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AFTER A FORTNIGHT OF CONTROVERSY, EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCE

PETITION SUCCESSFUL - S.G.M. ON MONDAY

FOLLOWING closely on the heels of the recent referendum, which voted that undergraduate gowns should be worn by the students of this University, a petition on this subject has been handed to the House Secretary, Mr. Graham Adwick Organised by Messrs. George Smyth, Tony Astle, Tom Bloor and Selwyn Ginsberg, the petition contains 134 signatures and reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, do not regard the recent referendum on Gowns as a true indication of student opinion, and would therefore like to call a Special General Meeting to debate the question."

This statement is very misleading and does not clearly show whether the "question" to be debated is that of Gowns or the representative nature of the referendum. Therefore 'Union News' interviewed the organisers, who pointed out that, apart from the usual arguments about the inconvenience and incongruity of Gowns, they also have objections to the referendum itself.

TOO SOON

They aver that the referendum, coming as it did at the beginning of term, took place before the issue at stake could be fully considered by Union members—especially Freshers. They also believe that there was no proper control over the voting itself, and that it was quite possible for anyone to vote more than once if he or she so desired.

They claim that signatories to their petition share their views, but we wonder how many signed in the belief that they were merely supporting an anti-gown movement, and not the equivalent of a vote of censure on the Union Committee.

It is most probable that at the Special General Meeting, to be held on Monday at 1-15 p.m., the following proposition will be made: "That this House believes that the recent referendum did not record a true indication of student opinion."

Thus another important question would be raised, in addition to the controversy over gowns. Such a motion would be a vote of censure on the Executive and Union Committees which organised the referendum. All the implications are that it was not run fairly.

This could have serious repercussions on the political life of the Union, although the President, Mr. E. V. C. de Graft-Johnson has stated that "This is not a major issue on which the Union Committee can be forced to resign."

NOT AGAIN PLEASE

Should the above motion be passed, the meeting will be constitutionally free to discuss the question of gowns—BUT only if such a motion is passed. If such a debate takes place, and the House decides that gowns should not be worn—even if less students vote on the matter than through the referendum—then that should end the issue, the referendum having been rejected as unfair. Thus it is of importance that every student should attend the meeting. We don't want petitions saying that the result of the S.G.M. was unrepresentative.

A FIERY FORTNIGHT

Seldom has controversy raged so fiercely within the Union precincts as during the past fortnight, when heated discussions have taken place almost continuously over the question of gowns. The referendum result—banner headlines in 'Union News'—hit the populace like a bomb. There was an unprecedented rush on the Union newspaper, and by lunchtime every copy had been purchased, establishing a record sale.

The House Secretary's reaction to the headline and its effects were prompt and to the point. In a letter to the Editors, he says, "Judging by the comments of the Press on the result of the referendum, it has



"Union News" photographer Frank Carter was on the spot to take this picture, when the Union "Chartists"—Tom Bloor, Tony Astle, George Smyth and Selwyn Ainsbury presented their petition to House Secretary Graham Adwick. Brian Montgomery (G.A.S.) looks on, while the President is unperturbed.

apparently caused an internal 'heated controversy.' The Union Committee, and the Executive in particular, have been accused of all forms of corruption and scheming in an effort to get a positive reply to the referendum.

A TRUE PICTURE

As I drafted the referendum and counted the votes, I would like a chance to present a true picture of the referendum. The Executive felt, and still do feel, that the forms should be given to as many students as possible, and what better time than registration days, when all students are assembled together? We did not give them out on registration days hoping that students would not bother to read them. We naturally assumed that the majority of students, being of reasonable intelligence, would realise that we were not over there giving out forms merely for our own amusement. In fact it made more work for Union Committee members on the Union table.

Students have complained that they did not get a form, but I know that over 2,000 forms were given out at the table; and another 500 were issued from the Union office (for late registration), and at the Medical School.

PLENTY OF TIME

It is argued that not enough time was given to study the referendum, or enough publicity given. This is erroneous, as all students were given at least a week in which to return the forms and the preamble to the referendum stated clearly the implications, expected cost and the consequence of the referendum. What more was needed? On the last 2 days only 47 forms were returned, emphasizing that those who had a mind on this subject

had made it up almost immediately. Surely on a question like this, it is just a case that (a) you fancy wearing a gown; (b) you don't fancy wearing a gown or (c) you are easy anyway. Obviously 57% of the students consulted have no definite inclination one way or the other, and it is ridiculous for those who are set against gowns to claim that they did not get a fair chance to study the referendum or its consequence.

Some have said—thinking that it would not be passed—they did not bother to vote. How lazy, apathetic and irresponsible can some students get? And further, before the closing date for the return of forms, the general trend of the referendum was published in a local paper.

The Executive have been accused of 'cooking' the results. This is not a pleasant reflection on the Exec. or on the U.C. Like the general body of the Union, both the Exec. and the U.C. are divided on the likes and dislikes of wearing gowns. But we are prepared to acknowledge the majority opinion of the Union.

Students who dodged taking a form, did not trouble to read the one they were given, or did not bother to reply, surely must censure themselves and not officials who are acting with the utmost sincerity.

Mr. Adwick thus gives a clear picture of the official attitude on this subject, and it is impossible to doubt the honesty of his motives as an efficient and clear-sighted House Sec. The question of gowns must still be decided on the basis of 'What do the Union members really want,' however, and the forthcoming Special General Meeting is therefore all-important. Will you be there?

LEEDS TRIES AGAIN

Once again the N.U.S. is holding an Inter-Varsity Debating Tournament, the object of competition being this year a debating Mace presented by the "Observer." The regional final is to be held at Leeds later in the year, but meanwhile Leeds is paired with Hull in a preliminary round to be held at Hull on November 2nd.

The teams which will try to bring debating honours to Leeds are:

1. Mr. Alan Smith and Mr. Martin Banham.
2. Mr. John Johansen-Berg and Mr. Keith Wilson Taylor.
3. Miss Mildred Smith and Miss Pat Purcell.

Here are some of our finest "names" let us wish them, not luck, but all possible eloquence.

ON THE SPOT

SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDATE TODAY

TODAY is your final day for the election of a candidate to the seat on Union Committee made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Dennis Jopling. These thumb-nail sketches may be of use in helping you to place your vote.

ALAN BROOKS.

Has done a great deal of work for Grants and Welfare—indispensable man—and having been elected secretary for the West Riding Grants Committee, is already an ex-officio member of Union Committee. Also a prominent member of Engineering Soc., and helped to organise last year's remarkable Engineer's Ball.

BRIAN BURDETT.

Member of Woodsley Hall, has worked hard in a more-or-less "Small Back Room" atmosphere: Union Library Committee, Methodist Soc., and S.C.M. Also plays Table Tennis, Cricket and Football, and was a group leader at the Fresher's Conference.

BRYAN SPINK.

Also of Woodsley, achieved notable sporting success in his first year, playing for the University Hockey and Cricket First Teams. He was chosen, still in his first year, for the U.A.U. Hockey team, and this year he is Hon. Sec. of the Hockey Club.

PETER FINGRET.

Registration Officer at the Fresher's Conference, and a valuable part of last year's Rag, in which he was more especially the organiser of Rag dances. In all his many activities he is conscientious, unassuming and pleasant: all valuable qualities for a Union Committee member.

KEITH WILSON TAYLOR.

Joint Secretary for this year's Fresher's Conference, is very well-known throughout the Union, being easily recognised by his bright-coloured waistcoats. He has figured prominently and fluently in debates and in the Conservative Association.

GEORGE TAYLOR.

We saw last year in Theatre Group's "Othello." His excellent work for Rag Publicity was reflected in the outstanding financial success. A member of Devonshire Hall, he frequently annoys fellow inmates by blowing his trumpet (no figurative allusions intended).

DEATH OF Y.S.O. WAS...

A TRAGIC FARCE

by our Music Correspondent

The new Music Committee of Leeds has booked a wealth of orchestral talent for the coming season, and music lovers in the District will doubtless seize the opportunity to hear these world-famous orchestras. The Y.S.O. is now a thing of the past and little more than a fast fading memory. The City Council, in its wisdom, announced some months ago that the Orchestra had to go; and then let it play its way to annihilation, die a lingering death! Was the demise necessary, was it just?

Granted the orchestra was far from perfect: it was only eight years old—and yet it showed signs of future greatness on many occasions. With Malko in control there would have been no limit to its capabilities: the relationship between him and the players was very friendly and he ranks among the world's great conductors.

The reason for the demise was not aesthetic but political. The management left much to be desired—what can one expect when the control comes from a Civic Hall, rather than from a source directly associated with the orchestra? A scheme was devised for running the Y.S.O. as a society with Malko as artistic and music director: but the City Council never really considered this, taking the atti-

tude "if we can't run it, we're not letting any one else try."

Far worse than that, however, is the fact that these famous orchestras have obviously been booked for a considerable length of time: possibly before the general public was aware that there was even a possibility of the winding-up of the Y.S.O. In other words there was behind all the trouble an element which for various reasons decided that it and the Y.S.O. could not exist together. This, of course, rendering the battle that raged over the orchestra, pure farce.

Norman del Mar said at the final concert that in addition to being a 'melancholy occasion' it bode ill for the future of music. Too true, if music is going to be politically dominated—Roll on 1984.

SECOND CASUALTY

The election taking place today is occasioned by the resignation from Union Committee of one of the few remaining "old stalwarts," Denis Jopling.

In his letter to the President Mr. Jopling said that although he had been elected while a full-time member of the University, he was no longer had that status, and was thus not constitutionally qualified to hold his seat. Mr. Jopling is now employed with a Leeds concern, so will still be very much on the scene.

Denis Jopling has served on the Union Committee for a year and devoted much time and effort to his jobs on Entertainment and Catering Committees. Early last year he organised a successful enquiry into the complaints against Lawson Hardy's, the Union outfitter; he also shouldered the unrewarding job of Rag Vice Chairman with much enthusiasm. He was always well-known as a leading member of Motor Club, of which he was at various times Secretary and President. He was also actively concerned with Conservative Association throughout his Union career.

Many spheres of Union activity will sadly miss "Denis," and Union Committee in particular will miss his outspokenness, hard work and earnest enthusiasm.

10 YEARS AGO

From "Union News" October, 1946

OVER 750 dancers, half the University population, crowded the Union for the first post-war Union Ball. Evening Dress once more came back into its own, especially for the female population with the lifting of the austerity ban which inhibited the occasion during the war.

Due mainly to the lowering of gas pressure by the Civic Authorities between the hours of 11 a.m. 12 a.m., huge queues of students were forced to wait impatiently for lunch-time coffee in the cafeteria.

The Rag raised a grand total of £2,300.

The House Secretary reported that the idea of a barber's shop in the Men's Cloakroom was under consideration by the University Authorities. A bicycle shed was under construction in the Union grounds.

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**SPEECH
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THE Public Speaking Contest, organised by the Debates Committee, took place on Thursday, Oct. 20th, before an audience of some 120. There was a record number of entrants, sixteen in all, of which four were freshers, five were overseas students and two were ladies.

The choice of subjects ranged from 'A plea for Semantics' to 'A defence of the actions of Delilah', not forgetting the speech on our friends over the narrow stretch of water to the right, coming in from the North. After the speakers had exhausted their subjects or their time, Mr. Barrington Black delivered the verdict of the judges, Mr. Alan Smith, Miss Pat Purcell and himself. After a few pertinent remarks he declared that Mr. M. Cohen, speaking long and lustily, and carrying the audience with him in spite of not defining his subject 'Weltmertz', had gained the Public Speaking Trophy, presented by Mr. Black, and a five pounds cash prize.

Mr. Allan, with his choice "a warning and revelation" gained the second prize of two pounds, and Mr. Toshwall, with a well-reasoned, nervous, and eloquent speech on "Why I fear to speak in public," gained the prize for the best first year speaker.

The competition held two surprises, first, the high standard which speakers in the Union can reach and secondly, the hidden talent that has so far been clouded in obscurity and which, we hope, will be very evident in the future.

Approximately 2,900 Union members missed an entertaining and worthwhile evening.

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IT HAPPENED ELSEWHERE
Student Hunger Strike — Ban On Drink

Witch Doctors College

AN investigation made in the University of Uppsala, showed that married students study harder than any others. They should know, for 22.6% of these Swedish students are enjoying marital bliss side by side with their academic studies. Another interesting discovery was that married men with debts were willing to help in the domestic chores. Men in a better financial position made every effort to avoid such responsibilities. Women in debt let the housework go hang.

Seems students are the same wherever you go.

OR are they? Kyoto University students pressed home their demands for their annual university strike by locking their university Rector in his room and keeping him prisoner for ten hours. The Rector refused to withdraw his previous decisions, and so did the students, and it was not until the police were called that the Rector was freed—still adamant. University authorities accused the students of the incident: the students accused the authorities. But the heavy hand of the law won the day, for six students were arrested and two expelled for attacking the irate Rector, and the whole student body was disbanded.

A brave attempt at student democracy.

FIVE would-be students at Lima University who failed the University entrance examination went on a hunger-strike in protest of their refusal of admission, and the exorbitant demands of the faculties for accepting students. They were supported by the whole student body who ordered a sympathy strike. The authorities countered by closing the university. The strike spread to three more universities, and as a result the Rector of Lima informed the Ministry of Education that the matter was beyond the scope of his disciplinary power. The law once again stepped into the midst of a student rebellion, and the Chief Judge ordered that the original strikers should be put into the police hospital on a charge of illegal attempted suicide. On safe ground at last, the university reopened after being closed for a month, and no action on behalf of student pleas was taken.

Yet another instance of thwarted student demands.

A HUNDRED African witch-doctors met recently in Pretoria to discuss the possibilities of founding a college for witch-doctors at a cost of £10,000. They hope to get Government recognition as "herbalists."

No need for a Student Health Service?

STUDENTS at Birmingham University have been asked to refrain from the usual student "let-roll reception" when the Queen visits the city on November 3rd. The Lord Mayor has appealed to Freshers to "use their influence with older undergraduates" and to greet Her Majesty in a manner that is "dignified, generous and worthy."

Not, however, truly representative.

S.C.M. student members at Hobart University whose tradition includes nocturnal walks, have rejected the suggestion of a talk on "sex" on the objection of one female member that she did not want her "mid-night walks turned into experiments."

Wise girl.

IT'S a hard life at Aberdeen University. Two students there were accused of being drunk at the New Term dance a fortnight ago and in consequence have been banned every single University social function for the entire academic year. The stern views on temperance held by the Principal of the University are well known: each Fresher receives a lecture on the "Evils of Drink" as soon as he sets a tentative foot inside Aberdeen University precincts. The Principal attended this particular dance, but he did not take part in any way. Instead he went on a detailed tour of inspection—even visiting the cloakrooms—and took the names of several students who had been drinking, telling them to report to him on the following Monday. It is believed that the two condemned men did not reappear until Tuesday—and have reaped their reward. There is talk of a petition to the Student Representative Council: there would certainly be a protest at Leeds.

Blow you Mac, I'm alright.

ROUND THE SOCIETIES—

A PICTURESQUE VIEW OF CHESS

OF all the clubs and societies that surround us in Union life, only the Chess Club caters for anyone with a craving for abstract aestheticism.

For it is in the mind where chess games are contested, it is in the mind where the analysis begins and ends, and it is in the mind where one is either the victor or the vanquished. The board is a mere showcase of a player's thoughts, and it can be likened to a window, through which one can peer into the gymnasium of his mind.

Often it is said that chess is a slow game in which one can hibernate until your opponent is making his next move. Nothing can be further from the truth. One need only watch the eyes of a chess player, as they scan the board in a rapid and almost frantic manner, or our captain, Neville Baxter, as he chews away at both scarf and fingers, to realise that it is otherwise. Then there are our ten-second-per-move tournaments in which competitors grow more grey hairs and develop more peculiar irregularities than the unknown political prisoner.

However, in spite of these hectic moments, we manage to play serious chess when the occasion demands; we are playing extremely hard this season, so that next April should see us still holding the I.M. Brown Shield, which at the present moment is proudly arrayed in the showcase on the Union top corridor.

Like most chess teams, ours is one of individuals—very queer ones as well—for apart from the above-mentioned Mr. Baxter, there is reported to be a former English junior chess champion, some very odd Educ., and a most peculiar secretary who, if he is not gazing vacantly into space, is always to be found meditating in the Brotherton.

If YOU too want to push pawns across a board, come and join us on Thursday evenings and ENJOY YOURSELF.

David Denham-Hutchinson.

SERIOUSNESS IN DEBATE on—

COWARDICE IN AFRICA

Before the proceedings of the first term-time debate began, Porter Mr. Naylor gave ominous warning of what Mr. de Graft-Johnson's attitude in the chair was likely to be by bringing in, with all due ostentation, Mr. President's hammer. There was, however, no need of this in a debate which opened and continued with an unusual quietness and seriousness.

Mr. Johansen-Berg, the secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting with only few hesitations, calling attention to Miss Purcell's "moral dilemma" and reproducing several of the funny stories, "which ended—I believe." There can be little doubt that John Johansen-Berg will be a worthy successor to Alan Smith.

Mr. Maclean—"literally the father of the house"—wished Mr. de Graft-Johnson all success in his year as President, and proposed the motion that, "In the opinion of this House, Apartheid is a form of Cowardice." Mr. Maclean's speech was not very convincing, although it showed to the full the advantage of his legal training, commencing as it did, with definitions of "apartheid" and "cowardice;" apartheid is simply separation, and cowardice is ignoble action in the face of fear.

THE FACTS

He quoted several facts and figures vividly describing "heinous" methods of government and the squalor of native conditions; T.B. is rife and "dog licenses" are the basis of existence. Dr. Malan—"trained in theology"—removed the ordinary decent privileges of these people, and was likened to a mighty giant wielding a huge sword over a babe because he feels there might be some secret weapon concealed. Natives are human—the blessings given by God to this world are for the full enjoyment of all men. Mr. Maclean then hoped his second, Miss Mildred Smith, would give the full emotional charge—"or discharge"—to the motion.

RELEVANCE

Mr. Johansen-Berg, for the opposition, was glad to see a woman in a serious debate, although he only knew Miss Smith by reputation. (Chuckles!) His speeches might be more convincing had Mr. Johansen-Berg not that emotional, rhetorical tone of voice, so misplaced in a debate of this nature; but he brought relevance back into the debate, "The motion is not that Apartheid is right or wrong, not that apartheid is impracticable, but that apartheid is a form of cowardice." Are the men who, like General

Smuts, made this policy, to be called cowards? Apartheid was a real attempt to solve the problems of the colour-bar, after other methods had been rejected as impracticable—is this cowardice?

TECHNICAL BRILLIANCE

After such glowing introductions, Miss Smith could scarcely wait to hear what she had to say, and she had not much to say. Mr. Johansen-Berg had been insincere, even with himself. Apartheid is antiquated—The Boers were afraid to admit they were wrong in the first place. On the problem of marriages, ordinary marriages are mixed—Man marries a Woman (heartly agreement). Miss Smith's speech was a display of technical brilliance in debating.

Mr. John Greenshaw seconded the Opposition, and though disagreeing heartily with Mr. Johansen-Berg's liberal reasons, gave from his own point of view, a very stimulating economic examination of the conditions in Africa.

A DIGNIFIED SMITH

Speeches from the floor then followed—bedraggled and unintelligible speeches, that of Alan Smith (very dignified with his walking-stick) being the only one free from this stigma. He said that Miss Smith had changed the colour of her hair to suit her politics; he welcomed up and coming youngsters as secretaries of the Union; questioned that apartheid was cowardice, and said it was merely the instinct of self-preservation.

After Mr. President had given a very sensible speech reminding us of what we had to think, Mr. Johansen-Berg and Mr. Maclean summed up brilliantly. Mr. Johansen-Berg opposed the motion as "worded—apartheid despite being evil and impracticable, is not necessarily cowardice." Mr. Maclean tried to bring us round to the idea that apartheid is moral cowardice and seemingly succeeded, the motion being carried by 120-61, with 15 abstentions. Nevertheless one felt that Mr. Johansen-Berg alone was relevant, and Mr. Greenshaw alone said anything practical.

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

by C. R. FORD

The function of the Entertainments Committee is to keep EVERYBODY happy ALL the time. Judging by the attendance at the Saturday "Barn" dances, it would appear that everybody is happy, especially when they can find space to breathe. The first Saturday "hops" of the Session broke all records—over 1500 people gaining entrance to the Building.

In order to relieve the crowding, efforts are being made to engage a second band to play in the Social Room and restore a facility which has been sadly missed this year! In response to many requests different bands will appear occasionally and inflict themselves upon us, while the Clubmen will still be giving us the music we are used to and playing the Mambo and the Gay Gordons, as requested. Another pressing problem that has arisen with the opening of the University House, is the crowding of the Bar. Negotiations for a relief Bar are in hand, but as they involve protracted dealings with the Licensing Justices, patrons are advised to take their own buckets with them this term.

HEATH'S HERE!

The highlights of this term's social activities is undoubtedly the Union Ball. Following the policy set by last year's Entertainments Secretary of functions, booked for the Union Ball is Mr. Ted Heath and his Orchestra. The demand for tickets is sure to be large and arrangements have been made for their fair distribution. These will be published on the Union notice-boards.

Another star-attraction will be the appearance of the Ray Ellington

Quartet at a "hop" organised by the Rhythm Club.

STRAW IN YOUR HAIR

The Agric. Ball gives the Session a send-off and provides an opportunity to get straw in your hair in comfort. Similarly you may get a half-hundredweight of best cobbles at the Miner's Ball held at the end of November, when the long Leeds night begins.

On a less grandiose scale the Wednesday Hops, run by various societies, are well worth a visit as they retain many of the facilities of Saturday Hops without the attendant crowding. It should be noted that any Union society or club may run socials in both Old and New Buildings but bookings must be made through the Union Office.

Misunderstandings often arise about double tickets for socials; these must be bought before 5 p.m. on the day of the dance, and if a "cousin from Australia" arrives unexpectedly at 6 p.m., you've had it! (Actual story told to the porter and committee man on the door during last session.)

The Entertainments Committee welcome constructive criticism and suggestions, and will no doubt hold referendums every market day and Pancake Tuesday to decide on a tune for the last waltz.

THIS IS MY VIEW

By "PERSPEX"

In some quarters and even occasionally in high places which ought to know better, it is sometimes forgotten that the Union is primarily a union of societies and clubs covering the whole range of undergraduate activity. To these and for the benefit of these, it owes its existence. It should follow then, that any society or club that is recognised, no matter what its size, should have an equal chance of carrying out its activities under the best conditions that the Union can, with fairness to the others, afford.

Total amnesia of these principles seems to have temporarily smitten high places in the case of the Rifle Club, whose activities will be severely curtailed if some provision is not quickly made by those in authority for the storing of their rifles and other equipment.

CARRYING THE CAN

In the past the Club has stored its rifles in a locker in the Range, where they were accessible at all times to the members. Since the I.R.A. scare, however, the police have tightened up on regulations regarding firearms, and have forbidden the Club to keep its guns in the Range, which they claim is inadequately secure.

Since then, the Secretary has been trying to persuade the Union authorities, to provide the Club with somewhere to keep the rifles. The latter claim that there is no available space anywhere in the Union which will conform with police regulations about responsibility for the arms. In the meanwhile the rifles are being kept in the T.A. quarters, where they are safe but almost inaccessible to members save at the most inconvenient times.

PASSING THE BUCK

This situation is of course ruining the Clubs chances of practising, and as we go to press, has been aggravated by an "ultimatum" from the Union which says that the Club must find its own store-place, write a report and submit it to the University, in the hope that some place might be available in the main buildings.

Perhaps "victimisation" is too harsh a word, but "unfair neglect" certainly is not.

POOR RETURNS

Union Cinema is one of the few facilities the Union provides which runs at a considerable profit. It is a very popular amenity and its charges are very reasonable. This however, should be no excuse for giving poor value for money; an uneconomical policy at the best of times.

There is little any patron can complain about in the choice of films, although the "shorts" could be more varied. Of late many excellent films have been shown and the balance of the programme from week to week is admirable.

However, last Sunday night during the showing of "The Road to Bali" the film repeatedly broke down and even the civilised portion of the audience became restive; the rowdy element completely lost patience so that what little of the film that could be heard and seen was eclipsed by the usual "music," "quips" and stamping. A large section of the audience got up and left before the end, so pointlessly was it to stay.

RIGHTLY SO?

One correspondent this week complains of the bad manners of the audience, and certainly as a matter of principle he is justified. But some schools of thought might say that in the case of Sunday night's fiasco, they were justified in their exhibition.

If such a state of affairs prevails for much longer the profits certainly won't! No matter whose fault it is . . . suppliers, projectionists or audience, the Committee might try to remedy some of the more obvious defects.

WOT NO

Devon's Freshers' Weekend came and went without any great stir, as far as the Union was concerned, at least. In fact it hardly stirred a ripple. No doubt the effects of the ritual torture were felt just as painfully by the Devon green 'uns themselves, but we remained untouched and slightly surprised. The display in the Brotherton was scarcely up to standard either. Well! Well!

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PROFESSIONAL TOUCH FOR PIRANDELLO

Theatre Group's most ambitious year has already had an auspicious start in the unexpected return of Malcolm Rogers to the list of active members, and his agreement to play 'The Leading Man' in Pirandello's 'To-Night We Improvise'... the first major play of the session.

Though only Union members of fourth year status and over will remember Malcolm, his name is known to many later arrivals, and always in connection with one of the highest levels of acting ever reached by the Group.

His career since leaving Leeds has only strengthened that opinion. On going down from the University he went to R.A.D.A. on a Leverhulme Scholarship, staying there for two years and getting his London University Diploma of Dramatic Art. Since then, and during his vacations from R.A.D.A., he has been gaining professional experience in repertory at North Devon and Cardiff, and with the Canterbury Players.

At the moment he is teaching at Barnsley Grammar School, continuing his theatrical career in his out of school time, where his activities are by no means confined to Theatre Group.

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FRESH TALENT
The cast with Malcolm will also be of interest to people that have considered that Theatre Group is a closed-shop society. The Leading Lady is Miss Julia Jonathon, a first year Arts student, and the second male lead is Mr. David Crouch, also a first year. Over half of the supporting players and most of the backstage staff are new-comers to the University, and we are hoping that

this encouraging beginning will lead others to offer their services, if they feel that there is anything they can do, or anything that they would be interested in trying for the first time.

This play, possibly the most ambitious ever attempted by the Group, offers full scope to anyone with any stage leanings at all. With the number of new people now in positions of responsibility, the ideal of creating a society in which everyone can play a part, seems nearer fulfilment than for some years.

MATURING INFLUENCE

The Group still need stage-crew and a back-stage staff for publicity, and any volunteers will be welcomed... and provided with work. There is no need to feel that this will take more time than can be spared, as each person can help according to his or her amount of spare time.

Theatre Group can supply a definite part in University life, for many people are inclined to forget that a degree gained solely on academic work, with no subsequent increase in personal maturity won from a reasonable amount of society work, is transgressing one of the basic ideals of a University education

"THE STAMP OF GREATNESS"

MALCOLM ROGERS

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"HENRY IV"
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AT THE UNION CINEMA

Masterly Film of Nightmare Driving

Union Cinema this Sunday presents one of the highlights of this year's programmes: the outstanding French film "The Wages of Fear." Acclaimed as one of the finest films since the war, it has won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival and the British Film Academy Award for the best film of 1954.

Henri-Georges Clouyot directs this masterpiece, which tells of the nightmare drive of two trucks loaded with nitro-glycerine to a blazing oilwell in Central America. The slow-moving sequences of the squalid town with its wretched inhabitants shown at the beginning of the film contrast superbly with the suspense and thrills that follow through to the end. The performances of Yves Montand and Charles Vanel in particular matches the standard of the story and the film's direction. Altogether, this film should not be missed.

ABOUT GOWNS - BAD MANNERS THE BAR-& THAT WORM AGAIN

APOLOGY

Dear Sir,
Whilst apologising for my conduct in using a bar stool as a footrest, I must object to the use of the picture of my action in connection with your article "Action Against Abuse."

Your article deals, in a general manner, with a small minority who are being wilfully offensive. However, the only indication of the identity of this minority is a photograph of my friends and myself. Yet other members of the Union, who have broken and ill-treated furniture, who have caused offence by their singing of bawdy songs, whose identities presumably known are spared public exposure.

I can only assume, therefore, that the "Union News" considers my action to be more serious because it came to the notice of the general public. If this is so it indicates that "Union News" believes in the adage "Thou shalt not be found out!" This is a state of moral maladjustment which shocks and grieves me to find in a group of students who have a greater opportunity than any other of influencing student opinion in Leeds.

I must also point out that other people appear on the photograph, who are liable, thereby, to be associated in the minds of their fellow students with your nameless minority. This is most unfair to them, as their only crime was that of not telling me to remove my foot from the stool.

Yours etc.,
Bar Patron.

LASTEST SOCCER SUCCESSES

(Wednesday, October 26th)

Leeds University 1st 2 v Hull University 0 (home)
Leeds University 2nd 3 v Hull University 3 (home)
Leeds University 3rd 5 v Neville Hill 1 (away)
Leeds University 4th 3 v Elland 2 (away)

CHILDISH ANTICS

Dear Sir,
As a graduate of this University may I beg you to express, through your paper, my disgust at the display of childishness, low mentality and bad manners at the Union Cinema on Sunday, October 23rd.

My wife and I were defamed by a crowd of moronic hooligans, well equipped with all the nursery paraphernalia: drums, rattles and hooters. Their mental age can be judged by the fact that only Donald Duck was within their mental compass and so relative quiet was accorded to him. No respect was given for any pictures of sacred buildings.

During the past five years I have never seen such an exhibition of hooliganism. The present selection of under-graduates ought to be either in kindergartens or remand homes. The repeated pathetic failures of the projection apparatus did not help matters, but surely the audience knows that the projectorists—lucky man—cannot hear their inane stampings and howlings.

I am no killjoy but please let any interruption to the programme be witty and intelligent, as is befitting to members of a University.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. L. WALKER, B.Sc.

WORM'S EYE VIEW

Editors note: This letter has been translated from its original Mongolian wormic by our Foreign Correspondent.

Dear Sir,
Since my learned friend Whitehouse Tate-Robinson deemed it necessary to take up the matter of Mongolian Hairworms in a highly technical, highly spirited, highly diluted form of argument, I feel I must reply in the same highly technical, highly etc., etc., form.

First of all, the Mongolian Hairworm, although it is a hairworm, is a glow worm. This is undoubtedly shown to be so in the book "Glow to work with Beefer!"—given free to all worms with every 27 tins of Esso-glow, the fuel oil for Mongolworms). Secondly, it was not discovered by Prof. Tate—he was too busy at the time inventing the British Museum.

Thirdly, the Red Army is not issued with furry underpants from these fascinating beasts owing to the danger of contacting the skin disease monhairgolianitis—a disease peculiar to the Red Army.

Finally, there never was a Mr. Ber'a in charge of the vast Russian holiday camp system—this has always been managed by Taylor, Taylor, Wilson and Taylor, late of Camp Road.

Yours highly etc.,
RATEPAYING MONGOLIAN HAIR GLOW WORM.
P.S. I just thought you'd like to know.

LET'S FACE IT!

Dear Sir,
I seem to recall having seen the word "Social" on the tickets of last Saturday night's hop—and I can think of nothing less appropriate. It was too crowded to justify even the name of hop—'shambles'—perhaps, with the treading on toes, laddering of nylons, the jostling, rib digging and bumping in the "free for all" on the dance floor, not to mention the crush (besides the fruit drink kind) in the bar—one student had a few glasses of beer poured over his immaculate grey shirt. Here's one person, at least, for whom the "hops" have gone down the wrong way!

Let's face it: there are too many outsiders at the hops—and there just is not enough room to make even a pretence at dancing. What with the assortment of types, the booping, and the like, the Union on Saturday nights is fast becoming like some 3rd rate dance. Let's have smaller, friendlier, more sociable Saturday socials, please, and let those who prefer the atmosphere of a "low dive" go to one, and leave more room in the Union for those who don't.

AUDREY M. PEET.

L.U.U. DEBATING SOCIETY

INTER-VARSITY DEBATE on the motion that

"This House likes pomp in the right circumstance"

Thursday, Nov. 10th, 8.0 p.m. Social Room

READERS WRITE

ABOUT GOWNS - BAD MANNERS THE BAR-& THAT WORM AGAIN

THE GOWN CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,
I was stunned to read the headlines of your last issue: "Student vote favours gowns."

After several enquiries my fears were borne out in that I discovered that:

1. Insufficient ballot forms were provided for the total number of under-graduates who registered.

2. Several students filled in up to four forms each.

3. Many voted for the under-graduate gowns as a joke, believing that there was no possibility that their vote would win.

4. Eight hundred freshers were issued with forms. Many of these freshers, having just entered the University, would probably be biased by the deceptive distinction afforded by the wearing of these gowns which is only a superficial one, and artificial to the last degree.

May I now attempt to disprove and demolish the facts which have been put forward in favour of gowns. It has been suggested that gowns should be worn because they "add much to the dignity and atmosphere of academic life."

Their success at Oxford and Cambridge is undeniable, for black under-graduate gowns, sombre and old-fashioned in appearance blend suitably with the sombre, ancient and majestic buildings of these Universities. In addition to that, the wearing of academic gowns at the above Universities is a time-honoured tradition, a custom which is a binding and integral part of the University life. Must we seek inspiration for adopting customs from Universities of ancient vintage? Cannot Leeds University retain its independence by rejecting the proposal that under-graduate gowns be worn? The informality of dress at Leeds University has become as firm a

Dear Sir,
In your last issue you questioned whether the vote on gowns was truly representative of Union opinion. Undoubtedly there were many, as you suggest, who were not in favour of gowns, but who did not record a vote.

This, however, makes no difference to the validity of the result. Surely what is open to question is the voting procedure. Over a week elapsed once the ballot papers had been issued, before the ballot count took place. There was thus an opportunity for people to record more than one vote, merely by collecting spare ballot papers. The Returning Officer has in fact admitted that a bunch of ballot papers was found in one box.

It has been argued that both those "for" and "against" can play at that game. I agree, but people who are willing to act on a referendum, the procedure of which is open to such abuse, must be sadly lacking in principles.

Yours faithfully,
B. F. A. TOMS.

DONALD WOLFIT VISITS THE UNION

MR. DONALD WOLFIT announced to an appreciative audience in a very crowded social room on Wednesday, that he always managed to get up to the University when in Leeds, and though it was five years since his last visit he had now come to give an account of his stewardship.

Speaking easily and informally, he then outlined some of the tasks that had been occupying his attention since his last visit. They included films and radio and television work, but far more important, the conquest of new roles, such as Tamburlaine, and the two parts of Oedipus played as a single performance. From there Mr. Wolfit continued with an analysis from the inside of the troubles that beset the theatre today, financial and artistic. The future did not sound over cheerful, with more and fewer financial worries, and fewer and fewer play-wrights. Yet the enthusiasm and idealism with which Mr. Wolfit spoke of his profession made one feel that, whatever the difficulties, as long as there were still actors and actor-managers of his calibre, there was no danger of the theatre dying.

When he had finished his address, members of the audience then asked questions that brought amusing yet well-considered replies, always coming back to the point that the theatre has a definite contribution to make and that no other medium can give as much to an audience as one in which they themselves help to create the atmosphere. Mr. Wolfit kept nobly to his promise not to quote from the parts he had played, past or present, but the few lines spoken in reply to Mr. Wilson Knight's vote of thanks, made one wish that he had relented before.

While he is still in Leeds, acting in a new play that is of great dramatic interest, we hope that as he came to see us, we on our side, will not miss the opportunity of seeing one of the best actors of today.

JOHN B. SUTCLIFFE.

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THE DECEIVERS—John Masters
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NEWCOMERS STAR IN THE SOCCER CLUB REVIVAL

DOUBLE FIGURES IN CUP WIN

Soccer Club 10: Kershaws Sports 1.

NEWCOMER Laurie Graham celebrated his debut in the Senior Soccer XI by scoring four goals against Kershaw's Sports in the First Round of the Leeds and District Challenge Cup (Saturday, October 15th). One week earlier he had been playing in the 4th XI, but his crisp, shrewdly placed scoring shots and clever ball distribution proved him well able to hold his own in higher company. Stan Fish was also on top form, scoring an excellent hat-trick.

Leeds looked the better side from the start but hesitancy in front of goal was responsible for there being no score after twenty minutes. However, once Cliff, also making his debut, opened the scoring, goals followed in heart-warming plenty, and by half-time, Leeds were four up.

OUTCLASSED

The defence was geared to attack, and throughout the second half they plied the forwards with a stream of well-placed passes. Although the opposition fought gamely they were completely outclassed, and it was only the brilliance of their goalkeeper which prevented the score from being even higher.

It is difficult to make any general criticisms in view of the weakness of the opposition. However, if Leeds continue to serve up such attractive displays of fast attacking football they should enjoy a successful season. Their chief weakness seemed to be an occasional lack of understanding between backs and goalkeeper which better opposition might have exploited to advantage. It is too early to cast judgment on the experiment of playing Derek Devey's at inside-right. At first he seemed somewhat out of place in a strange position, but later on he settled down and scored a couple of first-class goals.

Team: Pierce, Don Rhodes, Bramwell, Horton, Underdown, Duncan Rhodes, Banks, Devey, Graham, Cliff, Fish.

HAPPY ENDING

King's College, Newcastle 2
Soccer Club 2
October 19th.

The Soccer Club made a bad start in their match at Newcastle. The players seemed unused to the greasy pitch and the defence was very shaky. They could not complain of a two goals deficit at half-time.

Fortunately the second half brings a different story. Derek Devey rallied his team well and the half-back line began to get on top. Goals by Graham and Devey levelled the score and in the last ten minutes they made an all out effort to snatch victory. But although they came close, the handicap of Graham limping on the left wing was too much, and they had to be content with a draw.

McGuire deputising for Brian Underdown at centre-half had to face a U.A.U. player, but he proved equal to his task. Banks, showing much more confidence this season, was outstanding on the right wing and gave the opposing back an unhappy afternoon.

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Centre-half, McGuire, and goal keeper, Machin, avert a dangerous corner whilst Barlow and Hodgson guard the goalmouth — picture taken by Frank Carter at the 2nd XI soccer match against the league leaders, Huddersfield N.A.L.G.O. on Saturday. Leeds won a draw game by one goal to nil. Symmonds was the scorer and was the outstanding player in a forward line which seldom looked dangerous. Huddersfield had three-quarters of the play, but lack of shooting power and stout defensive work by Beattie and McGuire contributed to their downfall.

WOMEN'S SPORT

HOCKEY CLUB GAIN 3 FINE VICTORIES

THE First XI started the season with a comfortable victory over New Leeds by 7 goals to 2, and though the result was a fair indication of the run of play, the game provided excellent match practice which the team is inevitably lacking at the moment.

The game against Leeds Training College proved much harder than expected, the College fielding a surprisingly good team with a quickness and tenacity which caused the defence some uncomfortable moments and resulted in four goals. Fortunately, the University scored six in reply and undoubtedly profited by the exposure of these weaknesses.

The full-backs proved their reliability last season, but in this game their marking was suspect and they did not recover as quickly as usual, nor was their anticipation as keen as it will have to be in W.I.V.A.B. matches. The forwards also have a tendency to rest on their laurels, once two or three goals are in the net, which detracts from otherwise intelligent and energetic play.

RESERVE VICTORIES

The other two teams have also begun the season well. The 3rd XI particularly contains many freshers, while in the 2nd XI also, there are some very promising new players. The 2nd XI beat Leeds Training College 5-1 in their first match and the 3rd team drew their first game 4-4, and then beat Lawnswood High School 11-1 (J. Street 6) in a game which was more even than the score suggests. Obviously the club is flourishing as ever with high hopes of being more successful than for many years particularly in the W.I.V.A.B. matches, which begin tomorrow, Saturday, the 29th October, when Leeds meet Manchester at Weetwood.

USEFUL IDEA

For the first time, the Women's Hockey Club this year held preliminary Freshers' trials before the general trial matches. These were found to be a great help in discriminating amongst the crowd of new players which joined the club at the beginning of each season. It is to be hoped that this procedure will be adopted in following years, so that each fresher may have the chance of showing more fully her abilities.

Unfortunately, the captain elected at the end of last season, did not return this session but Margaret Gray was unanimously elected to the vacant position and to the unenviable task of selecting three teams from sixty players. Apart from the three half-backs the 1st XI is unchanged from last season, and when they settle down the team looks like developing into one of the strongest for several years.

MORE VICTORIES

The 1st XI did well to beat York Women at Weetwood on the 22nd, after being two goals down in the first five minutes. While the Leeds defence was getting used to the sight of Mary Watt, for three years centre-half of Leeds 1st XI, playing at left-half for York, the York forwards took full advantage of the Leeds slowness and lack of co-ordination and had little difficulty in scoring. Fortunately the team soon pulled themselves together and after a good second half just managed to keep a 4-3 lead (Ann Benson 2).
The 3rd XI beat Ossett O. S. 6-4.

LACROSSE WIVAB DEFEAT

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY, unbeaten in last years WIVAB fixtures, made a good start in this year's Championship, beating Leeds at Weetwood on October 15th by the convincing margin of 8 goals to one. Leeds still have most of last year's players and several promising freshers, but with only two changes in their team, Liverpool proved stronger, particularly in the first half. In the second half the Leeds side was much improved and the large gap in the centre of the field between the two attacking areas, which had been so prominent earlier, was gradually closed, but Leeds were unable to improve the score.
On Saturday the 22nd, Leeds beat Nottingham away by 12-7. The next Lacrosse WIVAB is also against Manchester at Weetwood tomorrow.

Swimming

IT'S MAGIC

Ghost Hall has certainly been successful in the University swimming world. Although the youngest hall, the Ghosts have succeeded in winning every inter-hall swimming match so far held during their lifetime. The sprightly Ghosts were again in action on October 21st, at the Leeds Girl's High School baths, where they won every event staged in the Winter Squadron Match.

Ghost Hall 30 points
Elerslie 22 points
Lupton 18 points

The match was very exciting although lacking the support of both Weetwood and Oxley Halls which usually provide strong teams.

The women's swimming club hopes to have one of its most successful seasons as the membership so far this year totals almost 60. Training nights are on Mondays and Fridays from 5-6 p.m. at the High School baths and there is a mixed club night at Armley Baths on Thursday from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Membership is not reserved for good swimmers alone and the present non-swimmers are learning confidence and style very quickly.

The first team, lacking many of its stronger swimmers, failed by a very narrow margin to beat Durham University a fortnight ago, but is hoping to be successful against Ripon and Beckett's Park next week.
Among the promising swimmers this year are the Captain, Brenda Edley (free-style), Pamela Cashin (back-stroke), Sylvia Lansdown (free-style), Mary Wheeler (breast-stroke), Olive Smith (free-style), Margaret Maiden (breast-stroke) and Pat Bainbridge (free-style).

NETBALL

TEAMWORK PAYS WELL

AFTER a flurry of trials and practices, the Netball Teams have now settled down into two very promising sides despite the fact that the Club has been handicapped by lack of a captain in the early part of the term. In the first games, the 1st and 2nd teams beat Leeds Training College 11-7 and 24-4 respectively. Both teams played extremely well together and the standard of individual performances was very high. The 2nd team played Thoresby High School 1st team on the 15th. The result being a draw 13-13. In this match, teamwork was lacking but since then, coaching given by Miss Hunter of the Physical Education Department, has done much to improve this, and other faults in both teams. If the good standard of play promised by the teams is kept up, the Club should acquit itself well in the W.I.V.A.B. Rally to be held in Leeds on November 12th.

SECOND TRAINING COLLEGE DEFEAT

The 1st and 2nd VII's played Ripon T. Coll. on October 22nd and good teamwork enabled the 1st team to win 18-5, and the seconds to win 17-3. In the centre court accurate passing and co-ordination was particularly good in both teams, while of the defence B. Pritchard, S. Pescod and M. Wheeler were outstanding.
Saturday brings the first W.I.V.A.B. match against Manchester University when the opposition will be much more powerful.

SPORTING GOSSIP

W.I.V.A.B. REPRESENTATIVE

SHIRLEY M. CHILD, Captain of the Women's Tennis Club is the new Leeds W.I.V.A.B. representative. Miss Child is responsible for all Women's Inter-Varsity Athletics. Matches played in Leeds including the Northern Area Netball Rally at Weetwood on November 12th. She is also an ex-officio member of the Union Committee.

MISS RUTH WESTBROOKE

WE WELCOME the arrival of a new member to the Physical Education Department Staff. Miss Westbrook is herself a Sports player with a considerable reputation. Last year a member of the Yorkshire Lacrosse team, this year chosen as Left-half for Yorkshire 1st Hockey XI. She has now decided to concentrate on Hockey. She is also the Captain of the Yorkshire Cricket team and has played for the North Representative team.

THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

hold practices in the Gymnasium on Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. and Thursdays 5-6 p.m. Coaching is given to all new players who have not played before. The Inter-Hall Competition for the Ramsden Trophy will be starting in a few weeks time and all the Halls, including Ghost Hall and Nomads (non-members of Ghost Hall), are looking for players. In addition there will be Inter-Varsity matches later in the term.

RUGBY CLUB RAISE HOPES-THEN FLOP

AFTER the promise shown in their previous two matches, the 1st XV disappointed on Saturday when they were defeated by Sheffield, 3-0. Had it not been for the occasional burst of good play from full-back Gavins, and the energetic, if over enthusiastic, battle fought out between forwards, this match would have been boring in the extreme.

Playing against a strong wind in the first half Leeds were soon defending, and it was fortunate for them that Sheffield wasted so many chances. The only score came after 20 minutes, and was a personal tragedy for Gavins who attempting to tackle the man in possession, accidentally tripped him. From the resulting penalty Sheffield scored and this proved to be the only score of the match.

After the interval, Leeds were constantly on the attack, remaining in the Sheffield half for all but two minutes. However, they never looked like scoring, the Sheffield defence being quite capable of handling the futile efforts of the Leeds backs. Gavins missed the opportunity to put Leeds level, when he missed two penalty kicks, neither of which were particularly difficult.

The main reason for the Leeds defeat was the poor play of one of the scrum-halves, who, on too many occasions decided to run with the ball instead of feeding his backs as he should have done. The backs showed a disturbing tendency to run across instead of straight for the line, whilst their handling left much to be desired. The forwards, although outplayed, tried hard and played well on occasion.

This was a game the University will want to forget. They will have to improve a great deal if they are to win the Christie Cup and maintain the high tradition set by previous sides.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE

Yet on the previous Saturday Leeds provided a shock result when they scored a brilliant win over Halifax. Their success was due to the way the forwards outplayed the Halifax eight, and skill of Gaunt on the left wing who scored two tries. The other points were scored by Gavins from two well-taken penalty goals. This enabled Leeds to run out winners by 12 points to 3. Outstanding amongst the forwards were Baxter, Montgomery and Hurst. Leeds can congratulate themselves on winning against a club who must be considered as one of the best in the country.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR THE WHEELERS

THE star of the Cycling Club this season has been John S. Dowden. In the U.C.U. Massed-Start Event over 90 miles, he finished in a prominent position. This performance proved him well worthy of selection for the U.C.U. team in the nine day Amateur Circuit of Britain. Several of his team retired, but John was there at the end, ahead of all the other University riders.

Cliff Ralphs has also been a prominent member of the Club. He won the Club's 25 miles Championship in the good time of one hour nine minutes, and followed this success by breaking the Club's 50 miles record in the Nun-Brook Wheelers event.

U.C.U. HILL CLIMB (OCT. 22nd.)

This event promoted by Sheffield University, was held on Baslow Edge in Derbyshire, a mile long climb with gradients of one in six, one in ten and one in four. Three Leeds riders took part—T. D. Shaw, M. Bamlett and a keen fresher P. S. Worthington. From a Leeds standpoint, the event was disappointing for only Worthington completed the course, finishing in 7 minutes 8.4 seconds, to gain twentieth place; this was a creditable performance for a rider who yet has far to go.

The winner was G. Olive (Manchester) who recorded a time of 5 minutes 18 seconds. Manchester also won the team event. Hull coming second.

MEN'S HOCKEY CONTINUE GOOD RUN

Doncaster 0: Hockey Club 1.
(October 22nd)

THIS was the best game the University has played to date, the team working together more and settling down to faster hockey. Doncaster, who in the past years have always proved strong opposition, were soundly beaten after a clean game.

The pitch was not in good condition, but the Leeds stopping was sound, though the forwards sometimes lost control through trying to dribble too far. Cross-passing by the half-backs could be utilised more; it was obvious from the uneasiness of the Doncaster defence that they were worried by hard-hitting across field. The only goal came from a short corner which Priest hit hard into the net. Kirkpatrick again played well, stopping many Doncaster forward moves with well-judged reverse stick tackles. The goalkeeper, Cunningham, seems to have settled down to a more belligerent attitude towards opposition forwards, and cleared well with strong kicks to the twenty-five.

The forward-line is now combining better, but should get rid of the ball a little quicker. With the approach of the first University game against Durham in the near future, we hope to have a settled and forceful side.

Results to date:
Oct. 12th v Grimsby. Lost 4-0.
Oct. 15th v Sandal. Won 4-2.
Oct. 19th v Army App. School. Won 5-3.

SWIMMING CLUB DEFEAT DURHAM

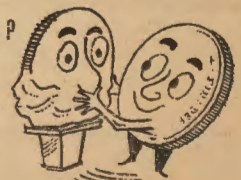
THE Swimming Club started the season creditably with a comfortable victory over Durham University. Particularly pleasing was the manner in which the freshers acquitted themselves. Sowden came second in the backstroke behind Elms. Morley was third in the breast-stroke—won for Leeds by Dudley, and Mulholland won the freestyle. Leeds won both the medley and the freestyle squadron races and the final result was Leeds 37 pts. Durham 17. The ladies section of the club is much improved this year, and although well below full strength in this match, only lost by 34 pts. to 19. Leeds also proved stronger than Durham at polo, and the first team won 7-4, the scorers being Elms 4, Sowden, Emsley and Dudley. The second team won by 4 goals to 1.

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THE Women's Athletics Club was greatly handicapped last season by the very small number of members. Nevertheless, the officials are arranging a fixture list for the summer season in the hopes that this year there will be more support. It is often stated that "athletes are made in the winter" and so all potential athletes are urged to join the Club at the training sessions both in the gym and on the track at Weetwood. Freshers are particularly welcome together with people interested in field events.

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