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DAMAGE TO DRESS AND DIGNITY

It is customary to inveigh against the behaviour at the Union Annual General Meeting for there are always some students who are incapable of discerning between humour and crass stupidity. The sight of the Union Officers and Committee trying to dodge mothballs may well be a source of amusement to the 'masses,' and streamers of toilet paper add indubitably to the atmosphere of the occasion.

But this year's innovation of eggs and tomatoes was regarded by all, except, of course, the instigators, as a disgrace, an abominable waste, and a disgusting insult. As a result of their egg-and-tomato-throwing, certain people are going to receive the punishment they deserve. The ejection of one member from the Hall was most certainly a moral victory for the Chairman of the meeting; but eggs continued to come until their source was located.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

The damage done was of considerable proportions: one of the buff traverses (a curtain 15 x 20 feet) which has only recently been cleaned, sustained several egg stains; the President's gown and eleven other gowns are little more than glutinous messes, and four men's suits are in need of very thorough cleaning. Egg albumen being what it is, the stains will not be easily removed from any of these items.

Only prompt action by the Secretary saved the minute book from becoming an impossible mess and sharing the fate of other documents, the pages of which were literally glued together. There was all this, not to mention the indignity of those at the receiving end, at this year's A.G.M. Mothballs hurt if they are not avoided. Toilet paper harms none. But eggs and tomatoes ruin.

CLEANERS' PROTEST

The Riley-Smith store was an interesting (amongst other epithets) spectacle after the meeting, bearing the scars of battle—egg streaks, all pointing back to one point in the balcony. Needless to say, the cleaners took one look at the Hall and nearly walked out, it needing all the Head Porter's tact to get them to start.

Surprisingly enough, there was a certain amount of business—serious business—done when comparative peace (peace is always comparative at an A.G.M.) was restored. It was unfortunate that one item, which was not on the Agenda but was merely brought up as a point of information, (arising out of an innocent remark added by Mr. Tom Settle to his report by the Clerk to the Union on 'Finance'), took up so much time of the meeting. Union Committee removed the confidential matter from closed circulation at its meeting two days before the A.G.M., but hoped that it would not be necessary to go into detail.

DISTASTEFUL DISCUSSION

It would seem that it was this protracted discussion, continued at great length in reasonable quiet and with an absence of missiles, save in protest at the arrival of three women students who shall be nameless, which led to the gradual drift away to the Lounge, the Cafeteria and even the Brotherton, rendering the meeting inquorate at 4.30. This is the first time an Annual General Meeting has become inquorate, though several have continued after 4.30. As a result, it was impossible to complete the Draft Constitution. Business will recommence with the new proposed Chapter V at the continuation of the meeting at 1.15 p.m. on Friday, 24th February. It is hoped that lectures will be cancelled until 3.0 p.m.; it is ESSENTIAL THAT THERE ARE 525 MEMBERS OF THE UNION PRESENT, in order that the highly important business may be dealt with. Missiles will not be tolerated.



This satirical impression of the Annual General Meeting was submitted by an ordinary Union Member, Mr. Bryan Woodruff, a Second-year Arts student, who stated that he "found the A.G.M. more disgusting than amusing." While not agreeing with every point which he has pictorially expressed, we too found a section of the business discussed thoroughly distasteful, and in publishing this cartoon, stick to the principle expressed in our last issue: that "Union News" has wide scope for expression, comment and the personal opinion of any Union member who has anything to say.

MACE UNSCATHED

It was with the greatest relief that members of Executive saw the £250 Mace unscathed after the meeting. Any damage to it would be a blow to the Union, not to mention the Union's finances. Nevertheless, it is not dignified to have to protect the Mace by sheets of newspaper, even if the newspaper used be that venerable organ "The Manchester Guardian."

A MATTER FOR THE UNION

Members of the Union have a habit of grumbling when various University authorities treat them as children—whether it be at Freshers' Conference, on Financial matters, with reference to the Union building itself (on U.B.A.C.) or on catering matters. Can we honestly blame people for taking this attitude when such childish, idiotic and insane things are done by students? High spirits are one thing, and to them genuine wit and humour are closely allied. Eggs and tomatoes fall into a totally different category, and it is time that very strong action was taken; in fact strong action is going to be taken against the outstanding offenders. Fortunately this matter will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee, and thus will remain a strictly Union affair. The A.G.M. is not yet over, but the infantile behaviour is.

FOOTNOTE:—It is more than likely that the Agendas and Constitutions have either gone up in smoke or down as aeroplanes. There are, however, a few spares and one copy of the Draft in the lower corridor. Remember—Feb. 24th.

UNION COMMITTEE TO JUSTIFY THEIR VOTES IN FUTURE

STERN measures were taken at the meeting of Union Committee on Tuesday of last week to ensure better attendance and courtesy of its members. The following additions to the Bye-laws relating to conduct at U.C. meetings were approved:—

- 1—No member should leave the meeting without formal permission from the chair.
- 2—Members should not leave the meeting for a period of more than 10 minutes without permission from the chair.
- 3—Members who know beforehand that they will be late or absent from a meeting should inform the President.
- 4—When members miss more than one hour of a Committee meeting for any reason, this should be noted in the attendance register, with, whenever possible, the reason. Five hours' absence made up in this way should constitute one meeting's absence.

CONDUCT

The last clause does away with the system whereby one hour's attendance was sufficient for any one meeting. When that was framed, meetings were short and one hour was a fair proportion of the total time. These bye-laws should bring home the present No. 14 (p. 37, Union handbook) which states "Apologies for absence shall not be accepted except in very special circumstances. It is to be hoped that in future observers will have less cause to be disgusted with the conduct of meetings, and feel more confident in their representatives."

COUNCIL

Six motions were approved for the N.U.S. April Council which will be held in Leeds; one of these expresses strong disapproval of the N.A.L.S.O. pamphlet which mis-represented remarks made by several delegates to the last Council on the occasion of the election of Mr. John Cheate to the N.U.S. Executive. Another requests strong action on behalf of Iraqi students, whose future stay in this country seems to be in jeopardy. The question of Post-Graduate In-

DIRTY WASHING!

SPORTSMAN ELECTED

1,900 make it highest poll for years

IN what must be considered the toughest election battle for the Presidency for a long time, and in which the poll was the highest for nearly six years (over 55% of Union members voting) Peter Sidebottom has been elected President of the Union for next year by a majority of 17 votes.

At the sixth count, in which only Sydney Larter and he were left in the running, this Third-Year Law Student and President of Woodsley Hall finally emerged the victor. Apart from his sporting activities for his Hall—being a member of its Basketball, Tennis and Swimming teams—he brings distinction and dignity to the position of Right-Half in the University 1st XI Soccer Team: An honour of which they will be rightly proud.

Amongst the many listed aims on his nomination form Peter conspicuously declares he will press for a complete reorganisation of the Refectory Catering system.

"Union News" offers the President-Elect its heartiest congratulations on his election and believes it voices the opinion of the Union as a whole in wishing him all luck and satisfaction in his term of office.

THE FIGURES

AT THE FIRST COUNT

P. Sidebottom	497
S. Larter	397
C. Payne	359
J. Johansen-Berg	343
C. Maclean	154
M. Cohen	95
G. Smyth	87

AFTER TRANSFER OF VOTES

P. Sidebottom	865
S. Larter	848
Total Poll	1,922

NEW DATE FOR MOTOR CLUB RALLY

THE Motor Club Rally, which should have been held on the night of February 3rd, had to be cancelled owing to the icy condition of the roads in the Yorkshire Hills. However, in spite of a great deal of trouble involved, The Motor Club have rearranged the Rally, the approved date being April 28th.

KEN DODD TONIGHT

At last the answer to the mystery of "Who is Art?" can be revealed. Art is a real character who will be appearing this evening at Arts Ball in the person of the famous radio and stage comedian, Ken Dodd.

Ken Dodd is well known for that jovial north-country humour which is typical of Art's own attitude to work and how to avoid it. Tonight you will be able to meet him, so come along in any old garb, he won't mind, nor will anyone else so there is no need to worry about wearing your best comb!

Ullage will flow freely in the bar till midnight under the genial management of Fred, who will also attempt to prevent excesses of wall-to-wall consumption.

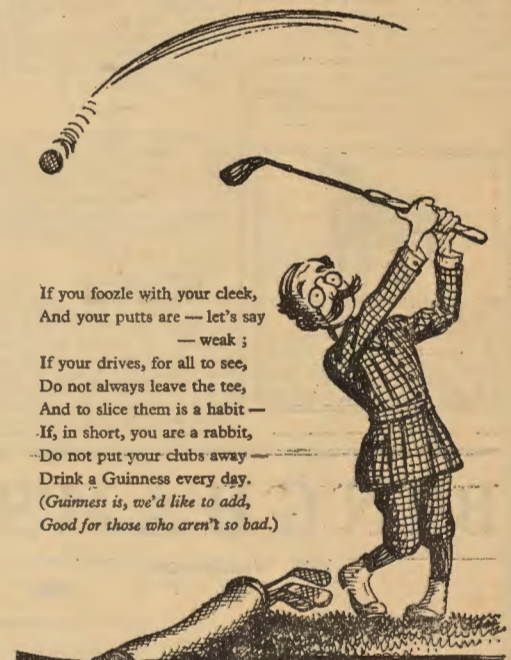
The workers have already risen in response to Art's invitation, and a large number of tickets have already been sold.

You will have to bring a mate along with you this evening, so grab a girl and borrow 10/- for your ticket. See you there, in your best clogs. Be good.

BILL TIGGINS
(Art's Publicity Man)

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE Universal Day of Prayer for Students all over the world takes place on Sunday next. The Leeds contribution will be a service held in Emmanuel Church which is the Annual Union Service. There will be a procession leaving the Union at 10.50 a.m. in which a representative of each union society will be asked to take part. The preacher will be the Rev. Ronald Preston, Warden of a Hostel at Manchester University. The Madrigal Group of the Music Society will sing the anthem.



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IT HAPPENED ELSEWHERE

FLAGS AND RAGS

IT is reported that there might be police prosecutions following the discovery of two pennants, bearing the inscriptions "M.U." and "Shrove Rag," 150 feet from the top of the 750 ft. Holme Moss steel mast.

There seems little doubt that this was a University student's "stunt", and the police and B.B.C. officials are taking a very serious view of it, for not only was there considerable danger to the people who climbed the mast, but intricate equipment might have been damaged. A spokesman said it must have taken 20 minutes to climb the mast to the point where the flags were fixed, and it is reported that before this occurred there was a phone call to Holme Moss enquiring about wind-velocity.

A different instance of flag-hoisting is reported from Glasgow University where the Hammer and Sickle was hoisted above the Glasgow City Chambers by students who slipped into the building during a ceremony where Andrew Hood was being presented with his portrait. The flag flew above the dome until workmen removed it.

Oxford University Proctors recently rejected an application by the University Jazz Club to hold weekly "jive sessions." The ban is on the grounds of moral decency, but the jazz enthusiasts complain that Jive is taught by the Ballet Club at 10/- per time with the full sanction of the University authorities!

In order to be regarded as respectable, apparently, Jive must be called "Interpretive dancing in the modern idiom" . . .

Students of the Institution of Technical Culture recently voted in a debate that the proposed visit of Dr. Billy Graham to India would do more good to Dr. Graham than it would to the people of India.

Eighty-four students at Moscow University were recently expelled for criticising the views of their professor on the Irish writer James Joyce.

A national newspaper reports that the Vice-Chancellors of Manchester and Liverpool Universities have written to the Presidents of the two Unions warning them that "rag-raids" in the future will be regarded as breaches of university discipline, and the students responsible will be in danger of rustication. Last year, apparently, a group of students from Manchester University, absconded with a portrait by Augustus John valued at £2,000, in the keeping of Liverpool.



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"UNION NEWS" PRESENTS . . .

BARBER'S SHOP - TALK

AMID the Victorian baroque surroundings of Leeds Town Hall, six men with instruments stood on the stage which has in the past been the scene of great civic occasions, boxing matches, and evangelical meetings. The lights dimmed, the audience subsided into an expectant hush, and, with the first notes of the music which surged over the footlights, the six men became one, bound in the relentless discipline of New Orleans Jazz. The second concert which Chris Barber's Jazz Band has played in Leeds was under way.

There is little in Chris Barber's appearance to suggest that he is probably the finest jazz trombonist which this country has yet produced. We see a slightly-built fair-haired man, looking younger than his 26 years, and with noticeably round shoulders. But in conversation Chris emerges as a warm, friendly personality, with a deep understanding of the music he plays so well, and a willingness to discuss his views on the subject with all and sundry.

FROM MATHS TO MUSIC

Chris Barber originally intended to become a student of mathematics but at the age of 18 he took up the trombone, and at the age of 19 he gave up mathematics. From 1950 to 1953 he was a student at the Guildhall School of Music, where he acquired that technical knowledge which is so necessary to the good jazz man, however much 'spirit' he may possess. During this period Chris always had some sort of band of his own, but in 1953 he decided to become a professional musician and in that year he formed his first professional band.

PERMANENT PERSONNEL

The personnel of this early band was almost the same as the present-day Chris-Barber Band, except that Jim Bray was included on double bass instead of Mickey Ashman who was then playing with Humphrey Lyttleton. Monty Sunshine played clarinet, Pat Halcox provided a strong cornet lead and Ron Bowden on drums and Lonnie Donegan on banjo composed the rhythm section.

This band played successfully for some months, when news arrived that Ken Colyer was being deported from New Orleans, having proved himself too colourful a character, even for that city.

Ken was therefore asked to join and lead the band, as it was felt that his name would tend to ensure commercial success. After 10 months, however, Ken left the band due to incompatibility of temperament, and Pat Halcox returned to the cornet chair.

For the last two years the band has remained virtually unchanged in personnel, and has enjoyed ever-increasing success.

Part of this success is undoubtedly due to the Lonnie Donegan Skiffle Group, whose recording of "Rock Island Line" at present has the doubtful honour of being high in the "Top Twenty."

NO REPETITION

Chris Barber insists that his music is not a mere copy of what was played in New Orleans half a century ago. He believes that the principles of New Orleans jazz leave ample scope for individual creative talent to manifest itself, and that these principles themselves can be very widely interpreted. Jazz is not a tedious repetition of hackneyed tunes, but a style of playing. Thus, it is possible to produce a jazz version of almost any tune.

Chris Barber and his Band play in what is to them their natural idiom. Chris declares that he has never played any other way, nor does he achieve the same sort of musical satisfaction from attempting to play in any other idiom.

JAZZ AT LEEDS

THE highlight of the Rhythm Club programme for this year and a notable event in the Union will be the second Inter-University Jazz Band Contest on Wednesday, March 7th. We are now able to reveal fuller details of this contest as arrangements are near completion.

Thirteen Universities, one Training College and four University Colleges are sending bands either to compete or to provide music for dancing. Representative bands are coming from the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, Liverpool, Hull, St. Andrews, Nottingham, King's College, Newcastle, Reading, Birmingham, Southampton, Glasgow and Leeds, Trinity College, Carmarthen, and the University Colleges of Leicester, Exeter, Aberystwyth and Bangor. This is an impressive list and it shows that interest in jazz in the Universities is strong and widespread.

TRAD. AND MODERN

The contest is open only to traditional style bands, but six or seven modernist bands are expected to show their talents in the more informal atmosphere of the Social Room.

There will be five judges well known in the jazz circles throughout the country. Bob Barclay is the leader of the Yorkshire Jazz Band, one of the pioneers of jazz in the provinces; Paddy McKiernan, a promoter and agent in Manchester and the north; Sandy Brown is the clarinetist leader of one of the best traditional jazz bands in the country; Lyn Dulton is a promoter and agent for the bands of Humphrey Lyttleton and Chris Barber; and George Webb is the

RAG UNDER WAY

NOTICES around the Union concerning Rag may have disturbed you. "Isn't it a little early?" you might ask. The point of the matter is this year's Rag is well under way.

Already in Rag Office are several thousands of printed handbills and posters—all of which are advertising Rag. Most of the Rag dances have been fixed; stunts have been devised; Rag Day itself is well on its feet; "Tyke" and "Rag Times" are ready for their copy—some of which has arrived; and both publicity and the car competition are in very capable hands.

This early preparation may lead you to think that Rag will be bigger and better even than last year's, and the Committee are inclined to agree with you—provided you will help. No matter how many arrangements are made, they are of no use if they haven't the necessary number of people to see them through—every one should help in some way. How? Why not make enquiries at Rag Office now?

3 M.P.s AT UNION

WITH the Presidential Elections pending, the Union seemed to be a centre of political activity last Friday, when three Members of Parliament came to speak to different bodies in varying topics.

During Lunch-time, Mr. W. S. Whitlaw, M.P. for Penrith, spoke to the Conservative Association on "Issues in Industry." At 5-15, Mr. Hugh Dalton, M.P., former Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke at Economics House about economic planning in Building.

Mr. Gerald Nabarro, M.P., spoke to the Chemical Engineering Society later in the evening on Smoke Pollution. It was Mr. Nabarro who first raised this problem in the House of Commons, and who pressed for the "Clean Air Bill" which was later passed.

JUST ONE WINNER

There was only one correct solution out of the many submitted for our "Anniversary Crossword Contest" of the last issue. Consequently it has been decided that the sole winner, Mr. J. Brian Taylor, of the History Department, should be awarded a 10/- Book Token, and that the remaining prize money should be used to run a similar contest in our next issue.

SOLUTION TO "ANNIVERSARY CROSSWORD"

ACROSS—1, Shade; 3, Operate; 6, Fide; 9, Chic; 11, Franc; 12, Ride; 13, Alma; 14, Rare Alarm; 15, Tess; 16, Prod; 17, Elki; 20, Cest; 22, Go; 23, Sit; 24, Contrasting; 26, Eton; 27, Give; 28, Erking; 29, Knock.
 DOWN—1, Sad; 2, Differentiation; 4, Procrastination; 5, Ash; 6, First Degree; 7, Ewers; 8, Pan American; 10, Clandestine; 18, Lo; 19, Scion; 20, Cling; 21, Sit; 24, Cowly; 25, Gink.

READERS WRITE

Dear Sir,

May I convey my thanks through your columns to all members of the Union who were kind enough to visit me during my recent enforced "holiday" in hospital.

Perhaps my sincere gratitude will help to redress the balance which has been upset recently by adverse criticism in some quarters of students as a breed.

Leeds University Union may be the finest club in Leeds—it certainly has very nice people as members.

Yours sincerely,

BARRY CRYER

Dear Sir,

I noticed with alarm and despondency the sifting of one of the UNSA refugee camp appeal collection stalls hard by the lodgings office recently. Does this proximity:

- constitute an undeserved slur on the activities of the lodgings office; or
- indicate that the lodgings office does not fear the competition of related organisations?

Yours sincerely,

B. EDWIN

Dear Sir,

I was glad to discover that your reviewer found my remarks on George Orwell "stimulating." I could wish, however, that he or she had been "stimulated" to produce a rather more intelligent piece of criticism.

Since he or she did not append his or her name to the article, I don't know who is patronising me in the two amiable references to "Mike Cohen," but I should say that I find this sort of formulation hard to reconcile with any sort of standards (in an unsigned literary review).

In reply to the reviewer's method of isolating one sentence from the total context of my article, and describing it as "a comical political issue," I can only say that political issues are seldom comical except to those comically deficient in political understanding.

Yours etc.,

MICHAEL COHEN

Dear Sir,

As an ardent admirer of the fair sex, I viewed with pleasure the first occurrence of "cheesecake" in the last edition of "Union News," i.e., in the shape of the lower limbs of Miss Barbara Haywood.

I look forward to further revelations of this nature in forthcoming editions.

Yours expectantly,

"FRUSTRATED TECHNOLOGIST"

Dear Sir,

The fact that the A.G.M. was inquorate before the New Constitution could even be properly discussed (despite the unseemly rush of such discussion) came as no surprise to me. The general body of the Union has not taken the slightest interest in it. They declare that it is only a waste of good paper and point to the 'gowns farce' to prove their point. BUT it is more than that. It is a declaration of THEIR rights, rights which need protection by THEM not by one or two members. It is to be hoped that before the continuation A.G.M. THEY will make an effort to read the New Constitution and be able to join actively into the discussion before it is too late.

Yours etc.,

ROBERT E. COLLINS.

Dear Sir,

Recently Ellerslie Hall was asked to quote any facts of particular interest with regard to Hall, and I feel that the matter of greatest interest, unmentioned on that occasion, is the versatility of our Warden.

Frequently Ellerslie Hall is in the sad state of being without a cook and on those occasions a considerable burden falls upon the other domestic staff. At these times the Warden has quite often been known to cook breakfast for students in Hall and Sick Bay and help with washing-up when necessary in order to avoid a domestic crisis, and has coped admirably with every conceivable domestic crisis.

Under certain circumstances, during the official "time-off" of the house manager, the Warden has done the rounds with thermometer, medicines and soft drinks to several students suddenly stricken with feverish colds and other epidemic ailments.

Members of Hall also benefit from all those other services no doubt executed by the Wardens of other Halls, but I consider that no other Hall can boast of a Warden more willing, enthusiastic, or sympathetic when necessary, than the Warden of Ellerslie Hall, and I think it is to her credit that very few students have taken unfair advantage of this fact.

I do hope you publish this letter, not in order that more might be expected of Wardens in the Larger Halls, but simply that the exceptional service of the Warden of Ellerslie might be recognised.

Yours truly,

AN APPRECIATIVE STUDENT MEMBER OF ELLERSLIE HALL.

THIS IS MY VIEW

By

"PERSPEX"

"UNDERGRADUATE humour" is not usually a complimentary phrase, confounded as it too often is with trite activities with policemen's helmets, bel'sha beacons and domestic earthenware. But occasionally gleams of wit do appear when slightly brighter sparks go to work at touching up the old 'uns. As, for instance, the elaboration on the old Rag stunt of students-dressed-as-workmen-digging-a-hole-in-the-road. This amended version consists in waiting until one sees a real gang of workmen road-excavating, and then sneaking off and phoning the Chief Constable with the information that a gang of students dressed as workmen are digging up a hole in one of his roads. Before a rabid Chief Constable can say "Flying Squad," the "informer" cunningly rushes to the "gen" gang of workmen and tells them that a group of students disguised as policemen will shortly be arriving to move them along. This situation will create a chaos guaranteed to start anyone's day off happily, but if the wit behind all this really wants to aspire to the heights of fiendish, Machiavellian-type intrigue, he can then organise a gang of students, heavily disguised as students to go and stand by and laugh like drains! Mildly amusing, at any rate, and containing the germs of wit.

"WE ARE NOT AMUSED"

But try as I may, for the life of me, I can't raise even a faint grimace at mothballs and toilet paper. Whether this is due to an unnatural deficiency in my sense of humour, or merely to a sneaking conviction that every drop of possible fun has long ago been wrung out of these articles, I cannot tell. A rotten egg only produces a yawn in me, (provided I am not the target). Ah! Things aren't what they were when I was young! Future A.G.M.'s will see me in an obscure corner with a copy of the latest Government White Paper, which should be productive of more laughs than an L.U.U.A.G.M.

Perhaps the aptest comment on the more serious side of the proceedings was made by the young lady, who said ingeniously that she "now understood the fascination of a Court of Law." Isn't the British sense of justice an amazing thing?

NATURE'S GENTLEMEN?

As I foretold in the last issue, the Presidential Election campaign was an exhibition of "becoming modesty" which would have done credit to any Musical Comedy Chorus of Village Maidens. I left the various candidates with the impression that, while I should personally be delighted to invite all of them to tea with the curate, and trust them all to handle at least 6 plates, cups and saucers with perfect decorum, I should be in constant apprehension of their suddenly breaking down into floods of self-abasing tears and confessing themselves unworthy to eat my sausage-rolls.

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

"I distrust cosy, election speeches. In fact, I distrust cosiness all round." (President of an L.U.U. Political Society). The stoic breed? Perhaps I'll forswear the Mount-Jones Lounge and scramble for a threepenny coffee with the horde in the nether regions.

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CHRISTIANITY DEBATED

OPINION varies as to the standard of the debating on the serious motion "That this House will not bury its head in the sand of Christianity," which was thrashed out in the Social Room on the evening of Thursday, February 9th. However, if the orations of the main Speakers were not actually inspiring, the lively response from the Floor Speakers was both satisfying and enlightening.

Mr. A. Smith made the proposition, coming like a phoenix, to blow his annual trumpet against the monstrous regiment of Christians. He said that the arguments of Christianity were founded on the shifting sands of unsound syllogism. He did not accuse Christianity of being a comfortable creed but rather recognised the radicalism of New Testament ideas. He concluded by saying that Christianity, like sand, blinds, suffocates, causes mirages, infiltrates and stops the smooth-running of the brain.

Mr. S. Larter, opposing, said that people who follow Christ do not worry about the next world but about this world. Christianity cannot be argued or proved but the need for it is felt. Christ came to reveal man to man as well as God to man. Christ's commands were practical and the all-important quality is sincerity. We should take each day as it comes and remember that Christ was helpful but not forceful. He said in conclusion that religion is not apart from life, it is life.

FIXED PREJUDICES
Mr. R. Knight, seconding the proposition, claimed that Christianity, like a salesman, offers us acceptable and usable goods provided we buy heaps of useless material as well. He respected Christianity as a system of ethics, but felt that Christ as God was highly improbable. Materialists found it of little use to bring evidence against faith which is a mixture of fixed prejudices. Finally, he said, this world is the only relevant basis for action.

Mr. G. Campbell, seconding the proposition very ably in view of his known stand against Christianity, said that trying to comprehend the infinite drives us into contradiction and paradox. He disagreed with the proposition, (disclaimed by the proposition), that matter comes before mind and, therefore, God is a psychological manifestation of man's mind. A symbol of man. Christianity, with its view of death and resurrection and his high teaching, could not be called sand. Mr. Campbell supported his case by quoting the 39 Articles and Revelations, doubtless put into dangerous hands by unsuspecting persons.

SEVENTEEN SERIOUS SPEAKERS
The House, not having been distracted from attending by either the A.G.M. or the fall of snow, treated the motion with the seriousness already given it by the main speakers. In spite of the fact that there were fewer members present than usual, no less than seventeen speakers made reasonable contributions from the Floor, and many points already made were discussed as well as new issues which were raised. The proposer summed up adequately but the proposer was even more persuasive and effective in a comprehensive final speech. That the arguments put forward were worthwhile was proved by the proposition which carried the motion by 2 votes, 64 voting positively, 62 negatively and 10 abstaining.

Note:—There is a debate against Woodley, Miss Smith and Miss Purcell representing the Union, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st February, and all Debating Society Members are invited to attend.

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FUENTEVEJUNA

By Lope de Vega

PUT these dates in your diary—7.30 p.m. in the Riley-Smith Hall on Friday, March 2nd; and 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3rd—for on these occasions the Spanish Society is presenting in Spanish, "Fuenteovejuna."

Some members may remember the performance in Leeds of another work by Lope de Vega—the production a few years ago of his "Waters of Madrid." In that play de Vega was in flippant vein, laying bare the foibles of contemporary society. In "Fuenteovejuna" he writes in quite a different mood, for he recounts the story of an actual event in Spanish history, when in the fifteenth century a whole village rose against its oppressor, a feudal overlord whose outrageous behaviour had roused the anger of those whom he was supposed to protect.

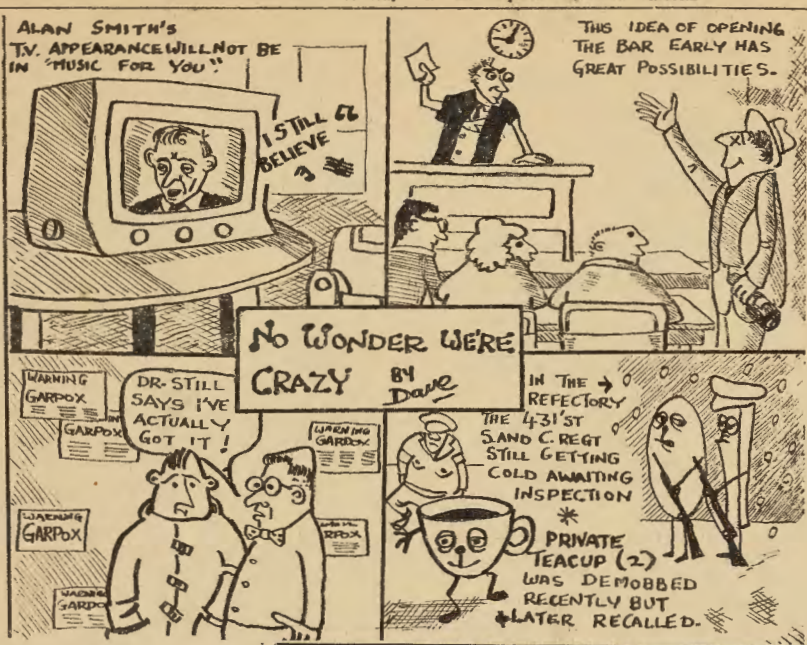
The work is colourful, passionate and even brutal, and in exploiting a dramatic situation whose essence lies in the reaction of a whole community rather than of any particular individual, de Vega has created a highly original play which occupies a unique place in the development of the European theatre.

A LABOUR OF LOVE

DOUBTLESS there are many students in this University who have not even heard of the Vacation Work Sub-Committee (located on the top corridor of the Union).

Nevertheless this sub-committee does do much valuable work, and last year broke all previous records as regards the number and variety of jobs found for students. Most of the work will be cropping up in the near future and as usual the Joint Secretaries will require the services of a committee to help them with their "labours of love."

The work can be extremely interesting and any student, male or female, first or second year, who feels that they would like to start, or enlarge their Union activities, are asked to see the Secretaries in the Vacation Work Office on any day next week (except Thursday) from 12 to 1.



"TRIAL" IS A PLEASURE

THE Light Opera Society is off to a good start with its performances of the Gilbert and Sullivan "Opera in a nutshell"—Trial by Jury. The final performance is at 1.0 p.m. today and is well worth the 9d. and the half-hour.

The small cast works well together and the ensemble work is of the high quality to be expected from Mr. Mumby. Outstanding among the soloists is first-year music student Russell Clarke (Counsel for the Plaintiff) who proves himself a legal expert as well as the possessor of a most pleasing baritone voice. One general criticism which can be made of all, with the exception of Mr. Clarke, is a lack of volume. Jim Berry, a Physics research student, proves that while his singing voice is not very agile or powerful, he is a good actor and a most convincing Learned Judge. The little items which are regarded as "production" kept the performance alive—with especial reference to the motley crew who constitute the Jury. In this sphere the clever touches of producer Alan Curd were often in evidence.

The diction was remarkably clear—that is, for the Riley-Smith Hall—though many of Eric Ruff's words (he is the defendant) were lost due to lack of power; the more so, as most of the audience laughs occurred in his songs. Biggest laugh was the appearance of a well-known daily journal at the seat of justice. Audrey Peet is a little harsh at times, but acts the part of the plaintiff with considerable grace and ease. James Holt is a fine Bass Usher. The bridesmaids are, perhaps, the most perfect part of this creditable production.

AT THE UNION CINEMA—

POLITICAL CORRUPTION

POLITICAL corruption is the theme of "All the King's Men" which is to be shown at Union Cinema on February 9th. This film should be all the more interesting because it has been said to be based on the career of the American political boss of the 1930s, Huey Long.

This story of the unscrupulous Willie Stark's ambitions, and the means he used to achieve them, was awarded an "Oscar" for the best film of 1949. Starring Broderick Crawford and Joanne Dru, with an excellent supporting performance from Mercedes McCambridge, "All the King's Men" should prove an exciting and interesting film.

"The Emperor's New Clothes," a U.P.A. cartoon, is also in the programme.

A film directed by Jacques Tati, of "Jour de Fete" fame, will always be welcome, and the very popular "M. Hulot's Holiday" is the inspired

choice for Union Cinema on February 26th. This uproariously funny film is about the holiday in Normandy of M. Hulot, played by Jacques Tati, and the chaos which he creates wherever he goes in spite of his good intentions. As this film depends largely on slapstick comedy for its humour, there is no need for subtitles. There is some excellent acting in supporting roles, besides Jacques Tati himself, and the film promises a very entertaining evening. Included in the programme is another French film, "Cite du Midi," showing music-hall and circus artists in rehearsal.

A DOCTOR'S VIEWPOINT

THE Christian Union were recently privileged to hear Dr. F. Lake, of the Leeds General Infirmary, addressing them on the problem, "Why Suffering." He addressed the audience calmly but with unassuming confidence on this most difficult subject.

He explained that as a doctor, he had come to realise the tremendous power of suffering and had thus decided that it was a thing to be fought against. Suffering, he said, was not explained in the Bible, and he found it difficult to satisfy non-Christians as to how a loving God could allow such hardship. Some suffering was caused by the sin of mankind, such as negligence causing accidents, or as a result of immorality. It could also be argued that with the biological pattern of the world as it exists, it was inevitable that there should be some suffering.

The lecture was well received by the fairly large audience, and although the speaker was unable to give a definite intellectual answer to the problem presented to him, he was at least able to clarify the thoughts of those present.

BRUSH UP YOUR MOLIÈRE

PUBLICITY ideas for the French Society's production of "Tartuffe" included the slogan "the play even the French banned." Although this was rejected, as not in keeping with the nature of the production, it is in fact true, if not in the sense most people would like it.

The play was banned because of the central character Tartuffe himself, who is described as a "faux dévot." The ban remained for five years after the time of its writing in 1664. The "Cabale des Dévots" were responsible for this, as they considered the character of Tartuffe to be dangerous and heretical. Yet in spite of the religious quarrel provoked by the play, "Tartuffe" remains today as excellent comedy. This is due to the great genius of Molière all of whose comedies are as alive now as when they were first written.

MONEY PLUS MADAME
Tartuffe worms his way into the family of the honest bourgeois Orgon, plays on the latter's religious sensibilities, and sets out to attain for himself the inheritance of Orgon's son Damis. Orgon, blinded by Tartuffe's guile, breaks off his daughter's romance with Valere and tries to make her marry Tartuffe. Tartuffe himself makes advances to Orgon's wife and here ensues one of the funniest scenes of the play. Situation follows situation, comedy, farce, near-tragedy, until in the end Tartuffe is revealed in his true colours, Damis' inheritance is restored to him, and the young lovers are united.

A COMPLEX COMPANION
The essence of the comedy in this play lies, as in nearly all Molière's comedies, in the effect which an abnormal character has on the life which goes on around him. In other

plays, Molière shows us the miser, the hypochondriac and the social climber, all of whom have some trait of character which makes them lose their equilibrium, and plunge the people around them into the most unfortunate situations. Tartuffe is the embodiment of religious hypocrisy, and life around him is comic and complex.

The play itself is bound to be amusing, and a well-acted well-produced polished performance seems probable from the work that has gone into it. Why not "Brush up your French" next week?

HOME COMFORTS

THE Union often receives letters from people who live in the district, extending invitations to students to spend an evening with them. These are placed on the Union notice board in the corridor. A recent one is from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. David of 93, Brudenell Road, Hyde Park. Any student wishing to avail himself of this, or any other offer should simply contact the hosts direct; there is no need to do it through the office. In most cases, and this particular one is no exception, there is no regard of race, colour or creed; and in most cases, the hosts have been University students themselves.

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FINE WEDNESDAY FOR LEEDS

SOCCER TEAM'S CHRISTIE REVENGE

LEEDS UNIV. 3 MANCHESTER UNIV. 0
ON a firm pitch that had recovered well from its recent elemental battering, the 1st XI gained their sixth consecutive victory by accounting for their opponents from Manchester by three clear goals.

The game, played at Westwood on February 8th, was a return Christie Cup fixture and the team regained the prestige which they lost in their November 'hammering' at Fallowfield. Leeds made one enforced change from their recently successful side — Howden replacing Banks (bruised thigh) on the right wing.

The game opened at a cracking pace and for the first quarter of an hour Leeds continually made headway against a steady defence. After Devey had flashed a shot just wide of the post, following a characteristic burst down the middle, Wilson missed a glorious opportunity, tapping the ball past the 'keeper only to see it pushed round the post by a full-back. From the resulting corner a certain goal was averted by a defender's fist. Fish slammed home a vicious penalty-kick to give Leeds the lead.

MACHIN BRILLIANT

Stung into attack, the visitors took up the offensive, and should have equalised after 20 minutes when a Leeds defender slipped to let the Manchester centre-forward through. Machin saved the day, brilliantly beating away a point-blank effort.

Thrilling incidents ensued in each goalmouth, as first Devey half-bit his shot from 15 yards, and then Machin was called into action again, diving to save the visiting centre-forward's topped shot from the same range.

After a hectic first half, in which no quarter had been given, and certainly none asked for, the teams changed ends with Leeds leading by the only goal scored.

DOUR DEFENCES

The excitement increased in the second period as the Lancashire side endeavoured to draw level. However, with both defences covering well and tackling hard, the goal-hungry forwards were not allowed to settle on the ball and shots were smothered by defenders almost as soon as they left the forwards' feet.

The crucial moment arrived in the 25th minute of this half, and it came as no surprise when Leeds increased their lead. Sidebottom took a free kick to the right of the goalmouth, and from 25 yards his shot tore its way into the top, left-hand corner of the goal: watched by a helplessly surprised (and probably unsighted) custodian.

Leeds had now regained the initiative and after thirty minutes came further success. From a low right wing centre from Wilson, Devey drove home a fine shot from close range.

A "NEEDLE" MATCH

By this time, and not unnaturally in a game of this type, a little 'needle' had crept into match. With Manchester striving hard to reduce the deficit, and Leeds equally determined to keep a clean defensive sheet, occasional blatant fouls were committed. These were mainly in the obstruction

Another U.A.U. Victory For Hockey

LEEDS 3 DURHAM 1

LEEDS reached the semi-final of the U.A.U. competition by gaining a commendable and deserved victory over Durham on Wednesday, 8th February, in a game which combined all the best ingredients of a hot cup-tie: thrills, spills, a sustained tension, and at times clever play.

Both sides overcame the handicap of heavy ground conditions by hitting the ball hard and long but not always accurately. This allied to first-class stopping of the lively ball produced fast, end-to-end hockey. The game divided itself into three distinct phases. Leeds opened on a high note and continued to call the tune for the first quarter hour, but a goal scored by Ayres when a visiting defender mis-hit, provided the spur Durham needed; for the next 45 minutes the faster, visiting forwards probed and thrust their way as far as the edge of the circle. Fortunately they failed to translate their ascendancy into more than one goal, the equaliser, scored five minutes after the interval from a right-wing centre.

The final phase commenced ten minutes from the end of ordinary time and continued throughout extra time. Leeds threw all they had into attack and despite hitting the upright three times, they were not to be denied and further goals by Ayres Flowers made the game safe.

WILMAN IMMACULATE

On the day, the outstanding forward afield was Wilman at right inner for Leeds. His tireless fetching and

GRASSHOPPERS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

The improvement reported in our last issue has continued. On February 4th, the 1st team went to Graves Park, Sheffield, in order to compete in the Yorkshire Championships. They put up a very fine performance in gaining third place in the team placings, only missing second position by one point.

Thomson, despite blistered feet, ran brilliantly in his first major mass-start race to finish 10th. McKeown, with a badly injured achilles tendon which has now put him out of action, ran very well from the back of the field to gain 11th place. This fine result equals last year's effort in this event and reveals the potentialities of the team.

Whilst the 1st were battling in Sheffield, the 2nd team reversed an earlier result this season by beating Leicester University College 1st team at Westwood. Leeds, had the first three men home.

DOWN IN TOWN

On February 11th the 1st team journeyed to London in order to compete in the U.A.U. Championships at Wimbledon Common. The team was very much weakened by the absence of McKeown, Walker and Cole, so it did very well to finish as high as last season, in 10th position out of 19 teams taking part.

The race was won by A. S. Jackson, a Leeds runner, now at Edinburgh University. First home for Leeds was E. C. Thomson in 50th position followed by Hodson, who came 53rd, but the whole team gave of their very best.

Although it is dangerous to make any forecasts, clearly the team has possibilities.

The team race was won by London Universities, who, unable to compete for the U.A.U., took the title of Inter Varsity Champions. Liverpool were U.A.U. champions.

A BOAT AT LAST

IN 1956, twelve years after its formation, the Women's Boat Club has at last received the first boat which it can call its own; up to this time the club has always had to borrow equipment from the Men's Boat Club.

The boat is a fine clinker IV built by Messrs. Sims of Putney, London. At present it can only be used for training purposes, as all races are rowed in sister boats, but it does mean that the club is no longer restricted to Sunday for outings.

Last year the club won the Corporation Challenge Bowl at Durham Regatta. This year with a more powerful 1st VI, and the opportunity that this new boat affords for more training, more successes can be anticipated. At present the club has three crews training for a programme that includes a fixture in London, and WIVAB at Newcastle and events in Regattas at Newcastle, Edinburgh, York, Durham and of course Leeds.

The club still welcomes New members who want to take up rowing or sculling, especially those who will be here for a year or two yet. Previous experience is not necessary.

BASKET BALL HAUL

FOR the fifth successive year the United States Air Force team, Greenham Common Pirates, emerged the winners of the ninth Leeds University Basket Ball Tournament. It was not without a struggle, however, for in the final match the University played on top of its form and often had the Americans worried.

Five teams took part in the Tournament—Greenham Common, Latter Day Saints (an American ecclesiastical side), Dolobram (a Birmingham team), Bradford Y.M.C.A., and the University side. Actually, Bradford applied too late to be officially accepted in the Tournament and only played friendly matches.

In the first game, Greenham Common soon showed their prowess by gaining an easy victory over Bradford. Leeds played the Saints in the next game, and combining well, were far too strong for them. The third game between—Greenham Common and Dolobram was a good one in spite of the fact that the Americans were much superior. Two more games, in which the Saints lost to both Dolobram and Bradford, were played before the big match of the Tournament, the final between Leeds and Greenham Common.

THE FINAL COUNT

Despite the fact that Leeds lost by twenty points, this was their best performance of the season. Six of the Greenham Common side were coloured, and two of them, particularly their captain, could be judged as first-class by any standards.

Leeds, playing Catsaros, Benvenistis, Lubliner, Yau and Hwang, opened the score, and after five minutes were leading 9-6. As was expected however, the Americans soon made up the deficit and by half-time had built up a 10 points lead. Nevertheless, the Americans were surprised by the skill and spirit of

PORTRAITS OF THE RUGBY CLUB

ONCE again, owing to frost and snow, there was no Rugby last Saturday; in fact, the first XV have only played three games this term. However, we are loath to keep such a noted club out of the news and accordingly present to you the personalities who comprise the first XV when it is able to play.

M. N. GAVINS.—Full back and captain and a regular player for U.A.U. and English Universities. Has scored 55 points this season, and his goal-kicking alone makes him worth a place in any side. Home club: Old Roundhegians.

P. GAUNT.—Left wing-threequarter and another regular player for U.A.U. and English Universities. Leading try scorer this season with thirteen tries. A powerful runner with a fine sidestep either way. Reached the final Yorkshire trial last year. Home club: Harrogate.

L. NICHOLAS.—Third year Welshman who plays for Bridgend. Was playing very well until injured against Durham. Has just won back his place, by consistent all-round play on the right wing.

D. SUTCLIFFE.—A fresher who took his chance well when Nicholas was injured. Speedy and strong.

G. QUIRKE.—Another fresher who captained Lancashire Schoolboys last year. His strong attack has been valuable in the centre and has also shown his versatility by deputising for Gavins on occasion.

H. TOLLEY.—A centre and stand-off. His strong point is attack in which he uses his speed to best advantage. Home club: Roundhay.

H. B. MORRALL.—Stand-off and centre. Played soccer for Lancashire Schoolboys, but has made his mark with the Rugby Club since coming to Leeds. Stronger in defence than attack. Home club: Furness.

FORWARDS

M. GOLDSTEIN.—Another regular member of the U.A.U. and English Universities teams. This is his fourth season with the club, and his handling and clever play are invaluable.

H. M. GREEN.—A Scotsman who took over from Baxter with great success as hooker and pack-leader. A tireless worker.

T. J. JONES.—In his first season with the club. Can lead the pack on occasions and invariably uses his weight to the best advantage in the tight. Home club: Broughton Park.

A. G. SADLER.—Has given valuable service to the club for many seasons, and played for Headingley 1st over Christmas. A very strong line-out man who has found an ideal partner in the second row in

D. HEMINGWAY.—Another strong line-out player outstanding for his skill and speed. An ever-present this season.

B. G. MONTGOMERY.—Another of the 'old guard' and vice-captain this season. Has played for the U.A.U. and had a trial for Yorkshire. Despite his weight, he covers ground very quickly and makes a formidable partnership with Hirst.

P. HINCHCLIFF.—In his first year with the club. Although small he is strong and clever. After temporarily taking over against Manchester, he has now been successfully converted to scrum half. Home club: Wakefield.

D. HIRST.—A very fine wing forward who is feared for his devastating tackling. Some years ago he was a centre-threequarter. Home club: Titley.

S. REED.—Has regained his place as a lock-forward which he filled regularly last season. A good cover-defence. A former England schoolboy player. Home club: Headingley.

M. BINGHAM.—A fresher who moved from the 4th XI to the 1st XI within a fortnight. Has a strong service from the base of the scrum, but lacks experience. Home club: Fivde.

The stand-off position has been unsettled throughout the season. Numerous players have been tried there including W. Wilkinson and B. Skerry. The latter, whose home club is St. Helens, occupies the position at present; although on the small side he makes up by his speedy determined play.

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