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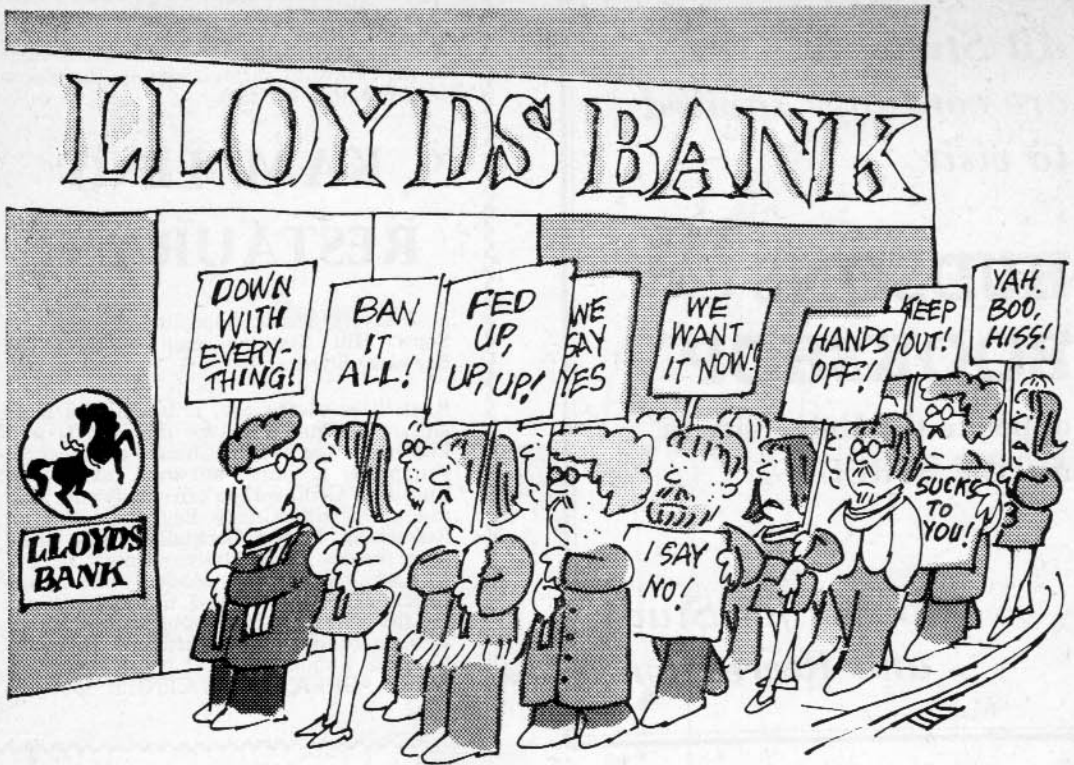
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Guild of Students — University of Aston

Student Handbook 1969/70

Published by the Executive Committee of the Guild of Students

Introduction

This publication is designed to assist the new student during his first few weeks at Aston by providing as much information as he is likely to require plus a little bit more. It contains information on the University and the Colleges of Art & Commerce, on concessions available to students, pubs, clubs and shops etc. in the City as well as a number of little gems designed to make life a little more exciting if not better.

During the first few days at University the new student will possibly be worried about a host of "problems" — most of them will be answered by this publication. If they cannot be ironed out, then go and see one of the people whose job it is to help—i.e. the chaplains, the University Physician, the Bank Manager or even a member of Executive—all will be very willing to help out.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped in the compiling of this handbook and especially the Guild typing pool.

GRAHAM KNAGGS
Editor.

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Guild of Students

All students on the campus—from the University, the College of Commerce and all the colleges of the College of Art—are automatically members of the Students Guild, or Union. The membership fee is included in the college fees.

The Guild is run by the students, for the students. Apart from a few permanent posts all offices are held by students. The major policy-making body—Guild Council—is elected by the whole student body; elections are on a departmental basis. An executive of nine is elected by Council from its ranks.

Election of Council members takes place soon after the beginning of the academic year. If you feel capable, you can stand. When the time comes all you require is someone to nominate you and two seconders; then the rest is up to you—and perhaps, fate. But even if you don't stand for a place on the Council you should take the opportunity of making your opinion known by voting.

Apart from the departmental reps., each college has a Vice-President. The V.P. is the representative of his college in all official matters, and is the liaison 'officer' between the students of his college and the academic authorities. Finally, he should be able to take over any of the duties of the President, should the need arise. Election for the post of V.P. is open to any student of the college concerned. All that is needed is a nominator, a couple of seconders, a campaign, and some supporters. Elections will take place at the end of the Spring term.

Heading the Guild is the President. He is your representative in all matters, both on and off the campus, and he, or she, is elected from the whole student body on the basis of popular vote.

The meetings of Council are open to all members of the Guild—you don't have to be a councillor to attend or to make your view known; but in normal circumstances only councillors can vote. But on special issues there can be an open debate and vote.

You should not miss going to Council meetings—the sooner the better. They are a vital part of student life; and they are part of your education, too! Council meetings are held on two Thursdays per term in the Council Chamber at the top of the Union building. They are advertised; so make a point of going.

Anyone thinking of standing as a Guild councillor can get further information from the Guild Office.

Functions of Officers and Standing Committees

Effectively, these officers and committees run every aspect of the Guild. Their major decisions usually have to be verified by Guild Council. The Chairman of each committee and all the officers are normally on the Executive. Selection of each committee takes place at the beginning of each session, for those interested. This is then put to Council for approval.

Executive Committee

This is the 'Cabinet' of the Guild. It makes all the policy decisions of the Guild, the major ones being put to Council for approval. It is also responsible for the initial allocation of available funds and the administration.

House Secretary

He is responsible at student level for Union facilities and Student facilities in the other three institutions on the campus. Some of these responsibilities are for notice boards, the shop, the billiards room and the allocation of office and committee rooms. Room bookings are under his general supervision. The **Bar Committee** is responsible to Guild Council through the House Secretary and is the club which governs and administers those bars on the campus which are used by students. An attempt is made to offer an increasingly better service at the bar and an extensive range of tipples—**Worthington E. M. & B. Mild, Watney's Red Barrel, Draught Guinness and Youngers Tartan**. Bottled beer (including Newcastle Brown), spirits and draught sherry are also stocked. A bar can be arranged for most functions, but good notice must be given. Comments and compliments welcome.

Guild Treasurer

The Guild has an income of about £52,000. This comes from your Union fees. Out of this has to come the money for the upkeep of the Union, the administration and the wages of the permanent staff employed by the Guild. This leaves relatively little for student activities. Societies Committee and Sports Committee receive block grants from Guild funds. This is then divided up among the clubs and societies, according to the merits of each claim.

Internal Relations Secretary

He is the Ombudsman of the Guild. He is responsible for student 'rights' and 'privileges' in the form of Staff/Student relationships, inter-college relations and student representation, notably in academic, financial, welfare and disciplinary matters. He is responsible for housing, the liaison between existing Halls of Residence and the Guild, and also for future plans.

He is also concerned with welfare problems ranging from health (including the setting up of a Joint Student Health Service), academic and social problems, to loans from Guild funds to students in need.

Arrangements can also be made for legal advice for students, should the need arise. On a more immediate level, students are represented in matters of discipline. He also deals with internal complaints about the working of the Guild and investigates alleged incidents of "bureaucracy". Internal relations has its own advisory panel.

Guild Secretary/Publicity and Public Relations Secretary

In conjunction with individual executive officers, he prepares agendas and collates reports for the meetings of the Guild, Guild Council and Executive Committee. He ensures that decisions are communicated to the people concerned and that action is taken and that all Guild activities are properly publicised.

Cultural Activities Committee

They exercise a general control over the activities of the individual societies' secretaries, organise and control new activities and develop new societies to cater for minority interests as well as exercising a general control over the voluntary services run by the Guild.

Athletic Union

This Committee is responsible for all the sport on the campus and acts as a co-ordinator of the numerous committees of the individual clubs, and provides representation in the Universities Athletic Union.

External Relations Secretary

By far the most important work of this officer is representing the N.U.S. and passing on the benefits of services that N.U.S. offers to the student on the campus. These services include large travel concessions on trains, planes and boats to Europe and America at Christmas, Easter and summer. There are also concessions on many goods ranging from hairdressing to tyres. Special insurance rates are also arranged. N.U.S. also arranges vacation jobs.

Entertainments Committee

This body is responsible for organising regular weekly entertainments on the campus in the form of 'Hops' at weekends, Wednesday afternoon films, Folk Club on Tuesday evenings, Impact (R. & B. Discotheque) on Wednesday evenings, Jazz record sessions and Ballroom Dancing. This Committee is almost entirely responsible for student light entertainment. It endeavours to provide a high standard of performance at a cost well within the student economy.

The Union

The new Union building has been in use for only 3 years. It has played a vital role in strengthening the Guild. Previously, activities were spread haphazardly over the campus, and operations were directed from a few small rooms on the sixth floor of the university block.

The new building gave the Guild unity and provides a great variety of amenities previously not available. But nothing, it seems, can be perfect. The Union is already too small for the student population it serves—as some of the lunch-time crushes indicate.

Nevertheless, it is there for your use, so it is up to you to make the best and fullest use of it. On occasion you may be called upon to give proof of your being a member of the Guild. This requires that you get a photograph in your Guildcard as soon as possible, to make it valid.

Hours of opening are:—

Weekdays:	08.30 — 22.30 hrs.
Saturdays:	10.00 — 22.30 hrs.
Sundays:	15.00 — 22.30 hrs.

Students can have their mail sent to them at the Union. Letters are put in the pigeon-holes in the Foyer. The address is:—

The Union,
University of Aston in Birmingham,
Gosta Green,
Birmingham 4. (021-359 3563)

Many of the rooms in the Union were designed for specific purposes: some are used by the many committees and so on. Others can be booked by committees and societies for meetings, and in the case of the Music rooms, for private use.

Here, then, is a short guide to the Union building.

Ground Floor

Probably the first thing you will see is the **Reception Desk**. Most of your enquiries will be answered here, and it is from here that tickets for dances and similar functions are sold. On the opposite side of the Foyer is the **Union shop**, which is gradually building up its stock. On this floor is the **Main Refectory**, seating 250. It serves lunches only (12.00 to 14.00 hrs.), but of the more substantial kind. There is also a bar in the refec., which is used only for functions (Hops, Debates, etc.). Through the refec. are a number of small **Music Rooms** which can be booked. Adjoining the refec. is the **Union Hall**, used for Hops, Teach-Ins, General Meetings, and so on. In the Foyer is the official Guild notice board.

Basement

Contains the **Cloakrooms**, **Kitchens**, and **Billiards Room**. There is also a very plush **Ladies**, and a very expansive, though not so plush, **Gents**.

First Floor

This floor contains another **Refectory**, open both at dinner-time (11.30 to 14.00 hrs.) and in the evening (16.30—19.00 hrs.) and on Saturdays (12.00—14.00 hrs. and 17.00—18.00 hrs.). Through the refec. are a number of small rooms: there is the **Unity Room**, which is set aside for prayer and meditation; and the **Unity Lounge**, which can be booked for small functions and meetings.

Most important of all, on this floor you will find **GUILD OFFICE**, where you can get any information you want on the Guild (constitution etc.). In the same row you will find the offices of the **Permanent Guild Secretary** the **Clerk**, the **Catering Manager** and the **Curator**.

Second Floor

Here you will find most people, in the **Common Room**, containing a snack bar and newly decorated bar. Through the common room you will find the **Chaplain's Room**, and the **Common Room Lounge**. This is a small room which tends to be rather quieter and less crowded than the common room itself, during the day.

Of greater interest to many, no doubt, is the **Bar** in the common room. This opens every lunchtime Monday to Friday and every evening including weekends, although on those Saturdays when there is a Hop in the Union the bar shuts early (at 19.00 hrs.) and the bar in the ground floor refec. opens.

Third Floor

Up here are the **Men's and Women's Showers**, which are open to all students (of the appropriate sex, still). Here also, is the **Long Room**, (Table Tennis and Fencing). Several Committees hang out here: **New Society and Group Theatre One** share Room 313; **Sports Committee** lives in Room 311, and **Entertainments Committee** in Room 312. There is also a **darkroom** (303) for use of students who are members of Photographic Society.

Fourth Floor

Also has a number of society and committee rooms. The **Birmingham Sun** lurks in Room 411 with **External Relations** and the **Treasurer** next door (410). Further along in 409 is **Cultural Activities**. Then in 408 are **Internal Relations** and the **House Officer**, the **Vice Presidents** and **Secretary** are in 407 and the **Guild President** in 406.

Fifth Floor

Is taken up with the **Council Chamber**. It holds 130 people and besides Council is used for debates and 16 mm. film shows.

Other Campus Facilities

The Great Hall, in the university block, is one of the best halls, acoustically, in the city. It has considerable projection equipment, and is also used for concerts.

The Byng Kenrick Hall; also in the university block, is used for some debates and talks.

Both these halls are on the ground floor.

Common Rooms

Commerce. On tenth floor. Snacks and coffee available from vending machines.

University. On sixth floor. Snacks and coffee are available from several machines selling tea, milk and coffee. Snacks and coffee can also be obtained in the "new" refec., down the corridor and round the corner from the common room (10.00 to 19.00 hrs.).

Art. On the first floor. No facilities for coffee and snacks. For these you have to go downstairs, to the refec.

Refectories

Commerce. Eleventh floor. Coffee from 10.00 to 19.00 hrs., and meals from 12.00 to 14.00 hrs., and again from 17.00 to 19.00 hrs. (only 17.00 to 18.30 hrs. on Fridays).

University. Again on the sixth floor. "Old" refec. serves meals from 12.00 to 14.00 hrs. only. Meals from the "new" refec. 11.45 to 14.00 hrs. and again from 16.30 to 19.00 hrs.

Art. Ground floor. Coffee from 09.00 to 19.00 hrs., and meals from 12.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 19.00 hrs. (18.00 hrs. on Fridays).

Libraries

Each of the institutions on the campus has its own library, but books can be borrowed from the library of one of the other colleges, provided the correct procedure is followed. This requires that you give your requisition slip to your "home" library, who will get the book for you.

University Library is the largest. It is situated on the ground floor, near the paternoster lift. All bags and coats must be left outside. A guide book is available.

Commerce. Library takes up the second floor of Commerce.

Art Library is on the ground floor of the Art College.

Car Park

There is a large free car park only a few minutes walk away, in Duke St. It is perhaps in your own interests to park there. To put it another way, it is not too advisable to park in Aston Street. The city police have a habit of making an example of poor students who park where the police don't think they should. The poor students are further impoverished by the compulsory forfeit of about £4 to get their cars back.

Publications

"In College"

This is a weekly publication giving details of activities on the campus. It is free to all students, and any student is able to use it as a medium for small ads., when space allows—a only 1d. per word. Anyone wishing to make an entry—either an ad. or on behalf of a society—can find the necessary forms at the reception desk in the foyer. All entries must be in by the Wednesday lunchtime of the week before the event. "In College" can be found at several places around the campus and comes out on Monday mornings.

The Birmingham Sun

The Birmingham Sun is one of the publications that the new student can expect to have constantly rammed down his throat, so it's just as well that he gets to know the basic facts about the paper. Although it is pratically supported by a Guild of Students grant, it maintains its independence within the framework of the Union. The production and management of the paper is entirely in the hands of the students on the Editorial Committee and the Sun staff. Printing and National advertising are handled by a Derbyshire printer and a national agency. The Sun is attempting to appear weekly this year—it should appear every Tuesday. If this is to happen then the Sun will need twice as much material and twice as many staff than they had before. Therefore if you can type, draw, write, report or take photographs, or have a talent for business administration, salesmanship or newspaper layout, go up to the Sun office, Room 411 in the Union Building. In return they offer you an interesting job, a useful grounding in the disciplines of the newspaper industry, and an invitation to the annual Sun staff dinner. If you don't want to work for them, they still offer you a weekly newspaper of 12 to 16 pages . . . news stories . . . reviews . . . student affairs . . . cartoons . . . articles and features on subjects as varied as prostitution and fashion . . . sports news . . . letters . . . and gossip. When the Sun started in 1946 it cost 3d. Today it still costs 3d. but it's twenty times bigger and many times better . . . Buy it!

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It runs for fifteen months through the Academic year. It's on sale in the Union Shop now. **Hurry!**

Student Health Service

The facilities of the Health Centre are available to all students in Suite G.58 of the University building. (Telephone extension 299).

At present it is not possible for the service to register students under the National Health Service and in consequence all students are urged to register with a G.P. This should not be left until an illness has actually occurred and a visit is required, since many G.P.'s will refuse to accept a patient on this basis. A list of G.P.'s is available in the Health Centre, and all that is needed to register is that the completed NHS card be sent or taken to him.

Staff

At the time of writing the staff consists of:
Physician, Dr. P. Cauthery, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Assistant Physician, Dr. Miller.
Sister, Mrs. A. Spaul.
Health Protection Officer, A. E. Colburn.
Receptionist, Mrs. N. Hughes.
Clerical Staff, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. B. Taylor.
A woman doctor.

Aims

The student health service is an advisory service at the moment, although treatment is provided if necessary, and is basically designed to save students time and to provide special services not readily available under the NHS. These special services are aimed at increasing student efficiency.

Secrecy—the service is utterly confidential and no student need ever fear that anything he says will ever be repeated to a third party without his specific consent.

Surveillance—Students with any condition which could interfere with their studies and social life or which might at some time require urgent medical attention should report to the student health service as soon as possible after arrival.

Examples of such conditions are:

Anaemia
Asthma
Diabetes
Deafness
Drug addiction
Duodenal ulcers
Epilepsy
Frequent fainting
Haemophilia
Heart defects
Renal stones
Severe allergies
T.B. or V.D. and still under care of clinic
Severe hay fever
Chronic skin conditions
Disabling dysmenorrhoea

Extreme shyness
Marked visual defects
Orthopaedic deformity
Psychiatric illness
Recurrent severe depression
Special fears of sexual difficulties
Appointments may be made to see the Physician.

Consultations—a doctor may be consulted at any time by simply reporting to the reception office in G58.

Advice and treatment will either be arranged or given for any condition. The services of a consultant psychiatrist are available if necessary.

Personality Problems and Work Difficulties

As stated above the special aim of the service is to increase student efficiency. Students have to face up to the problems arising from increasing independence, adolescence and dedication to the effort involved in mastering a discipline. In addition, students from over-seas have to adapt to transcultural differences. This situation commonly leads to personality (or emotional or psychological) problems (or difficulties or disorders). These may appear directly as study difficulties, or examination fears, or in the form of depression, undue anxiety, shyness, sexual difficulties, or other maladjustments. All decrease working efficiency and any student affected should seek a consultation.

First Aid and Minor Treatments—nursing sister is available to deal with injuries and such conditions as colds, boils, styes, etc. If she is in any doubt she will arrange for a consultation with a doctor.

Inoculations—All inoculations with the exception of yellow fever can be given and international certificates issued. To avoid delays it is best to get these done throughout the year and not at the end of the summer term. Anyone not protected against poliomyelitis or tetanus is urged in his own interest to arrange for these to be carried out.

Visual Defects—Forms O.S.C.1 for the examination of eyes by an optician can be issued.

Sex Education—A number of books are available for loan on this subject on application to any member of the staff of the medical centre. The aim is to remove ignorance in the interests of good citizenship.

Medical Examinations—Anyone worried about his general health or requiring an examination for insurance or other purposes can arrange this with the receptionist, and chest X-rays can be similarly arranged.

Maintenance of Health—Advice and help on such matters as stopping smoking, correcting obesity, overcoming drug addiction or alcoholism, exercise, etc., can be obtained from the Health Centre.

Know Thyself



Under this heading a series of lectures—confined to Guild members—is being held throughout the winter and spring terms of the 1969/70 session. They will cover a wide range of topics, including The Fundamentals of Sex, the Birth of a Baby, Psycho-sexual development, Abortion, Homosexuality, etc.

The aim is neither to preach nor moralise but to submit the full facts of each of the subjects to an intelligent and scientifically orientated mixed audience fully capable of reaching its own conclusions. The purpose is to inform and to educate in the hope that mentally healthier and happier adults will eventually emerge. The rule is that the subject must be dealt with in a non-inhibited, straight-forward manner using scientific and non-euphemistic terms. Previous lectures in this manner using clinical slides have been extremely well received and appreciated.

The form of each lecture will be to use one to four speakers, who may show film and slides, to cover the subject in breadth. Thereafter, questions and discussions from the floor will develop. A Chairman will control proceedings.

Chaplains

The Guild has three full time chaplains working together as an ecumenical team. They may be counselled by any at anytime to discuss matters of religion and morality, for personal counselling or for help and advice on any matter.

There is no chapel on the campus and there are no services as such. Until such time as we have residential communities near to the Union, students are encouraged to worship regularly in their local churches or in "city churches" of their own denomination. Chaplains will gladly put students in touch with ministers and churches near to their digs.

There is an Anglican celebration of Holy Communion every Wednesday lunchtime at 1.15 p.m. to which communicants of all churches are invited. Roman Catholic Mass is celebrated on Sunday evenings and Wednesday lunchtimes.

Chaplains can be contacted at their homes at any time, day or night:—

Father Taylor	643 0940
Richard Bollard	554 8053
Malcolm Goldsmith	554 2914

Concessions

Available on production of a Guild Card

The following concessions are available to students upon, production of a Guild Card or an N.U.S. card. If you experience any difficulty in obtaining the concessions, please contact External Relations, room 410 in the Union, or via the letter rack.

Cleaning:

Sketchley Ltd., New Street, Birmingham, 2
Discount of 2d in the shilling, calculated on whole shillings only on cleaning and dyeing. Guild Cards to be shown when clothes are brought in.

Your Valet Ltd.

Burlington Arcade, New Street, Birmingham, 2.
Discount of 10% on dry cleaning and repairs.

Sports Equipment:

Harry Parkes,

159, Corporation Street, Birmingham, 4.
Discount of 10% on all branded goods.

Sports, Games & Pastimes Ltd.,

124-126, The Parade, Sutton Coldfield.
Discount of 10% on all goods.

Smiths Sports Stores, Selly Oak, Birmingham, 29.

Discount of 7½%-10% on all goods.

Sportzall, Six Ways, Erdington, Birmingham, 23.

Discount of 10% on sports clothes.

Motoring:

Northfield Driving School,

815A, Bristol Road South, Birmingham, 31.

Also Branch Office at 787, Bristol Road.

Driving lessons reduced from £1.8.0 to £1.6.0 per hour.

Rock Driving School,

323, Alum Rock Road, Birmingham, 8.

Driving Lessons reduced from £1.5.0 to £1.2.6 per hour. Students met outside the University.

B.S.M. Ltd.,

90, John Bright Street and Branches:

Driving lessons reduced to £1.6.6 per hour for students.

Worwood Tyres Ltd.,

89, Grove Lane, Handsworth, Birmingham 21.

Discount of 20% on new or remould tyres, 27½% on batteries; map cards showing location available from External Relations Office.

L. Pountney,

214A Coventry Road, Birmingham, 10.

Discount of 12½% on car batteries.

W. Briggs & Co. Ltd.,

25 Smith Street, Hockley, Birmingham.

Special terms on application. 20% on tyres.

Kerry-Parko, 143, Hurst Street, Birmingham, 5.
All motor accessories, tools and spare parts at trade prices.

Car Hire:

R. J. Evans & Kitchen Ltd.,

32, Horse Fair, Birmingham, 1.
Discount of 25% on hiring charge, not insurance charges. Students should contact firm a few days before they wish to hire a car so that insurance arrangements can be made.

Outfitting:

P. Kerry Menswear,

20, Bull Ring, Birmingham, 5.
10%-15% on men's fashions, clothing, shirts, knitwear and accessories.

Malcolm Brooks Ltd.,

8, North Western Arcade, Birmingham, 2.
Discount of 10% on suits and coats, 7½% off on branded goods.

F. Platts, 4, Dale End, Birmingham, 4.

Discount of 10% on all purchases.

A. T. Beeny Ltd., 217, Broad St., Birmingham.

Discount of 10% on all purchases.

Austin Jeffs, 25-28, The Parade, Birmingham, 1.

Discount of 10% on all goods.

Moss Zissman Ltd., 310, Alum Rock Road,

321, Stratford Road, Birmingham 11.

10% on all purchases.

Ladies Hairdressing:

Paul Hair Studios,

27, Colmore Row, Birmingham 3.
Discount of 25% on hairdressing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

Greatrex Ltd., Ladies Hairdressers,

Colmore Row, Birmingham, 3.
Discount of 25% on hairdressing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

Jewellery:

R. Collyer, 101A New Road, Rubery.

Discount of 10% on all goods.

Entertainment:

Birmingham Repertory Theatre:

Reductions on seat prices (except on Saturdays) where there is no likelihood of seats being sold at full price. Students must purchase their seats just before the performance is due to begin—rates 10/- reduced to 6/6, 9/6 to 6/- and 4/6 and 3/6 to 2/6.

Birmingham Theatre, Hurst Street:

Reduction of 1/- per seat (except balcony seats) on Mondays and Tuesdays excluding Bank Holidays.

Scala Cinema:

10/- seats reduced to 5/- for all matinees inc. Saturdays.

Crescent Theatre:

Cumberland Street, Birmingham 1.
7/6 seats reduced to 4/- for students.

Alexandra Theatre, John Bright Street:

Half price for all performances by the Alexandra Repertory Company (except Saturday) at 8.00 p.m. For other productions see posters supplied direct.

C.B.S.O. Concerts:

Reduction of 1/- per seat (except Orchestra Gallery seats) for Thursday or Saturday concerts. Tickets should be obtained not later than 6.00 p.m. on the day of the performance.

Silver Blades Ice Rink:

Pershore Street, Birmingham.

Reduction of 1/- on morning sessions and 1/6 on afternoons sessions. No reduction on evening sessions.

A.B.C. Cine-Bowl:

Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham, 30.

Discount of 2/- per game before 6.30 p.m. University leagues rolling Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Top Rank Bowl, Pershore Road, Birmingham, 5.

Charge to students is 2/- per game except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Household and General Goods:

Joseph Gilman & Son Ltd.,

4, Shadwell St., Birmingham, 4.

Discount of 20% on paint, 10% on motor oils, etc.

R. K. Green & Co. Ltd.,

1429-1431 Bristol Road South, Birmingham, 31.
Discount on a large range of goods, furniture, carpets, prams—10-15%. Permolglaze paint 20%, electrical tools and appliances 10-15%, precision tools and general hardware—10-15%. A free delivery service is also offered on large items.

E. W. Lucas & Co. Ltd.,

257, Washwood Heath Road and Branches.
Discount of 5-10% on hardware, ironmongery, paints, wallpaper, glass, china, carpets, linoleum, and electrical appliances. Free delivery of heavy goods in the Birmingham area.

W. Pond & Co. Ltd.,

192-194, Corporation Street, Birmingham 4.
Discount of 10% on tools not covered by R.P.M. except electrical domestic drills, certain imported goods and general services.

C. Russon & Sons,

390, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
10% off all electrical appliances before Purchase Tax.

Vincent Ladbrooke (Music) Ltd.,

32, Bristol Street, Birmingham, 5.
Discount of 10% on all goods, including pianos, furniture, radios and carpets.

Maysop Bros.,

447, Coventry Road, Birmingham, 10.
Discount of 10% on house furnishings and carpets.

Hubcar (Birmingham) Ltd.,

108-110, Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, 5.
Discount of 15%-25% on baby requisites except clothing.

J. C. Bell & Co. Ltd.,

188-150, Aston Road, Birmingham, 6.
Discount of 10% on drysaltery, oil, lacquer, paint and varnishes.

Tower Vacuum Engineers,

296, Lichfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, 6.
10% off all vacuum cleaners.

Kenric Supplies Ltd.,

Great Charles Street, Birmingham, 3.
Discounts of 2½% to 15% on a wide range of goods including clothing, shoes, baby wear, drapery, carpets, furniture, cameras, films, electrical equipment, hardware, tools, typewriters.

F. J. Wiseman & Company Ltd.,

3, Price Street, Birmingham, 4.
Various discounts on shotguns, rifles, pistols and ammunition.

Photographic Equipment:

Sherwoods (Photographers) Ltd.,

91, Aston Street, Birmingham, 4.
Discount of 10% on new still and cine cameras and equipment.

Pearks Medical Supplies,

Colmore Row, Birmingham, 3.
Discount of 10% on all goods including cameras (5/- minimum).

Records, Tapes, etc.

Cranes & Sons Ltd.,

Colmore Circus, Birmingham.
Discount of 10% on all gramophone records.

Entertainment Equipment Suppliers,

Sutton Coldfield. Tel: STR 4019.
Proprietor B. Day will negotiate discounts with manufacturers of sound reproduction equipment. Postal or telephone enquiries only.

The High Fidelity Co.,

18, Melville Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 16.
Various discounts ranging from 10% to 33¼% (tax nett) electrical equipment, recording tapes and Agfa, 35 mm. films. For further details contact Concessions Sec.

Tankards:

Frank Fattorini & Son Ltd.,

38, Albion Street, Birmingham, 1.
Discount of 10% on tankards and trophies to individual students and student activities.

Food:

T. C. Brown Ltd., Cash & Carry,
24-26, Pershore Street, Birmingham, 5.
Students are allowed to buy food mainly non-perishable, at wholesale prices—normal minimum quantity is one dozen tins/packets, but check this with the staff on the premises.

Typing:

A list of typists for theses, essays, reports, etc. is available from Reception.

N.U.S.

All members of the Guild are also members of the National Union of Students, as are some 300,000 other students belonging to about 650 colleges. All of them are able to enjoy the considerable services organised by NUS.

NUS is concerned with all matters impinging on student life. These range from negotiations over grants to the provision of cheap holiday travel.

Each year conferences are held, to which most universities and colleges send representatives. At these the executive's policy and conduct are scrutinised. Educational policies and many other matters, both national and local, concerning students are discussed. Occasionally this leads to representations being made to the relevant ministries, MP's or Local Authorities. The NUS also arranges Teach-Ins and seminars on important student topics.

Throughout the country concessions have been negotiated in the major towns and cities.

Low insurance rates have also been arranged with several insurance companies, to cover all personal effects, cars, life . . . in fact everything. N.U.S. also runs a booking agency for groups and bands for college dances and social events and helps with problems over grants and facilities.

The list so far is impressive, but so far no mention has been made of N.U.S.'s most popular service, the student travel scheme. Fantastic reductions are offered in international travel with a wide choice of destinations. These are made possible by the operation of charter flights and train services often in conjunction with foreign student organisations, to most large cities of Europe and the U.S.A. A wide range of very cheap inclusive holidays abroad is also available.

Events on a national scale organised by N.U.S. include a drama festival, debating competitions, vacation work, farm camps and, of course, N.U.S. Council Meetings.

In addition to its other services, N.U.S. has a fully-fledged brokerage, Endsleigh Insurances (Brokers) Ltd. which is a totally-owned subsidiary. Special schemes are operated with concessionary terms in most classes of insurance, e.g motor, life, travel, etc.

Further details are available from External Relations Room 410, Union.

Macs

The Midland Association of College Students is an association of technical and allied colleges in the West Midlands to promote the interests of student in social, sporting and welfare matters. One of the highlights of its year is the annual sports tournament.

World University Service

W.U.S. is an international association of students, professors and administrators in institutions of higher education. Founded in 1920. W.U.S. has grown until to-day more than 50 countries take part in its mutual assistance programme.

Reciprocal Arrangements

The Guild has negotiated reciprocal arrangements with most other student unions throughout the country. This means that if you are in almost any University town, and if you are carrying a valid Guild card you may use the Union of that University or College. The Unions are as follows:

Aberdeen University
Aberystwyth—University College of Wales
Bangor—University College of North Wales
Bath University of Technology
Belfast—Queens University
Birmingham—University of Birmingham
—Anstey College of Physical Education
—Aston Technical College
—College of Education Westbourne Road
—College of Food & Domestic Arts
—School of Music
—Westhill College of Education
Bradford University
Brighton—University of Sussex
Bristol University
Canterbury—University of Kent
Cardiff—University College
—Institute of Science & Technology,
University of Wales
Colchester—University of Essex
Coventry—University of Warwick
—City of Coventry College of Art
—Lanchester College of Technology
Dundee University
Durham University
Edinburgh—Heriott-Watt University
—Edinburgh University Women's Union
Exeter University
Glasgow—University of Strathclyde
Hull University
Keele University
Lampeter—St. David's College
Lancaster—University
Leeds—University
—College of Commerce
Leicester University
—College of Art and Technology
Liverpool—University
London—University of London Union
—School of Economics and Political Science
—University of Surrey
—Brunel University
—The City University
—City of London College
—Borough Polytechnic
—Kingston College of Technology
—Sir John Cass College
—Regent Street Polytechnic
—Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine
—Middlesex Hospital Medical

Londonderry—Maggee University College
Loughborough University of Technology
Manchester—University of Manchester
—College of Commerce
—Institute of Science and Technology
—College of Art and Design

Newcastle-upon-Tyne University
Norwich—University of East Anglia
Nottingham University
Portsmouth College of Technology
Reading University
Rugby College of Engineering Technology
St. Andrews University
Salford University
Southampton University
Sunderland College of Art
Swansea University College
Wolverhampton—College of Technology
—College of Art

York University
Nottingham College of Arts & Crafts
Glasgow University
Leeds College of Technology
Swansea College of Technology
South Birmingham Technical College
Glamorgan College of Technology
Staffordshire College of Technology
Leeds College of Art

Insurance:

Endsleigh Insurance (Brokers) Ltd.,

Carlisle House and Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

This is an N.U.S. organisation, details of their policies on life, travel, medical, health and motor insurance, can be obtained from Room 408 or 410.

Travel:

N.U.S. Travel Bureau.

World Travel at reduced prices, land, sea and air, spring, summer and winter. Details available from reception or Room 410.

Room Bookings

Committee Rooms—These should be booked on the special forms in the book available at the Reception Desk.

Union Hall, Refectory, Council Chamber, Lounges and Music Rooms—All the above require at least seven days notice at the reception desk. Confirmation will be given within 48 hours.

Major Functions—Dances, Socials etc. require at least four weeks booking notification.

Clubs and Societies

All of the societies and clubs in the Guild exist for the benefit of the students; they are run entirely by students. Although existing societies cover a comprehensive range of activities you may find that there is no society that caters for your specific interest. The solution is simple—form one yourself.

If you wish to contact any society then this is easily done via the letter rack behind the foyer desk. Letters should be given to the receptionist. If you are in any doubt contact the Societies Secretary (Room 409 Union).

Africa Society

The aims of this society are, among other things, the creation of a mutual understanding between all students and staff on the campus and the community as a whole. By doing so it hopes to make the acquisition of academic, social, physical and moral benefits and their advancement a physical task. The society has a large membership and a wide ranging programme of talks, films and social evenings, together with debates, discussions and 'annual event'.

Asia Society

The prime aim of this society is to bring together students from all the Asian countries and those interested in the affairs of that Continent. The Society has a programme ranging from socio-cultural gatherings, films, exhibitions, lectures, discussions and an annual Variety Show. It also attains publications from many Asian countries. It takes a non-aligned interest in politics and co-operates with immigrant organisations in the country to help them bridge the gap between students and immigrants.

Biological Society

The aim of the society is to lay new emphasis on social activities which draw together the three years, as well as meetings, which help to give a wider background to Biological studies in the form of visits, films and lectures.

Birmingham Library Students Association (B.L.S.A.)

This year the society will carry out a full programme of both professional and social activities which have included theatre and cinema visits, lectures, Christmas Party and an Annual Dinner. Unfortunately, the society occasionally suffers from members apathy, so librarians of the future it is up to you to support it.

Bridge Club

Members play among themselves and against members of staff. Competitions are held regularly against outside organisations. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 13.45 hours.

Catholic Society

This society hopes to provide for the spiritual and social needs of the body of Catholic students and staff on the campus. The Society's year begins with an introductory coffee evening and continues with a varied programme of discussions and social do's. Details at the coffee evening. Mass—Wednesday, Unity Lounge 13.05 hours and Sunday evenings.

Chemical and Copolymer Society

Designed to cover as many aspects of chemistry as possible, the society organises lectures, social gatherings and works visits. In past years the society has organised continental visits and it is proposed that this should continue in future.

Chemical Engineering Society

Activities are to be primarily social, although a flourishing sports section caters for the more athletic members. The society aims to provide a programme of Chemical Engineering (and allied topics) films, lectures and works visits. Social gatherings in local hostels form an integral part of society activities.

Coltec Motor Club

Probably the largest Guild society, Coltec organises numerous events and is invited by other motoring clubs to many more. These range from our own nationally known "Rally of the Mists", through club rallies, treasure hunts, driving test and autocross to film shows, works visits and social evenings, organising or spectating, whether your taste lies in vintage, old heap or modern machinery.

Conservative Association

This is the most influential of all political societies for through membership of the Federation of Conservative Students, the Association is represented on the major committees of the Conservative Party. Close links are maintained with the Young Conservatives and Birmingham University Conservative Association. Joint functions such as the annual trip to the Commons, including tea with the "shadow" cabinet are organised regularly.

Construction Society

Any student is eligible for membership, although emphasis is placed on the recruitment of Civil Engineers and Builders. Subs are 5/- for which members will be able to attend lectures, annual social, annual reunion, theatre trips and weekly films put on by the society.

Design Society

The aim is to break down the physical and administrative barriers between departments by enabling students to learn more about and to comment on design through both comment and criticism, to promote a situation in which design can be seen to be a positive part of our way of life. An expanded programme is on the cards for this session for which membership is only 5/-.

Evangelical Christian Union

Christianity is more than an ethic—it is knowing a person. The E.C.U. therefore aims to show to fellow students that Jesus Christ lives today, and can be known personally as Saviour, Lord and God. It is an interdenominational fellowship of Christians aiming to deepen spiritual life by Bible study, prayer and fellowship that are implemented at weekly meetings and Bible study groups. Everyone wishing to know what Christianity really is, will be welcome.

Geological Society

The aim is to promote interest in geology to all students. A weekend field trip every term to different parts of the country provide an opportunity for a social weekend in the country. Two or three lectures are held each term on broadly based subjects.

Friends of Biafra Association

The association aims among other things to get students and staff to understand the culture of Biafra and meetings are held frequently to discuss the problems of this new Country. Films on Biafra are also screened often. General discussion with invited personalities leading these discussions are regularly held. The association takes active part in the work of the international Club on the Campus.

Jewish Society

The aims of the society are to provide a framework for activities for Jewish students on the campus, both of a cultural and social nature. It also acts as a forum in which Jewish and non-Jewish students meet to discuss differences of approach to problems concerning each other's outlook and religions. Our programme includes talks on Israel and Jewish affairs, joint meetings with Christian societies and subjects of more general interest.

Legal Society

This society was formed so that students could be aware of each others work and activities. In practice this means sporting fixtures, visits from guest speakers, mock trials and prolonged visits to the "Warwick Castle" arranged on any reasonable excuse. Cheese and wine parties provide a more cultural background for getting to know people. Law freshers are urged to join.

Liberal Society

The political philosophy of the society is markedly left wing offering empirical radical solutions to practical problems. It offers the individual a chance to rethink present and future issues through the medium of lectures, discussion groups, teach-ins, films, industrial visits and socials. Last year it was able to present several speakers such as Terry Lacey, Michael Steed and Jo Grimond. A similar programme though on wider lines has been arranged for this year.

Literary Society

Even though the majority of students on the campus are technocrats there exists a literary society, devoted to the Arts. The group offers a wide range of activities, including theatre visits, readings, and discussions designed to stimulate an interest in the Arts among the scientists.

Mathematics Society

The society is basically a departmental society, though all students are invited to become members. Activities are intended to be primarily social and include lectures and debates on mathematical and non-mathematical subjects, an annual 'industrial' visit to an establishment of scientific interest and an annual dinner and dance, usually held in February. Sporting activities usually take place in the first term of the session.

Metallurgical Society

The object of the society is the meeting of its members at technical and social stability (or rather instability) may be imparted. Activities organised in the past include works visits, weekly film shows, beer and skittles evening, theatre and cinema visits and an annual dinner. The continental visit provides an opportunity to see metallurgical processes in foreign units. Anyone may join but potential graduates in Met. would be well advised to do so. JOIN THE MET SET.

Mountaineering Club

The aims of the society are to further the interests of mountaineering and allied activities. The club meets at fortnightly intervals and transport is generally by coach. Accommodation is attained through YHA and Club Huts although several members usually camp with club equipment.

Optical Society

Primarily a departmental society aimed at promoting interest in Ophthalmic Optics. Activities include films, lectures and visits, with social occasions in local hostelries forming an integral part of the programme.

Pharmacy Society

The society provides both academic and social interests for the pharmacy student. A dinner and dance at Christmas is the highlight of the year's programme which also includes films and lectures. A theatre trip to London was arranged last year and it is hoped to repeat it this year. An active part in sport with other schools of pharmacy and block fixtures are arranged by the British Pharmacy Students Association.

Photographic Society

The society exists to promote an interest in the art and science of photography and provides all the necessary facilities. The programme includes portrait sessions, print battles, visits and lectures. Meetings are held every Wednesday.

Physical Society

This society, which has close ties with the Physics Dept., holds meetings every fortnight for the first two terms of the academic year. Talks and films of general interest to both scientists and engineers take place regularly and a cheese and wine party is held at Christmas. Subscription 2/-.

Radio Amateur's Society

Meetings held weekly when the club transmitting station, G3UOA, is "On the Air". Excellent facilities are provided for construction and testing of apparatus. Talks, demonstrations and films are arranged on popular topics. Morse tuition and R.A.E. classes are held for those wishing to obtain an Amateur Transmitting Licence.

Scout and Guide Club

The club promotes and furthers interest in the Scout and Guide Movement. Membership is open to all students whether or not they have been connected with Scout and Guide movements before. Meetings include social evenings, hikes, camping weekends, talks and visits. There are opportunities to meet other Scout and Guide Clubs at national rallies and regional meetings.

Science Fiction Group

Allies, Earthmen and Aliens lend me your sonic transducers. The S.F. Group, formed last year, is already a thriving community of Galactic Bric-a-brac and cosmological debris. Many interesting meetings have and will continue to be held including films, guest speakers and if sufficient interest is shown, a trip to Trantor. The Group has an extensive library with contacts in the "New Worlds" and live wires in the old. Meetings are held every fortnight where new members are specially welcome.

Socialist Society

The society encourages to the full, participation in events organised by outside groups in the socialist movement—i.e., demonstrations, meetings, pickets etc. The society is very active in the fight against racialism which it regards as being one of its most important activities. It is affiliated to the Vietnam solidarity campaign and has played a very active role in the Anti-Vietnam War Movement. The society is the largest political society in the Guild.

Social Sciences Society

The society aims to provide a much needed measure of integration within the separate factions of the Guild by functions on a general and specialist level. It has evolved its aim to help build up the reputation of the Guild by its invitations of many varied, topical and interesting speakers. The society has also branched out into films, shows, social and even prison visits and social surveys.

Speleological Society

The society aims to promote interest in caving, not only from a sporting but also a scientific angle. As many caving meets as possible are held every term to all the principal caving areas, besides occasional lectures and talks. Training meets are held periodically where lack of experience is no bar to membership. We intend to expand both our physical and social activities in the future.

Steam and Railway Society

The society was formed to bring together what was soon found to be a large number of Steam and Railway 'fanatics' on the campus. One doesn't have to be a fanatic to join but for 5/- subs, members may enjoy films, social evenings and talks by many interesting people at our fortnightly meetings. In addition to this, visits are often arranged to places of interest and especially the rapidly disappearing centres of the steam era.

Student Christian Movement

Our non-denominational movement welcomes both Christian and non-Christian students whose aim is to understand the world. The Aston branch is part of the National S.C.M. and through it is affiliated to the World Student Christian Federation. Meetings, held every Monday in the Unity Room, take the form of talks or films on the relevance of Christian faith. Meetings are also held on Sunday evenings for informal discussion.

Other Guild Bodies

A.I.E.S.E.C.

This is an international organisation which exists to further education in the field of international business by giving students of economics and commerce the opportunity of practical experience through on-the-job traineeship abroad, and international seminars and summer schools.

A.I.E.S.E.C. has 350 member universities in 41 countries and is expanding rapidly. The Aston Local Committee is already the largest in the U.K., both in membership and in the number of traineeships available for its members. With your help it can expand even further.

Group Theatre One

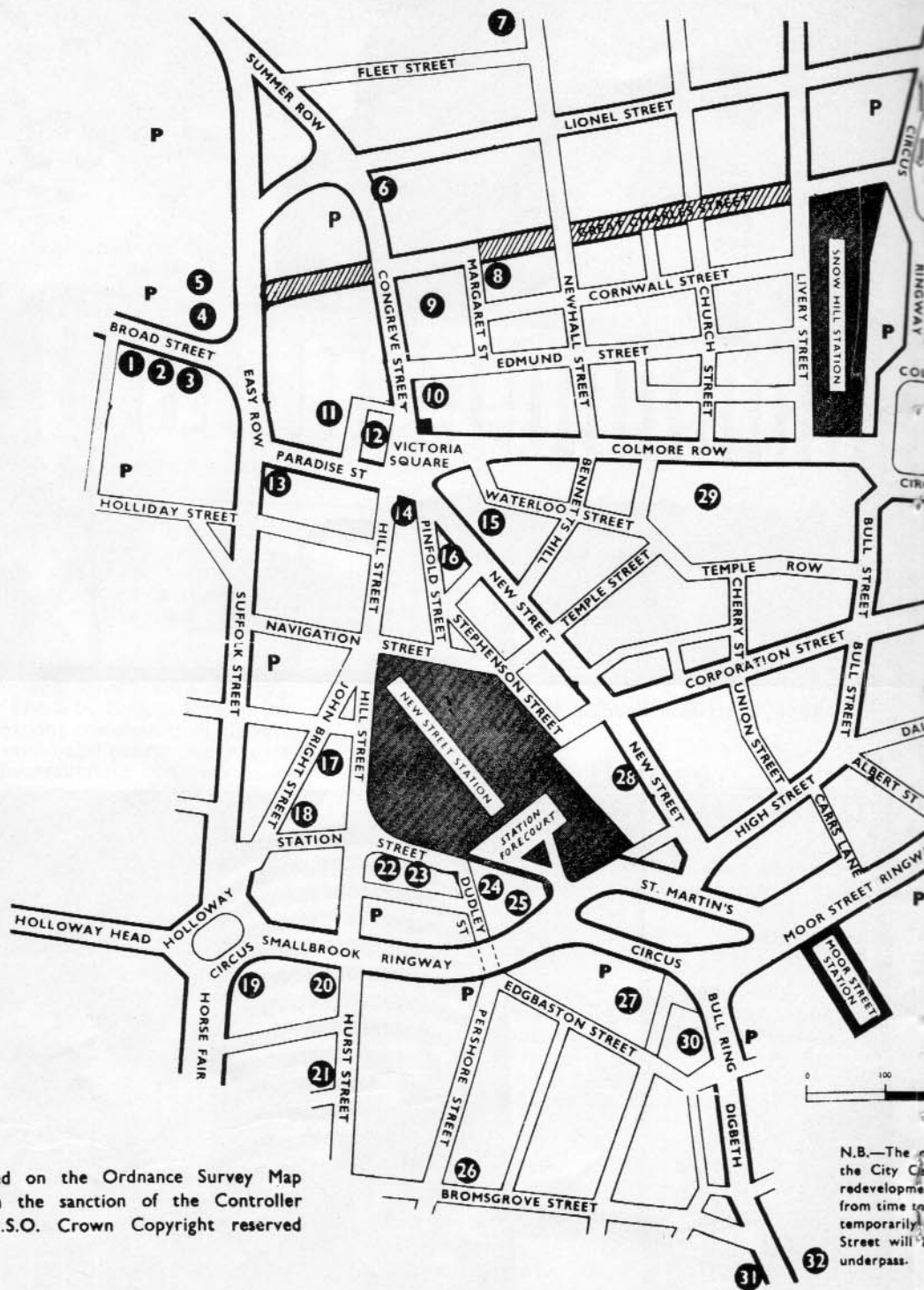
Since the merger of the various Drama Groups on the Campus, some years ago, Group Theatre One has been the stimulus for the theatrically minded in Aston. With successes on the Continent to its credit, the policy is to provide good entertainment, with high-class theatre in its various forms. Last year's programme ranged from Victorian melodrama to Jean-Paul Sartre. Anyone with a bent for acting, directing, set construction, painting and designing will be actively encouraged within the unique community that a society such as this creates.



Top: The Union Building

Bottom: The Bull Ring Centre

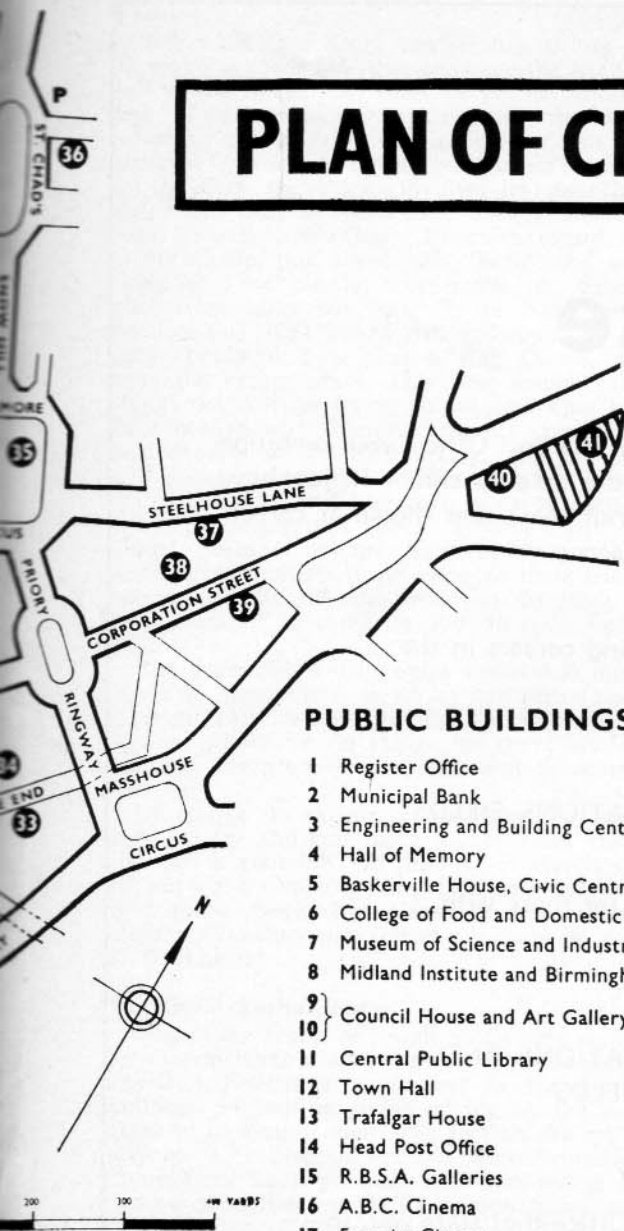




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The University of Aston in Birmingham and Colleges of Art and Commerce

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ETC.

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| 1 | Register Office | 22 | Jacey News Theatre |
| 2 | Municipal Bank | 23 | Repertory Theatre |
| 3 | Engineering and Building Centre | 24 | Midland "Red" Bus Station |
| 4 | Hall of Memory | 25 | Mayfair Suite |
| 5 | Baskerville House, Civic Centre | 26 | Ice Rink and Ten-Pin Bowl |
| 6 | College of Food and Domestic Arts | 27 | Bull Ring Centre |
| 7 | Museum of Science and Industry | 28 | Odeon Cinema |
| 8 | Midland Institute and Birmingham Library | 29 | St. Philip's Cathedral Church |
| 9 | } Council House and Art Gallery | 30 | St. Martin's Church |
| 10 | | 31 | Long Distance Coach Station |
| 11 | Central Public Library | 32 | Digbeth Civic Hall |
| 12 | Town Hall | 33 | School of Music |
| 13 | Trafalgar House | 34 | Top Rank Suite |
| 14 | Head Post Office | 35 | Gaumont Cinema |
| 15 | R.B.S.A. Galleries | 36 | St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.) |
| 16 | A.B.C. Cinema | 37 | Police Headquarters |
| 17 | Futurist Cinema | 38 | Victoria Law Courts |
| 18 | Alexandra Theatre | 39 | Central Hall |
| 19 | Scala Superama Cinema | 40 | Central Fire Station |
| 20 | Locarno Ballroom | P | Car Parks |
| 21 | Birmingham Theatre | | |

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Festival

The week that Brum catches fire, or we try to make it seem like that anyway. We used to call it Rag Week, but then we got respectable, and more profitable. Basically it's the week when all the students of Birmingham, not just the two Universities but as many other students in the City as we can involve, let their hair down and raise as much money as possible for local charities. We walk 20 miles round the Outer Circle, pub crawl, sell "Barb" and anything else we can lay our hands on, have a procession, play bar football on New Street Station for NOO hours, sell girls, choose the most beautiful boy, plus a Rag Queen, and generally create chaos. This year among other things we will be trying to fill two nine foot beer bottles with money, resurrect (again) the ancient arts of Dwile Flonking, bed pushing, and pram racing. The writing of pornography and other perverted literature is encouraged in order to ensure that "Barb" is once more declared obscene by the local newspaper and budding cartoonists draw away to their hearts content. In fact anyone who can do anything is encouraged to come up and do it in Room 405!

The Brummies usually enjoy Festival as much as we do, particularly as we try and throw them a bit of "cult", a few pop-hops and Community Action, where we do things for the City, like building adventure playgrounds and decorating houses.

Of course its expensive for them, but each year we try and con more money from them, and this is your job. On the first of March you all put on a happy smiling face and then run wild for a week, but please this year don't cement a lavatory pan full of rag mags in front of Rackhams!

The Guild Technicians

This is the group of people solely responsible for the efficient running and use of the available sound and lighting equipment in the Union Building, as well as giving advice on the purchase of new equipment. The technicians are at present a sub-committee of Entertainments Committee. They provide their services at all dances, discotheques, G.T.I. productions, and all other functions on the campus. They will welcome anyone wishing to join them.

Events Group

This is the committee headed by the Events Secretary, which arranges productions which are not covered by any existing society or entertainments committee. Last year's events included Jazz and Blues Concerts, light shows, teach-ins and lectures. We are hoping to develop greater co-operation with Birmingham University, the Midlands Art Center and the Birmingham and Midland Institute, with a view to joint ventures. We are also interested in bringing the underground to Birmingham (not the trains, but the people) in the form of revolutionaries and

experimental art, music and drama. We need as much help as we can get, so if you like Dylan, Stockhausen, McGough, Omette or Warhol, come and see where it's at.

Debates

All members of the Guild are members of its debating house. The objects of the house are:

To train students in the arts of debating and public speaking.

To give the various sections of student opinion a chance to air their views in public.

To debate important issues, both internal and external, in order to arrive at some consensus of student opinion on these issues.

There will normally be a debate every other Friday. Some of these will be formal debates with guest speakers, and will take place in the evening. The rest will be ordinary debates with student speakers and will take place either in the evening or in the lunch hour.

In addition there will be informal debates on the remaining Fridays. These will take place in the lunch hour. The purpose of these debates is to provide practice for inexperienced speakers. Anyone who wishes to speak in these debates has merely to let the Debates Secretary know, prepare a speech of up to five minutes duration and turn up. Anyone coming with a prepared speech will be given a platform seat.

Emergency debates may also be arranged at short notice at times of crises at student, national or international level, to debate the issues at stake.

It is intended to enter teams for several regional and national debating competitions.

If you are interested in debating, then there are four things that you can do:

- (1) Come to debates and take part in the discussion from the floor.
- (2) Come to informal debates with a prepared speech.
- (3) Apply for membership to debates committee.
- (4) Let the debates secretary know that you are prepared to speak in debates and what subjects you feel most strongly about.

Publicity Group

This is an independent agency within the Guild set up to deal with any publicity on behalf of any Guild body that wishes to use its services. It has no formal status and any powers it has comes from its conjunction with existing agencies, such as publications and Guild Publicity Secretary. Generally the group will act on behalf of the bodies it is working for. The purposes of the group are to pool the human resources and expertise of the various bodies needing publicity, thereby resulting in a wider knowledge of printing methods, printers and cost. Publicity Group lives in Room 409 (Ext. 36) where all help is welcome.

Campus Sport

Sport within the campus is rapidly improving, and soon Aston will be a force to be reckoned with. Many of our teams partake in UAU and BUSF championships. Our facilities are rather poor at the moment, but by the early 1970s we will have perhaps the best athletic ground of any university. It is hoped this will be at Shustoke Farm, approx, a quarter of an hour's drive along the Walsall Road. The facilities will provide a large pavilion, six Rugby pitches, six football pitches, four hockey pitches, three cricket squares, tennis courts, a cinders athletic track, netball courts, and lacrosse courts. Plans are also afoot for an indoor centre to be built on the campus. It is hoped that this centre will include two gymnasiums, two badminton courts, a basketball court, four squash courts, rooms for fencing, Judo and weightlifting; there will also be an indoor swimming pool with facilities for diving and water polo. A rifle range, tennis rooms, boxing rooms and a general area which will be used for training are also expected.

For information on any of these sports clubs contact the Athletic Union in Room 311 (Union).

Keep Fit !

The next few years will be of the greatest importance, not only for the academic experience you will have, but also for the development of your body. All those lovely pints are one thing, and a bit of exercise is another. But some exercise is necessary to ensure the establishment and maintenance of the foundations of a healthy body, and also for the efficient functioning of the brain. Sluggish circulation and digestion can lead to sluggish brainwork. Exercise will also get that unhealthy Birmingham air out of your lungs, too.

The Athletic Union

This body has been set up within the Guild in order to facilitate the running of sport on the campus. The Athletic Union consists of an executive which deals with the administration of sport and councillors, two from each club, who decide on the politics within the Union. It is hoped that this will enable the clubs to run smoothly and efficiently whilst they still maintain individual representation and administration.

Athletics Club

Fixtures are arranged with other universities and colleges where the many fine athletes on the campus usually ensure a good run in the U.A.U. and H.U.S.F. championships.

Badminton Club

The club meets every Monday and Friday evening (1800-2200 hours) and on Wednesdays whenever possible in the Great Hall. The club

provides rackets and shuttlecocks, so all you need is personal suit—white if possible. Matches are arranged with other universities and colleges as often as possible including the U.A.U. and the inter college doubles tournament.

Basketball Club

The club is a member of the U.A.U. It is in a difficult position of not having a gym of its own, but this is overcome by hiring a gym on two nights a week. As well as U.A.U. it is hoped we shall be in the Central Colleges league.

Chess Club

This is a fairly active club, meetings being held at least three lunchtimes (12.30—2.00) every week. At present the club has two teams in the Birmingham and District Chess League. The club is also in the Midlands Universities Chess League and plays a number of matches against other Universities.

The club caters for all players whether good or not so good; all are welcome.

Cricket Club

This club provides a major summer sport for the Campus. It has fixtures with other Midland Universities in the U.A.U. competition as well as many friendly fixtures. The climax of the season is the local derby with Birmingham University. During the winter regular net practices are arranged at the Indoor Cricket School, Edgbaston and there is a social evening arranged at Christmas. Two teams are normally fielded on Wednesdays and Saturdays although we have the occasional weekday fixtures at the end of term.

Cross Country Club

Extremely active and of quite a high standard, the club has fixtures against other Universities and Colleges including U.A.U. Its fixtures are varied.

Fencing Club

This club is proving to be one of the most successful of Aston's new sporting associations being able to provide first-class professional tuition and free use of complete fencing equipment. Regular fixtures have been arranged with other University fencing teams and the outcome of such encounters has proved very encouraging. The club meets every Saturday morning at 10.30 in the Long Room and is very fortunate in having acquired the services of the internationally famous Prof. Henri Faubert as instructor.

Gliding Club

The club exists to allow as many students as possible to enjoy the sport of gliding. This is normally prohibitively expensive but by block bookings and close co-operation with local gliding clubs we are able to offer flying at a reasonable cost. The Club flies at various local clubs, although, we expect to have a regular arrangement with a club within easy access of

the campus. We will be able to fly weekly, with gliding holidays during vacations for those interested.

Hockey Club

The club is open to all students on the campus and at present it fields two men's teams, a ladies' team, and a mixed team. Matches are played on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays against local clubs, colleges and universities. The club has reached a high standard of play, and has developed a good spirit through its social atmosphere and dirty songs. All new members are welcome.

Judo Club

The Judo Club is held twice a week under the instructorship of Malcolm Collins (1st Dan) in the Union Hall from 7—9 p.m. on Mondays (graded class) and Thursdays (Beginners Class). The date of the start of the beginners course will be published on the notice board. It is hoped to start a self defence course soon. All prospective members are welcome and suits are obtainable if required.

Netball Club

This club enjoyed considerable success last season. It is practically the only all-female sport on the campus. Matches are arranged with other universities and colleges, and the club outers U.A.U. Come on girls, it's up to you.

Rifle Club

Affiliated to the N.S.R.A. and the Warwickshire small bore rifle Association the club has the use of a 25 yard range at the T.A. Barracks in Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook. Shooting normally takes place on Wednesday afternoons. Membership is 10/-. Ammunition costs less than a penny a round.

Rugby Union Football Club (The Cobras)

The Cobras are the largest sports club in the Guild. We play every Wednesday and Saturday. Fixtures are played from Bradford to London and Cardiff to Norwich. Games are of a very high standard and Cobras often have to play against internationals. Membership means a full social life as we have our own social events of the year; the Cobras Dinner and Dance, a drunken club tour, freshers lubrication and an end of season supper.

Sailing Club

At present we have 4 boats—2 Fireflies, 1 Enterprise and 1 G.P. but the position is undergoing a change. Sailing is on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday morning. Experienced members will teach people to sail if desired, (life jackets are provided). Team races against other universities are held, many of which are successful. Fixtures are now being arranged and it is hoped that we will take part in block fixtures next season. Socials are held occasionally taking the form of cheese and wine parties, booze-ups, films and slide shows.

Squash Club

As there is only one court on the campus this club is not particularly strong, but it is hoped that this will alter when the new courts are built. A member of U.A.U.

Soccer Club (Centaurs)

The club runs four teams on Wednesdays and three on Saturdays all of which play against other universities and colleges except for one on a Wednesday in the local Birmingham League. There is a distinct lack of training facilities but we have at last acquired a gymnasium for one night per week through future seasons with a qualified F.A. coach. The chances of getting a regular game are very high as no less than five of last years first team were freshers.

Sub Aqua Club

Each weekend and Wednesday afternoon, divers take the plunge at Storey Cove or Dost Hill Quarry and there are regular Thursday night training sessions at Bourneville Swimming Baths. Interested freshers should come to the L.G. paternosters in the University at 7.0 p.m. on Thursdays. Subs 7/- and if you wish to join the internationally recognised British Sub Aqua Club—30/-.

Swimming Club

Swimming matches between other universities will be arranged for each term. It is hoped to enter swimmers for University Championships. If there is sufficient, a water polo team will be raised. Training is every Wednesday at Woodcock Street Baths at 14.00 hours.

Table Tennis Club

This is one of the largest and strongest clubs on the campus. It boasts excellent facilities in the long room, specially built and decorated for table tennis. We have teams in Divs I and II of the E. Birmingham league, also in the A.A.A. side and Women's Div I of the Birmingham league. The U.A.U. team have won the Midland Area Championship once and been runners up twice in recent years. All freshers welcome.

Tennis Club

Existing primarily in the summer term, the Tennis Club provides everyone with the opportunity of playing on Wednesdays and Saturdays in University matches, and one evening per week in the Birmingham league. At present the club has to hire public or club courts, however transport is provided on Wednesdays. Some tennis is also played during the Easter and Christmas Terms and on Sunday afternoons, weather permitting.

Water Polo

This is a very strong club on the campus and is entered for the U.A.U. Training takes place twice a week.

Weightlifting Club

The club is situated in the basement of the University building where it meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday lunchtimes. It is hoped that members will be able to train at any time of the day if they wish. A total of 1,000 lb. is available and should be supplemented in the near future. The aim of the club is to promote strength—set competition lifting, and to submit a strong team for the U.A.U. championships. However, anyone interested in merely keeping fit will be very welcome to join.

Travel Bureau

The long vacations which accompany a university education provide an ideal opportunity for students to travel. However, to enable the student to travel, cheap travel facilities and holidays are necessary. It is the task of the N.U.S. travel department to provide these opportunities of cheap travel and holidays and each year it manages to extend its programme. Details of its flights and trains programme and its inclusive holidays are embodied in pamphlets which are circulated to the universities. The pamphlets available are — Winter Sports & Spring Holidays; Winter & Spring Flights & Trains; (these are published in October) Long Vacation, and Student Traveller (published in March and April). These provide a wealth of information. They can be seen on notice boards when they become available, and can be obtained from Room 410 in the Students' Union.

The Travel Secretaries (student volunteers) are available in this room at certain times during the week to advise on travel arrangements. The times are posted on the notice boards. In the past, the times have been—Mondays 1—2 p.m., Wednesdays 2—4 p.m., Thursdays 1—2 p.m., and it is hoped that these can be extended.

In addition to the N.U.S. travel literature, much information is received from other organisations, advertising cheap travel and holidays. Some of this literature is displayed on notice boards, e.g. cheap flights to America, visits to Russia, etc. However, it is impossible to display all the information available, and so if you require details, visit Room 410 in the Students Union at one of the above times, and ask.

Holiday insurance can also be arranged cheaply through N.U.S.

LOST PROPERTY

Finders and anxious claimants should report anything lost or found in the Union to Reception, in Commerce to the General Office; in the University to the Porter's Lodge, Halfords entrance; in Art to the Curator or the Finance Office.

Accommodation

Gracie Hall of Residence

Gracie Hall is about 3 miles from the University and has accommodation for 111 male students. Owing to the high demand for places, students are normally allowed three terms of residence only during their course of study. Two-thirds of the students' rooms consist of single study bedrooms and the remainder of double studies with separate adjoining bedrooms. There is a communal dining room, library and bar. Some car parking space is available. The Warden and Sub-Wardens are members of the academic staff. Accommodation in Gracie Hall is available for students from all three colleges.

University Flats, Sutton Coldfield

These blocks of modern self-contained flats are situated about 7 miles from the campus and provide accommodation for 250 students. Three or four students share each flat. Some consist of single study-bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom; others, one double and one or two single study-bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom.

There are no central dining arrangements and so students do their own catering and cooking.

The Resident Tutors are also members of the Academic Staff.

Lodgings

The lodging situation, or rather the lack of lodging situations, in Birmingham is serious and a matter of much heartache for the Lodgings Officers each year. They do, however, have lists of digs available in various parts of the city, and can invariably help anyone in difficulty. The University Lodgings Officer, Mr. Fox, can be contacted at any time in Room 619 (Phone AST 3611, Extn. 205). Commerce and Art students are not so fortunate in that they have to share the services of Miss Shakeshaft. She visits Commerce on the first and third Monday afternoons in each month, and Art on the second and fourth. Midweek she can be contacted at the City Education Dept. in Margaret Street, Room 30, Phone: CEN 9944, Extn. 2534.

You will, I know, forgive me if I make one plea here. It is a plea for reason. Try to be reasonable to your landlady; she is letting you use her house—I know you have to pay—but please don't abuse this kindness. If you find you don't get on, try to leave on good terms. There is a chronic shortage of lodgings situations, and there will always be someone to fill your place. It is necessary that landladies should feel that students are pleasant company—as they are—and a sound investment.

Questions to Ask
(Mainly for lodgings)

RENT: How is it paid—weekly, monthly, cash, in advance. What does it cover? Is full rent payable during holidays?

FULL BOARD: It is two or three meals per day; are week-end meals included?

BATH: How often can you have one; do you pay for the heating?

LAUNDRY: Where can you do your washing?

SHEETS: Who provides these, do you have to pay for cleaning these?

BREAKAGES: Do you pay a deposit? Will there be a professional inventory?

METERS: How do you pay for your heating?

HOUSEWORK: Do you clean your room or is it done for you?

ENTERTAINING: Are there any restrictions on visitors? Will an occasional party be allowed?

NOISE: Can you have Radio, Records or T.V.? Can you practice an instrument?

LATE NIGHTS: Will you get a front door key?

TELEPHONE: Can you use the phone?

Cost of Transport.

Flats

Whoever you are don't rush into taking a flat. You should have some knowledge of the Rent Act; did you know that a landlord can easily throw you out of furnished premises, either because of your behaviour or because he so wishes? If you want to keep a flat during the vacs you will have to pay for it at the normal rate. But most of all, be careful if you are using an agency to get a flat. The owner of a well-known agency (which has just closed down) let out, just before his retirement, that agencies are NOT allowed, by law, to take a fee before they have found you premises.

But for all that, it is almost everybody's desire to live in a flat or bedsitter for some of his time here. And, once you have got over the initial hurdle there is no reason why you should not be smiling. It gives one a valuable experience of independence and worldliness. But at the same time it is important not to let this run away with you, and never try to minimise the financial aspect.

When you've finished with this lot you will probably be completely out of breath, but the important decision still has to be made. While you are thinking about it you might adsently bounce about on the bed to test the springs—they may be the deciding factor.

When you do find a place that's suitable, you might like to search around for something to brighten up the room, or just to hide any wallpaper that isn't quite to your liking.

Flowers

Always an excellent way of brightening a room. Buy them in Colmore Row or Corporation Street on the way home, although they may be expensive.

Travel Posters

Visit any travel agent in early autumn, just as their summer season is ending, and they will be delighted to give you any old posters that they no longer require (or so I'm told).

Paintings and Prints

You could try looking round the galleries, but unless you're richer than the rest of us you'll probably settle for a reproduction. The best place for these is Graves Galleries in Christchurch Passage (off New Street), near Stanford and Mann, who also might be worth trying. Also Hyperion, Boots and a small shop in Rackham's Passage. Alternatively, of course, you can try chatting up some of the Art College lot. Their throw-outs may be worth a fortune in a few years' time!

Knick-Knacks

A comprehensive name that covers almost everything! If you feel like investing in a set of ultra-modern crockery, or you want a Private Eye pint mug, try **The Bodkin** in the Five Ways Shopping Centre. They also have an extensive range of greetings cards and oddments of 'camp' gear (not to be confused with camp-gear, for which City Camp and Sports in Broad Street is best). In particular, have a look at their posters. Nearby in Islington Row is **PIntreieur**, which also deals in china, glass and furniture, but is closed on Saturday afternoons. Also 'This and That' in Colmore Row.

New Students Fair

All you could want to know about societies and clubs. Union Hall and Ground Floor Refectory, Wednesday October 8th, 2.30 p.m.

The City

Making the best of your stay in Birmingham is largely up to you. On arrival you are faced with two possibilities. Either you can let the place get you down, or you can fight it. Guild activities aim at providing some means of escape, but you may eventually feel the urge to venture further afield.

If you are a night owl it will please you to learn that the city now sports quite a number and variety of clubs. Several cinemas still exist, and there is frequently a good play on at one of the theatres.

Within a short distance of the campus is the home of the Aston Villa football team; also within easy reach—by bus or car—is the Hawthornes, West Bromwich Albion's ground. Moseley Rugby Football team, one of the best in the Midlands, can be found at Reddings Road in Moseley.

Birmingham may appear satanic, but to some this may be a point in its favour. There are many relics of the early days of industrialisation. Perhaps one of the most interesting is the extensive canal network. Start your journey at the canal basin in Gas Street (off Broad Street). Two clubs—the Rum Runner and the Opposite Lock Club—are cashing in on their canalside locations.

The City Science Museum has a large collection of industrial relics, and on several days of the year sets them all going with the appropriate power.

But you may find that what makes Birmingham bearable is the ease with which it can be left behind. Surprisingly though it may seem, there is some very beautiful countryside only a short distance from the city centre. It is only a few minutes ride to the Clent Hills—walk from Hagley (Mid Red Bus X11, X19, 132, 193) or consult the conductor—or the Lickey Hills, Birmingham's playground (Mid Red 143). Summer week-ends, especially in the height of the afternoon, are to be avoided, but evenings are extremely pleasant. Stand on one of the hill tops and see the murky haze that's Birmingham and you'll be even gladder you came. A little further afield are the Malvern Hills. Try a walk from Malvern Wells (Mid Red 144).

Here are a few more suggestions—all buses are Midland Red: Coventry (X68, X96, 158, 159), Warwick (156, 164), Lichfield (X12, 112), Leamington Spa (156, 164, 167), Stratford-on-Avon (150), Kenilworth (167).

TRANSPORT

Day Service Buses

The City Transport day service is extremely good, traffic conditions permitting. Full details of the service are very lengthy and therefore haven't been included here; they can be obtained from the Transport Department, in Congreve. A diagrammatic map of the services is also available.

Night Service Buses

The night service is also good, and a comprehensive knowledge of it is essential for all night owls who don't want to wander around the Bull Ring until the shops open the next day.

Fares are higher than on the day service. The Transport Dept. drew a circle round the city with a radius of about 2 miles; inside the circle journeys are 1s. 6d., outside it they are 2s. 6d. Buses depart at 23.30 hours and 24.00 hours, and then at hourly intervals until 05.00 hours weekdays, and 07.00 hours Sundays, when the day service starts. Night service terminals are in Colmore Row (near the Cathedral), outside Grey's in Bull Street, and in Temple Row. Buses depart as follows:

From Colmore Row

N.S.	Destination	Via
5	Perry Common	Ridge Way
16	Hamstead	Grove Lane
64	Chester Road	Six Ways End
66	Pype Hayes	Bromford Lane
72/73	Handsworth	Grove Lane

From Colmore Row

9	Quinton	Ivy Bush
22	Weoley Castle	Harborne Road
37	Hall Green, Boundary	Stratford Road
44	Acocks Green	Tyseley
45	Redhill Rd.-Redditch Rd.	Cartland Rd.
48	Maypole	Moseley Village
58	Sheldon	Hay Mills
62	Longbridge	Weoley Park Road
80/86	Grove Lane	Winson Green Road

From Temple Row

51	Great Barr	Church Road
90	Kingstanding	Aldridge Road
14	Tile Cross Road	Stretchford Road

Certain buses go further afield:

N.S. 73 to West Bromwich (Carters Green) from Bull Street.

23.30 hours, 01.10 hours, 05.00 hours.*

23.30 hours, 01.00 hours, 05.00 hours.*

N.S. 85 to Sethwick (Spon Lane) from Colmore Row.

23.30 hrs., 24.00 hrs., 06.00 hrs., 07.00 hrs..*

*Sunday only.

Midland Red is the only company to run a service to Sutton. Bus numbers are 101, 102, 103, 108 and S61. The last bus to Sutton parade (108) leaves Birmingham bus station at 23.15 hours.

Midland Red also run the only bus service to several other outlying towns.

Last bus to:

Coventry (No. 159) 22.00 hours (Sat. and Sun. 22.30 hours).

Wolverhampton (No. 125) 23.10 hours.

The Midland Red bus station is marked on the map, near New Street railway station.

Information

Union	359-3563
University, Commerce and Art share the same exchange ...	359-3611

It is important to state clearly which college you require.

Art, Margaret Street	CEN 9944
University of Birmingham (General Office)	SEL 1301
University of Birmingham (Union)	SEL 1841
Gracie Hall (Warden)	SOU 2945
Gracie Hall (Students)	SOU 3993
Birmingham Information Dept. ...	CEN 9944
General Hospital	CEN 8611
Accident Hospital	MID 7041
City Transport Dept.	CEN 9944
Midland Red Buses	MID 4481
Midland Red Coaches	MID 4901
British Rail (Enquiries)	MID 2711
(22.00 - 08.00	MID 4444)
Taxis	
New Street	MID 2950
Snow Hill	CEN 7250
Radio Cabs	CEN 4766
Central Police Station	CEN 5000

Your stay may be eased considerably by the various publications of the Information Department, in Victoria Square. These include several guides to the city, and weekly guide called "What's on in Birmingham," which can sometimes be found in the Union Foyer. Also very useful is Geographia's A-Z map book, available from most booksellers at 6/-. And, of course, there is the 'Evening Mail,' every day, 4d.

Railway Services

There are no late night train services, so it is worthwhile noting the times of the last trains.

Last train from New Street to:

- Sutton 23.00 hours. (No service on Sundays).
- Wolverhampton 23.25, 00.25 (exc. Mondays), 02.50 hours.
- Coventry 22.50, 00.25 hours (Sun. 22.35, 00.25 hours).
- Leamington Spa 23.25.

Taxis

For the affluent, and dirty stopouts. They can be found at all the stations and around the streets all the time, except when you want them. They are all privately owned but fares are standardised. These are: 3s. 6d. for the first mile, and 2s. for every mile thereafter, with an additional charge of 6d. per passenger. There is also a time charge if you feel like asking the cabby to wait a moment, and it isn't a moment. For telephone numbers see Information.

Motoring

Aspiring motorists will be pleased to learn that the area is a buyers market in second-hand cars. For those who already possess a car (or whatever you care to call it) here are some useful addresses.

- Automobile Association, 111 Hagley Road, 16. EDG 5401.
- Royal Automobile Club, 93/95 Hagley Rd., 16. EDG 6121.
- Motor Taxation Office, Oozels Street, 1. CEN 9944, ext 2951.

All Night Garages

The city appears to be disastrously short of such amenities. Here are what there are.

- Blue Star Garages, 2 Pershore Street, 5. MID 2392.
- Rootes, 90 Charlotte Street, 3. CEN 8417.
- Smithfield Garage, Digbeth, 5. MID 4577 (Not Sats. and Suns.).
- Yenton Garage, Chester Road Roundabout.

Police

The nearest police station to the campus—for those who find their car has disappeared (as happens not infrequently from Aston Street) is in Steelhouse Lane. It is marked on the map, opposite the hospital.

Lost Property

- Police Lost Property Office, Steelhouse Lane, 4. CEN 5000.
- Losses on Corporation Vehicles: Lost Property Office, Miller Street Garage, Aston, 6. AST 2954.
- Losses on Midland Red Vehicles: Any Midland Red Office, e.g. Bull Ring or Digbeth.
- Losses on British Rail:

Long Distance Travel

Rail:

At present British Rail are still building their massive modern station at New Street on the site of the old station. Most services now run from there, and Snow Hill is now used only for a few local services. Both stations are marked on the map.

Coaches:

Midland Red have a coach station in Digbeth (marked on the map), with services to various parts of the country. Coaches to London run from here, and though now outpaced by British Rail's electric service they are quick, and considerably cheaper than rail.

Air:

Birmingham Airport provides regular services to many parts of Europe and the British Isles. Address: Birmingham Airport, Sheldon, 26. SHE 2441.

Birmingham Public Libraries

Central Reference Library

Probably the largest municipal reference library in the country, this contains over 760,000 items. It is a great research library, its resources including books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, maps, microfilms, newspapers, photographs, posters, slides, prints, programmes—documentary records of every kind. An information service dealing with letters and telephone calls as well as personal calls is also provided.

The increasing range and complexity of knowledge has led to the formation of four special departments in the Reference Library, dealing with local history, Shakespeare, and technical and commercial matters.

The **Technical Library** contains 55,000 and 840 current periodicals, providing up-to-date information. Standard specifications and abstracts are available, and the Library is a depository for atomic energy reports and United Nations publications.

The **Commercial and Patents Library** covers every commercial subject in a collection of over 11,000 volumes and 450 periodicals. There is an extensive range of yearbooks and timetables, together with directories for more than 60 countries. British and American patent specifications are kept.

All departments are at Ratcliffe Place, except the Commercial Library, which is in Great Charles Street, and all are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays.

Lending Libraries

There are 35 lending libraries in various parts of the city. The Central Lending Library has a stock of 110,000 volumes and special collections of music, drama and foreign books, but all libraries have access to the stock of every other library in the city.

Each borrower may have three tickets, which can be used anywhere in the City for any type of book. Most other libraries in the country will also accept Birmingham tickets, and valid tickets from elsewhere may be used here. Borrowers at the Central Lending Library have an embossed plastic card for the special issue system in operation there.

Books are issued for 28 days; if not in demand when returned they may be taken out again. Fines of 6d. per week or part-week are charged on overdue books. Any book in stock but not on the shelf can be obtained from other libraries in the City, from other parts of the country, or even from abroad.

There is also a Gramophone Record Library in the Central Lending Department.

Opening hours: Central (Ratcliffe Place) 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Branch Libraries: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wed. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHURCHES

(Principal) and Times of Services:

Church of England

The Cathedral (St. Philip's), Colmore Row. Holy Communion at 8.15, Choral Matins 10.45, Evensong 18.30.

St. Martins (Parish Church), Bull Ring. 8.30, 11, 18.30.

Roman Catholic

St. Chad's Cathedral, St. Chad's Circus. Low Mass 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 9.30. High Mass 10.30. Low Mass 12 noon. Evening Mass 17.0 Vespers and Benediction 18.30.

Oratory, Hagley Road Low Mass 6, 7, 8, 1. High Mass 10. Low Mass 11.15, 12.15. Benediction 3.30. Evening Mass 17.0. Vespers and Benediction 19.30.

Jewish

Central Synagogue, 133 Pershore Road. Week-days 7.30 a.m., 8 p.m. Saturday 9.15 a.m. 23.0.

Other Denominations

Baptist, Church of the Redeemer, Hagley Road. 11, 18.30.

Christadelphian, Civic Hall, Digbeth and Christadelphian Hall, Suffolk Street. 18.30.

Christian Science, 1st Ch., Sandon Road, 2nd Ch., 55 Broad Street. 11, 18.30.

Church of Christ, Moseley Road (Nr. Edward Road). 10.30, 18.30.

Congregational Church, Carrs Lane. 10.45, 18.30.

Elim Church, Graham Street. 11, 18.30.

Greek Orthodox, Summer Hill Terrace. Saturday: Great Vesp. 17.30. Sunday: Matt. 10: Div. Lt. 11.00.

Methodist, Central Hall, Corporation Street. 11, 18.30.

Presbyterian Church, Chantry Road, Moseley. 11, 18.30.

Salvation Army, Citadel Corps, Corporation St. 10.45, 3, 18.45.

Society of Friends, Bull Street. 10.45.

Spiritual National, Digbeth Civic Hall. Sat. 7, Sun. 18.30.

Swedenborgian (The New Christian Church), Wretham Road. 11, 18.30.

Unitarian, Church of the Messiah, Broad Street. 11, 18.30.

Welsh Baptist Church, Gt. Lister Street, (cr. Windsor Street). 10.30, 15.00, 18.00.

Welsh Presbyterian Church, Suffolk Street. 10.30, 15.15, 18.00.

Humanists meet on 3rd Wednesday of each month. Room 110, University of Aston. 22.00.

Exhibitions in the City

City Sport

Permanent Exhibitions

City Museum and Art Gallery

Permanent collection of paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, costumes. Also world-wide archaeology and ethnography and a natural history museum. Weekdays 10.0—6.0, Sunday 2.0—5.30.

Aston Hall, a 17th century mansion. Weekdays 10.0—dusk. Sunday closed.

Cannon Hill Museum. Natural history. Weekdays 10.30—5.0 Sunday 2.0—5.0.

Museum of Science and Industry, Newhall Street. Engineering Hall. Arms Gallery, Science and Transport Sections. Weekdays 10.0—5.30. Saturday 10.0—5.30. Sunday 2.0—5.30. First Wednesday in each month, 10.0—9.0.

Selly Manor and Minworth Greaves, Sycamore Road, Bourneville, 13th and 14th centuries half-timbered buildings. Tues., Wed., Fri. 1.0—5.0 p.m.

The Engineering and Building Centre. Broad Street. Permanent Engineering and Building Exhibition. Mon. to Fri. 9.30—5.0; Sat. 9.30—12 noon.

Barber Institute of Fine Arts. (University of Birmingham), Edbaston Park Road. Open on first Saturday in month 10.0—4.0 and on Wednesdays 2.0—5.0.

Birmingham University Centre for West African Studies, Pritchatts Road, Edgbaston. The Danford Collection of West African Art. Mon. to Fri. only, 9.30—5.0.

Temporary Exhibitions

Birmingham, surprisingly, has few private art galleries. Of those that exist possibly the best-known is the small **Ikon Gallery**, near St. Martin's House, in the Bull Ring. The work is modern, and some lecturers from the College of Art have exhibited work there. Recently opened is the **Compendium Gallery** in Moseley (2a Salisbury Road).

In the town centre there are frequent exhibitions in the **A. E. Hills Gallery** (in the City Museum and Art Gallery) and also at the New Institute Gallery in Margaret Street. Periodic exhibitions are held in the premises of the **Royal Birmingham Society of Artists** (Victoria Square end of New Street). This is a valuable place to visit in any case, as it is one of the few places where information on all other galleries is available.

In Cannon Hill is the impressively titled **Midlands Art Centre** and exhibitions of various kinds can be seen here—young people can also join and take advantages of the excellent cultural and entertainment facilities there. Temporary exhibitions are also held in the **Ceylon Tea Centre**, in the Priory Ringway.

Association Football

(Bus Number)

Aston Villa, Villa Park, Trinity Road, 6. (39)
Birmingham City F.C., St. Andrews, 9 (58, 60)
West Bromwich Albion, The Hawthornes. (58, 60)

Cricket

Coutny Cricket Ground, Edgbaston Road, 5. (41, 45, 48, 1)

Golf (Municipal Courses)

Cocks Moor Woods, Alcester Road, South. (50)
HIG 3584
Vicarage Road, Harborne. HAR 1204. (3)
Lickey Hills, Rubery 3159
Warley Park, Harbourne Road, Bearwood. (9)

Greyhound Racing

York Road, Hall Green, 28. (37)
Alcester Lanes Road, King's Heath, 14. (48, 50)
Walsall Road, Perry Bar, 22b. (50, 52, 30, 33, 90)

Rugby Football

Birmingham R.F.C., Barron Road, Kings Norton. (62)
Moseley R.F.C. (one of the best sides in the Midlands), Reddings Rd., Moseley, 13. (48, 50)

Cycling

Salford Park, Lichfield Road, 6. (64)
(Open to anybody for training and racing—providing they comply with requirements. Also regular evening meets).

Roller Skating

Olympic Roller Rink, Summerhill Road. (96)
Embassy Sports Drome, Walford Road, 11. (29, 31, 32, 37, 39, 44)

Sailing and Rowing

Midland Sailing Club, Edgbaston Reservoir. (7)
Birmingham Rowing Club, Edgbaston Reservoir.
Canoe Club, Edgbaston Reservoir.
Kayak Racing Club, Edbaston Reservoir.

Ten Pin Bowling

A.B.C. Cine-Bowl, Pershore Road, Stirchley, 30. (45)
Granada Bowl, Villa Park, Trinity Road, 6. (39)
Pavilion Bowl, Wylde Green. (64)
Top Rank Bowl, Pershore Street, 5.
Top Rank Bowl, Hagley Road West, 32. (9)
Warwick Bowl, Westley Road, 27. (44)

Entertainment

Get alive! You're in the peptic generation!

All work and no play etc. . . .

Many are the exhortations to drag you away from work and into the mire of relaxation. But the time comes—at least, it may—when it is necessary to savour the delights of what Birmingham has to offer in the way of entertainment. And Birmingham, after many year's of resistance (or so we are told) is offering an ever expanding range.

CLUBS come and go, but the number goes on up. There are now clubs catering for most tastes:

The Mews, Alcester Road, Moseley. Three bars, ponsie groups, but plans to continue expanding, and to provide a wider range of music.

The Rum Runner, Broad Street. Membership 6 gns., but girls free. The decor is appealing—you sit inside huge barrels. From a small menu there has developed one of the largest in town; and the food is very good. The club also has its own boutique—Kings and Queens.

The Opposite Lock, Gas Street. Just round the corner from the Rum Runner. The club is situated on the canal basin, which gives it a lot of atmosphere; it is in a converted stables—very high—which gives it more. This isn't a rave club—the music is mostly smooth jazz, with top-of-the-pops discotheque from time to time in the evening. There is a small bistro, where the food is very good. A note on the back of the menu tells you where the money goes. Collar and tie necessary for the gents.

The Cedar Club, Constitution Hill. Membership £4—non-members cover charge 10s. The decor is very smart—cedar wood, of course—and a fine selection of waitresses. Collar and tie obligatory.

The Elbow Room, High Street, Aston. There are two bars, varied menu, discotheque nights and group nights. The club has an intimate atmosphere, and the owners appear to be sympathetic to students. Collar and tie again please gents.

The Castaways, Bradford Street. This is Birmingham's sophisticated night spot. There is very little dancing, and the emphasis is on eating and watching the cabaret—stars of "family" appeal, such as Tom Jones, Edmund Hockridge etc. The food is mainly Polynesian (or mock Polynesian) in origin. This is perhaps not the average student's cup of tea (students? tea??) but quite a few do go, and it is definitely the place to go to impress. Membership is £1; the combined meal and floor show works out at about 35s. (By the way when you go in you will not lose face by showing a Guild card; it can work wonders—but there is no guarantee here).

The Dolls Club, Stratford Road. Struggling to improve its image in very cramped quarters, this (or so I am given to believe) is the most respectable of Birmingham's strip clubs. Be that as it may a visit will reward you with a vivid picture of life as she is lived. I say this because

you won't see much of the act (so-called) because of the masses of 'interested' individuals who tend to push one roughly aside at the given signal (O.K. gentlemen, remember the club rules . . .) Almost a question of the survival of the fittest.

The Pitch, Digbeth. A place for the ravers. Frequently organises week-end All-nighters.

The Shoop-Shoop, the Golden Eagle pub, Hill Street. Organised by members of the Art College, provides good cheap discotheque on Thursday evenings.

Le Metro, Livery Street. Very Montmartre, in one of the arches of Snow Hill station. It offers a varied programme—folk, jazz, beat—and is becoming increasingly popular.

If you've no money to gamble and **FOLK** is more your kind of music, try any of the numerous **folk clubs** to be found in the pubs of the city and its suburbs. Some are better than others, and some are more well known, the **Jug o' Punch** (Digbeth Civic Hall, Thursdays, 19.30 hrs.) for example, where Ian Campbell is the resident; the **Folk'sles' Club** at the Birmingham Arms (Moat Row, Fridays, 20.00 hrs.); the **Peanuts Club** (Crown, Corporation Street, Tuesdays, 20.00 hrs.) or the **Partisan Club** at the White Lion Hotel, Horsefair (near Smallbrook Ringway, Sundays, 22.00 hrs.).

For a change or a break, you could go to the **Holy Ground Club** (Cambridge Inn, Cambridge Street, Saturdays), or the Old Crown Inn, Digbeth, on a Monday, or if your postal district is fourteen, the **Red Lion Folk Club**, which meets on Wednesdays and Sundays at the Red Lion Inn, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath. Our own Aston Folk Club meets on Tuesdays in the Union, and aims at presenting a wide range of artists and music to suit all tastes, but if your idea of folk music stops short with a professional guest, visit the **Songswappers Club** at the Old Crown, Digbeth.

In the many villages of Birmingham there are innumerable pubs from which come the strains of **JAZZ** on various nights of the week—or it may be an Irishman playing the piano-accordion. They are too numerous—and many too short-lived—to mention. You will soon find them.

The city centre sports some regular venues. Many of these are the same establishments used by the folk clubs; the **Old Crown pub**, in Digbeth houses the **Birmingham Jazz Appreciation Society** on Saturdays and Sundays (20.00 hrs.). Also in Digbeth, the Midland Jazz Club meets on Saturdays (20.00 hrs. in the **Civic Hall**. On Wednesdays the **Golden Eagle**, Hill Street, is put to use (20.00 hrs.).

Besides these regular meets there are frequent concerts by established and famous jazz musicians in the **Town Hall**.

The City supports an internationally-known orchestra, the CBSO, which has recorded and holds frequent concerts in the Town Hall. It organises an annual prom. in the summer. Students can get a concession on seats (see concessions list).

The Demon Drink

Loyalty obliges me to tell you that the most popular bar in Brum is situated on the second floor of the Union. However, if you have just been thrown out of the Union or have discovered the unique opening times then you may wish to know of some of the lesser establishments in this fair city.

The nearest to the Union are the **'Sack of Potatoes'**, **'Warwick Castle'** and **'The Duke'** all serving average beer in average surroundings to average students who pack the places out. The **'Ben Johnson'** in Corporation Street, a haunt of Commerce Students, has good beer and a pleasing atmosphere. Perhaps the most densely populated 'with it pubs' street is Temple Street. The **'Shakespeare'** (M. & B.) boasts a Bardolph, a Banquo and a Bar Room with murals of Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Next door is the **'Temple Bar'** and across the road the **'Troc'** perhaps the best known pub in Birmingham. Structurally it leaves something to be desired but atmospherically it is brilliant, being the abode of many students and assorted dead beats. The beer is only passable, but good snacks are available at lunch time. The other pubs in the street are the **'Imperial'** and the **'Nelson'** where the beer is well kept.

If it is singing that you require then you could do worse than the **'Phoenix'** near the Bull Ring. If you don't like singing there is the **'Gun Barrels'** or **'Yates Wine Lodge'** which has perhaps the longest room in Birmingham. The two newest pubs in town are the **'Viking'** and the **'Albany'**, the latter is comfortable and not particularly expensive and drink can be had out of a pewter tankard. The former calls its room rather pretentiously the Bergen Room and the Oslo Room. A costlier but more exclusive drink can be had at the **Midland** or **The Old Royal**, on Church Street in addition to the expensive beer, serves expensive food, but has its own chef. Higher up the street is the **Colmore Arms** (M. & B. & Worthington). The **Greyhound** in Holloway Head brews its own beer, has rough cider and is packed with students.

A large number of pubs have recently been opened in and around the Bull Ring, **The Picador** and **Matador** opposite St. Martins Church, **The Wandering Minstrel** on the S.W. side of the centre and the **Toreador** in Edgbaston Street.

All are very similar but the best are the first two as they are not so inhibited by locals. On the other side of town is the **'White Swan'** in Edmund Street where the beer is served in good condition.

A lot of the best drinking outside the city centre is obtained around the S.W. side of Birmingham, the following being highly recommended. In Harborne is the M. & B. pub the **Scarlet Pimpernel** situated at the bottom of War Lane a very good pub serving excellent bitter. Also in Harborne is the **Bell** in Queens

Road the **Sportsman** in Metchley Lane. Both are hangouts of Brum University Medics. At Bearwood is the **'New Tabbot'**, the only good part being the Chalet Bar.

Back in the city centre, the **Hope and Anchor** has a multitude of rooms, tastefully decorated and is situated in Edmund Street.

The Hungry Man in Broad Street is owned by Davenport and is fairly average whereas the **Golden Eagle** in Hill Street is one of the more imposing buildings in Birmingham. **The Cabin** on Priory Ringway among other things sells Bass. **The Rising Sun** has one of the smallest rooms in town which it calls the Smoke Room.

Moving down the Bristol Road, one finds the **White Lion**, the **Nottingham Castle** (a Butlers pub with a television) and further out the **Trees** into which the audience of the Bristol Cinema pile after performances.

The Gun Barrels near Birmingham University must have the honour of being one of the pubs most frequented by University students. It has five rooms, which revel in the names of the Covey, the Little Covey, the Gun Room, the Maggie Lounge and the Prospect. It also has a large and pleasant garden with a bowling green, much frequented in summer.

The Brook is that rare thing, a pleasant modern pub, unlike most pubs in Birmingham but like most in the North, it only has two rooms.

If you are unable to discover a pub that suits your temperament and pocket in that lot, then I can only suggest that you stand on the Union steps when the brewery across the road is upwind. Its the cheapest way by far.

The Many Uses of the Demon Drink

A girls drinking habits are often a good clue to her character. If its the first time out and she wants a Pimms No.1 then its time you looked elsewhere. Cider is not so innocuous as it seems, and after all it's made of apples so it must be good for you! A sherry drinking girl must be treated with caution—they're the type who ask you for tea to meet Mummy and Daddy.

Gin is usually worth buying—it acts quickly and mixed with just a little orange juice to colour it, gin can be quite a lethal weapon. Babycham is not so potent or immoral as gin. Good effects are usually obtained with Cherry Brandy which conceals its potency behind a sweet taste.

Beer drinking women (note the change from girls) can fall into three groups. Some drink it because it quenches their thirst, some because they actually like it and some because they usually have to buy their own. Of these, it is the second that is really worth cultivating. The first group tends to play hockey and can be a bit too energetic in the 'clinches' and the third group usually go on buying their own.

Finally, a word about girls who don't drink. Sooner or later alcohol will pass those fair lips and abstinence makes resistance grow weaker.

CINEMAS

The Odeon, New Street; by the Rotunda. A large, plush cinema. First town showings of certain films on general release.

A.B.C., New Street. Similar function to the Odeon, but not as plush. A many-tiered cinema.

The Gaumont, Colmore Circus. "The biggest screen in Europe"; taken up most of the time with musicals.

Compton Cinema Club. For members only. Very small. Shows allegedly erotic films.

The Scala. Next door to Compton on Holloway Circus. Small, but the plushest cinema in town. Frequently has very good programme.

Futurist, in John Bright Street. An old cinema, renowned for horror weeks, and the occasional good re-showing.

Jacey. Small cartoon and news "theatre" in Station Street.

Cinephone. Comfortable Continental cinema. Probably more interesting films here than anywhere else combined in the space of a year. The cinema is situated in Bristol Street, a little less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Holloway Circus.

A.B.C. Cinerama is a little further down Bristol Street than the Cinephone. It tends to go in for long runs.

A.B.C. Coleshill Street is the only cinema in town offering midnight movies, though only on Friday night. The cinema is little more than 100 yards from the campus, down Gem Street.

Theatres

Repertory Theatre. Station Street (back of New Street Station). Produces the standard repertory stuff. The theatre is not very big and suffers from old age. However, the productions are usually good. Students offered 2s. 6d. off all seats, except Saturday.

The Crescent Theatre, Cumberland Street (near Bush House, in Broad Street). This is a small, modern theatre for amateur productions. These are mostly modern plays. Between plays put on by the permanent company the theatre is used by other organisations for Gilbert and Sullivan, concerts, lectures, films, etc. Seats are at one price only (4s.) for students, irrespective of demand. Booking is advisable.

The Theatre Centre, Islington Row. This again is a small theatre used by amateur companies. Recently it has been taken over by the Independent Theatre Group, a small company who aim to present a programme of little known plays. With each production is offered a short 'B' feature. Seats are reduced from 6s. and 8s. to 4s. for students.

The Birmingham Theatre, Hurst Street. Productions include musical comedy and variety shows as well as drama.

The Alexandra Theatre, John Bright Street. Plays worth watching here tend to be few and far between, but when there is a good play it is usually well worth going to see it.

COFFEE ?

Now for those of you who prefer to congregate in what are commonly referred to as coffee bars. Unfortunately there are no straightforward coffee-only bars, but in what there is, you can still get a good cup of this famed reviver. All the places I will refer to also serve snacks and most of them grills and proper meals.

Working outward towards town from the University the first place you may see (I say 'may' because it is tucked away under the Colmore Circus subway) is the English and Chinese Self-service. This is open until 11.30 p.m., the coffee is adequate, but you have to sugar it at the pay desk. And I would not advise you to start a conversation with the waitresses — unless you speak Chinese fluently. You sit on stools, which are efficiently nailed to the floor, in a kind of unrushed railway atmosphere.

The ever-present Kardomah is just up Colmore Row (opposite Snow Hill station). The coffee is its usual high standard although drinking it in what can only be termed a fish-tank may be somewhat alarming (just watch the world go by!) to the more sensitive. Anyone who has been in a Kardomah before will know that they are clean and efficiently run. (Just right for the budding executive). But don't believe the sign which says closed at 10 p.m., it means 9.55.

If you go to the bottom of Corporation Street and turn left along New Street you will soon come, on the right-hand side, to the Mini Restaurant and Coffee House (just past the Odeon Cinema and one of the Wimpy Bars). This place always seems crowded, and for the right reasons. It is clean, can be intimate and has piped background music which stays in the background. Also this is the only coffee bar with waitress service, which, by the way, is very efficient and, for once, extremely civil, even to students. The problem is the door, which, as it opens outwards, can catch you with an unpleasant draught every time somebody walks in. This only happens though when you choose the wrong seat; as I did.

The Grecian is in John Bright Street, almost opposite the Futurist Cinema, I recommend this if you want to sober up quietly, or just escape where no one will expect to find you. It is hidden at the end of the street and seems to have a limited clientele. However you can always watch three vaguely-Greek-looking girls washing up behind the counter.

Almost directly South (if you can fly like a crow), on Smallbrook Ringway, is the Pantheon. Although this place seems to have been only half decorated (and the other half left for the imagination to ponder over) there is a juke box which is not exceptionally loud. Reasonably-priced hot and cold snacks are available and there is a congenial atmosphere which hangs over the abode.

The Rendezvous serves the best coffee in the town. The actual premises are just up Broad

Street on the way out of the city centre. At the front there is a small coffee room, but there is a grill-room behind with seating for an as yet unascertained capacity. Students frequent here and, believe it or not, it lives up to its name. Up the road is the Tow Rope, but unless you are partial to transport cabs or a good fight every night I wouldn't advise it.

The Locarno, even further up Broad Street, in fact almost at Five Ways, seems to be inhabited by the town's Italian population, amongst other "interesting" people. However, it stays open all night, and inside a quarter an hour of ordering you can be eating piping hot fish and chips, to take out, at any time.

If I have managed to put all of you off our coffee bars in this what is amazingly called a home from home, you can always go and look for yourself; this is merely meant as a guide. Of course if it's cold and snowing outside there are the common rooms! Huh!?!

EATING OUT

Restaurants dedicated to the preparation of Western-type food (for want of a better description) appear to have been almost ousted by the many Indian and Chinese restaurants, with their excellent cheap businessmen's lunches. But a few remain (letters refer to map).

Nearest to the campus are **Joe's** and **Tony's** (A)—just across the road, in fact. Both have character and cracked cups, and they have the greatest attribute of all—they are cheap.

Forgetting the Albany or the Savoy (as I assume you want to) pie and chips etc. can be bought from several reputable places in town. Near the Central Reference library are the **Savoury Duck** (B) and **Farm Fayre** (C), both owned by Alex. Prices are not as good as they could be. This is the case, too, at **McColls** restaurant (D) in Martineau Square, but the food is reasonable. In the Bull Ring centre, **Gino's** restaurant and omelette bar (J) give very good value for money. In New Street, with its 007 room and steak bars **Long John's** (E) offers what I am assured by a native, is genuine US-type food. Prices for some of it are very reasonable.

Jo Lyons is not recommended. The recent price reductions have made little difference to the grossly inflated prices for snack-bar type food and the coffee tends to taste as though it has been strained through sweaty socks.

Finally, there are the many peripetetic purveyors of hot pies, hot dogs and hamburgers, who appear on the scene in the early evening and roam the streets long after dark; they are frequently the only source of food available—and at standard prices (standing room only).

Indian

The Indian restaurant centre in the city is undoubtedly in Horsefair, near the Smallbrook ringway. Here there are no less than four well established restaurants, with two newly opened.

Our Curry Correspondent gives the **Curry Centre** (F) and the **Anor Bagh** (G) his much prized three star award; the **Bombay** and the **Shah Bagh** nearby he deems worthy of two stars. In Hurst Street is the **Star of India** (H) and at the Bradford Street end of the Moseley Road, the **Gullistan**, a favourite haunt of many Aston students when they feel their pockets and stomachs can stand it.

For those eat-at-home types the **Curriaway** (L) in Hurst Street, should be high on the list. Here you can buy curries, rice, chappatties etc. ready cooked and wrapped up in disposable containers. One advantage of the place is that it stays open until 23.30 hrs. And for the make-it-at-home types the **Currybox** (F) in Horsefair and the numerous Eastern grocers dotted throughout the city sell all the spices, pickles, chutneys, rices, curry pastes and powders, and tropical foods and vegetables you could possibly require. They also sell instruction books . . .

Chinese

Like any other settlement with more than 10 inhabitants Birmingham has got its standard allocation of Chinese restaurants. They are so numerous it is not worth mentioning more than a few. There is possibly one in your road—if there isn't it can't be far away.

In the town center the **Heaven Bridge** (M) and the **Evergreen** (N) on the Smallbrook Ringway and the **Slowboat** (Q) in St. Martin's House, the Bull Ring, are best but are expensive. The **Ying Wa** (R), again on the Smallbrook Ringway, is best for individual dishes and prices are reasonable.

Very convenient for businessmen's lunches, as they are at the campus end of Corporation Street, are the **Dragon Gate** (S) and the **Sun Wah** (T). They are not particularly good value as far as other meals are concerned.

CITYWASHES

Most of the districts have their own Public Baths, but for the enthusiast, or the connoisseur, here are some of the more interesting establishments in the city.

Swimming (nearest to the campus)
Woodcock Street and Kent Street.

Turkish and Russian Baths

Kent Street, 5.
Grove Lane, Handsworth, 21.
Mason Road, Erdington, 24.

Acrotone

Mason Road, Erdington, 25.

Finnish Sauna

Bourneville Lane, Stirchley, 30.

Shopping in Brum

Food

Nearest the Campus:

Barrows' (a Keymarket) in Corporation St. Supermarket and greengrocery downstairs; late shopping on Thursday until 20.00 hrs. and Friday until 18.30 hrs. Quite good value.

City Butchers, Old Square—(first roundabout in Corporation Street going from the University).

Wimbush (Bakers), Corporation Street.

Lewis' and Rachams both have food halls.

Tesco's, Bull Ring Shopping Centre.

Woolworths and food halls (New Street and Bull Ring).

The best for choice, value quality and layout is **Sainsbury's** in the Newtown Row Shopping Centre (up the road to the left of Halfords) Opening hours—Mon. closed all day.

Tues. Wed & Thurs.—8.30 - 5.30

Friday — 8.30 - 6.30

Saturday — 8.30 - 4.00

Six ways—Auchinleck Square—contains a good Macfisheries, Barrows, Wrensons, Boots, Austin Reeds, 2 Bread shops, 2 off licences, 1 pub, 1 post office etc., etc.—a very pleasant shopping centre.

For curry enthusiasts several shops sell curries, rice, etc. to take home and eat (in disposal containers).

Kismet restaurant

The Five Ways Chinese Restaurant

The Curriaway

All in Hurst Street.

The **Curry Centre** in Horsefair sells mangoes, nutmegs, spices, curry powder and other foreign vegetables. Looks exciting.

Prana (on Priory Ringway) sells health foods—wholemeal bread and flour, muesli, decaffeinated coffee, honey, unsweetened chocolate, etc. Also has restaurant upstairs selling light meals and the same company runs the **Good Earth Restaurant** in Newhall Street.

Markets: In the Bull Ring Centre there is an open and indoor market. They are both good value for fruit and veg., and in addition, the indoor market has fish, meat, poultry, etc., all at very reasonable prices. The markets sell almost everything from Brummigen brass to clothes, also pots, jewellery, sweets, etc.

Across the road is the **Rag Market**—famous for its fur coats.

Opening hours:

Covered market—

9.0-5.30 Mon. Tues. Thurs & Fri.

9.0-6.0 Sat.

9.0 - 1.0 Wed.

Open Market—

Mon. & Wed. 9.0-12.00

Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9.0-6.0

Sat. 9.0-7.0

The **Shopping Centre** in New Town Row also has a small covered market, selling fruit, vegetables, sweets, jewellery and clothes—quite good value. Opening hours—Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fr. & Sat. 9.0-6.0.

Books

The sale of books in Brum is dominated by **Hudsons**. It has four branches—The Aston Campus the Birmingham University Campus, New Street and a paperback shop in Temple Street. **W. H. Smith** and **Midland Educational Co.** in Corporation St. also sell books, but have smaller selections. Also there is the **Book Room** at the corner of Ethel Street and Stephenson Street, which has a selection of religious books.

Second-hand books provide rather more of a problem. There is a list of second-hand books in the Union Shop. It's also a good idea to find would-be sellers from your own department, but should both these fail, try the following:

Lowe Bros., Moseley.

Small shop on Birmingham Road on Sutton side of the Yenton roundabout.

Two shops at Birmingham end of Sutton Parade.

One Shop in Lichfield by the Cathedral.

Also, Edgbaston Campus Hudsons has second-hand books.

Stationery

Ryman & European is closest to the Campus and has quite a reasonable range of stock. Also has a branch in Broad Street.

Stanford & Mann can be found in New Street.

Midland Educational in Corporation St. has recently moved to new premises and sells stationery, books and art and craft materials.

W. H. Smith also sell stationery, as do **Popes** in New Street.

There is a small stationery shop in G.30 in the University, and Art College Students may buy materials from the Art College shop. Prices are very reasonable.

Art materials and paintings may be bought in **Windsor & Newton's** shop in Christchurch passage.

Hairdressing

Men:

Modern Mens Hairdressing, Corporation St.

Continental Mens Hairdressing, Corporation St. Rackhams.

Womens:

The Budget Room, Great Western Arcade—informal atmosphere—no appointments necessary.

Steiners (Haute Coiffure Beaute) New Street. Recommended—but a status laden establishment.

Bernards of Mayfair, Corporation St. Also recommended—comfortable atmosphere.

Miss Raymond, Great Western Arcade.

Greatrex, Colmore Row., Concessions offered.

Paul Hair Studio—also offers concessions. Lewis's and Rackhams have hairdressing departments—no appointment necessary.

Outfitters

Female:

Marshall & Snelgroves and 21 Shop

Lewis's—"Miss Selfridge"
 Rackhams—"Miss Donimo"
 Eve Brown, Bull St.
 Wilsons, High St.
 Hiltons, High St.
 McConville, Corporation St.
 Jean Barrie, New St.
 Channelle House, New St.
 Lady Jo Boutique, Gt. Western Arcade
 (expensive)
 Tiffanys, Cherry Street (expensive)
 Dorothy Perkins in New St., and High St.
 Etam in New St., and Bull St., Corporation St.
 Miss Janet, Corporation St.
 Debbie Jayne, Corporation St.
 Adele, New St.
 Paige, New St.
 Richard Shops, New St., and Corporation St.

Male:

Austin Reed, New Street.
 Rowans, New Street.
 Rackhams "In" shop, New Street.
 Hepworths, New Street.
 Cecil Gee, New Street.
 Austins, New Street.
 Richards, Burlington Arcade.
 Piccadilly Mens Boutique—Piccadilly Arcade.
 Moss Bros., Temple St.
 Master Tailors, Temple St.
 Your Trouser Shop, Cherry St.
 Malcolm Brookes, N.W. Arcade.
 John Collier, Union St.

Male and Female:

For the affluent—The Suede Centre—New St.
 Marks & Spencer—High St.
 Littlewoods—High St.
 British Home Stores—Union St.
 Millets—New St.
 C & A—Corporation St.

General

Nearest Chemist to campus is Associated Chemists in Corporation St.
 Extensive Boots in New Street.
 Harry Parkes in Corporation St., for sports wear.
 Allsports in Ethel St.
 Grenvilles Sports—Cherry St.
 Salisburys—leather goods—Great Western Arcade and New St.
 Material—Rackhams and Lewis's and Walter Austins in Corporation St.

Posters

Athena reproductions—Windsor Arcade, fairly expensive 12/- each or 3 for 30/-. Super reproductions, Degas, Van Gogh, Picasso etc. Well worth visiting.

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Early Closing

Wednesday, except for Lewis's and several other shops are abolishing the idea.

Also, Rackhams and Marshall & Snelgrove have Saturday early closing.

Escaping

Delightful though Birmingham undoubtedly is, there are times in everyone's life when they would rather see the back of the place. Whether it is to go home or just a day outside Brum (see previous guff) the student will very probably have to resort to the thumb. This is where the problem lies, for getting into Brum is easier (just a bit) than getting out. In fact, on some routes one faces the same fate as the Oozlewoozie bird (do we all know what befell this hapless creature?)

It is hoped that this guide will help you avoid this tragic end.

To London, along the M.1. A number 58 bus (1s. 1d. ride) takes you onto the Coventry road: Get off at the terminus and walk along a bit—to cross the zebra crossing. Don't go too far, as the road becomes a Clearway. This road leads directly to the M.1.

To Gloucester, Bristol and the South. Two routes are possible. Either you can take a number 63 bus to Rubery, and hitch from there, or you can take a number 9 to Quinton terminus. From here you can get onto a road that eventually splits into two, one route goes off to **Kidderminster**, the other is the M.5, going south. The M.5 eventually splits, and the M.50 goes off to **South Wales**.

To Stratford-on-Avon. Start from the end of the 37 bus route.

To the North. Take a number 64 bus, and get off at Chester Road. This carries much north-bound traffic, and leads to Gailey Roundabout, which crosses the M.6.

To Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Mid and North Wales. Take a number 9 bus, and get off at the Warley bowling alley. Leading off on the right is the Birmingham New Road, which goes directly to Wolverhampton.

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