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Joan Oldfield

To follow Mary Walsh as Senior Vice-President is no easy task. The S.V.P. must be efficient and reliable as well as being able to fulfil the social duties with charm and tact. I feel that Joan has more of the qualities required than anyone else. The first impression of Joan is one of complete sincerity, and her poise and personality together with her sense of humour make her welcome at any social gathering. There is no doubt that she will be able to deal with the administrative duties with which the S.V.P. is faced. As secretary of the English Society, one of the largest societies, she showed a gift for organisation and handling people. She has always taken her responsibilities seriously and carried them out successfully and conscientiously.

If Joan is elected I know that she will bring the same whole-hearted enthusiasm into her work as S.V.P. as she has shown so many times before.

M. GRAY.

Denis Jopling

You have seen the green car which stands outside the Union regularly day after day. You have seen the regular contents, bearded or unbearded. These two objects bound together with a bubbling sense of humour are J. Denis Jopling.

You may demand to know the relevance of a motor car on the Executive Committee. I would hasten to reply, it is not the car

itself that really matters but what it stands for in the personality of Denis. The mechanical miracle, flattered with the name of car symbolises a devotion, an ability, and a loyalty which combine to form the core of the man you should have as Junior Vice-President. In the L.U.U. Motor Club and that of the British Universities he has proved beyond all doubt that he has the unobtrusive diligence to do a job well, and an astonishing freshness to do it imaginatively. Union politics have needed these qualities for some time. Elect Jopling and the need will be fulfilled.

P.H.G.

Christine Payne

Christine, who will be twenty in April is a Social Studies student and comes from Tamworth. Though not widely known before she was elected a first year rep., on the present Union Committee, she has done a lot of work in particular fields. In International Soc., S.C.M. and Methodist Soc., in her first year and this year as secretary of S.C.M. she has helped to create a really flourishing branch. For Union Committee she has served on N.U.S. sub-committee and she is president and a founder member of the "Women's 'Ghost' Hall." She often leads the Social Studies department victorious from the hockey field.

Chris. is attractive and has a forceful personality tempered by an infectious joy in living. She is

well known and liked because she does what she undertakes, however unspectacular, with willingness and efficiency. Her proved efficiency and her disarming lack of sophistication will assure for us in her an efficient, charming and above all approachable Senior Vice-President, if she is elected. E.B.

Richard Price

Born in Mumbles, before even he can remember, Richard was not to stay there long: the early war years saw him in the United States and, travelling via Spain with the R.N.V.R. and Leeds Grammar School, he made his initial impact on the University in 1952.

And a strong impact it was, for he soon found himself as the Union's Stage Manager and later on the Union Committee as N.U.S. Secretary, with additional interests varying from Rag Revue and Theatre Group to debating and the work of many societies.

The explanation lies with a forthright personality, its main-spring an irrepressible sense of humour — lightness of heart, which covers a deep sincerity. Forthright in voicing his own opinions and good humouredly discerning in evaluating those of others, Richard Price brings qualities to the voter much needed in a Union government often lacking in that invaluable combination of fairmindedness, originality and good sense.

J.D.G.

Ann Sellars

When considering the kind of person required for Senior Vice-President the first essential which springs to mind is an easy social manner well-seasoned with charm. This is fully realised by Ann Sellars. Throughout her three years in the Union she has displayed a flair for knowing which situation to treat with tact, and which to speed along with a bit of "push" gained in her native Lancashire. It is perhaps from here that she also inherits her fund of sound common sense which has made her such a valuable member of Union Committee, the *Gryphon* Staff, and Book Exchange, as well as Union Librarian, and Vice-President and Secretary of Weetwood. This administrative ability, so well seen in her re-organisation of the Library, and her experience of committee work, would be a great asset to the S.V.P., who is a hard-working member of the Exec.

These are not Ann's only qualities. Add to them her ever-present sense of fun, her love of life, her wide and cultivated interests, the discrimination shown in her excellent dress sense, and you may recognise the person who would make an excellent First Lady of this Union.

M.S.

Trevor Zutshi

Trevor Zutshi entered Leeds University as a medical student in October, 1952. He arrived with a maturity of outlook and a wide experience gained from extensive travels on the continent and in India, where much of his early life was spent. Born in England in 1933, he returned at the age of 12 to complete his schooldays at Epsom College.

Since his arrival in Leeds, Trevor has played an increasingly active part in Union life. Special mention should be made of his work in N.U.S. and the Book Exchange. Here we see one of his greatest attributes — his initiative, that rare ability to see and do the extra demanded of a worthwhile job — a quality necessary in a potential J.V.P.

Always a valuable asset on Union Committee, Trevor Zutshi is gaining experience quickly. This experience, the admirable qualities already mentioned, his sincerity and common sense, all combine to make him the first choice for the Junior Vice-President of 1954-55.

E.B.F.

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EDITORIAL

Our last Editorial appears to have caused some stir. Let us hope that something concrete will arise from it, and that we don't all settle down again into our own particular rut. Actions after all, speak louder than words! I agree with Mr. Walton (letter page) that the initiative can lie with the students, but maintain that it is first of all a staff prerogative. Perhaps, as Mr. Smith suggests (p. 7), the fault lies in the present system, which makes stereo-typed Staff-Student relations all too easy. It is certain that this is a very vital problem, not only for us, but for future Staff and Students. If the present system continues, it seems likely that "University" life will be lost, and replaced by a rigid "High School" life. This rigidity (as reported in the last issue) appears to be flourishing in the Halls of Residence. This is particularly regrettable since it is in these parts of the University that Staff and Students should be able to meet most informally.

The Lighter Side.

Not only has the sun condescended to shine upon us, but the University has even condescended to send us some window-cleaners!! Hurray! Now perhaps any Spring sunshine that comes our way will penetrate into Caf. fug, and lighten the pages of this paper.

Talking of Caf. — why is nothing done about the rapidly decreasing number of chairs? An increasing percentage have sagging seats and missing backs. Why are these not sent to be repaired? Why has nothing been done about the U.C. decision to import more seats into Caf.? Open spaces can be seen in which disconsolate chair-lunters cross, and recross, or stand dispirited. Perhaps a bomb in the Exec. office rather than the Parkinson would be appropriate in this case!

The flow of letters from you has greatly cheered, amused and gratified us. We regret that lack of space precludes our printing all of them. To poets who find in us their source of inspiration, we only ask that the *higher* literary efforts should ascend to this office.

To those who have begged, borrowed or found this copy of *Union News*, and have not thought it, I can only say with Ronald Searle—Sucks-Boo.

CONTINENTAL CONTRAST

YOU LUCKY PEOPLE!

What a great difference there is between English and German universities!

To begin with, the social life we enjoy so much here—no Saturday night Hop, no films, no Caf., no possibility of social meetings apart from a very few political and religious clubs!

There is nothing like the Union which provides the student with so many opportunities of meeting people.

Another great problem the German student has to face is the very difficult housing situation, which is largely due to the many millions of refugees from the Eastern parts of Germany, and the considerable number of occupation forces with which Germany has to deal. Halls of residence are practically unknown.

The German student comes up to the university at the average age of 19. During his last years at school he receives a general education and does not specialise until he enters the university. But even then—should he wish to qualify as a teacher—he must take an exam. in philosophy apart from his three particular subjects.

We were deeply impressed by the personal relationships which we found existing between professors and students in England, relationships that often extend beyond the immediate activities

of university life. This state of affairs, like the tutorial system, is almost unknown in Germany and certainly not a general rule.

There is another difference which strikes the German students in England, perhaps the essential difference: whilst the English undergraduate is guided in his studies by the constant advice of his tutors and by various departmental exams, which show him the real state of his knowledge at a given time, the German student enjoys from the very beginning a comparatively greater freedom in his studies.

The preparation for his final examination is conducted entirely on his own responsibility and in his own way. You can imagine that the results are sometimes rather surprising.

Finally it must be said that the German student, generally speaking, has to cope with greater difficulties than the majority of his English counterparts. Not only does the Government provide a totally insufficient number of grants, forcing most students to work very often during the entire vacation in order to cover the cost of living for the next term, but the German student frequently has not even the guarantee of employment after graduation.

We wonder whether British students are fully aware how lucky they are.

W.D. & K.L.

UNION LIBRARY — NEW BOOKS

"SAWBONES."

Doctor in the House, by R. Gordon, is not a book for hypochondriacs with impressions of high-minded, infallible doctors, but for the less squeamish, a not - to - be - missed funny. If you are not able to appreciate the troubles varying from awkward women to awkward bikes that confront would-be doctors, then this is not your book. If you can, then this is one of the funniest books recently published.

The Snow Goose and The Little Miracle, by Paul Gallico. A holy, wild girl and a crippled recluse, who becomes a Dunkirk hero, united through their love for a bird; a small boy's love for his donkey and his faith in St. Francis. These are the bases of the books. Tear jerkers, perhaps—but never maudlin, never clumsy, and for sheer beauty of

writing unequalled.

The Go-Between, by L. P. Hartley. Whether any boy could convince himself into belief in the power of his curses or have a mental breakdown at the sight of his heroine in her lover's arms is doubtful. But in spite of its faults of melodrama, anticlimax and unlikeliness, the story of his carrying of *billets-doux* between them and the struggle between his conventionality and his heroine worship is gripping.

RUTH BILTON.

TYKE TALES.

Other new books include *Tales they tell in Yorkshire*, by H. L. Gee, which is a collection of twenty-eight stories about ghosts and cavaliers, monks and cricketers, boggarts and milkmen told in a Yorkshire setting.

Slave Mutiny, by William Owens, relates how in 1839 the "cargo" of a Spanish slave ship

Music in Leeds

By DORMIN

The Music Society March Concert, on Tuesday 9th, offers much to attract the enterprising listener. The material offered is well outside the run of the average concert and yet should not prove difficult for the average listener. The programme seems to have rather a jolly bran-tub basis, for the music ranges blithely from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries.

The main work is the four-part Mass by William Byrd. Nobody seems to know quite when this work was written, for although Byrd enjoyed a certain amount of royal toleration regarding his Catholic views, such a work as the Mass could certainly not have been published during the reign of the Virgin Queen. Accordingly we can only guess at its date, which seems to be *circa* 1589. The music itself has moments of very real beauty, and the Agnus Dei is reckoned by many as the best that Byrd wrote. If the chorus do justice to this work, the evening will have been worthwhile for this alone.

Another work to note, this time from the twentieth century, is the set of five studies composed and played by Kenneth Leighton, our Gregory Fellow in music. I had hoped that under Mr. Leighton's guidance, the cause of contemporary music in this University might have been stimulated, in a similar way to the work done by Reg. Butler, James Kirkup, and the redoubtable Mr. Heath-Stubbs.

Other works in the programme include Mozart's Symphony No. 8, a sonata for recorder and harpsichord, and some French folk-songs. Quite a varied evening's entertainment!

mutinied and escaped, only to be recaptured off the New England coast. Then follows an international struggle by Abolitionists to save their lives and repatriate them.

VOLUNTEERS.

I believe there are some second year students and perhaps others who are not committed to exams in the Summer and who might be willing to help in the Library during the examination period. If you could spare an hour one day a week next term please contact me *via* the pigeon holes.

HARRY WALKLEY,
Union Librarian.

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DEAR MADAM

I think your editorial (Feb. 19th) was very timely indeed. The "take it or leave it" attitude of some lecturers struck me immediately I entered this University last year. The apathy of students to this attitude I explained as a hang-over from their schooldays and lack of appreciation that they pay the lecturers (directly or indirectly) for a service.

However, there goes hand in hand with much apathy, a tendency in some "brave" students to perform "daring" feats of "fun" during lectures, much to the disturbance of many more of their classmates than they may think. Now considering the aforementioned attitude of some lecturers, this procedure seems rather pointless to me, since the "fun" could only come if they were getting something over the lecturer. Thus they only disturb their classmates, and tend to give lecturers a clear conscience in any "couldn't care less" attitude.

This may seem to present a sort of vicious circle, but I think the awakening of students to the position is the first step towards altering it, if not for themselves, for future students. I think that the Union is the machine to use to do the job, and contrary to your opinion, I think the initiative will rest with the student (as it has in the main so far), even though it ought to be with the staff. (Very convenient to pass the buck to someone else!)

Yours truly,

JOHN WALTON.

Dear Madam,

May I voice a strong protest against the views expressed by John Greenshaw in your edition of Feb. 19th. Mr. Greenshaw complains that "Christians do not sufficiently concern themselves with the social problems of the world."

Firstly, I would point out that of all the principle religions of the world, with the possible exception of Communism, Christianity shows the greatest concern over social problems. As evidence of this fact we have to-day our beloved Welfare State—the latest development of our country's long Christian tradition. I suggest that Mr. Greenshaw should examine some of the declarations of the World Council of Churches and of the communions of this country on every social question from war to family relations, from political responsibility to birth control. Yet he is right in his belief that the Church is still primarily concerned with personal virtue. Rightly so; for to say that Christianity should shift its emphasis "away from personal virtue toward the wider concept of social values" is to set the seal on the downfall of the Welfare State. Already abuses, the products of easy virtue, threaten to break the Health and Insurance schemes. Now, if ever, is surely the time for Christianity

to stress above all things the necessity of personal virtue and righteousness. Such teaching is not, as the tenor of Mr. Greenshaw's letter suggests, restrictive and negative; it is the only prescription for lasting progress.

Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM PARKER.

"If the Dons strike Devon—"

Dear Madam,

I hope your request for complaints and ideas about Halls meets with the response it deserves. Most of us, unfortunately, have no knowledge of conditions in Hall. I believe the declared policy of the University is that as many students as possible should spend a part of their University career in Hall, but to the best of my knowledge most (if not all) of the Halls run a sort of closed shop, retaining their students as long as they can. I have heard that some Halls will not consider applications from students who have less than two years left at University, and certainly nearly all the students I know who started life in Hall stayed there for their full three years. Clearly, it is to the best advantage of Wardens to foster some kind of "Hall Spirit," and the best way for them to do this is to encourage continuity. Equally clearly, the interests of Wardens in this respect are prejudicial to the interests of the vast majority of students (I assume that most students would like to spend some time in Hall) and a catastrophe as far as the University's housing policy is concerned. Hall spirit is fostered at the expense of University spirit. At Oxbridge, where everybody spends some time in College, that may not matter: here, it is a pity.

Worse still, candidates for Hall are, at least in some cases, selected by interview by the Warden concerned, who naturally enough selects the candidates who are most likely to do credit to his Hall, not those to whom the Hall is likely to be of most benefit. I suggest that Wardens cannot be expected to select without bias, nor to throw out their students after a year. Selection and allocation to Halls should therefore be done by some disinterested person, and not more than, say fifteen per cent. of students in Hall should be allowed to spend more than a year there (this to allow some sort of continuity). Such a system would be a bitter pill for most Wardens to swallow. The present abuses show that something of the sort is very necessary.

Willy-nilly, some of the Halls are encouraging the rise of an artificial and militant aristocracy at the University—we hear of them sweeping through the Bar, the City Varieties and even the Brotherton Library like a band of marauding moss-troopers. The Hall blazer is becoming gradually the banner of a new breed of Danes, different from, and sometimes hostile to the rest of us.

This difference, which is deplorable, is encouraged by some Wardens, and is stressed by the exorbitant fees of the Halls. I fail to see how landladies can provide more than adequate board and lodging for £2 10s. 0d. a week (or even £3) if the Halls are obliged to charge fees which put them in the class of the "very desirable dwelling." If they are in this class, they should not be. If they are not, I suggest they are overstaffed, or inefficiently run, or both. (One hears tales of appalling waste from some Hall kitchens). I know that my grant, generous though it is, could not possibly cover the cost of a year's stay in Hall. This is absurd. The Halls are catering for large numbers and should have the advantage over landladies, nor should they boost their fees still further by encouraging their students to buy such accessories as blazers and gowns.

All these remarks tend towards the same conclusion; that the Halls, in a University which has far too few of them for such a situation to be remotely justifiable, are run without the slightest regard for the interests of the student body as a whole, for which, presumably, they were originally created. They are Halls of Residence, not Colleges, and should not be allowed to become Colleges until a real collegiate system becomes possible in this University. The central University authorities should rigorously control the selection of candidates and the time they spend in Hall, and the Union is in duty bound to challenge the autonomy of the Wardens, if it claims to be anything more than a social club. The independence of the Wardens is our worst enemy in this matter. I therefore call upon the Union to fulfil its proper function, which is to take action, aggressive if necessary, in the interests of all its members.

Yours faithfully,

"OUTSIDER."

To the Editress of Union News.

Dear Madam Editress,

I am grateful to you for your courtesy in letting me see the issue of Union News of 19/2/54. I am deeply concerned with the content of your Leader and of Undergrad's letter. I should like to say at once that I am in complete agreement with most of what you say. If there are any lecturers who behave in the way described, I would say they are unworthy to hold office in the University.

The effect of correspondence such as this upon the public mind may be different from what the writers intend. Wide publicity has been in the Press, and it is most important that a wrong impression should not be allowed to arise in consequence. The vital thing, it seems to me, is the part of your article where you qualify your statement by saying: "not in all parts of this University."

I feel that there may be misunderstanding here, and your words may be taken to mean that the trouble you speak of is pretty widespread. There are other parts of your article and the letter which might seem to imply the same thing, and this may very well be an impression you have no intention of creating. The truth must surely be, and this accords with all my long experience that a minority of Staff behave in an overbearing manner and give a bad name to the rest of us. I feel sure you would not commit the inductive mistake of arguing from the particular to the general.

I think perhaps it may be well if the views of a member of Staff should be aired in respect of a minority of our students. You wisely emphasise that Student and Staff should consider the point of view of the other. I wonder if it strikes many students that it is not particularly easy for a lecturer to switch his mind quickly from some intricate line of research to the needs of students? His REAL work is to advance knowledge and understanding of the ways of nature. Some students sometimes appear to us as overconfident, and more sure of themselves than their actual knowledge justifies. It is distressing to me to find the Chemistry Department mentioned in your issue, but I would assure you—and I think I may speak for most of my colleagues—a most friendly atmosphere exists between us, and although in large classes it is more difficult than formerly to get perfect order the task is nevertheless successfully achieved. After 35 years of lecturing experience my chief complaint is that students do not use me as much as I should wish or they appear to need. We feel it a privilege to be allowed to mould the thoughts of young men and women, and are delighted when, as usually happens, we are able to feel some measure of responsibility for a highly successful career. It is also most gratifying when, as happens naturally more rarely, one is able to feel that something has been done to inspire a more brilliant man than one can ever claim to be.

The Staff as a group has much more sympathy with students than your article might imply. We find students' leg-pulling (even when it is directed towards ourselves) as most diverting within due limits.

It is the high purpose of a University to set an intellectual standard to the outside world, and, as I see it, that task will be greatly strengthened and ennobled as Staff and Students together humbly seek God and pray for His aid, and find in Him their common basis of loyalty and inspiration.

C. H. DOUGLAS CLARK,
D.Sc. (London),
Senior Lecturer in the
Department of Inorganic
and Structural Chemistry.

WANT A JOB?

It has never been the policy of the Vacation Work Sub-Committee to persuade students to take holiday employment. However, if your mind is made up and you want to work, call at our office upstairs in the Union building. There you will find displayed all the relevant correspondence with employers. Should you decide to apply for a job, don't forget to initial the letter: this helps to keep us informed and saves fruitless applications by latecomers.

We also display N.U.S. jobs, which are mainly to do with the Home Counties. In due season

we have information about fruit picking, farm camps, and overseas work.

If your vacation job has its problems call between 12-30 and 1-30. Someone will be there between these times on most days of the week. You probably know that if you want vacation rather than holiday work during your holiday the University Appointments Board may be able to help.

Finally, if you know of any lucrative or interesting jobs, please send me a note with the details to—

DAVID FURNISS,
Vac. Work Secretary.

TATTERS MART

"They sought it with thimbles,
they sought it with care,
They pursued it with forks and
hope,
They threatened its life with a
railway share,
They charmed it with smiles
and soap."

Lewis Carrol.

All of which is completely irrelevant to the subject in hand, which is, once again, oh lamentabile dictu, RAG.

If I may quote my old M.O., "If yer've 'ad it before, yer've got it again," and again, it's the money we want. It doesn't matter how it's got, with thimbles, care, forks, charm, bribery, in fact anything short of robbery with violence, and embezzlement (floreat Comitatus Supervisa).

"But," you say, "It's a long way off," and of course, you're right, but Rag Week marks not the be all and end all of Rag, but the culmination of efforts which must begin months beforehand. It is, true enough, the time when most of the effort goes out and most of the lucre flows in, but there's a lot to be done now. And a lot of help is needed, namely:—

CAR COMPETITION

Always a successful feature of Rag, the new Ford Anglia, which is first prize, must this time bear more than its fair share of the burden. Two books of tickets are to be sent to each student over the Easter Vac., and please sell them and come back for more. Some 12,500 tickets must be sold before we escape the "red," so the importance of whole-hearted interest in this venture, which has never yet failed us, cannot be over-estimated. There are several attractive subsidiary prizes to be won, for which thanks are due to Bottle's talismanic begging letter, and 99,000 tickets to be sold, so we implore you, puhleese.

For those staying in Leeds, over the Vac., we offer facilities for quiet study at Messrs. Tate, who are holding a publicity display at their premises in New York Road, from March 29th. They will treat us proper, and allow us to sell tickets at their showrooms, so if you can spare a day, half a day, or half an hour, your services will be invaluable.

You may have noticed an influx into the bar at about 8-30 on several evenings of late, of half-dressed femmes fatales and genuflecting gentlemen. If you haven't, Ted Greenwood has. Anyway, these, are Jolly Jack Stacey's pride and joy, the chorus of Rag Revue, and pretty as they look just standing there, custom demands sketches, routines, etc, in addition.

TYKE and RAG TIMES

The Editors of our Rag rags are expected to re-surface from four months of drunken stupor any day now, and will then be awakened as to their respective tasks. Material by the tome-full will be welcomed, indeed, is necessary, for the continued success of this department. Contributions for *Tyke* and *Rag Times* will be gratefully received from the *Gryphon* and *Union News* collection boxes, and should be marked with the name of the publication to which the material is submitted.

And that, gentle folk, is that, apart from one important question, that of motives. We can, of course, really put ourselves out and collect pots and pots of money. The Charities will like that. We shall be judged upon how many thousands of pounds we make. But is that a fair measure of Rag? There is another feature of a Rag's success that cannot be measured in pounds, shillings and pence, but only in the minds of each individual student. There is some satisfaction in a job well done, no matter how miserable doing it may have been. But how much pleasanter it is to enjoy doing it. No effort will be spared to provide opportunity for enjoyment, and no red tape is going to stand in the way of any reasonable self-made entertainment. If you've got any good ideas, let us know, and you will be welcomed with open eyes, for upon this kind of thing depends the amount of student - enjoyment derived from Rag.

Our object should be to make money, certainly, but it should also be to have a whale of a time doing it.

And finally, URGENT, one flag-pole sitter required, May 1st to July 1st, board and lodging free.

RAG CHAIRMAN.

PRO TEMPORE BY BUNBERRY

"As Others See Us."

The Press moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform. I suppose it is a common experience in reading about the Mau Mau in Kenya or the Test Match in the West Indies, to feel that we have been brought that much nearer the situation and the event. The reporters that pour foreign news into the ears of their eager public, have the advantage that their audience will never view the scene for themselves. But what a great difference when we read of something which we know for ourselves. When I read for example, in the local paper, which my mother so assiduously sends me in my exile, about the fire at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, it does not seem much to resemble my idea of the house just around the corner. When we know the place, to read about it in a newspaper seems to distance it rather than bring it nearer. Who would recognise the "large, beautifully furnished building" where "students of fifty-three nationalities represented in the student population, sip coffee in the cafeteria, drink beer in the bar and talk religion, art and politics or listen to the many distinguished speakers, who address the various societies from time to time," as our Union? yet that is how *The Sunday Times* sees us.

BALLUS TEXTILIS

MARCH 12th

HOT DOGS AGAIN!

How different everything seems through someone else's eyes. One wonders if any two members see the Union exactly alike, or whether snail-like each carries his private Union around with him. In which case he will be rather hampered as in the words of the same writer he hurries "to and from the cafeteria, from meeting to meeting, from debate to film show." One gets the impression that we are all involved in a sort of Thurberesque stampe. Little man you've had a busy day.

"Sign Here."

Elections are on the way again and people, whom one knows ever so remotely, beg for a signature to a list for a person of whom one has never heard. Democracy is in action. Under the present system democracy can best be defined as choosing a complete stranger to tell you that what you do not want to do is better for you in the end.

"Poetry and Audience."

This magazine still continues to delight us. "Pire Needles," by David McAndrew, is perhaps the most charming poem to date. The well-conceived image of love's memories being pressed under the weight of time until they become a diamond is a most striking one. These poems of true poetic feeling rescue the recent edition from its too conscious intellectual strivings, of which its editors should beware.

"Bunberry's Bauble."

This week the Bauble goes to David McAndrew for a timely and most welcome rescue.

Opening an account

Opening an account is a simple enough matter. You can go to any branch of the bank and start an account in your name alone or jointly with someone else—and the joint account is often found to be a great convenience for husband and wife. You will be asked to give a personal reference, and the bank's signature card must be filled in and signed, but you will find that the opening of your account takes only a few minutes and is pleasantly free of formalities. And they are minutes well spent, for the number of ways in which a banking account can help you is really quite surprising. Any of our managers will be glad to explain them to you.

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WHAT'S ON . . .

By JOHN POLYDOROPOULOS

Before I start criticising the films of the past week, I would like to explain to all of you that I am not a top newspaper critic and that whatever you read in this column is just my personal opinion.

Unfortunately, there is no time to write down the pictures of this week, because the *Union News* comes out on a Friday, and reports and articles have to be sent in on a Monday, but I would like to give you my opinion of the films that were on during the past week, and two of this week's films, which I saw in a trade show.

All the Brothers were Valiant.—An adventure with Robert Taylor and Stewart Granger, in the roles of two brothers who both love the same woman (Ann Blyth). Although they are brothers, they have entirely different characters, one being the quiet, steady, family type, and the other being the adventurous type (Stewart Granger). The whole picture is in magnificent technicolor and towards the end is quite exciting.

The Eddie Cantor Story. Eddie Cantor, the man with eyes as big as headlights, could only be reproduced by Keefe Brasselle, who gives an excellent performance as Eddie Cantor and puts across the typical Cantor songs extremely well. The film shows us Eddie's days as an orphan, brought up by his loving grandmother, up to the top line Ziegfeld successes, then to his serious illness and with it a revaluation of things that really matter in life.

Our Girl Friday. A beautiful

girl in a bikini and three men—who all escape together from a sinking ship after a collision with another ship—on a lonely island somewhere in the Pacific, give the spectator plenty to laugh at, and at the same time to think that English films are gradually coming nearer to the Continental style. This British film with George Cole, Joan Collins, Kenneth More and Robertson Hare, is a very amusing comedy, and is worth seeing. Most students would laugh at the professor (R. Hare), who is in love with the beautiful and only girl on the island (J. Collins), and they would also laugh with the whisky-loving ship's stoker (K. More). But all of them would enjoy as well the sight of Joan Collins in that terrific bikini, who could easily get more votes than Mr. Macfarlane as President of this Union.

Hobson's Choice (Ritz). Charles Laughton has done it again. His acting in this oldest of British comedies was the work of a master with old idiom which is the very essence of Charles Laughton. John Mills was new and fascinating in the role of Willie Mossop, the man who married Maggie (Brenda de Banzie), the eldest daughter of Henry Hobson (Charles Laughton). Brenda de Banzie was magnificent. In one leap, she has become a top-ranking film star. *Hobson's Choice* is a charming and delightful film. The characters are dramatic and human, and the film is well directed by David Lean.

From Here to Eternity. Great, dramatic, human, is this week's film at the Odeon. It shows the

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DEPT. OF THE WEEK PSYCHOLOGY

If you dream about snakes at the bottom of your garden or if you have lots of luvly complex's and phobias, then it is about time you **stopped** seeing your psychiatrist. If this does not work then there is a dust-bin handy in the Department's back-garden; for in other words we do not ordinarily deal with such things. But the second and third year students are willing, in fact very willing, to show you the sort of things that **do** go on in the Psychology Department. Also there is the newly-formed Psychology Society, the general aim of which is to provide a non-technical introduction to the subject for people outside the Department.

The Department itself is only a few years old but is blessed with a very active staff of four involved in work ranging from

an investigation into the possibilities of "measuring" student abilities, to an investigation into the possibilities of "measuring" the qualities of cheeses. Between them they are members of some sort or another of about 200 committees or councils.

In the "Special Studies" section there are two first year students (with two prospective "Specials" at present in the "General" section), five in their second year and a lone third year student. Between us our activities make quite a fair cross-section of student activities as a whole. If you haven't come across us yet then I will tell you that we are quite ordinary folk (although some of us don't look quite ordinary, I will admit) and we don't "read bumps," nor "psycho-analyse" you, nor put you to sleep on couches, nor . . . etc., etc.

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★ SOCIETY NEWS ★

Folk Dancing

On the night of Friday, 12th February, members of the English Folk Dance and Scottish Dance Societies passed through Newcastle and made a "safe crossing" at Berwick on their way to Edinburgh for the Fourth Universities Folk Dance Festival. Over 50 of us were able to go, thanks to a Union grant and the success of our Baru Dances and Ceilidhes, which partly paid for the trip.

The Festival began on the Saturday afternoon with individual teams giving displays in the McEwen Hall, a fine, up-standing cylindrical building, admirably suited to such a spectacle. From Aberdeen and Bristol, London and Dublin, and a dozen other Universities came the 30-odd teams to perform dances from all over Europe and North America. Leeds was represented by the Morris Men, the Scottish Dance Society and Roundelay (English Folk Dance Society) and no one could beat us for variety and enjoyment—enjoyment by spectators and dancers alike. The Dublin team gave a fitting ending to the afternoon with their carefree interpretation of some of their native dances.

Those of us who have taken part in all these Festivals were glad to find that this annual event, which originated in Leeds in 1951, has now so grown in

SOUTH AFRICAN EXHIBITION

The exhibition on racial discrimination in South Africa, held in the O.S.A. Room for three days last week, was the outcome of inter-society co-operation. Last term, representatives from sixteen societies (mainly the religious and political ones) met, at the invitation of S.C.M., to discuss the forming of a fact finding commission on South Africa. We wanted to assist the cause of justice there by helping to spread reliable information about a situation which has been so variously reported and so often misrepresented.

We were able to collect and assess information from the publications on all sides of the issue; from interviewing people with first hand knowledge and from speakers brought to the Union. Most interesting of all was the information gathered about racial discrimination in England. Here is a real point of contact. A self-

importance that its patrons included the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Sir Edward Appleton), but despite its size, it is as friendly as ever.

We returned to Leeds on the Sunday by the same route, and how better could the English Dance Society celebrate its return to civilisation than by dancing "Morpeth Rant" on Morpeth Bridge?

awareness of the situation plus a disposition to accept the non-European as an ordinary human being in all situations seems to be the answer. The exhibition told the rest of our story.

In all about four hundred saw the exhibition. Many of the comments students wrote in the book provided asked for the solution. It is not ours to give. The moral issue is plain. Racism is indefensible prejudice and pride. But the political issue of how to combat racialism on both sides in a multi-racial community to the satisfaction of the greatest number cannot be worked out without more first hand knowledge. Yet in our ignorance we still have the right to expound the moral issue involved.

For this year the commission has completed its task. I hope next year more will be done. It would be a "good thing" if an African Society were started with the aim of spreading interest and information concerning the conditions, problems, and achievements of the many peoples of Africa. Anyone willing to try?

Someone has said that the commission was financed by Union Committee. This is not true. What money we had was given by particular societies and anyone interested in seeing how the money was spent can do so by contacting Eric Buchanan.

Chew on This!

MR. FENNER BROCKWAY, M.P., is a Socialist whose views on colonial affairs and frequent clashes with the Colonial Secretary have brought him not a little notoriety. One was on the lookout for flying sparks, therefore, when on Friday, 19th Feb., he appeared in the crowded Social Room to speak to the Labour Society on the Colonial Problem.

The fireworks did not materialise. Mr. Brockway, a quiet, schoolmasterish little man with none of the obvious marks of a rebel, spoke with the maximum of objectivity and the minimum of emotion. The applause when he sat down, however, was an adequate tribute to the most cogent and electrifying statement yet made in this term of mission and harangue.

There were no yawns as Mr. Brockway described the conditions he had found on his several visits to Africa. On the one hand was Bechuanaland, which we had made "a living symbol of the colour bar to the whole of Africa," by refusing to allow Seretse Khama to resume his rule after marrying a white woman. There was the Apartheid of South Africa. There was the situation we had brought about in Kenya, where hundreds of Africans crowded into a single square mile of reserve while the European farmers controlled twelve square miles apiece.

On the credit side there was the Gold Coast; it should, he said, be a matter for pride to those of us who were socialists that the first colony in Africa to receive self-rule should have elected a democratic government on the model of our own.

The audience, which included many students from overseas, sat in shame as he told how on a visit to Nairobi with two friends, they had searched for hours before they found a disreputable downtown dance-hall, the only place where they could eat together. His companions were graduates of Oxford and Columbia Universities, but they were coloured.

Overseas students did most of the questioning afterwards, and Mr. Brockway had to admit that Labour's record in the colonies was nothing to be proud of. He belonged to a minority group in the Labour Party which was trying to get things put right. The remedies were not swift, but much could be done on the lines of the Ghezira project, which had brought plenty to an immense tract of semi-desert.

Mr. Brockway was thanked for his talk. He went home, and the audience returned to "normalcy," most of them looking a little thoughtful; a few went away with burning ears, feeling very, very ashamed.

YORICK.



"Have you a Faculty of Finance?"

"Don't ask me!" said the Freshman. "You should know more about the organization of this University than I do."

"I should have said faculty, not Faculty," went on the Third Year Man patiently. "The f is small, as in French."

"Oh, I see," said the Freshman. "Well, all I can say is that the £ is small, very small, in my £ s. d."

"If your income is, shall we

say, slender, all the more reason for having financial guidance at your disposal," the Third Year Man explained.

"And where do you suggest I look for such guidance?" asked the Freshman.

"I'd strongly advise you to let Lloyds Bank look after your interests," answered the Third Year Man. "That was one of the first things I did when I came up in stat. pup."

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PHOTO SOC.

The dearth of entries in Photo-Soc. exhibitions is an old and thorny problem which apparently defies solution. So the fact that this year's show was so small, even compared with its predecessors, comes as no surprise taking into account the fairly marked decline of the Society. Nevertheless it is unfortunate that the exhibition has not been augmented by such means as examples from the Dept. of Photography, Judge's collection or President's panel!

Yet quite a number of the entries show reasonable competence and real promise, and perhaps this is the most one should expect; for the giving of sufficient time to photography to attain perfection of technique and a mature outlook would result in academic disaster.

A. F. GREENWOOD.

WHAT'S ON—Contd. from Page 5. funny side of a human being, it shows the dramatic side of a human being, and it shows that soldiers are not machines who are made only to obey orders and die in wars, but men who have their weaknesses as well, men who love, men who enjoy themselves, and who die not only as heroes, but like other human beings. Montgomery Clift is great, Burt Lancaster gives an excellent performance, and Frank Sinatra, Deborah Kerr, are both very good. A picture which is worth seeing.

Dear Madam (contd.)

Dear Madam(oiselle),
 Might I give the following advice to your "fellow"-temptresses. (Irony that there is no *feminine* collective noun like "brethren" isn't it?).

When they tread the innocent oak of the Brotherton let them either remove their high-heels, which emit seductive clicks, or walk slower, so that, at least, the eyes aren't strained by the sudden glance.

Yours, etc.,
 MISOGYNIST.

THE RIDDLE OF HERMIT HOLE.

We are extremely grateful to those of our readers who have written to us on this subject, and thank them for their ingenious interpretations of the mysterious message we printed in our last issue. The prizes we have pleasure in dividing between Mr. F. Henby, of Sheffield, and Mr. Martin Banham, of Devonshire Hall, whose contributions we print below:—

EQUINE ?

Dear Sir,
 Horsebreeding is the keyword. The Organ is the stallion and the 'tired horse is the brood mare, *i.e.*, retired from racing. Edward the P(e)acemaker is obviously a famous racehorse of yesteryear. The late Student is a Student of the turf who has sworn off betting but is expected to relapse and seek red-hot information straight from the horse's mouth.

Liberal Rooms refers to the ample accommodation for the offspring of the Union.

Yours faithfully,
 F. HENBY.

RIDICULOUS !

Dear Miss Beaty,
 Re "Hermit Hole Riddle," am happy to offer explanation. For "Organ" read Barrel Organ. With Barrel Organ associate Devon's Valentine Fayre. With Valentine Fayre associate advertisements for Barrel Organ in *Yorkshire Post*. With Ada Black-burn associate anyone you like

including King Edward. Incidentally, I let you have this information rather than Mr. Macfarlane, as I am happy to say he now has more important things to attend to. If you have an old photograph of Armenal, please send it to me.

Sincerely,
 MARTIN BANHAM.

Dear Madam,

While it is an unhappy fact that relations between senior and junior members of this University are not always perfect, the state of affairs will not be improved by encouraging the two sides to slang one another. It may be true that undergraduates in the early years of some Departments in the Faculties of Science and Technology occasionally behave like schoolchildren, and that certain lecturers in these Departments take the logical step of imposing school discipline. It is certainly not true that the fault lies entirely on one side—indeed the real blame belongs to neither.

As with many cases of bad relations in industry and public affairs, it is the system under which both sides have to work that is at fault. If every undergraduate were under the close personal supervision of a tutor from the moment he entered the University, and spent a certain amount of time each week discussing his work and welfare with his tutor in private, much of the friction would never arise. It is because students in the larger Departments have no opportunity to identify themselves with the system that they feel compelled to revolt against it.

Another unnecessary cause of much ill-feeling is the compulsory lecture system. As long as undergraduates are expected to attend as many as four lectures in a row there will be bad behaviour in lectures, and lecturers will have to adopt unpopular methods to cope with it. Those who criticise behaviour in lectures should remember that many junior members of the Faculties which are most at fault are required to spend more than 30 hours a week



AT IT AGAIN

under supervision, often with five lectures in a day. Under such a system a certain amount of rowdiness is inevitable, even if it is at the expense of a tired and disinterested lecturer.

It should be remembered that the best way of covering a course is not necessarily to attend lectures on every aspect of the syllabus; 20 minutes' private tuition, or half an hour with a good text-book, can impart what it takes a lecturer 50 minutes to put over. It is perhaps because both staff and pupils realise this that there is often a sense of futility and frustration in their relations with one another.

Yours, etc.,
 ALAN SMITH.

CUP WINNERS!

Theatre Group Success

Theatre Group, whose production of "The Words Upon The Window Pane," by W. B. Yeats, at the Civic Theatre on Feb. 13th, won the Leeds Challenge Cup and the first round of the British Drama League's One Act Play Competition, are taking the play on to the second round at Ilkley on March 24th.

This is during the vac. and to defray the expenses the play will be performed for the University in the RILEY SMITH THEATRE on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17th, at 7-0 p.m., admission 6d.

The producer is Stephen Evans, an English Fresher, and his cast is drawn from various strata of University life, but with a preponderance of first year people.

"The Words Upon The Window Pane" has been variously described as "the only one act play worth putting on" and "terribly undramatic." It offers Yeats, Swift and Spiritualism all in half an hour. Come and see for yourself.

D.E.M.

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BASKETBALL

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

There were two of the most exciting and colourful games of basketball on Saturday that any one could wish to see.

The first was the semi-final of the tournament between Leeds Univ. and Dolobran, a Birmingham team. Both teams played good basketball by English standards, with every man doing his utmost. The 2nd half was the most thrilling. First Leeds were in front, then Dolobran. Towards the end the strain of four games was telling on the Leeds team and it looked as though Dolobran would creep up and pass Leeds for good, but with not many minutes to play the Leeds team rallied and shot ahead to win 88—75.

The other match was the final between Lakenheath and Burton Wood. Here the class of basketball was well above that of the other teams and spectators were treated to a fine display and individual skill. Tempers got a little out of hand at times, but this only added to the zest of the game.

Results.

Greenham Common v. Leeds University	111—53
Greenham Common v. Yorkshire Rep.	85—31
Yorkshire Rep. v. Leeds Univ.	62—121
Burton Wood v. Dolobran	92—40
Kovas v. Leeds Univ. (British Open Championship Game).	73—99
Leeds v. Dolobran	88—75
Greenham v. Burton Wood	68—61

Pity.

It is a pity that the day was marred by two factors. First, the Gym. is so miserably small that insufficient room is given for teams to really show their skill. Secondly, on the same note, the few spectators that could squeeze below the ceiling of the Gym. have their view obscured by a tangle of beams and a massive, opaque backboard.

Perhaps in time the P.E. dept. will remedy this latter fault and will install a backboard of perspex.

Rugger Club win U.A.U. Semi-final

An enforced rest during the big "freeze-up" seems to have done the members of the Rugby team a great deal of good. Since then all of the four matches played have been won, including a Christie club match at Liverpool and the U.A.U. Championship semi-final against the holders, Loughborough College, at Weetwood.

The defeat of the Liverpool University ensured that Leeds will at least be joint holders of the Christie Cup and outright winners if Manchester fail to win at Liverpool.

A penalty goal, well kicked by "Mic" Gavins, who had an excellent game, was the only score

in an exciting game with Loughborough, although play seldom left the Loughborough half during the second period.

Leeds will now play in their third successive U.A.U. final on Thursday, Mar. 11th, at Leicester, against either Cardiff or Reading. We have never won the U.A.U. Championship, but unless we are hit by injuries we appear to have an excellent chance this season, especially as firmer grounds can now be expected. It is hoped to take at least one coach-load of supporters to Leicester, so make a date in your diary. No matter how well a team is playing, a few enthusiastic supporters can make a big difference.

TERRY STONES.

CELLULOID SPHERE

The University Table Tennis Championships promise to be unusually interesting this term, and only a bold observer would forecast this year's winners in singles or doubles.

Already Dabanovic, one of the favourites, has had a close call. His win over Polydropoulos looked unlikely throughout the set and was achieved by the narrowest of margins. The game was notable for colourful self-criticisms by the players rather than the high standard of play!

Faint hopes of the first division championship were swept away when Victoria No. 1 decimated our No. 1 team by 8—2. However, by virtue of a decisive win over their nearest rivals, the No. 3 team is now in line for third division honours. This meritorious position has largely been achieved by the consistent play of Watson, Johnson, Polydropoulos and Wrennall.

Congratulations to Keith Holden on winning the Handicap Tournament.

RACKETEER.

CHESS CLUB

We can now definitely say that wins have been recorded against Manchester and Sheffield Universities, a win or a draw in the match with Liverpool on Feb. 27th will have given us the Northern championship and the Robinson trophy for the first time in many years. A further match has to be played with Manchester since they are our opponents in the quarter-finals of the B.U.C.A. Team Tournament.

In the I. M. Brown shield a fine victory was gained over York by 4½—3½ and here we now have six wins and a draw and are assured of a place in the semi-finals. Our opponents are not yet known. In a match played against Halifax the score at present stands at 3½—1½ in our favour.

In the club championship the position is as follows: E. Ligema, 2 points from 3 games; J. Baxter, 1 from 1; L. Hart and P. Verhoeff, 1 from 2; and J. Bell and H. Kaiwar, 0 from 1.

This year B.U.C.A. Congress is being held at Birmingham.

JUDO

Although it is a long time since *Union News* readers had the pleasure of reading a blood and guts article about the gentle art of Judo, it is not due to apathy or illiteracy of club members, but merely because they are too stiff and sore to put pen to paper when fresh from the fray.

During the past few months the club has benefited from the increased floor space in the Gym., provided by the levelling of the balcony, as we can now have two evenings' practice per week, as well as Wednesday afternoons.

In only one of the three matches which we have had this session have we been able to put out a full strength team. This was against Liverpool, who returned home defeated. Our two other matches have been with Manchester, who beat us in Manchester and with whom we drew at home. We are optimistic about our coming visit to Liverpool.

The weekend of March 5th is a very important date in the club diary as we are then to be visited by E. N. Dominy, a black belt holder of the South London Judo Society. Besides giving us all a good beating, Mr. Dominy will provide expert tuition, of which there is a dearth in the provinces. The weekend will end with a grading session, which we hope will provide a galaxy of new coloured belts to brighten the future.

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