

# UNION NEWS



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## It's Their Money You're After

Rumour has it that Rag Committee is responsible for the organisation of Rag Week. That, of course, is sheer nonsense. Rag Committee is responsible for making all the arrangements before Rag Week, but we disclaim all responsibility for what happens during the week itself. Permissions must be applied for, bookings have to be made, literature (?) printed, and letters written. All this has been done, but what use, if any, you make of these preparations is entirely a matter for you. We prepare the "Tykes" but you decide how and where they will be sold. We obtain the lorries, but the effect of procession depends entirely on the floats which you build. We supply the collecting tins, but we do not entice the money into them. In other words, if Rag Week were the sole responsibility of Rag Committee, our total collection would be nearer £7 than £7,000.

The success of Rag Week, however, is not to be calculated in mere £ s. d. Our ultimate aim is obviously to hand over as much cash as possible to local charities, but that is not our only consideration. It is of equal importance that we should provide as much entertainment for others as we can, and enjoy ourselves at the same time. A successful Rag Week is a happy blending of our own enjoyment, other people's entertainment and collecting money for charity. I am also confident that all these aspects are interdependent. The more we enjoy ourselves, the more we will entertain other people and the more easily will they part with their money. The crazier your costume on Rag Day, the more you will enjoy yourself and the more money you will collect. If this were the maddest, gayest,

craziest Rag Week of all, it would also be the most financially successful.

On Saturday, June 14th, we literally go to Town for a week, and if we go in the right spirit we can return with a lot of goodwill (which always comes in useful) and a lot of cash in our collecting tins.

This year we have scrapped a number of enterprises which in the past involved a lot of hard work with very little profit to show for it. We have retained only those ventures which provide the most scope for enjoying ourselves and which have proved to be the most remunerative. There is only one exception to this statement, that is Students' Night. To start Rag Week off with a bang on Monday night we have booked a private room at the Mecca Locarno, and we are not trying to make a profit. Tickets are only 2/6 each and are limited to 250. Dancing will carry on until 1-00 a.m.; we are hoping to obtain a bar until midnight; there will probably be late transport and special reductions are available for anyone attending the Rag Revue beforehand. If you want any further details you will find them on page 3.

We can promise you a thoroughly good time, not only on Students' Night but at all the official Rag Week events, and can assure you that you will not regret playing an active part in this year's Rag. The foundations have been laid for a highly successful week, the rest is up to you.

To end on a serious note may I remind you that although we usually regard Rag Week as a light-hearted occasion there are many people who regard it much more seriously. If you could see but a few of the desperate letters, asking for money on behalf of well-nigh destitute charities in these difficult times, you would realise just how vital our Rag Week is to these causes. We cannot collect too much money in Rag Week. We could collect more than ever before . . .

*On page 3 you will find in glorious Technicolour (for which the Editor disclaims all responsibility) full details of the arrangements for Rag Week 1952—and the best of luck.*

M. J. COOK  
(Acting Rag Chairman),

Accepts full responsibility.



Mr. C. E. HILLIARD, who has served the University for 26 years, is to retire in September.

### Mr. HILLIARD TO RETIRE

After twenty-six years of devoted service to the University, Mr. C. E. Hilliard, the Head Porter, is to retire. We do not know who will be the sorrier, the University or Mr. Hilliard, for as a writer in *The Gryphon* of 1938 said, "He is not the Hall Porter but the students' friend."

Mr. Hilliard came to the University in 1926 after twenty-four years of military service. In those years conditions were bad, yet the atmosphere of University life was friendly, receptions were more pompous and students were more boisterous. At that time the work of a porter was very hard, and Mr. Hilliard was working from 8 a.m. in the morning till any time at night, but he says: "The one thing that was so helpful was the friendliness of the staff."

He recalls with pride the receptions of the years 1926-1929, for it was a great thing he says for the student to be able to meet the notabilities of University life. In those pre-war days there was more dignity in what we did and our processions on degree days were very impressive.

The Union was then situated in one of the houses opposite University Road, and the billiard room consisted of a basement room with one three-quarter sized table. But after the Library was built the Union expanded rapidly. During those early years Mr. Hilliard was the

helper and friend of every student. One of them writes: "He is the first man to whom one turns for sympathy and encouragement in every difficulty which besets a student at some time during his career."\*

He is the same to-day as yesterday, and his friendliness to all students and especially to Freshers is something that is never forgotten. At the first Freshers' Conference I remember him going up to a lonely student and saying: "Well, what can we talk about?" and soon both were in happy conversation. Old students write to him with affection, and members of staff refer to him as their friend. He is more than a feature of University life, he is an institution of University life.

To-day he considers the pomp and glory of University life has departed. There is less of the red carpet and the glories of the academic gathering, but he hopes that the dignity of the great occasion will come again. Certainly when Mr. Hilliard retires some of the dignity of University life will go with him, for it is an impressive sight to see him walk the Central Court with his head erect and then watch him turn quickly as he sees a friend and hear his mellowed military-like voice greet him heartily.

Now very soon he is leaving to live in Skegness, because, as he

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## EDITORIAL

A cartoon I enjoyed showed two hippopotamuses swimming in a deep pool in the heart of the jungle, and one is saying to the other, "I keep thinking it's Thursday." Many times during the long vacation I shall keep thinking it is Thursday, the day when the calm of the Union is broken by the shout of "Union News, two pence." In the future the cry will be slightly altered, for at last Union News has had to bow to the increased costs of printing, and has gone up to 3d. It is to be hoped that this will not prove too great a burden on the pockets of our readers next session.

Now we have closed down. The typewriters have been stored away, the eyeshades have been auctioned, and the mighty heart of Union News office is lying still. The all night sittings, and the days spent in fruitless search of material are forgotten. None of us have been offered jobs on newspapers, none of us are in the position of one reporter on a University newspaper who went straight from University to Fleet Street. It is as well, some think we have done enough harm to the public, others that we haven't done enough.

The staff have broken up, indeed some thought they had broken up a long time ago, and are settling down to quieter occupations—some are thinking of getting their degree. To all of them I would like to say a hearty thank you. Mr. David Aston, who has had the unenviable task of trying to sell what we have written is going to put in some more hours on engineering. Mr. M. Pierson has had enough sport, and is returning to his fossils. Mr. D. V. Morris is preparing himself for imparting knowledge to the under fives, and Mr. C. Semple, after being associated with Rag and Union News (Some readers see no difference between the two) has decided to do some economics. Our typist, Miss Jean Smith, who has looked after us so well, will henceforth look after patients. That's the lot.

THIS SPACE TO LET.

## Without Prejudice

Voltaire, in one of his amusing letters from England remarks, "The necessity of saying something, the perplexity of having nothing to say, and a desire of being witty are three circumstances which are alone capable of making the greatest writer ridiculous." These wise words are applicable even to the writer of this column.

Nothing has happened this term of any great note except of course the annual examinations which have cast their shadow over work and leisure. One wonders how the Tennis, Cricket and Athletic Clubs survive under such adverse circumstances, with their most experienced and tried players wielding the pen in the gloomy and almost sacrosanct atmosphere of the Examination Room, rather than following their natural inclinations with racket and bat on grassy greens. However, there are only a few more days before the "shades of the prison house" are banished for another year, and the remaining weeks of the term will give ample opportunity to all who are athletically inclined.

Mr. Hilliard, who is retiring this September, has always "A tale which holdeth children from play and old men from the chimney corner," and he recalls with delight the days when Balls were held in the Great Hall. The Engineers, even in those days, held the superiority in decoration and ingenuity. Mr. Hilliard remembers one year they had a pond set in the middle of the Hall which enthusiastic Engineers had stocked with goldfish. The fun started, said Mr. Hilliard, when at about 2 a.m. in the morning the Engineers, already filled with other things than pond water, attempted to recapture their own goldfish.

George Schwartz, in a brilliant and witty article which he wrote for "The Sunday Times" a short

while ago, described the difficulties that beset the Committee member badgered by intolerant non-Committee men. The same type of thing occurs here in the Union, as it probably does the world over. I have seen students approach the Editor of **The Gryphon** and ask him what he is going to do about raising the standard of refectory meals. What connection has the Editor of **The Gryphon** with the edible and unedible offerings that are poured out of refectory kitchens anyway? Some members are only on the committee ex-officio, by reason of their position in the Union and have no voting power. When a student has a complaint, whether reasonable or otherwise, it is always best to go to the source of the trouble, in this case a member of the catering committee. Where am I to find him, and who is he? That, in the words of the famous mythical orator, "is a good question; Are there any more questions?"

At last it has arrived! On Wednesday, July 2nd, a Graduation Ball is to be held in the Riley-Smith from 8 a.m. till 1 a.m. Tickets are 4/- single and 7/6 double. It is hoped to have a reception and also a cabaret. Tickets will be limited to third year men and women who have graduated in the first instance, but if any tickets are left over, first and second year men and women will then have an opportunity to buy.

Union News on behalf of  
the student body offers  
its congratulations to  
Mrs. C. R. Morris, M.A.,  
wife of the  
Vice-Chancellor  
on receiving the O.B.E.  
in the Queen's Birthday  
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## MUSIC IN LEEDS

By Tapio

No doubt by the time this appears in misprint some of you will have heard the bad news: Tapio has been made respectable by being elected to the Music Soc. Committee. I do not mention this through any desire to blow my own trumpet—indeed, I do not possess a trumpet, and couldn't play one if I did, though I am no mean performer on the winnibut. No, I merely wish to stress the fact that anything appearing here in future under the name of Tapio will not necessarily reflect the official opinions of Music Soc. and its Committee, and any references made to persons living' dead or stuffed will be purely contrapuntal.

This said, I now proceed to resume my winnibut, or even my treble contra-flattenzowl, and boost the Society for all I am worth, in particular mentioning the next December concert, in which the main choral work will be Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service." I believe I am right in saying this will be a First Performance in Leeds.

The work is a setting of the Jewish Sacred Service, and represents a musical achievement of no mean order. Many composers have sought inspiration from the atmosphere and stories of Hebrew religion, but Bloch is perhaps the first great composer of Jewish extraction to exclude outside influences from his mind and be guided principally by the characteristics of a typically Semitic psychological make-up. The result, in the "Sacred Service," is music of much graciousness, appeal and beauty of character, and I, for one, am looking forward to a concert of exceptional interest.

Professor Denny will conduct, William Parsons will be the soloist, and besides accompanying the Chorus in the Bloch and a further short and seasonable choral work, the Lemare Orchestra will play a short instrumental work to complete the programme.

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## CONSIDERING CAREERS

by Major-General J. C. LATTER, C.B.E., M.C.,  
Secretary of the University Appointments Board.

"Oh! what a beautiful morning . . . Everything's going my way." So why worry about a career or a job till the day before one needs one?

Some people come to a University with their minds firmly made up on what they intend to do afterwards. Others give no thought to the matter till they reach their last year or are even half way through it. With all the many calls on a student's time—and some must be devoted to work—and with all the joys and excitements of a University, who can really blame the man or woman who lives fully for to-day and takes no heed for the morrow? Indeed there is much to be said for this practice, even for the severely practical reason that employers of all sorts prefer candidates with good records of participation in Union or Hall activities to those who have not developed themselves by these means—though they do like a good degree as well. But many undergraduates might be spared some anxiety about the future if they knew at least what sorts of careers were open to readers of various subjects. They would face the decision (be it early or late) on their future with all the facts and alternatives before them and make it more firmly than is sometimes the case when it is left to the last minute and then reached hurriedly and with little thought or conviction. The result is often that a job is grabbed as if it were a life line and relinquished as quickly—which is bad for everybody and for the candidate's and the University's reputation.

Perhaps the best solution is to decide broadly on the **type of career** one wants at a fairly early stage but not to worry about a **job** until one's last year, though always bearing in mind that the Civil Service and some big firms have closing dates for applications which fall disconcertingly early in the academic year. It is wise too to be willing to consider alternative types of career in case one's favourite line cannot take one: for employers of all sorts can be just as perversely oblivious to one's merits as examiners . . .

What do I mean by broad "types of career"? Well, my classification, and it is purely a personal one though I think most of my colleagues would agree with it, is as follows:—

**I. Government Service, Local Government and nationalised industries**, including the Colonial Administrative, Agricultural, Educational, Engineering and other Services; the various branches of the Home Civil Service; the Foreign Service; Her Majesty's Forces; the Scientific Civil Service; the National Coal Board; British Railways; the British Electricity Authority; the Gas Boards, etc.

**II. Teaching**, including University lectureships (for the very very good!) and the Education Branches of H.M. Forces.

**III. Industry** for research, design, development, production, sales, market research, welfare, personnel work, statistics or executive training.

**IV. Commerce** (including retail stores, banking and insurance) for sales, buying, market research, welfare, personnel work, or executive training.

**V. Social Services**, including the Youth Employment Service, hospital administration, case work, child care, the Probation Service, housing management, and club or hostel work, etc.

**VI. Professional and general**, including the Law, University Administration, journalism, advertising, secretarial work, museum and library work.

The list is not exhaustive and deliberately omits several comparatively rare types of job which come along from time to time. (Yes! I know there is no mention of the B.B.C., which seems to occupy the same position at a certain stage in many people's lives as engine-driving did when we were very young . . .). And let it be clearly understood that the demand in the subdivisions of the categories varies from year to year.

Certain posts obviously need specialist knowledge: the most brilliant Latinist will not usually extend the frontiers of knowledge as a research chemist. But it is a mistake to suppose that any particular degree subject is confined to any one particular category of employment. For example, an English or History degree can be used elsewhere than in teaching: it is acceptable for most of the non-technical lines listed in categories I to VI above, such as the Civil Service, the Colonial Administrative Service, the sales, management training and personnel sides of industry and commerce, and (though further formal training is usually needed) for social, secretarial, museum or library work. Conversely, Science is acceptable in the Administrative and Special Departmental Classes of the Civil Service, in non-technical branches of industry, in commerce and in museum and library work, to give a few instances. Further and better particulars, as the lawyers say, can be found at the office of the University Appointments Board at 38, University Road, where there is an ever-growing Careers Library of information about what various employers offer and require. It is indexed by degree subjects as well as by firms, etc., and is open to all comers during normal office hours, including lunch-time. A few hours browsing there has helped many students to get their minds clear on the possibilities open to them and has given them data on which to decide on their careers and even on the precise employers they will some day approach, directly or through the Appointments Board.

## ON GOING DOWN FOR THE LAST TIME

by GORDON C. F. FORSTER, B.A.

There is an awful touch of finality about the heading of this article, and I find it difficult to believe that "the last time" has arrived. On such an occasion, the obvious thing to do is to reminisce, attempting at the same time to avoid the usual pitfall of drawing unfavourable comparisons between the "old days" and the present.

Perhaps the salient feature of the years which I have spent in this University is the great expansion in all spheres of University life. When I came up, the Parkinson Building was but a promising shell, and as I leave, I have grave misgiving that the new block near the Union will, in the fullness of time, darken the cafeteria and the bar. Mention of the latter reminds me that six years ago, the habitual cry on the pretext afforded by almost any kind of meeting was, "What about a bar?" and in 1952 we have hairdressing saloons and even a bookshop within the Union building itself; I can but hope that the march towards a students' department store will be halted. Indeed, I cannot help feeling that some of the money being spent in the central buildings of the University could have been more wisely, if less showily, devoted to providing more Halls of Residence and more books in the Library.

In the Union, we find ourselves faced with an ever wider choice of societies and bombarded by the organisers' demands for a bigger and better Rag. What was once essentially a spontaneous affair has now spread out into a great business enterprise, requiring a large committee, plenty of office accommodation, and great initial expenditure. I am sure that large numbers of members are now heartily tired of Rag long before Rag Week (and why Rag Week anyway?), and I hope that this commercialisation will be stopped.

It would be dangerous, and perhaps downright rude, if I were to pass any comments on the student body as a whole, although one of the principle

changes in University life during the last six years has been in the age composition of the undergraduates: at first they were largely ex-Service and now the reverse is the case. Now, complaints about apathy have been perennial, and it is always dangerous to assess causes, but it is significant that, generally speaking, the coming of greater numbers of students from school has coincided with a decline in interest in various corporate activities; the really active members of so many societies are either third year men and women or graduates, and the attitude of so many younger members is best illustrated by their unwillingness to help with any committee work, a situation for which it is hard to account. Against this, one has to set the altogether welcome fact that politics no longer permeates Union life, for three or four years ago, all kinds of issues became political matters, and a definite bitterness of feeling between those of different political persuasions was the result. However, I feel bound to say that, in Union Committee circles, there has been this year more bickering and back-biting than I can remember before, and that is symptomatic of a weakness in the corporate spirit of the University, which can be illustrated in several ways: I have heard more complaints than ever before of students who have cornered fundamental books before the examination and refused to let others see them; and I am certain that the manners of many members are appalling.

If, however, my thoughts at this time are critical, I have memories of many happy hours spent in pleasant places, of great fun, and of the privileges of University life. Anyone who can go down without any sadness or regret whatever has not benefitted from keeping terms in this place. As I conclude this column I recall that in my first term, the first edition of **Union News** appeared: and that is something I cannot forget.

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## L. U. U. CRICKET CLUB SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Cricket Club commenced this season with a team potentially stronger than at any time for the past three years. In batting there was great strength on paper, and in fact to date it has only failed once, and then against superlative bowling. In J. G. Howes and K. Manuel, we have a reliable, and indeed prolific opening pair, and with the brilliance and run-scoring ability of P. Atkinson, D. P. Mehd, and B. Nettleton to follow, there is no doubt of our strength in this department of the game. Indeed, Roy Thompson, the captain, who last year regularly opened the innings, has been obliged to relegate himself to number 7 or 8.

In bowling, the opening attack has presented the main problem, a judgment proved by the fact that four different bowlers, J. C. Wright, J. Baker, K. Howard, and A. J. Topham, have shared the honour with the vice-captain, K. Hunter. The weapons of spin and flight have however been capably applied by Mehd and Nettleton, who between them represent the greatest all-round ability in the team. In batsmanship alone, P. Atkinson is outstanding, having at present an aggregate of 260 runs in 8 innings, with an average of 52. The Club has never been more fortunate in its choice of captain: Thompson has given four years devoted service to this Club, is a fine all-round cricketer and a very thorough student of the game.

We opened the season with a very creditable draw against Yorkshire, Hunter's 4 wickets for 31 being just reward for his persistent accuracy with the off-cutter. Our batting was not disgraced, surrendering only 4 wickets in two hours, against Trueman, Appleyard and Wardle.

Hutton's 57 was a routine innings for him, but needless to

say, the finest which will be seen on Weetwood ground until he again graces it with his presence.

Our opening U.A.U. and Christie fixture with Manchester was spoilt by rain, but Atkinson (50) and Nettleton (30) batted well, and, in the restricted time, quickly enough for R. Thompson to declare, a declaration which provided an exciting race, which Manchester just failed to complete in time, being 6 runs short of victory when stumps were drawn.

Then came the only defeat we have so far suffered in the U.A.U. competition. At Weetwood on the 14th May, Thompson put Durham in to bat and Leeds succeeded in dismissing the opposition for 96 runs, D. P. Mehd gathering 6 of the wickets for 19 with skilfully varied left-arm bowling. Victory seemed to be there for the taking; we had a batting side of immense power and the wicket was quite slow. Howes, Manuel and Atkinson were all out before the total was 10. F. Tyson, bowling really fast and accurately, and moving the ball both ways off the pitch, was responsible for this sorry state of affairs. D. P. Mehd (47) responded to the situation with a superb innings, which blended a cast-iron defence with lovely forcing shots, among which his fierce pull to mid-wicket was dominant. And when he found a determined partner in Thompson: the issue seemed settled. But back came Tyson, and the last 4 wickets fell before his onslaught for 1 run, and Leeds were 13 short of victory.

The only other important game to date was against Liverpool, which was easily won by Leeds, in a workmanlike, un-spectacular way. The Christie Cup, therefore, will be decided by the second Leeds-Manchester fixture, and should Manchester beat Durham, and Leeds beat Manchester, the whole of the Northern section of the U.A.U., with the exception of the Liverpool matches, will be to re-play; so both competitions are quite open.

Including University and friendly games, the Club has played 9, won 3, lost 1, drawn 5. A.J.T.

## IMPROVED ATHLETICS STANDARDS IN UNIVERSITIES

This season has shown that Leeds University Athletes are performing in most events at a much higher standard than in previous years. In spite of this, our successes, though good, have been no better than last year. The fact is there is an improved standard of athletics in all Universities—indeed, in the whole country.

It is most unusual for exceptional performances to be made early on in the season. Yet, on April 26th, three new Leeds University records were established at the Inter-faculty Sports. M. J. Wallwork won the 440 yds. Hurdles and established a new University record of 58.8 seconds. D. Warren, a freshman, set up a new  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile record of 2 minutes 1.6 seconds, and J. R. Norris did a Hop, Step and Jump which was our best ever.

On Saturday, May 3rd, the City of Leeds Athletic Union brought a star-studded team to Weetwood, which was decisively beaten, mainly by our superiority in the field events.

At the Christie Sports at Liverpool on May 10th, we were much under-strength because of examinations and injuries. However, we pulled off victories in the 440 yds. Hurdles (M. J. Wallwork), Javelin (E. Ligema), and the High Jump (J. R. Norris). Norris also set up a new Leeds record in the Hop, Step and Jump with a fine effort of 42 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, but the standard was so high he could gain only third place!

Since the Christie the Club has fared reasonably well, but there have been one or two disappointments. The main trouble has been that of examinations and injuries, and we have not been able to call upon our International runner D. C. Birch, or the Northern Universities Discus Champion and our Club vice-captain, R. C. Boreson, as often as we would have wished. To make matters worse J. Neild and G. W. Rhodes, the Club captain, both pulled muscles and were put out of action.

However, several victories and some exceptional individual performances have been recorded. On May 17th, J. R. Norris was placed first in both the High Jump and the Hop, Step and Jump in the Notts. County Championships, and M. S. Wallwork and M. Budden were placed second and third in the Yorkshire County Championship in the 440 yds. Hurdles. In Manchester, on May 24th, freshman R. Whittenburg beat the 1948 Olympic  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile Hurdler, R. T. Unsworth, in the time of 58.8 seconds. It is doubtful whether any other British University has a team of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile hurdlers which collectively could beat ours of Budden, Rhodes, Wallwork and Whittenburg—all of whom have done under 60 seconds. Some fine performances have also been recorded by I. Bonham in the 120 yds. Hurdles and High Jump, and P. Heylings in the Hammer. On the whole the second team also have performed with much promise. The most doubtful sphere is in the field—especially the throwing events. There we are ever on the search for new talent.

Soon we visit Birmingham, who last year beat us 98—97, and Durham with whom we tied 97—97 in the Muir Cup. We hope to win both these matches this year. We also visit Hull, who beat a very much under-strength Leeds team two weeks ago. We hope to reverse the decision this time.

For those interested in running, jumping or throwing things (or if you would like to officiate at meetings), your help would be welcome. An enjoyable afternoon's sports is always guaranteed.

The prospects and the performance of the Leeds University Athletics Club are good—but they would be even better if more played an active part in the revival of English Athletics, which is showing its effects, especially in the University world.

### HEADINGLEY PICTURE HOUSE

Thursday, June 12th—  
"Where No Vultures Fly"  
(U). Anthony Steel  
Diana Sheridan  
Harold Warrender

Monday, June 16th—  
"Two Tickets to Broadway"  
(U). Tony Martin  
Anne Miller

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