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This scant summary of our lavish benefits is intended to remind every member of this Union of his or her good fortune. It is intended to silence the complaints of the cynics and reform the behaviour of the careless. For it is a fact that a large proportion of our populace just don't realise how lucky they are.

The critical and supercilious minority who adopt disdainful attitudes when our good fortune is mentioned, who are forever carping at our few shortcomings, damning with faint praise and praising with faint damns, should be sent for a spell to some less fortunate places.

### SEND MOANERS ELSEWHERE

A mouth of the soot-laden segregation of Manchester, the congested cottage which is Leavy Greave (Sheffield), or the grace-and-favour aridity of Nottingham's "Union Rooms" would soon have them yearning once again for the unrivalled comfort and society.

The moans of this minority are only a petty irritation; we can always sit elsewhere. But unless the slovenly attitude of what we are sure is only another minority is quickly eradicated, there is a danger there may shortly be nothing upon which to sit.

In an earlier issue "Union News" had to report, that two settees in the cafeteria were severely damaged in the first week of term.

Each and every lunch-hour someone can be seen (and heard) dragging, instead of carrying, the £10 armchairs from place to unnecessary place. Feet are rested on the £5 low coffee-tables. Other parts of the anatomy are deposited on the chair-arms.

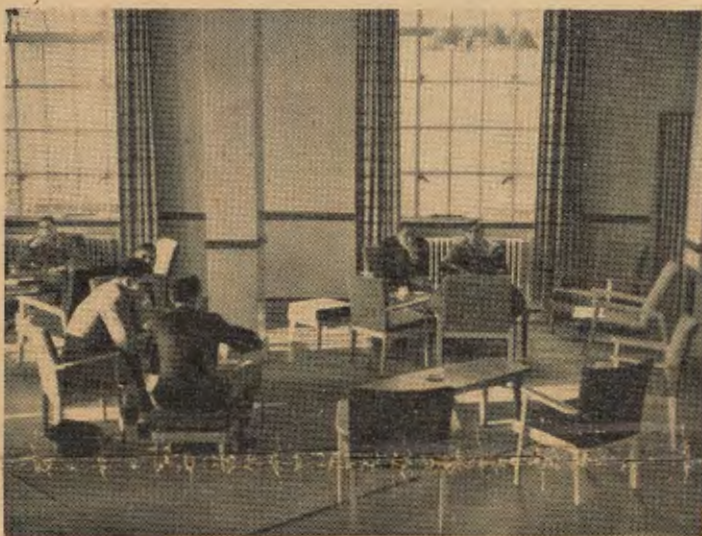
### DAMAGE AT HOP

The committee of the Rhythm Club, organizers of the recent and excellent Ray Ellington Social, have just been presented with a bill for over £30 for damage caused to the Refectory and its furnishings during and after the Social. Certain gentlemen (and ladies), with more enthusiasm than common sense, stood on chairs to get a better view of the entertainment. Fifteen chairs have had to be re-covered. Equally eager to jump the queue for the cloak-rooms, other members scrambled over the balustrades, soiling and scraping the newly-decorated walls.

There can be no question that our new surroundings are worthy of us; the question now arises whether we can moderate our behaviour to be worthy of the surroundings. Hooliganism and horseplay were all very well in the days of the utilitarian furniture of the old cafeteria, which though not indestructible was cheap to replace.

Now that a certain amount of dignity has been introduced into the Union environment, it is extremely important that an appropriate climate of respect is built up. It should not

### A STUDENT UTOPIA



"Union News" Photo.

This view picture shows just one section of the exquisite new coffee lounge—where both staff and students can relax and converse in comfort—and in a serene atmosphere.

be necessary to tell members they would not behave so badly at home; it ought not to be necessary to remind them that furniture costs money. It should not; it ought not; but it is!

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

"UNION NEWS" wishes to thank the following for their courtesy and generosity in sending us tickets for functions:

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY for a Ball Ticket.

THE RHYTHM CLUB for Ray Ellington Hop Tickets.

THEATRE GROUP for Tickets for "Tonight We Improvise."

HOSTEL OF THE RESURRECTION for Carol Recital Tickets.

### British Federation of University Women

On Tuesday, November 29th, Mrs. C. Arreger, M.Sc., Hon. Treasurer of the B.F.U.W., is visiting Leeds and will lecture on "Opportunities for Women in Engineering and the Applied Sciences," at 7 p.m. in the Large Lounge of the Senior Common Room.

Any women students who are interested are cordially invited to attend. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the lecture. Will those requiring refreshments please inform Dr. E. Robinson of the Botany Department before November 28th.

### EXCLUSIVE NEWS STORY

## MEMBER OF EXEC. TO RESIGN SOON?

IT now seems inevitable that we shall see in the next few days the resignation of a prominent officer of the Union. The Executive Committee (the sub-committee of senior Union officials) decided at its meeting on Monday that only a human sacrifice could appease its conscience.

This decision, taken in secret session, marks the culmination of a season of unrest and dissatisfaction which had its climax at the last full meeting of the Union Committee. At that meeting, which despite a complete absence of publicity and a change of date was attended by an unusually high number of rank-and-file members as observers, Committee went into private session for what seemed an unconscionable time to discuss a matter of private business which, we are now able to reveal, ended with a vote of censure on the member of Executive concerned being carried against only one vote.

### NO SECRET

It has been no secret for some time now that the Executive was divided against itself, although in the proper tradition maintaining a united front to the outside observer. Neither can it be any secret that the strong disapproval by many Union members of certain Executive decisions has forced itself upon the notice of both Union Committee and the Executive.

What now appears for the first time from the Executive's decision (which will be subject to ratification at next week's full meeting of Union Committee) is that the dissatisfaction is not confined to actions affecting members of the Union, but extends to the domestic affairs of Union Committee and the Executive. In the circumstances it is almost certain that somebody's head will have to roll.

The general disapproval of the

Executive's handling of the Special General Meeting on gowns, voiced in our last issue and supported by considerably correspondence, is only one of a series of minor blunders, procedural and constitutional, for which E.C. has 'carried the can.' The ham-handed way in which the resignation of Mr. Den's Jopling was dealt with at the beginning of term, and the constitutionally unprecedented manner of conducting the subsequent bye-election, are two more glaring examples of slips for which the Executive must accept responsibility.

### NO EXCUSE

If these were the only grounds for complaint, adequate excuses could be found in the Executive's lack of experience and in the somewhat chaotic state of the Union Constitution with its accretions of bye-laws and ordinances, in many places ambiguous and in others confused.

But the trouble apparently does not end there. Members of Committee are extremely concerned about the handling of its internal affairs, and there is a general feeling that the Executive should be reorganised to remove the grounds for this concern. The principle of collective responsibility has always been accepted as a fundamental by the Executive, but like the Cabinet they have the duty and the right to apportion amongst themselves the blame for any indiscretions. The judicious cloak of unanimity which the Executive presents on any issue serves to conceal dissensions within its ranks.

There can be no doubt that the outcome of Monday's meeting will have important repercussions on the internal affairs of the Union. Attendance at the next meeting of Union Committee should break all records.

## THREE LEEDS STUDENTS DENIED GRANTS AFTER "INTERVIEWS"

THREE First-year General Arts students, accepted without hesitation by the University authorities, by virtue of their academic qualifications and performance at interviews, have been denied both a grant and payment of fees by Leeds Education Authority.

The decision was made following an interview by a committee which in all three cases did not exceed a period of ten minutes. The farcical calibre of the questions asked is adequately illustrated by the following examples: "What are your interests?" "What do you read?" and "How did you spend your holiday?" How any academic or intellectual capability can be assessed by such infantile interrogation is beyond our comprehension.

The authority concerned is reported to consider that their judgement is superior to that of a University interview and that in any case "it's our money we're spending."

### SCHOOL SUPPORT

All three students came from Leeds Modern School and two of them had obtained three subjects at Advanced level. Their Headmaster, Mr. F. Holland, M.A., was so disappointed by the decision that he decided to pay their fees from a School fund.

In an interview with a "Union News" reporter, he stated "I was delighted that the school was in a position to give those boys their first year at a University, and hope that next summer when they have another chance to apply for an award, they will have proved conclusively that the University's selection was correct."

The Grants and Welfare Committee have taken up the problem and Secretary, Mr. J. Alan Brooks, told the "Union News": "In accordance with N.U.S. policy the Grants and Welfare Committee deplores the attitude of the L.E.A. in failing to give awards to students on the result of an interview, in spite of the fact that these students have obtained three passes at Advanced Level G.C.E. and have been accepted by the University."

The Committee has endeavoured to obtain grants for these students and has been to see Leeds Education Authority personally, but this proved unsatisfactory. We regret this but

hope that students will appreciate our efforts and we will maintain close contact with Leeds in order to keep this problem open."

### VERDICT

It is about time that Leeds Education Authority brought its grants policy in to line with the majority of Boroughs and Cities. In more enlightened areas acceptance for entry to University is itself sufficient to obtain a maintenance grant and fees.

It is deplorable that a University City should thus hamper University entrance.

## AN ELEPHANT IN LONDON

So far the appeal for the proceeds of the Leeds Union Students' Centre has realised £1,770. The total is for £20,000, and Student bodies all over the country have promised and are giving support to it. Leeds Union have promised to devote the proceeds of 3 Saturday Hops to the Fund, and as this should come to more than £100, the University authorities have said they will add to this amount to achieve the maximum of £200.

Unions all over the country are organising money-making functions. Bristol University are planning to raise £300 with dances and Jazz Concerts. London students are organising raffles and publicity stunts, of which the most original is Regent Street Polytechnic's plan to walk an elephant through the streets of London! Over £60's worth of tickets have been sold for the Irene Scharrer Recital, as well as £350 of advertising space in the "souvenir" programme of this event. Miss Shirley Abicair of T.V. zither fame has also agreed to appear in a programme of folk song concerts.

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## GOON MUSICIAN A SUCCESS AT LEEDS

Ray Ellington, as representative of the Goon Show, was received with zeal at the Ray Ellington Hop on November 9th. Marian Ryan, with a different kind of appeal, was equally popular.

In spite of the fact that several of the jokes were not up to the usual Goon Standard, and few people were amused at the thought of being "murdered in their Universities," the clever patter and lively humour of the entertainers was much appreciated.

When the heroes of the evening arrived, the rostrum was already surrounded by several waiting enthusiasts, whilst others found it difficult to accept that this hop was not only for dancing. Still others gave a despicable example of Goon behaviour by performing such clever gymnastic feats as clambering on to chairs, leaning against heavy curtains, and piling tables one on top of the other, to see what very soon developed into an excellent show.

After a short interval during which Miss Ryan disappeared only to return in a different but equally alluring apparel, she and Ray Ellington went on to entertain us in a lively way with their inimitable styles of music and singing.

Everybody, (and the hop was extremely well attended) shared the infectious enthusiasm of the Quartet, and at the end of the evening it was apparent that in the words of the advertising posters, "the Hop of the Year" had certainly been one that "ought not to be missed."

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# CHEATLE ELECTED TO N.U.S. COUNCIL

At the N.U.S. Council held at Ormskirk, John Cheatle, Leeds N.U.S. Secretary was elected to the Vice Presidency. He is the second Leeds man on the Executive of the National Union; Jim Macfarlane, ex-President of L.U.U. being Deputy President since last April.

"Union News" offers its congratulations to Mr. Cheatle, and regrets that before hearing of his election to the Executive, he had already resigned from the N.U.S. Secretaryship here, a post he has held for over a year.

Leeds Union has a very good record and a high standard in N.U.S. In the past few years many prominent members of this Union have held administrative and executive posts in the National Union, and the delegation to this month's Council tells us, our stock is still very high.

#### EARLIER PAYMENT OF GRANTS

A large delegation which included several observers was sent to the Ormskirk Council. Led by the President, Mr. Edward De Graft Johnson, it included Mr. Cheatle, Mr. Keith Wilson Taylor, Miss Jennifer Sutcliffe and Miss Joyce Handby, who was deputising for the S.V.P. (Miss Payne was ill). Observers were Miss Chris. Clarke, Mr. Alan Brooke, Mr. Pat Pryne and Mr. G. S. Pande. "Union News" understands that apart from the hard work put in during the Sessions, Leeds maintained its reputation of being the life and soul of the social activities!

Great attention was paid at this Council to Grants and Welfare, and a Leeds motion proposing the setting-up of local and regional G. & W. committees was carried. Mr. Routh of the Ministry of Education who was present took an active part in the proceedings and heard a Motion pressing for the earlier payment of some L.E.A. grants unanimously carried.

Council decided that subject to the favourable result of a referendum which will be held shortly, the membership fee should be raised from 1/- to 1/3 per capita. This of course would affect the income of the smaller Unions considerably, and it was stressed that individual cases of hardship would be considered and allowed for. The Finance Committee pointed out that although the Budget showed a very large estimated deficit, this was not as serious as it looked, because owing to a decision to alter the financial year, N.U.S. was budgeting for 15 months with only a year's income in hand. This of course would right itself in time.

Leeds was congratulated on its running of I.C.E. (International Correspondence Exchange), and Miss Sutcliffe was able to announce triumphantly, when her low estimate of expenditure was challenged, that not only would she not need the whole £10 of her allocation, but that I.C.E., under her management had actually banked £17!

It was announced that Vacation Work Committees had found jobs for 7,000 students last year. A 6% increase on any year in the past!

#### SUPPORT FOR N.U.S.

Mr. Cheatle, in an interview with a "Union News" reporter, said, "I would like to see more interest in N.U.S. in Leeds. Many people are ignorant of the many facilities provided by the National Union. I urge all Union members in need of advice about grants or vacation jobs or travel schemes to see the appropriate secretaries in their offices in the Union. They can often be of great help."

Since Mr. Cheatle's resignation from the secretaryship, Mr. Keith Wilson Taylor has been carrying on the duties of the Secretary.

We are glad to say

## It Happened Elsewhere

STUDENTS at the London School of Economics are indignant at the prices in their Refectory. They have to pay 3/5d. for a three course meal if a meat dish is required and the cheapest meal they can get within the University is 2/11d. It is obviously far cheaper to eat outside, and not unnaturally the various cafes in the vicinity are profiting on a large scale. Several other facts serve to inflame the righteous indignation of the students, and in their newspaper they say: "... the prices and quantity per portion would cause a strike in the least militant of works canteens. Students have far less money than workers: why should we be subject to this gross imposition? Has someone evolved a theory that an empty stomach is more conducive to study?" Again, when students realised that cheese and bread in Refec. could make them a lunch — the cheese was immediately withdrawn, and the beer sold within the college, far from being cheaper is more expensive. Repeated efforts for some change in this state of affairs have come to nothing.

DO WE HEAR A RUMBLING OF DISCONTENT?

Kings' College, Newcastle, were obviously in a high state of merriement or disorder during their recent Rag, for halfway through their Rag

Revue they stopped the show by showering the performers with eggs, tomatoes and a very liberal supply of toilet rolls. The orchestra walked out and refused to play any more, and the Manager of the theatre walked on to the stage and informed the audience that if the chaos did not cease the students would not be able to hire the theatre any more, either this year or next. Over £10 worth of damage was done to the clothes of the audience, and the Rag Committee is waiting expectantly for more claims. Agric., Medic., and Dental students are blamed for the hooliganism and an effort is being made to find the ring-leaders, for whom the Rag Committee has demanded the severest penalties possible.

BETTER NOT PUT CRYER ON AGAIN AT LEEDS . . .

Manchester University's "News Bulletin" mourns the death of Grace Archer in a recent edition, saying that not since the death of Queen Anne has any woman's death received so much publicity. They consider that it is only fitting, therefore, that in memory of "the dear Lady" the B.B.C. should observe every night at 6.45 p.m. a 15 minute silence.

THEY NEVER HAVE ANY FARMING WEATHER ANYWAY AT MANCHESTER . . .

A writer of the University of California's paper "Daily Trojan" while sipping a 'coke' in the campus grill was suddenly assaulted by an irate woman student who poured chocolate milk all over his head shouting, "Take that for your column."

WATCH OUT PERSPEX . . .

University students of Ghent sent up a cry of fury and indignation because their University restaurant only provided six choices of food on the menu every day.

TRY LEEDS AND BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT.

There were several arrests made in Cambridge on the night of November 5th for the police turned out in full force to stop the usual student ragging. Apparently the highlight of the evening was to be the kidnapping of Billy Graham, but the students were thwarted by heavy precautions.

HARD LUCK CAMBRIDGE . . . AND KEEP TRYING.

The Rear Commodore of London School of Economics Sailing Club stated that "The sexes will be segregated for administrative purposes only".

PLAIN SAILINGQ

## UNION BALL A GREAT SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie Ford, Entertainments Committee and Ted Heath on the best Union Ball in some years!

Unfortunately many people, no doubt deterred by the poor reputations that Union Balls have recently gained for themselves, missed the chance of seeing it re-establish itself as a worthwhile function, because sale of tickets was by no means as profitable as had been hoped. However, there's good in all things, and the lucky couples who did attend, probably found the smaller numbers in the now, very spacious buildings, very congenial.

#### HEATH ON SHOW

Ted Heath was of course the big draw, appropriately enough in a band which charges £350 an evening! Union Balls are big business these days. Most people seem to have felt that good as Heath is to dance to, he is a much better "Show" band, and time and time again the dancers gathered around the bandstand to watch, and were rewarded by the sight of Heath's

#### LOUNGE HITCH

Other pleasant features of the Ball included plenty of space, an uncrowded Bar and lots of sitting-out room. However, one small hitch was made which prevented all those present from making the fullest use of the facilities of both buildings. The new Staff-Student Coffee Lounge which had been used as a Reception room for the Union's guests from other Universities, remained empty

for the greater part of the evening, and all its comfort wasted, because those responsible had forgotten to remove the sign saying "guests only." As most of the guests were in the Committee Bar, this very pleasant room was empty.

#### MINERS BALL

On the whole, the Ball season has certainly got off to a good start. Let's hope the Miners are going to offer us as enjoyable an evening out tonight. Chris Barber and Ken MacIntosh certainly promise well. Is it too late to beg, borrow or steal a ticket?

## LIBERAL SOCIETY HEAR THEORY THAT WORLD IS DIVIDED INTO THREE

Mr. Gilbert Gray, the 1951-2 President of the Union, and Liberal candidate for Scarborough and Whitby at the last election, was as eloquent as ever when he addressed a good-sized gathering of the Liberal Society on the subject of foreign affairs, with particular reference to Cyprus.

Instead of dividing the world into East and West, Mr. Gray drove home the point that there are actually three divisions, East, West and the undeveloped areas of the world, which in the near future will have a large influence on world affairs. He cited Russia as an example: in the last forty years Russia has risen from a land of peasants to a major world Power. Surely then, said Mr. Gray, this can happen elsewhere, in Asia, for example, where the population is increasing at a rapid rate.

The speaker pointed out that unless the people were educated a democratic vote would be of no use. Communism thrived on poverty and ignorance. Our only solution, therefore, is to raise the standard of living in these backward countries to the best of our ability, and instil true democratic principles before the Communists arrive and raise, or promise to raise, the standard of living.

## THIS IS MY VIEW

By

"PERSPEX"

The desire to be civilised seems to rush on one with the approach of old age. At least this is the way I interpret my growing obsession with all things tranquil, comfortable, tidy and formal. After a few years of "hasty snacks in Caf.," it is very pleasant to attend formal lunches and dinners: after days of wearing sports jackets, old sweaters and duffle coats, it adds spice to any variety of occasion to be told "Dress Formal."

This I feel, has been part of the popularity of the Union's Balls in the past; that for once we could dress up in party clothes, put on our party manners and enjoy ourselves hugely because of it all. It is to be regretted that all at once Ball formality of dress is slipping. It is even more regrettable that the backsliders should be, not, as might be expected, men, but women.

#### GOOD TACTICS

Now all this is occasioned by the surprise I felt, when at the Union Ball, (which was in all other respects a very enjoyable evening), I noticed how large a proportion of women were not in full evening dress. This is not a quibble against those short evening dresses which have become so popular. Many women, especially those on the short side, look better in them, and they are certainly a more practical length for dancing. What I felt to be the pity was the number of "cocktail" and even more informal dresses that were to be seen. One can understand the odd man kicking against the tyranny of uncomfortable shirts and unaccustomedly well-fitting dinner jackets, but it is very unusual for a woman to neglect a perfect opportunity to gild the lily. Please ladies, don't let this trend continue! Besides, it's sheer ignorance of good tactics. Just think what a multitude of faults can be hidden beneath an evening dress.

#### "APPROACHING—DECENT"

I feel I should like to add a few personal words to the discussions on the new Staff-Student Coffee Lounge. I am not qualified to say whether or not it is fulfilling its name function, and frankly, I do not really care. But I am most sincerely grateful to those responsible for that very graceful, comfortable, relaxing, quiet room, and for the "approaching—decent" coffee that can be obtained there. Besides, it has a Union atmosphere, (shades of the Old Caf. linger strongly!) as opposed to the congenial, "by-grace-and-favour-University-House" aura of the next-door Coffee Lounge.

By the way, on the subject of the newest Lounge, congratulations to the gentleman who said that the standard lamps reminded him of "emaciated Chinamen", but if the same member was responsible for christening the painting on the West wall "Union Politics," I think he is exceeding himself!

The furniture is, with a few slight exceptions, really excellent, but why that "butcher's slab" in the middle, and when is the Union Committee going to take some action about the year-old mandate which instructs them to install a Television set?

#### PLAGUE OF MODESTY

Still no nominations for the Rag Chairmanship! Are we really so short of organising talent outside of third and post-graduate years, or is there a plague of modesty? Perhaps a few of us, who flung hard words last year at Messrs. Gibson, Calvert and Smith's "pistol at the Union's head act" might pause to reconsider.

#### "JEANS" FAN!

My heart-felt thanks go out to our correspondent, Mr. Brian Toms, for proving that I have one reader, by writing a letter criticising my attitude to women wearing trousers. I have only one thing to say in defence, or rather in counter-attack: that I obviously know more about female nether garments than he. The articles in question were not "jeans" which any Campus crawler will tell you are three-quarter length, loose, baggy things, but "trousers" proper. The generic name being "stovepipe" because of their slimmness. Tut, tut, Mr. Toms. Such ignorance! And in a student of the female sex too!

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# 'OXBRIDGE' REDBRICK VERSUS 'CIVICS'

A lively, and averagely entertaining Debate resulted from the Motion that "This House finds Redbrick more congenial than Gleaming Spires."

The Proposer, Mr. Michael Cohen, opened by remarking that he took Mr. Smith's opposition to the Motion as a further sign of the degeneracy of a century in which even Miss Marilyn Monroe turns to straight roles.

He pointed out that the Motion misquoted Matthew Arnold, the spires in question being properly "dreaming" and not "gleaming," and insisted on reminding everyone of this at intervals throughout the Debate, presumably to justify his status as a member of the English Department. He noticed that in Redbrick there is little room for ill-ones: we are nearly all "Here, because we couldn't get in There." Mr. Cohen maintained that Redbrick Universities are academically, socially and environmentally superior to Oxbridge because Technologists, essential to modern society are better trained at "Civic" Universities, the sexes are not segregated, and "dreaming spires" more often than not prove to be "pseudo-Gothic steeples."

## FOUNTAINS OF KNOWLEDGE?

Rising to Oppose, Mr. Alan Smith, Chairman of Debates, sometime member of St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, noted that he faced "a parcel of fools." In a few well-chosen words about the Clerk to the House, Mr. Johansen-Berg, he observed that "his Minutes last for hours." Mr. Smith confessed that he was opposing the Motion merely for the sake of revenge; he did not propose to argue that gleaming spires were in any way superior to Redbrick, but that they were equally congenial. Universities, he said, are fountains of knowledge where students go to drink, and there are more and better pubs in Oxford than in any case a closed club, he thought it immaterial whether or no women were admitted, and he listed some of the more obvious advantages of Oxbridge: no compulsory lectures; the collegiate system; the tutors who "smote at one for an hour" each week; and (surprisingly, for one who found Oxford so congenial), the eight-week terms.

## THE TRADESMEN'S UNIVERSITIES

Mr. John Hill then rose to second the Proposition, looking rather as though he was still in doubt as to what he was going to say, he observed, apparently at random, that the heirs of Marshall's and Snelgrove's and similar firms, now go to Oxford or Cambridge, and that he needed his glasses to see with, because they are "cheaper than a dog." After some prolonged verbal skirmishing, during which Mr. Hill managed to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, an extension of time was granted to him... for no apparent reason... which he then felt unable to avail himself of, and so sat down, muttering that he had derived no help from reference books, text books, newspapers or dictionaries (This was blatantly obvious), and that he thought we had all done wrong to come to Leeds in the first place.

## BOOK NEWS

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## THE OLD SUBJECTS

...The second year "enfant terrible" Mr. Louis Lipman, said that he intended to concern himself with the practical, and proceeded to wallow in statistics showing that there were fewer women but more puns and satiric per student at Oxford than at any Redbrick establishment. Mr. Lipman, obviously benefiting from the literature trust at N.M. at his freshmen's Conference, said that Leeds was a town with a University, where as Oxford and Cambridge were University towns. Irams, he maintained, were enough to make any river naggar (s.c.) and, for his part, he preferred the architecture of Oxbridge, to the "sub-urban grotesques" of City Square. Mr. Lipman admired Redbrick's freedom from the outdated traditions of Oxbridge, but he noted that there were many instances of petty tyranny on the part of University staff. "We are unaoie because of Miss Abel." He then concluded that the spires were more congenial than the brick.

Speakers from the floor made several "points," notably that they would rather sit on a rector's than a gleaming or a dreaming spire, and that although in Oxbridge it is possible to have wine and song, at Redbrick, because of the buzzer, only women and wine are possible.

The House then proceeded to a vote, and the Motion was defeated by 45 votes. For the Motion:—106 Against the Motion:—151.

## DRAMA AT DINNER-TIME

**THEATRE GROUP'S** first production of the season took place in the Riley Smith Hall last week.

"Cecé," the first of three Pirandello plays to be done this term, is a masterpiece of construction: a slow opening setting the atmosphere; a series of small philosophical speeches from Cecé; and a final dramatic climax. Cecé is a man of the world. He has seduced Nada—"a woman of easy virtue"—but in order to do this he has had to give her three promissory notes for 2,000 lire each; the action of the play revolves on his extremely clever and successful attempt to get them back.

All his life Cecé has been an actor in society; he has had to assume many personalities—a different personality for every person he meets. He says in the play, "whilst I live I'm scattered about the world in a hundred thousand separate selves;" and Squatriglia, the business man, "so gets into his part of friend" that he throws Nada into utter confusion with his absurd gestures and speeches.

Cecé and Squatriglia are parts which need over-acting. Geoffrey Smith as Cecé played competently, but lacked the finesse which was necessary to bring to the audience the meaning of his different moods. George Blenkinsop's Squatriglia was a pleasant performance and a striking figure, but the part lacked balance; the over-acting was not well enough controlled and did not contrast with what should have been a much quieter opening. Nova Millar (Nada) played well, if a little stiffly.

The fault, perhaps, of all three was that they failed to act when not speaking. Yet it must be remembered that all were new to the Riley Smith stage, and there is here something of value for Leeds Theatre Group. Norma Clarkson's production—her first—was smooth, and the setting well in tune with the play.



Dave Robinson was not drunk when he created this mixed-up master piece. He merely intended to infuse the Xmas spirit into "Union News," and at the same time test your knowledge of Union activities during the past fortnight. Don't remain bewildered until Boxing Day—take a look at the key on Page 4.

## READERS WRITE

Dear Sir,

After reading the article "Over-emphasis on work paralysing the Union" in the last issue of 'Union News,' I must say that it is in my opinion one of the most sensible I have read in 'Union News' during the many years I have been a reader. I am in complete agreement with the views stated by the writers and I think the warning is justified.

It is not generally recognised that the strength of the Union rests to a great extent on the work of the many Union societies. If their activities depend on the efforts of a few willing 'characters' instead of an energetic body of members, then the Union will lose much of its value. The 'back to work' attitude of students tends to change the Union into a rest-home or fun house instead of an important element of our education. My slogan, if I need one, would be, rather paradoxically, "Don't change our Union into a playpen, dear workers."

Yours faithfully,  
IAN C. SMITH, B.Sc.

Dear Sir,

I was rather dismayed and at the same time annoyed by the attitude adopted by Perspex towards the wearing of certain items of dress in the Union Building.

Who, in the past, has decided that women shall not wear trousers (The use of this word in the article, rather than the more feminine 'jeans' leads me to believe that the writer is a woman, and slightly envious at that!) I, and I should think that many others, regard this as a bigotted attitude to adopt where a University Union is concerned. No doubt there are some among us who, like those working in the "City," frown on anything but conventional clothes. That, however, is a peculiar view for us to take. A student should at least be able to give vent to his individual views and fancies in the matter of dress, in his own Union Building without being subjected to the scorn of his fellow members.

Moreover, I find it difficult to understand why anyone should take offence at the wearing of "jeans," which in my view are a perfectly innocuous garment. But of course, someone will reply that we must maintain a certain amount of dignity, and what am I to reply to that?

Yours etc.,  
B. F. A. TOMS.

Dear Sir,

The greatest evil and the worst crime of a Students' Union is "respectability." The British Empire was founded upon "respectability"; all humanitarian progress on the reverse. This same unhealthy cult has seeped into our own Union and its organisation.

Hence it is that, having seen the projected idea of gowns jettisoned, we plead for a return of the Caf. piano, and more important, for the abolition of Fred's buzzer.

This latter instrument represents the decay of that blessed haven, the last outpost of insouciance where it used to be possible for one's excess humours to be purged—the Union Bar. The very design of the new bar precludes intimacy (in the broader sense) and social contact; so let us not add unnecessary barriers of our own. By all means have the running of the Caf. and Bar well-ordered, so that crashes and accidents may be avoided.

But let us remember that it is the uninhibited, student-created atmosphere which "makes" the Caf. and Bar, and not any extrinsic considerations of divans, censorships, and "respectability."

Yours respectfully,  
GEOFF. E. BRUGGER  
JIM H. HOLT

Dear Sir,

May we use your correspondence column to thank the many people from all parts of the Union who supported us in organising a function on International Students' Day.

Not least we should like to thank those who were misled by the POSTPONEMENT notice in the last issue of U.N. and who were thereby caused much worry and waste of time.

We are grateful to them all for helping us to commemorate International Students' Day in the way in which we think it should be commemorated—with no hatred or bitterness for anyone, but by a friendly gathering-together of students of different nationalities.

Yours faithfully,  
P. J. S. ARMSTRONG,  
President International Society.  
K. KEIGHLEY,  
Hon. Secretary U.N.S.A. and International Society.

## DAVE'S BUMPER PUZZLE CARTOON

## Hops and Highlights

**THE** cleanest-sweeping, "new broom" of them all, Entertainments Secretary Charlie Ford has announced his new Band policy for Saturday night "hops."

Beginning next term, the motto will be variety, and to this end a different band will play each hop-night. "Clubmen" fans, and of course, personal friends of Jeff Locke's, will be glad to hear that his group will still be much, if not quite so much, in evidence, and on the rostrum about once every three weeks.

### NEW NAMES

Next term's hopping opens on Wednesday, 11th January, with John Booth and his Orchestra, closely followed on the next Saturday by Jack Mann's Music. Other bands to which the Union will dance in the Lent Term are to be Harry Alan, Ken Martin, The Modernaires and Albert Honeyman and the Eucre Players. Small groups endangering the Social Room floor include the Devon Ramblers, Gordon Young's Players, the

Ray Luby Quartette, Johnny Booth, and last, but not least noisy or skilled, our own Rhythm Club!

### NEW POLICY

This new Entertainments policy was originally proposed on Union Committee by Charlie Ford, who thought that with the new scope for bigger and better hops, which University House provides, the regular hop-goers might appreciate greater variety in the hiring of bands. However, slaves to habit, and those hordes who first took the floor to Locke's unit and now find it difficult to dance to anyone else, will be glad that Jeff's "Convertible" and "Clubmen" will still be gracing the Union premises almost as frequently as ever.

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## ZUTCHI "UNDER FIRE"

## DO WE WANT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

It has been brought to the notice of "Union News" that in certain quarters there is a strong feeling that General Meetings should be held regularly so that all members of the Union could be informed about matters that concern them and be able to state their views on these subjects. One of the chief advocates is Mr. Trevor Zutchi, a 4th year Medical student with two years experience on Union Committee in an interview with a "Union News" reporter the following points were mooted.

Q. What do you think the powers of the proposed G.M.'s should be?

A. As every member of the Union would have the right to attend, speak and vote on each and every topic, the powers of the G.M.'s would have to be the same as those of the S.G.M. and A.G.M.'s would administer the finances and run the Union and all the sub-committees would be directly responsible to it as the final authority.

Q. Would the G.M.'s work with or replace U.C.?

A. If the meetings were convened often enough all the work that U.C. normally handles would be discussed and settled for it and U.C. would become redundant. The Exec. however would have to be enlarged—though without two great extensions of its powers by inclusion of catering, U.S. and Entertainment Secs. These three jobs are of paramount importance to all students.

Q. How often do you think they should be held?

A. To be effective every 4 weeks—Union Committee now meets every 4 weeks. If there was a greater time interval than this between meetings too much work would be left to the Exec. and it might become to consider itself all-powerful. Even U.C.'s in the past, have felt themselves to be anointed and not appointed. If the meetings were less frequent still, only once a term, the Union Com. and the G.M. would soon degenerate into a recital of jobs and decisions made by U.C. and Exec.

Q. How long would a G.M. last?

A. A G.M. should not take longer than U.C. meetings used to do. The meetings would have to be held in the evenings and if started at 5.30 should be over by 9 or 9.30. It is only recently that a U.C. meeting has dragged on for over 7 hours—the record before this term was 5 hours and if U.C. meetings extended past 10 p.m. it was a rare occurrence and due to some unusual circumstances.

Q. How many people do you expect would attend?

A. It would be very difficult to estimate with any accuracy the number of people who would attend. Ideally an attendance of 40% to 50% would be representative. But in reality a quorum of 15%—as for the A.G.M. and S.G.M.'s, which means 500 is too high and I would suggest a quorum of 10% about 320 students. To go below this figure would be completely unrealistic and would leave the whole mechanism open to abuse—how easy it would be for a pressure group to block vote a partisan motion on the statute book.

Q. Do you honestly think that this would be an effective method of governing the Union?

This is, evidently, the 64 dollar question. I will parry it with another. Do you believe that there is such a thing as "student apathy"? I most emphatically do not—I believe it is a catch-phrase used by those people who are too lazy to find out what the students, who elected them to office, feel about motions which are due to be discussed in committee. To anyone who moans about student apathy I would say look to the attendance at the active societies and S.G.M.'s and Rag.

I am sure that students are interested in how their Union subs are spent why the Caf. and Bar are overcrowded and what is being done about it, why we are members of the U.U.S. and what N.U.S. is doing about grants, and that they will turn out in the scores and their hundreds to express their views—if not by speaking at any rate by voting. It will provide more power to the arguments of the Exec. or the President when they meet the University authorities or anyone else if they can "preface their remarks"—"A General Meeting of the Union has instructed me..." I feel that a Union administered by a general meeting with its decisions implemented by the Exec. would be more democratic and quite as efficient and effective as our present Union.

## FINAL REHEARSALS AS - - -

## THEATRE GROUP GO "ALL OUT" FOR BEST YET PRODUCTION

This week-end sees the final efforts of the cast and all concerned with "To-night We Improvise" to make sure that the public really will get value for their money. It is the climax of weeks or even months of work, and all are hoping that extra rehearsal time and full auditions will now prove their worth.

This play, more than any recent production, has had to draw on people not usually connected with the Group, because of some particular ability. For the cabaret scene, Beryl Jean and Diane can use the experience of revue work that they had acquired at Leicester. In the same scene is a trio that the Union will be familiar with from last year's Rag Revue, Brenda Bear as the Chanteuse, accompanied by that well-known figure on a guitar, Malcolm Whitehouse, with Dave Robinson, well-known for a variety of reasons, on the trumpet.

Then again, the leading lady, Julia Tomlinson, must not only be a singer, but a dancer, and a comedian, as do all members of the cast. Mr. Alan Curd is not only acting, but also leading the cast in a massed choral rendering of the 'Anvil Chorus' while Mr. Christopher Newton, playing yet another of the Air Force officers (there are five of them in the play) can make use of his natural ability as a pianist to help the rest of the cast.

Theatre Group has never before put on a play in which there is a film show, a cabaret act, a selection of operatic arias, and a plot that is melodramatic in the extreme, dealing with riotous life and overwhelming jealousy in Sicily. If the Union are inclined to write off Prandello as a dry-as-the-dust intellectual this play should open their eyes for them. If they still have the same criticism to make afterwards nothing short of the 'Bells' would satisfy them!

In this production Theatre Group is on show to the outside world more definitely than for some years, but that world will not look at the play as being a Theatre Group concern, it will be thought of in terms of a Leeds University matter. As the Group have worked to put on a play worth seeing, we hope that the Union will help to provide them with an audience worth playing to.

## Cardiff Students Get Poems Published

LATE in 1954, a group of young poets studying at the University College, Cardiff, decided to collect their best verse together for a joint publication in book form. A London publisher was approached with the idea, and other poets, students at the University, offered their work for inclusion in the volume.

It soon became apparent that the standard of verse-writing which they achieved as a group was surprisingly high, higher indeed than had been thought possible in recent years, and certainly of a better quality than the majority of Universities in this country could produce. Whatever factors had been at work, it was obvious that here was a phenomena unparalleled in the history of the College, yet which in some unaccountable manner had actually occurred a collection of poetry from the University College, Cardiff, poetry which was unique in the sense that it was genuine undergraduate poetry of a highly successful nature.

The book was called "The Lifting House," published by the Fortune Press, costing 7/6d. It contains the work of some poets who are by now quite well known in South Wales; Peter Preece, Emrys Edwards, Terry Hawkes, Emrys Roberts and others. It will be on sale this week in Central Hall at New College, and in the Union Lodge. You might like to buy a copy.

## Foreign Students Discuss Arab Politics

A JOINT meeting of the Asian-African, Arab-Egyptian Societies was addressed by Dr. Clavis Magsood, the well-known Lebanese Socialist Executive, and a B.B.C. Broadcaster on Arab affairs, last week, in the Social Room. The subject was "Some Aspects of Arab Politics."

It was one of the most convincing and logical speeches heard during this term. Dr. Magsood spoke of the forces which are governing the Arab politics today and the effects which are to come. His remark that the stability which is desired by the various interested powers will bring stagnation into social developments and democratisation in the Arab World was received with tumultuous agreement. He maintained that positive neutrality in the Arab countries was conducive to the social progress so essential in this region. Neutrality has become a realistic force brought into the limelight by the achievements of the Bandung Conference of Afro-Asian nations.

## A SINCERE APPROACH

He very sincerely, and with unbiased approach, dealt with the problem of Israel and Arab refugees. He suggested that this problem should not be coloured by emotion, fanaticism, and preconceived ideas of balance of power in the middle east, but on humanistic and practical lines.

He also emphasised that Arabs can not be Anti-Semites because they themselves are Semitic. Further, he pointed out that Arabs have always

protested against the discrimination against the Jews and other minorities by Fascist powers. The persecution of any person on the basis of race, creed, colour and origin is unthinkable and unrealistic in this age of progress.

The solution to the problem of Israel and Arab refugees can not be given in detail; however, certain general policies should be adopted towards that end. Firstly, the reinstatement of the Arab refugees in their rightful home; secondly, the evolution of a Federal State in Palestine where guarantees of civil rights and cultural autonomy would be undertaken. This was Mr. Magsood's reply to a query.

## A SYMBOL OF INDEPENDENCE

Replying to another question, he pointed out that the restoration of the Sultan of Morocco is a (symbol of) great victory of the people in their struggle for independence. This is the first step in the progress, but he maintained that our judgment of the Sultan will depend upon his help towards the social development of that country.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Hadi, President of the Arab-Egyptian Society. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Charles McLean, President of the Asian-African Society. Mr. McLean pointed out that the speech of Mr. Magsood was remarkably honest and kept the audience spellbound even at the cost of their lectures. The meeting was attended by over 100 members which included almost every nationality in the University.

## YOU - and National Insurance

MANY students seem totally unaware of their obligations under the National Health Insurance Act. Therefore "Union News" has approached the Grants and Welfare Committee for clarification as follows:—

In order to receive full benefit under National Insurance Schemes, everyone is required to pay contributions from the age of eighteen upwards. In the case of students, you may do this in either of two ways:—

1. You may pay your contributions weekly whilst at University.
2. You may make up the contributions over a period of up to four years after leaving college, thus resulting in your having to pay two weekly contributions over this period.

At the moment you are only allowed to pay Class III Contributions which entitles you to "long term" benefits in Retirement and Widows Pension, and does not cover you against sickness, industrial injury or unemployment.

The payment of Class II Contributions would entitle you to sickness and injury benefit, and the N.U.S.

have approached the Ministry with a view to obtaining for students the option of paying Class II Contributions (under the same conditions as Class III) should you so desire. This has not as yet materialised.

You are advised to obtain the Ministry's pamphlet N.I.30 should you not already have a copy.

Post-graduate research students. Are you aware that you are liable to be asked to pay CLASS II NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS? Information on this question is not well founded, but N.U.S. has been in touch with the Ministry and it is hoped that the latter will produce a definite statement later on this.

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# AT THE UNION CINEMA AMERICA'S BEST MUSICAL AND BRITAIN'S FINEST COMEDY

THERE'S something for everyone in the "Glen Miller Story," showing at Union Cinema on Sunday night. For the ladies, there is James Stewart and a "this really happened" unhappy ending and for the gentlemen there is June Allyson, and above all, for those who do not fall into the above categories as well as those who do, there is Glen Miller's famous music.

All the Miller numbers, which used to be so popular during the War, and which have survived so amazingly, are featured here in his own incomparable orchestration, played by the surviving members of his original band, re-united especially for this film.

The film tells the story of his life from his early struggles, through his marriage, to the discovery of his famous "sound," his great work entertaining the troops in Europe, and his sudden, accidental death when his plane was lost over the Channel on Christmas Day 1943.

Other big attractions of the film include a "guest appearance" of Louis Armstrong in a wonderful jazz sequence.

In the same programme a Czech puppet film, "Christmas Dream" is featured.



James Stewart seen here with Grace Kelly in "The Rear Window"

Next Sunday, (December 4th), Union Cinema presents, with a suitable flourish and pride, one of the post-war British comedies "Genevieve".

Starring Kenneth More, John Gregson, Dinah Sheridan and Kay Kendall, the film centres in (glorious Technicolor) around the adventures of one of the entrants in the annual London to Brighton road race for veteran cars. Take More at his flippant best, add John Gregson at his most harassed, multiply by Miss Sheridan at her most charming and equate all this with the trumpet playing, etc., etc., of Kay Kendall and the sum is a first-class evening's entertainment.

With "Genevieve," "The Road to Canterbury," a travel film in colour will be shown; and cartoon-maniacs will probably enjoy "Daredevil Droopy," an M.G.M. cartoon.

## HAVE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING . . .

Thanks to the really enlightened policy of the year's Cinema Committee, an equally brilliant selection of films is arranged for next term.

Amongst the highlights are, "Henry V," the Japanese International prize-winner, "Roshomon," the French comedy . . . by now a film classic, "University Girl?"



"Will you please introduce yourself? I'm not allowed to talk to strangers!"

## NOTICE

To all Union-Minded People  
THE NEXT  
**MEETING**  
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as an observer

M.G.M.'s colour-musical, "Kiss Me Kate," the British comedy "Doctor In The House," while a selection of excellent American films includes "Detective Story," "Death Of A Salesman," "All The Kings Men" and the very popular "Roman Holiday."

A glimpse even further ahead into the Summer Term reveals that two of the big attractions will be "Shane" and the Brando epic "On The Waterfront."

Congratulations to Union Cinema Committee on some first-rate planning and choices!

# STAFF-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP

## -- DOES IT EXIST?

This is an un-edited article from a second-year student. As the problem is of supreme importance, we have published it in full here.

"Staff-student relationship" is simply a phrase which has been invented to give a name to something which should take place quite naturally. If a relationship between Staff and Students is a natural relationship which would occur in any case, of what use is it to build a Common Room in order to force the relationship to take place?

Some members of staff wish to meet students and to exchange ideas with them. Others do not wish to do so. Those members of staff who do meet their students on an informal basis have for long been able to do so in either the bar or in Caf. If the two meet in such a way the student feels comfortable and "at home," so that his conversation with the member of staff is far more congenial than it would be in a room where he was almost under compulsion to talk with the lecturer.

In spite of this, it is a useful part of a student's social education to feel at ease whilst talking to a member of staff or other such dignified person. This particularly applies in the case of freshers, who are naturally very often over-awed by learned lecturers.

If a student wants to meet a member of staff, or vice versa, then it is useful for him to be able to have a set place in which this could be done. But how is a lecturer or student to know that he will be able to meet people from his own department in the Common Room at any particular time? Or is the purpose of the Staff-Student Common Room not so much to talk over difficult or interesting parts of a certain course, but to discuss subjects of an extra-curricular nature?

It is repulsive to certain types of people who enjoy "Staff-Student relations" to think that this natural relationship is being forced by the opening of a Common Room solely for that purpose?

Are the Collegiate systems of Oxford and Cambridge (and our own Halls of Residence) institutions which aid the natural relationship in a natural manner? If so, is the S.S.C.R. a means of giving to students and staff a means of implementing that relationship? Is the S.S.C.R. an imitation of the Oxbridge system which has been adapted to Leeds conditions?

Is the Union simply a Students' Union or is it supported also by members of staff? Do we want undue interference, etc., from members of staff? Many lecturers are opposed to the Union and many of its activities, and others are unwilling to give up part of their "valuable" time simply to talk with their students. Only those who are lecturers and are interested in education besides their own subject will visit the S.S.C.R.

# GRANDSTAND AT ELLAND FINISH ROAD

NOT many supporters of Leeds United would feel confident of their team's ability to retain their unbeaten home record (26 matches) after the first 16 minutes of Saturday's game.

Liverpool were the visitors and they took full advantage of a wavering Leeds' defence to score twice without reply. Liddell converting a penalty given for handling by Kerfoot after ten minutes, and four minutes later, a weak tackle by Ripley enabled Arnell to slip through to score an easy goal.

This was quite a shock for Leeds, and Liverpool obviously gained in confidence as they kept the United defenders on the run.

The hard working Brook at inside right — returned after a spell on the injured list — assisted greatly to pull the game round and bring United more into the picture.

It was an Overfield goal which really turned the tide. Williams made progress on the right and transferred to Brook who placed a fast centre over to the left where Overfield, with remarkable coolness, drove the ball low into the net.

This goal came at a most critical time and from that moment the game really came to life. Brook, in a storming move, drew the goalkeeper and inexplicably placed the ball wide.

Still, it was clear United were keen to fight back and despite the deficit, 2-1 at half time, there was rather more optimism amongst the Leeds' supporters.

Wingers Williams and Overfield were playing a splendid game, the former sending over many tantalising

"hanging" centres which had danger written all over them. On the other wing, Overfield used the "cut-in" technique, to the utter confusion of Lambert, Liverpool's left serving right back.

It was an Overfield centre which provided an opening for Williams whose shot struck the cross bar and rebounded into play. It fell at Charles's feet, who, with his back to goal, wheeled and forced the ball through.

Now the fight was really on. Brook had another unaccountable miss from close in but atoned for his lapse a few moments later when he drove the ball home after fine combined work by Williams and Vickers.

Finally, Charles with a goal reminiscent of his prolific goal-scoring form of previous seasons, broke away and after a fine solo run, clinched the issue with a powerful shot.

And so a 2-0 deficit was converted into a 4-2 victory.

During this fine fighting rally, each and every player on the side pulled his weight. Earlier we had seen a somewhat hesitant Ripley and Dunn giving too much latitude to Arnell and A'Court who were being prompted by the strong playing Twentyman.

Vickers, introduced in place of Nightingale, for his first senior game of the season started slowly but came more into the game in the second half.

Charles, as usual, found himself being well covered, but this did not prevent him going near with several headers. His sweeping passes to the wings were a model for his colleagues and, with the wingers responding well, the initiative was always with the United attack once they had found their feet.

Charlton had a handful facing the elusive Liddell, but he did a magnificent job. Liddell was rarely dangerous and his one score came from the penalty spot.

Kerfoot and Hair, after a shaky start, settled down to master the Liverpool right flank whilst Leeds had to thank Wood in goal for at least two exceptionally fine saves.

This "new-look" forward line certainly showed more fire and fighting spirit than any tried this season. If Vickers can blend and improve with experience, it seems that United could have found a good combination at last.

# NATIONS COMBINE IN SPORT AT LEEDS

## PRESIDENTS RETURN FOR BIG DEBATE

DEBATES COMMITTEE provides yet another big attraction this term on Friday, December 2nd at 8 p.m. when four immediate past Presidents of the Union will make a very welcome return to the Table in the Presidents' Debate. The Motion is to be "That in the opinion of this house, man is the only animal that blushes or needs to."

All four past Presidents were well-known in their times here as star debaters, and as their fame seems to have lingered, a good audience is expected.

Members will remember Mr. Gilbert Gray's hilariously funny speech in the Inter-Varsity Debate last January. Mr. Barrington Black has appeared this Session already as Judge of the Public Speaking Contest; Mr. Geoffrey Rhodes' prowess as a speaker is well within "living memory," and last year's President, Jim Macfarlane, once reached the semi-finals in the N.U.S. Debating Tournament. By all the signs and omens, it will be a first-class debate. Debates Committee have expressed the hope that there will be plenty of Floor speakers.

THIS year the Leeds Basketball Club is more international in its competition than ever before. New members include Messrs. Colombo, from Italy; Lubliner, from Israel; Wang, and Lua, from China; plus last year's colourful medley of Catsaros, from Greece; Magid, from Israel, and (at last—hooray) Fallon and Laing, from England.

This mixed force has suffered only one defeat this season, a tragic loss at the hands of Manchester in the U.A.U. by only one point. The score of 64-63 indicates adequately the narrowness of the struggle, and in fact Leeds were far superior individually. Leeds were awarded a penalty which would have given them victory at the very end of the game, but the whistle went before it could be taken. However, the disappointed and indignant Leeds players can gain their revenge tomorrow, when they meet Manchester again in the Christie Cup Competition. Liverpool will also be competing in this contest which should provide exciting entertainment for all those who are wise enough to gather in the gymnasium tomorrow at twelve.

Newcomer Wang has been outstanding this season. Not only has he scored many baskets, but he has excelled in his shrewd distribution. Lubliner's height and experience have been valuable assets to the club, whilst Catsaros, one of last year's most enterprising and skilful players, is as good as ever.

## THEY FIGHT OVER BAGS OF CEMENT

The membership this year of the Fencing Club compares very favourably with that of previous years, reaching a total of over 40. Many of this number are keen beginners and so start their fencing career under the expert supervision of Professor Bennett, one of the leading coaches in the country.

The Club has been very fortunate in acquiring as its salle one of the rooms in the new gym which although not yet completed, has been in use almost from the beginning of the session, even if many of the fights did have to be fought over bags of cement in the rather unorthodox style popularised by the films.

The team this year has been weakened considerably by the loss of Miss G. Sanderson and Mr. J. Grainger, last year's captain, and men's vice-captain. In spite of this handicap, the club managed to commence the season by defeating Nottingham University but has since lost to both Manchester and Birmingham Universities as well as to Bradford Sword Club.

However, the Club does look forward to building up its strength once more, although this may be a slow process as two years' training is required before any competition work is possible, and most students are, on entering the University, completely unfamiliar with the art of Fencing.

Magid still shows all his old skill, but one wishes that his clever play could be seen in every match. Finally Mr. Mitchell, the new coach, and David Crispis, a very old secretary, are rendering invaluable service behind the scenes.

# Records Broken at Weetwood

On November 12th, Leeds sent a 2nd team to Birmingham to run against Birmingham University and Loughborough College 2nds, and found more difficulty in overcoming the obstacles of the course than in vanquishing their opponents. They were, however, beaten by a strong Loughborough side, but quite easily defeated Birmingham, thanks to a fine run by W. McIntosh.

The same day saw the 3rd team defeat Leeds Grammar School by 36 points to 42. The team ran well together and John Brown produced a very fine performance finishing in second position. The following week he reproduced this form in running second in the Leeds 2nd team to Len Sullivan, the club vice-captain. This was a return match with Loughborough 2nd and this time Leeds reversed the result of the previous week to the tune of 69 points to 96. However, Leeds were defeated by Liverpool 2nd who won the match with 50 points.

Also on the 19th, the 1st team entertained Loughborough 1st, and, as expected, the visitors proved too strong. Brearley, Whittaker and Wright, of Loughborough, finished together in first place in a time of 40 minutes, 42 seconds, which shattered the record for the 7½ miles course by nearly 2 minutes. Three Leeds runners also broke the record — Kevin McKeown, who ran brilliantly to gain fourth place, and Brian Hodgson and Harry Hassall, who finished sixth and seventh, respectively. The final result was Loughborough 28 points, Leeds 50.

Despite this defeat, prospects for the Christie on December 3rd, are definitely bright, and the Leeds runners are becoming more and more optimistic. With the return to form of Len Sullivan, the improvement of McIntosh and Brown, chances of victory are increasing for both teams and the club says "roll on the Christie."

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## WINNER IN LAST EIGHT SECONDS

IN their U.A.U. and Christie Match with Manchester last Saturday, Leeds Polo Team won the toss and defended the deep end. Although they attacked from the start it was Manchester who scored first.

Immediately after, Bill Elms equalised with a brilliant solo effort and Terry Dudley put Leeds ahead after a good pass by Pat Woodward, a fresher who played a fine game. Leeds continued to attack and Sowden had a bad miss. Then Manchester equalised through their U.A.U. centre forward — big and bulky, he was a constant menace when given any room. Sowden scored again for Leeds, but after some delightful polo Manchester scored twice more to give them a 4-3 lead at half time.

Straight after the interval Sowden broke through and although his shot was stopped, Dudley, smartly following up, pushed the ball into the back of the net. Leeds now began to get on top and Manchester retaliating with some rough play had a man sent off. Sowden and Elmsley added further goals, but Leeds began to tire and Manchester took advantage of a defensive blunder and then scored a penalty to make the scores six all. Leeds rallied brilliantly in the last two minutes; Elms received a pass up the bath and though harassed by two defenders was able to pass to Dudley who scored the winner eight seconds from time.

This victory was a triumph of team spirit with everyone playing well above his normal form. As Manchester have already defeated Liverpool, hopes are very high for success in the Christie and a place in the U.A.U. semi-final.

Team, Green: Woodward, Elmsley, Elms; Dudley, Taylor, Sowden.

## Chess Club: Mixed Feelings

With a third of the season behind, the Chess Club can reflect on what has been achieved and what might have been achieved.

Fortunately, the elimination of Durham from the British Universities Chess Association has been achieved and this compensates to some extent for two defeats in I. M. Browne Tournament games. The main reason for these defeats is that the Club has been unable to field full strength sides, and there may well have been a different story to tell if players of the calibre of Regan Dyson and Wall had been available regularly. Nevertheless there is no cause for despondency, for the two top boards, Baxter and Bradley have been very consistent and the improvement of Rathbone and Johnstone is encouraging.

The second team, which has not lost a game this season, is playing very well in the newly formed Leeds and District Chess League. Its trouncing of West Leeds was quite remarkable.

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## NARROW DEFEAT IN ENTERTAINING GAME

RUGBY CLUB 8 HALIFAX 11

HALIFAX proved slightly too good for the University last Saturday, when they won a very hard match by 11 pts. to 8. Despite the fact that both sides included several reserves, the game was interesting to watch as both sides gave of their best. The match, played at a fast pace throughout, contained much skilful rugby and some good scores. The final result was a fair reflection of the play.

At first Halifax pressed strongly and were rewarded after ten minutes when a strong forward rush enabled wing-forward Mellor to score. Bartle added the extra points and so Leeds were 5 pts. down. Stung by this, the University forwards gained the ascendancy and soon from a good heel Morrall kicked ahead. Gaunt, at full speed, caught the ball and raced over for a very good try which, however, was not converted. Halifax soon scored again when their fly-half Saville dropped a goal from in front of the posts. At this stage Leeds were holding Halifax well, and were unlucky not to score through Sutcliffe when the ball eluded his grasp as he dived on it to score. Thus the score remained at 8-3 until half-time.

After the interval, Halifax, in a series of quick passing movements, began to find gaps in the Leeds defence, and after 15 minutes, went further ahead with an unconverted try from their left-winger. Leeds fought back again, and from a five-yard scrum, Hirst went over for a try which Hinchcliffe converted. At the final whistle both sides were still fighting hard: there had been no slackening of pace throughout the match.

The University showed that they have a good set of forwards, who played well throughout the match but never succeeded in mastering the Halifax eight. In the loose they kept together well, but spoiled many of their foot-rushes by failing to keep the ball close. At scrum-half much good work by the forwards was spoilt by inaccurate passing from the base of the scrum. The three-quarters had several good moments in attack, and their defence was good. On the whole, this was a good showing by the University against a team reputed to be one of the best in the north.

### LEEDS 11 HULL 0

The University, playing Hull, on the previous Wednesday had an easier victory than the score suggests, but although their forwards were on top for the whole of the match, it was not until the last ten minutes that Leeds managed to score. Had the Leeds backs not squandered so many chances, the score would have been much larger. The absence of their regular goal-kicker was sorely felt.

### OPINION

CONGRATULATIONS to the Hockey, Polo and Rugby teams on their fine U.A.U. and Christie victories over Manchester. But this jubilation must be sobered by the fact that already this term teams from the Cross Country, Cycling, Fives, Badminton, Lacrosse, Swimming, Soccer, Squash and Basketball clubs have been beaten by Manchester.

### HOW IS THIS TO BE EXPLAINED

Manchester's University superiority in numbers is insufficient to produce such superiority in performance. Nor can it be explained by lack of facilities, for Westwood is undoubtedly one of the best sportsgrounds in the North. Are there talented sportsmen in Leeds hiding their lights beneath a bushel? Is Leeds receiving inferior material? — this is doubtful, for in the Soccer, Hockey and Swimming Clubs especially, freshers are a valuable element; however, it must be pointed out that this term University junior teams have occasionally been heavily defeated by schools; if we do not send them our best, we cannot expect them to send us theirs.

### NOT A SPORTING AREA?

Another possible explanation may be the fact that Manchester is a better sporting area than the West Riding. In soccer, for instance, the strength of Manchester City, Manchester United, and Bolton Wanderers far exceeds that of Huddersfield, Leeds United and the Bradford Clubs. This might be an indirect cause of the 11-4 trouncing which the Soccer club received. On the other hand the success of the Rugby club may well be due to the relative strength of Headingley, Roundhay, Bradford and Halifax. But obviously these are only very indirect causes; Bangor University College, for example, have had fine soccer sides and are hardly the centre of an important soccer area. The basis of success is fitness, team spirit, consistency and determination; it is not suggested that Leeds lacks these qualities, but there is ever room for improvement.

### THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Although some of the Men's Athletic Clubs are showing in different form, other spheres of Leeds sporting life are producing promising displays. The Ladies' Hockey, Netball and Lacrosse clubs all defeated Manchester, whilst the 2nd XI Soccer side came away from Manchester with an 8-1 victory refusing to allow the 1st XI to eat with them.

### Hockey

## RALLY "VICTORY"

By beating Durham, 7-1, in the final of the 1955 Northern Universities Rally, at Liverpool on Saturday, 12th, Leeds won the Rally in a very convincing style.

This was the first time the Rally had been held for three seasons, the last two years it has been rained off, and it is certainly the first time that Leeds have won for at least six seasons.

Leeds beat Sheffield 2-0 in the morning and drew with Manchester and Leicester 0-0, winning the section on goal average. In the other section Durham won all of their games, including that against Liverpool. Leeds should certainly have beaten Leicester but the forwards seemed to have the time and ability to do everything except score goals. Manchester played very determined and vigorous hockey and it was only by some strong defensive play that they were held to a draw. In the final Leeds played a first-class fast open game, the forwards cut their way through the Durham defence with a surgical precision to score seven goals in thirty minutes.

### HONOURS

Four Leeds players have been selected as reserves for the Northern Universities Team, Ann Benson, "Squash" Goodchild, Margaret Gray and Jennifer Topham. Carol Newbrook also had a trial after the rally.

### Other Results:

1st XI v. Nottingham University, lost 6-3.  
v. Newland's O. G., won 4-3.  
2nd XI v. Nottingham, lost 8-4.  
v. Loughborough Ladies, lost 6-3.  
v. Bingley T. Coll., lost 4-0.  
3rd XI v. Alreborough O. S., lost 11-1.  
v. Ockburn O. S., won 2-0.  
v. Harrogate Ladies, won 4-2.

## RALLY "BAD LUCK"

Leeds did well in the rally at Nottingham on the 12th, only losing to Liverpool, the WIVAB Champions, in the final.

They had previously beaten Sheffield easily by 5-0 and Nottingham by 2-0 to win their section. The game against Nottingham was close but Leeds were definitely superior with both attacks and defences playing a well co-ordinated game. Rhoda Mitchell and Catherine Norris played particularly well in the defence while Janet Haworth and Elizabeth Rowe scored most of the goals. In the final Leeds played well but Liverpool, with three ex-captains in their team, were too strong for them.

The team lost 3-5 to Mellor Ladies at Mellor on Saturday in a very rough game. In the first half Leeds were sadly outplayed by their opponents and were 1-4 down at half-time. Although Leeds improved considerably after the interval they still were unable to break through the Mellor defence.

### Women's Swimming

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB LOSE TO MANCHESTER

In the match against Manchester on the 19th, Pamela Cashion (Backstroke) and Lucy Harrison (Butterfly) were both unlucky to lose their individual events by inches. Brenda Edley won the diving and the most surprising victory of the evening came in the Medley Team race. Unfortunately, this advantage was not consolidated in the Freestyle Squadron Race, as Leeds were lacking their strongest freestyle swimmers.

### Final Result:

Manchester 50, Leeds 24.

## LOST BALL



"Union News" photographer Frank Carter, snaps Spink and Wilman in a strange incident during the Hockey Club's match with Thirsk. The University won a hard game by two goals to one, both goals being scored by Crook. Highlights were the goalkeeping of Cunningham and the sound play of Marshall, deputising at back for the injured Nunn.

### RIFLE CLUB

## A SHOCK FOR LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL confirmed this Christie fixture on condition that Leeds "were prepared to expect a heavy defeat." Stung into drastic action and suitably prepared, the Rifle Club set forth to do battle.

They began well with a highest possible score (100 out of 100) from Welsh International Reserve Dennis Poley. Useful 97s were scored by David Devaney and Alan Connors, the latter shooting in his first important match. Malcolm Whitehouse, minus guitar, scored 99 to give Leeds a five point lead with two men to shoot. Unless the last two made an unholy mess of things, victory was assured, but one cannot be certain until the last shot is safely through the bull. However, the old guard, captain John Perigo and secretary Peter Adam both scored a 100, and the game was won by six points.

The team total of 593 was probably the highest ever recorded in the Christie Cup.

### Netball

## RALLY DEFEAT

The Northern Universities Netball Rally was held at Leeds this year on November 12th, when nine Universities were represented.

The Rally was won by Durham beating Liverpool, who had the misfortune to lose their Captain owing to an injury, in the final.

The Leeds team did not display their usual enthusiasm, and consequently the speed of some of the games was at times too much for them. The determination which had been a characteristic of games earlier in the season had vanished overnight. The centre court tactics still remained successful, but the shooters were unable to free themselves from the opposing defenders when needed. Leeds won the final game in their section against Nottingham and here they combined speed and co-ordination for the first time.

### SECOND TEAM VICTORY

The only game since the disappointing results of the Rally was the match with Hunslet C.L.B. on the 19th, at Westwood. Despite the fact that two of the regular team were missing, and therefore that teamwork was rather lacking, the 2nd VII managed to snatch a 13-12 victory. The centre (G. Potter) and the two shooters (M. Whittam and P. Thomas) played extremely well.

### Fives Go Down

The first IV lost to Manchester last Saturday by 2 games to 10 (176 pts. to 136). The match was closer than the score suggests, for Manchester won many games by narrow margins. The Second IV lost by 3 games to 9, and failed to settle down on courts which were much faster than those at Devonshire Hall. However, the first pair managed to win all three games.

## Improved Soccer Display shows---

Soccer Club ..... 7  
Compton Athletic ..... 2

IN their Leeds and District Cup match with Compton Athletic, the University served up an attractive display of fast open football which was a joy to watch.

The University made a bad start when the opposing right winger was allowed to score a gift goal. Compton Athletic were inspired by this success and several times came close. Eventually the University settled down but attractive approach work could only produce one goal (by Devey) before half time.

In the second half the University showed their superiority in football skill and completely outplayed the Athletic, who incidentally are at the head of the Leeds Combination League. Further goals were scored by Fish (2), Clift (2), Rolls and Banks. Fish was outstanding at inside left with his distribution, interchanging of position and hard accurate shooting. Sidebottom and Rolls, making their debuts in the senior side, both gave sound performances.

## THEY CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS

Soccer Club ..... 3  
Durham University ..... 5

November 16th.

FIRM pitch, no wind — conditions were perfect for good football; unfortunately most of the good football came from Durham. Indeed, it is difficult to say anything complimentary about Leeds.

Early in the season it seemed that if they rectified a few features they might well become a good side. They were at least a TEAM then. Against Durham they looked thoroughly ragged! None of the forwards knew how to find each other. To give them credit, they did look dangerous in front of goal but owing to the inability of the halves and inside forwards to ply the line with accurate passes, they seldom got within shooting distance. Furthermore, the defence was very poor. Their tackling was weak and marking slack. The only redeeming features were the sound goalkeeping of Machin and the passing of Don Rhodes; he distributed the ball far more precisely than any of the forwards.

Leeds held their own in the opening stages, but after conceding two goals after twenty minutes, much of the fight went out of them. Before half-time Stan Fish smartly took advantage of a defensive misunderstanding, to reduce the arrears. Leeds looked as if they might pull the game out of the fire after the interval, but Durham made sure of victory when their centre-forward scored two quick goals against the run of play. Later they increased their lead, and although Leeds replied with good goals by Devey and Clift, the better side finished comfortable winners.

Throughout the season, Leeds have been as good individually as their opponents, but unless they mould their differing styles into a solid determined combination, there is little hope of improvement.

### AND NOTTS

This success followed a good win over Nottingham the previous week. The Club scored several individual successes at Bisleigh in July, notably Dennis Poley who was selected as first reserve for Wales and won a bottle of gin into the bargain. John Perigo won several prizes and the team defeated the crack Cambridge A in the team competition.

This year the freshers are shaping well and from its eighty members the Club is building up a very good second team. Two beginners, Alan Connors and Barbara Cruddas are in the first team already and competition for places is becoming hot. With Peter Moorhouse improving and Hugh Wilman with a new rifle, scores are rising.

The aims of the club are high, with the University League, the Christie Cup and even the News of the World National Competition as the target.

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### LACROSSE'S UNHAPPY START

THE MEN'S LACROSSE CLUB are having a wretched season and have yet to win a match. This can mainly be explained by the fact that there are only eight members of the club remaining from last year, J. Ingham (capt.), D. Green, D. Langan, D. Sparrow, R. Batson, J. Ward and P. Mason. In addition, Yorkshire is not a noted source of Lacrosse talent and only two of the freshers Wilde and Coleclough, have had any previous experience of the game. Thus inevitably the side is taking some time

to settle down into an effective combination, and injuries to Ingham and Sparrow have handicapped matters.

However, in spite of its misfortunes, the club is keen. Newcomers are quickly learning the game and there are indications that the corner will soon be turned. The fact that Rochdale only triumphed by a narrow margin was a good omen, and the result might have been very different but for inexperience in handling.

Regular membership of the club is only sixteen and new players are still welcome.

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