter at the start of each year—usually from a Fresher—which condemns queue-jumping. By the end of the year, queue-jumping passes unnoticed. Why is this?

I suggest that the people who complain about queue-jumping should turn their attention to why they tolerate at all the queues we experience in the University.

RICHARD DRYDEN

READ YOUR BIBLE, WALLMEN!

DEAR SIR,—Wall's review of the Bible was so inaccurate that I feel forced to write in defence of Holy Scripture.

"The Bible is basically God's own story," says "Wall," truthfully; but to call God a "megalomaniac" with a "gang" trying "to take over the world" or "an evil scientist plotting the destruction of the world by arson" is contrary to scripture, e.g. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endures for ever" (Psalm 136 verse 1, see also John 3 verses 16 and 17, John 4 verses 7-16 "God is love"). Moreover, God cannot take over the world, it's already His (Deutero-

nomy 10 verse 14, Corinthians 10 verse 26 and John 1 verses 1-6).

To accuse "Christ's Revelations and Prophecies" (meaning the Holy Spirit) of "publishing" the Koran and Talmud (published by Mohammed), the Book of Mormon (written by Joe Smith, in co-operation with one Moroni, copyright owned by D. O. McKay, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.), Mein Kampf (sole property of Adolf Hitler) and the Kama Sutra (read by Steptoe and Son, fit only for Steptoe and Son) is undeniably wrong.

To continue by classifying Biblical stories as "spine-chilling," comparable "with some of the best science-fiction writers," is rubbish, a mere reading of the Bible will

convince anyone there's nothing "spine-chilling" in the whole Book. The birth, miracles and resurrection of Jesus Christ were supernatural, not science-fiction.

I will conclude, for the sake of brevity, by stating that, contrary to Wall's belief, the Bible has a definite, cohesive theme; it's about God. His relationship with the world and the people on it. His love for them and how His Son (Jesus Christ) came to create a way whereby man might reach God (John 14 verses 3-7).

If "Wall" must review books, please read, study and discuss them before putting pen to paper. Amen.
Yours,
A. CHRISTIAN

A RHODESIAN PLEAS FOR RATIONAL THOUGHT

DEAR SIR,—As yet another Rhodesian privileged to study in your Birmingham Medical School I have followed with considerable interest your recent articles on Rhodesia, prompted, I believe by the recent arrival of Mr. Samuel Makanza from Salisbury.

I must immediately correct you on a point of fact; your statement that Sam was "expelled from Rhodesia after taking part in University demonstrations" is misleading in the extreme. In fact, he quit the country, and rightly so, to escape restriction under an order served on him by the Government for his associations with the banned African Organisation Z.A.N.U., and I very much doubt if his participation in the said demonstration had much, if anything, to do with it; the difference is important.

I hope you will not interpret me as condemning Sam for his political views and activities; I have worked with him for several years and I understand and respect his views. I also fully appreciate the frustrations felt by many Rhodesian Africans, but I must strongly condemn Sam's apparent enthusiasm for guerrilla warfare. This ugly and repulsive last resort is very much out of place in Rhodesia; I submit to you that such activities are ineffectual, frivolous and vain, for the Rhodesian army, black and white, is efficient, well equipped, loyal and morale is high; guerrillas have no hope of effective resistance. To warn people to "withdraw their bank accounts and get weapons, spears, axes and arrows" was surely an invitation for the tragedy of U.D.I. and with a guerrilla war on his hands Mr. Smith's case can only be strengthened and given some justification—this is just the ammunition he requires.

Suicide

Such a situation can only put the seal on a major confrontation between Southern Africa and most of the rest of the world. Passionate cries of "men are prepared to die for what they believe" will not cause me to shed a single crocodile tear, for the situation does not merit wanton suicide. The miseries of semi-personal guerrilla fighting, as typified in parts of Vietnam, are of the worst possible kind and would certainly harm the Africans most of all—they are in no way felicitous, not even if they achieve their aims. When men resort to back-street murder they create a milieu which succours hatred and swiftly predestines for destruction the friendships already secured. In a world of seething unrest which has rendered the award of the 1966 Nobel Prize for peace impossible, haven't we had enough?

As a white Rhodesian who disagrees violently with U.D.I. who deplores the discrimination in his homeland and who desires a steady progression to African majority rule in Rhodesia, I make my plea for rational thought and the minimising of inflammatory emotionalism.

Finally Sir, may I request that any future reporting on this issue be meticulously accurate, especially where the University College in Salisbury is implicated, the situation demands it.

Yours respectfully,
ALAN McKEAG

WAITERS ANSWER BACK

SIR,—I spit upon refectory queue-jumpers.

During my seven years as an undergraduate I have attended four educational establishments. At each one it has been the same: A handful of sub-humans enter the refectory—one of them approaches an acquaintance two-thirds of the way down the queue:—

"Hello Dave. It is Dave isn't it? Mind if we join you?"
"Well I suppose..."
"C'mon fellers."

Ughh.
Elephants patiently queue. So do soldier ants, and lemmings, red deer, grey leg geese, mountain goats and cows waiting to be milked. Even some grades of Homo Sapiens can do it. (Bus queues, dole queues, factory canteen queues, Cup Final queues.) But Not, apparently, university students, the clotted cream of the species.

I appeal to all christi chads as myself who are prepared to wait; If your own right of precedence in a queue is usurped, take action! If you make an utter fool of yourself, your loss of dignity cannot be as great as theirs. Only we can make any effort to stamp out this despicable behaviour.

Seven years' phlegm has accumulated. Queue-jumpers are rock-bottom. I spit on them.

HUGH DARWEN

THE UNRAVE EXPLAINED

DEAR SIR,—I feel an explanation is due for the early ending to last Friday's Arts Rave. The curtains were lowered by Wayne Fontana's road manager, without warning to any of the organisers, when Fontana still had another fifteen minutes to play.

We would have liked to put another group on, but, unprepared for being let down in this way, there was no time for one to get on stage. Also, stage staff had left so that we were unable to play any records.

We are now making every effort to ensure that Wayne Fontana does not get another booking at this University.

I should like to apologise sincerely for any disappointment caused by the early ending.

Yours etc.
R. G. FORD,
Chairman, Arts Rave 66 Committee.

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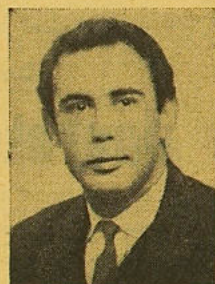
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RICHARD HUNTER (21), a graduate (Economic History/History), of Queen's University, Belfast, now teaching at Bau Govt. Secondary School, Sarawak.



ALISON POTTS (22), a graduate of St. Andrews, with a post-graduate Diploma in Librarianship, now working at Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.



ANDREW STONE (24), a graduate (English) of the University College of South Wales, now teaching at the White Nile Secondary School, El Duedin, in the Sudan.



ANDREW SIMPSON (21), a qualified teacher from Loughborough College of Education, now teaching at a Secondary Technical School in Sierra Leone.

Replacements for the above

If you think that you can be of assistance, please get in touch

with your nearest Appointments Board, or write direct to

Voluntary Service Overseas, 3 Hanover Street, W.1

Editorial

Dad didn't do it— but we must

THE immediate condemnation of the Radical Student Alliance by N.U.S., even before they were really sure what it was all about, is yet another depressing example of N.U.S. executive being more worried about their own power rather than what is best for students as a whole. Their reason for opposing the R.S.A. is that it has political backing. Is this really so terrible.

Today students are taking a greater part in the Politics of this Country. The R.S.A. can provide the uniting force to spearhead really effective political demonstrations by students.

It can also act in the best interests of the student body by helping to reform the voting system within N.U.S. It will also be able to campaign against any rise in the N.U.S. per capita subscription fee, which will only be due to diseconomies within the bureaucracy. There is a lot of dead wood in N.U.S. and this needs to be cut out. R.S.A. can do this by working within the N.U.S.

Refusing to support R.S.A. because it is Left-wing biased is equivalent to voting Tory because, "Dad did it." As students with the ability to think straight we should be considering whether it will be beneficial to us.

Editor John Norman
Assistant Editor Brian Whitaker
Business Manager Keith Berryman

UNIVERSITY students belong to a privileged minority among the people of this country, who themselves are part of a privileged minority among the peoples of this world.

Under the spell of words like the welfare state and the affluent society, we tend to forget our own poor, the victims of age and disease, of mental and physical disabilities, of colour and of the law. How much easier it is to forget the poor of other lands, who differ from ourselves in culture, in creed, and in race, whose common humanity with ourselves it is so tempting not to acknowledge.

In the last two decades the world beyond Europe and the out-stations of Europe in America and Australasia has forced itself upon our notice as never before. Yet for the most part we remain comfortable in our insularity, and firm in the implicit belief that the normal

human condition is something similar to our own. Our attitude towards the poor of other lands is little more comprehending than was the attitude of the English middle classes a hundred years ago, toward the native poor who surrounded their little islands of comfort.

Comparisons of income per head of population, the usual method of relating living standards in different countries, are subject to so many qualifications as to be almost meaningless. Casual observation, however, is enough to reveal a world of difference. Thus few things are more revealing of a community's level of living than its attitude toward waste. A rich community throws away, after very limited usage, a great part of what it produces. Possessions which are worn, or damaged, or simply unfashionable, are replaced by new possessions. So great is the waste that its disposal becomes a personal or even a social problem. In poorer communities, on the other hand, there is a desperate anxiety to conserve. The visitor to Africa or Asia finds that empty tins, bottles and oil drums are used for domestic and business purposes, and may be bought and sold. Possessions, once acquired, are mended repeatedly. Secondhand clothing is an item on the import list. Wrecked vehicles are quickly gutted of their parts. The very poorest scavenge the dustbins and the rubbish tips. Nothing can be dispensed with.

The infant mortality rate, which is in the range of 20 to 30 per thousand in the richer countries, is three to four times higher in the poorer countries for which statistics are available, and is undoubtedly higher still in particular localities and among particular social groups in the poorer countries. Of even greater significance is the heavy incidence of death, in the poorer countries, in the first years after weaning. It is believed, for instance, that the death rate during the first five years of life is thirty to fifty times higher in most of Africa than in Western Europe and North America. Though many factors contribute to the high mortality in early childhood, inadequate nutrition is generally believed to be fundamental. Since food can be taken to be the primary human want, nothing could more clearly indicate the poverty of Asia and Africa than this massive harvest of death among underfed little children, this slaughter of the innocents.



TRADE, AID AND THE POOR

by Douglas Rimmer
Lecturer in economics, Centre of West African studies

Over most of the world, the normal human condition is surely what it has always been—a vale of tears, an interlude of privation and distress between birth and death. The difference is that for the first time, on the basis of the productive forces built up in the last few generations—densely in a few parts of the world, thinly elsewhere—there appears the possibility that this condition might be alleviated on a world-wide scale.

Ought this work to be attempted? Making people better off will not necessarily make them happier, and may, indeed, make them less happy, if a little extra income is achieved at the cost of a drastic change in the mode of life. This argument has never appeared very persuasive to the poor themselves. But one might as well disavow any connection between material well-being and happiness. As the rich have always known, the result of higher income is to enlarge the area of human freedom, the command which men have over their environment; and it is this, rather than happiness, that distinguishes men from beasts.

Death rate

Another argument is that attempts to ameliorate living conditions in the poorer parts of the world are necessarily self-defeating. If living standards do improve, the death rate falls; population then increases at a faster rate, quickly cancelling out the effects of whatever increase in productive capacity has been achieved, and leaving people on the average no better off, and conceivably worse off, than before.

This is an argument that cannot be lightly dismissed, though it is worth noting that the same argument could have been advanced, and indeed was advanced, in relation to the historical improvement in living standards in what are now the richer countries. The argument is, of course, destroyed if it is possible to increase productive capacity at a faster rate than population grows; and it is gravely weakened to the extent that a fall

in the death rate is accompanied by a fall in the birth rate. Since the mortality which is reduced is very largely mortality in the early years of childhood, there is reason to believe that the reduction in the death rate will lessen the desire to procreate. In the development of countries like the United Kingdom, the fall in birth rates has heavily lagged behind the fall in death rates, but the general tendency of historical processes to be telescoped in the modern world encourages the hope that the lag could be much shorter in the development of the poor countries of today.

Philosophers

But the desire to relieve poverty is not based on a nice calculation of economic and demographic probabilities. From the argument outlined above, some philosophers have inferred that poorer countries are fortunate not to have been relieved of such endemic diseases as malaria, since but for these controls population growth would be even faster than it is. On the other hand, a medical practitioner recognises a professional duty to relieve suffering wherever he finds it, a moral attitude which is not based on calculation of the consequences. From the rest of us too, a moral decision is required, a decision derived from what we think we are; it is the easier to make since the consequences which worry the philosophers are, in any event, unpredictable.

What can we do? As individuals, not very much, save in the field of medicine, where there is the possibility of making a direct and tangible contribution. Teachers may also serve, less directly, a useful purpose, though for some considerable time they are likely to be learning more than they are teaching. Money contributions to the various voluntary relief organisations are, of course, useful—particularly useful since they are kept out of governmental hands; but unlikely ever to be more than a very marginal factor.

On the plane of statecraft, the discussion of what we can do is

usually focused on the use of rather indiscriminate financial transfers, usually financial transfers, sometimes resources as food or personnel, either on official account, either through international agencies as grants or in the form of repayment with interest (the greater part of this military aid) is supplied in the creation of a sense of adding to the productive capacity; it is to say, to a diversion from the richer countries; these funds are made available in a useful form of aid, over the goods and services produced by the richer countries.

Aid in this sense is a necessary development of the development of the richer countries. It appears

condition of the development in the recent past of the out-stations of Europe—the United States and Canada, Australia and New Zealand; though with the important differences that in those cases the funds flowed through private channels, not between governments; and that the countries dispensing aid adapted their economic structures so as to provide expanding markets for the exports of the countries that were being

Integration

The richer countries have also had to face disparities in the level of living among different geographical areas and different social groups within their own boundaries. All of them have gone some way, and a few of them—Sweden and New Zealand are notable examples—have gone a long way, to reducing these disparities and integrating their societies.

been intra-national aid; that is to say, the diversion of capital to parts of the country where savings were scarce, and thus a geographical dispersion of new employment and income-earning opportunities. A second integrating device has been free trade within the country—the institutionally unrestricted access to the national market of every producer, workers as well as employers. Thirdly, regional and social disparities have been reduced by redistribution of income accomplished by transfer payments out of tax revenue—free government services, cash allowances to particular classes of persons, subsidies to particular economic activities, grants-in-aid to local authorities.

By these standards, the current effort in favour of the poorer countries appears too partial in comparison—quite apart from any consideration of its scale—to be much effective. One improvement would be to remove all institutional restraints from our purchases of the exports of the poorer countries. This does not mean only that we should try to increase, or refrain

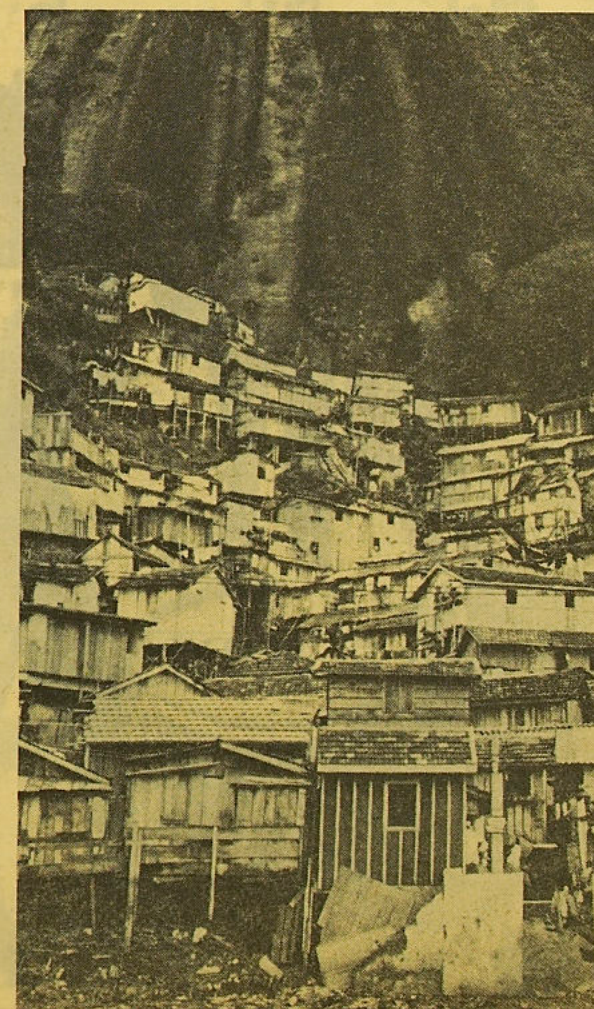
from diminishing, our purchases of the traditional exports of tropical lands. The poorer countries are unlikely to progress far, so long as their progress depends only on selling greater quantities of mineral ores, vegetable oils, and beverage crops. Sooner, rather than later, industrialisation becomes a condition of the continued progress; and sooner, rather than later, access to export markets becomes a condition of their continued industrialisation. So long as the richer countries are not prepared to provide expanding markets for the manufacturers of the poorer countries, by profound adjustment of their own economic structures, the aid they grant the poorer countries is bound to be deprived of much of its potential productivity.

It may well be that the world-wide relief of poverty already lies within the technical competence of mankind. It is much more doubtful that it lies within the organisational competence of mankind. Governments have to be relied on for the execution of the international relief programme; yet governments are the embodiment of all the obstacles in the way of such a programme. Thus the relief of foreigners' poverty has a low priority with the governments of the richer countries, as compared, for instance, with such pressing needs as space research and military defence. And the main purpose of government in most of the poorer countries is the enrichment of the governing class—a purpose which is already furthered by foreign aid, and which would be helped even more by international redistribution of income, so long as respect continued to be paid to national sovereignties. With regard to the international relief of poverty, the sphere of politics is not only the sphere of execution; it is also the sphere which produces the most formidable problems of execution.

In the meantime, over Africa and Asia and Latin America, the malnourished little children continue to sicken and die. How much longer must it go on?



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'84' PRESSURE GROUP

AS a result of increased frequency of complaints about those responsible for the redevelopment of Birmingham, a pressure group within the University is to be formed to deal with pressing social problems arising from the situation.

A particular problem is that of the rehousing of old people which the group feel they will be best able to help in. They intend to continue with the survey of the situation which they have already undertaken, and have been promised help and support from a number of organisations in the city. This they take as a most encouraging sign.

The group will need further help, however, and propose to invite a number of distinguished people from all interested professions to contribute their suggestions on the various aspects of the social situation that has developed.

Anti-racialist

ANDREW FAULDS, M.P. for Smethwick, is to speak at a meeting of the Socialist Union on Friday.

The swing to Labour of over five thousand votes which put him in Parliament last March was one of the best known and popular results of the Election. He put out Peter Griffiths who had been universally condemned for ultra right-wing views on immigration and for a racist campaign in 1964 which lost Patrick Gordon-Walker the seat.

To Andrew Faulds, his capture of Smethwick must have been a most satisfactory start to his Parliamentary career. Bearded Mr. Faulds is also widely known as an actor. He appropriately contested Startford-on-Avon before. A left-winger, Mr. Faulds is an ardent critic of the Government's Vietnam and immigration policies.



The absurd and the cruel

THE author, J. B. Priestley, who was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University in July, will be speaking on "The Absurd and the Cruel" in the Deb. Hall on Tuesday, November 1st.

The son of a schoolmaster, he started writing at the age of sixteen, and this helped keep him whilst at university. He took Honours Degrees in English Literature, Medieval History and Political Science at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

The easily-identifiable accent of his native Bradford in his wartime broadcasts earned him the title of unofficial voice of the common people. As well as a skilful broadcaster he is also a prolific writer. Novels, plays, essays, criticisms and works on literature have flowed from his pen, the most famous being "The Good Companions," "Let the People Sing," and "Angel Pavement."

Police hut fire mystery

CHARRED debris is all that is left of the west car park police hut after a short but fierce blaze on Monday night.

A fireman who was at the scene said last night: "The fire was going very well when we got there at 10.34 p.m. and a policeman was working on it with an extinguisher."

No comment

Mr. Waller, head of security in the University was reluctant to comment. He said the matter was in the hands of the police. One of the first students on the scene early yesterday morning, Peter Mills (Min. Eng. 1) told "Redbrick": "All there was left was the blackened floor, one side of the box charred on the inside and small bits of burnt wood lying around."

Another student commented "I'm not a bit surprised after the way the V.C. has been going on about parking permits."

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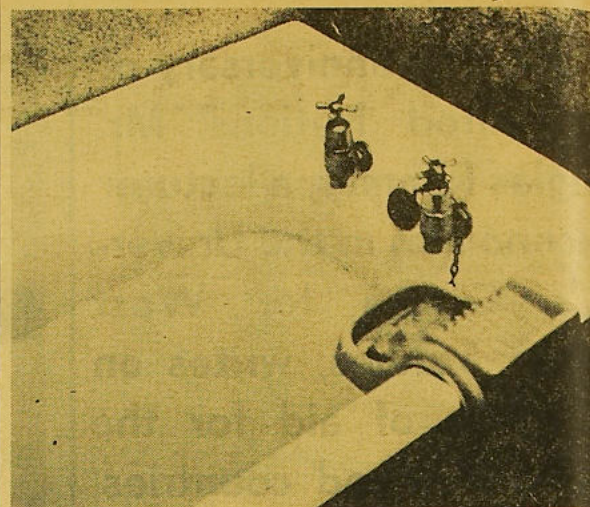
REFUNDS for money lost in the automatic machines can now be obtained from the Catering Office. All students have to do is give their names and departments and the money will be refunded.

JOE TO BE SABOTAGED?

"PLAID CYMRU" will soon be echoing through the University. A Welsh Nationalist Association is to join the ranks of other political parties.

A leading light of the movement is Mr. Rhys Vaughan, who has already made his views clear in debates this term.

Mr. Timothy Richards, who is helping to organise the setting up of the association said, "A strong



THE condition of the baths in the Union lately has left something to be desired. No cloth or cleanser has been supplied to clean the baths, and locks have been missing off two doors.

Ray Phillips, Union Secretary, said, "Vim and a cloth is available from the attendant on duty. The trouble is you can't be quite sure whether it will last the day or not if put out, because many students

seem to leave Vim off their shopping lists."

"I went round on Saturday to see Mr. Bird, the chief steward, about the locks and he said he would replace them. Locks have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. They should be installed by the middle of next week."

One student commented: "The baths are really disgraceful. I always used to have a bath in the Union but I would definitely think twice about it now."

nucleus of Welsh Nationalists exists among this year's Law intake. A list of supporters is being drawn up with a view to forming a Welsh Nationalist Association on the campus."

"Now that the party has one M.P., Gwynfor Evans, the keenness of Welshmen that this representative should go to Westminster has been aroused. I have no doubt that the next General Election will result in at least five Nationalist

seats and give us time to prove this before regarding this movement as significant."

"The militant views of the Free Wales Army will not be shown by the Association although the demolition of Joe has been proposed."

"Support from my sympathisers who have not yet heard of this venture would be welcome, and contact should be made with Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Tudor Williams, or myself."

WORKERS DO NOT STINK

—Oxford win

ON Thursday Durham University proposed the motion: "This House believes that the working classes stink," opposed by Oxford University, the two arguments being summed up by Birmingham students.

Mike Greenwood, affectedly fluttering his handkerchief, opened for Durham by approaching the subject both "literally and metaphorically." The main theme of his speech was that the workers were getting above their "station."

He drew humorous comparisons between Biblical praise of the peasant—"He works at night," and disparaging newspaper articles concerning the modern worker—"Walk out over night shift." His second considered that the "malodour" of the lower orders was caused by their "moral decay." He ended with an unnecessary discourse on a possible way to exterminate them.

Government

John Cox of Oxford concentrated on the dubiously relevant view that the working class are unable to work because the present government will not let them. Wholly concerned with the various aspects of smell, his second, much harassed by heckling, ineffectively contributed to the argument.

The proposition, an unparalleled example of unvarnished snobbery, was attacked by our own Roger Matthews ironically and brilliantly, and his lengthy allusion to his grandfather and the working class background of his family caused much hilarity in the House. Joe Assabere, with an intensely logical argument, bade his audience to "put away sentiment" and face the fact that "the working classes stink." The House, however, decided that the working classes didn't stink, and defeated the motion by almost a hundred votes.

Most of those present will agree that the normally high standard of heckling degenerated into a tedious display of exhibitionism by certain members of the floor.



SUICIDE

PETER NIGEL ATKINSON, a fresher in Biochemistry, who ran into the path of an oncoming train two weeks ago was found to have taken his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

At the inquest last week, Peter Atkinson's family through their family solicitor requested that no further details be published in the press.

TV STUDIES AT LEEDS

LAST week a televised lecture on statistics was given to students at Leeds University. The lecture, which took several months to prepare, demonstrated the advantages of having easily repeatable lectures and of enabling the lecturer to standardise and clarify his material. Students filled in questionnaires after the lecture and their response will be examined.

Students buy up Greece cheap

A PLOT of land on the Aegean Island of Samos has been purchased by the Students Union at Manchester Faculty of Technology.

They obtained the idea from D. A. Poole, a former Oxford student, who contacted a number of Universities about cheap plots of land available in Greece if they were interested in acquiring a permanent base in the Mediterranean.

Union President, John Carroll, visited the area during the summer and recommended the project to the Union Council this term.

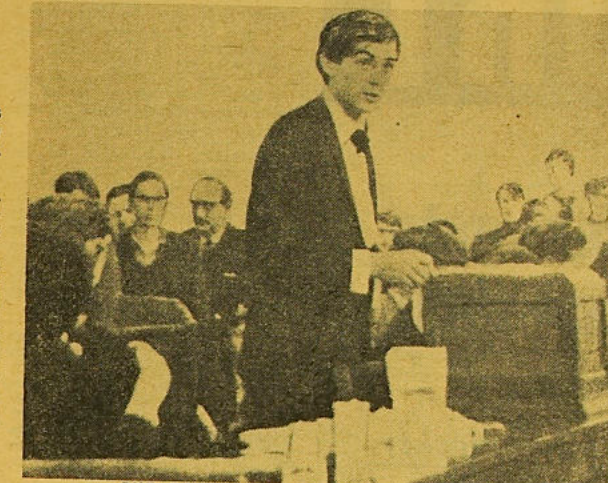
Use of the island may be offered to students of other Universities.

GO TO ELGAR SINGERS!

EDITIONS start on Wednesday, October 26th for the February and Opera Production which this year is proposed to be "The Fair Maid of Perth," by Bizet. The editions will be held in the Elgar Concert Room in the Arts Block at 10-4.30 p.m. or later if necessary, on the following two or three Tuesday afternoons. Soloists and as are needed so experience is necessarily essential. Anybody

who is unable to come on Wednesday afternoons and would like more information should contact the Musical Director, Andrew Tillett (Music III) via the Union Pigeon Holes.

The Opera last year was a great success and it is hoped that budding opera singers among the Freshers will attend and help to make another successful production.



ONE OF THE DEBATERS MAKES HIS POINT

FIRE IN MERMAID

IN an effort to attract more customers into the Mermaid Lounge Bar an atmosphere of "cosy seclusion" is the aim of a coal fire, dimmed lights and a cold snack service in the evenings.

This is one of the alterations being made in the Catering arrangements. Others include the sale of Newcastle Brown in the Main Bar from next week, and the opening of the Union Shop all day from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. without being closed for lunch.

Also, owing to an increase in demand for snacks at mid-day rather than a cooked lunch, a more varied selection of snacks, hot and cold, is being made available to students, and the range of lunches in the Union Shop will be reduced. This will be operated for a trial period to determine the success of the scheme.

Besides these new catering arrangements in the Union, the Avon Room is also experimenting with new ideas. The popular 3s. 3d. table d'hôte lunch served last session has been discontinued this year. Instead two menus are offered daily, one at 3s. 3d. and the other at 2s. 6d. Although the 3s. 3d. menu remains, Mr. Humbert, the University Catering Officer, wishes to make it clear that this menu is not an alteration of the old one but a completely new idea. The 2s. 6d. menu incorporates certain popular items—sausages, baked beans etc. and occasional soup or fruit is added at no extra cost.

Gastronomically

"We aim, in the Avon Room, to give the student a more balanced meal and also to experiment with foreign dishes," said Mr. Humbert. "As each day nearly one thousand or more students eat in the Avon Room it goes to show that the freshers this year are of a more gastronomically enlightened vintage than other years!" Last year the Avon Room suffered from competition in the more popular Chelwood Room but it seems that this year the Avon Room is regaining the position it held two years ago.

In the Union because of heavy spending in the last few years there are no reserves of cash available for major improvements in the catering facilities. Every effort is being made to improve the facilities, and application is being made to U.G.C. for funds to carry out the improvements.

WOMEN ALL GO FAST

THE sale of magazines in the Union will continue for the next few weeks at least, as all the magazines at Reception were sold last week. Due to the success of the women's magazines eighteen copies of both "Woman" and "Woman's Mirror" will be purchased this week, as well as copies of "Woman's Own" and "Woman's Realm."

"We will stick to half a dozen of the others for the time being," said Ray Phillips. "It will give people time to acclimatise themselves to the offer."

When asked why "Playboy" was not sold when there was a special reduction offered to students, he replied "Some initial research was carried out and though we realised 'Playboy' has many advantages it was thought it would be better to sell magazines of a more constructive nature."



MR. HUMBERT

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SPORT

Women's Hockey

Determination gets team to semi-final

THE first XI entered this year's W.I.V.A.B. championship with great enthusiasm and determination which showed through in their 7-1 defeat of Nottingham on Saturday.

This win was the result of fine team play, with the defence backing up the forwards who, in turn, dropped back to help clear the ball. Jill Smith opened the scoring, and although Nottingham drew level, Rosemary Lown had made it two goals to one by half-time.

After the interval, the Birmingham forwards mounted continuous attacks on the Nottingham goal, resulting in five more goals. Gill Smith scored two of these, and Rosemary Lown had her efforts well rewarded by a hat-trick of well-judged "flick" shots.

Nottingham came back into the game with a quick attack which gave the home defence a worrying five minutes. However, the importance of good teamwork was again emphasised as the Birmingham forwards, after dropping back into the defence, were again attacking as the final whistle was blown.

The second XI celebrated their entry into W.I.V.A.B. competition with a 2-1 win over the corresponding Nottingham team. They were prevented from scoring further goals by the wet surface of the pitch and the scrappy nature of the play. The scorers were M. Martin and J. Layton.

Men's Hockey

Goals elusive after mid-field prowess

Birmingham 1, Fort Dunlop 1

THIS game was hampered by an extremely wet pitch, and suffered also from a number of missed chances.

During the first half, the University, playing without two of their regular members, pressed hard and were far superior in mid-field play. Unfortunately we were not able to push home our advantages and our only goal of the match came shortly before half-time, when Norris flicked the ball from the edge of the circle into the top of the net.

The second half proved much more scrappy and half way through, after ten minutes of intense pressure, Fort Dunlop managed to equalise. The University tried hard for the winner, but goals eluded us and a stagnant draw resulted.

Basketball

FRIENDLY SUCCESS ALL THE WAY

THE University basketball first five have completed four friendly matches and are set to move on to the difficulties of U.L.U. and League Competition. Except for one twenty-minute period in Saturday's game against Cambridge the team has played quite well.

Nottingham was added to the list of victims on Wednesday by a score of 73-34. Pauls, Patterson and Joiner were given a well-earned rest after a good first-half performance while high scorer Bergmann delighted the spectators with some fine play in the second half. The second team won their third match to remain undefeated with bright league prospects.

The Cambridge match was awaited eagerly by all the team members, possibly too eagerly. Whether nervous or over-anxious the first team started very badly and were losing 10-2 after a few minutes. The defence was too loose and inaccurate shooting resulted in a Cambridge half-time lead of 32-15.

In an effort to change the tone of play the five players of the first half were benched and an entire new team substituted. Richard Cowley, Ed Percival, Chuck Demotte, Davis and Keith Booth hustled on defence and offence while outscoring Cambridge 6 to 5. Having been shown how to play effectively, the starting five played well and outscored Cambridge in the second half.

Netball

WIVAB WIN

THE 1st and 2nd teams each won their opening WIVAB matches last Saturday, against Nottingham University.

There were tense moments in the first team's match, especially at the start. By the end of the first quarter the score was 6-9, but from then onwards Birmingham showed themselves to be the superior team and pulled ahead to win by 36 goals to 18.



AN ATTEMPT AT A BASKET DURING SATURDAY'S FRIENDLY MATCH AGAINST CAMBRIDGE. THE TEAM ARE NOW RARING TO GO IN THE U.L.U. AND LEAGUE COMPETITION.

Fencing

WIN NOT ELECTRIFYING

LAST Wednesday, the University Fencing team engaged in an informal match against a rather depleted Oxford University team. As the match was very late starting, there was time for only the foil and sabre, our worst and best weapons respectively. The Birmingham team was A. E. N. Buckley, V. Piller and G. H. Parsons, at present the same team as last year, but unfortunately there are no fully experienced freshers, although one or two might be fit enough for the team in a month or two's time.

In somewhat constrained circumstances and an atmosphere which was not conducive to hard fencing the sabre started sluggishly and was never of a very high standard. However, Birmingham won by six bouts to three.

For the first time in many months the team had to fence the foil without the electric judging apparatus: this probably does not affect the overall result, but makes fencing a great deal more difficult, as each hit had to be seen by the judges and many are missed. Oxford won this competition by five bouts to four.

The fencing at this match was unimpressive, both teams relying on the grosser points of technique for scoring, rather than the guile and carefully considered positioning that makes a simple hit into an unforgettable moment for those who appreciate such subtleties.

Nevertheless, it was very pleasant to renew our lapsed fixture, and gratifying that we could secure a 10-8 win over a team with two Oxford Bules in it.

Men's Lacrosse

Victory all the way

THE Men's Lacrosse Team romped home to a fine 10-2 victory on Saturday, making a total score of 18 goals for and three against in the two matches they have played so far.

This time it was Oldham and Werneth 'A' who were at the receiving end of the relentless Birmingham onslaught, and this time too it was Monday who hit peak form scoring five goals, most of them in the devastating last quarter when the score rocketed from a lowly 4-2 to 10-2.

The game started slowly with Oldham managing to penetrate the Birmingham defence, which quickly closed down on them. From this point Birmingham had most of the play but the score-sheet did not reflect much of their effort due to poor handling and bad finishing.

Then Monday broke through and scored and the game was on. Saxon followed on with another goal but this was offset by a goal from Oldham making the half-time score 2-1. In the third quarter Oldham gained confidence and looked like drawing level but Birmingham kept ahead, and then in the final quarter completely swamped the opposition.

Brilliant goals from Monday were backed up by Saxon (2), Bullough (2) and Clarke (1).

The game however was not all trouble free for soon after the start Jarvis was out with an injured eye and during the course two other players were off for treatment.

The defence with Hollingsworth in goal is now a close-knit almost invulnerable pack, and if the attack can keep up this week's performance it will take a good team to beat Birmingham in the coming months.

Golf

FIRST DEFEAT

THE Golf team suffered their first defeat of the season last Saturday at the hands of a very strong Kings Norton team.

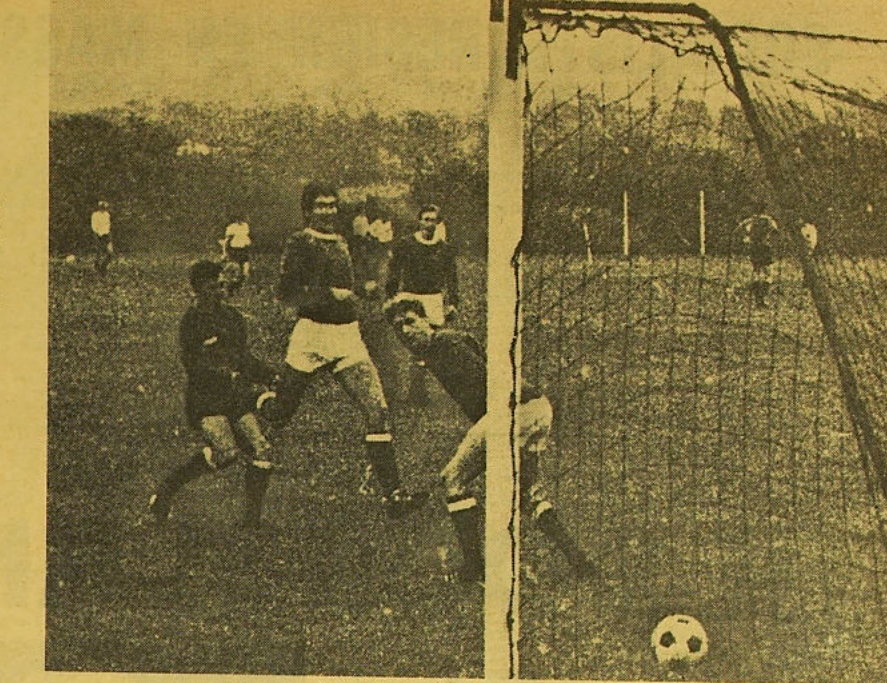
The score was 43-1, A. Wawn and N. Kraft contributing the half to prevent complete defeat. By halving this match A. Wawn is the only member of the team to keep his unbeaten record. Even the partnership of last year's and this year's captains, N. Josephs and P. J. Preece lost two down with one to play, and T. Bowdler, playing with I. Caldicott, lost his undefeated record when he was beaten three down with two to play.

Cross-country

Mediocrity conquered

ON Saturday the Club had its first full-strength home fixture, and by producing the first nine runners home, soundly defeated Cardiff's opposition and illustrated the depth and potential in the Club this year.

Two factors are particularly encouraging: firstly, the promising and spirited running by the Freshers, of whom Nile, Thirkettle and Salway deserve special mention, having been placed 2nd, 4th and 8th respectively on Saturday; and secondly, the amount of interest in the Club this year, as



MICK SMITH (LEFT) NETS THE FIRST OF HIS TWO GOALS.

Soccer

THE MUD FLIES BUT BRUM WIN

Birmingham 2 London University 1

ON Saturday the 1st XI beat London University 2-1 at West Hills. The ground was wet and the conditions depressing but the football was just the opposite. After a long delay owing to the absence of a referee, Birmingham's determined display earned them vic-

tory because London could not settle down on the tricky ground. The game was very even early on but as it progressed Birmingham gradually found their form. London tried hard but the home team's defence stood firm. The vital result for Birmingham came in the first half. A mid-way through the first half, a long through ball by Taylor found

Smith who easily beat the goalkeeper. This thoroughly deserved 2-0 advantage was, however, short lived. A London corner on the left was headed into the goalmouth for the inside forward to beat Wallis from close range.

The second half saw Birmingham continue fighting in a most encouraging manner. In recent games the defence has been suspect but on Saturday it was very sound and must receive much credit. The forwards too, were always lively and menacing, and so because of this great all-round display, it was not surprising when Smith scored his second goal. Intelligent play by Harrop who moved the ball quickly to Smith, left the outside right with a clear run for goal. He made no mistake with a low angled shot.

Birmingham continued to play constructive football and Smith netted again only for the goal to be disallowed because the ball had gone out of play. In the closing ten minutes London fought desperately for the equaliser but the home defence coped very confidently. It would have been an injustice if London had scored because Birmingham never deserved to lose after giving such a great performance.

TWO LATE GOALS FOR A DRAW

Bristol Univ. 4, Birmingham 4

THE Universities' match at Bristol on Wednesday was one of rapidly changing fortunes. After being 2-0 behind, the University fought back to take a 4-2 lead, only to concede two late goals and forfeit what seemed like certain victory.

Bristol were very content to rely on a massed defence and quick counter attacks in the first half and when the Birmingham wing-halves committed themselves to attack, they paid the penalty. Bristol snatching two early, breakaway goals. Gedney, standing in on Birmingham's left-wing due to the team's great problem with injury, and Whitehead, reduced the arrears during a spell of concentrated University attack, and the score stood at two all at half-time.

The early stages of the second half saw the University produce its most constructive football of the match with Gedney grabbing two

more goals to put Birmingham ahead. However, concentrated attack once again exposed the University defence to rapid counter attacks which could have been eliminated with more defensive understanding.

The result was two late Bristol goals which robbed the University of what should have been a comfortable victory.

Medics still netting them

Medics 5, Sheffield Medics 0

LAST Wednesday, the Medics entertained Sheffield Medics at West Hills. The result was a good 5-0 win to the home side in a game which was played in conditions more suited to water-polo than soccer.

The Medics started moving well, but any semblance of teamwork was inhibited by the bad conditions, and their attack was reduced to mainly individual efforts. Most of these came down the left wing where Boughen was getting through a tremendous amount of work. However, despite their sustained attacking, a goal was denied the home Medics until almost half time. Thomson scored the goal when he squeezed the ball inside the far post after Saunders had done well to cross the ball. The defence was playing competently, having a strong grip in the mid-

field, and the back line dealt easily with the occasional breakthrough.

After the change-over, with the strong wind behind them, the Medics had things almost all their own way. Bogle, in goal, only touching the ball once. With this continual pressure the goals had to come. Thomson scored two more to give him a deserved hat-trick for the third game running. Botherton scored the fourth with a tremendous drive which completely beat the Sheffield goalkeeper.

In the last few minutes Lloyd, the Birmingham full-back, came up into the attack, dribbled round three defenders, and scored the final goal with a hard, low shot from the edge of the area. The Sheffield goal-keeper played a fine game; his many daring saves, and the atrocious conditions which slowed down the home attack, saved Sheffield from a thorough rout.

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SOCCER

1st XI v. Bristol. Drew 4-4
1st XI v. London. Won 2-1
Medics v. Shef. Medics. Won 5-0

RUGBY

Mermaids v. Warwick Univ. 2nds. Won 28-0
Academicals v. Physics. Won 23-0

MEN'S HOCKEY

1st XI v. Fort Dunlop. D. 1-1

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

1st XI v. Nottm. (WIVAB). Won 7-1
2nd XI v. Nottm. Won 2-1

BADMINTON

Ladies v. Nottm. (WIVAB). Won 7-2
Ladies v. St. Mary's Cheltenham. Won 6-3
Men's 1st v. B.A.I. Won 6-3
Men's 1st v. Junior Birmingham. Won 5-4
Men's 2nd v. Nottm. Univ. Won 8-1

NETBALL

1st VII v. Nottm. Won 36-18
2nd VII v. Nottm. Won 50-5

RIFLE CLUB

Birmingham v. Leicester Won 788-751

LACROSSE

Ladies v. Nottm. Won 8-5
Men's v. Oldham and Werneth 'A'. Won 10-2

INTERDEPARTMENTAL SOCCER

11-A-SIDE:-

Law 3, Maths 8
Metallurgy 1, History 0
Spanish 1, Chemistry 4
Dentals 2, History 10
Brew XI 1, Elec. Eng. 1

6-A-SIDE:-

DIV. ONE
Chemistry 3, Classics 1
DIV. TWO
Biochemistry 1, High H. 0
Biology 0, Min. Eng. 0

LEAGUE TABLE, 11-A-SIDE:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Chemistry	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
Brew XI	3	1	2	0	8	6	4
Dentals	3	2	0	1	4	10	4
History	3	1	1	1	2	5	3
Biology	1	1	0	0	10	1	2
Maths	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
Meth. Soc.	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Classics	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Metallurgy	1	0	1	1	1	1	2
Civ. Eng.	1	0	1	0	2	1	2
Physics	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Elec. Eng.	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Minor	1	0	0	1	3	5	0
Geology	2	0	0	2	4	11	0
Law	2	0	0	2	4	18	0
Chem. En.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOCIALISTS RESIGN EN MASSE

SOCIALIST Union this week faces one of its biggest crises for over a year following the mass resignation of the committee.

A special general meeting will be held next Tuesday to re-elect a new committee.

"There is no question of ditching the society," said Chairman Roger Clipsham. "We hope that we are doing what is best for it."

The resignations follow

closely on the worst Freshers' Conference that the Socialist Union has ever taken part in. For the first time ever the total number of new members attracted by the society fell below that of the Tories.

"We feel that this was caused by increasing disillusionment with the present government," said Roger. But he emphasised that there was no political motive behind any of the resignations.

Among those resigning are Roger Clipsham (Chairman), Rowland Davies (Editor of

"Left"), Dave Gale (International Secretary), Duncan Cotterill (Assistant Sec.), Charly Vlaeminke (Treasurer) and Ray Phillips (Social Secretary). Some of the other offices have been vacant for some time now.

The resignations make it almost certain that some freshers will be elected onto the committee after only four weeks in the University. Roger Clipsham pointed out that although this step was unusual it was absolutely essential to inject some new blood into the committee.

"The present committee

has been operating since January and we feel that we are growing stale and running out of ideas. Many of the committee members are fed up with doing the same job for almost a year, and their jobs no longer present a challenge to them."

Another topic which will crop up at the meeting is a proposal to increase fluidity within the committee so that someone who is elected to one office does not necessarily have to hold that office for a whole year.

It is hoped that this move will prevent any recurrence of this situation.

CODIFICATION AT LAW FACULTY OPENING

SIR LESLIE SCARMAN, a puisne judge of the High Court performed the formal opening of the Law Faculty on Thursday. As president of the Law Commission, he is in an unparalleled position to exercise his influence on the reform of the law.

After the opening ceremony, Mr. Justice Scarmman delivered an address to the members of the Law Faculty on the subject of codification. "It is now generally recognised," he said, "that the Law Commission Act in 1965 is a milestone in history. It establishes a legal motorway between England and Scotland."

Codification

"How can we allow judge-made law to remain if we are to carry out our task?" he asked. "The object of the Act is the simplification and modernisation of law with special regard to codification. It is law in need of reform which may need to be codified. If codification fails it will become part of the useless lumber of the law. Part of the problem is to solve the relationship between code and judge-made law."

"I suggest therefore that the essential attributes of a code are that it is enacted law, and that in its field it declares the whole of the law brought up to date. It must be a species of enacted law with its purpose being so to formulate the law that within its field it becomes the exclusive source of the law."

"If codification comes, the judges will in fact continue to be an important law-making force. The code will ultimately mean what the judge in his judgment says it will mean. The judge must make a decision on a case not covered in the code."

New law

"Every time a judge fills a gap in the law he is creating new law. I would the court apply a liberal approach to the code. Judges must start with the code and not attempt to go behind it."

"What sort of code is likely to come? — The character of each code will be determined by the character of the subject matter it is dealing with."

"I think it will be the Law Commission's duty to keep a watch over the codes. Parliament has introduced. Codification allows the development of the law to be planned. It can be subjected to continuous review and revision."

"Will the government of the day find time to codify the law? I suggest the setting up of a committee of both Houses of Parliament. Then Parliament itself could debate just the main issue."

Mr. Justice Scarmman concluded, "English law at last on its way to modernity."

Student representation — V.C. speaks at teach-in

THE DOOR SLAMS SHUT!

SIR ROBERT AITKEN, the Vice-Chancellor, said that he didn't think that more student representation on University and Senate committees would work. He continued that students would never be satisfied and so for their own sakes they should not have it.

He was replying to earlier speakers who had called for more student representation at last week's teach-in on higher education.

TORIES BLUE OVER ABSENTEE

IT was a great disappointment to the Conservative Association that Humphrey Berkeley was unable to speak on Friday, as he was suddenly called to an emergency meeting in London.

At 24 hours notice, in his place, John Tresman, widely experienced in the political world, spoke on the Great Divide between the Labour and Tory parties.

Mr. Tresman claimed that the Labour ministers were "all in it for themselves." Their social legislation, such as the abolition of prescription charges, was in the main unnecessary and merely election propaganda. The present economic "mess," the incomprehensible Finance bill, the "vanished" National Plan could all be laid "fairly and squarely" on the shoulders of the Labour economic ministers." He set out the opposing Tory policies showing how the economy should be run on a basis of competition and incentives.

He continued that student loans were definitely undesirable, but with only a limited amount of money to go around, students might have to put up with them whether they liked them or not.

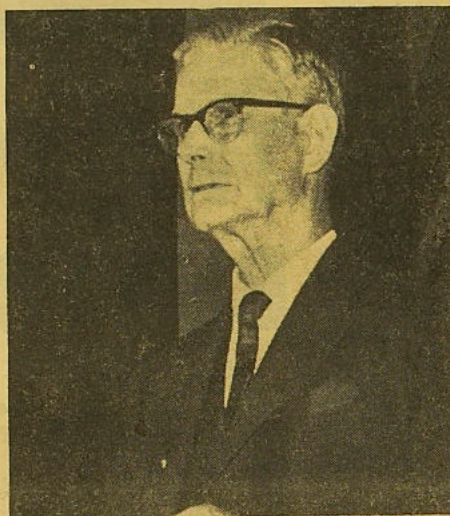
The previous two teach-ins on Vietnam and Rhodesia were an overwhelming success, but this one, even though it dealt directly with the lives of students in this University, had attendances ranging from 300 down to only 50.

Professor Charlton of the Education Department opened the first section on the binary system of education by telling students to ignore their emotions. He went on to explain that the great shortage of money in Britain meant that it was essential to keep the present division in the educational system, so that at least the elite could get a good education.

Terry Lacey, of the Union of Liberal Students, had a simple answer to this. If people didn't want to spend money on education, they should be made to. Britain is continuing to waste millions of pounds on defence, whilst he was faced with the prospect of starting his married life with a debt of £1,000.

Technological education was the subject of the second section. Professor Tobias made probably what was the most original contribution of the evening. Britain was decadent, he said, not because of pop music or mini-skirts, but because we set ourselves targets and refused to use the only means capable of reaching them. We needed more engineers, but we refused to do the obvious and cut down the proportion of people taking arts courses. The reaction to this was obvious and a long and interesting discussion followed.

The last speaker of any significance was Charles Wright, Deb. Soc. chairman, who said that it was absolutely inevitable that undergraduates never discuss things such as academic standards or have any aim except passing their exams. The fault lay in the split between university staff and students. This could be rectified only by giving students responsibility and letting them sit on all committees whose decisions affected students.



• SIR ROBERT AITKEN

NEW RECORDS IN THE UNION

Records disappear from Union

SINCE the beginning of term, the back door to the Union by the main bar, at the end of the corridor alongside the snooker hall, has been padlocked.

"The main reason for this is that £250 worth of records have been taken from the Union library," said Ray Phillips, Union Secretary. "On one occasion a middle-aged man was seen shortly afterwards going along the catering approach to the Union. He was chased but not caught."

"It was discovered that he had got in by the back door, gone along the corridor and up the lift to the library just before the attendant got there."

"The back door is a real problem as there is no way of ensuring that non-union members do not use it to get in."

TWELVE old records have been replaced in the juke-box in the Union coffee-bar. This is the result of a new arrangement reached with the machine's owners, B. & M. Automatics and Ten Catering.

Ray Phillips, Union Secretary said: "In cafes, the juke-boxes are supplied with two new records every week; but as far as we are concerned it is pointless for the company to send them during the vacation when no-one is here. They discontinue sending them till the beginning of the new term."

"Therefore it takes ages for us to get rid of the backlog of out of date records that has built up."

"Now they have promised to give us the money to buy a batch of new records at the beginning of every term."

Souvenirs still popular

ASTON UNIVERSITY reports that cutlery is still disappearing from the Union at an alarming rate. By only the second week of term a total of 400 pieces were missing. The catering manager said that the amount of cutlery available will not be increased until he is satisfied that no further loss will be incurred. The shortage will undoubtedly aggravate the lunch time queuing problem and mean further delays as far as the evening meal is concerned.

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