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# NO HAUNT FOR GHOSTS

## University Blunders

By the News Editor

ONE thousand pounds is needed to bring about a mass materialisation of hundreds of University "Ghosts." About sixty Ghosts — last year's members of the now defunct Union Society of Women Students in Lodgings (Ghost Hall) — vanished into thin air during the vacation, when the Society was taken under the authority of the University.

It was intended that Ghost Hall should be re-organised as an official non-residential Hall, with common-room, library and kitchen facilities at 16, Cavendish Road. Membership would be compulsory for all women Freshers in lodgings, and would be open to all other women students in lodgings and flats.



Last year's President of Ghost Hall, Elizabeth Viner, is seen here in her attic bed-sitter in Ghost Hall.

### Money Still Needed

Inside alterations, decoration and refurnishing will cost about £1,000, and work is held up until the money is available from the University Grants Committee. No new "Ghosts" can materialise until the planned facilities are ready.

There are however, half a dozen Ghosts still haunting the University — the Committee of the old Union Society, who will be the student officers of the new University organisation.

Two of them, the President, 3rd year Sociologist Elizabeth Viner, and the Treasurer, Sally Mitchell are living in attic bedsitters rented from the University at Ghost Hall headquarters.

"The idea was that the President and another Committee member should live here and keep an eye on the place, to stop outsiders breaking in during the night" explained Elizabeth. "Last year when Ghost Hall had the use of one common room here, lights were seen at 2 a.m., and we knew some of the locals were getting in."

### Plans for Conversion

All the plans for the conversion of the house were ready in June for submission to the University Grants Committee. "We expected it all to be finished and ready when we came back" said Sally.

"Instead we found even our bedsitters weren't properly furnished. There were two beds, but we're still waiting for curtains, carpets and desks."

The Committee have ready hundreds of letters to be sent to potential members of the new Hall. "We can't send them out, or recruit members, until the work is done" said the President.

Last word came from Sally. "The six of us feel like real ghosts — the committee of something that doesn't really exist."

### SKIING

University parties to Switzerland and Austria in Christmas Vac. 14 days, £26.

N. A. PHILLIPS,  
King's College, Cambridge

## Half way towards an S.G.M.

By a Special Correspondent

TWO hundred signatures were collected in the first five days of term, in support of a Special General Meeting to be called to discuss a ban-the-bomb resolution.

At a C.N.D. meeting on Monday Dick Atkinson said that in addition to the signatures already obtained, there were 45 sheets for signature in circulation. "We are about half-way there" he said.

The resolution dissociates the Union from the present Government policy — to use the H bomb first against conventional attack in Europe. It demands an immediate cessation of manufacture, and destruction of existing stocks, together with adjustment of policy involving the removal of foreign bases from British territory throughout the world, and Britain's withdrawal from N.A.T.O.

Speaking at Monday's meeting, Dr. John Rex said that the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament members must now be prepared to counter the detailed political opposition of Gait-skell.

He said it was significant that very few of the unilateralists at the Labour Party conference debate were able to argue coherently the question of our future defence policy without the bomb.

Dr. Rex's suggestion was "active neutralism" which would prevent the spread of the bomb to other states and would allow Britain with other uncommitted states to act as independent arbiter between the United States and Russia, thereby achieving multilateral disarmament between the two power blocks.

He stressed the necessity for students to "at least debate the issues involved," and said the S.G.M. which was being called would be an opportunity.

### Old Vic in Leeds

THE Old Vic Company is to stage three plays at the Grand Theatre Leeds in the week commencing 31st October. They are Shakespeare's 'MacBeth', Shaw's 'Saint Joan' and Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest.'

## HELL FOR THE AGRICS.



Best Ball stunt of last year was the Agrics introduction of an elephant into Refec. The question now is, can they top the stunt this year?

THE Agrics plan to turn Caf. into Hell on Earth for their Ball, the first of the year, in a fortnight's time. Theme of the Ball is Heaven and Hell, and the Society are using Refec and Caf.

This is partly because the relative position of the two places lends itself to the theme, and partly because in past years the long trek between Refec and the Riley-Smith has tended to "spoil the atmosphere."

It will be the first time Caf will be used for a Ball — the intention is to turn it into a Jive Cellar.

Preparations for the Ball began during the Vac. and the house at 4, Lifton Place is secret headquarters for the preparations.

Ball Secretary Robin Bradley, who, as last year's Publicity Manager was

responsible for the appearance of an elephant in Refec, shortly before the Ball, has hinted that he has a number of stunts up his sleeve for this year. Robin pointed out that the virtually all-male Agrics Soc. is the smallest society (100 members) staging a ball, yet theirs is always the first of the year.

Four bands have been engaged, the main attraction being Ian Mezies and his Clyde Valley Stompers, with their featured singer Fiona Duncan, who won all categories of the Scottish Jazz Band Festival five years ago. There will also be dancing to Ed O'Donnell and his Art School Band, Jeff Locke and Harry Donoghue.

### Algeria—Labour Society Acts

A WORLD-WIDE surge of defiance against traditional conservatism on the part of students in Japan, France, Turkey, South Africa and North America was pointed out by Mr Alasdair MacIntyre, speaking on "Youth and Socialism" at a Labour Society meeting on Friday.

The 140 students at the meeting passed a unanimous resolution proposed by Dick Atkinson expressing "total support of the action which J. P. Sartre and S. de Beauvoir have taken concerning their dissent from French policy on the Algerian war, and for their suggestions that it is the duty of French students to oppose the Government on this issue, even at the expense of being called traitors."

Mr. MacIntyre accused Conservative "freedom" of reducing human relationships to commodity relationships, saying that one's role was determined by the existing capitalist society. Socialism, he said, would liberate the individual, and men could make their own lives.

### APPEAL BY RED CROSS

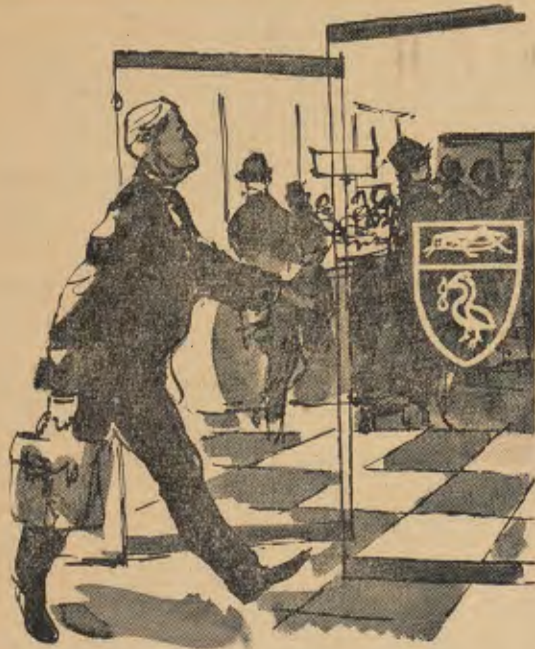
AN appeal for students to help at Red Cross Society camps in the North Riding has been made to the Union. Their help is needed during the summer months for any period they like, and food and accommodation are provided.

A knowledge of first aid and home nursing would be an asset, since the camps, at Morris Grange, are for elderly and handicapped people. The man to contact is Sir Franklin Gimson, Director of the North Riding Branch of the British Red Cross Society, at Zetland House, High Street, Northallerton.

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LET'S FACE IT . . .

# Lynch kidded by error

## COLOUR CONFUSION

EVERYONE with any literary appreciation who has read the Union diary will admit that its good clean stuff. Everyone, that is, except Gerry Lynch, secretary of the Communist Soc. and Fred Kidd, his Conservative counterpart—for in it their names were mixed up.

Indeed, the mistake seems to have caused some embarrassment. People don't like being misrepresented. I mean, if you were somebody in the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare would you like people to think you were dabbling in spelology? You most certainly would not.

Mr. Lynch, with all the big-hearted affability, worldly wisdom, condescension, and infinite grace with which we associate his political ideals allows for "a printer's error", though he hopes that his friends will still speak to him.

So do I. Mr Kidd, on the other hand, is not so gullible. Grimacing through his pipe, which he also uses as a deodorant, insect crematorium and microphone, he told me "It's no accident". As for the joker, he was emphatic—"Send him to Russia". I don't know what happened.

In fact, since the U.2. incident I'd rather not. But I'm still a bit worried about Mr. Lynch's friends.

## WEST WEARS EAST

A girl who once tried to auction the pyjamas she was wearing outside a pub during Rag Day procession caused comment in the

Union on Bazaar Days by wearing a sari.

Durham-born Barbara Appleton, whose home is in Manchester, wore two saris—one at a time—to attract more English students to join Indian Society.

"I think saris are gorgeous. They make people look so graceful. I've wanted to wear one for as long as I can remember" she explained.

The saris, one pink and one blue, were borrowed for the occasion. "The first couple of times I had to be

neath, and didn't go through with the auction" said Barbara.



Gerry Lynch (right) talks to Fred Kidd (left) about the Diary mix-up.

## THE LUCK OF THE ENGINEERS

THE Engineers, that group of students whom Freshers will come to regard as the organisers of three-quarters of everything which "goes on" in the Union which is not particularly inspiring, are privileged.

Thanks to Prof. Evans they may use the lifts in the new civil engineering department, and this makes them the only student body with such good fortune. Anyone else who wants the thrill has to go down to Lewis's.

Unlike those in the New Arts Block or the Parkinson, these lifts hold twelve average students (about fifteen colour chemists) and have a good sense of humour. The doors close automatically after a very short time, thus if several people want to get out they have to be held back forcibly.

What's more, they take the shortest route pressable, which means that when you're up you're up: when you're down you're down: but when you're only half way up you haven't got a clue where the hell you're going,

## THE INDEFATIGABLE MR. WATTS

THE Arts Faculty Society, with a present membership of over two hundred, is indeed fortunate in having as its unofficial secretary Mr. Terry Watts.

His immense enthusiasm and insatiable ambition has within less than a year helped the society into the forefront of Union bodies and into the red to the tune of £100. The reason for this deficit was the Hoffnung-type concert "Nuts In May", held at the Town Hall last year, in which Fritz Spiegall led a section of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (known as the Liverpool Music Group). Although financial loss can never be applauded this sort of venture is welcomed as an invaluable thing for student prestige.

The indefatigable Mr. Watts is, with Martin Forrest the society president, hoping to iron out the deficit with a series of more calculated speculations. On October 18th they will be delving into the romantic world of pies and peas—in fact, a "pie and peas race". "It is", explained the Watts, "a sort of thrash with pies and peas as an

optional extra". So, to use a time-worn phrase, there.

## FAITH ABANDONS BABY

THOSE who, like myself, deplore the omission of the word "baaiby" from Adam Faith's hit "How About That?" will be delighted to hear that one cannot understand a word of Cliff Richard's latest. If that doesn't help they may soon have a chance of seeing in person Jimmy Jones, whose hysterical version of whatever it is, is a must if one is schizophrenic or studies ornithology.

Of course, one cannot appreciate the true value of Mr. Jones' art unless one listens suspended upside down at an angle of twenty three degrees from the vertical, in a room full of stereophonic amplifiers. Most people can't afford this discomfort, but then, Mr. Jones' admirers have a very high fidelity.

## A SCARF FROM MUMMY

ALTHOUGH there are a greater number of Freshers this year, so far no more money is being spent on University scarves, ties and badges than last year.

This was the impression gained in the first week of term at Hardy's, the official University outfitters. So far sales do not compare with the first week of term last year, although it is too early to judge whether sales will be exceptional.

And who are the people who are doing the buying? There was a little pre-registration buying—mostly by fond parents with Freshers in tow. And since term began there have been approximately equal numbers of men and women customers. This indicates—since there are fewer women Freshers than men—that women see some value in scarves for social success.

## Politico's Diary:

# The Great Divide

DURING the last few weeks we have seen the conflict of two political types. On the one hand are the conventional politicians in all parties committed to the idea of defending the western democracies against the Russian Evil by relying on N.A.T.O.

On the other hand are the people who think that power politics is a game we can no longer afford to play. These people do not see the world in terms of America Good v. Russia Bad, nor are they willing to subscribe to the view that moral arguments have no place in politics.

The Jo-Mac-Hugh group realise that in the near future the British electorate are not going to vote for a unilateralist line. They feel that the trick that Hitler played in the 30's may be the one that Krushchev may play in the 60's. The second group realise that the arrival of the H-Bomb has changed the situation, for whereas Hitler could hope to gain territory by aggressive warfare, today territory gained through H-Bomb warfare would be more of a liability than an asset.

## New Generation

The old party alignments are breaking down. A new generation which did not experience the Second World War is growing up. It refuses to believe that the western way of life is so evidently superior to the Eastern, that it is worthwhile blowing up the whole world to prove that East is East and West is West and ne'r the twain shall meet.

Everyone should ask themselves the question "Am I prepared to kill myself, my family, my friends and countless other human beings to defend the western way of life?"

Many reasonable people have answered 'yes'. An increasing number are saying 'no'. And here the conflict lies.

There seems to be one question which CND has not yet answered — "How does China, which has openly declared her intention of conquering the non-Communist world by open aggression, fit into the plan of disarmament? This seems to be a real stumbling block — any suggestions?"

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## Man without a star (GAUMONT)

**KIRK DOUGLAS**, a drifter with a 'don't fence me in' complex, teams up with a young greenhorn. Together they fall into, and clean up, a range war; greenhorn becomes cowboy and settles down. Douglas goes on drifting. Often amusing, this is a good, entertaining Western.

Burma, during the last war, sets the scene. Gregory Peck is the introvert R.A.F. pilot (of Canadian origin) whose exploits are daring and often dangerous. "Instead of getting killed I get medals."

Romance with a beautiful Burmese gives him a reason to live, a future instead of a past, so his luck changes. Ironically a mechanical failure on a routine flight grounds him in enemy jungle. His sane passenger, a Cambridge undergraduate, cracks up, but Peck heroically saves the day.

Well worth seeing if you want a relaxing evening out. But if you are cynical please do not laugh too loudly.

## The Green Mare's Nest (TATLER)

**ONCE** again the Tatler lives up to its reputation of offering entertainment not quite suitable for maiden aunts with this farmyard frolic.

The scene is rural France before, during and after the Franco-Prussian war, but do not be put off by any historical reference. This is a "down-to-earth" comedy, the humour is typically French and the bed springs have no time to become rusty. The plot is uncomplicated and centres around a long standing family feud between the inhabitants of neighbouring farms and a certain revealing letter which falls into the hands of the "enemy." The acting is efficient and often even the poorest linguist need not crane his neck to see the subtitles in order to "get the message." Even the animals have their moments in this delightfully saucy, "no holds barred" country romp.

## There was a Crooked Man (ODEON)

**THIS** was Norman Wisdom at his brilliant best. Heartwarming Norman plays an ex-commando who has fallen on hard times. Through a wartime buddy, he meets Alfred Marks, a slick West End operator, who persuades him to join his happy band of thieves. During some hilarious burglary sequences, Norman puts his wartime education to profitable use until finally he gets caught in the act.

Five years later we find Norman arriving at the northern township of Sleath to work for a ruthless mill owner (well played by Andrew Cruickshank). Norman is framed by him and, in order to gain his revenge, he uses his former connection with the Marks gang. They pose as a high-powered U.S. rocket missile team and blow Sleath to the ground, building it again with U.S. subsidies.

However it all ends happily with Norman back in jail. This is just the gay romp to dispel those beginning-of-term blues.

## From the Terrace (TOWER)

**THE** film of 'From the Terrace' bears little relation to John O'Hara's mammoth novel of the same title, even though some scenes are preserved almost intact.

The Hollywood version of the epic is a straight morality tale of a good guy (Paul Newman) who realises the corrupting effect of success and opts out of the rat-race. It misses O'Hara's bitter moral of the worthlessness of success; his subtle sense of social class, his explicit analysis of the mechanics of success; in fact, all the virtues of the book. And once again film-makers have failed to realise that literary dialogue does not sound as well as it reads.

The large and distinguished cast includes Joanne Woodward as an unfaithful wife, Felix Aylmer as the financial wizard, Ina Balin as a nice girl, and the glossy, stylised treatment provides above average entertainment in the standard Hollywood tradition.

Those who have not read the novel ought to find much to praise, and admirers of Paul Newman will not be disappointed.

## The Entertainer (MAJESTIC)

**THE** irritating habit of inserting the credits into the story of

the film mars the beginning of "The Entertainer". A good ten minutes of film go by before they appear, rather as an afterthought. Otherwise, it is an excellent film. Laurence Olivier as Archie Rice, the seedy, out-moded comedian gives the expected good performance all through, surrounded by better supporting roles than are usually found in any number.

Brenda de Banzie as his wife and Roger Livesey as his father are the best, and Joan Plowright does her best as his goody-goody. "Daddy-won't-you-please-come-home" daughter, very well directed, acted and written, apart from places which are obviously waiting to be quoted in future G.C.E. A level papers, and definitely not to be missed.

The supporting film is unadulterated hogwash in which the British goodies survive against the Chinese baddies in Korea. The adverts after it were better, and at least they were in colour.

## Ocean's Eleven (RITZ)

**THIS** film is an American variation on the League of gentlemen theme—that is an attempt by a gang of ex-servicemen to do a huge-scale robbery on the lines of a military campaign.

The gang is led by Frank Sinatra, but though he has some crisply witty lines as a character he is overshadowed by the very suave Dean Martin and Peter Lawford. Sammy Davis Jr. appears as their truck driver, but except for the theme-song 'Eo-Eleven' he is remarkably subdued.

The film itself moves slowly but has some very funny dialogue, a few serious moments, and not really very much suspense. To reveal the ending would be invidious but there is the usual twist. It is all very improbable.

The supporting film 'The Dover Road Mystery' has no original touches whatever. It is another of the Edgar Lustgarten series but as a supporting film is reasonable.

## Unions Dinner Re-organised

**THIS** year's Union Dinner, separated for the first time from Union Ball, will be an all-Leeds affair.

No representatives from other Universities have been invited, and this will leave more places available for the rank-and-file student Union members.

Guest of honour will be the Princess Royal, who is honorary Union President as well as Chancellor of the University. She has previously visited the Union for theatre performances but has not previously attended Union Dinner.

Other guests will include Leeds M.P.s, town and University officials.

To allow for proper organisation, enquiries for tickets should be made to the Senior Vice-President, Sue Khozi, before the end of term.



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FORTNIGHTLY FORUM

WAY THROUGH THE POLITICAL WOOD

The Dilemma of N.U.S

Compiled by the Features Editor

SHOULD the National Union of Students concern itself with Politics? This question has at times aroused considerable interest amongst people both in Leeds Union and other Unions throughout the country.

A C.N.D. demonstration arranged by members of the Leeds Union last year. Our article poses the question, should N.U.S. organise political activities such as this, or confine itself to Grants and Welfare.



We interviewed Martin Forrest, this year's secretary of the Leeds Union Office of N.U.S. He quoted the N.U.S. constitution as stating that 'N.U.S. should limit itself to discussing matters which affect students as students.'

Martin stressed the point that if N.U.S. began to pass political motions then it might endanger the status of the Union in relations with the Ministry of Education and other important bodies.

No Party Politics

Last year's N.U.S. Secretary Dave Pollard held similar views. He thought that there was no place for party politics in N.U.S. but that the Unions opposition to Apartheid was 'perfectly in order.'

He said 'I think that during the last few years N.U.S. has gradually been officially recognised by such bodies as the Universities Grants Committee, the Ministry of Education and during the last two years N.U.S. has been called upon by such bodies to give valuable opinions on matters affecting students.'

Roy Bull, who is Junior Vice-President of the Leeds Union this year put forward another point of view. In his opinion Politics were already in N.U.S. 'All negotiations' he said 'between NUS and the Ministry of Education ended up as political decisions taken by the Ministry alone.'

He considered that Grants and Welfare although they were very important should not be the only activity of NUS. Roy thinks that the present movement to keep NUS out of politics is being run by people who wish to prevent the progressive faction in NUS from gaining power.

A prominent leftist in the Union, Richard Atkinson, was asked 'Do you think there is a place for Politics in the NUS?'

'The NUS' he replied, 'is a union of Students, which like any other Trade Union organisation has the function of pressing for the implementation of rights for the individual members of the Union. Such expression of rights is by definition political.'

Alan Andrews, who was J.V.P. last year told us 'I think that every decision made by N.U.S. or any other organisation has political and social connotations. If N.U.S. try to abstain from politics, this is political action in itself.'

He did not think that the attitude of the Ministry of Education towards N.U.S. had anything to do on whether or not N.U.S. took political decisions. 'The Ministry takes the advice of the N.U.S. on most occasions, and heeds it when it feels like it' he said.

Let's Keep Aloof

Of course these five people have spent quite a long time thinking about the issue and are known for their views on it.

We therefore decided to find out what ordinary students thought about it. The question we asked several was 'Should NUS concern itself with politics?'

OTC Clash With CND

TORN-UP leaflets were strewn over the floor outside Refec. on Monday after an incident involving a uniformed member of University Air Squadron and two members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

A C.N.D. group marched through the Refec. entrance foyer singing C.N.D. songs in competition with O.T.C. and Air Squadron members who were enrolling students at their Bazaar Day stands.

'Suddenly I noticed someone in R.A.F. uniform was trembling with rage. He snatched one of our posters, tore it, and grabbed a handful of leaflets and tore them up too,' said Dick Atkinson.

'I went up to him to argue it out, and he snatched my leaflets and tore them up. 'It's a very interesting way of arguing - to tear up our leaflets' he added.

We Failed Them

'At a time when students in South Africa were being unjustly treated it was our blatant duty to support them in their struggle. The coloured students were relying on outside help; we failed them.'

Richard felt that Grants and Welfare were very important but that the NUS should also concern itself with the defence of our country and coloured students abroad. 'I for one feel' he said 'that to attack injustice against coloured students is just as important as our grants.'



David Bateman



Alan Andrews

President of the Union David Bateman is also interested in this. He was a member of the Leeds delegation at the last two N.U.S. Councils. We asked him the question 'Should N.U.S. concern itself with politics?'

He considered that N.U.S. still had lots of items on its policy statement that it had not yet dealt with. He thought however that when these things had been dealt with then the position of N.U.S. and Politics could be re-examined.

Opinions on this issue were by no means the same.



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SUCCESSFUL TOUR BY THEATRE GROUP

THEATRE Group took two plays to the International Student Theatre Festival at Erlangen in Germany last summer — 'Twelfth Night' and 'The Sport of my Mad Mother.'

The Festival lasted for ten days, on most of which three plays were staged in the magnificent Town Theatre. Extracts from several of the plays (including the two Leeds productions) were recorded by Swedish Radio.

Dominatry Theme

This was the dominating theme at the festival, the trend was definitely for the modern, and the more absurd the play the better it was received. Consequently 'The Sport of my Mad Mother' was more popular than 'Twelfth Night.'

The morning after the night before consisted not only of a hangover but also of the possibly worse fate: a post mortem. Here the producer was submitted to the hostile intellect of the European Youth. Occasionally praise was granted, even by the critical Belgians.

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# CHANGE THE CONFERENCE NOW

## Eye on Women

WELL, our preliminary advice seems to have fallen on singularly stony ground, doesn't it dears? Those droopy flare skirts, cellular blouses and depressingly sensible shoes are just perfect if you intend to spend your University career rallying round the red flag but hardly conducive to winning friends and influencing people in the Moat.

Of course it may be your wish to toe the party line. One cannot it appears, combine a social conscience with a short skirt and high heels. Go your own way dears if such be your inclination; you'd probably attract a barrage of comradely Siberian wolf-cries in Red Square.

We observe too, a most ominous outbreak of pig-tail wearing — why didn't you stop in the fourth form angels?

Talking of hair-styles the battle of the bee-hive v. shingle appears, here

at any rate, to be progressing favourably for the former, and we notice that all the best freshers have high-swept hair. At least two of our older friends have been short of their French fics during the vac however and the results are not unpleasing.

by *Lucretia*

Assuming that by now you have pawned your pinafore dresses, banished your brogues and given your woolly vests to the refugees, you are ready for the first instalment of our

do-it-yourself success course; in short, dears, you are to learn to become somebody in the shortest possible time.

Method (a) and this is out for all except advanced students, is to acquire a member of Exec. as a plaything. You can do this by developing a sudden interest in Union Administration, or by other less reputable means. (They are human you know). If you do not wish to play with Exec. you can adopt method (b) which consists of joining Union News. The smoky little office at the end of the corridor is an excellent jumping-off point for Union Committee as several little girls have found out.

What you must not do is to seek refuge in a coyly giggling group in the Women's Common Room. We know at least one example of horrible exercises to which they can lead.

Do not, however, let your enthusiasm for co-education lead to your diminishing your sales value. We smile with pity upon the little girls who felt such pride upon acquiring that little row of three white sapphires and tend to forget the five foot five of pimply nervous debility which is an incidental acquisition.

## The Case For Reform

By Margaret Maden

THIS year's Freshers' Conference, like most preceding ones roused feelings of boredom, frustration, and futility — but also produced for some a feeling of gratitude and a sense of pleasure.

With an estimated rise in the number of freshers attending the conference there is a definite need for a change. Who would deal with any possible changes? The organisers comprise members of both Union and University, forming a Joint Conference Committee with Mr. Kay, the Assistant Registrar, being the chief administrator from the University side, whilst a competent Conference Secretary is selected as the Union's main representative. It is clear that the people in charge have been satisfied with the traditional form of the Conference and have received no incentive from any coherent element of student opinion to feel otherwise.

The aftermath of this year's Conference certainly produced many varied feelings and opinions from Union Group-leaders, helpers and freshers attending the Conference.

### Need for Change

What changes are desirable and which are feasible?

A good suggestion is that the duration of the Conference should be shortened to two days — this might attract more Group Leaders of the right sort. If this was put into practice and the schedule concentrated, which events should be omitted? It is possible for example, that just one lecture from a University Professor would suffice to give an idea of the academic aspect of life here, whilst the old idea of a Brains' Trust, comprising members such as the Vice-Chancellor and prominent, interesting members of the University and the Union, would provide a fuller and more stimulating event than does the present Symposium.

The need for questions would also give the Discussion Groups (if they remained in their present form) some more definite aim. Better selection of Group Leaders and perhaps greater publicity in the Union in the late Spring term, would provide the Conference with more capable Group Leaders who really want to do the job.

In more general terms there seems to be a division of opinion as regards the actual timing of the schedule. Some resent the regimentation which is clearly an ironical contradiction of general University day to day life.

### Selection of Leaders

Scrapping the Conference altogether is one idea received from a bored and exhausted Group-leader, but this would not seem to be a generally desirable motion. Most freshers appeared to like the idea of a Conference and more especially the chances provided for meeting other freshers and supposedly knowledgeable undergraduates. General opinion among a group of freshers from Tetley Hall was that the Freshers Hop was an ordeal, whilst the Faculty Dinners were immediately appreciated as being a more civilised method of meeting fellow freshers.



Our picture shows crowds of people elbowing their way into the Riley-Smith at the Freshers' Conference, for a talk by University Officials. Margaret Maden asks the question "Are several of these talks really necessary?"

Group Leaders seem to be the crux of the matter. It was blatantly obvious that the usefulness of the Conference for each fresher was almost entirely dependent on the generosity and the personality of the Group Leader. It has been known for students to remain friendly with their Group Leader throughout their University life, but the most common situation would seem to be that in which the Group Leader completely fails to make the fresher feel at ease in what must be a very strange and new environment.

### Possible Compromise

It seems that most people want more arranged for them, so that there isn't a spare minute for oneself. A possible compromise which should be given serious consideration — a tightly packed schedule — with, for example, less time between sittings for meals, when one cannot do anything positive, and yet has too much time to do nothing. The alternative should always be present for the Group Leader or individual freshers to be able to use their initiative and do something which is considered more worthwhile. One has to cater both for the shy and for the independent.

It would be foolish to suggest in this one survey that there is one simple and ideal plan for Conference revision, but it is surely time for a serious reappraisal of the usefulness of the Conference in the University today. Before the summer term, when the Union representatives sit on the Conference Committee, some constructive and radical changes must be ready to be put into practice and only through the lively interest and ideas of individuals in the Union who have suffered or enjoyed the Conference, will this aim be realised.

### Conference Crush

### N.U.S. WORK FOR CONCESSIONS

N.U.S. is straining every nerve, muscle and shop-manager in an attempt to obtain a discount for students in Leeds stores and shops.

Although the system is already operating successfully in some towns, there is not a lot of optimism at the moment. It is a subsidised reduction — businessmen are reluctantly generous — and the money has to come from somewhere.

There is much more hope for reduced travel rates. Negotiations are taking place which, if successful, will enable students travelling to London at the end of term to do so at something like 15% less than normal fare.

Seven delegates, led by Union President, are attending the N.U.S. Council meeting at Margate on 26th November. Probably the most important topic for discussion will be the report of the Anderson Committee and students' grants and welfare in general. The Leeds delegates will be raising points for discussion at the conference.

Individuals who feel they have been dealt with unfairly over grants can obtain help from Miss Irene Millward in N.U.S. office, who is an expert strong-letter-to-offending-Council-writer.

Help and information can also be obtained from the travel section, who can give information about concessions offered to students travelling abroad and have at their fingertips answers to questions like: "What do I do if I get lost in the Black Forest?" and "Are Einstrasse hostel cockroaches bigger than the Zweistrasse variety?"

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Letters to the Editor.

# Union News Slants Left — Reader

## Freshman accuses Editorial Staff

SIR, As a fresher seeing Union News for the first time, I was struck by the method of presentation of the News, and for that matter what the Editorial staff considered to be news.

One might have imagined that the Union was a socialist hot-bed, for not only were there articles and favourable comment on Nuclear Disarmament but most other articles were written with a leftist slant.

Of course the Union is not as reactionary as it would first appear, and one does not have to go far to see the reason for this unnatural bias. The Union News, itself, points out that the Communist Party is small but goes on to commend its superactive membership.

of this country continually splits the society into numberless classes. While the Welfare State tries to close the gaps between various groups and classes, the university is doing anti-clockwise.

The emblems attached to those who leave the university at the end of their course give them an air of superiority over those who don't come to the university. The fact that the employers accord the graduates higher recognition is a proof that they have received the mana such as gives the Maori chief his power. And yet when one talks about superstitious beliefs of the People of Paradise these cream of the society look down upon the Fijians with all signs of sympathy conspicuously written upon their faces; whereas it is the same sort of power they receive when the gowns and certificates are offered to them.

What is the purpose of having the power? you may interrupt. It gives you influence and consequently gets you into a class of society.

As each successive year creates such classes of people and as those who leave earlier than others have a feeling of priority to the university emblem, no two students of different years of leaving the university lump themselves into the same class. You can imagine how many classes have been created in the society of ours in twenty years.

Anyway I understand that the university authorities are looking forward to eradicating the emblems of this class creation? What will be the substitute is a question which I am not competent to answer.

Yours faithfully,  
I. K. OKE.

### Who is Mr. MacArthur



During the period of their initiation, the students undergo vigorous training which is necessary, if they are to be successful adults. This reminds me of the Masai or the Trobriands who have to go under similar training. But the university authority might prefer training to initiation, but I consider such thinking on their part as just an academic battle of words. Practically there is no difference. I may ask "Why do you train as students?" I may help you to answer that question. It is

It seems to be a pity that those who profess to be Tories cannot produce a little more active line and show that they are not as casual as they appear. Let them have the courage of their convictions and make a more realistic attempt to communicate their ideas and make their strength felt. It is so easy for a sense of security to breed complacency, which unchecked can easily turn in to apathy.

Let the Conservative awaken and consolidate their strong position.

If this letter is published, I will at least know that there is some chance of the Union News becoming a platform for rational comment from all political viewpoints.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID S. ATKINSON.

Editor replies: Anybody who knows anything about the production of newspapers will realise that news items are selected from the point of view of 'newsworthiness.' Very little of interest to students happened during the long vacation. It just happened that two of the best stories were concerned with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. With the possible exception of Political I absolutely refuse to believe that any of the paper was written with a leftist slant.

I too, would like to see the right wing take a more active line in the Union.



### Universities are creating classes

SIR, Whatever definition you may give to the word "class" I don't care to know, but it is certainly true that the system of education

simply because you are given a recognition, a title as is never given to him that does not undertake such training. It is this recognition which gives "mana" that is a sort of power which marks you apart from the others.

SIR.—In response to your generous offer in your last issue, I would like to put several questions.

- (1) A Mr. MacArthur, both hard-working and officious it would seem, has been posting notices in every possible vacant space throughout the Union.
- (a) Who is Mr. M?
  - (b) What is his official position?
  - (c) Is he paid
  - (d) If not, why not
  - (e) IS HE A UNION MEMBER

- (2) I was unable to attend the Freshers' Conference because I received no prior notice.
- Q. Who is to bear the blame
- (3) I have been told to communicate my protests to Union Committee Who on earth, if on this earth, are they?

Yours etc.,  
FRESHMAN.

Editor Replies: The answers to your questions, Sir, are as follows.

Mr. Brian MacArthur is House Secretary to Leeds University Union.

He is not paid because it is not the policy of the Union to pay members of Executive Committee — they render their services entirely voluntarily. He is a Union Member and, like you, he has paid his £7 subscription fee.

It was the responsibility of the Assistant Registrar to let you know the dates of the Freshers' Conference.

If you want to know who Union Committee are I suggest you observe their next meeting next Monday tea-time in the Committee Rooms on the first floor of the Union.

### Committee Members And Politics

SIR.—In common with most Union users I am appalled by the incredible noise which has followed the main Sunday films for so long. By a careful study of the accompanying picture, several keen observers have come to the conclusion that it is the National Anthem. Apparently complaints were made last year to the appropriate Union Committee official, but he declined to alter existing arrangements, pleading that he was an "anti-monarchist".

Since that gentleman has now terminated his year of office, could we please have either a new anthem film; or, in the unlikely case of the majority deciding against its inclusion, complete abolition of the present farce.

There is no national law about playing the "Queen" after a film performance! there ought to be a Union rule about committee members using public occasions for personal politics.

Yours faithfully,  
NIGEL GRIST.

## Christian Attitude Work and Leisure

THERE are many demands made upon our time during our University careers, both in the Union and in our various departments and all too easily our lives can become a struggle to beat the lab. work or the essay time limit.



When this is so life can become almost intolerable, as is the case when we waste time and neglect both our work and our obligations to societies. Therefore this week I should like to think for a moment about our use of time for work and leisure. For the Christian the steps to be taken are quite clear: the day begins with prayer — a time set aside, be it short or long, when the Christian offers himself to God and the day to His use.

This means that everything the Christian does during the day must be accounted for to God at the end of it — once again in prayer. This may make the attempt to live a Christian life sound very dull, with God as the great prohibitionist, preventing the Christian from doing the things he

### TALKING POINT our Religious Feature

really enjoys. This is not the case, for the Christian life is an experience lived in relationship with Christ, God Incarnate, through which the Christian experiences a sense of purpose in life — the knowledge that no longer is it aimless but full of possibilities, full of hope and full of joy.

Christ lives in His Church, building His kingdom on earth with the help of His people who acknowledge Him as Lord of Life and Saviour of the World. Seen in this light life becomes a responsible thing for the Christian, and yet at the same time a joyful experience which it is the will of God that all men should enjoy.

A. L. Bewley, President S.C.M.

### The Victims of Duty

THEATRE GROUP have two productions lined up for November, an Ionesco one-act play, "The Victims of Duty," with three performances on Monday evening 7th November and at lunchtime on 8th and 9th November. A full-length play, "Sergeant Musgrave's Dance" will be presented for the week 28th November to 3rd December.

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You owe it to yourself to find out more about us. Write to me at the above address saying where your interests lie and you will be sent full details.

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