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Comment

THIS is the last issue of Union News under the editorship of Peter Hall. This session sales records have been broken twice in succession, the last issue achieving a circulation of 2,800 in four hours. This issue comprises 3,000 copies and extends the lead over all other Universities of comparable size. Cambridge and London show larger figures, but far smaller ratios of copies per head.

Student Exhibition

PLANS for a January exhibition of student journalism in the Parkinson Court are already in an advanced stage and U.N. has already taken the unique step of advertising itself professionally to advertisers via "The Director." This last innovation, it is hoped, will encourage industrial and commercial concerns to publicise the opportunities they offer to Leeds graduates through the pages of the undergraduates' own newspaper.

New Editor

THIS session's lively editorial policy has resulted not only in increased sales but also in increasing awareness on the part of the professional press of Leeds' high national standing. Next year Trevor Webster will edit the paper, and though as a law student it is unlikely that he will come so near to legal disaster as often as this year's editor, readers can be sure that an old hand like Mr. Webster will—like the words of the Beatnik—DE-LIVER the news hot.

NO ROOM AT THE TOP FOR LEEDS MOO

THE N.U.S. Drama Festival will be held in Oxford from January 4th-9th, next year, the reasons given being "the growing interest in Oxford N.U.S. activities and the excellent facilities available there." Leeds was disappointed—but the Festival, the fifth presented in association with the "Sunday Times," goes on.

There are three sections of plays—those competing for the "Sunday Times" trophy, experimental plays and one-act plays—and over 30 student Drama groups have entered. The choice of play is varied—from "Hamlet" and "Coriolanus" to "Sweeney Agonistes" and "The Making of Moo".

POLISH ACTORS

The judges in the regions are personalities from Drama Schools. This year the four at Oxford will be—'Hamlet' (University College, London), 'The Duchess of Malfi' (Birmingham), 'Coriolanus' (Nottingham), and 'The Sport of My Mad Mother' (Durham College), Birmingham, last year's winner, seems to stand as favourite.

These four will be produced at the Oxford Playhouse and judged by Harold Hobson, Drama Critic of the "Sunday Times."

A party of Theatre Group members will be present, though not performing in Oxford, and an additional attraction will be a group of young Polish Actors, who are to take part this year.

LUCIFER WAITS

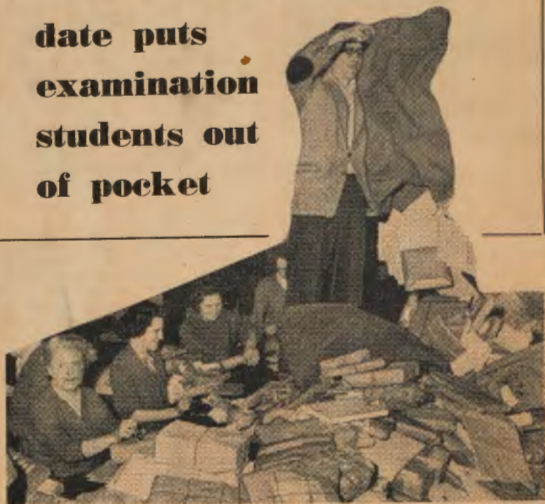
MEMBERS OF THE GRANADA T.V. Research Fellowship are still studying the effects of T.V. on the electors during the election. Extra staff have been taken on to prepare the hundreds of questionnaires for 'Lucifer', the Computer. The Tele-Fellow and his assistants expect to have some result by Christmas.

AFRICANS CELEBRATE

AFRICAN SOCIETY held an African night in the Social Room on Tuesday night.

Many members of the Union danced to African music, traditional jazz and calypsos.

Christmas late end of term date puts examination students out of pocket



"Yorkshire Post" Photo

DOES the winter term finish too near Christmas is the question dominating the minds of Union members who will be unable to work on the Christmas post. Because Leeds always goes down too late in the winter term?

And the G.P.O. only employ temporary workers if they can start before the Christmas rush begins on December 16th.

Term this year ends on December 18th, two days too late. And many students have exams right up to the last day of term.

A spokesman in the Union Vacation Work office admitted that "this has resulted in a certain amount of difficulty in helping students to get jobs as temporary postmen."

Only three universities, Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle, go down as late as December 18th. Leicester and Hull go down on the 16th, and the remainder finish on or before the 13th December.

"The policy for the dates of term, which was just reviewed in 1953, is to have a three-week vacation at Christmas," explained a member of the Registrar's staff.

"And to arrange it so that as much as possible of the vacation is after Christmas in order that members of staff are able to attend important conferences held at the beginning of January."

ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES

When I asked him to comment on the proposal that the Autumn term should begin and finish a week earlier, he replied, "This would result in administrative difficulties with regard to the September examinations which would then have to be held in late August. And this would consequently interrupt the long vacation both for members of staff and for students retaking exams."

Said President Schumacher, "There have been no complaints in the past from Union members about the late ending of term, but if a substantial number of complaints are made, Union Committee will certainly make representation to the appropriate university authorities."

Vacation jobs admittedly have dangers, but with grants as they are it seems unfortunate that some students should be denied the opportunity to make a small contribution towards their keep.

University Honours Nine

THE UNIVERSITY COURT has decided to confer honorary degrees on nine people. They are: Doctor of Laws: B. T. Clegg, Esq., Sir Edwin Herbert, Sir Abraham Raisman; Doctor of Letters: Ivy Compton Burnett, Sir John Neale, Sir George Sansom; Doctor of Science: Sir Ronald Fisher; Master of Science: P. Gooding, Esq., W. C. Materson, Esq.

The degrees will be conferred in congregation next May.

Ticket rush for Prestige Ball

Union News Reporter

WITH Mick Mulligan, George Melly and a West Indian steel orchestra, heading a five band line-up, Union Ball should be the prestige Ball of the session.

The date: January 14th, four days after the beginning of the Spring Term. And the rush for tickets is already in full swing.

Theme of the Ball is "The Press", for which newspapers have provided publicity material: Giles has provided cartoons; the Bar will be "Andy Capp's Place", and the Women's Common Room, "Evelyn's Home."

New facilities for eaters include an "eat it yourself" delicatessen and free soup in the Mouat-Jones at 1 o'clock.

Religion Science Conflict Reconciled

Union News Reporter

PROFESSOR C. A. Coulson of Oxford, spoke to a large audience in the Riley Smith Hall on Monday on "Christianity and the Social Sciences."

He referred to the Victorian Age conflict between Religion and such sciences as physics and biology.

"The conflicts have now been reconciled", he said, "and I believe that the present tension between Religion and the Social Sciences will also be reconciled during the near future."

He described a Science as being "a convenient shorthand way of describing what we see happen." He felt sure that concepts and patterns would develop in Social Sciences as they had done in other Sciences, but because of the nature of the objects of their study, they must not claim too much.

"When the Socialist Scientists have cleared up a few obscurities they will be able to help the Christian to understand God's Creation even further," he added. "Whatever has been discovered rightly, belongs to us as Christians."

STICK DAY

Dead hero borne aloft on last journey



Story on Page 2

Hall crisis warning

AT a meeting of the University Court last week, the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Charles Morris, stressed the need for more Halls of Residence. He warned members that by 1965 there would be 25% more students to cater for than there are now.

Of the increasing number of students at the University and the problems of housing them, he said, "It is natural that priority should be given to the provision of buildings for teaching purposes, but if staff and students are deprived of the kind of buildings essential for the development of their social life the main aim and the purpose of university life is not being served."

COFFEE SERVICE

CATERING COMMITTEE is pressing for an extension of coffee services between 2-3 in either the cafeteria or the Mouat-Jones.

SOUTH AFRICAN PLEA: UNION ACTS

Union News Reporter

UNION COMMITTEE has at last agreed that the Union should discuss the "boycott South African Goods" motion which has received prominence recently.

The committee adapted the following motion on Tuesday night:

"That this Union supports the attitude of the National Union of South African Students towards the South African Government's policy of apartheid, especially in as far as it affects higher education in South Africa."

This Union pledges itself to support the boycott of South African goods organised by the Committee of African Organisations, as a protest against this policy, and recommends most strongly:

(a) That individual members of this Union substitute non-South African goods for their usual purchases of South African goods;

(b) That this Union advises its Catering Committee to request the Catering Manager either to substitute non-South African goods for South African goods in the catering establishments of the Union and University used by students, or to inform the students of this Union which South African goods are sold."

It should thus be put to the Union early next week.

NO ACADEMIC FREEDOM

David Pollard, N.U.S. Secretary, told Union News yesterday, "all students should support students from other countries, especially the students of South Africa, because they are denied academic freedom."

He added, "the boycott will be a form of positive, but non-violent protest." "And," continued Mr. Pollard, "as we are doing more than just talking, I am certain it will have no adverse effect on South Africa," he concluded.

Said Sue Khozi, Senior Vice-President, "I consider it is the duty of Union Committee to find out the feeling of the Union as a body towards the boycott."

"And the best way to do this is by an S.G.M. called by Union Committee."

"Executive as a body has a keen and definite decision about the boycott because it is entirely something for the Union to decide."

"Members of Union Committee will have a free vote."

NO OPPOSITION

President Schumacher issued the following statement: "I vacated the chair at Union Committee and said that I could not support the motion as it stood."

"I would like to make it clear, however, that I am not opposed to the spirit of the motion, and that I find the idea of apartheid most distasteful."

"Before I can commit myself, there are a number of questions which I feel need answering."

"Union Committee has been told that a number of African organisations are supporting the boycott."

"But I am not at all sure that these organisations are truly representative of African opinion."

"Furthermore, the boycott is of doubtful legality, and although the boycott movement lawyers are said to

be satisfied, I am not satisfied with their satisfaction."

"If the boycott is to be a total one, as advocated in the motion, there is a possibility that some harm could be done to the more liberal producer in South Africa who opposes the present regime."

"Before I can be satisfied on these questions I am unable to support the boycott."

NEWS IN BRIEF

TERMINAL FORUM will be held in the Riley Smith Hall next Tuesday, from 12.30 to 3.0 p.m. Members of Executive Committee, and members of Union Committee concerned with catering, entertainments, N.U.S., and Grants and Welfare will be present to answer the questions of Union members.

ATTEMPTS TO CUT the Union catering deficit are being made by discussing the possibility of joint ordering for Caf. and refect., making cakes and pastries for caf. in the refectory bakery, and the possibility of employing a butcher to joint meat for refect.

BOOK EXCHANGE sub-committee meeting held last week lasted exactly one minute. There were no minutes of the last meeting, the secretary's report had been previously circulated and was adopted without discussion.

ON BOXING DAY 100 students from all over England will support the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament by marching from Liverpool to Hull. The march will take a week, and it is hoped that it will help to convince the Government that C.N.D. had the support of the citizens of tomorrow.

SCOTTISH DANCING SOCIETY'S demonstration team which frequently dances at gatherings outside the University, gave a display after the Society's Annual Dinner, held in the Special Dining Room on December 1st. The Society is now one of the largest Societies in the Union, and is certainly the most colourful.

MISS ZIA DURRAIN performed an Indian dance in the Kathak style at the Odeon last Thursday. Her performance preceded a personal appearance by Kenneth More to launch his latest film, "North West Frontier."

TWENTY-FIVE RUSSIAN students will be visiting the University for four days from next Monday.

LATE NEWS:

S.G.M. next Wednesday, 1-0 p.m. in the Riley-Smith Hall.

APOLOGY

We did not mean to disparage the morals of Union cleaners in our article headlined "Theft Outbreak".

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NATIONALISATION DEBATE

LABOUR CRISIS MOTION CARRIED BY 28 VOTES

The debate on the motion "that this house believes Nationalisation is beneficial to the community" attracted numbers of violent partisans on both sides.

Ian Jordan, proposing, declared that he did not believe present nationalisation to be beneficial to the community and he was advocating a different type of nationalisation. "Our social services are a disgrace to a society which calls itself Christian."

"Four out of five of the old people in the East End of London are living in the old workhouses. Such conditions cannot be changed until we nationalise industries with real democracy" he declared.

Trevor Carlyle, opposing, stated that on his side of the house they believed "some government interference is necessary but the less the better". He went on to criticise the principle of Nationalisation, stressing

especially its prevention of competition.

John Sully, seconding the motion, opened his address with the words "Mr. Speaker, Sir, Comrades. Because Nationalisation has a few teething troubles, Mr. Carlyle suggests it should be eliminated."

He went on to make a rousing attack on Capitalism and Capitalists. He suggested among other things that the latter were both "neurotic" and adulterous.

Michael Laycock hit back valiantly despite the difficult circumstances in which he had to make his speech.

He advocated capitalism, which "will strive to produce the goods that are required, where they are required and at the price at which they are required."

The motion was carried by 87 votes to 59.

G. HALL

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VACATION FACILITIES sub-committee has recommended Union Committee to approve the following vacation facilities:

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"STICK DAY" DIES FIGHTING



Union News Reporter

STICK DAY IS DEAD. AND THE FUNERAL WAS CELEBRATED LAST WEEK WITH THE DUE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE. AND NO COMPLAINTS — A MARKED CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS YEARS.

For ten years the Engineers have annually serenaded Leeds on Stick Day. They have marched to City Station to collect their barrel of beer, and marched back again, collecting typists on the way, and playing havoc with the Union on their return.

But complaints have had their effect. And it was decided that Stick Day must die.

And so it was that last Thursday six gentlemen in evening dress were seen bearing a coffin, followed by a pseudo-reverent engineer in crash helmet, beating a metal drum at irregular intervals. 250 mourners followed solemnly behind, to pay their last rites to the lost hero.

The procession got off to a good start by being refused admission to the library. Throwing derisive comments at the staff they left quietly enough, to march up University Road, where they stopped the traffic for five minutes.

In Refec. they were jeered, and coffee drinkers in the M.J. and Caf. did not seem amused either. One drinker in the bar was heard to say, "You lot should be buried too". Then the Engineers stormed the debate.

With the early festivities over the coffin was burnt behind the Union—the engineer who lit it nearly got burnt in the process.



THE ASHES

About ten minutes later a pair of trousers were flying from Union flagpole. It only remained to chair five members of the Women's Common Council.

At 11.15 a.m. a raid on the women's cloakroom, to hoist third year civil engineer Jim Knapton's car on Union steps, and to toss a first year member of Ellerslie in a blanket, and the engineers decided that the funeral was over.

Later the Engineers issued a statement formally apologising for any inconvenience caused to Union members. Sue Clayton, the girl tossed in the blanket gets a free ticket to the Engineers Ball.

Said the President of Engineering Society, "everyone took it well, and we were very pleased."

HUMPH
SPELLS
MINERS BALL
SUCCESS

Union News Reporter

HUMPHREY LYTELTON and Alex Welsh proved great attractions at the Miners' Ball. Crowds were gathered around the Lyttelton bandstand in Refectory — his mainstream style proved more conducive to listening than dancing.

Alex Welsh's smooth-style Dixieland attracted more dancers than Lyttelton; the Riley-Smith was packed all night. The Social Room, with its seductive red lighting and insistent juke-box beat, was more attractive to those with similar motives who had had too much to drink.

Decorations were good enough with good cartoon touches, but little more than functional.

PRESS HYPOCRISY
SICKENS RAMELSON

Union News Reporter

BERT RAMELSON, Yorkshire Communist Party Secretary, a regular speaker at Communist Society Meetings, condemned the "sickening hypocrisy" of the national press in its attack on so-called "Wildcat Strikes". If their interest was really in loss of production, instead of part of a political plot against the right to strike they would be better employed considering 15½ million days lost through industrial injuries.

DALWOOD WINS

MR. HUBERT DALWOOD, former Gregory Fellow in Sculpture at Leeds has been honoured twice recently. He won the first prize of £500 in the sculpture section of the John Moores Exhibition at Liverpool with his exhibit—"Large Object"—one of 180 entries in the competition.

Liverpool University has commissioned Dr. Dalwood to complete a full-sized sculpture for the courtyard of the new Chadwick Physics laboratories.

Quotes of the Week

"Leeds—ah, yes. That's the place where you don't have to smoke, you just go outside and take a deep breath."

—Member of Manchester Univ. Fencing Club.

"You've got to be a contortionist to get married these days."

—Head of Russian Dept.

"We're all true blue in here!"

"I've had my money's worth."

—Second year student after terminating a romance.

"Thank you, Sir, I've never had it so good."

—Trade Unionist receiving an award from Mr. Gaitskell.

"Mr. Laycock isn't a Fascist, he's

a 19th Century Liberal."

—Ian Jordan speaking at Debate.

"Do you think I should give her a rose or a carnation?"

—1st year Agric before Ball.

"Anyhow, the Family Planning Association isn't against children."

—Comment on Birth Control.

"Although I went on knees and I pleaded with him several times, he still wouldn't accept it."

—President of Ellerslie about President of Lyddon.

"I'll keep my virtue and you keep your money."

—3rd year member of Tatley.

"You have to get AT LEAST a first-class to get in there."

—3rd year Lawyer on Research at Yale Univ.

R.C. Protestant alliance
shows C.C.S. the path

It is, as a rule, easy to criticise a first venture of the "Christian Front" type, and this publication is as open to criticism as any other. The lay out of the magazine is uninspiring; do we really have to have columns in the true Authorised Version fashion? Typing errors are rampant, and hyphens break the flow of meaning in many articles.

It is ironical that the articles which are set out in those revolting double columns are, by far, the best contributions. These articles present Christianity as it should be presented in a University — with "mental vitality." It is a pity that the author of the article "How long must they wait..." should spoil a well-reasoned argument on South Africa by suggesting a demonstration against the South African cricketers next Summer.

Says
Simeon

But these criticisms do not point to failure. As a journal reflecting the Christianity of C.C.S., it has undoubtedly success, and next term's publication should prove to be a great improvement.

And so to C.C.S. On Wednesday, December 2nd, the Day of Prayer was held from early-morning communion until final prayers, success was prevalent.

It is in organising such things as this that C.C.S. fulfils its true function. I cannot help worrying a little about its sudden growth. The Committee is a young plant and to force its growth too much may be its ruin.

C.C.S. danger

It needs time to take root and growth should be natural. Too often in the past experiments which have been forcedly grafted onto society have come to grief. Nor must C.C.S. become another society. It is first and foremost a Committee.

S.C.M. and C.U. are performing the roles of non-denominational societies. C.C.S. should be a committee reflecting the ideas and needs of all Christian societies. One major

contribution to our spiritual life has been the considerable union between Catholic society and the Protestant societies. For C.C.S. to become a "club" would defeat its aims.

For the sake of Christianity in the University, THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN.

Abandon
tramways
tragedy

ROAD congestion is likely to get so bad that every large city may have to adopt an electric rapid transit system, running on separate surface tracks or subway, said Mr. C. Humpidge, M.Inst.T., in a lecture on "Tramways" to a large Railway Society audience recently.

Abandonment of tramways was a tragedy when modern equipment was scrapped almost unused. Aberdeen for instance had bought new £8000 trams in 1950 and abandoned its system afterwards.

Mr. Humpidge, who, as General Manager of Bradford Passenger Transport, runs the most enterprising trolleybus system in Britain, and still has a tramcar in running order, illustrated his lecture with 100 slides, many of them rare or historical.

BILK EXPLANATION

THE PRESIDENT of the Union, Eric Schumacher, is writing to Acker Bilk to ask for an explanation of the happenings on the night of the Agricultural Society Ball six weeks ago.

FILM NEWS

THE MAN WHO COULD
CHEAT DEATH
ODEON

HAMMER horror films and Mylene Demongoot provide an excellent double bill this week.

The lead film is the usual mixture of fascinating horror. Anton Diffring as the man who has found the secret of immortal life and health is ably supported by Christopher Lee and Hazel Court.

Diffring is chillingly sinister, the colour is good and the direction competently "frightening". Delectable Mylene Demongoot decorates "the evil that was Eve", an ingenious romantic triangle film, ending in tragic death, which has a completely unexpected surprise twist at the end.

THE NAKED MAJAS
MAJESTIC

SERIOUS painting and swash-buckling can be mixed into palatable film. Granada's "Sword of Freedom" has proved that.

This is the recipe when Anthony Franciosa and Ava Gardner exchange clinches in this M.G. technicolour version of the life of 19th century Spanish painter, Goya.

Background to the romance is a fight against the evils of the day, represented by a pretentious court, corruption in the government, the Inquisition and the Napoleonic invasion.

Credits to the photographic and scenic departments but not to the production team for their shallow treatment of the subject. In parts it was a first rate film.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
TOWER

THIS picture should appeal to the fairer sex. Set in a large secretaries office of a printing firm in New York, the screen play is focused on three girls and their various romances with the executives and rich, young handsome men.

These men are only intent on having a good time and refuse to concur with these female thoughts of marriage. In the end none of them are married, one being killed and another one killing her illegitimate baby in a road accident. This is an over sentimental film.

THE GIRL OF SHAME
TATLEY

IF the title indicates that this is the story of a girl inherently immoral, then it is a misnomer.

Magdalena is a girl of nineteen who, brought up by a puritanical father, is nevertheless quite beautiful. She flings off the fetters of her upbringing by posing nude for an unscrupulous painter, whose seducing ability outweighs his artistic ability virtues, and is rejected by her father.



A scene from "Girls of Shame"

Her prudish education has no value when she tries to live by decent means, and consequently turns to drugs and prostitution.

Some hope appears when her former tutor finds her and offers kindness, but her world crashes when Stefan's fiancée finds her.

She seeks solace in morphine, and kills herself with it. A sorry end to this story with a moral.

The photography has the homogeneity and look of inspiration of a rice pudding, but rice pudding is not unpleasant.

THE CASE OF DR. LAURENT
PLAZA

JEAN GABIN becomes the doctor of a remote mountain village where he champions the cause of natural child birth. He meets with opposition, both from the superstitious villagers who fear any departure from the old customs and from his medical superiors who think he is undermining their position. However he proves his point when a woman, after a riotous journey in an old coach, gives birth to her illegitimate child without pain—in front of a medical tribunal. Excellent if you like your propaganda neat; and, if you don't, Jean Gabin is always worth watching.

Also "The Last Mile," with Mickey Rooney—harrowing scenes in the death row of an American jail.

Hop Scheme Bans Non-Members

PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE IN UNION BAR RUMOUR

ADMISSION to Union socials, which has caused much controversy this term, is being tightened up. Faced with the possibility of Union Bar being closed if non-members make a rush on the cut price beer, and the fact that plain clothes police were rumoured to have circulated the Union on the first Saturday of term, Executive Committee is making recommendations to Union Committee to stop the weekly fracas outside the Union.

The sub-committee set up to regulations regarding admission to socials, made the following recommendations to Union Committee on Tuesday night:

Section VI, B, 16 of the Leeds University Union Handbook be amended to read as follows:-

"15 Saturday Socials"

The following rules shall apply to admission.

(a) Admission to Socials shall be by production of Union Membership card or valid hostess ticket only. In exceptional circumstances the production of conclusive proof of Union Membership shall suffice for admittance.

(b) Double Tickets (Price 4/-) shall be obtained before 7 p.m. on Saturday. These tickets may be used by either:-

(i) By one male member with a female guest or a female member.

or (ii) By one female member with a male or a female guest or male or female member.

(c) Single Tickets (Price 2/-) shall be sold to members only, at any time after 9.30 a.m. on Monday.

(d) Visitors Tickets (Price 2/6) shall normally be sold only to female visitors and on production of a valid hostess ticket.

(e) Reciprocal Arrangements (i) Members of other University Unions having reciprocal arrangements with this Union, are to be afforded the same facilities as a student ordinary member of this Union as regards entry to Socials, on production of a current Union card or Life Membership card.

(ii) Visiting teams from other University Unions having reciprocal arrangements with this Union may be signed in en bloc by their host on application to a member of Union Executive Committee.

(iii) Members of visiting teams from other University Unions having reciprocal arrangements with this Union who do not enter the social under e(ii) be catered for under e(i).

(f) Exceptions

(i) Life members who have left the University, and Obstetric Clerks may purchase a double ticket after 7.0 p.m. on Saturday.

(ii) A male member may introduce a male guest on presentation of a double ticket signed by a member of executive, this privilege will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

(iii) Clubs and Societies wishing to invite visiting clubs or societies not catered for under (e), must apply in writing for permission to the General Athletics Secretary and House Secretary by 12.0 noon on the Thursday before the Social. Permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

The Sub-Committee recommends that Section VII 3 be amended as follows:-

Insert before the last paragraph:-

"Admission to Wednesday socials after 10.0 p.m. at a reduced cost is at the discretion of the organising body. The decision as to this provision to be made in writing to the House Secretary by 12.0 noon on the Monday of that week."

LEEDS WORLD RECORD BID

MALCOLM TOTTEN, member of the first cross-country team, ex-member of Devon, and a second year undergraduate reading Theology, is planning to run from Leeds to Blackpool, a distance of over eighty miles.

"It's mainly a challenge," said Totten. "Somebody said I couldn't do it. It's not a bet."

He plans to start at three a.m. on the 19th December and hopes to arrive in Blackpool by 4 p.m., "if possible, before."

"It should take thirteen hours at the outside," he continued, "I will probably be running six to seven miles an hour."

There are two possible routes, one through Keighley and Burnley, the other via Skipton and Clitheroe. Malcolm will probably be running the second route.

He will start off in a track suit, wearing a pair of puma, rubber stud shoes, cushioned inside.



A friend, John Green, second year economist, will accompany Totten on a bicycle, feeding him with six pints of milk, and raisins and chocolate, on the way.

"It's mainly a question of stamina, of whether my stomach keeps up to it," Totten continued. "I've had a bit of stomach trouble this year, but it seems to have cleared up quite well."

And what is the object of the run, which may be a "world record"? "I hope this might start off a few other people," said Malcolm, "as far as I know, nothing like this has ever been done before."

He continued, "people say I'm mad, but you get mentally tired before you're physically tired. I believe you can do more than your think you can," he added with a grin.

Last Sunday Totten ran to Harrogate and back, a distance of thirty five miles, with two members of the Cross Country Club. He plans two more long runs before he sets out alone, before dawn on December 19th, on his long trek to the Golden Mile.

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LODGINGS CHALLENGE

SIR,

The limiting of flat acquisition to students of over 21 years, seemingly for the express purpose of rendering them more difficult of access; of diminishing the occasions of temptation; and of preserving the University's "good" name, not only exposes all to an inconvenience because there are some by whom the facility would be abused, but is suited only to a state of society in which the students population are treated as children or savages, and placed under an education of restraint, to fit them for future admission to the privileges of freedom.

This is not the principle on which the university student is governed in any free country, and no person who places due value on freedom will give his adherence to their being so governed.

Mature enough to earn a degree, mature enough to be trained to kill, the student finds himself barred from the privacy of independent living on the grounds of legislative immaturity. Parental consent, sufficient for marriage and reproduction, is stamped upon by University authority.

It is only because the institutions of this University are a mass of inconsistencies, that elements belonging to the system of despotism, or what is called paternal government find admittance.

Yours etc.,
C. BUCKLEY.

Primitive

SIR,—As you have shown us in your excellent leader "Lodgings Disgrace", the present lodgings set-up is rather primitive, not to say illogical. There is inefficiency (and idleness) present; the whole system stinks, as I will now proceed to prove.

Firstly, logic. If a girl is not allowed out after 11 p.m. there must be a reason. Either there is a reason prompted by necessity, or there is not. Whatever the reason, it does not apply to Balls in the Union (where there are all-night bars). I wonder then, what is the reason? (Maybe the electricity bills would be higher?).

Secondly, inefficiency. I have myself, along with a gentleman named "Jim", been in some digs that never were; in other words, they have not been approved. We were sent to them and no-one from the lodgings department had ever been to see the landlady! They would probably not have been approved. "Jim" used to go home at week-ends; I stayed. There was no coal to be used, and no electricity or oil fire. "The coalman hadn't been for 'n' weeks" was the reason—"n" while we were there was about four.

Thirdly, idleness. Why don't the women gather round in a circle and have a "nag" for a few hours and overcome the official opposition that thwarts their rights, privileges and freedom? I suggest they all wear black stockings for one day and march through Leeds in protest. It would make world headlines (and leg-lines as well). Otherwise they could call an S.G.M. If they do nothing about it they deserve what rules come their way.

Other reasons why the system stinks:
I A woman cannot safeguard a

man's welfare. The men need a man as their lodgings officer.

II Some "public-school boys" (and good luck to them—I bear them no malice) get flats before they are 21.

III The payments system of 7s. 6d. per term. Here the intellect of the human being itself is affronted. We are being treated like kids. The only good reason to pay 7s. 6d. is to create employment in the lodgings office and help defeat the unemployment problem.

IV The lodgings warden should direct operations and go to only those houses that are on the borderline. As it is, this job is neglected; in its own way the lodgings office is "open" all day. The lodgings warden is "in" for about 20 minutes per day—she keeps the addresses, so you have to call back time and time again.



V The lodgings office resembles an I.T.V. outpost. There are Trade adverts on the table:—"Midland Bank Looks After You". This, too, is in inexplicable. Perhaps the lodgings office could explain it?

VI (see III) I do not pay for this!!! I told the lodgings officer I wasn't prepared to! I will not say how I got round this, but I did. (If I gave details I would be found out—if I am the only one, they will know who I am—so that my identity doesn't really matter at all.)

Anyone who is prepared to call an S.G.M. or support a motion at the A.G.M. please contact "M" via pigeon holes. If we act the officials will be quite willing (I think).

Yours, etc.,
M.

Faith

SIR,—If "Simeon's" aim is to be provocative, his article in your last issue was certainly successful; but it was also puzzling and inconsistent.

He shows very little knowledge of the Christianity in which he would at first appear to believe. For he seems surprised that Christianity is the only religious force in the Union, and questions whether Christians have "more sincerity, faith and zeal" than members of other religions.

What Christians have is a Faith that is based on a personal knowledge of God. And, without being arrogant, we are, against from personal experience, certain that the Faith we have embraced is the truth as revealed by God the Creator Himself. God's holiness prevents Him from accepting imperfect men, but in His love and justice He has provided the one and only means of reconciling man to Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ.

Girl Rebels Batter Union Doors

REBELLIOUS girls battered on Union doors in vain after the Rhythm Club hop. But the Union had been locked at ten o'clock. And they walked home through the cold, foggy evening, shivering in their thin, flimsy blouses.

The hop was held in refectory. But many women left their coats as usual in the women's cloakroom in the Union. Returning to collect them, they discovered that it had been locked at ten o'clock.

"As far as we were concerned there was no hop in the Union, and therefore the Women's cloakroom was locked at the usual time," said one of the Union porters. He refused to comment on the suggestion that warnings concerning the closing time of the cloakroom should have been put in a prominent position in the Union.

The general opinion among the girls was that someone had been very inconsiderate. "I was wearing a thin dress, and had I not borrowed a sweater, I would have frozen to death walking back across Woodhouse Moor," said Dale Berry, a first year sociology student.

Executive Committee would offer no further comment beyond the fact that the cloakroom had been locked in adherence with Union handbook rules.

It is only natural that Christianity should appear more active than other religions, for God has promised that His power can work through all those who repent and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. The two great gifts they receive are the forgiveness of their sins, and the presence of God the Holy Spirit within them, enabling the power of God to work through them.

"Simeon" suggests that we are Christians because of "habit or environment," but he admits that Christianity is the only religious force in the Union. If it is, this must be due to something more than habit or environment and hence cannot be lightly discarded. Rather, because of the claims made by Christians, it is imperative that these be very carefully examined.

Yours, etc.

R. W. Dunkley,
G. R. Swinn.

No Babies

SIR,—Although I am only a student from Germany, allow me to say a few words about the lodgings regulations at this university, which I find rather ridiculous.

At no German university do the authorities bother about the students' lodgings: we have to look for our own flats, pay our own rent, and provide our own meals. Thus German students, even at the age of 19, know fairly well how to look after themselves.

For two years I lived in a hall of residence in West Berlin run by the Protestant Students' Movement. There are there 35 women students and 35 men living in the same hall, but divided from one another by the kitchens, the social rooms, etc.: they

pay £3 a month for the privilege of providing their own meals, living in the most modern double and single rooms, and being able to come and go whenever they wish.

We had parties, too, and many of them. And it is interesting to note that, since its foundation in 1949, not one of the girls living there has had a baby.

Give your students more freedom, so that they get a sense of freedom.

Yours, etc.,
Dietmar Herrmann.

Bull

SIR,

One can entirely sympathise with the London audience who booed "The Making of Moo" off the stage. We realise that the aims of Theatre Group are to bring to the public plays without normal box-office appeal, but surely there are other more deserving plays in this category.

The set may be designed in the modern bent, but personally I would rather have a curtain descending conventionally over the whole set between acts, rather than a chap with a flag wandering in to change flags for towels. And oh! those towels and the open gramophone in Act 1. They entirely masked most of the action from those sitting on the right of the stage.

The acting was not up to the standard required by a play with three such drastic changes. We need not dread growing old if it can be done in the pattern set by Brenda Keats and the continued force of John Hobson's

All that is left is to say "Thank you" to Ron Pickup for providing the one redeeming feature in the play.

Yours etc.,
LIZ ROBERTS.

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ANGRY LANDLORD'S ARMY HOUSE

A LANDLORD angered by the focus on lodgings in last week's issue, invited two members of Union News staff to tea, with the students of his four house, thirty room, army set-up, to inspect the rooms.

Agreeing with most of our criticisms he said, "It's the amateur landlady who takes a lad into her family for pin money who's the cause of the trouble."

Mr. Horsfall made his money in army surplus after the war. He recalled with nostalgia the deals he made with the university, "five hundred A.R.P. lockers I sold you once, and no end of other surplus tackle."

I take students for thirty odd weeks at £3.10s. instead of workmen at £4 all years round", he continued, "I never charge a retaining fee, either."

Mr. Horsfall has thirty rooms, each with its own strip light, electric fire, book shelves, tables, chairs and hot and cold water - complete bed-room studies. The students eat their cooked meals together.

Mr. Horsfall still has room for a few more students in his Tong Road settlement.

AROUND THE HALLS

LAST Wednesday evening the Perogative Court of WEETWOOD sat under Judge Doc Davies to review a charge proffered against Sadler Hall. The suspicious air surrounding the charge has only revealed that the Weetwood Bell is involved—but the outcome was not available before going to Press.

More trophy trouble! After nearly twelve months in foreign hands the Weetwood toothbrush has at last been retrieved from Ridgeway. Who's going to capture it next?

Orphans

DEMOCRACY prevails in TETLEY? In accordance with popular demand the Christmas Dinner will be held one day later; this will enable the occupants to do the Post in the Vac.

Other seasonal arrangements include a party to entertain orphans, and a carol singing expedition along with members of Devon, in aid of World Refugee Year.

It looks as though Tetley will not be having a Christmas tree this year. Why? They are having a Bendik!

Several Tetley girls—after being present at the Devon concert—managed to capture the Devon

Freshers Stream Race Cup. However, they were prevented from getting it outside the gates by several quick-witted Devonians.

Polite

Conversation

PREPARATIONS for the DEVON Christmas Ball which is to be held this evening are well under way. The theme for the decorations is Tradition. The two bands are Mike Rogers Quintet and The Clubmen.

Last Friday a Musical Concert was held in front of a substantial audience which included several guests from Women's Halls.

THE Hall Informal and the Formal Dinner for Hall Council have been the highlights of ELLERSLIE social life.

At the latter, members of Hall had their first experience of polite conversation at the dinner table, quite a change!

A quantity of self-styled "very base" men were imported from Lydon both for the carol choir and the Informal. The place will never seem the same again.

IN FOCUS THIS WEEK: TIMETABLE CONTRARY TO SENATE RULING

No Sport for Bacteriologists

ONE OF THE LESSER KNOWN DEPARTMENTS AMONGST UNDERGRADUATES IS THE BACTERIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WHICH IS SITUATED IN THE INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY NEXT DOOR TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL. IN THIS BUILDING SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION IN THE UNIVERSITY IS BEING CARRIED OUT AND IT IS HERE THAT THIRTY BACTERIOLOGY STUDENTS MUST ATTEND LECTURES AND LABS. ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS. HALF A DOZEN OF THESE MUST ALSO ATTEND LECTURES BETWEEN ELEVEN AND ONE O'CLOCK ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.

The University ruling holds that time-tables should be free on Wednesdays after lunch so that students may have the opportunity to take part in essential recreation and exercise. Physical recreation is considered essential for a student's health and fitness.

DISSATISFACTION

The Bacteriology department cannot compel students to attend on Wednesday afternoons but as no alternative tuition is provided, attendance is essential for anyone wishing to make a success of their course.

About half of the students concerned want to play organised games, such as rugby, soccer and rowing. Membership of University teams is virtually impossible; as one Bacteriologist puts it: "I like to play rugby but I am not strictly eligible for University teams unless I play on Wednesday. So I must play for an outside club at the weekend and this takes me away from Union life."

Another student, this time a girl who enjoys rowing, says "I don't like the timetable arrangement at all. Wednesday is an afternoon for going out with friends from other departments and being tied down spoils things."

At first glance, these facts make the staff of the Bacteriology Department appear unreasonable and out of touch with general opinion on the importance of sport in undergraduate life. From the students' point of view, the present arrangement is insufferable. The question is, can anything be done about it?



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BACTERIOLOGY LECTURE

PROF. AGREES

It is heartening to know that the person most anxious to find a solution is Professor Oakley, the head of the Bacteriology department.

He readily agrees that Wednesday afternoons should be free. But he is faced with unusual difficulties in trying to arrange adequate courses within the framework of the University time-table.

In an interview with Union News he outlined the problems he is faced with. It takes two days to prepare the cultures of bacteria which form the basis of laboratory work. To conform with University examination requirements the courses must consist of three lectures and three lab classes

(of two hours duration each) per week. This means working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday combination is ruled out because Medics and Dentals use the only available lab. on Thursdays. Leather students and Pathologists also use the lab at other odd times and this further complicates the situation.

Much of the trouble arises from the fact that the department is small and relatively new so that it has to fit in with the older, long established time-tables of the Botany, Chemistry and Physics departments in which many of the students take additional courses.

It is considered an achievement if an adequate course for the G2 students can be arranged at all, since their other courses are usually so diversified as to make their simultaneous presence in the department a near impossibility. Hence the one o'clock finish on Saturdays. Everyone will sympathise with these unfortunate and it seems a pity that they should be deprived of time in which to play the sport of their choice.

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Is their position hopeless? Must they and their successors resign themselves to this situation? or can a solution be found?

Prof. Oakley says "We ought not to assume that there is no solution. In fact my staff and I frequently consider the problem. But we always come to the conclusion that our major problem is finding a time when all the students can come."

However Prof. Oakley is not being defeatist. He has promised to examine the time-table more closely to see if better use of Wednesday morning might be possible. We hope to publish an account of his findings in a future edition of Union News.

OBSCENITY AND THE NOVEL

CENSORED

"THAT which tends to deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influences and into whose hands such a publication may fall." Such, briefly is the official 1868 definition of obscenity. Like so any other official definitions, it is hopelessly vague, and nowadays seems to be treated with contempt by one and all.

The public prosecutor's blessing on Lolita showed this quite conclusively.

Nobody can deny that Lolita might well deprave or corrupt a latent nymphomaniac into whose hands it might conceivably fall. On the other hand,

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David J. Smith

it would be measured against the standards of a twelve-year old's Lolita is a work of art, narrated with hysterical guile: its purpose to illuminate the tugging of one man's mind.

EROTIC STIMULATION

No: the words 'corrupt and deprave' are too general to be of much help. If we must have a yardstick — and surely such a necessity is a symptom of fear and insecurity — then I would suggest this: that obscenity exists when sex and its associations are brought into a work purely for the purpose of erotic stimulation. Such a definition would not of course trouble such wonderful writers as Rabelais and Boccaccio, whose purpose was trouble-clearing laughter. It would, though, condemn the filth of Jansen and Prole, and many passages from countless contemporary novels such as Peyton Place, The Bramble Bush, and The Naked and the Dead.

You may say that such obscenity is, after all, harmless. But is erotic stimulation by artificial means harmless? Does it not, in the end, cause a distorted view of sex, by making the reader or watcher compare the synthetic with the actual, and fail in many cases to come to grips with the actual? This was one of the heartaches that Lawrence tried to cure in Lady Chatterley's Lover. With complete realism he showed sex as the beautiful-ugly thing it is: the people who banned this book and still would, are those very people who are twisted by obscenity: who cannot dissociate the glossy, synthetic from the actual.

JUST READ THIS

As modern life becomes more complex, gimmicks are growing steadily more varied in scope and triviality in the desperate attempt to catch the eye of a dormant public.

WITH the H-Bomb extinction threat looming large over a divided world, coupled with the explosive Chinese problem, this complexity is not wholly self-

by
BRYAN LEEDS

imposed. It is a necessary rationalisation of a situation which politicians and their public relations men can no longer handle with the former diplomatic assurance. The angry young men, the beatniks, and films like "The World, the Flesh and the Devil," and "On

FACED with this problem it is no wonder that advertisers and publicists who feel it their duty educate the public to consume what they want to sell, should consider it necessary to maintain an attitude of carefree optimism before the public, to keep the market buoyant; and not to let any threat to complacency upset the customers who buy the goods.

Wotalotigot

THE means brought forward to justify their ends become more insidious. When they use such an incompatible "intellectual" subject as psychology to further this end. An advertising executive made one of the most significant statements uttered in the fifties



Liberace seated at the piano

Photo: P. A. Reuter

the Beach" are manifestations of a feeling that protest, though valid, is futile.

when he said, "We don't sell goods, we buy customers." This is why the posters proclaim, "Wotalotigot" and "Drinkapintamilka day". The casual glance is arrested and the message sold.

ADVERTISERS today are using motivational research to sell their goods; Vance Packard's book "The Hidden Persuaders," a study of M.R., is a fascinating exposure of their habits: the immorality of cigarette adverts, of free coupons, of the misuse of colour and sexual symbolism. Soap adverts are a typical example: they sell a promise or a hope rather than a consumer article. A recent Shell advert in England shows a polar bear reclining on its back in the sea with a tube of Shell oil protruding from between its legs. At the same time hair driers and irons are made to look like objects from outer (outa) space.

Contortions

RADIO and television, the cinema and research industries are, however, the biggest exploiters of a gimmick conscious public, in their race to keep the highest audience rating and to beat the rival channel, or the rival entertainment. Quiz shows like Dotto, names like Johnny Gentle, Julian X, Vince Eager, their erotic contortions, the use of coloured spotlights to cover the lower half of the body, and the use of the microphone as a phallic symbol are all prominent. Liberace uses a candelabra, Johnny Ray cries out for a "mother".

A SHORT article can only cover the surface of the gimmick industry. Propagandists say that without gimmicks a high living standard would be impossible. Within the present framework of society this seems true. Eventually, however, some method of control over the hidden persuaders will have to come.

MEANWHILE the vicious circle spirals onward. What is so frightening is the deception, the triviality and the sex involved in extracting money from a susceptible public, that doesn't really know what it wants.

Perhaps the prize for originality should go to the firm who bought a full page in a recent issue of a well-known Sunday newspaper to advertise their latest product: "The cigarette you can light at BOTH ends."

Theatre Group success

It has often been said in the past, that the policy of Theatre Group was to educate rather than to entertain. It was true that Theatre Group aimed at educating in an entertaining sort of way, but the mere fact that they failed to draw sufficient audiences and make their plays a bigger financial success than anticipated, was proof enough that the average University student did NOT want to be educated.

Woman's Wiles

He wasn't interested in seeing a play that was very rarely performed and which did not appeal to the majority of the British Theatre-loving public — he was just contented with his Shaw, Shakespeare and any other Angry Young Man muddle that happened to be passing through at the time. But Theatre Group did not change its policy. It believed that in presenting lesser-known works and new translations of unusual and interesting nature, the student would come round to its way of thinking. True, like a woman, it occasionally lured him into watching a well-known play in the hope of capturing his complete attendance, but on the whole policy was consistent.

The question now arises "Has it been successful?" Theatre Group presented "The Making of Moo," by Nigel Dennis. Judging by audience numbers as compared with previous productions, I should most definitely say "Yes" — Theatre Group is, at last, stimulating interest in the average University student. He has become aware that a play can be entertaining as well as educative.

Religion Absurd

From the sceptics point of view, "The Making of Moo" pin-points all the absurdities and abuses of religion. Its practices, and the demands that it makes on an intelligent individual to accept without question much that his reason would reject if it were not under the auspices of religion?

The author illustrates this very well in the play, but in doing so, he pulls only at the attachments of religion, i.e. its symbolisms and traditions, and ignores the materialistic depth to which religion can sink once these attachments have been removed. The play shows the birth and creation of MOOISM, and how from the jocular interest in the making of 'Moo', a native god, a religion can grow and become a way of life for its initiators. Its converts too, having no arguments to throw back at the supposed intellectual teachings and codes of the initiators, accept Mooism only because it happens to be the first religion that comes along. Religious dogma, unstable appetite for converts (willing or not) is replaced by the inevitable demand for cash, which is observed when the American tourist is asked to become a fervent payer rather than a prayer.

First Act Ruined

Theatre Groups' production by Michael Beckham lacks no imagination. He has all his characters completely embodied in realism, save for one — John Hobson (the Maker of Moo) who ruined the first act and parts of other scenes by shouting in a loud, monotonous, high-pitched voice. There is nothing more amateurish than to see an actor throwing himself round the stage without any thought of movement and shouting all the time: if only he had tried to attain severity by varying his tone and amplitude and working up to a climax rather than starting at a maximum level of intensity.

The wife of Moo is played by Brenda Keats, a new actress to Theatre Group who portrayed her part with calmness and thought. She has a wonderful way of creating a mood just by the slightest movement and expression. The play on the whole was well acted with a particularly wonderful delivery by Ronald Pickup in Act 2, when, as the visiting lawyer, he tries to prevent Mrs. Moo from becoming completely obsessed by Moo. His power of oratory was most impressive.

The lighting was colourful but a trifle too experimental and the sound effects good. I liked also the modesty of Charles Wright's William, the native man servant — a part which needed a great deal of work to be effective. His characterization was excellent. Michael Beckham surely deserves praise for his able and enterprising production — one of the best efforts from Theatre Group for some time.

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This is my View by Perspex

IT was interesting to see Lisa Edmund-Davies on the front row of the capital punishment debate last week. More interesting still — as Mike O'Driscoll described judge and jury as "a lousy old man and a dozen idiots" — to see a smile flicker on the lips of the Podola judge's daughter as she coolly sewed a button on her raincoat.

Octashedrones

THE Engineer's last fling brought the debaters in the Common Room to blows last Thursday. Beaten off by strong-arm orators the mob crashed the W.C.R., lifted Pat Nash and seven other girls on to the tables and demanded a dance. Pat wasn't having any. "Sing" cried the Engineers. So the girls gave a squeaky but satisfying rendering of the "Foggy Dew".

Said Pat later: "I was scared at first on my own but it was all right when the others joined in. It seems quite fun now it's over."

THE flat-hatted band then hoisted Jim Knapton's Ford Prefect on to the Union steps. Jim was not amused and, pointing out that he was an Engineer too, wanted to know what was the big idea.

That's the Ticket!

THE next victim was Sue Clayton. She was flung in a blanket and tossed boisterously. Her chivalrous boy-friend remarked drily "Oh well, she'll get in the paper—she'll like that". Later when Sue got a free ticket to the sparkling Engineers Ball, her boy-friend was all for sending her back for another session in the blanket.

IT makes you think, when you see Dr. John Rex debating the Express during a debate on Nationalisation. But when confirmed debate addicts like Geoff Jacobs pull wry faces at the platform everyone is justified in taking what relief from boredom he can.

Kosy Coffee

THEY always say politics in the Union are conducted over Mouat coffee. An interesting sidelight was cast on this when a smiling Sue Khozai approached Sam Saunders' Mouat coffee group. Gallant Sam pulled up a seat for the S.V.P. To his dismay she sat down among the adjacent Dick Whittaker group. Sam protested. Said Sue, indicating the Athletics Secretary "HE doesn't hate me like you do, Sam." And all with a smile, too.

PROSPECTIVE 110-mile marchers Ernest Kenberry and Alan Woodhouse got cold feet last week but I see from our correspondence that another bunch of Spartans are getting into the act. Reading post-grad. Sheila Middlemiss of W.I.V.A.B. fame summed up my attitude when she said:—"I don't call that sport, it's just a savage pastime."

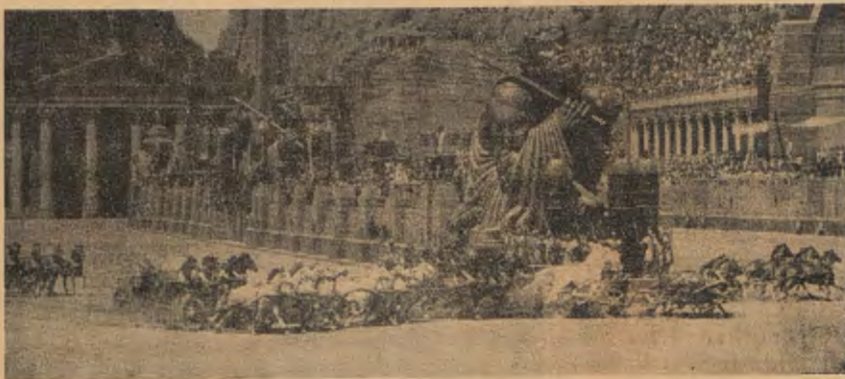


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Messala takes the lead from Ben-Hur—one of the nine laps of the race.

RECENTLY there was a hush-hush screening in Hollywood of 28 minutes of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's £5,000,000 William Wyler presentation of BEN-HUR. Only a half-dozen M-G-M executives were present with William Wyler, the director. That 28 minutes was the famous BEN-HUR chariot race, all nine laps of it. Everyone was limp at the finish. All of those who saw the race felt a suspense and excitement just as if they didn't know who was going to win and who would lose.

DEATH STRUGGLE

Apparently this must be more than a mere horse race; more than a mad plunging of competing steeds, crashing chariots and death struggle between two men and two ideologies — Ben-Hur, the God-fearing Jew, and Messala, the pagan Roman, symbol of aggression and racial hatred.

The BEN-HUR chariot race has been running for 80 years and is still going strong. It is described as the most exciting incident ever put into a novel, a stage play or a motion picture. It is called "the race that will never end..."

LARGEST SET EVER

Now, in 1959, the race begins all over again. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has recreated it on a scale never before attempted. At the Cinecitta studio in Rome, M-G-M built the largest set ever created to serve as the dramatic arena for the chariot race. It covered more than 18 acres; with 1,500-foot straightways alongside a Spina in the centre. Four statues atop the Spina stood 300 feet high each. Into the arena went 40,000 cubic feet of lumber and more than 1,000,000 pounds of plaster and 250 miles of metal tubing, sturdy enough to hold 15,000 persons. The stands reached five stories high.

Almost three months were devoted to filming the race. 78 horses were imported from Yugoslavia and from Hollywood went a team of daring stunt men to join stars Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd in driving them. They trained four months before filming began. Six of the new \$1,000,000 Camera 65 units were used to photograph, in colour, the race from all angles. There were unscheduled spills and crashes but no serious injuries to man or horse. The Italian extras — some 10,000 of them — were so excited by the race that they need no direction for their riotous cheering.

When General Lew Wallace's novel became a world-wide best-seller back in the 80's, the chariot race episode inspired recitations and tableaux in schools and churches. Barnum &

Bailey included a chariot race in their circus. In 1900 the chariot race brought packed houses to their feet when BEN-HUR was put on as a stage production. William S. Hart, before he became a movie star, was the first "Messala" and William Farnum became "Ben-Hur" in 1901. For seventeen years, without missing a season, the race ran on and on. Each

year chariots were added until finally five were in the daring derby. Once, in Boston in 1901, "Messala" the villain actually won the race from "Ben-Hur" the hero. Something went wrong with the treadmill. There is no incident in writing, stage or screen to compare with the chariot scene... truly it is the race that will never end.

ANNABEL THOMPSON AND URSULA TINNEY OF THE P.E. DEPT.

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IN CORPORE SANO

WHAT Juvenal had to say about the relationship of mind and body is well known, but how many people really take any notice of the principles embodied in his short, terse phrase? University students are alleged to possess a "mens sana," but how many would attribute this, at least in part, to the possession of a "corpus sanum"?

Many may consider that the medical examination undergone at the beginning of the first year of an undergraduate's career is sufficient to show that the physical aspect of the constitution is sound. A fair argument; but do they ever consider that every machine ought to be in regular use if its working efficiency is to be maintained? The human body is no exception; it needs exercise to keep it ticking over, to ensure that every part of it is running smoothly, that no part is allowed to slow down and become faulty through lack of use.

This principle, of course, applies to women equally as to men, and it is chiefly to women that these words are addressed, for they seem less ready to continue physical activity

thought into practice, we would be more than grateful.

To most people the term "keep-fit" connotes rigid, formal exercises of the "knees bend, arms stretch" variety. All such notions are now outdated; keeping fit today involves bodily movements which are pleasing, invigorating and stimulating on both the physical and mental planes, leading towards poise and well-being. The introduction of intellectual values is not just a means of justifying the physical in order to make it academically respectable. It is now known and accepted that the mind can be refreshed and stimulated by physical activity. The factor of enjoyment is very highly regarded by us. If this factor does not accompany the performance of any given physical activity then we would not consider that activity really worthwhile.



during their University careers. Let us hasten to point out that it is not our particular wish to induce a guilty conscience in those indisposed towards physical activity — it would be arrogance on our part to expect any vast increase in the numbers already attending classes as a result of our exhortations. What we would appreciate would be the knowledge that more undergraduates were at least giving some thought to these matters; if they were to find themselves in agreement, and, moreover, were to put

Room at the bottom, or —

The Vodi

reviewed by

Bill Laughey

JOHN BRAINE'S first novel "Room at the Top" was intense, fierce and original, its background authentic, its characters brilliantly convincing. "A real talent," the critics said. "The freshness and lift of the early Lawrence." "Remember the name you'll be hearing a lot about him." Sales sputniked and swirled into orbit, the film moved the sagacious public, and Braine was proudly peddled among the clique of the disconcerted. His second novel faced an insuperable task.

Nelly the fiend

THE VODI merits praise but not acclamation; it lacks the drive and sparkle of its predecessors; it is, in the best sense, a "good" novel—finely polished and a little contrived.

DICK Corvey as a child has an intimate sense of doom. Fate and the forces of evil he imagines as the Vodi—an unprincipled, laic rabble controlled by a fiend called Nelly. They operate en masse. There is no such thing as a Vodi only the Vodi: "The decent people always get it in the neck and the real swine, the selfish ones always have good luck. They're favoured always. It isn't an accident."

Waiting for Nelly

INEVITABLY Dick becomes their victim. His mother's death splits the family; shortly afterwards he contracts T.B. and his fiancée, Lois, breaks their engagement. The hospital's monotony, the pain of affliction rankle with the ache of ambivalence: "For Dick there was no protection. He was waiting completely alone and defenceless for Nelly to claim him."

BUT at this point he retaliates; his desire for a girl infuses the spark and there begins the struggle for recovery. Nelly and the Vodi are defeated. Dick emerges scarred but triumphant. His material troubles are the same: his father's shop is in ruins and the girl is apparently unattainable—yet a new, staunch spirit asserts itself: "Somehow he'd won an argument with her. It didn't make any

difference now, she couldn't despise him... He'd won the argument, but she wasn't going to marry him, but Harry Thirleton... That's it, he thought, she isn't for me, she never was for me. Then he stopped. 'I'm a fool,' he said, 'she's not married yet.'

THE background of the novel is startlingly realistic and sharpened by the play on detail: Dick's promo-



JOHN BRAINE Photo: Y.E.P.

tion to "taskman" in hospital, his inflated W.T.L. (will to live), the onion-shaped dome of the chapel at Silbridge, the kitchen-oven, seldom black-leaded after his mother's death, and family pictures in the Tanbury Gazette. The humour is broad but always palatable. The Labour-candidates shock at winning Tanbury's post-war election is a fine example: "You could see he really didn't believe what had happened. He'd have his usual speech ready about the increased labour-vote showing which way the tide was turning—and then he found it had turned. He didn't know what to do... Old Briller (Conservative) was shaken to the core. He'd expected to be awarded the seat by diving right, the smug old bastard."

BUT this is essentially Dick Corvey's novel. Joe Lampton was more of a type, easily identified. Dick, in his outlook and circumstance emerges primarily as an individual (although his struggles and aspirations are universal) and if, at the end, you should think him convincing—see how difficult it is to reach out and touch him.

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RUGGER

Skipper Dave Jennings returns to lead the Rugger Club into the semi-final of the U.A.U.

HOCKEY

Leeds win through to a place in the semi-final of the U.A.U. against Nottingham.

X-COUNTRY

Nine year boggy broken as Leeds win Senior and Junior Christies in one afternoon.

U.A.U. WIN IN MUD BATTLE

Rugger Club now meet Birmingham

DURHAM UNIVERSITY ... 6 pts.; LEEDS UNIVERSITY 1st XV ... 19 pts.
(Played at Durham on Wednesday December 9th)

In wet and muddy conditions the Leeds pack, strengthened by the return of Jennings, overcame a strong Durham side in this U.A.U. quarter final.

A terrific second half rally by the Leeds team produced 16 of their 19 points.

HOCKEY CLUB SCRAMBLE THROUGH

Leeds 1st XI ... 3 Durham University ... 1
(Played at Westwood, Wednesday, December 9th)

LEEDS are through to the semi-finals of the U.A.U. after a tough tie with Durham. But the result was much closer than the score suggests.

The slow turf favoured Leeds in this revenge win over the fast Durham side.

Durham kept Leeds at full stretch for the first ten minutes. Straight from the bully-off the visitors raced through and slammed the ball into the net, but the goal was disallowed for an infringement.

Leeds gradually came more into the game as poor Durham finishing spoilt good approach play. Durham were awarded a short corner for obstruction but the home defence scrambled the ball away.

The game deteriorated into scrappy end to end play.

After 21 minutes Leeds went ahead. Fitton, receiving the ball in midfield, sent Martin away who raced downfield before sending a return pass to FITTON to bang into the net.

Leeds held this rather undeserved lead until half-time, surviving two further short corners.

Six minutes after the interval Leeds went further ahead. PATEL cracked in a reverse stick shot, very reminiscent of his fifth goal against Liverpool in the previous round.

Durham began to get rattled and were not too pleased when a trip by skipper Burnham spoiled a promising attack.

They were also unfortunate when a shot from the winger struck the Leeds bar. But with 16 minutes gone in the second half Durham scored. Full-back Bourne made his one and only mistake and allowed the inside-forward to score.

Leeds hit back and mounted more attacks. Durham relieved the pressure somewhat with bursts upfield but these attacks were easily quelled.

Then the Hockey Club scored their vital third goal. PATEL left with the ball in the centre, calmly picked his spot and hit the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Bourne played an excellent game and Patel with two more goals to his credit, showed some nice touches. Centre-forward Fitton also played well.

The team will have to produce their best form to beat Nottingham. But their terrific team spirit could get them through.

Team: Oliver, Bourne, Mills, Hadden, Stow, Burnham, Merlin, De Jong, Fitton, Patel, Harryott.

Squash win at last!

AFTER a string of defeats by very strong teams the club gained two good wins in a week. The first one was against Sheffield 5-love.

The feature of the match was the victory of Ken Harkness over a very competent player. Ken has improved vastly this season and is undoubtedly the fittest member of the team.

The second win was over a weakened Hull East Riding, who at full strength are one of the strongest clubs in Yorkshire. Don Adams, making one of his rare but welcome appearances, won a close but assured victory. Ken Harkness won in five games, reducing his opponent almost to his knees!

Ronnie Sullivan, playing at No. 5, won 3-1. Mike Harvey took revenge over Davies for a defeat earlier in the term. The only Leeds reverse was suffered by Bruce Merlin who went down 3-2 to a sixteen year old lad.

The Club beat Nottingham 4-1 on Wednesday.

Leeds Lacrosse Laced

Leeds Univ. 3; Manchester Univ. 18
(Played at Westwood, Wednesday, December 2nd)

MEN'S Lacrosse Club suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Manchester in this vital Christie match. The result was not altogether surprising as Manchester play in two divisions above Leeds in the Northern league.

The game was played in miserable conditions. The visitors were well on top in the first two quarters and after them were leading by 13-2.

Wilson scored both the Leeds goals and proved that the Manchester defence was not impenetrable.

In the last two quarters Manchester scored only five goals to Leeds' one. This was scored by King. The home side came more into the game but by then it was too late.

On Saturday, playing against the league leaders Heaton Mersey Guild, the 1st XII won a brilliant victory 9-5.

SOCCER CLUB DAZZLE

Leeds 1st XI...5; Liverpool University...2
(Played at Westwood, Wednesday, December 2nd)

A dazzling first half performance by the Leeds forwards put the 1st XI well on the victory trail in this replayed Christie match against Liverpool.

AN INSPIRED JIM EDWARDS WAS THE ARCHITECT OF THE SOCCER CLUB'S WELL DESERVED WIN.

The home team swept to the attack and an intelligent back heel by Holmes left EDWARDS with an easy goal (18 minutes).

The centre forward scored his second (25 minutes) when he fastened on to one of Naylor's frequent defence splitting passes and flicked the ball into the net. Then HOLMES scored with a spectacular swerving shot which completely baffled the visitors' goalkeeper (30 minutes).

Liverpool's stout hearted defence struggled hard to hold the eager Leeds attack, but they could not prevent them adding a fourth. EDWARDS left the full back standing and placed a neat shot past the advancing 'keeper.

The visitors reduced the arrears when their outside right drove a magnificent shot home from the edge of the penalty area.

Leeds were unable to maintain their first half showing after the interval. The Liverpool half backs got a better grip of the game and often the home defence was in trouble. Liverpool got their second goal when their outside left lobbed the ball into the net following a strong right wing raid.

EDWARDS restored Leeds three goal advantage when he hit a loose ball in for his fourth goal (70 minutes).

Leeds thoroughly deserved their victory if only for their first half showing, in which the inside trio played beautifully controlled soccer.

Team: Crompton; Mills, Gerhold; Halliwell, Woolmer, Nuttall; Boulton, Holmes, Edwards, Naylor, Goodyear.

Durham won the toss and their backs piled on the pressure in the first 15 minutes. The Leeds pack led by Hampton, the Yorkshire hooker, did extremely well to hold them.

In a very early scramble Durham should have scored but Leeds full back Clark broke away with a good run into the Durham half. Then a penalty awarded against Nash gave Durham three points when Stoneman cleared the posts.

Just before half time Leeds came to the fore and from a kick ahead by Clasper the ball was fielded by Rees who sent Nash over for a try. Clark failed to convert a difficult kick.

The Durham hooker gave away a penalty for foot up and Clark very nearly scored from a difficult angle.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Clasper kicked ahead for Harry Tolley who went over the line to score. Clark converted.

The Durham scrum half Rigg then scored from the loose with Stoneman failing to convert.

Leeds hit back when scrum half Whittaker slipped a pass to Dovey who went over by the corner flag for a try.

Clark converted with a magnificent kick — all the more difficult as the ball was heavy and greasy.

A penalty was awarded against the Durham winger for off-side and Clark again scored, this time from an easy position.

In the final minutes of the game, Durham staged a great comeback, but the injured Tolley gained possession for Leeds. He beat two men, threw inside to Grahame, to Nash who kicked ahead and tackled the Durham full back in possession to give Clasper another try, which was unconverted.

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DURHAM OUTFOUGHT



Thompson comes in for murderous punishment from Saki Kak.

LEEDS beat Durham by a convincing margin in a very exciting match last Friday evening. The Boxing Club thoroughly deserved their 7-2 win.

This was the first match at the Leeds gym since February, 1958, and a surprisingly large and distinguished audience turned up.

Rugby forward Dave Goulding showing supreme fitness, featured in the most explosive contest of the evening. He staged a fantastic come-back after being virtually beaten.

Dave told me after the fight that if the first round had lasted ten seconds longer he would have lost.

Fighting at light middle against the Durham boxer McPherson, Goulding was under intense pressure for the whole of the first round.

HE FACE WAS A MASS OF BLOOD WHEN TEN SECONDS BEFORE THE BELL A THUD-DING RIGHT CROSS SENT HIM CRASHING TO THE CANVAS.

There was no time for a count. Somehow Dave staggered to his feet and got to his corner.

He still looked dazed when he came out for the second round but with terrific guts got back into the fight. Both boxers stood in the middle of the ring exchanging blow for blow.

By the end of the round McPherson's face had also become smothered in blood.

Goulding was the stronger in the last round, and managed to stagger McPherson with some tremendous rights. To terrific applause the Leeds boxer staged a grandstand finish to win a memorable fight.

Before the result was announced the referee asked for a big hand for both boxers for the magnificent display they had put up.

The stylish bantamweight Heeru Kirpalani had no bother in defeating Holloway. An endless succession of lefts severely reddened the Durham man's face and he was never in with a chance.

Kak beat Thompson and showed immense weight of punch. Thompson was put down for compulsory counts of eight in the first two rounds.

INTKA-MURAL LEAGUE TABLES

RUGGER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Agrics.	7	7	0	0	164	74	14
Chem. B.	8	5	0	3	126	126	10
Fuel B.	8	4	0	4	149	104	8
Geography	7	4	0	3	114	97	8
Economics	6	4	0	2	63	55	8

EVENING LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Textiles A.	7	6	0	1	188	140	12
Physical Ed.	7	5	0	2	109	92	10
Col. Chem. A.	7	5	0	2	131	128	10
Woodley A.	7	4	0	3	102	86	8
Athletics	7	3	0	4	117	97	6
Nomads	6	2	0	4	89	82	4
Textiles B.	6	2	0	4	105	109	4
Lyddon A.	7	2	0	5	55	130	4

MID-DAY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chemistry	6	4	2	0	46	14	10
Engineers	4	4	0	0	52	16	8
Devon	4	3	1	0	48	6	7
Houldsworth	4	3	1	0	40	62	7
Agriculture	6	2	0	4	49	51	4
Textiles	5	2	0	3	46	32	4
Mining	7	2	0	5	20	44	4
Law	4	1	0	3	17	33	2
Geography	5	0	1	4	6	109	1

SOCCER

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wesley	6	5	0	1	29	9	10
Mining	6	3	2	1	12	4	8
Dentals	6	4	0	2	12	5	8
Sadler	6	3	1	2	16	16	8
Geography	6	3	1	2	15	9	7
Engineers	6	3	1	2	19	19	7
Devon	6	0	1	5	6	26	1
Agriculture	5	0	1	4	7	21	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Economics	6	6	0	0	28	9	12
Fuel	6	4	1	1	29	9	9
Chemistry	6	3	1	2	21	13	7
Wesley	5	3	0	2	15	19	6
Sekit	6	3	2	1	16	19	8
Cath. Society	6	2	0	4	11	18	4
Lyddon	5	1	0	4	6	29	2
Law	6	0	1	5	4	22	1

SATURDAY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Modern Lang.	7	5	1	1	28	7	11
Physics	7	5	0	2	34	14	10
Textiles	7	3	1	3	17	13	9
Devon	7	4	0	3	17	31	8
Wesley	5	3	0	2	15	19	6
H.O.R.	4	0	0	4	24	0	0
Economics	7	1	1	5	28	27	3
Meth. Society	7	1	1	5	9	20	3
Chemistry	7	4	0	3	139	151	8
Physics B	7	2	1	4	95	105	5
Rival	8	2	1	5	119	136	5
S.C.M.	6	0	0	6	53	154	0

Double win as Leeds bunch tight

CCROSS-COUNTRY Club won both the Senior and Junior Christie Cups for the first time for nine years. This was the result of successful experiments in pack running.

At Liverpool over six miles of mixed terrain, Leeds runners took the first three places, despite going off course several times through poor Liverpool marking.

Geoff. Wood ran magnificently to take the individual honours, setting up a new course record. Bob Tristram and Stan Duckworth were close behind to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively. Jim Lee of Manchester was 4th.

The other Leeds runners were Totten (8th), Cook (13th). Club Captain Gadsby (15th), Daniels (18th) and Simkin (22nd).

Final Placings:
Leeds, 42 points;
Manchester, 50 pts.;
Liverpool, 88 pts.

In addition, at Westwood the second team made short work of the Manchester and Liverpool second teams.

Stewart Harris, probably one of the best second team captains for several years, packed his team together expertly. Hence Leeds took all positions between 2nd and 6th.

The individual winner was M. Barnes (Manchester). Tim Gribbon, a newcomer to the university, was only a second behind him.

Pete Leslie ran as he has never run before to finish 3rd. S. Harris was 4th. Dring and Humphreys were level 5th. Other Leeds finishers were Roberts (11th), Boswell (16th), and Betts (17th).

Final Placings:
Leeds, 31 points;
Manchester, 47 points;
Liverpool, 110 points.

Honours for Lacrosse Women

RUTH JACKSON and Jennifer Thomas were in a losing Northern Universities team against the South on Saturday, November 29th. Played at Mootpur Park the South won 11-9.

Following this match Ruth Jackson has been chosen to play for the W.I.V.A.B. team. She will play in games against the East and West Reserves and Scottish Universities team.

SPORT IN SHORT

RON HOLMES, captain of the Soccer Club, played for the U.A.U. against a Welsh F.A. XI at Monmouth last Saturday. After a hard fast game the U.A.U. lost 1-nil.

Rugger Club forwards, Ray French, Colin Nash and Bev Dovey, played for the U.A.U. last Saturday.

After failures in the U.A.U. and W.I.V.A.B. Divisional and Individual Championships, Badminton Club have hit back to beat Loughborough.

The mixed 'A' and 'B' teams have also recorded some good wins in the Leeds and District Leagues.

GRAHAM HOLLING is selected to represent the English Universities' JUDO TEAM against Scotland, and Dennis Bradfield is first reserve.

Chess Club recorded their first win of the season when they defeated Al-woodley by 4-1-1.

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