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Threepence

SENSATION OR INFORMATION?

says RHODES



DEVON FRESHERS' WEEK-END. THE FORBIDDEN RACE?

UNION COMMITTEE REPORT or Union Committee are at it again!

The N.U.S. Secretary, Mr. Richard Price, reported to the Union Committee on Monday that the Leeds motion condemning the system under which student grants are cut upon their marrying, was carried at the recent N.U.S. Council in July. Accustomed as we now are to meeting Exec. opposition to our proposals, in this at least we expected their wholehearted support. Mr. Jarvis, however, took his accustomed stand in opposing us, closely followed by the rest of the N.U.S. Exec. The query remains, has the President of the N.U.S. got the interests of students at heart, or do these disappear under the searching light of the Ministry of Education?

Union Ball.

The Entertainments Sub-committee announced that, in order to cut the cost of the Union Ball, the guest list had been reduced. Among the uninvited are the presidents of Halls. It was also recommended that the members of this Sub-committee be given free tickets for the Ball. Both recommendations were carried, amidst opposition. The Sub-committee are to be congratulated on their arrangements.

Jubilee Arrangements.

Tentative arrangements for

the University Jubilee celebrations are now being made. Any one with any ideas about this (preferably constructive) should contact any member of the Union Committee. Jubilee Week is to be from April 26th to May 1st, 1954. On Tuesday of that week an Honorary Degree Ceremony is to be held at the Town Hall, at which U.C. members have been requested to parade in academic dress! The names of the Honorary graduands have not yet been announced. Fifty free tickets will be available to students. On Friday, April 30th, a Jubilee Ball is to be held in the Union, details of which are to be arranged later. A suggestion that the Parkinson Court should be used was rejected.

Hops.

It was reported that large numbers of students came to the first Hop of term without their Union cards. It is pointed out that NO-ONE will in future gain entry without a Union card. The House Secretary's duties do not include spending his entire Saturday evening collecting "autographs" from the remiss and forgetful!

It was decided to purchase a new piano for use in the Social Room, in order to avoid the confusion with the bands which occurred on this Saturday. It

An Open Letter to the Editor.

Every other week we buy, beg or steal a copy of **Union News** and read it or parts of it. Why? I suppose the answer varies—some are interested in what is really happening in Union life, others want to read the latest scandal about "so and so." Should the Editor cater for all tastes? I suggest she should not! There is always an element in any society which would like to see in print some sordid information or other, who would like to have a dig at some person whom one does not like (or of whom one is jealous), or would like to fling mud at their elected representatives because presumably that is what their representatives are there for. Such people are numerous, unfortunately, in Britain to-day. It is precisely because the scandalous has such public appeal that the *Daily Mirror* and such like publish their sex, crime and other filth. It is a "good money-spinner."

But I suggest a Union newspaper should be different. Most students are sensible and responsible people. They want real news and objectively reported news. They know that debates, or socials or games are rarely the all black, all white roaring successes or dismal failures, which reporters tend to make them. They know that there are many shades of grey in between.

But I shall be told, "we cannot sell the paper unless the headlines are sensational." Well, even the truth can be sensational, but in any case I doubt if many students can stick persistent and usually obvious inaccurate sensation for very long without becoming bored.

Well, you say, what am I driving at? Precisely this—I think **Union News** is a jolly good paper, but I think it could be better. I would suggest that in future all societies or committees which are criticised in **Union News** should be given the right of reply at the same time that the criticism is made. (It is not always done, Madam Editor, as your files will show you). I would suggest that reporters with a personal axe to grind should have them blunted by the Editor, before they are allowed to hack their way into print. (Have a shrewd look over a few back issues and see how many such axes you can discover.) I would draw attention to the fact that it is very easy to criticise from a seat in the gallery, but much more useful to do better yourself from the floor (take another look at past debates reports and ask yourself how active your reporters are as debaters). Finally, let me appeal to the readers; enjoy your paper by all means, but discipline yourself to enjoy it because it touches upon the essential truths of Union life rather than the rare and usually 80% invented fantasies of Union life. If the Editor assists this policy, I do not think sales will drop. I have worked and written for several papers and that would not be my experience. If sales do drop, it would be a sore reflection on the intelligence of the average student. I have much confidence in the intelligence of average students, and for that reason I think that this year could well be a bumper year for our newspaper—if we are given the real facts.

GEOFFREY W. RHODES.

(Ed.—This article is completely unedited).

was also decided to lighten the Women's Common Room, as members had expressed dissatisfaction with the soft or semi-lighting arrangements.

Rag.

Mr. Gee complained that Rag Week was too late. Rag business was left over until the next meeting. In passing, it might be profitable to point out that Rag Week is at present fixed for the week following the examinations, and is therefore, on the contrary, too early. A week's grace is usually allowed to elapse between exams. and Rag Week, in order to allow time for last minute preparations, and in-

tensive final rehearsals and set-building for Rag Revue. Moreover, how many students would have the energy to rush round Leeds selling **Tykes** the morning after the Good-bye Ball?

The meeting closed at 10 p.m., and the committee left with colds, headaches and parched throats—the latter, at least, due to the lack of half-time coffee and biscuits (price 3d. to committee and observer alike).

Comment.

P.S.—We understand Mr. G. Rhodes was more parched than most. But then, he knows more facts than most.

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EDITORIAL

Stop the Clowning at Debates

We have noticed a decided and lamentable decline in the standard of debating in this Union since the time of Khurso, Forster and Cook.

Now -- funny after dinner speeches, and other vague witterings, have taken the place of the majestic and often inspired orations that used to fill our debating hall.

The following questions must therefore be answered:—

1. Are we sacrificing our debating skill to the rampagings of "the Twiddle," and Collins? (Incidentally, we wonder if the majority of people laugh, "with," or "at," these debates clowns?)
2. Which is the more important — maintaining an intelligent debating standard which will make for the training of "speakers" to represent Leeds at other Universities — or slap stick comedy turns for the gallery? (Debates Committee seem to take the latter view).
3. What, therefore, is the policy of Debates Committee — Fun for the Kiddies perhaps?

We would suggest that Leeds University Union Debates Society is the means whereby a reputation for the wit and eloquence of Leeds Students can be established in other Universities. We are in danger of losing this opportunity because quantity is preferred to quality.

Furthermore, we welcome the answer to these queries—in the form of a custard pie perhaps.

"PRO TEMPORE"

by BUNBERRY

PINK PUB.

The flamingo pink décor, which now graces some of the walls in the bar should prove an effective arrangement, for not only does it camouflage the pink pachyderms, which were wont to roam there, but it shows a taste for colour which we had begun to despair of finding in the Union. The Union Committee, who spent part of their recent meeting discussing who should finance their drinking at the Union Ball are to be thanked for this development in the bar, and recommended to visit it sometime.

TABLE d'HOTE.

Glancing through the whole sordid gamut of the refectory menu it is amusing to notice the growing tendency to blame our less palatable dishes on the European. Yesterday's stale sponge covered with custard, for example, becomes "Swiss Trifle," a mass of sausage meat, "Vienna Steak." If we invent these ersatz meals, can we not confess our kitchen crimes; shame the devil and perhaps the cook at the same time.

"NOT FLUNG FAR ENOUGH."

The ubiquitous Scottish Dancers have again made a quite promising start to their annual campaign to be the Union's biggest bores. These "folky" relics from Bolton, Blackburn and Bootle treated us to a beautifully primitive demonstration at the Freshers' Hop and Bazaar Day was wonderfully plagued by their gramophone records. History reports that the bagpipes were presented to Scotland by the Irish. Haven't they seen the joke yet?

BATTLE OF THE BANDS.

The beer stained, out of tune piano which came to the Social Room from the Territorial Army, caused quite a "situation" at the hop. The pianists of both bands on the lower ground floor rejected the instrument as unplayable; a keen rivalry ensued for the possession of the almost-in-tune piano in the Women's Common Room, and disgruntled musiclans seemed to be the main

occupants of the room that was intended for soft lights and sweet music. Incidentally, one of the best groups that has visited the Union for some time was prevented from playing because of this impasse.

"MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS."

What happened to autumn this year?—It seems to have been crowded out by the Indian Summer and a precocious spirit of winter. There has scarcely been time to linger nostalgically over "September Song" and pictures of falling leaves in magazines and newspapers before lighting up times and winter collections at the fashion houses have burst upon us. It was rather pleasant to be plunged back into summer by the out-of-date magazines in the Union library; "Picture yourself in this Jantzen," "Dresses for the Summer Evenings," "Iced Drinks for the Tennis Club"; wonderful! But already we begin to go in fear of the snowman with its attendant group of children, which is bound to appear on the front page of *The Observer* one Sunday in the near future just as inevitably as the droopy donkey on the sands announced the end of summer recently.

FASHION ON THE CAMPUS.

The Manchester Guardian reports that the advent of the new university year in America has brought into magazine articles and advertisements, fashions for girls going or returning to the universities. It reports that "The Classic attire is still a tweed skirt and woollen tops. They wear a special cap during the first few days; jockey style, colours vary from university to university." Just how fashion conscious can you get? We used to think that our women's clothes here had much to be desired, but now we are not so sure.

BUNBERRY'S BAUBLE.

Bunberry's Bauble is awarded this week to the Union Librarian for not bringing the magazines up-to-date just yet.

Music in Leeds

By DORMIN.

The Leeds Triennial Festival was for the first time in its history without its own Festival chorus. In days gone by this chorus attained a wide reputation and competition was keen to get in. The inability to form such a chorus reflects not so much the lack of singers and cultivation of musical taste, as indeed some critics would have us think, but rather the fact that people cannot afford the time or the money to give their services for such a function. It is worth remembering that besides many rehearsals the singers have to have a week from work during the Festival time.

This year we had the opportunity to hear some famous Yorkshire choirs performing, and what must be a unique opportunity of comparison occurred. Laurals of the week went to the Sheffield Phil., and the Huddersfield Choral, both of which left the Leeds Phil. behind in matters of tone and control. The Leeds choir were good but not good enough. Their performance in the "Apostles" was especially below par. As one critic said (as we both left at half-time) "It's not essential to drain the barrel to know when the beer's off." I would suggest that the Leeds Phil. had another audition of its ranks—many of whom are past their vocal prime.

The only new work performed was by Phyllis Tate—a choral scene from the Bacchae, effectively formed by the Guild of Singers. This choir is on the upgrade—having much advanced under Prof. Denny. They sing more like a group and less like a bunch of enthusiastic soloists as they did before. Other works reflected a healthy policy of performing lesser known works. Whatever the success financially, this policy is sound artistically. On looking at a list of previous programmes dating from the start of the Festival in 1858, when the Town Hall was opened, we see many curious details. How dated they seem now—"The May Queen," "Golden Legend," "The Fire King"—all works then received favourably by critics and public (a dangerous sign...). Now they

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SOCIETY NEWS

Well, Hi Ya Caf-Crawlers! We're very pleased to see that by the number of Society reports that haven't poured into our office and by the dullness of those that have, you've taken our advice of the last issue. Well done!

The next thing is to sabotage that Society of all Societies—the Union. Yes, just you leave your Union card at home, it causes such a lot of unnecessary work in the office.

Anyhow, be careful, this last week there was a reasonably enjoyable Overseas Students' Party, very well organised by Mr. Richardson, Mr. Kay and the Professor of Bio-Chemistry.

Even the overseas students seemed to have enjoyed it. Oh, and the tea was edible, too—you're slipping Caf-Crawlers!

For the benefit of those who were found early one morning still "watching the space" on the Italian Society notice, the committee, you will be pleased to note, will arrange for something else to be put there occasionally. "Are you still watching it?" has been suggested.

By the way, those obscure departments of Agriculture, Engineering, Mining, Textiles and the like, are said to have plans in the air for bigger, better and "almost-guaranteed-to-enjoy-yourself" Balls this season.

They're going to put some work into it all too. This will never do—isn't it going to undermine your traditional lethargy, you coffee and orange-squash imbibers?

Note for the week. — The next move in Cafmanship — when you have finally disorganised and disfigured the Union, you leave it altogether. When it is no longer inhabited by your idle throngs it will be put up for public auction. Who knows, it might be bought by the Children's Department or Menston.

SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS.

Puffing Billy

On Thursday 15th, the Railway Society held their first meeting of this term. Now you may think that Railway Soc. meetings are very technical affairs attended by greasy men in overalls, and so did I, but far from it. There are many facets to these followers of the Iron Horse, and this lecture by Mr. Dow, Public Relations Officer of the British Railways in London, showed, with the aid of about 120 coloured slides of his own collection how artistry and beauty are incorporated in the now obsolete heraldic devices used by the many railway companies of the past era.

The present emblem of the British Railways is greatly despised by the lovers of this old art form, and is most fittingly described as a half-starved lion on a stationary wheel. References were made to old customs such as the regular use of lavatory windows as hoardings for their Coats of Arms. It seems that the larger and more complicated the design, the smaller and more insignificant were the railways concerned.

In all a most enjoyable meeting was held with about thirty-five keen, enthusiasts there who also attended the annual dinner in the evening. The chief guest was Mr. Dow, and also present were Councillor Bertram Mather, an old student of the University; Mr. V. Matterface, Rolling Stock Engineer, Leeds City Tramways; Professor Carter and Dr. Dickenson of the Preventative Medicine Dept., who we assume was interested in comfort and draught-exclusion.

WANTED

by Editor . . .

SPORTS EDITOR AND SALES STAFF FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

MUSIC IN LEEDS—

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are all consigned to the vast limbo of musical mediocrity and one wonders what the generations of tomorrow will think of our works this week? Fascinating thought.

Finally—a bouquet for the L.S.O., and Joseph Krips, who did perhaps the most to make the Festival a success.



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GRANTS AND WELFARE

Those students who are living on faith, hope and charity, are urged to bring any problems concerning their financial welfare to the Grants and Welfare Office on the first floor of the Union

Building. The Office will be open every Thursday from 12-30 p.m. until 2 p.m., but a note stating your case and the times at which you are available may be left in the Office any day of the week.

"WELL . . .

. . . and on what exactly is the money, etc., spent which W.U.S. raises?" This is one of the questions we were very often asked at our stall on Bazaar Day. But first of all, our sincere thanks to all those who responded so readily to our call for voluntary workers.

Well, here are some of the items of the W.U.S.-Projects 1953/54:

Student Health.

(a) Substantial contribution towards building of new student sanatoria in India, Japan and Turkey, also towards provision of further pre-fabricated buildings for student convalescent centre in Egypt.

(b) Assistance to W.U.S. Student Health Services in Asia — in Burma, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and Korea

(c) Continued help to W. U. S. International Student Health Centre at Combloux, France.

(d) Assistance to British students suffering from tuberculosis, in co-operation with the British Students Tuberculosis Foundation and Pinewood Student Ward.

(e) Provision of Scholarships to enable native African students to study medicine in the Union of South Africa.

Student Accommodation.

(a) Substantial aid towards building of new hostels or international student centres in Egypt (Cairo); Greece (Saloniki); India (Delhi); Indonesia (Djakarta); Israel (Jerusalem); Lebanon (Beirut) and Pakistan (Karachi).

Educational Supplies and Equipment.

(a) Provision of urgently-needed laboratory equipment to Burma (Mandalay); and Indonesia (Bandung, Bogor, Surabaya).

(b) Provision of text-books and academic journals to college libraries and student reading rooms in Burma, Greece, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Yugoslavia, and East and West Africa.

Help to Individual Students and Lecturers.

(a) Provision of financial aid to refugee or other destitute students and lecturers in Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria and U.S.A. In many of these countries the funds required for this type of work will be solely raised by the national W.U.S. committees concerned, but in other areas help must be given on an international basis.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE.

Only 2,000 of the 12,850 students in need of financial assistance receive State Scholarships. The remainder receive grants from the Local Education Authorities. L. E. A. Awards, however, vary greatly in value according to the Authority concerned, and the Minister of Education has recommended to all Local Authorities that the level of their Awards be raised to that of State Scholarships.

As a result, various increases in some L.E.A. Awards have in fact been made, but the Minister has no compulsion in the matter and the marked disparity between authorities still continues, so that not only do a person's chances of receiving an award vary tremendously from place to place, but the value of the Award when he receives it also depends on where he lives.

At the last meeting of the N.U.S. Council in July of this year the present situation was said to be most unsatisfactory and the following resolution was passed:

"That this Council reaffirms its belief that all students selected for a full-time course of study at a University or College should receive an Award of sufficient value to enable them to derive the maximum benefit from their studies. It therefore instructs the Executive to take such steps as may be practicable to secure that the University and College Authorities should have at their disposal the funds necessary to enable them both to select students for their courses and also to make the necessary Awards."

Public Lectures & Music Recitals

AUTUMN TERM, 1953

Thursday, 15th October—Riley-Smith Hall, 3 p.m. Medical Inaugural Lecture. The Rt. Rev. J. C. HEENEN, Bishop of Leeds: "ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM."

Friday, 16th October—Great Hall, 1-20—2 p.m. Pianoforte Recital: DOROTHEA BRAUS.

Friday, 23rd October—Chemistry Lecture Theatre, 1-20—2 p.m. Professor J. K. S. REID, M.A., B.D., Department of Theology: "COMMENDING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH."

Monday, 26th October—Chemistry Lecture Theatre, 5-30 p.m. Mr. G. WILSON KNIGHT, M.A., F.R.S.L., Reader in English Literature, University of Leeds: "SHAKESPEARE AND ROYALTY."

Tuesday, 27th October—General Lecture Theatre, 5-15 p.m. Burroughs Memorial Lectures. First of a series of six lectures to be given by the Rev. R. S. LEE, B.LITT., M.A., D.PHIL., Vicar of the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford: "PSYCHOLOGY AND WORSHIP."

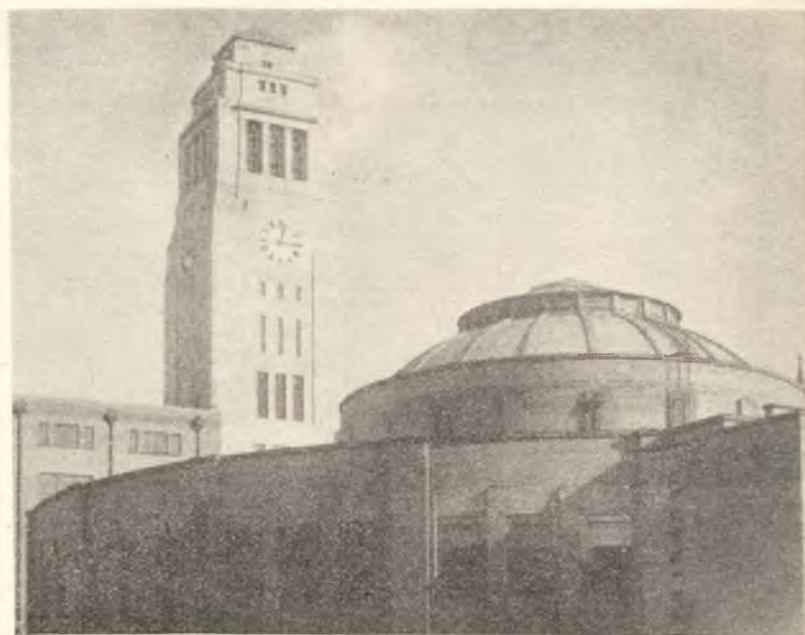
Wednesday, 28th October—General Lecture Theatre, 5-15 p.m. Burroughs Memorial Lecture. Great Hall, 7-30 p.m. Chamber Music Concert. THE HIRSCH STRING QUARTET and LEON GOOSENS, Oboe.

Friday, 30th October—Great Hall, 1-20—2 p.m. Violin Recital: JEAN POUQUET. At the Piano, FRANCIS MUMBY.

Monday, 2nd November—Chemistry Lecture Theatre, 5-30 p.m. Art Lecture. Mr. D. SYLVESTER: "FRANCIS BACON" (illustrated by lantern slides).

Tuesday, 3rd November—General Lecture Theatre, 5-15 p.m. Burroughs Memorial Lecture.

Wednesday, 4th November—General Lecture Theatre, 5-15 p.m. Burroughs Memorial Lecture.



NEW VIEW OF BROTHERTON & PARKINSON TOWER.

The Executive Committee . . .

The Executive Committee effect a saving in the man hours by the grounds staff. The committee agreed in principle to the purchase of such instruments.

Christmas Cards. — The Committee approved the design of a card submitted by Messrs. Walter Gardham Ltd., at the price of 5/- per dozen.

Flame Guns. — The prospectus of weed-killing flame thrower was shown to the committee. The use of these would

Thus the resolution starts from the premise that there are at present two distinct stages in the selection of a student for a University course. In the first place, a student has to secure a place in a University or College, and having done so he has to find the money to enable him to take it up. In the view of the N.U.S., therefore, these two operations should be reduced to one. The money should be entirely provided by the State, but should be administered by the University Authorities and not the Local Education Authorities.

Car Park.—It was remarked that the notices prohibiting parking on the drive were being ignored. Either measures should be taken to enforce the prohibition or the notices should be taken down. The Committee agreed to remove the notice.

Loss of Stop Watch. — Mr. Budden had reported the loss of a stop watch, value £4. Mr. Gee proposed another should be purchased. The Exec. agreed and decided Mr. Budden should not be fined, the accident was not his fault.

Caf. Chaff.

1. Congratulations Mile Middleton—you've made it: 21 years of solid drinking, keep it up boy.
2. It's certainly worth 3d.—this orange juice that is being sold in the caf—even tastes of orange.
3. Mike Brown is going to sell that Lagonda. The baby of the Motor Club is up for adoption. All the familiar faces are leaving us now.
4. Remarkable, how ordinary some of us would look without our beards or untidy hair—even mundane.

Dear, dear, that personality for some exists in a beard or side-boards.

To Quiet The Howling Mob

My old man's a fireman
Now, what d'ya think of that!
He wears gorblimey trousers
And a little gorblimey hat.
He wears a somethink muffler
Around his somethink throat.
For my old man's a fireman
On an Elder-Dempster Boat.

(To be sung with bared head, standing to attention).

Bottle's Bar Banter

From my seat by the window, I have been watching and drinking these last few days, and I have noticed one or two interesting things—at least they seemed interesting to me. Firstly, you can't have missed the change of colour in the Bar. What colour is it? Elephant Pink I have heard it called—but anyway it's pretty horrid (more horrid than pretty). There are but two possible saving graces to it. The first is that the ridges of the paper running downwards make it impossible to slide over sideways at the end of an evening leaning on it—you are more likely to slide down gracefully to a sitting position, a fact which may make some feel more confident. The other benefit gained is a personal one. I find that after an hour or so facing these walls, I now begin to feel ill whether or not I have been drinking heavily, this means that nowadays I stop drinking before any noticeable damage has been done. I wonder if you are affected this way. I guess not, since more people have left the Bar in a horizontal position than any other first week of term.

For statisticians and other abnormals I give you these figures for what they are worth, because they shock me. (I showed

them to a lady member of the Union who said, "Are you giving a party in your flat then?")

In the last seven days only, the following was consumed:—

- 15 eighteen gallon barrels of draught—2,160 pints.
- 90 dozen bottled beers.
- 6 dozen quarts of cider.
- 12 dozen pints of lemonade.
- 9 dozen bottles of pineapple and tomato juice.
- 3 bottles of whiskey.
- 3 bottles of rum.
- 5 bottles of gin.
- ½ bottle of brandy.
- 1 bottle of sherry.
- 2½ bottles of liqueurs (divers).

This prodigious quantity of liquor entails an expenditure by students and friends of approximately £243, enough, so the Government assume, for the support of one ex-serviceman for a year. The idea strikes me that any philanthropic soul in receipt of an F.E.T.S. grant could thus entertain the whole student body for seven glorious days, provided he was willing to make sacrifices—any offers?

Another facet of Bar life which I have noticed as a "short standing drinker," is that the quality of the singing has deteriorated. Last Saturday, although possibly a greater

SUPPRESSION

In the second week of term a member of the Union reported to the Editor that he had bought a cup of coffee in the Cafeteria which contained cigarette ends or tobacco among the coffee. At about the same time another person found lipstick on his coffee cup.

Resulting from these reports an article was prepared for the **Union News** calling on the Catering Committee to look into this matter.

The Editor accepted the article on the principle that honest criticism does nobody any harm. But last year Union Committee ruled that all articles which were connected with the catering side of the Union should be submitted to the Catering Committee before publication.

She therefore submitted it to

the Secretary of the Catering Committee. It was then passed on to an employee of the Union. This seems a strange way of treating confidential copy of a paper. So much rumpus was raised over the matter that the paper's publication was held up for three days.

To let things settle down the Editor agreed to withdraw the article from the last issue but said that she would not refrain from publishing an explanation of the facts.

If the Editor is restricted in any way except by the law of libel and slander and by what he or she believes to be the truth, then there is very little point in having a Union Newspaper at all. We do not want comic strips Madam Editor. We want to know the truth about Union Affairs.

volume of noise was produced, the tone and melody was lost in discordant vocal competition. New songs there may be, but my personal opinion and that of many co-drinkers, is that there was a subtle charm about the harmonised choruses of other years. Can we not have them back?

Can it be that the denizens of the Bar are becoming younger. This possible theory strikes me since I made a survey of the trends of drinking. As you will

see from my figures above, the quantity of spirits consumed is comparatively low, while I am assured from the other side of the Bar, that there has been a strong increase in the sale of cider, mild beer and particularly shandies.

Hello—closing time—I must drink up the dregs and move along to where—Bettys' or Bryans—we shall see—we might have a jar together during the week. Cheerio,

BOTTLE.

DEBATES REPORT

Having heard some of the admissions at the "Freshers" debate we were of the opinion that perhaps ignorance of it would have been bliss.

Mr. Gibson, proposing the motion, which was lost by 382 votes to 92 with 34 abstentions—told us he was the biggest idiot in the Union. Miss Wood, seconding, claimed a like qualification, but spoke mostly in Latin. Mr. Montgomery opposing, gave the results of what appeared to be a private survey on the women of the Social Studies Dept., and ignorance was not claimed by Mr. Macfarlane, his seconder, to be the best way to gain married bliss.

A large number of Freshers spoke at this debate. An in-

spiring beginning to debates this session. The speech of the evening was given by Mr. Duck (a Fresher), who quoted us Socratic wisdom and the invitation of the evening was again from Miss Beaty, who told us that women are not merely waiting for men to come along and marry them.

Racing News.—Mr. Collins advises laying a bet on every horse running—some poor sucker's sure to win!

The next debate, "That newspapers are predominantly an insult to the British community," was lost by 20 votes.

Mr. Walsh, defending, ably supported by the self-confessed "most argumentative woman in the Union," Miss Eidenow, spoke of the dangers of Monopoly, the

threats of having wealthy newspaper proprietors who could use their power without responsibility—which is merely the prerogative of harlots—and of the general irresponsibility of the get-rich-quick methods which we serious students deplore.

Gryphon spoke via Mr. Heard, in a very clever and amusing speech. He said that the public pays its 3d. to read what it wants—and why not have the *Daily Mirror* full of Sex, Sensation and Showgirls, we all know that **Gryphon** circulation is like that of the blood, retarded only by clots.

Mr. Mirza, in seconding the opposition, showed us how able he is to debate in a language not his own, as indeed did all the number of foreign students who spoke. He pointed out the advantages of the freedom of the

press here and quoted the well known words "I disapprove of what you say but I shall defend to the death your right to say it."

Speakers from the floor revealed an amazing number of not very interesting statistics as to the number of inches allotted to crime, etc., in various newspapers. Mr. Selwood, the Liberal Society, begged us to abstain and show our support of his party—there were 47 abstentions.

Having heard Mr. Collins speak almost sensibly, apart from his claim to the intelligence of the average man, the debate finished. We were left with two main thoughts. Are newspapers not only creators of opinion but created by it? Or does the public not get what it wants but what is foisted on to it?

Well ???

SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS.

FESTIVAL

Most of the old lags will remember that the first Festival of the N.U.S. was held here in Leeds last January. The N.U.S. considered it to have been a complete success apart from the rather small attendance. As a result of this opinion the second Festival is to be held at the S.W. Essex Training College from the 30th of December to the 5th of January.

Already booked to speak are Christopher Mayhew and Eric Crozier. There will be plays, films and musical concerts as well as a visual arts exhibition, an international concert and the final of the National Debating Competition. (Negotiations for broadcasting the final are going on with the B.B.C.). On top of

this you meet your fellow old lags and the by now not-so-innocent young Freshers from all over England and Wales at the New Year's Ball.

Last year the Union subsidised each Leeds member who attended the full Festival to the tune of £2 10s. 0d., and this is expected to be repeated. Without the subsidy the cost for the week with everything but travel included is £5 19s. 6d. If this isn't a bargain, what is?

Special Note for Overseas Students. The Colonial Office is prepared to subsidise 75 foreign students who attend the Festival. (Rail fare and 7/6 a day).

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POEM

No Fruit without the seed.

Desire

Has flowered into a star to-night
By subtle alchemy my fire
Turns heatless and shines forth
as light.

From link to link enchantment
grows

That each to all and all to each
Doth Bind—the odour to the
rose

Height mates with depth while
thought to speech

Leaps a lover to his love.

Oh fools who would try to
separate

Below from the embraces of
Above

Wisdom from beauty; if the seed
is destroyed

Where are the flowers that you
would consecrate?

You know not the mystery of
the void!

BOOK REVIEWS

by William I.

Report on the Sexual Behaviour of
Dr. Kinsey.

The last task in this great tryptych has been completed. From his first work we know already how the other half lives.

But what do we know of our gallant mediator? What of his life? Which aspect of the "Popes v. Stopes" conflict has his practical support? We know nothing of the man who knows all about us. However, during the past three years Dr. Kinsey himself has been interviewed by 3,639 men and women of both sexes. The results of this mammoth task have been distilled into "The Lawless Breed" (p.p. 276, \$5), published by Malthus & Co., New York.

The stories about him lose much in reproduction, as indeed does Dr. Kinsey, but it is interesting to quote from some of the interviews.

Mrs. Hammerstein (33), of Washington (D.C.), complained that she had not been satisfied by his conduct, yet a stenographer living in Radio City (A.C.), bemoaned the fact that she had.

Gone are the Thespians

Freshers make the footlights this year in Tony Armstrong's forthcoming production of "The Doll's House." Where are the Malcolm Rodgers, the Jacqueline Heywoods of former productions? Much as we have confidence in the sympathetic treatment this

POLITICIANS CORNER

by

BACK BENCH

The Bazaar.

The politicians of the Union got off to a good start when the five(!) political societies arrived at the Bazaar with colours flying. Especially notable were the Liberals, who returned to the Bazaar for the first time for several years. At the end of three days the score read: Conservatives 126, Labour Soc. 100, Socialist Soc. 40, Liberals 35, Communists 24. These figures augur well for an active political life in the Union this session. The figures, incidentally, reflect the national student position pretty accurately (my figures are from an authoritative source): Conservatives 31 branches, 4,000 members; Labour Students, 46 branches, 3,000 members; Liberals, 25 branches, 1,150 members; Student Labour Fed. (soc. socs.), 33 branches, 850 members; Communists, branches, 340 members.

Exec. Politics.

How long is it since the whole of the Exec. have been conscious supporters of some political club? Never before, I understand! Look at them this year. The president is a keen Labour Soc. member and Northern Universities Regional Officer of N.A.L.S.O. (Northern Universities Labour Student Organisation). His political allies include the G.A.S., the Student Treasurer and probably the J.V.P. Further to the left the S.V.P., Mrs. Walsh, Soc. Soc. supporter and former Exec. member of (S. L. F.) Student Labour Federation. On his right is James MacFarlane, Union Secretary and a Committee member of the Conservative Association of some standing. Carrying the banner of sweet reasonableness in the Exec. we have Liberal Soc. member, Peter Gibson, House Secretary. Yet the odd thing about all this is that the Exec. are getting on very well together this year. Possibly Union politics is a humanising process.

Off to a good start.

All the political clubs have got plans well laid for the term's activities. Lab. Soc. have started

Generally speaking this is a good book, but I have my doubts as to the accuracy of some of the fundamental assumptions. If, as the author admits, HE was found on a gooseberry bush then surely the stalk must have brought him.

N.B.—Dr. Kinsey seems to have ignored the fact that the division of the sexes is more than balanced by the multiplication.

producer will give his Ibsen, can he create out of inexperience the polish that some of our less talented but more experienced actors had? Will not the contrast between the one experienced actor in the cast and the rest be too great technically to prove aesthetically satisfying?

AROUND and ABOUT

The Gentle Sex?

A battle fought out with tea-pots, milk jugs and other kitchen utensils took place in the Caf. of the University of Pietermaritzburg between men and women students. The girls were victorious, presumably because they knew how to handle crockery.

well with 50 at their Freshers' Tea, when Councillor H. V. Wiseman spoke, and 50 more at a lunch-time meeting when the Rt. Hon. John Edwards, M.P., spoke. The Conservatives Freshers' Tea has been held with Mr. Richard Turton, M.P., as speaker. We go to press before attendance figures are known. The Liberals Freshers' meeting mustered 15, when Prof. Harvey spoke. The all-party symposium on British Guiana brought together 100 people, and an excellent discussion took place.

Future Activities.

The future looks good. The Northern Regional Conference of F.U.C.U.A. (Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations) is to be held in Leeds from Nov. 20th—22nd. The distinguished guests should really be welcomed by the President of the Union, as host of the Union (a rather quixotic position), but as he will be at the N.U.S. Council at Bristol that week-end the task will be delegated to the S.V.P.! On which note—happy hunting!

P.S.—The Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, M.P., will be speaking at the Union Annual Political Debate on February 5th.

The cause of the contest was the "predominance" of women students in the University. Their male colleagues demanded that the girls should be removed from all responsible positions, and this enfranchise for student council elections. In retaliation the girls resolved to bar males from access to their rooms, to boycott dances and to cease serving tea to men students in the cafeteria. The latter, apparently, goaded the men beyond endurance, for they entered in a mob; whereupon the girls splashed them with water and the battle ensued.

The Biter Bit!

Two students at Foggio were accused of hiring agents to rob their prof. because he had failed them in their examinations.

The three agents and the students were taken into custody.

A Dog's Life.

The number of veterinary doctors in Austria has increased so enormously that many graduates of the Vienna Veterinary Institute have been unable to secure employment, and the economic position of practising vets has "deteriorated to a shocking degree."

Student Bites Dust.

A student celebrating at Brisbane was knocked into a gutter by a policeman.

Taken to the Watch House he was charged with using obscene language. The so-called obscene language was the student's protest at being knocked over.

EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS STUDENT NEWSPAPERS.

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Yours, etc.,

The Editor.
Dear Madam,

We were disgusted by the display of bad taste and snobbery exhibited in the correspondence column of your last issue.

We do not share the opinion of this member of Conservative Association that a Fresher's place is in the Nursery. In fact we feel that there is already ample provision made for the immature and simple minded in the twin kindergartens of the Labour and Conservative Societies. There you don't need the ability to speak or think for yourself—there will be plenty of people only too willing to speak and think for you.

You have a chance to become founder-members of a new Society founded on enduring traditions. As prospective voters, how about taking an **active** part in Union politics by joining the Liberal Society?

Yours, etc.,
LIBERALLY MINDED.

Leeds University Union.
October 5th, 1953,

The Editor, **Union News**,
Madam,

Is it not time that some measure was taken to curtail the advertising methods indulged in with such lack of thought by certain Union societies? At this part of the term particularly the

public notice boards, are inevitably much in demand; yet the misguided enthusiasm of several societies, who shall remain unnamed, led to the recent exhibiting of a series of posters vast in area and repetitive in content, and worst of all unattractive to the eye. One cannot, I suppose, insist upon an acceptable aesthetic standard in this matter: but in the general interest such posters ought not to exceed the size of an half-imperial sheet or some similarly convenient standard, and there should be a firm rejection from the Union office of posters that commit the gross spelling errors that frequently occur in the script. But an even more basic improvement would be the provision of sufficient advertising space within the Union: the result could hardly be less tidy than the present situation and would at least give the society a chance to be exposed at its chosen level of self-recommendation. The weight of public opinion might then lead to a more general evidence of artistry and literacy among the Union's paper-decorators.

Yours, etc.,
ALAN THOMKINS.

Madam,

We were surprised at the bad taste displayed in the letter from Mr. Furze, which appeared in the last issue of this paper. There are several factors which may have influenced its writing.

1. Mr. Furze may have felt that since "Freshers" must anticipate a certain amount of "ragging," it was his duty to provide it.
2. Perhaps he felt his letter was a masterpiece of humour.
3. The explanation offered by psychologists that, as Mr.

Furze was the youngest male Fresher of his year, he may now feel that he has to assert himself.

4. Perhaps he fancied the post of nursemaid.

Whatever the explanation, we regret this display of adolescent humour in one who is a fourth year student, and we hope that the Freshers will not regard Mr. Furze's attitude as typical of the Union as a whole.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. BENNETT.
P. AUDINWOOD.
G. M. COLE.
A. M. MACVICKER.

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Madam,

I was appalled at the serious view taken by Mesdames Cole, Bennett, Audinwood and MacVicker, of Mr. Furze's letter. Can our second year students be so lacking in a sense of humour? It was obvious that his letter was never meant to be taken seriously, as an example of either Union or personal opinion. The Freshers, with greater discernment than your correspondents, have apparently laughed or smiled a little, and forgotten. Let us hope their example will be followed. When students lose the ability to laugh at themselves they sink into pedantry.

Yours, etc.,
EUNICE M. BEATY,
(Assist. Editor).

carefully any proposals for practical co-operation the I.U.S. might make and it should continue its own efforts to promote practical activity. It is also concluded that the I.U.S. governing bodies have little respect for the I.U.S. Constitution but treat it as a document to be ignored when expedient to do so.

WARSAW REPORT

The Congress' atmosphere was quieter than at Prague and the I.U.S. leaders worked hard to discipline the enthusiasm of the floor for long clapping and demonstrations. After the first day, however, applause was kept to a reasonable length. The fact that there was virtually no distinction drawn between delegates, observers and individuals made the proceedings less of a deliberative governing body than of a demonstrative rally.

Although the atmosphere was different the orientation of the speeches showed that the I.U.S. may still be regarded as the "Student Branch of the Cominform." The Executive report was a world survey, mentioning conditions in thirty-one non communist countries in a derogatory sense and conditions in three communist countries in an appreciative sense. The main theme for non communist countries was that either the burden of rearmament was stifling every possibility of improvement of educational facilities or that colonialism and the denial of national sovereignty was responsible for the lack of educational facilities.

Speeches came in the main from four categories; speeches from minority or sectional groups, explaining how intolerable life was in capitalist countries, speeches from *Peoples Democracies* explaining the happy life in such countries, speeches from the few Western European Unions to a lesser or greater degree critical of the I.U.S., and speeches from fraternal observers such as W.F.D.Y.

The report's conclusions state that the N.U.S. should study (Continued in preceding column).

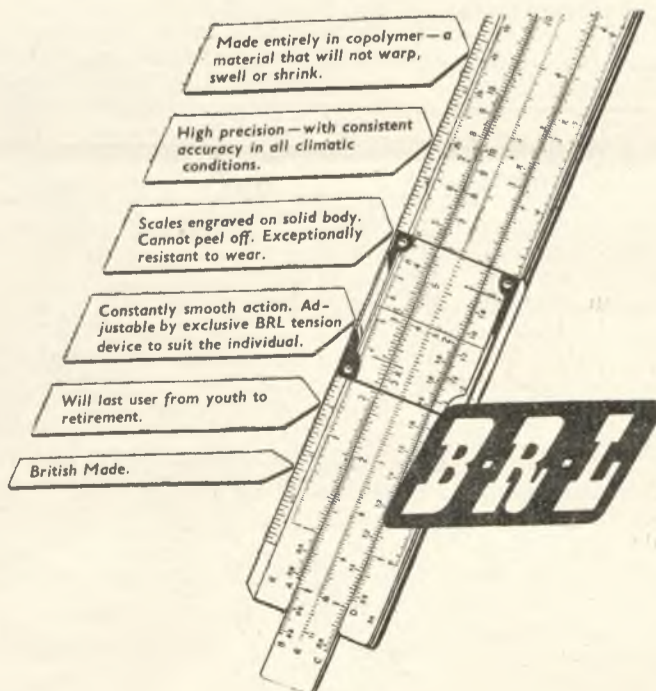
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SOCCKER CLUB

The 1st XI began the season in traditional style, with a series of unfavourable results in the West Yorkshire League during the vacation.

Since then the team has settled down considerably, although the results have continued to be disappointing. At Weetwood, Rothwell managed to win by the odd goal in five, while at Methley, Leeds again suffered a narrow defeat, this time 1-2.

On Saturday last, Oct. 24th, hopes of a big victory were high when Leeds gained a quick three-goal lead through some delightful football against Ferrybridge at Weetwood. However, a certain slackness crept in and a tremendous change came over the game, and with only about ten minutes to go the visitors were leading 5-3. In a storming finish Allen and Moore scored and Rogerson just failed to win a remarkable game when his shot hit the inside of a post and ran along the goal-line. First half scorers for Leeds were Eaglestone (2) and Allen.

The only University fixture played to date, against Loughborough at Weetwood, was an extremely disappointing affair. After only twenty minutes the referee, Mr. Euinton, was obliged to abandon the game through fog.

Once the team really settles down there should be considerable improvement on the disappointing results of last season. Added to a strong nucleus of last year's regulars, two ex-Manchester University players, Rogerson and Bradley, coming up for the Education Course, have fitted in well at right half and outside left. Another Education student, Brooke, from London University, has been very unfortunate from the point of view of injuries after he had looked like making the inside right position his own.

L.U. Cross Country Club

The Club closed last season with a highly successful week-end at Stainforth Youth Hostel, and opened this Saturday with a team trial race over 5½ miles. This race was won by P. Walker, in the excellent time of 31.52, the record for the course being T. Bird's 1951 figure of 31.07.

The 1st team, picked for Saturday, 17th of October, to run against Birmingham University, was:

E. Buchanan (captain),
W. Hall, P. Walkley,
I. Borney, B. Barnes,
I. Temple, A. R. Morton,
R. Quisle.

With two of last year's full colours and four of last year's Club colours men in the team, we hope to repeat our previous year's success in this fixture.

During the summer Eric Buchanan (capt.) and W. Hall (vice-capt.) have both run for the U.A.U. Athletics team, and they will, we hope, provide the heavy guns of the Leeds attack this winter. Should any Fresher wish to join, it is never too late. We have a full programme for

What the Women are doing

This was our first game this season and since we had two members at the Yorkshire Trials, and several of our last year's defence having left, many positions were filled by players new to the 1st XI. Knowing Sheffield to be a strong team we expected a keen match and were by no means disappointed.

Most of the attacking in the first half came from the Leeds forwards, who set a fast pace, and our first goal was a result of an attack up the right by Wilson and Rainforth, the final shot coming from Wilson's stick.

After the bully Sheffield swung the ball to the Leeds end, but excellent keeping by Gray kept the goal intact until a very good shot from Sheffield's inside left made the score level -1-1. Shortly before half-time, however, Ramsden at inside left put us in the lead once more.

In the second half the tempo three teams this year, so an enjoyable season is ensured.

B. BONES
(Publicity Secretary).

changed, and the defence, who had previously subdued the Sheffield forwards so well, lapsed a little, giving Sheffield a golden opportunity of which they took full advantage and scored two quick goals, giving them the lead.

The defence continued to be very hard worked until a few minutes before time, when concentrated attacks on the Sheffield goal could have produced results had not the Leeds forward support deteriorated.

The match, although lost, did give a good idea of our strength this season, and is a hopeful pointer to our first W.I.V.A.B. match against Durham at Weetwood on Saturday 24th.

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BASKETBALL

The Basketball Club started the season with a resounding victory of 86-41 over Carnegie College on October 12th. Not surprisingly, as it was the first match of the season, the beginning was shaky. By the end of the first half, however, the University had built up a lead of 31-10, mainly through the individual opportunism of the forwards.

During the second half there was considerably better team-work in the attack. The fast breaks clicked, and there were fewer attempts to break when the chances were not there. In defence the forwards and centre contributed very little. If the University had had team-work in their defence, Carnegie would

never have scored their 41 points.

In the second team match, the University beat Carnegie 29-19. The bulk of last year's 1st team is still here, and we shall make a determined effort to recapture the U.A.U. Championships which eluded us last year. The constructive, aggressive pair of guards, Ligeuia and Pring, have now been playing together long enough to know one another as well as the forwards Damaskiadis and Potter, who are both capable of scoring under the basket with correct shots. We have two most promising newcomers in Hardwick and Ben-Venistis. Potter distinguished himself against Carnegie as an individualist, and if he learns to be as good a team member, the University will be

a stronger team than last year. We have not yet seen Hardwick except in a short three-side practice game; but his speed, height, ball-control and shooting mark him as an ideal centre—the position which he will probably have to fill.

The first U.A.U. fixture was against Nottingham on 31st October; but the real test will come with a home match against Manchester on November 28th.

All who wish to play Basketball, whether or not they have experience, are welcome to come to the 12 o'clock practices on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, when 1st team members will be present to help anyone who would like to profit by their coaching.

The Celluloid Sphere

The Table Tennis Club has made a good start to the season, its six teams having won ten points out of a possible twelve during the first week of term. We want another team back in the second division next year, so for members of teams Nos. 3 and 4, the watchword is—“STICK”!

The England v. France match to be held in Leeds next month should not be missed, and members without tickets are strongly advised to harass the vice-captain in case he has any left.

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