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SURPRISE OF THE YEAR - REFERENDUM RESULT REVEALS THAT:-

STUDENT VOTE FAVOURS GOWNS

It is now almost certain that undergraduate gowns will be worn at this University in the near future.

That, at least appears to be the desire of the majority of Union members who think at all about the matter.

In the referendum held on the question "Gowns - do we want them?" over 48% of those taking forms returned them. By a 5-3 majority, those voting are in favour of the general introduction of the wearing of undergraduate gowns in the University. It is significant that every faculty's votes show a clear majority in favour of gowns, so the decision is not confined to the desire of any particular set.

The result of this referendum will be considered by Union Committee at its next meeting at the end of this month, and their recommendations will go to the Vice-Chancellor, who will place them before the Senate of the University. The logical outcome of this procedure would be the introduction of a University regulation to the effect that gowns must be worn at lectures and formal University functions.

CONTROVERSIAL BACKGROUND

The idea of wearing gowns was first mooted in recent years by Old Fellow Gibson and his gang. There is little doubt that their motives were noble. Gowns are worn at many other Universities, not just Oxford and Cambridge, and it is generally agreed that they add much to the dignity and atmosphere of academic life. In 1948, the first year of the new University of Leeds, the idea was championed by the Vice-Chancellor and the House of Commons. The idea was then put before the House of Commons, and the House of Commons decided to hold a referendum.

Many members, hearing of the proposal were acutely conscious of the fact that the wearing of gowns was a snobbish and antiquated custom, and those in favour of gowns were accused of all manner of evil intentions.

IMPRACTICABLE

More cogently, it was argued that in a largely technological University such as ours it would be both impracticable and undesirable to introduce the distinctive garb of the mediaeval clerk, doctor, lawyer and engineer. The wearing of gowns was also considered to be a snobbish and antiquated custom, and those in favour of gowns were accused of all manner of evil intentions.

Their efforts have been rewarded, it seems. A poll of more than a third of the Union has, in the past, been exceptional on a question such as this.

and there is little doubt that the results of the referendum will be decisive in influencing the University authorities.

TRULY REPRESENTATIVE?

Whether the vote is truly representative of Union opinion is hard to decide. There may well be a large body of members, who, not realising the implications of the referendum, thought it not worth while voting against a proposal which did not sound a chance anyway. Whether the introduction of gowns will prove popular as the abstract idea of a distinguishing badge, or as a spare answer, remains to be seen.

Martin Bannam, Vice-President of the Union and Inexon's successor as President of Devon, says: "Gowns have been a great success in Devonshire Hall, and I feel sure their extension to the University as a whole would be a great asset."

Graham Adwick, House Secretary of the Union and a nominal Socialist, comments: "I feel that many of the facilities in the Union are abused by people who are not students. Gowns would serve as a distinguishing mark of a Member of the University."

After the photographic identity card - the party uniform. (But note that at Hull University, where gowns are the rule at lectures, a Union rule prohibits the wearing of a gown inside the Union portrait.) The change may not be as drastic as it appears. Even at the older Universities where gowns are de rigueur at lectures and dinner, nobody is expected to wear one in a laboratory or demonstration theatre.

YOU DECIDED!

Already at Leeds gowns are expected at University sermons and degree ceremonies. Soon we may expect to see the flying tails and flowing sleeves careering down University Road on a rusty bicycle, or angling (with some difficulty) from a crowded tram.

The pundits will say "How nice!" and the deafard mutter men "I told you so." But nobody will be able to say they were not consulted, and those who oppose the idea but did not take the trouble to vote will have only themselves to blame.

As for "Union News," we say: Gowns are incongruous, inconvenient, and unnecessary; but a creditable move, nevertheless, to elevate our University status.

Flash:-HOW THEY VOTED:

Faculty	For	Agst
Arts	203	85
Economics	23	7
Law	16	14
Medicine	56	47
Science	88	74
Technology	131	120
Don't Know	48	53
Total	565	400

Our Photographers Spotlight

"CARELESS COMFORT" AND "CROWDED CAFE"



Y.B. News Photo.

These pictures show better than words that the new facilities are not merely too small - they are being abused. Probably carelessness is the prime cause, but a small minority have been wilfully offensive. Thus the Executive Committee have had to take:-



ACTION AGAINST ABUSE

BY order of the Executive Committee of the Union and its House Secretary, the Bar Steward is now authorised to stop serving drink immediately if Bar patrons persist in singing unsuitable songs after they have been warned to cease by the "buzzer."

This ruling was enforced after incidents in the new Bar during the first "hop" of term on Wednesday, 5th October, when the singing by one group in particular, became so offensive that three members of the Executive were forced to protest to the offenders. The threat of the House Secretary to close the Bar there and then successfully stopped the commotion, but not before most of the women present had left the Bar in disgust.

The ruling was supported by the Executive Committee at their meeting on Monday last and it is hoped that with the new "buzzing" device, the Steward should have no difficulty in keeping the Bar in good order.

The House Secretary, Mr. Graham Adwick, said in an interview that no one objected to the singing of student songs in the Bar, but that it was unfair that a small section of patrons should make the atmosphere unpleasant for the majority, and unsuitable for women, by singing obscene songs. He asked offenders to retain a sense of fairness and proportion.

USE AND ABUSE

This trouble in the Bar is only one aspect of a general dissatisfaction amongst the majority of Union members with the attitude of a minority to the new amenities "next door." Already there has been a certain amount of abuse of the New Cafeteria, but, it must be stressed, only by this small, anti-social minority. Before the Cafeteria had been open a week, three ash-trays had vanished, and the Staff had to prevent one Union member from walking out with one of the attractive, red trays that the room is provided with. Since the beginning of term, there has been more of this petty pilfering and souvenir-hunting. Miss Miller, the Manageress of the Cafeteria, estimates that about 50 of the cups which are decorated with the Union crest have disappeared. She thinks however, that the majority of these have not been stolen, but simply carried through to the Union Main Building by inconsiderate people. She asks Cafeteria patrons to remember that the crockery must not be taken out of the room, as it makes extra work for her hard-worked Staff.

TAKING ADVANTAGE

Those responsible for decorating and furnishing the Bar and Cafeteria

took the optimistic view and chose very attractive furniture, in the hope that its attractiveness after the rainier uninspired furniture of the old rooms, would encourage members to use it carefully. But, it is feared that their optimism was unforesighted as far as a small section of the community was concerned at least. In the first week of term two of the silver-grey settees were broken, and the Cafeteria staff had to reprimand several members for mistreating the furniture.

On the occasion of the opening of the new bar, the press were present and a photograph appeared in a local paper which showed a group of students using the bar for the first time. In the foreground of the picture, a bar patron is shown with his foot on one of the new stools. The picture bears a rather unfortunate caption describing it as students "taking advantage" of the New Bar. An apt comment.

TO SMILE YOUR FACE

No one expects the members of the Union to treat the facilities gingerly. Most of them are, and all should be, strong enough to stand up to robust usage and hard wear. But deliberate misuse and wilful damage should not have to be feared, and it might be expected that Northerners, traditionally careful of money, would have some respect for what, after all, is provided out of their own £5 membership fee.

SMALL MINORITY

It can only be hoped that the vast majority of Union members who are appreciative of the comfort and attractiveness of the new rooms (whatever their drawbacks are as regards space), will be disgusted enough by the antics of this very small minority to take some action when they see any act of wanton abuse by the latter.

THE FIRST CASUALTY

The resignation is announced of this year's newly elected Rag Chairman, Phil Levy. In tendering his resignation Mr. Levy gave as his reasons press of academic obligations. (He holds a D.S.I.R. Scholarship in the Department of Psychology, and is at present working for his Ph.D.)

His decision, necessary as it is, is a great blow to Rag. Phil Levy has time and time again proved his value in numerous spheres of Union life. As last year's Business Manager of Rag Revue, he did excellent work and was a tower of strength on the

Committee. "Union News" has personally, much to thank Mr. Levy for. Together with last year's Rag Chairman, Barry Lewis, he reorganised our finances and rescued us from the financial doldrums.

Rag seems fated to have Chairman trouble at this stage every year; it is to be hoped that this year's will not be of the nature of last. And it is equally to be hoped that whoever eventually gets the job will have as much success at it as Mr. Lewis.

Nominations are of course, once more called for. Any offers?

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AS WE
SEE IT

SORRY SYD!

Last issue's account of 'Rag Revue' contained a glaring omission of the services of Mr. Sydney Larter as Music Director, and it is with sincere apologies that 'Union News' now repairs that error.

From the beginning of January Mr. Larter devoted his energy and valuable time to arranging and orchestrating the whole of the music for the revue, and every note and bar he wrote out himself without delegation. In addition, he composed the music for the attractive chorus number 'So to bed' and for the ten-minute vigorous 'Harlequinade,' and arranged all the interval music.

He spent some seven hundred hours on the music of the revue—living in the Riley Smith Hall at a small desk in a corner—alternatively accompanying rehearsals on the piano and writing out the orchestration.

He rehearsed all day solidly with the theatre orchestra on the Sunday before the revue opened, and consequently conducted both performances every night for the whole week. He modestly confesses to staying up the entire night only once, working on the score, but he has to admit that by the end of the week he was conducting with his left hand, being unable to lift his right.

We cannot apologise enough for the appalling omission of thanks to Mr. Larter for his excellent and invaluable work which lent a professional polish to 'Rag Revue'—a contribution essential to its success.

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THANK YOU MR. BOURN FOR 21
DEVOTED YEARS

By PETER GIBSON (ex-J.V.P.)

AFTER twenty-one years of devoted service, Mr. J. W. Bourn has retired from the post he created: that of Clerk to the union. Without his sustaining guidance and knowledge it is difficult to imagine how the Union could have functioned.

Innumerable letters of appreciation were received, together with over £150 which has formed part of the presentation Mr. Bourn received at the luncheon given in his honour on the 2nd July.

This was a typical University function, having a family atmosphere about it. The absence of melancholy did not detract from the sincere appreciation of Mr. Bourn's work. Tributes to his long service were voiced by the Vice-Chancellor, the President of the Union and by Mr. Gilbert Gray, a past-President. In a very brief speech Mr. Bourn thanked those present for their kindness and revealed yet again the secret of his success, his love of the institution for which he has done so much.

AN ABLE SUCCESSOR

To follow such a man will be no easy task, indeed it has been difficult to find a suitable replacement. The machinery for doing this was set in motion by the Vice-Chancellor as long ago as March. Altogether over 120 applications were received. A great number of these were most flattering since they came from men with very distinguished careers. Eventually a short list of seven was drawn up and an appointment made on August 19th.

Mr. H. Blood, M.B.E., took up the post of Clerk to the Union towards the end of the vacation. Members will find him a man of imposing personality with a sense of humour and, already, a genuine interest in the well being of the Union and its members. Mr. Blood has spent many years in the Sudan where at one time he was personal secretary to His Excellency the Governor General. He comes to Leeds ready to give us the benefit of his experience and understanding. We congratulate him upon his appointment and wish him every happiness amongst us.



Y E News Picture

THE PRESIDENT PROUDLY POINTS OUT THE NEW UNION
BUILDINGS TO A GROUP OF "FRESHERS"

AND GIVE TWO VIEWS OF
THEIR FIRST WEEK

FIRST

A WOMAN'S
EYEFUL

As the President of the Union—better known as Edward—said during the Freshers Conference: "Students are divided into three categories: the wits, the half-wits, and the nit-wits."

At the end of the conference I felt that to be—as most of us are—a half-wit, was to lead a rather uncomfortable existence. On the one hand the unfortunate half-wit is urged by such people as Prof. Grebenik to become a wit; on the other hand the attractions of the Union Building, designed by someone who thought nothing too good for students, continually tempt the half-wit to join the nit-wits. These are the people who fill the coffee-lounge at all hours and cause merriment at debates, and in the Union cinema with tin trumpets and expertly made paper darts.

The atmosphere of the Freshers Conference alternated between these extremes. My introduction to the life of the Union was practically painless thanks to the friendliness and hospitality of the confirmed nit-wits who were kind enough to show anyone how to live a gay but short life at university. This was accomplished most effectively by introducing potential nit-wits to such institutions as sing-songs, 'Rag Revue' and the Saturday hops. These must have taken from many, including myself, all lingering aspirations towards becoming a wit.

In sharp contrast to the high-spirited proceedings in the Union, is the sterner side of life narrated so forcibly in the 'Epistle of Grebenik'—that "we are all here for the purpose of being wits and gaining a degree," which means WORK.

In the cause of work, solemn lines of students tramp the Brotherton library, where a great many would-be wits still wander round and round Stack intoxicated by the galaxy of books on many obscure subjects.

It is not book-learning, however, which counts most in the making of a wit. After the gruelling registration procedure I realised that the main requirement for entrance to the University of Leeds is not an indifferent standard of distinction in G.C.E. It is also essential to have the stamina to stand in lengthy queues for the best part of two-hours, without collapsing, as well as the ability to fill up a heterogeneous mass of forms with speed and accuracy.

During the Conference, it was a great deal simpler to obtain a meal than it is now. Term has begun and brought with it a complicated system of tickets which only the wits understand. Crafty research students can, by judicious management, obtain enormous meals for almost nothing, while the unfortunate nit-wits and half-wits go underfed because they have lost their tickets or had them

SECONDLY

A MALE
MAURITIAN'S
INTRODUCTION

Mauritius, Madagascar, Suez, Marseilles, Paris, London, and now—Leeds. My first contact was depressing, and had it not been for the solace of an Irish friend with whom I discussed French authors up till 2 a.m. I would certainly have sobbed in my bed.

Came the Freshers Conference. I went to the Parkinson Building, was asked to return to the University Road, and eventually lost my way in the corridors, going up and down stairs four times. In some dark infernal recess a door opened and a haggard figure rushed out with what looked like a miniature atom bomb in his hands. "Union Building?" I faltered. "Union Building? . . . Ah! Down the stairs. Turn left. Left again. Follow the lobby. Turn right after the Great Hall. Left again to the Old Building. . . . I heard later that the venerable gentleman was doing research work in Physics.

I got to the Union. I was given a yellow card and started queuing. A third of the time at the conference is spent queuing. I was officially confirmed a member of Leeds University on the fourth of October. The ceremony started at half-past one. The forms were duly filled, the photos ready, and I queued up to do obeisance to the heads of faculties. The French lecturer talked French. The History professor only grinned. The English Academy, sable and cynical, only bowed and handed me a piece of paper two inches square. The second part of the baptismal ceremony consisted of the Dean tucking up his sleeves, composedly taking up his pen, frowning, and placing a hieroglyphic on the green sheet. Supreme consecration only took place when I gave £187 for tuition fees and Hall. I was then given a Union Card and the last photo I had precious saved was heavily stamped full on the face. The Gregory Peck look I had so labouriously acquired at the photographers was changed into Fernandel. When I left the Parkinson my hands were full of forms, my head was empty and I had the aching sensation that the virginity of my brand new Lloyds cheque book had been outrageously abused.

My introduction to Leeds is now over.

(continued from Preceding Column)

I had been assured quite often that the lecturers heartily dislike all students except the wits. When I registered I was therefore surprised to find the academic staff as pleasant as the nit-wits and half-wits had been. I have decided to enjoy the life provided by both the wits and the nit-wits—I shall be a half-wit.

THIS IS MY
VIEW

By

"PERSPEX"

THEY tell me it is a sign of old age when one begins to be haunted by a conviction that "things aren't what they used to be." If there is any truth in the adage, the writer of this column is suffering from the first stages of mental arteriosclerosis, or a latent but malignant form of conservatism. The symptoms take the shape of an acute nostalgia for the old cafeteria.

I am the first to admit that I was delighted and awed at the comfort and astonishing attractiveness of the New Coffee Lounge. But it is the atmosphere I miss. No more can we lean forward intimately on the elbows; no more can we clamber on the tables to see who is in, frustrated as we are by those malicious pillars. Can any member of the Union honestly say that we do not hanker for the informality, the grime, the tinkling of the piano and the hubbub of raised voices in what has now come to be termed—almost reverently whispered—"the old Caf.?"

SEVENTH HEAVEN

And the Stables—a name given to the new Bar by a lady member of the Union. Quiet, peaceful, a seventh heaven; but where is the clatter of song that at the end of a long evening would take many of us out of ourselves—"Clementine," "Angel-

"PERSPEX" hides the identity of our new feature writer:—One with perspicacity, perspective and personality. The Editors do not necessarily ally themselves with the views expressed in this column. They merely acknowledge the interest and value of the article.

inc." and the numerous versions of "She'll be Coming round the Mountains"? Now only on odd evenings do we hear the strains of melody—and those of such a nature that they have to be restrained by Fred's buzzer. All very well this fragile sophistication but we are afraid almost of the sounds of our own voices. All very well these beautifully harmonised reeds and greys, these plush stools and bright lights; but we are afraid to sit down and relax. All is bright and beautiful, but students are not notoriously serene. All praise to the designers of this ethereal fairy place; yet save they not forgotten that this is not the Ritz, but the Union Caf.?

TROUBLE IN MIND

Anyone associated with the great cause of cheering us all up is only too welcome nowadays. The Union has long time suffered from a dearth of such people, since the Queen "got" Allan ("Slash") Union; and Jacobs and Collins retired from the field. Mr. Ginsberg was only a poor substitute and Twiddle limited his activities to the Debates. Then there appeared on the scene the Cryer Gang with its impromptu jazz sessions and its unrehearsed goonery, and provided that you weren't suffering from migraine, life was a little more hopeful.

All last year they were well-known figures in Bar, Caf., Social Room, and even, when all else failed in the Lower Corridor or Gentlemen's cloak-rooms. Highlights of their particular contribution to "sweetness and light" included Malcolm Whitehouse's voice ("low-slung, with a built-in guitar"); Dave Robinson's cartoons, hair-style and trumpet-playing; Roger Tate's impression of a soul in torment; Miss Brenda Bear's name and the all-pervading evil genius of Barrie Cryer himself.

Now, not only is Cryer missing from their ranks, but their activities have been cruelly restricted. The pianos around which they used to congregate are no longer in existence, are missing completely, and somewhere in the impenetrable gloom of the South End of Haxar No. 3 (New Refec.) there are the ghosts of two instruments they can't get at. A parlous state of affairs for our own private Goons.

THEY'RE BLUE!

I am also told that they can't even find a small corner in which to entertain themselves, if not us. They were turned out of the Cloakroom the other day. They just cannot find a home for their activities apart from the New Caf., and even there they feel that their personalities are being muted by the almost religious awe that still invests the new, contemporary decorations. And as Mr. Roger Tate, the only man with a triangular head . . . (this theme song, by the way, is "Apex Blues") . . . gloomily said:—"We have our doubts about those pillars."

Sic transit gloria . . . if someone doesn't find them a home or a piano soon.

TAKE AWAY THAT BAUBLE

Why was there no formal inauguration for the New Mace of the Union? Enough trouble was incurred over its design and commission to warrant some sort of notice being given to its first appearance. Instead of which, it was mentioned rather as an afterthought by the Speaker at the Freshers' Debate.

A little bit of ceremony is the only thing that reduces the place to dignity and order. Debates Committee have let an opportunity pass by.

ROUND THE COMMITTEE TABLE

Stop These Midnight
Meetings

THE first, ordinary meeting of the new Union Committee, held on Monday last, started late. It also finished late . . . at 11.30 p.m., five and a half hours after it commenced. A dispassionate observer might have considered that there is often a strange discrepancy between importance of subject and length and relevance of discussion.

BYE-ELECTION PENDING

Perhaps the most important news was the decision of Mr. Denis Jopling to offer his resignation. Mr. Jopling was originally elected to the Committee while a full-time student of the University, but is now not in that position. The Committee had, therefore no alternative than to accept regretfully his proffered resignation. A Bye-Election will be held as soon as possible.

NEW FACILITIES

Mr. Banham announced that the new Staff-Student Coffee Lounge is expected to open by November 1st. No snacks will be served here, only coffee and biscuits, and apparently we are to expect even more "de-luxe" surroundings than in the New Caf. Coffee, Mr. Banham announced, will be 4d a cup. Let us hope the quality will justify the price.

Great interest was awakened by the discussion of the plan to open a "cocktail bar," or "over-flow" bar to function at Balls and "hops." The main issue under consideration was the situation of such a bar. The Men's Common Room had been suggested, and was still being considered. The "over-flow" bar would not only serve spirits but soft drinks and light ales.

Miss Payne announced that the Women's Hairdressing Salon would re-open next week. The new establishment has 3 cubicles and a linen room.

SERIOUS DEFICIT

Last year's "Good-Bye Ball" had a

deficit of £204, it was reported by Miss Handby. She maintained that the chief reason for this loss was that many tickets were left unsold due to the fact that many people had already gone down, and not primarily to the unjustified expense of hiring a big band . . . Geraldo, as was suggested by a member of the Committee. In the discussion it became evident that most members thought that all other things being equal, a big "name" band ought to pay its way and justify its initial expense.

NEW OFFICES

It was announced that one of the two new offices in the J.C.R. was to be set aside for the use of Society Secretaries and people with internal Union business. The typewriters would in future be kept here and as from now can be used free of deposit. The office will of course be kept locked, but the key can be obtained from the Porter's Office.

MANNERS MAKETH

It seems a pity that there should have been such a deterioration in Committee manners over the last year or so. Committees are formal and business-like affairs, and in the interests of brevity and efficiency they should be kept so. But, equally, in the interests of friendliness and good temper, it is easier for a Chairman if the modicum of courtesy and good manners are paid to the Chair. Verbum sap!

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A PACKED House, if not exactly hushed and expectant, at least in good temper and order, saw the new silver-gilt Mace of the Union carried into the R.S.H. on the occasion of the Freshers' Debate.

The President and Speaker of the House, Mr. E. V. C. De Graft Johnson opened the proceedings by calling on the new Clerk to the House and Secretary of Debates to read the Minutes of the Farewell Debate of last Session, which, written in last year's Clerk's inimitable style, did not fail to gain the House's attention, amusement and approval. In Private Business several members of the House who ought to have known better quibbled at some length about trivialities, but were dealt with by the Speaker with admirable firmness and tact. Throughout the Debate, the new President kept the House in the best order it has been for a long time, which augurs very well for this Session's A.G.M.

Miss Pat Purcell lead for the Proposition, and rose to move that "in the opinion of this House, 75% of its members ought to be elsewhere."

Miss Purcell gained the House's hearing by describing herself as a "woman in a moral dilemma," since the terms of the Motion implied that she tell the House to go to Hades, and since the 75% undoubtedly included her. But her conscience, which she astigmatised as "awful," because it did not stop her from doing things but merely prevented her enjoying them, bade her tell the House just why it did not deserve to be here.

She also made disparaging remarks about the Honourable Opposer, Mr. Keith Wilson Taylor's disposition, politics and dress-sense.

STRONG OPPOSITION

In opening for the Opposition, Mr. Taylor quoted extensively from a pamphlet which he claimed was called "Hints for Old Girls of St. Fanny's." The Hints covered all the most obvious pitfalls of a young woman at University's life; they also provided Mr. Taylor with an excuse for telling some of the oldest and most tried stories . . . with very satisfactory results as far as the audience was concerned at least. The rest of Mr. Taylor's speech was close-reasoned, polysyllabic, but our reporter only listened for the very bright pieces.

The Second Speaker for the Opposition was Mr. Martin Banham, J.V.P. and President of Devonshire Hall. Mr. Banham, who is fast becoming one of the best debaters the Union has seen in a long time, replied by disclosing that the publication which Mr. Taylor had claimed as "Hints for Old Girls" was in reality a luridly coloured specimen of the



Bing and Bob, as usual, vie for the affections of glamorous Dorothy Lamour in "Road to Bali," showing on Sunday, 23rd October, at "The Union."



THE "ROAD" TRIO ON THEIR WAY TO THE UNION

At long last the Committee who choose Sunday night film entertainment for the Union have wisely decided to "go popular." Their selection for the present term is excellent, and will give patrons a chance to see films which they unfortunately missed, and also allow the enthusiasts to see a favourite film for a second time at a reasonable price.

Four of the most entertaining and most popular films made in recent years will, we anticipate, play to a packed Union on forthcoming Sundays. The fabulous "Glenn Miller Story" and the record-breaking "Genevieve" plus the "Wages of Fear" (a film with varied attractions) and "Call Me Madam" should make this term a pleasant one for the Union cinema-goer.

Next Sunday a mystery film will be screened—"Suspicion" starring Gary Grant, Joan Fontaine and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. Alfred Hitchcock directed this film, a sufficient guarantee for suspense. Donald Duck and a B.O.A.C. documentary complete the bill.

On Sunday, 23rd October, Paramount's "Road" trio set off along the road to Bali. Messrs. Hope and Crosby and Miss Lamour once more have improbable adventures which provide adequate excuse for mirth and music.

SUNDAY'S STAR



JOAN FONTAINE

LATE SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER CLUB'S RESERVE SIDE GIVES THE LEAD

(WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th)

AFTER taking a point from the strong Carnegie side away from home, the Soccer Club's fourth eleven seemed determined to prove their worth at home against Pudsey on Wednesday (writes a "Union News" Sports correspondent).

While the first team were fighting a losing battle against Leicester, going down 5-2 despite good goals by Banks and newcomer Mellor, the humblest of the Club's representative sides kept the Soccer flag flying with a splendid 6-0 victory.

It is unfortunate that this team must of necessity be in a constant state of flux, since the side blended beautifully and showed understanding and positional sense. However, it would be unfair to prevent some of the players from moving into higher spheres as they will doubtless prove their worth when needed.

From the start the defence was compact and competent. There were no wild clearances, and the forwards should have made more of some of the excellent through passes laid on by the half-backs.

Wingman Coles soon showed the way to goal, however, with a fine drive into the top of the net. On the left wing Gladstone split the defence to give Arnsen a chance to score. The strong Swedish player made no mistake. Not to be outdone, centre-half Farbridge seized the ball just inside the visitors' half and scored with a terrific shot.

The first half had not been one-way traffic by any means, but Cox in goal had been more than capable in dealing with everything that came his way.

TWO QUICK GOALS

The second half saw two quick goals, both of which came from Arnsen, a player with a strong shot and a good head. The game lost most of its excitement but good football continued throughout the play on both sides.

The sixth and final goal was 'made' by Gladstone with a perfect corner which Coles smartly smacked into goal. The opposition was not as strong as this side will have to face in the future, but nevertheless if they play football as accurate as they displayed on Wednesday, the Fourth should win as many games as their superiors.

Many clubs ignore the achievements of their reserve sides. The Soccer Club wisely take a keen and active interest in all four teams. They will be rewarded by having an ever-present reservoir of talent available, fit and interested through participation in regular and worthwhile fixtures.

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Dear Sir,

I write this letter with the feeling that I may incur the wrath of those who regard drinking from beakers as slightly vulgar, and more in keeping with a coffee stall than a Students Union Cafeteria.

But even these people must have experienced the difficulty of carrying cups and saucers through the maze that constitutes our new 'Caf' and depositing them at length with desperate hope on the low—but very small—coffee tables, already full to capacity with plates and cigarette boxes and ash-trays.

The majority of people cannot complete this dangerous circuit for much longer without damage. How much easier were the old familiar beakers, and how much larger is the breakage bill going to be?

Most important, however, is the fact that we have not only to suffer saucers, but a shorter ration of that delectable brew—for the same price as the large beaker.

We ought not to be complacent about this matter, and accept inconvenience and short measure just because it may be thought in some circles that our new surroundings are deserving of a more refined line in china-ware.

Yours faithfully,

B. F. A. TOMS.

Dear Sir,

"The time has come," Prof. G. . . . ik said, "To talk of many things, E.g. the University, And if degrees have wings," "So bury your books, get down to work,

The Union abhor; Or else you're out upon your neck. We'll stomach you no more."

It is to be hoped that sometime in the not too distant future, certain Professors will realise that Universities are not solely institutions run by professors for professors. They often cheerfully say that the Union is, of course, essential to the student, but their attitude to students, both undergraduate and graduate, shows how little they mean what they say, and how much they treat us like children.

In the meantime of course many societies show a decline in numbers. The reason is obvious. The older members have left, and the Freshers have been scared off by what they have had drilled into them during their Conference weekend.

Mr. Banham's fears at the debate last week, have been justified, in spite of the result of the debate. Over the road the Brotherton is thriving on the influx of students; already it is beginning to look more like May in there. I trust that when May does arrive the roof of Staff House will be made into an overflow annex from the Brotherton, the City Library and the Union Library.

Who'd be a student?

Yours etc., SYDNEY P. LARTER.

Dear Sir,

I feel I must complain about the flippant reference to "Mongolian Glow Worms" in your last issue. There is, of course, no such creature, and I can only conclude that your reporter was referring to the highly important Mongolian Hairworm discovered by Prof. Tate of the British Museum in 1906.

To illustrate the importance of these fascinating beasts I need only tell you that one year's crop of worm fur supplies underpants for the entire Red Army. We can now reveal, by the way, that Mr. Beria, one time head of Russia's vast holiday camp system, did NOT die of lead poisoning. He was trampled to death by a stampeding herd of triangular-headed worms of a similar species.

Yours indignantly, WHITEHOUSE TATE-ROBINSON.

Dear Sir,

Honoured as I am by the style of "Elder Statesman," I must take exception to the coupling of my name with that of Mr. Smith who has never, at best, been more than a very inadequate "rabble-rouser."

Yours etc., HARRY CALVERT.

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Yours etc., ALAN SMITH.

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Easy Victory For The Rugby Club

By A "UNION NEWS" REPORTER

IN their first match of the season, Leeds were never fully extended and finished easy winners against Skipton by 29 points to 6. After a scrappy opening, the Leeds forwards were dominant, and from a series of quick heels half-backs Skerry and Andrew set the Leeds line going in a series of sparkling attacks, in which full use was made of the fast wingmen Nicholas and Gaunt. The result was three good tries, which with a penalty goal and a goal by Gavins, enabled Leeds to lead 14-3 at half time.

In the second half Leeds eased the pressure and paid the penalty when Skipton scored after 18 minutes, through Betnybridge. Pulling themselves together, Leeds quickly retaliated with a try by Nicholas and Gavins converted. As the game progressed Leeds became more and more dominant and soon went further ahead with tries from Black and Gaunt, both of which were converted by Gavins. The game ended with Leeds on the attack.

The Leeds backs were impressive in attack; their sure handling coupled with hard, direct running making many gaps in the Skipton defence. Fairley, Skerry had a good game, having a hand in five of the six tries. At full-back Gavins gave a faultless performance; his kicking (he converted four of the six tries) will be a valuable asset in future matches. Amongst the forwards Hirst was outstanding.

Despite the margin of their victory, the Leeds team should not feel complacent; far too many tackles were missed and the defence looked very shaky. The forwards were slow in the loose and seemed to have forgotten the value of corner-flagging; we must hope that these faults disappear as the team has more match practice.

Scores:
Tries: Gaunt 2, Nicholas 2, Trolley, Black.
Goals: Gavins 5 (1 pen.).

LEEDS SPORTSMEN HONOURED

SEVERAL members of the Rugby team have been honoured by selection for representative trials. Gavins, Goldstein and Hirst have been chosen for the U.A.U., Montgomery and Gaunt had county trials for Yorkshire. Baxter has been playing regularly for the East Midlands and P. Hubbard was a reserve in the Durham County trials.

In recognition of their successful season, the Cricket Club had four of its members, Standring, Fairley, Vandepier and Montgomery selected for the U.A.U. July tour.

Ed Elms of the Swimming Club represented the English U.A.U. against Ireland during the vacation. He was also invited to take part in a representative match at Barcelona.

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LINE OUT LEAP



This picture, taken by "Union News" photographer Frank Carter, shows Sadler leaping for the ball, while Ted Andrew (left) looks on.

HOCKEY OFF TO PROMISING START

SCARBOROUGH 1
HOCKEY CLUB 5

THE UNIVERSITY'S first game of the season was played under possibly some of the worst conditions for good hockey; a bone-hard pitch with a coarse bumpy grass, which made the ball leap and jump. Consequently, stopping and controlling the ball became exceedingly difficult.

It was obvious in the first half of the game that Leeds were a little shaky, many of the players only playing their first game of the season. A feeling of uncertainty misdirected passes, and there was too much flicking and pushing on a ground where the only way the ball would move, was when it was hit hard. Scarborough scored first, just before half time.

From the second half bully-off, it was noticeable that the team settled down and played with the conditions. Quicker on the ball, faster in the circle and hitting hard and direct instead of dribbling, it was no surprise when Leeds scored. Flowers shooting into the corner of the net.

Rodney Crook, a fresher who played for Sandhurst, followed this with two more goals — breakaways down the left wing to beat full-back

and goalkeeper. His normal position is centre-forward, but he should be dangerous on the wing, as his speed and stickwork are both good. David Wilman played one of his stout forceful games at inside right, and positioning beautifully scored two more goals.

G. O. Fitton, the centre-half, promises to be one of the most useful players if he can learn to clear the ball a little harder. His stock work is excellent and his distribution of the ball, although slow, is accurate.

So much then for the first match. With practice, and the form-shaping effect of playing together, the team should be fast-moving and dangerous. The defence has been the problem, out with W. Kirkpatrick using the ball like a master and Greenwood to strengthen the right, it should prove sound.

ROUND THE SOCIETIES

ENGINEERS' RECORD ROUND-UP

The Student-President of the Engineering Society, Mr. J. M. Caton, addressing the first meeting of the Society last week, commented upon the increased membership of the Society for this Session (over 200, including two ladies) which is a good start to what promised to be yet another active year!

He congratulated the members on their splendid efforts during Rag Week, and hoped their enthusiasm would be taken up by the Freshers.

A wide range of activities has been arranged for the Session, the highlights being a works visit to Rolls Royce, Derby, involving a security check by M.I.5, and two lectures on Nuclear Energy and Atomic Power.

The President was confident that on Smoker Day, a large number of Engineers in traditional dress (Flat hats, sticks and bow ties, and gowns?) would be in evidence at the ancient ceremony of "Bringing home the Beer."

SPEECH IS MONEY

The acclamation of the House, the laurel crown of honour, the triumph of the victorious orator and as we yours' merely by making a speech. On Thursday, October 20th at 7.0 p.m. in the R.S.H., the Debates Society, to which all Union members belong, is holding its Public Speaking Contest. (Entry Forms available from the Secretary.) Just speak for 8 minutes on any subject serious or humorous; complex or simple; political or true, and you may gain one of 3 prizes. First Prize is the Trophy for one year and £5; 2nd is £3 and 3rd is a prize of £2 for the best speech from a Fresher.

Most students make speeches, either in public or in Caf.; worth hearing, or the normal type, and often they are both stimulating and enjoyable, not to mention provocative. What better time to speak than when you have a willing audience, and the opportunity to gain by your eloquence the students' ever necessary, but ever absent companion, Cash!

STUDENT FILM-MAKERS

Students frequenting the bar one dinner-time last term found themselves roped in as extras for a comedy film, now being completed by the Film Society. The film, entitled 'Ardent Spirit,' pictures the dilemmas

of a research student who neglects his studies to distill whisky, instead. Peter Littlewood plays the student, and Mr. Morrisby, a lecturer in the Psychology Department, portrays his Professor.

LEEDS CRICKETERS LOSE U.A.U. FINAL BUT WIN CHRISTIE

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB last year enjoyed a most successful season, without managing to pull off the biggest prize of all, the U.A.U. Competition. They lost in the final to Birmingham, whom they had already outplayed in an earlier match.

It is only fair to say that for the final Leeds were without four of their regular team, namely Standring (playing for Lancashire 2nd XI), Montgomery, Akeroyd and Jackson. If these players had been available, we are sure that the trophy would have come to Leeds. However, the team won the other competition for which they entered—the Christie Cup. This they gained by winning and losing against Manchester and by twice defeating Liverpool.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Altogether the team played fourteen matches, winning eight, drawing three and losing three—against Yorkshire, Birmingham and Manchester. Most of the regular team enjoyed a successful season although at times a certain inconsistency in the batting was noticeable. The fielding was good throughout the season, although at vital periods in close matches an occasional epidemic of dropped catches struck the side. Mention must be made of Dave Wilman who took some remarkable catches close to the wicket, and of George Montgomery, an excellent slip. When any of the regulars were indisposed, there were good reserves to take their place. Chief of these were John Tattersfield and Charles Clubb who made their first appearances for the senior team in the U.A.U. final; the former scored 47 and the latter took 7 for 42. Frank Savage and Dave Tyler also gave useful performances when called upon.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next year the club will again have a very strong side, and look forward to going one better. Of the old guard, Standring, Vandepier, Fairley, Akeroyd, Montgomery, Wilman, Brown, Tattersfield, Savage, Jackson and Rutherford remain, whilst Gathorpe, a notable old boy, is back. In addition to these, there are several good freshers available, and competition for team places will be very keen. The main needs at the moment seem to be a good spinner to introduce more variety into the attack, a fast bowler, and consistent middle batsmen.

OPINION

THE hectic days of the beginning of a new session are nearly over. In the last fortnight, hundreds of freshers have performed before the critical glance of the respective club officials. Obviously not all of them will have impressed, but if they have been made welcome, that is all that matters.

Some clubs have been surprised at the increase in membership, and the Rugby club now has a record number of 130 members. This all points to the fact that the freshers of this year are a refreshingly enthusiastic crowd. If this welcome enthusiasm can be preserved and fostered, we are on the way to dealing a death-blow to the Union's old enemy—apathy.

GOALS GALORE IN OPENING GAME

Leeds Soccer Club 6
H.M.S. Ceres 6
TWELVE GOALS, fair play and a just result, plus excellent football that was as fast as it was enthusiastic, these were the ingredients that made the Soccer Third XI's opening game against H.M.S. Ceres (Wed., Oct. 6th) one to remember.

The Leeds team, composed of players from all four teams, combined creditably, and quickly took the lead thanks to goals by Devey, Blything and Banks. The fit and forceful Ceres side retaliated strongly, and led 4-3 after being 3-1 in arrears.

In the second half, the scores mounted, the pace slackened, but the excitement increased as Leeds drew level, took the lead, lost it and then, 10 minutes from time scored a sixth goal through Blything. Now the play was desperate until eventually the visitors equalised, with almost the last kick of the match.

LEADING AVERAGES

BATTING					BOWLING				
	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Highest Score		O.	M.	R.	W. Av.
Standring	10	2	292	59	Brown	86	38	132	20 6.6
Fairley	15	2	260	55	Standring	131.3	38	242	29 8.3
Akeroyd	12	3	159	62*	Van'peer	109	31	225	19 11.8
Vandepier	16	0	260	62	M'gomery	156	44	303	24 12.6
M'gomery	9	1	125	32*	Shaw	113	29	246	19 12.9
Shaw	9	3	96	51					
Wilman	10	0	135	25					

Swimming

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP REVIVED

AS a new venture the Swimming Club is reviving the Northern Universities Swimming Championship. The trophy, presented by Mrs. W. Moring-Hunter, was won by Leeds in 1938—the first and the last time the competition was held. The Club hopes that the trophy will grace the Union for as long again. The Championship will be held at Wakefield on November 5th. Although there is a serious water shortage at that town there are no indications at present that the authorities will be unable to spare a bathful.

The number of new members in the club is roughly the same as last year. They are considered very promising and will soon be competing for a place in the polo first team. This is no mean compliment to them, for only one member of the first team—David Illingworth—has left. It is strange to see a Leeds Polo team without David, for he has served the club for longer than its members can remember.

At the end of last term, the club had to say goodbye to its President, Mr. J. E. Wilde of the Physical Education Department, who has left to take up a post in Liverpool. It is through his work that the club has risen to its present healthy position. As a parting gesture, Mr. Wilde presented a silver tankard, to be competed for annually. It will be awarded to the person showing the most improvement during the year. Mr. Wilde is to be succeeded as President by Professor Le Patourel under whom we are sure the club will continue to flourish.

The Swimming Club not only welcomes swimmers, but non-swimmers

SOCCER CLUB

LOSE IN

LAST MINUTE

SOCCER CLUB 2
CARNEGIE 3

FOR their opening fixture against local rivals Carnegie, the Soccer Club 1st team showed little change from last season, but Mellor, a fresher, made his debut at inside left. Carnegie looked strong and fit and were expected to give Leeds a tough game.

Carnegie dominated the opening phases, and several times forced Piercy to make fine saves. However, against the run of play, Devey broke away. His first shot struck a post, but following up, he made no mistake with a low drive. This success encouraged Leeds and they settled down to play some attractive football. With Duncan Rhodes prominent, there was a good link between defence and attack, and the through pass was often used to good effect. Again against the run of play, however, Carnegie equalised from a corner. Just before half time, Devey, always quick to seize a chance, nipped in between a couple of defenders and put Leeds ahead.

FAST AND FURIOUS

In the second half, there was a long period of fast end to end play, which failed to produce any tangible result. There was a tendency for the Leeds inside forwards to lie too far back and leave all the raiding to Devey. Goalkeeper Piercy was always sound, and particularly pleasing was the way in which many attacks stemmed from his well-placed kicks and throws.

Towards the end, Leeds began to tire. Carnegie equalised with the defence appealing for off-side, and a minute from the end their centre-forward gained them victory, scoring a clever goal.

Leeds should not be discouraged by this result. They showed plenty of skill and team spirit, and if they continue to train hard, the extra stamina will soon come.

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