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SCHUMACHER ELECTED

House Secretary Defeats Treasurer by 198 Majority in Close
Three-cornered Fight. Percentage Poll plunges—5 p.c. below last year

Union News Reporter

A WEEK of anxious speculation, at least for the three candidates concerned, is over. Eric Schumacher, this year's House Secretary, will become next year's President of the Union.

Mr. Schumacher gained 929 votes out of a total of 1,749 votes counted. This gave him a clear majority of 198 over his nearest rival, Treasurer, Alan Andrews, whose poll totalled 731 votes. Rag Chairman, Brian Jackson, the third candidate gained 89 votes. There were thirteen spoilt papers, which were declared invalid. Thirty-seven per cent of the total electorate voted, as compared with 40.5% last year and 45% in 1957.

Presidential Address

"The President of the Union should be representative of the student body, not its leader," said Alan Andrews in his electoral address last week. He went on to state the major problems in the union, and the ways in which he would deal with these if elected.

One problem was the lack of space in the building, and a short-term answer to this would be an extension of opening hours. Mr. Andrews would press for improvements in the catering system, and ask the University to stagger lecture hours, to avoid the endless lunchtime queues.

"I will be brief," said Brian Jackson, and his address was a masterpiece of brevity.

"I do not make any light promises of sweeping radical changes in Union life. I am satisfied with the way in which the Union is run, but I would insist on increased efficiency. Mr. Jackson then asked us to give us his vote, and sat down.

The now President-elect Eric Schumacher, spoke at greater length, and stressed that a president's job lay outside the union. He went on to propose a detailed programme of internal improvements, the main concerns of which were bathing and bar facilities.

Mr. Jackson's replies to questions from the audience were as uniformly brief as Mr. Andrews' and Mr. Schumacher's were detailed.

On the matter of "Union News censorship", Mr. Jackson was totally against it, while the other candidates were for "occasional restraint".

The one question which caused consternation on the platform was David Denham's pose. "What is your opinion of N.U.S. policy towards I.U.S.?"

Mr. Jackson did not even know



Before the election—President Schumacher (nearest camera) on good terms with his opponents Alan Andrews and Brian Jackson

what I.U.S. was and therefore could not comment on N.U.S. policy.

President Schumacher

Although never certain of victory, Eric afterwards said that he had felt "quietly confident". When he is President of the Union he hopes to implement his election promises. He intends to press for an extension of both Union building and its facilities. He also wishes to see many of the petty restrictions on women students, living in Hall, removed. Eric feels that the essential qualities of a president are straightforwardness and frankness and intends to make himself readily available to all Union members. He is also quoted as saying that his favourite drink is beer. Last year Jim Lee was returned by a 1,022 majority.

Censorship Issue Positively Transferable Vote Abandoned

By Our Special Correspondent

DURING a session last three and a half hours, the Annual General Meeting abandoned the "transferable voting system" and passed nearly all the amendments put forward by Union Committee. But the crucial question of Union News censorship was left unanswered when the meeting was suspended at 5.30 p.m. The meeting began in the traditional manner: as they entered, Executive Committee were subjected to a continuous barrage of moths. The crowd on the balcony was in fine form and had every intention of running the meeting their way. Secretary, Gordon Adams, resplendent in white shirt and gown was struck by a flour bag early in the proceedings. The foul language and gesticulations of Mr. O'Driscoll roused the rabble to even higher spirits in anticipation of yet better things.

The first audible speech came from Mr. Laycock who, speaking against a motion to exclude life members of the Union from voting, did eventually manage to put his points across. The motion failed to raise a two-thirds majority and Mr. Laycock's perseverance was rewarded.

Important changes

Important amendments to the Constitution were effected. The single transferable vote system was abandoned after much argument over its merits and defects and it will be interesting to see what effect it has in the coming presidential elections. The number of signatures necessary to a call a special general meeting has been increased from 100 to 400. This move was opposed by Mr. Mowbray. The quorum necessary to adopt a motion was decreased from 15 per cent to 10 per cent to allow for the difficulty of accommodating a quorum in the B.S.H. In order to increase the efficiency of Union Committee a motion to include representatives of the "fringing committees" was put forward, the argument being that much time was wasted when Union Committee were dealing with questions about them. The opposition view was that the committee would be far too large to be efficient and that these fringing committees were performing trivial tasks. Another motion failed to carry a two-thirds majority.

To be or not to be

At last the question of Union News censorship arose. This motion was fervently seconded by Trevor Webster who began with the words, "Government of the people by the people for the people," and succeeded in making himself heard. Proposer, David Sims, was informed by the President that an A.G.M. could not amend a bye-law authorising Executive Committee control over certain matter published in the paper. This was immediately questioned by many floor speakers. Peter Hall pointed out the contradiction between "will of the majority in Union" as expressed by the A.G.M. and "control of what the Union wants" by the Executive Committee. Gordon Adams then put forward the Executive case. This vital question remained unanswered when the meeting was abandoned as inquorate.

The annual general meeting will be reconvened at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 26th February.

J.V.P. Kidnapped

As a result of a remark quoted in the last Union News in which the J.V.P. referred to the Dentals as a "Lot of pastry cooks hob-nobbing over their teeth," a party of dental students, visiting Boots' and Players' factories in Nottingham, lured the J.V.P. into a car and via the Dental School to Nottingham last week. The organiser of the "kidnapping" said in interview, "We took umbrage at the J.V.P.'s remarks."

On Monday, Mr. Denham received a phone call from a "Yorkshire Evening Post reporter," purporting to interview him for an article on "Student life." Mr. Denham met the "reporter"—complete with camera, open-necked shirt and a copy of the Y.E. Post—in the Union on Wednesday morning. Thence he was transferred into a waiting car and whisked away into the Midlands to enjoy a conducted tour around Boots' Ltd.

Mr. Denham found his way back on one of the Dentals' buses later that day.

Riot at Ridgeway

Westwood successfully regained their rising bell from Ridgeway, with only the loss of their six foot toothbrush and half the members of the party. These fortunate females, looking remarkably like doxies, were gaily thrown around Ridgeway's common room, before being released. One member was threatened with a cold bath, but she was mercifully reprieved, "Which, all goes to show," as a member of Devon remarked "that chivalry is not yet dead."

To show that there were no ill feelings Westwood will entertain Ridgeway to a coffee party.

Editor Appeals

AT the meeting of Disciplinary Committee on 28 January it was decided that the publishing of the article "President flouts U.N. Charter" in Union News was contrary to the by-laws of the Union. The Committee, after a meeting lasting seven and a half hours, resolved:

1. That this Committee feels the Editor of Union News is guilty of a breach in the bye-law Section 11 (6)(v).
2. That this Committee feels the Editor of Union News is guilty of a breach in the Constitution Chap. VII (4) (c) in that the article tended to prejudice the relations between the Union and the staff.
3. That this matter be referred to Union Committee with the recommendation that the Editor of Union News be severely reprimanded for his action in publishing the article headed "President flouts U.N. Charter" in the issue of Union News dated 23 January, 1959, and that the Editor of Union News be suspended from the Union one hour. (The suspension was to make an appeal legal).

Union Committee accepted the recommendation without discussion at the meeting of Tuesday, 10 February.

The Editor immediately after the meeting informed the President that he intended to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor against this decision. This action was felt necessary by the Editor since there appeared to be genuine grounds for questioning the President's interpretation of the bye-law under which this action had been brought against Union News.

"De Minimis Non Curat Lex"

IN February last year the Law Society held an Exhibition, concerning "Eddulf" an insignificant Domesday Peasant, supposedly the founder of the English Law. The exhibition found fame on a national basis when the promoters of the hoax were interviewed on the B.B.C. "Tonight" programme. This year's Law Day activities are at present "sub judice". The only hints so far have been a huddle in the Mount, a trip to Moortown, and a rendezvous on the Union steps, followed by another gathering in the Mount.

Will it be anything like Stick Day? Of course, the origins of Law Day are bound up with Engineering Stick Day." Law Society secretary, Derek Scott-Taylor, informed our reporter, "but we must have something comparable with the high standing we hold in the University."

The only certain thing about this year's Law Day: its scheduled for next Friday and—its no hoax.

Union Library Rules Revised

A new rule has been added to the Union Library Regulations. This will make it possible for someone not returning a book to be brought before Disciplinary Committee. Union Library will be open on Wednesdays from 12.30 to 1.55 p.m. and not, as at present, from 12.45 to 1.30 p.m. The Times atlas, now in the library, is to be sold because there is nowhere to display it and it is hardly ever used.

Ball Tickets

A new schedule has been set up for the distribution of Ball tickets. Where the maximum number of tickets is 800 (i.e. for a Ball in Refect. and R.S.H.), 200 tickets will be allotted to the Union Building, 20 to the Medical School and 10 to the Dental School. Where the maximum number of tickets is 450 (for Ball in R.S.H. only), 100 tickets will be allotted to the Union, 10 to the Medical School and 5 to the Dental School.

News in Brief

The English Society held a supper-dance in the Special Dining-room in place of an Annual Dinner this year. Cabaret, and music was provided by the Devonaire. The many members of staff present saw a biting satire on the English Department which was well received by everyone—including the staff.

Only four people went to an Anthropological Society meeting when Dr. Cunlison of Manchester spoke on "The Peud among the Baggara." Three of them were committee members.

An interesting display of member's work, both in ordinary and colour film, was shown at the Photographic Society's Annual Exhibition last week.

"The Seven Samurai," a Japanese film packed out the Riley Smith Hall last Tuesday night.

"A believer in practical Christianity" has donated £1 to the War on Want Community as a result of the article on the front page of the Yorkshire Evening Post. This also produced the threat of a sackful of used postage stamps to help displaced persons in Germany.

Many more students than one would have expected queued up to donate their blood last week to the Blood Transfusion Service. Throughout the day there was a steady stream of students along the top corridor.

Gerry Healy of the Newsletter spoke to Labour Society last week on "Marsden and the Labour Party". His theme was that there could be no peaceful road to Socialism via the existing class structure.

Railway Society are holding their Annual Dinner in a Pullman Car on March 3rd while the train is in motion. Guests will be the Ven. Eric Treacy and Mr. G. F. Plemmes, Linc. Traffic Manager of the North-East Region.

Dr. E. C. Gregory, who inaugurated the Gregory Fellowships, died recently. The awards are completely financed and will continue indefinitely on the interest.

Exec. are to look into the possibility of holding Rag Week in March. It is felt generally that the present date in June is too late, as many people go down beforehand.

The Mount-Jones Lounge will be open on Saturday evenings as a thoroughfare for hoppers.

A Bar Rules sub-committee has been set up to review the present system of rules, licences, and extensions of all bars within the University. It will be impossible to open the bar later than 10 p.m. For Saturday night hops, licensing regulations demand that the bar at any dance be closed at least one hour before the end of the dance.

An investigation into the black marketing of Ball tickets is to be made by a working party consisting of the S.V.P., House Secretary and Presidents of the Engineering and Dental Societies. This may prove embarrassing for the House Secretary and president of the Engineering Society, who have not been on speaking terms with each other since the Engineers' Ball.

Thirty-three Leeds University students, all old members of High Pavement School, Nottingham, held a dinner last week in the special dining room. The Headmaster, Mr. H. Davies, was the guest of honour. In after dinner discussions they decided not to form a separate society within the Union.

Society lockers are to be moved to the bottom corridor after the tables, which are there at present, have been removed to a newly-acquired store near the Book Exchange. The present space occupied by the lockers will be used as a store for glasses, stationery, etc.

An additional grant of £30 has been given to Gryphon to cover estimated loss on the next edition.

Lancashire Hotch-Potch



Y.E. News photo

Union News Reporter

"**H**EATHENS below and snobs above" was the unanimous impression of Caf. and the Mount by a motley of Manchester Engineering students, pictured above, shortly after their hurried exit from the Union for the third time. The group, from the Owen School of Engineering, had reached their goal at the end of a dough-slinging race against the Faculty of Technology. The party had walked from Manchester to Leeds, selling over 200 copies of "Rag-Rag"—their Rag Magazine, en route. They spent the night on Huddersfield Station in warmth and comfort by the waiting-room fire.

Their first onslaught was upon the Mount-Jones where they deposited themselves on the floor and begged coffee from the locals. Their behaviour was received by the usual disinterested smiles of the "top people". Their assault upon Caf. aroused more interest. The invaders were thrown out of the Union twice and upon their third entry into Caf. watched by a slightly embarrassed Mr. Routley, three members of the party were debagged in traditional fashion. Whilst one bemoaned the loss of his grandfather's best underpants, the rest, watching the garments hoisted aloft on the flag-pole to the accompaniment of cheers from the Union Officials.

Three pounds of flour mixed to a stiff dough, wrapped in a red kerchief, was carried as a present to the Union Officials. Note:—Our reporter regrets that—owing to pressure of work—she was unable to accept the kind invitation to go as a hostess to Manchester and attend Rag Ball.

Textiles Dine

THE Annual Dinner of the Textile Society was held in the Guildford Hotel on 6 February when, with 104 present, Mr. N. Walker took the chair.

The principal speaker, Sir Linton Andrews, carried away by the enthusiasm of his audience, looked to the future and to the harmony of the man-made and natural fibre sections of the industry.

Towards the end of the evening, Dr. Townsend, replying on behalf of the staff noted that he was the only member of staff capable of coherent speech, mentioned that organisms could change their combinations with ease, discussed aerial views of Snowdon, commented that grandfather's lecture notes were still up to date and repeated many of his lecturing jokes.

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AS WE SEE IT

IT has been brought to our notice that certain sections of the Undergraduate population of Leeds are dissatisfied with the pitifully inadequate publicity given to the dates for examination registration.

A check was made on students in the English, Law and Chemistry departments to find out why they had registered, if at all. Ten per cent did not register in time and were therefore liable to a ten shilling fine, seventy per cent registered only because they had been advised to by someone else. Twenty per cent actually admitted to having seen the all important notice which we are told was on display somewhere in the Parkinson Building. But even then most of these said they had seen the notice quite by accident.

Is it not right therefore to question the present method of publicising this important event? The free list closed on 31 January. Since then many latecomers have paid their fines and muttered bitterly at the injustice of it all. Surely the University is not dependent on income such as this to balance its budget. The authorities should investigate the matter thoroughly and see if steps can be taken to improve the publicity by next year. Perhaps the registration dates could be displayed in the Union or published in Union News. The right sort of action could only lead to an improvement in the relations between students and staff.

THE individual's freedom is a precious possession which should be upheld at all costs by the rest of society. But an individual has the right to be free only if he has a sense of responsibility. We all have our duties to the community in which we live, and so long as our personal actions do not cause distress to other elements of our society then they should be unhampered. A difficulty arises, however, when someone acts to the detriment of the society in which he lives. Is the individual subject to society or is the society subordinate to the individual? It is true that the individual comes before the society societies are formed by individuals to effect their common good. What steps therefore are legitimate for society to take to protect itself from the anti-social element? The most drastic step is banishment, but often a slight curtailment of freedom is sufficient. The errant individual has then the choice of leaving the society if he does not agree with the enforced regulation.

But is a collective restriction legitimate unless passed by the entire community? We say no. Every rule, regulation, law and by-law of this Union should not be binding unless it has the sanction of a general meeting.

As the constitution stands at the moment, the A.G.M. (which should be the final authority) has no direct control over Union Committee's power to make bye-laws. This is wrong and should be changed as quickly as possible. A bye-law which restricts the individual's freedom is of the utmost concern to everyone and should not lightly be allowed to stand without the wholehearted consent of a large majority of the Union.



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READERS WRITE :-

Train Spotters Protest

Dear Sir,

I wish to register a mild protest at your treatment of "Dressing-Gown Day" in last week's Union News.

In the first place, the so-called "rebels" were primarily members of the Department of Education; that they were also members of the Railway Society was purely incidental. Secondly, the "rebels" most certainly had a cause to support, namely the wearing of dressing-gowns instead of academic garb. Dressing-gowns are within the reach of the pocket of most, if not all, students, and indeed many people already possess such a garment; they are far more useful, comfortable and warm than an academic gown, much better in appearance than the ridiculously short undergraduate gown, and come in a wide range of colour and pattern which is far more pleasing to the eye than the drab uniformity and sombre funeral rusty-black of the academic garb.

Finally, and most seriously, the slur on the Railway Society, which has never been, is not, and never will be, a "train-spotters" organisation. For a Society which has run its own special train, and has held its Annual Dinner in a Pullman Car train (to name only two of its many activities) to be so slightly referred to, is a deep insult, and were I a swordsman, it would certainly have caused me to issue a challenge to whoever on your staff was responsible. However, I am not, so I must remain content with a verbal reply, and hope that future references in your columns to the Railway Society will be fair and unbiased, with no more patronising remarks about "train-spotters".

Yours faithfully,
C. C. THORNBURN.

(Student Vice-President, L.U.U. Railway Society).

ICE SKATING

Dear Sir,

The recent cold weather has surely shown what a popular sport ice skating is. Is it not deplorable that a city the size of Leeds has no skating rink, and that the nearest facilities for would-be enthusiasts are at Manchester, a distance of 40 miles? Strangers to Leeds are horrified at the lack of variety in entertainments available. Evidently it takes foreigners to introduce a reasonable number of restaurants which stay open after 6 p.m. Let Leeds show some initiative and take steps to open a skating rink, which is certain to be a great success.

Yours faithfully,
A. LUDLOW.

RECORD LIBRARY

Dear Sir,

Many members of the Union seem to be unaware that there is available for their use a Gramophone Record Library of serious music. Those who do use it may be surprised and inter-

ested to learn that over fifty pounds worth of new L.P. records have been lying in store since the end of last session "for recital purposes." New loud-speakers and other equipment are always available but so far the recitals promised in the Union Handbook have not been arranged.

If the Record Library Committee has no intention of holding these recitals it would surely be more satisfactory to lend out these new records. It is ridiculous that they should remain unused for so long. Surely few library members would object to a reliable system of inspection for damage due to careless handling (to be penalised by fines)? This would ensure that records remained in new condition for as long as possible.

One more complaint—the library is not always open at the times advertised. This most unsatisfactory state of affairs should, in our opinion, be rectified as soon as possible for the benefit of all concerned.

Yours, etc.,
ORPHEUS & CLARABELLA.

A.G.M.

Dear Sir,

After the behaviour at the Annual General Meeting I am left with the impression that the vast majority of students are not aware of the work and value of the Union. As a fresher, I looked forward to the business of the day and hoped for useful discussion of matters arising out of it, because they have such an important bearing on our purpose at this university. It is a pity that the meeting was regarded as a huge joke by so many and that ringleaders reflected extremely bad taste. By all means let us have witty remarks and a bit of fun but let us also recognise that the Union performs a useful function and that if we do not take an active part in running it then this will be left in the hands of an executive that will find it unnecessary to refer back to the student body which will, unobserved, have to put up with "take what you can get" policies. As it is I am satisfied that the executive have great responsibilities and it must be frustrating to the present officers to receive the treatment meted out at the A.G.M. Further more, I think that the members will in future be reluctant to take office.

Yours truly,
BYRON W. ROBERTSON.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Dear Sir,

Having been accused of not making full use of the facilities provided by the Union, we should like to point out that, at the time when many people wish to use the Union, they cannot. The time in question is, of course Saturday night, when many

students would like to use the wireless room, television room, library or common rooms, but are unable even to enter the Union without obtaining a ticket for the hop. Would it be possible to have this situation remedied?

MARY, CAROL, JOAN & PAT.

ROY BULL

Dear Sir,

This country is, unlike a lot of countries, free, and everyone is allowed to publish his opinions, whatever they may be. That is why we have been subjected to Mr. Bull's based articles in the past two issues of Union News. I do not propose to comment on these but would, however, like to answer Mr. Bull's reply to the Hungarian student's letter.

Mr. Bull seems to have learned more about life in a Communist society during a few weeks holiday than others have in ten years. He must indeed be a very clever fellow, or perhaps just a very glib one. "The Russians are free to talk the truth," is Mr. Bull's assertion. This is true among very intimate friends, or when the truth suits the party, but has he ever heard anyone criticising the present rulers on the radio or on a public platform? Has Pravda attacked any of Khrushchev's policies? Surely no people can claim to be free in a land where freedom of speech and press are just dreams?

In Hungary a "tiny minority" apparently overthrew the whole secret police force and needed the might of Russia's Army to restore order, butchering thousands in the process. The fact that some Hungarians have returned was inevitable. These people came to a strange country, having left their families and friends behind. For some their homesickness became overwhelming. There will always be refugees who cannot adapt themselves to their new surroundings.

The last paragraph of Mr. Bull's reply is the most offensive. To say that our Hungarian students poison the atmosphere is just bigoted tripe, which gives Mr. Bull completely away. His attitude in politics is like a horse wearing blinkers, being led in one direction and not seeing any other course. It is a great pity that people like Mr. Bull pollute our own atmosphere, trying to bring the rest of the community down to their own low level.

Yours sincerely,
I. P. SCHATZ

THEATRE GROUP

Dear Sir,

Is there any good reason why Theatre Group should concentrate on the kind of difficult and obscure plays which would tax the abilities of the best professionals? If "Blood Wedding" did nothing else last session it convinced me that neither the producers nor the actors knew what they were up to.

I am not saying that Theatre Group is no good, but I am saying they are setting their sights too high. Whatever we may think of Adrienne Corri's views as expressed in Union News, there is something to be learned from the fact that B.A.D.A.'s actors learn their craft—and learn it thoroughly—in Whitehall farce.

When an untrained company tries out "He Who Gets Slapped", "Struggle Till Dawn" and the "Pleasures of Respectability" an rapid succession on an experienced theatre-going audience, it strikes me as an act of folly from which nothing is to be gained by anyone. Whether it is a University group or not. There is no virtue whatever in being academic, amateur and esthetic merely for the sake of it; the emphasis should be on good theatre not "brain crunching".

GRAPE NUTS

PERSPEX
at the A.G.M.

As usual, seats for the annual pantomime were packed out half an hour before the start. The stalwarts of the Cret Set, those eternal fourth-formers, on their annual outing, filled the gallery and busily employed their little fingers tearing up the annual report into confetti. With guffaws of delight they surveyed their armaments, bags of flour, paper darts, toilet rolls—such stunning originality.

What distinguished this A.G.M. from those of the last thousand years were the innovations in dress. With horrified fascination I watched the begowned figures from the front jockeyed in mortal combat as they scrambled for the pinnacles thrown from the balcony—doubtless anxious to pay off next month's instalment at Hardy's. They hooded duffle-coats, one young notary proved effective armour against the bombardment from above. A venerable post-grad seemed such protection and was forced into a bruised and bloody retirement. Happily there were some genuine wits among the rabble, the floodwaters crowd with their enterprising balloon advertisement and even a few Union Committee backbenchers trailing the Crets in their den as they sat, cunningly deployed, among the balcony.

The A.G.M. took its usual form with the President, a true pillar of democracy, denying the mob their outrageous demands. A welcome sight was the crushing, temporarily I fear, of one barrel of bombast whose uncouth presence and disastrous utterances have defiled so many Union meetings.

Leeds Welcomes Careful Drivers

As I glanced idly through the pages of Police Gazette, which they always send me along with The Tattler, a list of familiar names caught my eye... Recognition for Union Committee at least, I thought. This recalled to my mind an incident of last week, when I saw the celebrated owner of a red Sunbeam receiving a caution in Eastgate. By the way... Won't that dress-along allowance run to a couple of new front tyres, Jim? The J.V.E. had to donate a cheque to public funds through a slight mishap in court after a roving accident and a "guilty" verdict. One recalls the time when the Hon. Students Treasurer conveyed the then-ruling House of the Union into a brick wall about this time last year.

Happily these pioneering spirits have not been crushed and they drive on undaunted. Another page of the Gazette testified the rejoicing of Leeds City Police that one of our white-shirted journalists has now obtained an unquestionable, valid, British driving licence. A good job too, after one of two recent close shaves.

Tales of Daring

Talk of valiant deeds and inspired achievements leads me to the Freshers as they tread their accustomed path from the Brotherton... to Cal... back to the Brotherton. Their most daring Union activity to date, I'm assured, is a record consumption of Coca-Cola. Although one or two infidels have fallen into such dens of iniquity as the Saturday Hop and Union Cinema, the rest cling religiously to the path of virtue. Let no folly or frivolity pollute their tender minds...

WANTED

"Union News" urgently requires typists to type copy. Must be attractive, and willing to work peculiar hours, but need not necessarily have any experience. Partials and good-looking reporters. Sellers also urgently required. Please apply Union News Office.

It happened elsewhere

THE students of the University of Liverpool have been warned that "if certain conditions of behaviour are not observed on 'Panto Day' (their Rag Day) they will be liable to expulsion from the University. After incidents last year, as a result of which students were fined £800, the University Senate has laid down explicit vetoes against all "raids", all stunts which have not received the approval of the Chief Constable and all conduct which involves public authorities, commercial and industrial organisations, or private persons, in expense, danger or annoyance". The Editor of the University newspaper says, in a leading article on the subject, "University students have no special privilege to conduct themselves in a way which would not be tolerated on the part of any other section of the community".

A Federation of married Students has been formed at the University of Brussels where there are two hundred student couples. The Federation will represent their social, legal, and economic interests. Among other things, students will receive regular family allowances and a bonus on the birth of a child.

There was some trouble at Keele recently when a Roman Catholic was asked to speak in support of the motion "That this house has no use for the Christian religion". All his attempts to either speak on the opposite side or to withdraw were unsuccessful. The Roman Catholic Chaplain at Keele said that the motion was "demanding of a Christian that he publicly deny his faith—a process which is today actively pursued in China, and other countries under Communist domination, but which hitherto has not been followed in England..... Religion cannot be treated in such a frivolous manner—it is not just a matter of opinion but of belief". N.U.S. Executive have

agreed that in future motions concerning basic religious belief such as this one should not be used.

"Cut as many lectures as possible"—this was the advice of the Director of the London University Institute of Education, at a recent reception held at the Guildhall, Westminster. He was addressing 250 secondary school students about to become undergraduates. He thought five hours a day—apart from lectures—was an adequate amount and that overwork could easily lead to a third-class degree.

"The Co-ed is the name of a new magazine, which will appear each term in Heidelberg. The magazine will be edited by co-ed students and will give special attention to the problems of women students."

An American history graduate from Yale who is now studying at University College, London thinks that British students lack the "get up and go" of their American counterparts... Hmmm.

The Fortnight Ahead

TOMORROW, 21 Feb. Vice-presidential Elections; Call for nominations.

Parkinson Exhibition. The Decorative Arts of the Italian Renaissance.

SUNDAY, 22 Feb., Union Cinema, 6.45 p.m., "Richard III".

MONDAY, 23 Feb., Communist Society. "The Teaching Profession", Michael Cohen. 5.15 p.m.

TUESDAY, 24th Feb., International Society, "The Berlin Problem". 7.30 p.m.

R.S.H. "The Pleasures of Respectability". Pirandello, English Premiere. Film Soc., "Ivan the Terrible".

THURSDAY, 26 Feb., 7.30 p.m., R.S.H. Inter-Varsity Debate: "That this House prefer the here and now to the Never-never". 12.30 A.G.M. reconvened.

Amateur Radio Society Lecture on Tape Recording E.M.I. Electronics.

FRIDAY, 27th Feb., LAW DAY, 1 p.m. Communist Soc. Political Forum, "The Welfare State".

SATURDAY, 28 Feb., Vice-presidential Elections: — Nominations close.

Scottish Dancing Soc. Ball, 8 p.m., Griffin Hotel, Lf. Soc., Dinner. Lt. Col. Lord Phillips.

SUNDAY, 1 March, Union Cinema, "The Living Desert".

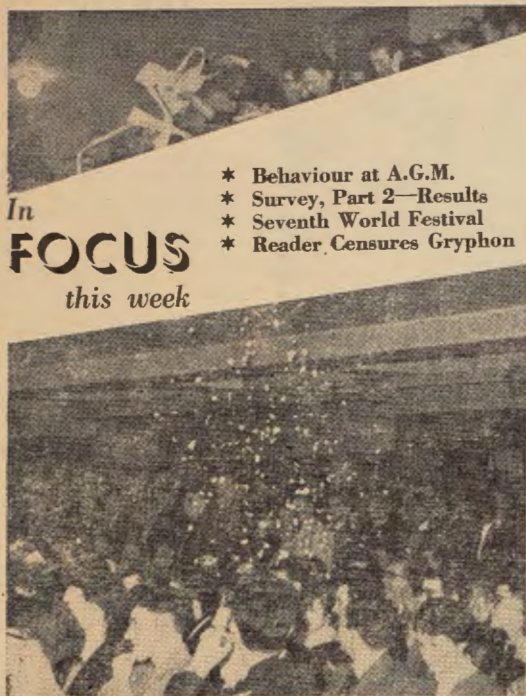
MONDAY, 2 March, Conservative Society, Miss Pat Hornsby-Smith. Communist Society, "The Corrupt Press". 5.30 p.m., Chem.

Lect. Th. "Smoking and Cancer of the Lung". Professor Bradford Hill. 1.10 p.m., R.S.H. Light Operatic Society, "Drunk" again Mr. Hepplethwaite (also Wed., Thurs. and Fri.).

TUESDAY, 3 March, Vice-presidential Elections, Candidates and Proposers address electorate. International Society, "Recent Political Developments in France". Film Society, "Kanal". Railway Society Dinner.

THURSDAY, 5 March. Debate, 12.30 Social Room, "That in the opinion of this House, rags like bones are better buried".

FRIDAY, 6 March, 9 a.m., NEXT PUBLICATION OF UNION NEWS!



In
FOCUS
this week

- * Behaviour at A.G.M.
- * Survey, Part 2—Results
- * Seventh World Festival
- * Reader Censures Gryphon

Undergraduate behaviour?—Scene from the A.G.M.

SURVEY RESULTS

HOW many Union members are Christians? 66% according to the results of the second part of the Union News Spring Survey, conducted in the Union last Monday. 24% are agnostics or have no religion; 49% of the Christians and 37% of the non-Christians attended some Mission meetings. Three-quarters of those who would vote Conservative were Christians. Political feeling swings in favour of the Conservatives. 47% would vote for them, only 20% for Labour. For every hundred University men that go to hops there are only thirteen University women, and for every ten women going to parties on Saturday night there are fourteen men.

In all, 400 students from a total of 4,500 replied to the questionnaire. In order to obtain an unbiased sample, the forms of male and female students were selected for analysis in the ratio three to one. They were also selected in proportion to the numbers in faculties. Apart from where indicated, the returns of females did not differ significantly from those of males.

The whole of the survey was organised by Basil Davis (Statistics), assisted by Janet Gray (Psychology), in conjunction with the News Editor. The full results are tabulated below:

RELIGION		SATURDAY NIGHTS	
66% are Christians.		Males	Females
4% are Hindus.		22% 10% go to the hop.	
4% are Jews.		26% 15% stay in.	
2% have some other religion.		14% 17% go to the pictures.	
24% have no religion.		6% 3% go drinking.	
MISSION MEETINGS		11% 26% go to parties.	
56% attended none.		21% 25% go elsewhere.	
17% attended one.		SUNDAY NIGHTS	
17% went to 2-5.		Males	Females
10% went to six or more.		16% 17% go to Church.	
POLITICS		42% 29% stay in.	
47% would vote Conservative.		12% 12% go to Union Cinema.	
20% Labour.		5% 8% go to the pictures.	
7% Liberal.		6% 8% go drinking.	
11% would abstain.		2% 2% go to parties.	
12% don't know.		17% 24% go elsewhere.	
3% would vote Communist.		CHOICE OF UNIVERSITY	
H-BOMB		44% said Leeds was their first choice.	
Males	Females	30% second choice.	
30% 45% are against it.		26% third or more.	
57% 43% are for it.		UNION NEWS	
13% 12% don't know.		7% think its very good.	
MEANS TEST		31% think its good.	
50% would like to see it go.		48% are satisfied with it.	
29% would rather it was relaxed.		14% think its bad.	
21% want it to be as it is.		SPORTS PAGE	
MUSICAL TASTE		63% read the sports page.	
Males	Females	37% don't.	
41% 88% prefer classical music.		CENSORSHIP OF UNION NEWS	
33% 7% favour jazz.		8% think it should be censored.	
26% 5% like popular		92% are for freedom of the press.	

Festival Committee recognised

THE VII World Festival of Youth to be held in Vienna this summer will be attended by thousands of students from more than 130 countries. The Festival Committee in the Union now an officially recognised body, after its adoption by Union Committee on Tuesday, is eager to enlist the support of all Union Societies on the project.

"We have spread the Festival message throughout the Union (writes Festival Committee Secretary, Ron Childs) and are now making concrete progress. We would like every society in the Union to be represented in some form at Vienna to exchange greetings of friendship with similar societies from all over the world.

Censor Gryphon!

"LOLITA." It seems, has nothing on "Gryphon," which exhorted us to all kinds of perversity in its last issue. This has been revealed by a member of Carnegie College who pointed out to Editor, Brian Schneider, the indecencies of the sentence—"the ins and outs of a banking account is a must"—which appeared in a National Provincial advertisement. A "must" he says is "the sexual frenzy or periodic excitement of a male elephant or a Bactrian camel."

"Gryphon" referred the letter to the keeper of the Bactrian camels at the Yorkshire College of Housecraft. Her camel, Betsy, she said in reply, was only periodically subject to this state; it had had a nervous breakdown when told of the sexual implications.

Political's Diary:

Left, Right and Liberal

"POLITICS" the Russian cynic Pitzoffsky once said, "is a combination of unsound economics and immoral propaganda"; we have certainly had our full share of the former recently. Following Nigel Birch's smug rumblings, we had a quiet, sober and muddle-headed speech on the economic position of the mining industry, from Bob Wilkinson, an official of the National Union of Mine-workers.

Clamping his economic blinkers hard over his eyes, he accused the Coal Board of pursuing a 'short-sighted' policy in closing uneconomic mines, and went on to explain and defend his union's Backs-to-the-wall, tilting against windmills fight against the inevitable. He would 'legislate against oil', which he admitted was the more efficient fuel, and he would slow down the building of oil-fired and atomic power stations. "As a Communist" he said, "I do not think the Union is doing enough". Heaven help us if they manage to do that much! It will do the miners no good if they close their eyes to the fact that Coal is fast ceasing to be the nation's basic industry.

Disorganised

Mr. Graham, who stood in for Mr. Abel, the chairman of the Liberal executive, at the last moment, provided a pleasant surprise. Though, like all Liberals, he cried "a plague on both your houses", he did so with considerable justification. His analysis of Tory "economy on a tight-rope" and of the weaknesses of rigid planning as favoured by the socialists was refreshingly clear. He outlined his own ideas on Free Trade, which he saw as the salvation of Western economy. When questioned about the social consequences of free trade, he talked airily about "aid for the depressed areas" and "a gradual and orderly reduction of tariffs, but obviously he had given little consideration to the tragedy of those employed in a decaying industry. There would be more than economics involved if the agricultural industry was subjected to unrestrained Free Trade.

Liberals' Downfall

However, "the inherent dislike of planning" which is the great virtue of Liberals, appears to be the downfall of the Liberal party. They are at the moment incapable of putting over any coherent ideas to the electorate. Ask most people what they think of Free Trade, and the answer will probably be "What is it anyway?"

Parliamentary Proceedings:

Rag in Tatters

By Woolsack

THE fifth meeting of the 1958-9 Union Committee was shorter than any of the previous four, lasting only four hours instead of the usual seven. However an enormous amount of work is still being done. Time saving has been achieved by greater efficiency.

One example of this was the accepting of Exec's report (which used to occupy a couple of hours) without discussion at all. Admittedly Pamela Parkin said, "This is very bad!" and other members showed mystifications but the report got through without questions, and we must compliment Mr. Adam on a nice piece of work. It is a pity that the ordinary members were not "with him". Another example was the forming of a sub-committee to investigate office space. Candidates were nominated and voted for quickly that one of the successful ones, Mr. D. L. Cook, did not know what sort of a sub-committee he had been voted onto.

Rag Committee almost resigns

The Rag Chairman came in for some sharp criticism. Everyone expected him to know every detail about Rag estimates. He claimed that this was an impossible task and that better men than he could not have done it. A lot of time was wasted talking about the Rag Charity Ball. Mr. Jackson could not answer the questions that were asked and eventually, with Exec's backing, the estimates for the Ball were accepted in the blind hope that all would be well in June. Mr. Roberts was horrified at the thought of a 2s. Tyke and foresaw

Look Back in Confidence

By Simeon

WITH the "furore" of the Mission over, we can now stand back and consider the impact made during that hectic but memorable first week of February. How did the University fare under the onslaught? It appears that the majority of people did not attend any of the mission meetings. The majority of those who did attend were Christians. Yet I think the missions can honestly be described as a success, for the most important features have been the coffee parties which have been enormously constructive and helpful.

The Mission has been criticised on several grounds, the approach was too intellectual, or too consciously spiritual or—the most consistent criticism, offered by agnostics and atheists alike—that "like all religious movements, it was too introvert"—it had nothing to say outside a strictly religious context. It is claimed that fundamental human problems such as unemployment and the H-Bomb were ignored in favour of doctrinal talks which were "just so many sermons". The answer is, of course, that these problems are not in fact fundamental, but have grown out of a society with a particular attitude towards life; the message of the Mission was that the Christian attitude is one of responsible care towards these problems.

The final word lay with a rather tired Father Huddleston, who claimed in an interview that the Mission had



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"A lot of so called Agnosticism is mental sloth."

definitely been a success, though he agreed that the actual achievement is unpredictable statistically because the effect will be a long-term one. The Mission aimed not at a slick answer to social issues but at setting the really basic problems and the individual's difficulties in the right perspective. Thus the approach had not been mainly along the lines of "Christianity and the H-Bomb" to attract more people—though excellent talks on 'Communism' by Douglas Hyde and 'Race Relations' by a West Indian priest had been included in the Mission programme. He was happy to have always found a number of non-Christians at the coffee-parties.

When asked if he had any message for the University, Father Huddleston first requested non-Christians:

"We want to talk with you, for both our sakes, any attempt at a solution of deadlock is worthwhile". He advised Christians to direct the zeal and life they obviously had towards the University as a whole, and to take part in more non-religious activities.

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Stephen Baird meets FRED the barman



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THERE is a saying around the Union that if neither your landlady, tutor nor doctor can help you... go to Fred. This just about sums him up. For Fred is more than a barman, he is the student father-figure-tutor, landlady and doctor rolled into one. Incidentally, some of the cures he recommends are Angostura Bitters and Soda water for a cold, and Angosturas and tonic, or port and brandy for hangovers stomach, head and tooth aches.

Fred has a hard word for no-one, especially his students. "They're all decent lads as far as I'm concerned. I don't care what anyone else says, I'll let no-one run 'em down. There's only a very few that are awkward and they usually turn my way in the end". He says all this emphatically, in his pungent Kentish accent, pulling back his lips and biting them with his upper teeth. He does this often as he looks, and winces, at the clock.

Fred Martin was born in Dover in 1907 and went to St. Mary's school. He has always played a lot of sport. In the Royal Tank Regiment which he joined when he was fifteen, he played football, hockey, cricket and ran for the Regiment. Meanwhile he travelled in Egypt, Germany, France and Belgium. He married in 1938. After 31 years in the army, he spent eighteen months in the Government Security Police. In 1940 he came to Leeds.

Fred refuted the suggestion that Tetley's beer was "lousy", although he said in another context later, "I don't like northern beer at all, but I've got to put up with it". This question of North vs. South in the Ale Stakes is hotly disputed among the students. At any rate, he said, "the mid's good, and in the vac I see them all over the place in Tetley's houses, the Fenton, the Horse and Trumpet, all the students who come in here seem to like it".

The average student could take from six to eight pints, the older student ten to twelve. We must be getting weaker. "Not many get drunk, I would rather say semi-intoxicated. A man who's canned can't walk to the door".

In Mo, In Mobile

There are two types of regular. There are those at dinner, "they just come in to wash their sandwiches down, and mostly drink cider and shandies". And there are those at night, "they're more the pub type". There are not many women, "about two to every fifty men, but when it comes to singing dirty songs, they're often as bad". Only one drink seemed to worry him. That was what he called a spiffire, cider and mild mixed, - "that's not too good at all".

And what about people who don't drink? "I haven't met any... but if a lad creeps in and asks for a lemonade, I say, 'What yer frightened of?'... oh no I've nothing against 'em at all".

SUCKING CIDER

"She said to me, 'there aint no law 'Gainst sucking cider through a straw.'"

THE new "student songs" (published N.U.S.) has 48 stompers — all with a beery eloquence that should appease even a modest capacity, the old "Frankie and Johnnie." "I aint gonna grieve," etc., and the new "She was poor but she was honest," and "Caviare" have the four pints to a bar tinkle that the sober men can never justify. If you're a boy for "The Worker's Beer" then here's you're pint's worth. And there's many a moral for the immoral.

She was poor but she was honest

Victim of a rich man's game First he loved her then he left her

And she lost her maiden name.

But it's not as bad as that;

"See a lowly little cottage Where her aged parents live

They drink the champagne she sends them

But they never can forgive."

One of the most amusing things about the bar, and one of Fred's greatest battles has been centred on dirty songs. "There's a certain gang comes in here and I have to go out to them. They do it just for devilment to make me ring the buzzer". What sort of songs do they sing? "Oh 'forty yards', (that's one the medics sing a lot), 'bails', 'dangling' of course 'Mobile'. Complaints, however seem to have had some effect: Fred says he's not getting as many as he used to. We are losing the battle it seems.

Fred likes working with us. He told me warmly, "I wouldn't change it for anything... I certainly wouldn't work in a pub. Here I'm dealing with a customer I can talk to as a human being, a refined person, with a bit of character, who doesn't turn round and say 'Fill that bloody jug, man'".

Fred never has a hard word for anyone... I think this is where we came in



I'VE had one or two complaints.

Dear Henry,

It's all very well you writing these daft articles about yourself, but kindly keep the family out of this. All that about Angus and the baby. It wasn't like that at all. What about when Angus and I met? our golden moment of pristine sensibility when the earth stood still and eternity was in our very grasp? - not a dicky about that. You used to be such a nice boy as well. Your Mum gives you up as lost.

'love, Winnie'

Athxtr Cxexg, one of the Union's most celebrated sweat-droppers, said: "That queer thing w't Latin title; what's it on w'l". How about it then Athxtr - no Latin now. 'It's above my head' said his friend, 'Give me the Daily Mirror any day'. Well, frankly, I'm amazed. What's so hard to follow? Quite straightforward, measured against the red hot standard of truth and integrity which is so widely acknowledged in Union News. One thing I don't like about this paper though - the way.

Careless Editorship

they edit so carelessly. But there's nothing very difficult to follow; I could tell some really wild tales if I wanted, my word yes.

There's one about Union Committee. You won't have heard about it; they hushed it up. And well they might. It seems the SVP-elect at that time, a weedy girl called Edwina, fell in love with the Editor of Union News. This was a long time ago, when there were ogres and that. Chitnis, as the Editor was called, took a fancy to Edwina at a masked Valentine Ball.

'Let's wiggle', he said. 'How do you mean?', asked Edwina. 'Dance. What's the matter with

you? Are you a square or something?

'Oh, a square eh? Let me tell you my Daddy slew that dragon in Surbiton last week.'

'What! Sir Joseph Sykes is your old man, that reactionary old boot-lick?'

'Yes, in a way,' said Edwina. Chitnis took a deep breath:

'We're star-crossed, I can see that now.'

'Ooah.'

'Ah. You're the SVP-Elect, I'm the Editor of Union News.'

'It just won't work', said Chitnis bitterly.

'You're telling me it won't. Beat it - I mustn't be seen with you', said Edwina.

That was it for a while. But my goodness the sap had risen - could they keep away? could they ten point bold italic obsequiously. Edwina confided in me.

'We're a pair of storm-tossed lovers as it were. What shall we do? It isn't half common knowledge that Union News and Union Committee don't mix.'

'Shaping up like Romeo and Juliet, as I see it', I observed. 'I should forget it, it's been done before that old story has, and anyway it has a corny ending.'

Kiss of death. Somebody ought to have told old Shakespeare - ruins the whole film. I'd marry Herbert Painting if I was you.'

'Never', cried Edwina.

'Good bloke', I urged.

'No.'

'Lots of money. Big horse. Father makes doublets in Dewsbury.'

'No.'

'Big future in textiles - you'd be a fool not to.'

'Look. Listen, who is this Herbert Painting anyway?'

'Bert? He's the Major Domo - House Secretary.'

'Phoooh.'

'Phoooh? Phoooh? It's no good taking that attitude Edwina Sykes.'

You just can't marry into Union News that's all. Exec. would never allow it. And think of the children.'

Bless This House

No amount of arguing would alter her mind - nor Chitnis's. There were strange fictions flying about and a few even stranger facts. Love found a way - and what a way too! made the Lodgings Warden's hair curl when it came out that Edwina had been married in an academic dress. And Chitnis's Moral Tutor made away with himself. He was found in the Moat with a hundred coffee cups at his side. There was a touching note pinned on his chest; it said: "100 x 4 = 400. 240...21. 240...160. 400. 160... 134. 21.134. The rising cost of dying."

But love found a way. Edwina relinquished her post even though Herbert Painting pleaded with her to 'Bless This House'. 'Blow your House', said Edwina. Tempers frayed. Sid Barnes the President, said: 'A curse on both your houses. Get out of my light. Go and argue somewhere else; I'm trying to read Pensepex. Here, I never said that. Herbert. Herbert.'

'What?'

'Have you read what Pensepex says I says I said about Mxwuxy's motion for this SGM?'

But Herbert was preoccupied: 'No, I haven't read it and I don't want to either.' And with that, Herbert stamped out. Sid looked puzzled because Herbert had unwittingly quoted exactly what Pensepex said Sid said about the SGM motion - if you follow.

'Excitable, old Bert is', said Edwina as she left the President to work it out all on his own. I hope this is all clear to the Athxtr Cxexgs of this world. I wouldn't like people to think it was esoteric. I only found out what esoteric meant last publication day. That's life though.

Anyhow Chitnis and Edwina were wed. Edwina resigned from the SVP-ship; it meant that History narrowly avoided being made. I say this because Chitnis and Edwina had four children and so've had one issue of Union News, let alone four, sponsored by Exec. would've shaken everyone rigid.

Right. That's it.

The Editor and News Ed. are looking over my shoulder. They say they can't read my writing. That's interesting: I may appear under Sport. I see we beat Oxford at Bridge.

Good stuff.

Brains on the H.P.

IN this series, Jon Silkin, Geoffrey Hill and Brian Schneider have each written an answer to a particular aspect of the question, "What is wrong with the University in Society?" An undergraduate point of view is put forward by the U.N. Features Editor.

PERHAPS the most depressing thing about Leeds is the almost total absence of proper intellectual interest. It is a lack which cannot be accounted for in terms of the Leeds Undergraduate is any less intellectual inferiority. There is no evidence to suggest, and no reason to suppose that the Leeds undergraduate is any less intellectual than the student of any other university, and I am not, as an undergraduate, prepared to accept the responsibility for this malady. If we are lacking in proper intellectual interest, it is because we have no choice in the matter.

We are the proverbial "victims of circumstance, real victims of the kind of social and academic pressures which produce in us an attitude of mind at once unco-operative and intolerant towards Learning and Creativeness. In a University such as Leeds, where the cost of buildings, equipment and undergraduate tuition and maintenance is so largely borne by State and industry, it is inevitable that the educational bias should be towards the vocational—and this is where our troubles begin. The student is only too aware to many cases of his obligation to the taxpayer and the businessman whose income he depends upon, and he can measure his obligation in terms of hard cash. So far as industrial and State backers are concerned, technical education is "realistic" education, and when it comes to the arts, though there is no definite motive, yet it is necessary to make a gesture to culture. No one is sure what the precise value of another B.A. in English is going to be, least of all the sponsor.

No Art for Art's Sake

The tendency to regard the old idea of a "Liberal Education" as abstracted from the "business of life" solidifies into a firm belief in a university where the income of the "business of life" is the very basis of its existence, and the arts man is hard put to it to justify his presence there at all. The State may make grants to Oxford and Cambridge for the pursuit of "pure knowledge", but don't expect it to sponsor the extension of this make-believe to the modern, functional, money-made Redbrick. This is the "Brains for Hire Department" where

we only talk about "pure knowledge" in inverted commas to show there's something fishy about it. The only person who's got the nerve to talk about art for art's sake nowadays is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and in this connection you only have to think of that £30,000 Granada TV Fellowship to make up your mind that no one else has. We cannot help it if we are forced to the conclusion that there isn't much justification for an academic course which extends no hope of a good job or a swig of whisky with a real business tycoon at the end

By Peter Hall

of it. We know that the business of university is the business of life and we see that it can be measured in Sterling.

This attitude, which I describe as unco-operative and intolerant towards learning and creativeness, is not one which, in the perversion of our spirit, we have chosen to adopt; it has been thrust upon us and no amount of cunning apologetics on behalf of "the higher things in life", "the cultural enrichment of society", is going to convince the cocksure technologist or the disillusioned artist faced, as they are, by a combination of State and Big Business. Though the old schoolroom battle between arts and science may exercise the wit of the protagonists, deep down we sense that the battle is all over but the shouting.

Parasites and Barbarians

The old arguments ring false on both sides and the worst, in ill-informed materialism and pompous nonsense culminates in the situation where the expressions "parasite" and "barbarian" find most favour. The scientist knows that the arts man is going to have difficulty in getting a good job and he knows perfectly well that the arts man is worried. We regret, as it were, the passing of a golden age when cultural values had a firm grip on the social conscience but we have to face the fact that things are different now. The history graduate teaching history at Grammar School to enable his pupils to attend university and take a degree in history, admits that the cycle began with that seventy-five per cent he got at "A" level. He wishes there were some use in history but no one believes his argument about learning by the mistakes of the past; when Henry Ford made his million and said, "History is bunk", he taught us the only lesson relevant to the present. Why even pretend to subscribe to higher values when the technologist and the scientist, however thick we might consider their spiritual darkness to be, can be seen rolling away in a Rolls-Bentley to the detergent factory?

The arts are demoralised, their students are openly cynical and their whole educational background appears in retrospect to be a blind

and obstinate process of refusing to wake up. Concomitant with this cynicism is the doubt whether Leeds is a University at all in the proper sense, the proper sense being the Oxford and Cambridge sense—two universities where "unreality" receives deferential treatment and money can still be called "vulgar" with a certain degree of conviction. At one time it might have been true that we wished we were like Oxford and Cambridge and could share their confidence in learning and creativeness, but even now we detect a new and harsher note from their dreaming spires. My brother writes to tell me that he is applying for a job in what is considered to be the logical outcome of an Oxford education in classics largely paid for by the State—commercial advertising. As if there were any logical outcome to a Liberal education nowadays; how helpful it would be if there were some authority to guide us as to the proper function of the arts in university and society at large. We have given up asking "Why am I doing this thing, what good is it?", and have merely lost interest—just like the States, just like industry, just like the Redbrick. That vital earnestness which is essential to the educative process has been replaced by a series of solemn gestures which lasts only the Degree Day.

University Union Split

As if this were not enough to contend with, there is, in the Leeds as we know it day by day, an abominable acquiescence to the harmful distinctions between the teacher and the taught, the student government and the student body, and the university author and his reader, when there should only be a feeling of joint participation in "University". Moreover, except at administrative level, there is an almost complete absence of intercourse between one side of University Road and the other. We have reached the stage now where the Union and University both deplore the situation but nevertheless fulfill the degraded function of providing mutual relief and sanctuary.

Can Mr. Silkin wonder that we lack the verve and warmth of a London pub or that the arteries of our sensibility hardened long ago? Can Mr. Hill expect us to ignore the voice of the bully or the faint of a big opening; can we afford to refuse that matey swig of whisky? And does Mr. Schneider expect us to forget our anxiety to keep our job and our thunder now, or at any time till we hang up our caps on a pension? For who is going to relax first, those top people or us?

What you deplore, Sirs, we deplore, but we are not cut out to be martyrs nor to fly in the face of facts.

When the world stops running we can all sit down and think; till then we must scan the appointments in the times for a bit of Room at the Top.

Mission Problem Play

DURING the week of the Mission to the University, the Piffes Players performed Ugo Betti's "Struggle Till Dawn". It was good to see the theatre involved so vitally in something of such importance and interest to so many people. Nevertheless it increases the difficulties of evaluating the play's success.

How much did this production stimulate interest and discussion in Christianity and the theatre?

Theatrically three things worried me about "Struggle till Dawn".

Surely simple representation is a retrograde step. Artistically the Mystery plays were in the infancy of drama. It has developed since then. And a representation of man's purgatorial struggle to Paradise lacks the associative values and emotional impact of a passion play.

Theologically, the play relied too much on facile symbolism. Intellectual exactness of meaning is not enough. A corresponding value between thought and image is necessary, or the result is ludicrous. Also the impact of the main symbols must be strongly felt. Otherwise the play becomes a mere compilation of inorganic symbolic detail.

Which brings me to my final point. Someone may one day write a play with no plot and no characters. Till then, no matter how many layers of symbolism it contains, a play is meaningless in the theatre unless it works at the primary plot and character level. This play did not.

"Struggle till Dawn" was quite rightly acted and produced anonymously. Though uneven, both acting and production dealt competently with overwhelming difficulties.

It is not my place to discuss the value of this play to the Mission, but I would suggest that a short programme note on the play's meaning would have greatly increased it.



THE BEAT GENERATION
JUST over two decades ago Benny Goodman discovered a promising new bandleader called

COUNT BASIE

William Basie leading the late Benny Mote's outfit at the Reno Club in Kansas City. The following year Basie, who as a small boy in Red Bank, New Jersey, had received his first piano lessons, from his mother, hit New York, making his debut at the Roseland Ballroom on Broadway and created a sensation with a new kind of "jump rhythm".

Union News joined the crowds who were out for the Count when he visited the Odeon Theatre last week and took the opportunity to ask Mr. Basie what he thought of the latest music sensation—the ubiquitous R. & B. The answer was—to say the least of it surprising—a very emphatic, "It's O.K. I like it. It's got a beat. And the kids who enjoy it usually graduate to other forms of jazz later on". Nice to think that for the Count, at any rate, the term "beat generation" has a different

meaning from the usual one. The Count's career over the past 20 years reads rather undramatically smooth; he has broken attendance records at concert halls and night clubs all over the country and his European tours have been phenomenally successful, also. Discussing these tours, I asked the Count if he didn't find the one-night stands rather tiring at times. He agreed that they certainly were. What he would really enjoy, he said, rather wistfully would be a holiday in Europe catching up on seeing all the sights and taking as much time over it as he wanted to do. He would not single out any one country as the most jazz-conscious, but enthused about British audiences— "really wonderful" and about British bands—"Johnny and Ted are great, just great and Humphrey's terrific." With which contribution to international goodwill and appreciation he bade us goodbye and ambled off to meet the second house.

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Gerry Wilson Five Jazz Group Boomed

STORMY SCENES AT JAZZ CONTEST

THE Inter-University Jazz Federation's Jazz Band Contest Semifinals held in R.S.H. almost ended in disorder and riots. Nine bands took part in the contest which was split into two sections—Mainstream and Traditional. The Mainstream section was won by Nottingham and Liverpool Universities who tied for first place. The other bands in this section was our own Gerry Wilson Five. Last year the G.W.F. was the best band at the semi-final held in Manchester. But they were unplaced in the contest because they were the only mainstream band to enter. This year with competition in their own field and a depleted line-up they did not show up very well and were booed, jeered and subjected to stamping and slow handclaps.

The audience's behaviour was extremely rude and it is worth noting that, in the forefront of the tumult, were several visitors from the Manchester College of Science and Technology. They said they were shouting and jeering because G.W.F. were on too long and were having an unfair advantage in being allowed to play five numbers—two more than either was just filling up time as hosts un- of the other bands. Actually the band till the judges, who had already retired, came to a decision.

Leeds Tomfoolery

There were entries in the Traditional section from Manchester University, Sheffield University, Manchester Tech., Newcastle. Casey's Hot Seven represented Leeds.

The winners were Manchester Tech. and Casey's Hot Seven, who tied for first place. It was very surprising but nevertheless pleasing to see a Leeds band among the winners—surprising because Casey had put on a musical hall turn with a band of fourteen goateed fools. But two of the judges, Ken Rattenbury and Rex Harris, said they had never enjoyed a jazz performance so much before. They had laughed heartily at the antics of the Leeds group and, because a feast of student tomfoolery had been served to them, they felt that the endeavour should not go unrewarded.

TOO SMOOTH BASIE

A concert by the Count Basie Band, like that at Leeds Odeon on 11 February, is the kind of thing best described in 2000 words or just two—to describe it adequately in 200 words is virtually impossible. The outstanding feature of the concert was the ensemble work, a thing which we have come to expect from the present-day Basie Band. If one has to single out an individual, I think it must be Sonny Payne but, having done so, one is conscious that each member of the rhythm section deserves a mention. Billy Mitchell made a creditable job of filling the place of Eddie Davis although in his last chorus (on "Whisperbird") he resorted to the single-note gallery technique which his performance on the "Gilespie at Newport" LP forecast. In "Whisperbird" and "Outie", which in common with other numbers were taken faster than the recorded performances, some of the section work was too hurried for comfort. The band was not shown at its best, I'm afraid, in numbers like the sentimental "Midnight Sun Never Sets" featuring Marshall Royal or the "concert arrangement" of "Old Man River"; in fact there was evidence of too-conscious "programme building" with not enough of the relaxed swing for which Count Basie is renowned.

WOMEN ONLY

On First Looking into Sadler

IT was all frightfully exciting, dahling. I mean, we'd only gone to the place for tea and chat, and we caused a sensation. If I'd known, I'd have worn my new fuschia sack and "Fleur Passionnee".

There we were, perched on this president-person's bed like the Sunday School treat waiting for its tea and buns, and they actually brought in Scampi with all the accessories. But Scampi,



dahling. I was devastated. I mean, I'd always heard that Sadler was tres continental, with beetroot frits for breakfast, but I'd never expected Scampi. Can you imagine me, dahling, knitting with those little pink chopstick things? It was so frustrating. I mean, the carpet got more than I did. And the cabaret, dahling. It was simply thrilling, I was almost shaking in my stilettos. Hordes of huge men swarming up ladders to peep through the curtains, and flash bulbs popping at the most unexpected times and little me without my face on and a chopstick lodged in my back molar, trying to preserve the Tetley calm. And there were long, thin paper tapestries, and incense making the place smell like an Indian Temple. I'd been thinking the president-person had been a little over-lavish with the talc. And such little gentleman, dahling. I mean, when someone helpfully pulled out a fuse-thing so that we were plunged into utter darkness, I opened my mouth to give a little scream, and nothing happened. But nothing, dahling. It was most frustrating. And we actually got out of the place without even an attempt at seduction. Such charming people, dahling. I wonder if they're as delightful at Woodside?

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(u)

Rag Notebook

Rag Committee's target this year is £15,000. This, with an estimated expenditure of about £4,000, would enable £11,000 to be given to charity - £2,000 more than last year.

DANCES.

There will be the usual Rag week dances at the Astoria, Capitol and Mecca. Hops will be held in the Union on Tyke Day, (Saturday), Krazy Nite (Wednesday) and Rag Day, (Saturday).

RAG DAY.

There will be a procession similar to last year's, with a prize for the best lorry. The official opening at 12.15 will be followed by a balloon race. After the procession there will be a fair on Woodhouse Moor.

TYKE.

35,000 copies will be printed and will be sold at 2/- each. This increase in price is in line with other Universities who have not suffered any loss of revenue as a result. Manchester usually sell 20,000 copies of their magazine "Rag Rag". It is intended to make Tyke bigger and better and to give it an attractive shiny cover. It is hoped to extend the sale of Tyke to many more of the towns around Leeds.

RAG TIMES.

The Union News Team has volunteered, as its contribution to Rag, to produce Rag Times. It is intended to make it a newspaper of Rag Week events and to present it in a very attractive lay-out. Rag Times has suffered in the past from having an inexperienced staff. It is now hoped to make Rag Times' impact on the city much stronger than ever before.

QUAINT CUSTOMS

The Hustings



TWO or three times a year the inhabitants of the Soke and Wapentake clamour for an election to replace a retiring governor. Since it is ordained that everything be done in a formally procedural manner, the elections follow a close democratic pattern. Deviation is frowned upon. Anyone may stand for office and the Masses may vote how they will. To commence the ritual the Hustings are held in the week preceding the election; here the candidates and their spokesmen state their cases. A time for great oratory? The electorate swept to its feet in spontaneous applause for a latter-day Gettysburg Address? That's not the way of the Soke. It has long been established that the Soke enjoys Government by periphrastically-expanding Committee. In order to establish a status-quo, problems are dealt with in a manner analogous to an oyster; instead

of eotering an irritation with layers of pearl; it is wrapped in gelatinous layers of committees.

It will take a session or two to deal with a thing like Sunday opening of the Soke House. Student officers are only in office for a year whereas across the road they sit on committees for years. It is apparent that the only way the ship can be steered is by a captain who has much experience of committee-ship. Extension of opening hours, emancipation of the female, the spending of more/less—the same on athletics, the suppression of the neighbouring power of Parkinsons—all are familiar and time-honoured vote catchers. Some masterly equivocation descends from the platform in the matter of finance for the Prestige Magazine. Generally candidates have to make their policy as wide appeal as the umbrella of "I cannot promise anything" permits.

Of course, so far only establishment, candidates likely for election have been discussed. There is always a burfion, the man who stands for a little light relief, usually a pleasant and well-known member of the Soke who thinks that the office demands

a pleasant and well-known person. He does not promise anyone anything because he knows, as well as the electorate, the difficulties of committee-ship. This candidate's reason for standing—he wants to be elected. After the candidates have posed for photographers and delivered their addresses, members of the Soke question them. The well-known Soke jester leaps to his feet, bells-a-jingle, to seek elucidation on the matter of bath plugs and waistcoats—an outsider may be forgiven for assuming that bath plugs are not the most important thing in Soke politics. The Inspector-General of bath plugs selects a rejoinder from a carefully prepared script. A few desultory questions about debating expenses and the high cost of wine and dining amongst the committeemen follow. As the candidates on the platform draw heavily on their cork-tip Woodies, removal of the "No Smoking" signs in the Mootball is discussed.

There is an air of inevitability about proceedings; the inevitability of gradualness. The Soke yawns. "Why bother with elections?" "We can vote for anyone we like so long as the Establishment Candidate is elected". X will have the Engineers behind him, if he can get the Med. School to be in. The depleted audience shuffles from the Hustings, the result of the election is readily predictable from the formula:

Votes per candidate = $\frac{2es(x+2y+3z)}{y}$
Where x is no. of years at Univ.
y is no. of years on Union Committ.tee.
z is no. of years on Exec.
e is coefficient of popularity with Engineers
s is coefficient of support for non-established, respectable societies, such as UNSA, Conservative and Law.

This is known as the ApaSoke Law and states generally that the periphrastically-expanding committee tribune will be directed by an inbred mutation. The politically minded have only to apply the ApaSoke Law to know how to cast their vote. The carefully weeded bed of blossoming committees will get a suitable gardener and life will go on in the good old way. Such are the merits of orthodoxy.

A Dear Ago

A group of stalwarts arrived one evening at the Union from Manchester. They had kept a hockey ball in constant motion from their own Union since 10 o'clock that morning. Tokens of goodwill were presented to Leeds—the group's pennant (a 34-inch bra), an autographed toilet roll, a copy of Manchester's "Rag Rag" and "others."

Ten Years Ago

The A.G.M. established an all-time record for brevity by lasting for nine minutes. The familiar rain of moth balls commenced as soon as the Secretary read the minutes of the previous A.G.M. The President gave a warning—if one more moth ball was thrown the meeting would be adjourned. It was.



Third City in the Country

LEEDS now ranks as the third largest city in the country, covering an area of 63½ square miles. In population it lies sixth with 510,000 people. Population is steadily increasing and by 1971 it will be 538,000.

Capital Scheme

Leeds is to have its own "Rotten Row"—provided Leeds Parks Committee agrees to a proposal that the enclosed track between Oakwood and Roundhay should become a horse-riding track after the disappearance of trams in Leeds this next Spring. Such a proposal would be cheaper than re-instating the road for, although the tram rails would be removed, the shale and shingle would remain to be covered with rough soil which would be left to develop.

Museum's 1900 Gramophone

Kirkstall Abbey Museum resounded to the strains of "All People that on Earth do Dwell" from a 1900 gramophone which the Museum has recently acquired. This contraption has bamboo needles which can be sharpened when they become blunt, and an improved pick-up device which was thought to be a considerable advance on other models of that period. It was built by "Perceptaphone Ltd." at Gumbo Mills, Kirkstall Road, but the identity of the man behind the contraption remains a mystery. It is believed that he sold out and emigrated to Australia.

She's too Fat For Me

It is a Medical fact that Children are getting bigger and heavier faster—revealed the

School Health Service. The report underlines the fact that today's problem with children is over-nourishment, and Dr. D. B. Bradshaw, the Leeds Medical Officer of Health, said:

"Yes. It's a problem of a high standard of living." There are now plenty of plump girls around because obesity is one of the prices of good-living when sweets, chocolates, biscuits and fattening carbo-hydrates are obtainable cheaply. Obesity in boys, it reports, sometimes causes them to fail in school-work, withdraw from games and feel unhappy...

There is also a tendency for children to mature more quickly and early manhood and womanhood will come in the early teens, but Dr. Bradshaw doubted whether we should ever see men and women sitting the 11-plus.

"Under the Rainbow"

An exhibition by the Cement and Concrete Association in Leeds shows how streets can be coloured, and Mr. Levitt, the Leeds City Architect, is in favour of such schemes. When opening the exhibition, he congratulated the Leeds Highways Engineer on his use of red-road surfacing for Park Row and City Square and said: "Almost 90 per cent of the paving on which we walk consists of concrete flags, and manufacturers produce these flags in a variety of colours. In the re-development of our cities it would be very nice if advantage could be taken of colour in paving. When we walk through a congested city with its narrow streets and tall buildings, we probably see as much of the pavements as anything. A little colour as a contrast to this drab grey would be a cheerful sight."

Quotes of the Week

"Anything will come off if you kiss it hard enough."
—First year physics student... discussing lipstick

"No matter what you wear, they ALWAYS tear it to pieces."
—2nd year French student on 2nd year Engineer.

"I don't want an engineer, I want a pure scientist."
—Member of Oxley

"Examination results are no reflection on our ability to teach physics."
—Physics lecturer

"If a woman's got anything a man must have it."
—Overheard at party

"I am always talking to myself."
—Father Trevor Huddleston

"We must have an end to this differentiation between men and women."
—Alan A. Brews on Lodgings

"I'm just waiting to be picked up."
—Girl on Union steps

"I am more fully conscious than any member of the Union."
—Eric Schumacher at Presidential Address

"Where did you go last Saturday night? Sarah Macmillan Hospital, London. Where did you go Sunday night? Meanwood Park nurses home. Crumbs, he's been ill."
—Reading through survey results

"I'm absolutely b—
I've been covered in rice, flour, toilet rolls, the lot."
—Pat Stone of Union Committee on A.G.M.

"I've never been to an A.G.M. before."
—Sally Bashall Senior Vice-President

"Mr. Bull should not confuse 'Pravda' with 'Union News'."
—Mr. Mowbray at A.G.M.

"I've already tapped one of my contacts at the City Varities."
—Prominent member of Rag Review

Brain Conquers Brawn

By Our Debates Correspondent

AFTER a witty and intelligent debate, the house rejected the motion "That this House prefers the athlete to the artist", last week.

Proposing the motion, Mr. Nash, the Secretary of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, who was deputising for Mr. Danny Blanchflower, said that this was probably the first time he had had to stand in for a footballer. "The opposition will try to sway you with oratory, against your better judgment, but I will rely on your intelligence." "The athlete", he continued, "is a sportsman. He puts a healthy mind into a healthy body, whereas the artist is a self-centred, cramped, temperamental being."

Frederic May, one of the six characters in search of an author, in opposing the motion, blinded the house with a theatrically polished performance of rhetoric. The artist, contrary to Mr. Nash's misrepresentation, is not temperamental. He accused the athlete of being "the young in mind", and prone to throw "temperamental tantrums". The artists he insisted were the most important members of society, and their contribution was vastly more important than the athlete's.

Jeff Jacobs in his own inimitable style, said he liked his women "fast and loose", rather than "slow and tight", and this he thought was adequate reason

for supporting the motion. Seconding the opposition, Brian McLorry, with slightly less than his usual verbal brilliance, wandered from shredded wheat to the stupidity of running round in circles, in his attempt to discredit the athlete.

The speakers from the floor found it difficult to reach the standard of the platform speakers, but Mike O'Driscoll and David Denham both made amusing and even relevant speeches. The summing up by both the main speakers was first class, and the debate as a whole was admirable.

French Drama Festival

THE French Festival of Drama will again be held at Avignon this year. There are two sessions of a week each; the first from 16th-23rd July, and the second from 26th July-2nd August. These meetings will bring together about 250 young people (aged 18-25) from 30-40 different countries; they provide an excellent opportunity for those who are interested in the theatre to make contact with people of similar interests from most countries in Europe. There are 80 places open to British participants, but a good knowledge of French is essential.

Spotlight — WOMEN'S SPORT

In the last issue our sports woman of the week Shiella Knott, made several controversial comments concerning women's sport. She was concerned with the lack of enthusiasm in women's clubs, the paucity of grants for same, and the lack of publicity that Union News gives to the girls generally. Lets look at some of these clubs.

Basket Ball

The twenty members of the Basket Ball Club have not as yet produced any outstanding performances but it must be emphasised that they are in the process of team-building. Their fixtures only amount to about one every two weeks, the opposition consisting of University and Training College teams. The men's team are very helpful and regularly coach the members of the women's club.

The team has no official uniform but is pressing the Union for permission to obtain one. They seem quite satisfied with their grant of £20.

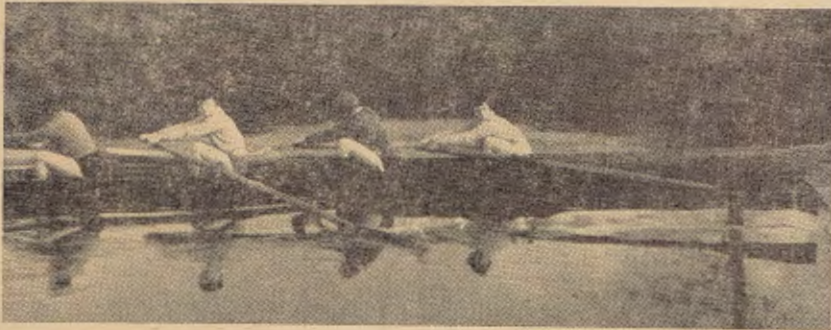
Boat Club

The Women's Boat Club has an active membership of 28-30 which is not much below the total of members. The club have five crews, each consisting of a cox and four oarswomen. These teams compete in occasional friendly races, usually rowed over half a mile. Next term the club will compete in a series of weekly regattas.

The success of the crews has not been particularly good as yet but with continual coaching from two members of the Men's Boat Club the future is promising. There is no lack of enthusiasm and the members train every Sunday at Swillington under the eyes of these coaches. At the moment there is no organised fitness routine, but preparations are being made to bring such a scheme into practice.

The Women's Boat Club receive a Union grant of £110. This they find inadequate to meet the cost of away fixtures and consequently their competitive programme is severely limited.

The members are very keen on having a smart and identical all-



Four members of the Women's Boat Club training at Swillington

white kit. They have a special boat club scarf and also sew boat club badges on union scarves. There prevails amongst the ladies of the Boat Club a very firm feeling of friendship which no doubt stems from the fact that for one day per week they all practically live together in the boat house.

Fencing

At the moment the Women's Section have only seven members, four of which are beginners and consequently they find it difficult to field a regular team. In spite of this they only narrowly lost their one match so far this season against Nottingham University. They train on the same nights as the Men's Section under Prof. Bennett and two of their members have now progressed to sabre fencing. Perhaps this augurs well for next season.

Hockey

This is one of the largest women's clubs and has an active membership of 66. The club runs three teams and all of them have regular fixtures on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The first eleven made a poor start to the season but are now a much improved side and more than holding their own against teams from universities and colleges as well as against local club

sides. Five members of the club have had trials in connection with the Northern Universities team but only the captain of the club has been successful.

The Women's Hockey Club are very grateful to members of the Physical Education department for the excellent advice and coaching which they give them. The Union allowance of £145 is not sufficient to allow the club to take part in an annual tour. However, the members are sufficiently keen to go on the tour and to pay all their own expenses. They also pay a levy of 1s. per match per person, when playing for the first eleven and 6d. when playing for the second or third eleven. To assist finances even further they hold an annual jumble sale. The committee of the Hockey Club are very strict about dress on the field. The first eleven play in green and the second and third in white.

Judo

This club has seven members but only one trains and practices regularly. The club has had one fixture this year, against Nottingham, which was won. Once per week the members are coached by the men's club and their fitness routine is based on special exercises. The members of the club practice judo in the usual judogal. The only grumble the club have is that there are insufficient women interested in Judo.

Lacrosse

There are only six members in this club to field one team. This team has regular fixtures every Saturday against universities, clubs and schools. Their performances have been reasonably good in spite of their lack of reserve strength. Two members of the team have represented the W.I.V.A.B. and a further member was chosen as a reserve for the Yorkshire Women's Team. The club hold regular Wednesday afternoon practices at Westwood. Their grant of £40 seems to be quite satisfactory even though the members have to purchase their own "crosses". They are most strict about their appearance on the field and they play in white shirts and green shorts.

Netball

The Netball Club run two teams which have so far this season done fairly well in their few fixtures. The members of this club are reasonably keen but they have no training, coaching or practice schemes as yet. Their Union grant of £47 is adequate but they complain bitterly about the dilapidated condition of the netball courts. There are, however, new courts under construction and meanwhile the club play some of its fixtures on the staff tennis courts. One thing the club do seem to have is a

Comment

It seems that there is a general lack of enthusiasm among the women of this University towards sport. Not many girls play, and of those who do few take it very seriously.

If our sportswomen wish to raise the prestige of girls sports at this University they should take it seriously. In addition they are using the Union's money and many of the clubs require more. To present a deserving case for more money they should show a greater degree of organisation and determination to work hard. In only a few clubs do girls attempt any training apart from the sport itself. It would be comparatively easy to organise a training schedule particularly involving running to promote endurance, and heavy work to promote strength. This is apparently being done in the Women's Boat Club but in few others.

Let us make no mistake about it standards of sport are increasing quickly. If the girls want to keep up and we do want to see our girls doing well, then they must apply themselves more vigorously to their sports. So,

What about it, Girls?

Miss Hunter of the Physical Education Department believes that in proportion to the number of men playing sport in the University there are plenty of girls that play and that they are as keen as the men. However she maintains that standards in Women's sports have improved and that the Leeds girls must really knuckle down to their sports to keep up with these standards. In comparison with the sportswomen of Manchester University especially, our girls tend to be complacent and do not strive to improve their game while they are here. They seem to think that to fulfill their fixtures every Wednesday and Saturday is sufficient and that no extra training is necessary. If the fixtures are cancelled then our girls should press on with training regardless.

Circuit training is available each weekday except Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Women's Gym. Miss Hunter urges the members of the Tennis, Cricket and Athletic's clubs to look ahead to the summer and begin to consider their fitness NOW.

keenness to look smart when playing netball but the club as a whole seem surprisingly lethargic.

well since none of the members played squash before entering university.

Squash

This very successful club has a total membership of 33, only 20, however, regularly play squash. This is most probably due to the fact that there is a grave shortage of squash courts. The members of the Women's Squash Club practice every Friday evening and individuals are encouraged to play as often as possible. Their fixtures which average out to about one per fortnight have all been won this year except for one.

Any financial assistance is included in the Men's Squash Club grant, it usually amounts to about £5. This obviously does not help much and the members have to supply their own equipment including a white tennis dress. It is all to the credit of the captain of the club and her associates that the squash club do so

Swimming

The number of active members in this club amounts to only one-third of the total membership of thirty. Their fixtures which occur once per week are against other Universities. So far this season they have only lost to Manchester, but the general standard of swimming could be higher. The club's training programme consists of practice swims, and coaching by one of the Men's Swimming Club. Apparently this is not quite as successful as it might be. The Union grant consists of £60, with which among other things official swimming caps are bought.

The officials of the club complain of the lack of active members and that those who are active usually do not train enough.

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Rugby

DOWN TO STRONG SIDE

Leeds 1st XV . . 0, St. Helens . . 11 points.

(at St. Helens, Saturday 7th February)

THE University 1st. XI went down to a strong St. Helens side by 11-0 rather against the run of the play. The fast hard running St. Helens threw the ball about at every opportunity, and the Leeds forwards although holding their own in the set scrums and line-outs, were slower in the loose. St. Helens often looked dangerous and it was no surprise when they took a half-time lead as Walsh landed a penalty goal.

For the first 25 minutes of the second half it was all Leeds! The forwards, with T. G. Jones, G. Waddington-Feather and I. Hampton outstanding, gave the backs plenty of the ball but vital scoring chances were missed. Tolley made several fine breaks but strong-running wings G. Hazell and D. G. Rees had few opportunities to show their paces. In the Leeds half for the first time after the interval, St. Helens increased their lead to 6 points with another penalty. Almost immediately they scored again with a try converted by Walsh.

Although the University did not deserve to lose by 11 points, St. Helens were worthy winners by virtue of their quicker, more crisp passing and intensive backing up.

Women's Hockey

Ambition Achieved!

Durham . . 2 Leeds 1st XI . . 4

(At Newcastle, 7th February)

THE Women's Hockey team succeeded in achieving a long yearned for ambition, in defeating Durham University at Newcastle.

Jean Stable opened the scoring for Leeds with a clear cut goal wrong footing the Durham goalie. Durham fought back and evened the score before half time.

In the second half the Leeds backs saw more of the ball in the circle and Ann Benson scored an exceptionally finely angled goal which surprised the Durham goalie and herself. Yvonne Measures scored the third Leeds goal with a well timed last minute rush, and Nicki Mancini had one good break through to score the fourth.

Team: A. Benson, J. Stable, J. Danks, Y. Measures, B. Pinchbeck, S. Brown, N. Mancini, L. Harrington, C. Bibby, M. Mantripp, J. Lonsdale.

Sport of the Week

BASKET BALL

MOST major sports have a very long history but basketball is an exception. It was only 65 years ago when Dr. James Naismith of Springfield College, Mass., decided to invent his "ideal" game. He gathered information about all other games, determined what were their best features, and using these derived Basketball.

He wanted a team game and a ball game that didn't require implements, simple enough for the unskilled to play but with opportunities for skill, playable indoors as well as out, and with the emphasis upon skill rather than sheer strength.

Individual basketball skill is demonstrated in its highest form by the Harlem Globetrotters. Team skill is even more important—sheer strength least important of all.

Much is claimed of the sport as being the most popular and the fastest on foot and it undoubtedly has a very high speed of "excitement". The level of activity rarely drops, mainly because the ball never remains out of play—not even after goals. All the time there is passing, feinting, dribbling, shooting, and scoring—usually at a rate of more than one goal per minute. The nature of the rules promote this—the ball must be moved out of a half within ten seconds of the defending side gaining possession, and a shot at the basket must be made within 30 seconds.

Basically the teams play five-a-side, substitutions allowed at the coach's discretion, and the aim is to drop the ball through the opponents net whilst at the same time preventing them from scoring. Running with the ball is not allowed, after two steps with the ball a player must stop and pivot on one foot as he looks for an opening. Dribbling is possible though by bouncing the ball with one hand only but the game is so often essentially

Swimming

DOUBLE OVER MANCHESTER

Leeds University . . 31 pts.

Manchester Univ. . . 27 pts.

FOR the first time since 1952, Leeds defeated Manchester in a full swimming match. Individual winners for Leeds were Houlden (100 yards freestyle and James (100 yards butterfly, 67.4 secs.), and 100 yards breast stroke-73.0 secs.). Leeds also won both the medley and freestyle relays. The Medley team consisting of Mulholland (backstroke), Spence (breaststroke), James (butterfly), and Houlden (freestyle)—set up the fastest time ever swam by a Leeds Team when they completed the 200 yds. (4x50 yds. in 2 mins. 0 secs.)

WATER POLO (CHRISTIE CUP)

Leeds . . 10 Manchester . . 3

SHOWING a tremendous improvement on their recent form. Leeds easily defeated Manchester and so moved one step nearer to winning the Christie.

The outstanding feature of the game was a piece of textbook play when Manchester had a man out of the water. The ball travelled from the Leeds goalkeeper to the Manchester goal with every Leeds player handling it and it only touched the water once!

Roger Hargreaves confirmed his recent return to form by scoring seven goals. The three other scorers were Mulholland, Andrews and Emsley. Klaus Kaiser played his usual sound game, completely subduing the Manchester centre forward and the goalkeeping of Pony Evans was well up to standard.



Seyan Sokultu of the Univ. Team. of possession rather than all out progression.

No bodily contact at all is allowed but the two referees often have considerable trouble deciding who is responsible for the contact that invariably occurs. A scorer marks down these fouls and a player penalised five times is sent off.

It is essentially an American game at the moment, although played all over the world and the University team is invariably one of the most cosmopolitan of arrangements. An American professor of basketball in the University last week maintained that it was the most popular sport in the U.S.A. being watched by some 100 million spectators annually.

Permanently, at this University, a lecturer in the Physical Education Department, is Keith Mitchell, a qualified international referee and general secretary to the National Basketball Association. Mr. Mitchell has helped considerably in forming the present intra-mural basketball interest.

A week tomorrow, England play Scotland at Arnhem Baths and the true excitement of the game will be demonstrated by more expert players.

Union News

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK

This years General Athletics Secretary is a local lad having come up to Leeds from Bradford in 1953. By 1955 he was a regular member of the University first team at Hockey and Cricket and has since, at various times, been captain of both. He has also played hockey for the U.A.U. team, Yorkshire and the North of England. On February 20th David goes up to Lillishall for the British Olympic Training week—which is a trial for the Olympic team.

Truly a most impressive record, but the G.A.S. will probably leave a more permanent mark on the Union. He feels very strongly that all is not perfect on the sporting scene and is in a position to do something about it. Two committees have come into being under David's leadership, the Sports Executive Committee designed for more enlightened discussion of sports problems, and to relieve Union Executive of some work, and also a committee to enquire into Union grants to sports clubs.

David is not over impressed by our facilities, or the amount of money spent on



DAVID WILMAN
(General Athletic Secretary.)

sport in the Union. He maintains that the cricket club is "ashamed to take opponents on the cricket pitches". It seems that all sportsmen agree with these general feelings—let us hope that the G.A.S. can make revolutionary changes.

Sporting News in Brief

A ROUND UP OF THE CLUBS

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB have recently had a couple of good games. They obtained great satisfaction from beating Durham University 4-2 at Newcastle and last Saturday beat Bradford Technical College Women's Team. This was a new fixture and Leeds Captain Ann Benson played outstandingly well and marshalled the team to a 7-2 victory. She scored four of these goals in a masterly display of left-wing play.

The Leeds Featherweight Boxing Champion, Gibson, fought for the U.A.U. v. Scotland last Saturday, and won on points, although fighting above his normal weight in the lightweight division. Johnny Nottingham and "Lefty" Wright were selected as reserves whilst H. Kirpalani, although chosen as the flyweight representative, couldn't shed 61lb. to make the flyweight limit.

The RUGBY CLUB notice board seems to have become a cross between a scrap-book and a waste paper basket. In a pinned-up article from the *Kidgley News* a reporter commented upon the attitude prevailing in the University dressing room before the match, he expected academic discussion, but instead he found to his surprise "the undergraduates, as they stripped, showed more interest in each other's physical make up". The reporter also added a comment or two from the crowd. "They're a good side, this—mind you they've nowt else to do all 'twick. They go to a lecture or two and as soon as they've ended there they are, aht w! t'ball."—Quoted for these students!

Judy Carver and Jill Hardy, the stalwarts of the Women's Swimming Club won the back stroke and breast stroke respectively in last Saturday's swimming match against Manchester. This was not sufficient to defeat the probable W.I.V.A.B. champions. The Leeds freestyle team of Jill Hardy, Pam Coshin, Kate Simpson and Judy Carver put up the fastest time ever recorded by a Leeds team, only to find the Manchester girls still two seconds faster, at 62.2 sec. for the 100 yards.

Men's Swimming Club are hot on the Christie trail. At polo they have the maximum of six points from three games, Liverpool have four and Manchester nil. The final is on 9th May and as was true of the soccer Christie, Liverpool must beat Leeds by a huge score to take the cup away.

The Leazes Team beat Stockport last Saturday 7-0 in what is described as a rough game and several injuries were sustained. Nevertheless, the victory puts them within reach of the top of Division III in the North of England League.

A handicap race on Wednesday, 13th February, enabled Grove, Roberts and Smalles to be the first three home in a Cross-country Club race; Geoff Wood, Totten and Gadeby recorded the three fastest times.

The club has been having very little success in their fixtures through the first team losing to Loughborough and Manchester on 7th February.

The Fencing Club are sending three members down to the U.A.U. Individual Championship at London on Saturday, 21st February. The three are Malcolm Banks (Captain), Dennis Orton and Bill Johnson.

Three crews from the Women's Boat Club travelled up to Newcastle last Saturday to race girls from King's College and Durham University. The main hopes for success were dashed when Freda Binn's crew were down to a far more experienced Newcastle 2nd crew by half a length after rather a shaky start. Captain Jenny Metcalf stroked her crew to one victory before being knocked out by King's 2nd also. A third crew stroked by Pat Walley trailed behind Newcastle 1st. In the final Newcastle beat Durham.

Soccer

Christie Confirmed

Leeds 1st XI . . 2; Liverpool . . 1
(At Westwood, Wednesday, 18th February)

The Christie Cup is back in Leeds again

FIELDING the same team which defeated Newcastle except for the inclusion of Jackie Blakely for the injured Dunn, Leeds deservedly beat Liverpool, the holders by two goals to one. This gave them their fourth consecutive win in this year's competition.

After an even first half Leeds were unfortunate to be a goal down. Clift had a terrific thirty-yard drive disallowed when Hawkins was given off-side, and Devey and Holmes both hit the woodwork. Soon after the interval Glandville was injured and moved to the left wing with Rolis dropping back to left half and Clift moving into the middle. The re-organised Leeds team fought with great determination and HAWKINS equalised after 60 minutes. From then on Leeds were always on top and it was no surprise when HOLMES scored the winning goal 15 minutes from time.

In addition the 2nd XI thrashed Liverpool 2nd XI 6-2, and so won the Junior Christie.

Team: Crompton; Mills, Duckworth; Blakeley, Glandville, Clift; Goodyear, Holmes, Devey, Hawkins, Rolis.

Bridge

Semi-Finalists

Leeds Bridge team gained an excellent win on Saturday, 4th February when they defeated Oxford University to enter the semi-final of the Waddington Cup Competition.

The Waddington Cup is competed for annually by teams from almost all the English and Welsh Universities and Colleges.

Oxford have won the cup for the last two years so that the victory of Leeds was somewhat unexpected, but nevertheless magnificent. The semi-final will take place at the end of the month and will be against Bristol University, at Bristol. The other semi-finalists are King's College, Newcastle and Cambridge. Leeds have not played either Bristol or Kings' College in recent years but the team are hoping to avenge a defeat by Cambridge in the final four years ago.

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