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COMMUNIST RESIGNS AFTER N.U.S. COUNCIL

Hunt under suspicion

By FRANK VOGL, U.N. EDITOR

MARGOT KENT, the Leeds N.U.S. secretary, has resigned from the Communist Party. She came to her decision after leaving the N.U.S. Autumn Council, which was held in Margate last weekend.

On Sunday afternoon, Alan Hunt, the leader of the Leeds delegation, successfully persuaded the Council of the N.U.S. not to become members of the International Student Conference.

Up to now student unions from non-Communist countries have attended the I.S.C. without formal membership, but I.S.C. are now inviting them to join as full members.

Due to the decision taken by the NUS Council, NUS will now be able to go on attending the conference as observers with the right to speak, on the same basis as they attend meetings of the International Union of Students. The IUS has its headquarters in Czechoslovakia and has never met outside a Communist country.

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Neutralist?

Only after the Council had taken the decision to support Leeds and Alan Hunt not to join the ISC, did delegates begin to realise the full implications of their decision. They had come to their decision primarily because Alan Hunt had brilliantly argued that the NUS was a non-political organisation and should therefore remain neutral in international student affairs. Thus he argued that NUS should stay out of the western ISC just as it kept out of the IUS.

The implications of the decision go far further than possibly just affecting British student concessions in other countries (in fact in this respect there is still a chance that British students may still be able to obtain concessions abroad, even though we are not members of the ISC).

The decision could mean that the whole of the ISC may collapse and that as a result the Communist based IUS would be the only remaining international student conference. The decision could also mean that foreign student organisations will regard NUS with suspicion in the future and NUS may no longer have the same respect and influence in international student affairs.

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Hunt speaks to Margate Council

In Camera hearing planned

ROBERT JONES, fined £7 for beer throwing in the Bar, will appeal to Monday's Union Committee. Executive has recommended that the meeting be held "in camera" while considering its verdict. Standing orders state, "No meetings or part meetings may be held "in camera," so a two-thirds majority will be needed to reverse this.

The last "in camera" episode at Union Committee was two years ago during consideration of a student mental health report. Several members walked out in disgust against the secrecy, when observers were ejected from the meeting.

Much disgust was expressed at the shambles of the open meeting of the tribunal that convicted Jones and this "in camera" proceeding is regarded as a retrograde step.

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NEW TORY BOSS ELECTED

Hardship and repression in South Africa

A LIFE of hardship, suppression, and denial was the lot of the African on South Africa today, said three anonymous white S. Africans at a meeting last Monday.

Speaking at the first meeting of the newly-formed Race Relations Group, they gave many details of the barriers against African advancement.

The Group was formed recently by Grant Kamenju, a post-grad, English student, to disseminate information on racial trouble spots. Africans, they said, were not allowed in some parks, and in others even the park benches were segregated. University education for Africans was hard to come by, and such graduates as existed were restricted to jobs much below their capabilities.

Quoting the high rate of disease and infant mortality amongst Africans, they indicted the present government of what is for whites, a highly prosperous and wealthy country—S. Africa.

Paperbacks show in union

AN exhibition of Mentor and Signet paperbacks will be held in the Social Room next Monday and Tuesday.

The Union will receive a full selection of the books for Union Library from the publishers.

The New English Library, publishers of the series, have already shown their display at Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester and other universities. The first day the exhibition will be open only to University staff. The exhibition will be open to the University on Tuesday.

SATURDAY HOP

THAT Johnny Kidd is still popular today six years after his first hit "Please Don't Touch" is evidence of the undying interest in rock and roll music epitomised by Jerry Lee Lewis, Larry Williams and Gene Vincent.

At his last appearance here he featured "I'll Never Get Over You," "Hungry for Love" and of course "Shakin' All Over" and such was his reception that we have rebooked him although he doesn't have a current hit.

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Russell wins close fight

By UNION NEWS STAFF

IT took three ballots last Thursday to elect the new Chairman of the Conservative Association.

Despite a vitriolic statement alleging election malpractices on his behalf, Neil Eldred was only narrowly defeated by Geoffrey Russell. Two votes separated them on the third poll following two dead heats.

Peter Grundy, second year English student, early in the meeting charged Eldred supporters with enrolling members without collecting subscriptions and then asking them to vote for Eldred. After prolonged argument these accusations were thrown out to general relief before the meeting proceeded to the election.

The proposers

The proposers for the candidates were Secretary of Debates Bob Triggs and Union News Editor Frank Vogl. Vogl praised Eldred's great interest in Union affairs, particularly NUS, and Triggs acclaimed Russell's

work on 'Yorkshire Tory,' the new Conservative magazine.

"Yorkshire Tory" is a magazine edited by Russell and produced by the Conservative Associations of several Northern Universities. A sale of about five thousand is expected and the first issue contains articles by Conservative M.P.s John Boyd-Carpenter and Sir Keith Joseph.

The candidates then said their pieces reinforcing the points made by the proposers and their past and present attitudes to 'Yorkshire Tory' were probed by questioners from the floor.

After some consternation following the voting ties, Russell was elected Chairman and Eldred subsequently Vice-Chairman of the Association.

'Gun Law' dies with boots on

AN air of optimistic gloom reigned over the Law Ball ticket stands last Friday.

Only 250 tickets were sold and the Ball organisers expect to make a loss of between £100 and £150.

The general theme of the Ball was "Gun Law," but thanks to various difficulties presented by the booking of Refec by the Textile dinner and the general lack of place to manufacture the decorations, the financial trigger was never really pulled and the Ball missed its target.

The Ball, although not a financial success, was a great social occasion. One member of the Ball committee said that if the Union had kept its promise and had merged

the Union Ball with the Lawyers' dance, the possibility of a financial loss would not have appeared.

The decoration was voted by many to have deserved a larger audience, the main piece in the Caf was a large vulture which seemed to have just flopped down from Refec. after eating sixpennyworth of soggy chips. The "Battle of Boot Hill" was the general theme of the entrance to the Rolling Plains in Caf, and Riley-Smith became Diamond Lil's Saloon.

On the whole, Ball-goers seemed to be very satisfied at the final outcome of the Lawyers' planning and hard work; the bands went down well, and thanks to the hard work by Sounds Inc, the Detroit, the Fingers, and Five Man Cargo, dancing went on till 2 p.m.

TALK ON YOGA

A YOGA demonstration was part of a talk given by Mr. Robert Lynn on Thursday for International Society.

Yoga is a Hindu system of meditation and self-discipline aimed at the union of the soul with the spirit. This union "enhances the powers and susceptibilities of the soul." Mr. Lynn has had twenty years' experience of Yoga.

This demonstration was part of the "new look" for International Society. Catherine Wilson, a committee member of the society, said that the rejuvenation was concerned with "bettering relations between British and overseas students by providing entertainment and enlightenment."

SIGNALS ON SHOW



'Far from moribund'—Major Message from Moscow

"THIS is to show that far from being moribund and out-of-date, the Army is a living, thinking modern organisation," said Major Tyson, who is in charge of the Royal Corps of Signals exhibition in the Parkinson central court this week.

Major Tyson told "Union News" that the purpose of the exhibition was to attract graduates, especially science graduates, into the Army, but Captain Neville of the W.R.A.C., attached to the Royal Signals, said that Arts students were equally in demand.

"We need any kind of graduate," she said, and while there is a good stream of them flowing into the Army now, we still need more." Language graduates are needed as much as computer programmers."

It was felt that while many people would be interested in the equipment on display, they would later remember the exhibition, and consider joining the Army. The advantages for graduates, said Captain Neville, was that they could join on a short service commission, and leave with a gratuity and experience in personnel management and administration after only three or four years.

The display of equipment was small, but impressive. There was a small computer showing aeroplane flight details on a television screen. These changed every few seconds and were said to be used in tracking aircraft and enemy movements in war-time.

Radio-telephone equipment was on display. A fairly small machine was capable of handling 12 telephone channels, 12 telegraph channels and a capability to print one transmitted picture or map simultaneously.

Another radio receiver and teleprinter fitted into a 6ft. cube. This small size facilitates ease of mobility.

Listening to TASS on the earphones was enjoyable even though it sounded suspiciously like bath-water running down the plug-hole.

English Prof. sees students

Following rumblings of dissent among English students, an informal meeting took place on Friday, 26th November, between Professor Grant, chairman of the School of English, and some twenty undergraduates and post-graduates.

The main request by the students was that some sort of council be formally set up within the framework of the School, where staff and student representatives would meet regularly to discuss problems arising out of the structure of courses, lectures and tutorials.

Professor Grant said he was pleased that students wished to take such positive action and agreed that the proposal was sound. He said he would do all in his power to get the idea implemented.

The discussion progressed to specific grievances. Professor Grant explained certain difficulties which the School was experiencing, but was sympathetic towards many of the complaints. The meeting concluded with the mutual hope that the proposed council would be able to suggest remedies for a lot of the deficiencies in courses which existed.

Union News reporter Shona Falconer using a radio receiver set R.234. At the time of the picture the set was receiving teleprinter messages from TASS news agency direct from Moscow. The message read:

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MOSCOW NOVEMBER
30 TASS ANDREY
GROMYKO, FOREIGN
MINISTER OF THE USSR,
HAS GIVEN A LUNCHEON FOR MICHAEL
STEWART, FOREIGN
SECRETARY OF BRITAIN, WHO IS HERE ON
AN OFFICIAL VISIT.
ITEM ENDS.

Winkers join up

TIDDLEYWINKS Club, recently given official recognition by the Union, now has 28 members.

The "squidgers" and "squoppers," as devotees of the sport are called, plan to hold Tuesday evening practice sessions in the Terrapin.

The Society's first match is at York tomorrow. A "Tiddlewink Weekend" is planned at the Mountain Hut, and other activities are in the planning stage. Said a member, "We are endeavouring to give Tiddlewinks its rightful place in the sporting world. Precisely what this is anybody's guess!"

THE HOWARD SNOW COLUMN

Too many cooks spoil the talk

I DEVOTE most of my column this week to give you an account, as I see it, of a typical Union Committee meeting.

At 6-0 p.m. Roger White takes the chair and the meeting begins. First on the agenda is 'Questions to Officials and notice of motions to come up in Special Business.'

Jack Straw, Secretary of the Union, jumps to his feet, "I'd like to give notice of the election of a delegate to the Institute of Army Education Conference (Mervyn Saunders, stalwart of the Salvation Army smiles), also the election of Rag Chairman."

Straw sits down and Norman Jones, an ordinary member of Union Committee rises: "I'd like to ask Miss Bartholomew, the Catering Committee Secretary, why sandwiches are cheaper outside the Union than inside?" "I'll look into the matter"—giggles Miss Bartholomew. "I'd like to ask the Catering Secretary why dishes and cups in Caf. are always so filthy?"—says another Committee member. "I'll look into the matter"—giggles Miss Bartholomew.

"I'd like to ask the House Secretary, Mr. Phil Holmes, why he refuses to furnish my office properly?"—shouts Overseas Students' Welfare Officer, Mr. Maurice Nadeem.

Holmes rises and mumbles for five minutes and then sits down again.

"I'd like to give notice of a motion of censure on last year's House Secretary, Roger White, for his incompetence over the new M.J."—says Gilbert 'censure' Smith.

Then the minutes of the last Union Committee meeting are discussed. Discussion on this item is never very long, because most of the members sleep through most of the meeting and can therefore not remember what happened at the last meeting.

Then the Committee moves on to special business, and this is where all the fun starts.

First motion will be something like this: "Our eyes are filled with tears when we think of the difficulties that students in the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, are having at this moment. Their greatest difficulty is that they are being persecuted by the University Catering Officer, who has installed American sandwich machines, which forces the students to use important American

THE UNION'S HOLY COW

I WONDER what the latest victim of the steamroller methods of what is still the Union's holy cow, Anti - Apartheid, thought when he saw himself advertised on his visit to the Union last Monday.

I refer of course to "Senator" Julian Bond, a member of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (S.N.C.C.) who came to talk about the progress of integration in the U.S. Mr. Bond is not a Federal senator

in Washington, as the posters implied, but a state representative, or congressman in his own state of Georgia. He sits not in Washington, but amid the more dubious company of the legislators in the state congress in Augusta, the capital of Georgia.

I have evidence that the mistake was intentional or at least uncorrected. Surely speakers can come on their own merits, instead of being "elected" to higher office by the touchy cowherds trying to drum up support by false pretences.

dollars to obtain food, and thus enables the Catering Officer to make a small fortune in the foreign monetary exchange market."

Mr. Straw interrupts the dedicated speaker from the floor, to tell Union Committee that the motion before the meeting is: "The Union Committee of Leeds University Union fully supports the persecuted students of the University of Buenos Aires, in their struggle against imperialist American intrigue in the catering department of the University of Buenos Aires. And that a letter of protest should be sent to U Thant at the United Nations, a further letter of protest should be sent to the President of the U.S.A., and a telegram of support should be sent to the students of Buenos Aires."

The proposer of the motion continues: "I don't think I have much more to say, and I hope you will all support this motion. This is after all only a subtle attempt by the

Americans to infiltrate into Argentina, and in the name of democracy we should show our disgust at this American imperialist venture."

The motion is seconded. Then Miss Paula Neenan moves an amendment to the motion which reads: "and in support of this protest the Union should organise a demonstration and march in the near future."

The amendment is accepted. Margot Kent, Mervyn Saunders and Raymond Shamash all speak in support of the motion. Shamash making the interesting point that this is just another attempt of the South Africans to enforce apartheid. Frank Odds stands to oppose the motion on the grounds that it is all a load of rubbish!

Mike Gonzales moves that the motion be put, it is put and carried with a large majority. Straw busily starts writing the letters to U Thant, President Johnson and the telegram to Buenos Aires.

The next motion is Gilbert Smith's censure motion on Roger White. Smith speaks for twenty minutes in a manner which suggests that he is well experienced in proposing censure motions.

Phil Holmes rises and mumbles. Chris Fielden moves into the chair and Roger White stands up to state the facts. Sutton speaks from the floor and calls Smith a lot of nasty names. Frank Odds asks Phil Holmes about the electric clocks in the M.J., Holmes mumbles. Saunders speaks for ten minutes about moral judgments.

Mr. Blood clears up some constitutional difficulties. Pete Gregson stands up to protect White. Vogl makes a few trivial points. Miss Bartholomew giggles. Phil Holmes gets up to oil one of the creaky doors. Ian McNay, the Student Treasurer, is fast asleep. Margot Kent passes a message along to Jack Straw. And finally Gilbert Smith spends twenty minutes summing up. The vote is taken and Smith loses, by virtue of the chairman, who again is Roger White, having the casting vote.

Then the committee moves on to Executive Committee minutes, other business and correspondence. And finally at 9-45 p.m. the meeting ends.

Well the above is what I consider to be an account of a typical Union Committee meeting. After each meeting I'm always amazed that people want to get elected onto Union Committee. But, then one thinks about it, it's always good to tell an employer that amongst many things you took an active part in Union administration.

Personal Opinion

Homosexuals

By GRAHAM OAKES

and the law

THE word homosexual fills many people's minds with a picture of an individual dressed in unusual (almost feminine) clothes, with his hair in an absurd style and reeking of cheap perfume. He walks with a mincing gait and waves his hands as he talks, I may be guilty of exaggeration but having talked to many people about this subject I feel that I am not too far out.

The homosexual could be the quiet chap who sits next to you in lectures, the hearty athletic type who thumps you on the back in Union Bar or even your room mate.

In other words the average homosexual is the average walking, talking looking man. The ones who dress as women and even have breasts (with or without the aid of drugs) are on the whole not really homosexuals at all, but to say more would only complicate matters.

Homosexuality is the condition of being sexually attracted by members of one's own sex. This applies to both males and females.

Then there is the bisexual who is sexually attracted by both sexes. A low estimate has put the number of predominantly or exclusively homosexuals males and females in this country at about two million.

The cause of homosexuality is not really known. In some cases it may be inborn, in others a matter

This important subject could not be mentioned in polite society so very long ago. Now the matter is being debated throughout the country before the bill, which is due to be brought up in the Commons after Christmas, is voted upon.

of conditioning in childhood.

Authorities do not seem to be able to agree—which seems to indicate the necessity of widescale research. Some have claimed that by use of drugs and shock treatment the condition may be cleared. This is aversion therapy which to my mind is more immoral than the homosexual act itself, since it turns a man into something he is not.

In 1533 Sodomy committed between either two males or a male and female was made a criminal offence, the penalty being death. In 1861 this penalty was reduced to life imprisonment and continues to be so.

There are many stories about how the law came to be as it stands today, but it will suffice to say that in

1855 a clause making any other homosexual act, whether in private or not, a criminal offence punishable with two years imprisonment was inserted without discussion into a Bill dealing with female prostitution.

There is no such law dealing with homosexual behaviour between females, but an attempt was made in 1921 to make it a criminal offence, though this was rejected by the House of Lords.

Similar laws operate in the United States, Commonwealth countries and Western Germany. In most other democratic countries there are no such laws, and there is no evidence to suggest that homosexuality is on the increase.

Wolfenden

In 1954 the now famous Wolfenden Committee reported in favour of allowing homosexual behaviour between consenting adults (over 21) in private.

Several attempts to introduce bills and get them passed in the House of Commons based on the Wolfenden Report have been unsuccessful, though Lord Arran's bill was successfully passed through the House of Lords.

The attitude of the various Christian denominations has in the main been favourable. But because the church supports law

reform in this field it must not be thought she is saying the homosexual act is not sinful.

Fornication is a sin but few Christians would press for it to be made a criminal offence, so the homosexual act between consenting adults should not be a civil crime, even though it is a sin.

Against reform

Some people say that as this law only affects a few people each year it is not worth changing. Others are more certainly against, for they say that homosexuals are depraved and should suffer for the perversions they commit.

Others that it will encourage these practices and corrupt the young. But this latter is false since homosexuality is not on the increase in countries where there are no such laws and as for the young they would still be protected by the law.

It is sad that in a University which prides itself on social progressiveness little or nothing is done to urge this long needed social reform.

Much is done in support of organisations such as A.A. and I would not suggest that they are less important than the issue in question. However, surely something could be done to support homosexual law reform.

Sound and the single girl

By DIANE EMERY

"SOUND GROUP needs more women members: we only have two!" was the complaint of its secretary, Roger Hough.

"Contrary to what most people think, we concentrate more on the actual production of sound than fiddling about with machines; and the world of Sound is far from being a man's world. The blending of male and female voices can be extremely effective, though women by themselves are terrible!"

What attractions can Sound Group offer prospective women members, besides the obvious one—men?

The society was started three years ago by David Quarmbay, now staff president, as a kind of testing ground for a University Radio Station. However, the scheme still seems to be in the air rather than on it, and is likely to stay that way: "Government"! was the terse explanation offered by Mr. Hough.

Meanwhile the talents of Sound Group seem to be directed towards the production of "Soundings" on Sundays; this is a light-hearted, magazine-type programme lasting for about fifteen minutes before Union Cinema begins. "It is our only outlet. This is the one way we can

get a large enough audience: by forcing ourselves on them. We also provide the sound track for 'Union Newsreel, sound effects for Theatre Group, the Arts festival and various other Union activities; added to which, I am trying to organise visits to play recording sessions at the Leeds B.B.C. studio."

FUN

For anybody intending to make their career in the world of sound, as indeed three past members have done, the society is obviously an ideal stepping-stone.

Though the original reason behind the society: the University radio Station, has become something of a myth, perhaps a new one has replaced it. In Mr. Hough's words: "We all get tremendous fun out of what we are doing; after all, a society is what its members make it."

So what about it, girls?

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COMMENT

STUDENTS all over this country will be wondering and possibly worrying about the fact that the National Union of Students is no longer a member of the International Student Conference.

The facts of what happened at the Council meeting and some of the repercussions appear in full on the front page of this issue. There can be little doubt that Alan Hunt, on behalf of the Leeds delegation, made a very big impact at the conference.

But his political views should not cloud what really happened at Margate. Two-thirds of the Council supported Hunt on the international issue and it would be ridiculous to say that two-thirds of the students in this country were Communists or that so many people at the Council were completely gullible.

Many of the delegations that supported Leeds at the Council supported us because they felt that what we had to say made sense. This point should not be forgotten when discussion is held about the implications of the fact that due to a Leeds amendment to a motion, the NUS is no longer a member of the International Student Conference.

However, in part it is true to say that the motion was to a great extent political and that the Leeds delegation was not truly representative of the political views of members of this Union. This however is also true of many of the other delegations at the Council, who did also not represent accurately the political views of their Unions.

We must seriously consider before the next Council at Easter whom we shall send as our delegates. We must also make strong efforts to really inform Union members about NUS so that they can fully understand the importance of The National Union.

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MARGATE N.U.S. REPORT

Margate, Monday, November 24th.

AS the 850 representatives of over a quarter of a million students leave Margate today, at the end of the National Union of Students' Autumn Council, students all over the country will be wondering about what really happened at Margate.

Whilst the Council took important decisions on the subjects of grants, loans, school examination boards and general matters of education and welfare, the

national press gave most coverage to international student affairs and the surprising victory of Leeds in being able to persuade Council to vote against decisions made by the Executive of the NUS.

Full reports of some of the most important debates held at Margate appear below. Next week a full background story into what goes on at NUS Council behind the scenes.

See editorial comment.

"TWO 'A' LEVELS INTO DEBT"

says N.U.S. President

BILL SAVAGE, President of NUS, made a moving speech to the largest ever Council meeting of the NUS on the subject of student loans.

Savage clearly indicated that it was NUS policy to campaign for the abolition of the means test and that any attempt to bring in a loans scheme would have very serious effects on all students.

Savage said: "We believe the entire structure of higher education would be completely undermined by any erosion of the concept of full maintenance awards for those qualified to receive them."

Later in his speech Savage compared British students to students in other countries who had their education financed by Government loans. He concluded that students all over the world were envious of the British grants system and that they recognised that many of the advantages of British students over foreign students was the fact that British students were not troubled with having to pay back large sums of money to pay for their education.

Finally the point was brought forward that, were a loans system brought into operation, this would mean

that all students accepted for higher education would be faced with large debts, which means that you would be going from "A" level straight into debt.

'Open mind'

Following the debate, which was supported overwhelmingly, Mr. Prentice, Minister of State for Education and Science, told the Council that the Government "are not in a position to rule out the possibility" of introducing loans as part of the system for supporting students at universities. He went on to say that the Government had "a completely open mind on the subject."

Delegates at the Council were totally dissatisfied with this state of affairs and a statement was made by the Executive to ensure by every possible means that no system of loans is brought in by the Government.

Regionalism welcomed

By MARGOT KENT

ALTHOUGH all members of NUS welcome the fact that the National Union is increasing in size, they are worried by the difficulties that have come about due to the size increase.

The Executive and many constituent organisations within the NUS see the development of regional organisations as a partial solution to the size problem.

The development of proper regional organisations could be a dynamic move towards a proper organisation of the NUS where every constituent Union could play a part.

Not only would regional offices and centres allow smaller constituent Unions the chance to learn from the experience of larger Unions, but regional centres would also permit constituent unions to get together and discuss broad topics of NUS policy.

The success of the regionalism scheme as yet has not been very great. Leeds is one of those Unions which could greatly benefit by having greater co-operation amongst Unions in this region. For

example the Leeds travel bureau could be open to other bodies and the question of regional NUS travel bureaux could be discussed.

Last session out of the £7,000 income that the travel bureau took, the NUS gave Leeds only £200, which meant that running the bureau for the benefit of NUS cost Leeds about £600.

Because many constituent unions saw the advantages of properly organised regional co-operation, and because they themselves had suffered because of lack of such co-operation, the NUS Council overwhelmingly passed a motion asking the Executive to take a good look into the planning and growth of regional committees and offices.

SICK BAY BEDS AND CELLS OFFERED

ACCOMMODATION was the subject of one of the big debates at the NUS Council.

Jack Pickford of Sunderland Technical College described student accommodation in Britain as deplorable.

Only when students slept on park benches and shaved in public lavatories would something be done about their lodgings.

Derek Evans, of King's College, London, called for a march through the streets of all university towns to draw attention to the problem. His suggestion, was however rejected.

Pickford went on to say: "The Warden of my college

could only suggest two places for me to stay when I arrived on the first day of term—the police station and the sick bay.

"The sick bay was full of healthy students with nowhere to live."

Council passed a motion overwhelmingly asking the Government to take action to increase the amount of university residential accommodation.

'GRANTS, NOT LOANS' SAY CONFERENCE

THE Council of the National Union of Students unanimously supported the Executive on a motion to the Government protesting about the means test and student grants.

Michael Stern of the Executive, in moving a motion on this subject, stated: "We are the only trade union which has no

right to negotiate in the sphere of incomes on behalf of our students."

Alan Hunt persuaded the conference that more action was needed on this matter and stated: "that the Executive should raise the standard of its activities and pay particular attention to involving Constituent Unions in a planned and concerted effort to achieve the abolition of the means test."

After several brilliantly delivered speeches the Council strongly recommended definite action to be taken.

FROM THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY

IF YOU'RE BRIGHT . . .
OR THINK YOU'RE BRIGHT
WHY NOT TRY FOR T.V. STARDOM
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University and Foreign News

Compiled by KEITH JENKINS

Recife, Brazil

A PLOT to throw acid at Senator Kennedy on his visit to Pernambuco University last week was foiled by the police.

Three students have been arrested, and police reports say that two others believed to have been involved are still at large.

Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE University's newspaper "Varsity" got its first woman editor last week. She is third year English student Suzy Menkes, 21, of Newnham College.

Said Suzy, who comes from Hampstead: "I have always wanted to be a journalist and I am thrilled to bits by my appointment." She added: "I am not worried about being the first woman editor, I am sure all the men on the paper will work with me as a team. I was elected for my talent, not my sex-appeal."

POLICE stepped in to enforce the withdrawal of a rape and copulation scene in act 1 of a production "Revenge's Tragedy."

Producer Malcolm Griffiths said: "It was not a vital scene, but it adds to the atmosphere of the play. It is not an issue we are prepared to fight over."

The Lord Chamberlain cannot alter the words of the play as it was written in 1607.

Canterbury

ST. Christopher's College is to close at the end of this term because of the lack of women students applying for places. It is a Church of England college, mainly for training women as religious workers.

Reading

SCANTY nighties and quilted gowns are not to be worn for breakfast at Bulmershe College as from last week.

The caterers have objected to the girls turning up for breakfast improperly dressed. They complained: "I think it lowered the whole tone of the College."

A member of the science department went further. "Nothing but sheer exhibi-

tionism. Outrageous behaviour," he said.

Second year student Mary Becket said: "The main reason we came dressed like that was to arrive earlier, and so miss the awful 8-55 a.m. rush."

Union President Ben Gunner announced later in the week: "Any repeat performances would warrant refusal of service." He added: "I think the girls looked very attractive."

Toronto

STRIPTease artiste Libby Jones starred in a teach-in organised recently by the University of Toronto in aid of W.U.S.

The subject of her talk was "The Economics of Overdeveloped Areas!"

Bristol

MEDIC Ross Evans has been missing for over three weeks, and the police have no leads to work on.

Evans disappeared at 10 p.m. on November 2nd after leaving his room to visit a friend 100 yards away. His



The most recent picture of Rosslyn Evans.
—Pic by 'Nonesuch News.'

room showed no signs that he intended to leave, none of his personal possessions are missing.

His description is, 5ft. 8ins., dark brown hair, brown eyes, narrow face, sallow complexion and a white scar on his left eyebrow.

Oxford

A PLAY by an Oxford undergraduate was banned last week by the Lord Chamberlain because it portrays Christ on the stage.

The play, "Simple Golgotha," due for presentation last week is by Peter Adamson of Leeds, and was Wadham College's entry in the drama society's festival. Ten actors had been rehearsing for three weeks.

Adamson said: "The ruling is absurd, it is a pro-Christian play which sticks closely to the Bible, and is designed not to cut across people's preconceived idea of Christ."

A senior lecturer of the society, professor Neville Coghill, said: "It is a preposterous and nonsensical idea to prevent the portrayal of Jesus on the stage, seeing that it was one of the great experiences of the middle ages all over Europe."

THE Oxford University 'Amnesty' political freedom group staged a spectacular protest last Saturday. Four students spent fifteen hours in a barbed wire cage in the Cornmar-

ket in the middle of the city.

The two students swathed in greatcoats and scarves complained mainly of the cold. They said: "The first four hours flew past, then we started getting cold and bored. It must be the cold and boredom which are the worst things, especially in the East European prisons."

Steven Wasserman, of Lincoln College, spent the morning in the cage with Richard Easterbrook, of Exeter College. At one o'clock they were relieved by two other undergraduates who stayed in the cage until six p.m.

"It's not so very boring," said Michael Simkin, one of the reliefs. "At least people are taking notice of us. But the longest I would stay in here voluntarily is a day at the most."

Huddersfield

A LETTER of apology has been sent to the principal of the Technical College, Dr. Scott, by the executive committee.

The letter expresses regrets for any inconvenience caused by the recent protests over the coffee bar trouble. The bar had been closed after the students objected to a ban on the sale of sandwiches.

Negotiations to get the bar reopened are under way.

London

L.S.E. student Patrick Carr was badly beaten up in Camden Town last week.

Second year sociologist Carr was dragged into a 2.8 litre Jaguar and he received injuries including a broken nose, a fractured jaw and extensive bruising.

Carr told the L.S.E. newspaper 'Beaver': "I have no idea what was the reason for the attack."

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The Roger Marshall Girl of the Week column



CHRISTINE LOWE

FUN-LOVING Chris used to be a Union News reporter. After deciding that it isn't a woman's world after all, she retired to devote more time to her English. She loves to get off the beaten track, in spite of her liking the Cotton Town friendliness of her native Manchester suburb.

Last vacation on a 5,000 mile trek in a battered old Volkswagen which finally passed out in Rumania she reached Istanbul where she acquired a magnificent sultan's ring which used to be a sure test for faithfulness. Like others before her she was most impressed by Balkan hospitality.

Back home in her Room at the Top near the "Moor" she is a great cook specialising in curries (coconut's the secret...). Here she listens to her folk ideal—the Red Indian, Buffy St. Marie, and dreams about new decor schemes (white and orange?). She won't even look at Private Eye and maintains that only brass bands and L. P. Hartley can depress her.

WHO ARE HELEN—JANE?—BEAR. SUE—Let's get together tonight—David.

DESPITE BEING BACK GROLLY STILL HAS DIFFICULTY.

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GRUM FORGOT LAST WEEK.

RALPH'S slurred voice and bloodshot eyes—natural phenomenon?

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"University politics are not really important to the University."—Hugh Aldous, Chairman Conservative Association.

"Many people join Labour Society . . . under the impression that Lab. soc. supports Wilson. We are much further left."—Audrey Chamberlaine, Vice President of Labour Soc.

"We generally put forward an alternative to any other political theory."—Communist Society member.

"Yes, we are anarchists."—Direct Action Society member.

"Most Union members think only about sex and chips—a minority think about politics, sex and chips."—Stuart Mews, Chairman Liberal Society.

"Is the Union left-wing? Less so than it was."—Ian McNay, Union Treasurer.

"No, the Union is not left wing, but the left wing are more vociferous."—Roger White, Union President.

"Union government does appear to be left wing . . . the left wing takes more interest."—Mervyn Saunders, Male V.-P.

Politics on Campus

Union News looks at Politics in the Union

THERE'S nothing like a good riot for raising the dust. Fortunately students in this University have never found it necessary to indulge in political rioting to achieve their aims, but just how active are they?

Union News depends for much of its news and views on politics and the societies in the Union in the same way as the national newspapers, because politics is the bread and butter of civilisation, the reflection of our beliefs and interests in this teeming modern world.

Leeds itself has always had a reputation for being politically active. Sunday Times drama critic Harold Hobson said in 1964: "If there is a violent change in this country, I should not be surprised if its philosophy came from Oxford; but I am certain its dynamic would come from Leeds." But what do the political societies in the Union think today of the need for politics of any brand or none in the Union?

Hugh Aldous, Chairman of the Conservative Association, told us that "politics is important to a certain sector. It helps students to think about the country's prob-

lems. University politics are not really important to the University, it would not materially affect the university if they disappeared." This type of sentiment was echoed by Stuart Mews, Chairman of Liberal Society. "Most union members think only about sex and chips—a minority think about politics, sex and chips. Party politics play little part in the life of the Union and we don't think that any party could have mass support here."

Union President obviously agrees "The University is a non-political body. In the

UNION NEWS PROBE FEATURE

Union political societies allow people of every political opinion to express themselves. The impact of one society is generally quite small."

The people who stick out like sore thumbs and found it necessary to explain themselves in some detail to Union News were Direct Action. This is a euphemism for Anarchy (quite how anarchists can have an organised body was never made clear) as more than one person was surprised to find out, "Is it really? Good heavens, I joined it!" Direct Action told us "Students are at a stage when they can

afford to be uncommitted politically. We believe that society is capable of functioning without the state . . . and freedom for the individual within society is all-important, but this freedom of the individual is complementary to a mutual obligation to other individuals."

Communist Society thought politics were important as they "govern our lives." Audrey Chamberlaine, Vice-President of Labour Society hoped politics in the Union "helped to arouse the interest of other departments" outside social studies in community problems. "It is important that people should not only have political thoughts but should learn to express them."

Most of the political societies seem to carry out various social and political activities with the Conservatives coming tops socially. They all seemed to think their politics was a contribution to Union life in general (very big of them!). Liberal society told us that "In a basically unsatisfactory situation we can only give our point of view by holding meetings and printing our news sheet."

The unanimity achieved by the societies reached its highest point on the need for discussion groups and various meetings. The Communists are well known for their

The features editor is grateful for the help the political societies gave in preparing this survey. The absence of Marxist Society is regretted but we did our best, including trudging through the snow, to get a contribution.

activity. Surely it can only be a tribute to them that with a membership of some 20 or 30 members they seem to be able to bang the left-wing drum so well. Perhaps to Alan Hunt in particular.

All societies must have some difficulties, but perhaps some more than others. Naturally being politicians they were not very honest. Perhaps Liberal Society were most honest or had least to lose "Most students will sign petitions and some will march occasionally, but most will not disturb themselves seriously for the sake of the others. Understandably, since most political action achieves little or nothing, people won't take part because they feel it will do no good. But the more people do participate, the more they will have an effect."

Socialising

Conservatives mentioned that only 25 per cent. take an active part in the society and some of those that join do so for the social life. This may well not be such a bad thing and the Conservatives are probably the most successful in arranging lively social functions. The difficulty they did not mention was something that doubles them annually—the backstabbing and in-fighting for the chairmanship of the Association with all its enormous prestige. It certainly seems rather a vapid difficulty for a society to be so inward looking. Labour society seemed to think socialising was a difficulty with the Conservatives. "It has been described as degenerating into a mere social club."

Labour society itself was quite open about "many people join (freshers) at the beginning of the year under the impression Labour Society supports Wilson—we are much further left." But they did not mention the running battle that has continued for domination of the society by various factions. At the last General Meeting there was a mighty feud when the Marxists were repulsed from the Committee but with so many other factions also jockeying for position such as the Independent Labour Party and Libertarian this and that, they have their hands full.

The communists do not have the same trouble being more authoritarian or knowing the will of the people as they might call it. A spokesman certainly made a fair comment though when he said, "A student who has taken the step of joining the society is obviously keenly interested. There are very few apathetic members."

Tub-thumpers?

Leeds has gained a reputation for being a big tub-thumping left wing union full of protest and reaction. This situation is certainly partly true and can perhaps be ascribed partly to the disinterest in providing a political balance in union politics of the Conservative Association, who believe they have bigger fish to fry nationally. But that is not the complete story as youth and particularly questioning youth has a tendency to gravitate towards the more militant, radical organisations which are usually left wing.

The communists certainly contribute to make the place left wing but their spokesman was not too sure how left wing we were. "Debates can pass a motion on Germany on a purely emotional and non-factual basis." All Audrey Chamberlaine of Labour Society would say was that "certainly the outside world sees us as such."

Liberals, thought we, "all wasted so much time on factionalism for the Union to be left wing." But Conservative Hugh

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Ann Roberts and Margaret Keeble.

Aldous was even more explicit, "No. But in the last year there has been a swing—not to the right, but out of politics altogether."

Union Executive seemed to follow no set line. Union President Roger White "No. But the left wing are more vociferous. The mass of union members are uncommitted." Mervyn Saunders, Vice-President "Union government does appear to be left wing . . . the left takes more interest." Ian McNay, Treasurer "Less so than it was."

So that's it. That's what political societies think of themselves. If you think it's not very interesting, why not get in there and form your own political party? We haven't had our twentieth century Marx yet or do we have him now?

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The University has now recognised the problem cannot be completely solved by the Student Health Service and Chaplains and has set up its own Counselling Service under Dr. Keighley.

By STEPHEN LIPMAN

LAST year at the request of the students the Vice-Chancellor approved the setting up of a counselling facility for the students on an experimental basis to be reviewed after one year.

The students particularly asked for the consulting room to be placed in a building away from Student Health, and a room was found and furnished on the ground floor at 12 Cromer Terrace, and Dr. Keighley was chosen as Counsellor, being not only physician to the Infirmary nursing staff and part-time practitioner at Student Health but also a man very keen on seeing this project get off the ground.

The project got off to a bad start last April due chiefly to it being finals term, and also because there was no publicity of its existence. The latter has been rectified somewhat this term by placing small ads. in Union News, playing a taped introduction before the Sunday night film and, for the benefit of the staff, an article was put in the University Gazette.

The important question is 'what does the counsellor offer?'

Sympathetic ear

When the service was conceived the students asked for counselling 'in its widest sense' namely the opportunity for any student to spill out his or her problems to a sympathetic and confidential ear on any topic which may affect them, be it academic, social, financial, medical or marital, in the sure knowledge that Dr. Keighley would attempt what they themselves prefer not to do, namely approach the relevant members of the staff, University, Town Council or whatever and sort the problem out to the best advantage of the student concerned.

At present counselling is given on a variety of levels by Profs., tutors, Student Health, Wardens of Halls and the Chaplain and for those people who feel that student

THE FACTS

"This year almost 4,000 students will leave university without a degree. It is as if two universities the size of Sheffield and Keele were wiped out. The financial cost to the country has been estimated at £5,000,000 every year. The human cost is beyond measurement."

Quoted from "Where," published by the Advisory Centre for Education, 57 Russell Street, Cambridge. They are also actively concerned and interested to hear from students who drop out before completing their courses.

welfare is an integral part of the function of a prof, tutor, etc. then problems of those students are adequately handled. It was for the large proportion of students who have no approachable enlightened person available that the counselling project was conceived and given the go-ahead.

Since the inception of the scheme sixteen people have so far been helped on a variety of problems and the Counsellor feels that much more counselling is needed by students and that the scheme be developed over the coming years rather than being channelled into the existing facilities.

Spoonfeeding

People said of the Student Health Service when it began fifteen years ago that it was 'unnecessary spoon-feeding' of the students and yet now S.H.S. is probably the finest in the country. The same is being said of the Counselling Service, but cannot be valid criticism as the students requested that it be started to fill a recognised need. It was also suggested that the Counselling Service be an extension and a part of Student Health; however Dr. Keighley feels that to fulfil the detached and confidential aspect of the service it should be in a separate building and be autonomous.

In the long term view the last word will lie with the Vice-Chancellor in March when the experiment comes up for review, and it would be a great loss if this service were not used to the best advantage of the student population and indeed extended to encompass the important aspects of fitting the graduate with the right job where the impersonality of the Appointments Board falls sadly short.

Going abroad at Christmas? Or maybe staying in front of the fire? Peter McAleenan looks at the latest holidays offered by N.U.S.

Get away at Christmas!

EVEN if you are not interested in ski-ing, NUS travel brochure "Winter Sports and Spring Holidays" will offer you something to wish and wonder about, until you are imagining yourself there (not necessarily at a ski-ing centre), and then working out if you could afford it if you really tried.

The winter vacation holidays include a "Bright Lights Tour" of Paris, Zurich, and Vienna; a "Christmas on the Riviera" holiday; and a "Fine Arts Tour of Italy." The most expensive effort is a Winter Sunshine Cruise in the Eastern Mediterranean, organised by the French National Student Travel Bureau.

From Victoria Station to Victoria Station takes 19 days, but included in the cost, if you can stand or understand them, are four university lecturers who specialise in the history of the region—£92-15-0 for this (gold plated ship), i.e. rather more than the average student's grant for a term. (Daddy might help).

The cheapest in this period is 8 days in Paris. This includes a visit to the theatre or opera, and a special Christmas or New Year meal with wine,

according to which dates you choose.

"Paris is a city with moods to suit each season, and Winter serves to accentuate the formality of parks and gardens, and the pattern of steps, bridges and steep pitched roofs, already familiar through works of art.

Realistic

But perhaps it is more realistic at this time of year to plan for Easter holidays. Springtime in Paris is again the cheapest—£17-5-0. Brussels-Amsterdam, Austrian Cities, Callela-Madrid, Florence-Vico Equense-Rome, Moscow-Leningrad (£62-5-0) are progressively more expensive.

If by next May you've seen for yourself "what the Asian Spring is like, visiting Moscow on the outward journey (to the Crimea) and Kiev on the homeward," I'm sure you'll be in a Minority—a good way to become a trend

setter. I must admit that despite my love of Paris-on-the-cheap, and the aura of mystery which always surrounds a visit to Russia, the thought of visiting Athens and the Peloponnesus is highly enticing—£51-5-0 (if Daddy helped at Christmas Mummy might this time—"that would be super-fab darling").

Pleasantly warm

"The weather is usually pleasantly warm without being too hot, and excursions are much more enjoyable than in the height of Summer when the famous classical sites become overcrowded."

Names like Spittal Am Der Drau, Zell Am See, Mulbach, are supposed to be exotic. Personally, I usually find them merely unpronounceable, but the brochure's description of settings and facilities in these Swiss and Austrian towns or villages can move the slowest imagination or excite the dullest soul. Take for example the description of Sölden-Hochsölden:

"Here a high plateau commands magnificent views over the ice-covered

peaks of the Otzal and Stubai Alps . . . the whole area is noted for its long hours of sunshine and favourable weather."

Groups will be staying in a country inn above the village and private houses. There are quite a number of bars and hotels where evening entertainment is to be had, or students can catch a bus to Obergurgl, where there is more variety. Sölden has a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and is a well blended combination of the traditional and modern."

Advice to skiers

The brochure also includes a piece on Winter Photography and one on advice to skiers. It is hoped to arrange Spring holidays in Egypt and Israel. You can probably have almost as much enjoyment reading the brochure as going on one of the holidays (and this is not to detract from the value of the holidays). Go while you can for as soon as middle age encompasses you with its responsibilities you may find yourself like Charles II having to say "Brother, I am too old to go again to my travels."

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Colour and the 'Red Desert'

NEXT Friday's midnight matinee showing of Antonioni's Red Desert gives me an excellent opportunity to guff about one of my hobby-horses—colour in films.

At some time or other everybody asks themselves "Why the heck was that film in black 'n' white?" For years the film makers turned out stuff in black, grey or white (depending on the standard of the photography) using the excuse that they just couldn't afford colour.

Nowadays the extra cost of a colour film is negligible—yet at least half of the films made recently are still in black and white. Today, the excuse for a monochrome film has become more sophisticated. We are told that some subjects are 'better suited' to B 'n' W.

I suggest that this is a load of fatuous rubbish. Look around you. Is your world black and white? O.K., so you're colour-blind—apart from that, can you honestly deny that everything you look at is coloured? Colour, colour, colour—it's a fundamental part of everyone's existence.

Box office figures show that a colour film tends to

FILMS by M. F. Bull

draw larger audiences than a monochrome. So why do we still see so much of the latter? After all you can see as much black 'n' white as you want on television.

One reason may be that it's hard to film drabness in colour. Earlier colour films have always had a certain garish look to them. But not one of the colour-eds I've seen lately has had this unreal tinge.

Now the great Italian masters of film have started using colour. Antonioni Fellini, they've all gone off black and white now that they've found their abstract imagery looks just as good in colour.

The *Red Desert* depicts the moods of a working-class Italian housewife

(Monica Vitti) who is in the throes of a mental breakdown.

Everything Miss Vitti sees is in some sort of colour. And Antonioni uses the colour to superb effect. Not usually bluntly, as in the scene when everything in a street, including the contents of a vegetable cart, appears as a drab grey, but very subtly, so that the net effect of the individual shots is to make colour a living, dynamic force.

I only wish that every

film maker could follow the brilliant example of Antonioni and make films that are real.

The **MERRION CENTRE ODEON** really will start showing *The Pink Panther* and *A Shot in the Dark* next week. The two Bond films move down the road to the **PLAZA**.

The **TOWER** will be showing Wyler's *The Collector*. I'm sure a lot of people missed this frighteningly real expose of a man with a kink during its run at the Odeon some

weeks ago. The Collector is an outstanding film. Don't miss it this time.

Jerry Lewis stars in *The Family Jewels* at the **A.B.C.** He plays seven parts in the film, which is about a very young little girl whose affluent parents die, and the subsequent struggle to find her a suitable guardian.

I like Jerry Lewis, he's funny. But he's beginning to get monotonous. And in *The Family Jewels*, despite the huge number of parts he plays, he can't really

prevent his young co-star from stealing the film, which in itself is first-class entertainment.

At the **ODEON: The Glory Boys** (with Tom Tryon and Santa Berger). A well-made, gutsy U.S. Cavalry film with red indian battles presented in the Zulu tradition. Ideal for Western fans.

Don't forget *Rio Bravo* at **SUNDAY CINEMA**. Starring John Wayne and Dean Martin, this is one of the most gripping, original westerns I've ever seen. Strongly recommended.

Quality worth the price

FOR those of you who read my last article and are thinking of coming to The Whip some time, please note that due to a slight disagreement with the landlord, **BALLAD and BLUES** on Saturday evenings will in the future be held in the **ADELPHI**, lower Briggate. The room is great, and should seat 300 easily.

To move on to this week's clubs, the **YORKSHIRE FOLK CENTRE** at the Royal Sovereign, Kirkstall is one of the best

clubs in Leeds. Although the prices are rather high, both guest and resident singers are of the highest quality. Phil Grenfell, the well-known descendant of a Geordie pit pony, is always amusing, and his repertoire now includes

not only music-hall songs, but also many fine English and Scottish traditional numbers.

FOLK by Mark Mitchell

The Peggs, too, are resident here, and though some people accuse them of taking their singing too seriously, their traditional style is well suited to this particular club.

CLUB MEMPHIS, meet-

ing Thursdays and Saturdays, is in a different position from many of the clubs in Leeds. As *Ballad and Blues* is finding at the present, unless you have a great variety of singers, the club tends to go stale and the evenings rely more and more on the guest singer to raise the standard.

Residents here tend to concentrate on American songs and Dylan's influence is certainly felt!

The degree of audience participation is notoriously bad, and it takes an accomplished singer to overcome this difficulty. Only Martin Carthy has recently managed to break down this audience-artist barrier and the result was an excellent evening.

W.U.S. JUMBLE SALE
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Harriot maintains reputation

ARTISTS like Joe Harriot have big reputations to carry; but Harriot is stalwart enough to cart his. With able help from Mike Garrick (piano), Coleridge Goode (bass), and Al Green (drums), his job at The Peel last Friday was made easier. The recital showed excellence in plan and presentation.

The first number 'I want to be Happy' was followed by 'I didn't know what time it was' and here one saw one of those accidents which have memorable aftermaths. Green had dropped his sticks after Harriot's solo had finished, and so Garrick flitted thoughtfully through

thirty-six bars of the chorus while charming Coleridge Goode gave a worthy and shining display of how to play a 'walking' bass.

This harmonic foundation of four heavy crochets to the bar gave way in Goode's own solo to a bowed improvisation which showed technical brilliance adapted to suit Goode's very creative expressions.

After 'Love for sale' we were treated to Harriot's 'free-form' work. This comprised a scheme based on Garrick's 'A face in the crowd,' into which was woven the abstract phrases of one, singly, or several,

together yet differently, of the performers. This was not for the weak; but those who had faith and were

JAZZ by Norris Mane

willing to be led were not disappointed, for things clicked and likeable patterns emerged.

Harriot's playing throughout the evening was varied—now fiery and wild, now cool, controlled and sweet, but ceaselessly virile and new, so always fresh and interesting.

The second half began

with Garrick's 'Promises.' Mike seems a talented writer. His solos seem to embrace the style of three decades of jazz in which he intersperses some 'Tranish' figures couched in his individual framework.

Swinging

In 'Portrait of a young lady,' Harriot found a delightful groove. The group had settled and were swinging now, thanks to Green and Coleridge Goode. When 'Satin Doll' was played, the night's ale had been supped, Harriot and company were walling mightily—the fans were in raptures.

By the time the group closed with 'Oleo' everyone was burning in ecstasy—maybe that was why the room was so unbearably smokey!

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SPORTS EDITORIAL

Fitness

NOW that the season of UAU matches is upon us once again, it is of paramount importance that teams representing the University should be fit enough to fulfil their task of upholding the University's reputation.

In many cases where important matches are lost it is not the case of the more highly-skilled team winning, but of the team which is absolutely match fit lasting a hectic pace better than an unfit team.

An obvious example is of the University Cross Country team, which by superior fitness and training has shown itself as one of the major forces in the North of England.

Of course, dedication does not always reap its due reward—it would be hard to find a fitter team than this season's Rugby XV, yet they have not had the success one might have hoped for. But, in spite of this, every member of the team has given of his best.

This is not the case with many teams; in too many, it is a case of a few members of a team being fit and the general standards of the team being lowered by those who aren't. The Fencing Club, in spite of their successes this season, feel that they could meet with even greater triumphs with a team in which every member was fit.

It is the duty of everyone who represents the University to train himself to fitness so that neither the University or his team colleagues are let down.

For Mods and Rockers?

by CHRIS BULLOCK (L.U.U. Motor Cycle and Scooter Club)
THE Motor Cycle and Scooter Club is probably one of the newest societies in the Union, being only one year old. Indeed, since by some peculiar coincidence many of the members of last year's committee were sent down, we are more or less starting the new year with a clean sheet.

In previous years bike owners have more or less been under the wing of Motor Club — and it is likely that there will still be co-operation between the two. Not only in fact for film shows, etc., but also for the use of the university garage-to-be and probably a stock of common tools.

USEFUL SERVICE

As well as helping with tools, the club provides an even more useful service to bike owners. A list of members who have volunteered to be consulted on matters regarding motor cycles and scooters will soon be up on the Club board. Help will be given by these people on such matters as repairs, the Ministry of Transport test and buying machines. So the new bike owner, blinking with fear at the newly revealed world of unco-operative garages and surly mechanics, will have a guiding hand in his troubles.

BUYING OR SELLING A BIKE?

Another club scheme about to swing into operation is the motor cycle exchange bureau. The idea is that potential sellers of machines will inscribe their names in a book to be consulted by potential buyers, regardless of club membership. To get this into operation, a stall will be set up in the Union one or two days a week.

Besides a projected programme of film shows and talks, the Club runs a regular SUNDAY AFTERNOON OUTING for both motor cycles and scooters. We usually start from the Parkinson steps at 1-30, and destinations vary from local scrambles to odd places of interest.

In a Union with so many motor cycle and scooter owners, as the back of the N.A.B. can testify, we stand a good chance of becoming a very influential club if the initial enthusiastic support of this year is kept up, and we are able to enrol as many new members as we would like.

Defeated by high winds

BRISTOL AND LONDON BEAT SAILING CLUB

LEEDS met Bristol at Roundhay last Saturday in conditions which were very trying for the home team, but they were soundly defeated by a far better team.

In the first race, both teams got a fair start, but the Leeds boats sailed faster on the first reach and were first, third and fourth around the first mark. However on the beat the Bristol boats showed their supremacy by sailing very fast while the Leeds team were unable to foot as fast or to point as high in the strong winds.

When the Bristol boats established a lead, they covered the home team extremely closely displaying brilliant team tactics in doing so. At the end of the first beat Bristol were first, third and fifth.

For the remaining two rounds, the home team gained places on the reaches, but lost them again on the beat and at the finish Bristol were in the first three places.

Leeds 15, Bristol 24½. In the second race, both teams again got a fair start and again the home team sailed faster on the reaches but were still outsailed on the beats.

G. Staedwick (Miss L. Brown) was second over the line for Leeds, C. Moffett (Miss G. Forsstrom) and J. Mobbs (G. Swanbury) fourth and fifth. This gave Bristol a victory by a mere quarter of a point with 19½ points to Leeds 19.

On Sunday the home team, fresh with tips and hints given by the Bristol team, sailed against London University.

Even before the start, C. Moffett was in an incident with one of the London boats,

which was subsequently disqualified for a breach of the rules.

Heartened by this early success the home team sailed well, covering the London team whenever possible, but after an incident on the run on the second lap, C. Moffett retired.

With only four boats left to count, London crossed the line first, S. Mobbs second, London third, G. Staedwick fourth. This left the home team with a narrow points victory, with 17 points to London's 16½.

In the second race, in a dying breeze, the home team started well and were in a winning combination of second, third and fifth at the end of the first lap, but on the following reach two of the London boats got past into second and fourth positions. However C. Moffett (Miss G. Fastsstrom) lying in fifth position and a hundred yards back coming to the last mark, spotted a squall coming and altered course towards it. The impetus from this squall took him to the lead which he held till the end of the race.

The finishing order was C. Moffett (Miss G. Fastsstrom) first, J. Mobbs (I. Swanbury) fifth, and G. Staedwick (Miss L. Brown) sixth.

This gave victory to London by 21 to Leeds 18½. Overall, therefore, Leeds lost by 35½ to 37½ but even though they lost, every race sailed is more practice and experience which the home team badly need.

B.U.S.F. Championships

AT Crystal Palace last Friday 4 men and 4 ladies represented Leeds in the B.U.S.F. Individual Badminton Championships. In the singles only Miss Christine Richardson got through a round.

However in the Men's Doubles Norman Kershaw and Colin Cook played very well and reached the quarter-finals where they were defeated in a close struggle by the 1st pair from Newcastle who last year won the U.A.U. Championship. 2nd pair Pat Frymann and Malcolm Gibson played their best so far this season and got through 2 rounds. In the

Ladies Doubles Linda Thomson and Christine Richardson had a very good fight but lost in 3 games. 2nd pair Jill Robinson and Jennifer Heron although they lost gained valuable experience. The only thing to be said about the Mixed Doubles is that the team was too tired after a long day's Badminton and little sleep the previous night to play up to standard and consequently everyone lost.

Continued success

Lacrosse XII 6 Boardman and Eccles 5
THE University continued in last week's form against Boardman and Eccles away on Saturday, winning in a hair-raising finish by 6 goals to 5.

Leeds opened well with two quick goals from C. Beaumont and N. Kennedy, but thereafter failed to pierce the packed home defence so that Leeds turned round 3-2 down at half-time. Play in the second half was very evenly matched and by the third quarter Leeds were still 5-4 down despite N. Kennedy's further two goals.

With just under five minutes to go Leeds scored again through M. Pilbrow to level the score in a game that seemed to be destined for a draw. However, in the dying seconds of the match Leeds put on terrific pressure and after several shots had been blocked or picked up by the home defence and goalkeeper, G. Wasiewicz managed to flick in the last goal for Leeds almost on time, in a goalmouth scramble.

The University were somewhat lucky in this close

victory since the attack failed to play with last week's penetration except for great efforts in the last quarter. The Leeds defence, despite restricting the Boardman and Eccles attack to a mere 5 goals, were also somewhat below par with only D. Sewart showing anything like the consistency of previous games.

Liverpool beaten

IN a very one-sided swimming match, Leeds won every event except the backstroke, many of them by a handsome margin. Score 43; 25.

In the water polo, a U.A.U. section match, Leeds displayed only a mediocre performance to smash a weak Liverpool by 16-4. Howe and McKee score five each, other scorers were Tedd and Westerman.



J. Cooke, this year's Motor Club Chairman, leaving the start of the rally of the Northern Lights, in which he came fourth, navigated by K. Sonson. Fourth place was also their achievement in the Inter-Varsity Rally last week-end.

Woman's viewpoint

AFTER battling my way through the fog and the turmoil of a journey of a number 33 Corporation bus, I eventually reached my objective: a Rugby match.

I was agog with curiosity to see what actually happened on the field, for I had plenty of experience of the players off the field! As I walked towards the pitch, cries of "Get it in there!" "Make it safe!" "Don't let it get through!" etc. together with far more brutal exhortations to "Sit on his head... Kick his head in... and... Take him low" greeted my ears. I'd always thought that Rugby was a gentleman's sport.

The scene that met my eyes closely resembled a heap of dirty laundry with a few divers arms and legs thrown in for good measure. The heap suddenly disintegrated and men started to run in all directions, looking as though they had lost their ball. One ball between 30 men seems to be totally inadequate! Suddenly a player found the ball and was promptly grabbed by the

scruff of the neck hurled violently to the ground and sat on by four hulking great brutes from what I imagine was the other side.

I was fascinated by the constant stream of abuse being used and was conscious afterwards that I had considerably enlarged my vocabulary. This is not a sport for ladies, nor for that matter, gentlemen. Whilst feeling relieved that the player's aggressive emotions were being consumed on the field, I imagined the plight in which girls might find themselves if it were not.

The 'Gentlemen's Sport' seems to be nothing more than an excuse for grown men to behave in an extremely anti-social and juvenile manner. This is only surpassed by the energy and enthusiasm put into the ritual dirty dirges sung in the bar afterwards to the accompaniment of innumerable pints of ale.

Harp Lager Trophy

LEEDS First Rowing Eight lost the Harp Lager Trophy for Northern Universities to Nottingham who entered for the first time this year when the race was held at York last Saturday over the Regattas course.

Nottingham, who rank as the finest rowing provincial university beat the Leeds crew by one length in the semi-final.

Eleven universities sent crews to this race and to the Invitation Fours race, including two from Scotland, one of which, Edinburgh, won the fours race. Leeds took over the organisation of the racing this year and will continue to do so while the event is held at York.

The Leeds Eight, which is still in the middle of its winter training, is not yet settled, as was the case with most clubs competing, and

will not be racing again until the Christie Cup in February at the start of the season's racing, apart from its annual race with University College, London on the Thames during the last weekend of term.

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Apology

UNION NEWS wishes to apologise to Mr. Phil Short, writer of last week's article on the Northern Lights Rally for referring to him as Phil Shaw.

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KENT QUILTS SPECIAL STATEMENT

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Mr. Bill Savage, President of the NUS, stated "I firmly believe that the decision taken by the majority of the delegates will severely limit the effectiveness of NUS as a body which is interested in this country but also in other countries of the world, especially in the developing areas."

Many people have become suspicious of the motives and reasons behind Alan Hunt's stand that NUS should remain neutral.

This suspicion has seriously grown in the light of a statement made by ex-Communist NUS secretary Margot Kent to Union News:

"I shall resign from Union Committee and my post as NUS secretary next Monday at Union Committee. I feel this step is necessary as I was largely elected to these positions as a Communist. For various general and



Margot Kent

specific reasons I find myself unable to remain in the Communist Party.

"As far as NUS is concerned I believe it is politically dishonest to oppose the Executive of NUS on the platform put forward by Mr. Hunt and others at Council. Communist Party policy has stated quite clearly in the past that it is for a political NUS. The vote against ISC affiliation was carried very largely on the platform of a non-political Union. Regrettably the whole matter was not discussed by the Communist Society before Mr.

Hunt had produced his report.

"I believe Communists should make their position clear. It follows logically from the Communist Party programme that NUS should be aligned with the progressive IUS and that Communists should be working towards this. Mr. Hunt gave the impression at Council that Communists were not in favour of joining IUS. I believe this is a hypocritical and misleading position to adopt. Like Mr. Hunt, I want international student unity, but unity is worthless in itself. Communists can only unite on a progressive basis."

Alan Hunt stated to a packed meeting of the debating society of the Union on Wednesday afternoon that: "At no time will I advocate that NUS join IUS."

In the light of Margot Kent's statement above and the statement made by Alan Hunt, there seems to be a divergence between Communist Party policy and the ideas of Alan Hunt.

There can be little doubt that Hunt's statement does in many respects clear him of much of the suspicion which many people have attached to his motives in keeping NUS out of the ISC.

V.C. OPENS TV.

"WE can do more here than the BBC in Leeds can at the moment." This was how Derek Holroyde, Director of the new University T.V. Service, described the new studios.

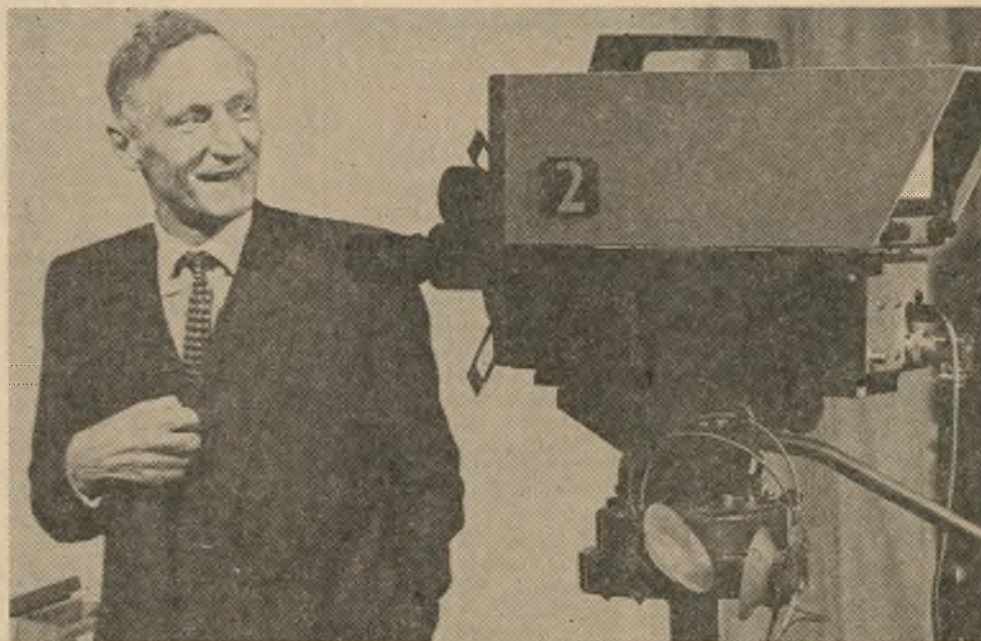
Mr. Ken Severs, the BBC representative in Leeds, agreed with him.

The occasion was a small informal ceremony Wednesday lunchtime to celebrate the opening of the studios by the Vice-Chancellor. Among those present were most of the members of the working party which had proposed the formation of the service.

Potato store

After being shown round the studios and watching a short demonstration, Sir Roger Stevens described the service as "The nerve centre of the University" and reminisced about the time when the studios were a potato store.

The formal opening will be early next year, when it is hoped that Miss Jenny Lee, Minister of Cultural Affairs, will be able to perform the ceremony.



Caught by the camera! Sir Roger Stevens at the opening of the TV Centre which starts work this afternoon. The first TV stars—students from the English Department making a programme on English as a second language.

BITTER M.J. DEBATE

COURT action was threatened by two speakers in debates this week.

The atmosphere was very heated as motions on the Mouat-Jones and the NUS Margate Council were debated.

Amongst questions made to officials, Mr. Urquhart asked Union Treasurer, Ian Macnay, how much it cost to send the NUS delegation to the Margate Council. After a breakdown of the figures it was estimated that the total cost was about £200. Mr. MacNay also stated that £554 had been budgeted to cover both of the NUS conferences.

Questions were also asked about expenditure on debates' lunches and also what the Chairman considered to be a

'Private Member.'

With reference to the lunches, Mr. Triggs stated that these lunches were given only to visiting speakers and people who were actually involved in the debates. Mr. Aidous defined a 'Private Member' as being anyone who was registered in the Union files as a member of the Union.

The M.J. has been the subject of much fierce argument in the last few weeks, so it was not surprising that

a motion of censure on Union Committee and Executive Committee was brought before debates.

Mr. Peter Archard proposing the motion charged Union Committee with "gross mismanagement" of the M.J. scheme. His fondness for Mr. Macnay's expression "cock-up," caused several humorous interruptions.

Mr. Roger White gave a detailed analysis of just why the M.J. was so late in opening. After a 25 minute speech he concluded that the fault lay mainly with the general attitude of British industry.

Mr. Mitchell spoke after Mr. White and when he finished his speech Mr. Mayer

moved that the motion be not put. This was overwhelmingly carried.

It was indicated during the debate that the M.J. would be open in the very near future.

The next motion, proposed by Miss Vivien Hopkins, urged that smoking be prohibited during Union debates.

As members reached for what might be their last cigarette, she claimed that she had been suffocated in debates. The House expressed its sympathy in its usual light-hearted manner.

The motion was then

amended to read—"Smoking should be prohibited until alternative ventilation arrangements had been discussed." After his third attempt Mr. Coward rose to his feet, receiving a great ovation. He proposed that the motion should now be put. It was put and carried by a slender majority.

This decision did not deter several members from lighting cigarettes as an open protest.

John Urquhart moved a motion concerning the NUS international motion and the topic of whether Leeds had the right to move their motion at the Margate Council. His motion was completely defeated after a great deal of lengthy and bitter argument.

'DUGGIE' DISAPPEARS

ELEVEN days after disappearing from University Entertainments Secretary Doug Alexander was finally traced to his home in Sandwich, Kent.

He was only found after the police had been called in and Alexander had been reported as a missing person.

For well over a week most of Entertainments committee were in complete ignorance of his whereabouts. They resisted all attempts to register him as officially missing, feeling that any publicity given to his case would have grave effects on his University course. On Monday, however, it became clear that Alexander was definitely missing and despite much opposition from members of the Ent's committee and his friends, Paul Charlesworth, who had earlier opposed bringing in the police, reported his disappearance.

A policeman called at the Union where Mr. Charlesworth gave him a description and a photograph of his friend. Within twelve hours, Alexander had been traced to his home.

Mystery surrounds his departure from Leeds. He was reported to have left a note to Mick Coles another member of Ent's, telling him that he was going away for a time.

None of his friends could cast any light on possible reasons for his sudden disappearance. They felt that he should be left to sort out any problems that he had on his own without interference from Union News.

Paul Charlesworth told Union News: "Duggie is



Doug Alexander

dead independent, but I will be very glad to see him back in circulation despite the apparent unconcern of some members of the Union and people I thought were his friends. I would like to see Doug continue as Ent's Sec. because he is definitely the only man for the job, and I hope his absence has no repercussions in the Union or in his department."

