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## A BURNING PROBLEM

### VITAL INFORMATION NEEDED

FEW members of the Union can realise the amount of damage and trouble that was caused by the recent fire in the Coffee-Lounge. Although the fire itself was over in a matter of minutes, and visually no great amount of the furnishings were damaged by the flames, the three burnt curtains, the ruined sun-blind, and the badly scorched ceiling and walls will cost over £100 to replace. This is apart from the quite considerable amount of crockery that was smashed in efforts to extinguish the fire.

Although the building is insured for fire, there is some difficulty in claiming owing to the fact that the whole room was bequeathed to the Union by the late Dr. Mount-Jones, but even after overcoming this there is a far more serious aspect that is causing no little headache to Union officials. Despite widespread efforts (including the use of the tannoy system) to locate any person who was near enough to the fire to give comprehensive and precise details concerning its origin, there has not been enough response to contribute towards a clear report for the Insurance Company. People sitting some distance away from the blazing curtains are unable to identify the two people sitting next to them, and these two men have not come forward of their own accord.

#### APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

It is quite possible that the people concerned have not heard of the efforts being made to trace them, and accordingly "Union News" prints the request of Mr. Blood, the Union Secretary, that they should come forward at the earliest opportunity. "I want to make it quite clear," says Mr. Blood, "that there is no question of finding 'culprits' in this case, but that we simply want the vital contribution of these people who may have some idea of how the curtains caught fire." At the present moment, the details in the hands of the officials concerned are nowhere near enough to make out a lucid report to satisfy the Insurance Company. The situation is grave, and if there is no additional information quite shortly, there is considerable doubt whether the Union will receive any compensation. With such an amount of money involved it is imperative that someone should come forward immediately with vital information.

#### TEXTILE DETECTIVES

Meanwhile, the curtains have been tested in the Textile Department to try and discover the cause of the fire. The naked flames of a match and a lighter, and the lighted end of a cigarette have been applied to the curtains in turn. With the cigarette there was no appreciable result; with the naked flames the curtains did catch alight, but it was the lining that carried the flame more easily. There is no likelihood that the heated radiator caused the fire.

An important fact to be borne in mind when endeavouring to find the cause of fire through tests, is to realise that the actual emergency situation can never be completely reproduced, and that there are many factors that can be completely overlooked and never remembered. Draughts from the doors and windows in the lounge, and the rising

hot air from the radiator would all contribute to the speed of the flames.

#### SERIOUS DISCOVERIES

The most startling and serious result of the tests was the discovery that the curtains and all the furnishings in the lounge are not fire-proofed. Furthermore, there were no fire-extinguishers in the room at all; those used to put out the fire so quickly were fetched from the Union corridor. One cannot help wondering what would have happened in the event of a fire at the corridor entrance. But at 5.30 p.m. that same afternoon, extinguishers were fitted into the lounge, and Mr. Blood is going to see that all curtains in the Union Building are fire-proofed before next session. Most important of all, however, was the discovery that the material of all the curtains in the lounge contains viscose—a regenerated cellulose fibre that has the elements of gunpowder in it—and is thus highly and dangerously inflammable.

One could almost say that it was lucky that this fire occurred so that the Union could be made aware of the constant danger presented by the inflammability of the up-fireproofed curtains. But it still remains for certain people to come forward and give the information they must undoubtedly hold.

### Television Setback!

TV, forecast in our last issue for the near future, has had another inevitable delay. JVP Martin Banham, in reporting to the last meeting of Union Committee, stressed the fact that the blame lay, in this instance, "not with ourselves, but with our stars." The cause of the delay is the difficulty the manufacturers are having over obtaining certain vital components—but a sharp letter has gone from the Union reminding all concerned of their commitments. A rumour of six weeks delivery (nearer four as we go to Press) was the last semi-official statement concerning the long-awaited TV day.

Now, to add to the headache, ITV is in the North, and plans for the democratic principles involved in the choice of programmes now have to be made. Press comments upon the "cultural value" of certain Channels may solve the problem for us. Or will it?

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#### DUKE WILL

#### UNVEIL

#### THIS . . .



When the Duke of Edinburgh opens the Man Made Fibres building on June 29th, the portland stone representation of the theme MAN MADE FIBRE will be in place above the main entrance, high up on the top of the building. Commissioned by the University, this work has been carried out by Mrs. Marcus Falkner-Cunliffe of Manchester. It is due to arrive in Leeds on June 16th, and will take three or four days to erect. The complete work weighs 6 tons, and has been made in six portions.

### Harvard Professor Lectures on N.A.T.O.

BEFORE a rather sparse audience, owing no doubt, as the President explained, to the imminence of the end-of-term exams, Professor Newell from Harvard lectured on the North Atlantic Treaty, in the Riley-Smith Hall on Wednesday, 2nd of May. The meeting was sponsored by the joint auspices of the Union and the British Atlantic Committee, whose President is Sir David Kelly.

Saying at the outset that he was an American—"You can always tell a Yank but you can't tell him much"—Professor Newell considered N.A.T.O. from an American point of view which is in many ways different from that of the British one, as N.A.T.O. is the first peacetime alliance which the U.S.A. has joined, while Britain has been involved in European politics for a very long time.

#### UNITED NATIONS HISTORY

Professor Newell outlined the history of the United Nations and the split which gradually grew between the Western powers and Russia, making some form of defence for the Western world essential as Communism gained power in more countries, and threatened several others. As he himself was present at many of the important conferences in those years, Professor Newell made his relation of what is now history doubly alive and interesting.

#### AMERICAN DECISION

Remarking that America's realisation that she can no longer afford to be independent of Europe and take no account of events there was a very fortunate and healthy development, Professor Newell went on to stress the fact that no nation can now afford to separate itself from the rest of the world, and this is particularly so in N.A.T.O. where "The eggs of all the member countries are not only all in the same basket, they're in the same omelette."

Although N.A.T.O. is primarily a military organisation to ensure the adequate defence of its member countries should the need arise, it is also a means of furthering good relations between the people of its coun-

tries, and tries to help develop cultural and other contacts as much as possible.

#### AMERICAN SUPPORT

Professor Newell said that N.A.T.O. has a great deal of support in America, which is shown by the election of General Eisenhower as President of the United States, and he also said that America intended to stand by her commitments in Europe as its adequate defence is the only thing that will ensure America's own safety. "It is no good," he said "thinking that a few gunboats at the entrance to New York harbour are an adequate defence against a possible attack."

After answering several questions about N.A.T.O. very ably, Professor Newell was thanked for his very interesting lecture and the meeting was closed.

### THEFT!

FOR the second time this year Cromer Hall Y.W.C.A. have had their brand new notice board stolen. The last one, stolen on Thursday night, lasted three weeks. The Y.W.C.A., tired of this all too frequent habit in any University, are treating this as a serious matter; these boards cost four guineas each and the police have been called in to investigate.

The only evidence so far is that of a courting couple who noticed a crowd of youths loitering around the building at about 11 p.m. Enquiries are still in progress.

### STATE OF THE UNION

#### Exec. Holds Press Conference

A COMPREHENSIVE and authoritative account of the Union's present satisfactory condition was given to our reporter by senior officials in an exclusive end-of-session interview on the "State of the Union."

The session has been a busy and a momentous one for the Union's Executive, and it is obvious that despite their early setbacks and inexperience they have not been slow to realise the potentialities of the new larger premises.

We asked the President, Edward De Graft Johnson:—

Q.—"Would you say that the Union was in a more favourable position now than twelve months ago?"

A.—"A difficult question: the Union has grown larger and one cannot really compare the positions."

Q.—"Have the new premises raised more problems than they have solved?"

A.—"They have solved the accommodation difficulty, but have raised other problems which we might have overlooked about membership."

Vice-President Martin Banham interposed a typical epigram summing up the situation when he explained "We are finding more and more that we can keep out less and less."

#### EXCLUSION ESSENTIAL

Whilst it was not the desire of the Union to exclude any members of the University from the full use of the Union's facilities, the Executive do not feel that the best interests of members are served by admitting the secretarial staff during congested periods.

The difficulty is that the Union does not control the lower ground floor of University House. Non-members are not permitted by the Licensing Laws to use the Bar, but any member or employee of the University may use the Cafeteria.

Of negotiations about the use of University House Mr. De Graft Johnson said "They are in a state of flux at the moment, but we hope in the end the outcome will be to the Union's advantage." They felt the opening of the extensions had caused some loss of the community spirit which pervaded the old premises.

#### APATHY AND DISCRETION

Of the Societies, the Executive felt that although the membership of most societies was definitely down, yet attendance at meetings was on the whole up. Certain remarks by senior members of staff at the Freshers' Conference were thought to be responsible for the falling-off: older Union members are thought to be "developing a conscience."

The Union's facilities are undoubtedly better than ever before, and this is reflected in "a certain apathy" among the usually critical and vociferous members, who appear to be satisfied and uncomplaining. Although the fact that so many candidates stood in the Presidential election might contradict this view, there are only 25 competitors for the Fifteen Open Seats on Union Committee, and few old members are standing for re-election.

#### AUTHORITY AND DISCIPLINE

Some complaints have been voiced about authoritarianism in Union affairs, and we asked the Officers if they thought they had any substance in fact. Their reply: "We would say definitely not. Disciplinary Committee has been almost out of work this session, and we do not feel there has been any unduly harsh treatment."

The behaviour of members came in for much criticism early in the session, and cynics predicted that the newly furnished premises would very

soon be as disreputable as the old. The Executive finds, on the contrary, that "Behaviour has been exemplary, and has put the cynics in a ridiculous light." They are, of course, disappointed that a carelessly started fire should have defaced the Mount-Jones lounge so early in its history, but feel that this isolated accident is in no way typical of the respect accorded to the furniture.

#### PRESTIGE RISES

Relations with the University are definitely on the up-and-up. The University, says our President, is coming to regard the Union more and more as a considerable and responsible body, and to consult its officers and take them into its confidence on matters of policy. This indication of the increased prestige of the L.U.U. is borne out by the comments of visiting representatives of other Unions, who were "very much impressed" by the organisation of the beginning-of-term N.U.S. Council, and particularly by the size and facilities of the Union.

#### FINANCIAL PRESSURE

Union Treasurer Joyce Handby is not altogether nappy about the financial position, although the increase in prices at Saturday Socials will do much to set things to rights. The Union has large capital reserves, but pressure on the Current Account will continue to be very severe, she thinks, until the Union fee is related to the national cost of living.

#### DUKE'S VISIT

A major event in the Union's calendar will be the visit on June 29th of the Duke of Edinburgh, who will be spending more time in the Union than at any University function. While the keynote of the Royal Visit will be informality, the Executive hopes that the Duke will have the opportunity to meet representatives of every Union society and club. Members must not be alarmed if there seems to be a lot of decoration going on before the Duke's visit—it will be "purely routine; we are not changing the Union to suit the Duke."

#### SITTING PRETTY

On the whole it has been a happy year for the Executive. Helped by a loyal and hard-working staff they feel that although they started with exceeding inexperience they have gained immeasurably in confidence and experience as the session wore on.

They were not dismayed by criticism or complaints, for they felt that to criticise an elected representative was in some measure to criticise oneself. But for their successors in office they hoped that the Union would stand by those it elected, rather than regard them as people apart.

Asked if he would like to be staying in office a second year, the President said he thought it was "not a good thing for anyone who has held very high office. Other people must be given their opportunity; but this is a personal decision."

The lasting impression they would take away, said Mr. Banham, was a general reminder that "the vigour of the Union resides not in the coffee turnover nor in the length of committee meetings, but in the number of people who join and attend Societies, and stand for and hold office."

GOODBYE  
BALL



June 15th

Mick Mulligan (with George Melly)  
Jackie Thorpe and His Orchestra  
Devon Ramblers      Gerry Wilson Five

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



## UNION NEWS

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## AS WE SEE IT

THIS issue is the last "Union News" of the year. Looking back, this year has by no means been unsuccessful for us, for we have not only completely re-organised our size and layout, enlarged our news-scope to include items of wide appeal not restricted to Union functions, but our sales have shown a decided rise to prove that the paper is becoming even more popular. 1,500 people buy the "Union News" but nearer 3,000 read it! The staff has grown considerably, and shown an enthusiasm that largely accounts for the paper's improvement, but perhaps the real secret lies in the professional experience of the Editor, Barrie Gill, who spends his long vacations working as a full-time reporter on his local paper. As reported previously, his technical experience of lay-out was greatly missed when an accident kept him from seeing through these last two issues of the year.

There have been minor crises at intervals throughout the session, but these have been overcome with no great difficulty, although one edition went to press "editorless." There is no reason why next year should not be doubly successful, and readers are reminded that at any time "Union News" welcomes free-lance news items, new members of the editorial staff, and criticism, both constructive and vitriolic.

With this last issue we maintain our tradition that the "Union News" is YOUR paper, and that we print whatever you, the Readers wish to read. It is up to you to see that we fulfil this tradition.

GILL HARKER.

## IT HAPPENED ELSEWHERE . . .

## POODLES AND KLAXONS

A French poodle going by the name of "Kiki Graham" was nominated in the students Council Election at the University of British Columbia. The nomination was accepted and the poodle ran for the election, thus proving that voters do not investigate the backgrounds of candidates. It is not disclosed whether or not the poodle was finally elected. . . .

Three members of Manchester University's Rag Committee, in accordance with an old established tradition, took a bath in the Women's Union, and have consequently been granted Life Membership. . . .

Endeavouring to solve the problem of Hall accommodation at Exeter University, statisticians came to the somewhat odd irrelevant conclusion that if every student of the University slept in a bed in a Hall of Residence, each bed would contain 1.7963 recurring persons. . . .

The Venezuelan Government has

announced that only students whose parents can guarantee their good behaviour will be allowed to continue their education. . . .

A professor of Moscow University who visited Cambridge recently was amazed to see that the students there wore "Black cloaks." He said that in Moscow students do not "wear any kind of uniform." . . .

Dr. Edith Summerskill, addressing students at Liverpool University some time ago, was unable to finish her speech owing to the continual interruption of cat-calls, shouting, stamping of feet and hoots on a klaxon horn. She was referring to the recent visit of Bulganin and Krushchev, when the noise grew too great for her to continue. She said: "You have put me in an extremely difficult position . . . I feel the audience is not in the mood to listen and I shall stop now. I have not come here just for a rag about a very serious matter. Good-bye."

## B.B.C. IN THE UNION

## Overseas Students Interviewed

FOR some considerable time Britain has faced a problem concerning overseas students in this country, for owing to the fact that University colleges in colonial territories are affiliated to London University, prospective students from overseas tend to apply to London alone for admission.

Thus London University is overwhelmed with applications from overseas students because of insufficient knowledge of the remaining English Universities besides Oxford, Cambridge and London.

Recently, Miss Trevelyan, Advisor to Overseas Students at London University, arranged with the B.B.C. to compose a series of Educational Advisory broadcasts featuring some of the provincial Universities in Britain, and their facilities for the studies generally required by the student from abroad.

## STUDENTS INTERVIEWED

Consequently, on April 30th, a number of our own students from Persia, Africa, Norway, India, Ceylon and Turkey, together with the President and members of the Executive Committee, met in the Presidents Room here at Leeds to compose the first of the broadcast series. With tape-recorders Miss Trevelyan and Mr. Murphy of Manchester B.B.C. interviewed the students from abroad, asking them whether they were happy at Leeds University, if it exceeded or fell below their expectation, and how they were proceeding in their studies.

## VICE-CHANCELLOR SPEAKS

When the interviews have been edited, and the actual programme shaped, the Vice-Chancellor will speak as an introduction and the President of the Union will talk about Union facilities and activities. The whole will be an interesting and varied presentation of Leeds University as representative of the British provincial University, relatively unknown to most students abroad who intend to come to England to study.

## LEEDS HONOURED FIRST

Leeds is the first University to have the honour of making one of these advisory broadcasts, and there seems no doubt that it will be the first to be sent out over the B.B.C. Overseas Transmission, primarily to West and Central Africa, but later to many other colonial and Commonwealth countries.

Prospective students listening overseas will hear of the organisation and atmosphere of education in British Universities where there is no racial discrimination, but a common bond of friendship and a common aim.

## READERS WRITE . . .

## OF JAZZ, IDIOCY AND APATHY

Dear Sir,

Perhaps the student who complained in your last issue of "Union News" that too much space was given to jazz news, would feel slightly better if future reports took this form. On the other hand, he might wish, after reading it, that he had left well alone.

Yours faithfully,

W.S.

## ODE TO A JAZZ BAND BALL

There is no inhibition tonight,  
And once again,  
To the secret code  
Of that imperceptible flick of the wrist

The frills twirl round and round.  
To the urgent note in the trumpet's shrill appeal

She sways in undulating unison  
With sound waves from the frenzied drums,

Jerks her head, and with pouted lips  
Whistles disjointed bars

Unconsciously emulating  
The instruments' technique.

But, for the most,  
Legs merely stamp

Bodies turn and twist  
Arms stretch and strain  
With the endurance of india-rubber  
Flailing the over-heated air

Like firemen's hoses  
Dehydrated in mid-air.

Crazed synopses  
Burst through and through  
Grimacing metal twists,  
Dazed

By the eddy of swirling skirts,  
The trombone's golden sheen  
And silvery timbre

Against the dancers' jeans  
And careless sweaters.  
The negro folk-rhythm  
Occasionalised

Seeps into them  
Like wine on beer-mat.

There is no inhibition tonight  
Although, from the balcony  
A refined taste

Looks down on the scene with profound contempt  
And with a refined tilt of the nose  
Sniffs.

With exactly the same motion  
As, to enter such a care-free world,  
he  
Sniffs benzadrine.

Time enough later, to count the broken shins,  
To rue the laddered nylons,  
Tonight they hug the music,  
And reveling in the throb  
Of its blooded symphony  
Spin on the tortured arm again  
In jazzy abandon.

W.S.

Dear Sir,

I thought it would be of interest to your readers to learn of the following letter received by RAG COMMITTEE last week:

Dear Mr. Bell,

As an ex-student and now a director of several companies who could all help local charities, and do so, I would not recommend the support of your Rag Day antics. It is about time you people realised you are grown up and stopped these silly performances. They have long since exceeded their usefulness. They seem to be continued as an outlet for the idiosyncrasy of present day grant aided students who seek an excuse for a "binge." Do please confine your energies to legitimate performances—if at all—and you will earn the respect of our citizens and the support of decent people.

Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM BELL.

Dear Sir,

What is the Union coming to? As more and more people are bitten every year by the workbug and pile into the Brotherton from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., so less and less people seem prepared to help in the Union. The Elections are a case in point. For every election, a total of 56 people is needed to act as polling officers—2 people per hour per table. Four years ago, it was an easy job to get polling officers, and a list of polling officers was usually posted up on the Day-to-Day Board the Friday before any election. Last year, the 56 officers were ultimately "conscripted" with a little difficulty. But this year, the situation is as irritating as it is ridiculous. It would appear that nearly all the 3,400 students have had finals from the Presidential Elections to the Committee Elections. Apart from the faithful few who give up several hours at every election, members of the Union are just not prepared to give up a little time. It is most maddening to see those same people who refuse this hour, playing tennis, cards or billiards, sitting in the Caf. or the Lounge for several hours. The "Finals" take second place then!

At 9.55 p.m. on the first morning of the recent elections, there were NO polling officers signed up, and it was only by persuasion and coaxing that the tables were opened at all at 10 a.m. Perhaps the best policy in future, if this nonsense continues, will be for the Returning Officer to refuse to open the polling tables!

Yours sincerely,

SYDNEY P. LARTER.

Hon. Secretary, Leeds University Union

## THIS IS MY VIEW

By

"PERSPEX"

FORCED by the temporary closing of the Mount-Jones Lounge to compose this fortnightly wisp in an office, I fear for my style. Should I be a little less colourful, should I select not quite the word I would have used a fortnight ago, should my expression be rather blander than usual, put it down to exams, or the aforementioned closing, or even some other agency at work—but don't blame Perspex. After all, Perspex is only human. Which makes one think how often and how truly this can be said of some union members. We suppose it is only human to run quickly away if you have left a burning cigarette behind a curtain, but I think I might have a little more faith in the Union if I knew that somebody had admitted doing it.

But there is one compensation. Shades of ex-JVP Gibson re-emerge and we are to have our coffee against contrasted wallpaper. Perhaps a few more fires in sensible places would have an improving effect. The Riley Smith for instance, or Rag Office

## THE JOLLY MILLER

Having described a few issues ago my troubles on the water (Avon and Severn) it is with joy that I read in one of the Evening Papers the news that the Warden of Devonshire Hall has purchased a water mill. There must be a moral in this, over and above grandfather's habits. As the Warden says, "owning a country cottage is as cheap as going to a resort for a holiday." What's more, it's considerably less expensive than living in a Hall of Residence these days.

## VIVE LA HOCKEY (LAMENT)

The much publicised visit of the Hockey team from Paris having failed to materialise, we are interested to know that the reason was the authorities getting the team for National Service just as they were on the point of departure (or flight?). This brings to mind some interesting possibilities, such as a headline in Union News one day of the following nature: UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TEAM CALLED UP. It would be disappointing to learn that it was only before the magistrates.

## CONSCIOUS FASHION?

Are their no young ladies left willing to use a little imagination and courage over their dress? There are some, but they are few in number. One of these rare birds appeared at a HOP earlier in the term, she wore a feathered hat upside down around her chin, a startling effect! This sort of ingenuity should be encouraged; there is no telling what we might see. Another example was the young lady who arrived at the university one morning last week wearing her father's shirt worn back to front and dyed a bright yellow. Father, of course, wore daughter's blouse and created a sensation at the office. The typists walked out exclaiming that they couldn't compete. It is clear that good dress sense is merely the art of wearing good clothes the wrong way round or bottom up.

## LAST WORD

And almost last breath. What a year! I HAD to be "THEM" standing by the tulips when the photographer called.

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## Book Reviews

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A contributor to "Punch," Mr. Ronald Hingley has neatly turned the tables on the pessimistic "1984" prophets in his first novel "Up Jenkins." (Longmans, Green and Co. Ltd. 12/6 net). This is a scintillating satire on the possibilities of a divided Britain in which the North of England continues to maintain democratic interest in the weather and the football pools, whilst the South supplies the pleasures of a totalitarian state.

The gruesome issues raised by Orwell and Huxley are seen from a riotous viewpoint as Mr. Hingley depicts a Southern England in which female leaders of the State are entitled the honorific of "Sir" and the Regime institutes an Ante-Baby Campaign, whilst the North persists in the good old evils of strip cartoons and horror comics. This is a book which will appeal to all who sensibly consider politics a laughing matter and prefer to live for the day rather than moan about the future.

Of more serious nature, but equal interest is Clay Blair's "Beyond Courage," Jarrolds (London) Ltd., 15/- net, which contains dramatic accounts of the amazing but true escapes of airmen brought down over enemy territory during the Korean War. There are many stories of escapes from Germany in World War II, but they cannot surpass these tales of endurance in ingredient or narration.

The difficulties of crossing in-

human terrain; of avoiding the hordes of enemy troops, spies and informers; and of disguising Caucasian looks from one's Eastern enemy are all captured in these stories of the men who escaped their capturers and would-be capturers and returned to fly again. Truly their ordeals often were 'Beyond Courage.'

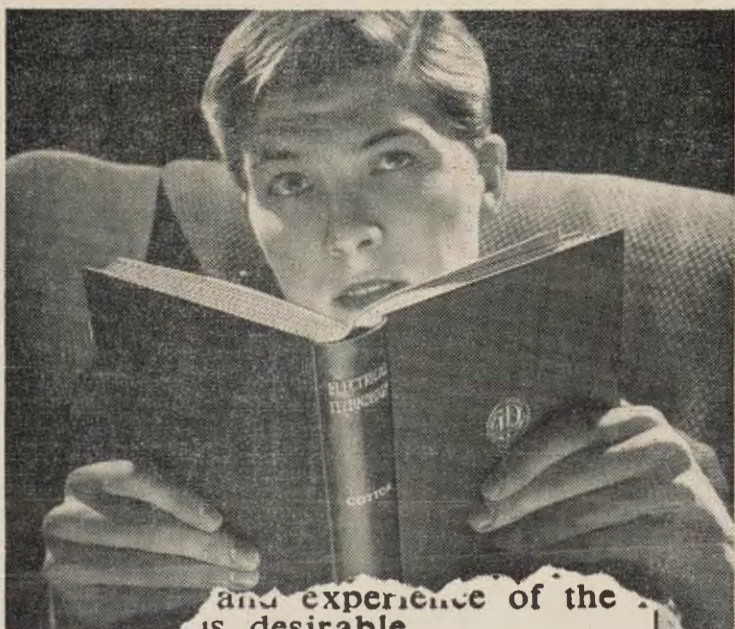
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## UNION NEWS SURVEY:-

# WOMEN'S HALLS

## MAJORITY OF STUDENTS ARE SATISFIED

APPROXIMATELY one in three of all girl students at this University reside in Hall. Carrying out the policy of "Union News" to bring you the facts on how other people at the University live, we have recently conducted an enquiry on life in a Women's Hall of Residence. The results indicate that, whilst it is generally accepted that "there is no place like Hall," there are several aspects that could be improved upon. But first a few facts about the Halls concerned.

There are five Women's Halls, which in decreasing order of size are Oxley, Westwood, Tetley, Lupton and Ellerside. The girls pay £41 per term, or slightly more if they have a single room. Most girls seem to think that this fee is too high for the service they get and it is a fact that there are non-University Halls which manage without subsidy to charge much less and still run at a profit whilst giving their members a service equally good. Nevertheless, the University Halls ran at a loss last year.

Apart from third year students, most of whom have single rooms, the girls share a room with one or sometimes two others. Throughout, there was very little complaint about the rooms although some do appear to be cramped or short of furniture. However, this problem is being tackled by the University, at Oxley for example, complete refurnishing of the rooms is taking place at the rate of two a year. To date two rooms have been done.

**A RIDICULOUS SITUATION**  
All Halls have their student committee, but except in formulating minor internal rules, they are powerless. All important rules are made by the Women's Hall Committee, headed by the Vice-Chancellor and including various dignitaries connected with the University. The Hall

wardens sit on this committee in a non-voting capacity only. As a result, the residents are, in effect, having their lives controlled, insofar as living in Hall goes, by an outside committee which is absolutely out of touch with the immediate problems of residence.

The most outstanding rule is that all girls must be in by 11 p.m. or half-an-hour after the end of a University function. In addition, coming in as late as 11 p.m. is expected to be the exception not the rule. In one Hall at least, if several girls at once are out late someone MUST wait up to let them in. Feeling, in general, runs high over this 11 p.m. rule. One well-known resident told our reporter: "We feel that we are not being treated as adult University students. These rules are more in keeping with schoolgirls. If the curfew were abolished, the majority of students would be in by 11.15 anyway, and those who maintained late nights would have only themselves to blame. If we are to make our way independently in life when we leave the University that is all the more reason why we should not be coddled while we are here. If people need 'school rules' to make them adhere to their academic studies then they are not worthy of their place here, and the University would be better off without them."

## SOME RULES NECESSARY

Apart from this, most of the rules were accepted as being necessary for the smooth running of the community.

Throughout, despite several difficulties the meals have been of a generally high standard, and there was very little complaint upon this point. However, girls in one Hall stated that: "We were refused meatless breakfasts on Fridays for the Catholics even though we had meatless breakfasts for most days of the week."

As most students will have realised by now, the residents take their mid-day meal at the Refectory using tickets issued by the Hall. This is a source of dissatisfaction to many girls as they would prefer to eat where they choose. Consequently, representations have been made for them to have their £5 lunch money instead of tickets. This petition unfortunately granted the privilege of using their lunch tickets in the Cafeteria.

Thus, although life in a Women's Hall is not always smooth, all girls without exception said they would prefer to live in Hall rather than lodgings. Every girl interviewed mentioned the congenial atmosphere, the companionship, and the dignity of living in Hall.

## UNION CINEMA

MARLON BRANDO fans, and indeed all who are interested in the development of the cinema, will no doubt be present in force on Sunday, May 13th, to see "On The Waterfront," one of the most outstanding of the post-war films.

In 1955, this film won Oscars both for being the best film of the year and having the best direction. In this story of the corrupt practices in the labour organisations on the New York Waterfront, Marlon Brando's superb acting will not easily be forgotten, and is well worth a second look for those who have already seen it. Although Brando is the outstanding actor in this outspoken and "tough" film he is well supported by Eve Marie Saint and Lee J. Cobb. Certainly not a film to be missed.

Also in the programme is "Madeleine" one of the best U.P.A. cartoons.

## FERNANDEZ—A PRIEST

Union cinema's only foreign film this term is the well-known and well-loved "The Little World of Don Camillo" which is still reckoned the best of the films about the Italian priest and his village, in spite of the several worthy sequels.

Fernandez takes the part of Don Camillo and Gino Gervi is his rival, the Communist mayor of the village, these being the two main characters in this film full of humorous incidents when the two men cross each other's path. Although this film deliberately sets out to be light and entertaining it is also very sincere, and this sincerity is perhaps what makes it so beloved of cinemagoers.

Included in what should prove a light and enjoyable programme is the cartoon "It's A Lovely Day."

# Film Society

## Premiere

### "ARDENT SPIRIT" TO BE SHOWN AT A.G.M.

"ARDENT SPIRIT," the film made by The Film Society last summer and to be shown at its A.G.M. next Wednesday, May 16th, has turned out to be a pleasant surprise. After sitting through a few amateur films one expects to see again a pretentious story mauled and disguised by equally pretentious technique.

Fortunately Film Society have avoided this. For this—their first film production—they chose a simple story with few complications and told it in the quickest and easiest way possible. Their success should be a lesson to other amateur film-makers.

The story tells of a research student who, forgetting his duty to science and his Ph.D., embarks upon the wholesale production of whisky. Ironically enough the door of his laboratory carries the plate: "J. Walker, Fuel Research." Eventually, of course, his activities are discovered—mainly due to the sensitive nose of the professor. The student is unceremoniously sent packing.

Later—the student drowns his sorrows in a pint of common beer under the watchful eye of Fred—we see the professor indulging in what can only be called a positive orgy of whisky-drinking.

Humour is one of the most difficult of all things to handle—and, although not a complete success, "Ardent Spirit" cannot fail to amuse most students. The film-makers impression of the goings-on in a research laboratory will certainly give most scientists a laugh. The most amusing scenes are the discovery of the student's activities by the professor and the episode in the student's flat—where there are so many bottles it is impossible for him to move about.

The technical standard of the film is quite high—especially the photography and the layout of the caricature credit-titles.

Unpolished though it is in places one feels that this must be put down to inexperience rather than to inability. On the whole, it is a very promising first effort—and one of which the Society can feel rightly proud. They will have learnt a number of valuable lessons in the making of this film. It is to be hoped that they will make use of the experience in a further film and that they will be given every encouragement to do so.

# FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

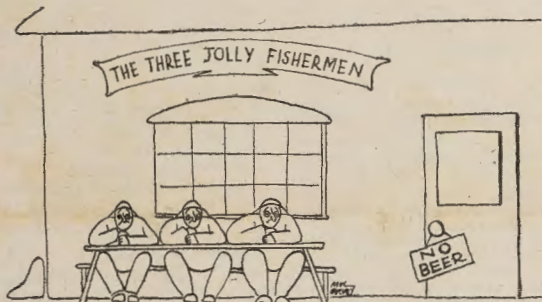
THE universities folk dance festival which has been an annual event since 1951, was held in Manchester during early February this year.

Undeterred by the worst Manchester could do in the way of weather, 600 dancers from 19 universities attended the festival, 70 being from Leeds as representatives of the English and Scottish Dance Societies. The Leeds contingent consisted of three teams—first came the smiling Scottish Dance Society with "Miss Nancy Frowns" followed by "Rouken Glen." Later the Yorkshire Sword team—not so dangerous as it sounds to the uninitiated—performed the "Kirby Malzeard Dance," with some imaginative variations learnt from some traditional dancers, and finished with "Roundelay." The English Dance Society showed versatility and enterprise in performing dances from such distant sources as Dorset and the Court of Charles II. All three teams were well received.

The highlights of the programme, however, came from Newcastle's performance of the "Rapper Sword Dance" and the "Northumbrian Barn Dance" given by the Newcastle Country Dance Society. Although the British dances proved most popular, the foreign dances performed by Bristol and Hull were pleasant and well executed.

In the evening a Barn Dance was held in the suitably barn-like surroundings of the MacDougal Physical Education Centre. After an impromptu start from Sid Wilson, the Leeds fiddler, the band arrived to find proceedings already in full swing.

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## ROUND THE COMMITTEE TABLE

### NEW RULES AND INNOVATIONS

UNION COMMITTEE, which has been breaking all records for lengthy meetings this session, so far forgot itself at its April meeting on the 23rd as to complete all business in three hours and six minutes flat — including coffee.

The most important disclosures seemed to be those concerning the perennial grouse about catering: Dr. Adams reported that the Medical Representative Council "has no confidence in the Medical School Catering Committee and deplores its failures."

Certain motions on the general topic of catering, which were passed at the March meeting, were held over at the suggestion of Dr. Belton, who said an outside catering consultant was at present investigating the services in University House and would report in a week or two. Committee agreed to hold over its motions until the report was available.

### EXTENSION AND EVENING COFFEE

The newly-formed Postgraduate Students' Representative Council have been active already in campaigning for extended hours, opening for the Union during vacations. This question be decided at the Joint Committee Meeting in June. The possibility of opening the Bar during vacations will also be explored.

The Mount Jones Room will be opened for coffee in the evenings as soon as the kitchen receives new equipment.

The Riley-Smith Hall is to be redecorated, with special attention to the creaking floorboards, and heavy curtains are to be hung over the entrances during performances to shield the gentle ears of Shakespeare lovers from the competing sounds of jam-

session and the rowdier barflies at closing-time.

### DESPITE THE BUDGET

Cigarettes are to be on sale at the Porters' office for a trial period: this is in response to requests for a cigarette machine to be installed—the cost being prohibitive.

No volunteer has yet come forward for the post of Lodgings Secretary, newly-created, although in view of the strong remarks on the nomination forms of some of this year's candidates this post is not likely to be long vacant.

The Book Exchange has broken all records this session with a turnover of more than £2,000. This news brought congratulations from Union Committee and a smile to the lips of a visiting ex-J.V.P., Mr. Eric Farnell, who was one of the Exchanges pioneers.

The Union Library has reduced its borrowing time from three to two weeks, to conform with normal library procedures.

New rules relating to the use of the Projection Room and the Billiards Room have been adopted, among which a suggestion from Alan Curd, that "... anyone found playing billiards without light shall be reported to the Disciplinary Committee or the nearest doctor" seems most likely to achieve its desired effect.

On the whole an uneventful meeting, full of promise for the future, and without the usual wrangling. The next meeting, on 17th May, at 6 p.m., might even set a new short record!

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Monday, May 21st 3 Days

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Joanne Dru — Dorothy Malone  
**SINCERELY YOURS**  
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The British Council assists in publicising the offers and, in most cases, in the recruitment of candidates for these awards. The closing dates for the receipt of applications vary between February 1 and May 23, 1956.

Further information and application forms, for which a stamped, addressed envelope should be sent, may be obtained from the British Council office at 207 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2.

## SPACE LIMITED

Following complaints that Leeds Students were finding difficulty in getting into Sheffield Hops, "Union News" did a little investigating into the matter.

Our reporter was amazed to find that their Union dance floor is only about 40ft. by a 100ft., and attendance is therefore limited to a great degree. There is no case of "victimisation"—in fact their Secretary said that anyone from Leeds with a Union Card would be admitted even to the exclusion of their own students.

Having satisfactorily cleared this matter up, our reporter chatted with a few students and compared Unions. Opinions varied about the refectory, but all complained about the queuing—we're not the only ones.

Although reticent about discussing Union affairs, it appears that one member of Executive Committee has been forced to resign because of financial carelessness. There were no complaints, however, about the workings of the Executive—some had not even heard of it, which certainly points to a smooth-running body.

On the whole he found Sheffield Union a contented and happy community despite its limitations in size and resources. Moral:—"It's not the buildings, but the people in them that counts."



## HOME FOR EDITORS



By courtesy "Guild News"

"THE Manor," Birmingham University's Men's Hall of Residence in its superb setting, which for five days was the home of Student Editors from all parts of the country during the Easter conference sponsored by N.U.S.

Talks were given by experts from the professional world of Newspapers on such important subjects as printing, layout and advertising. "But," says the Leeds representative, "Union News" Editor Barrie Gill, "the true value of the conference lay in informal discussion with fellow editors who suggested fresh solutions for the mutual problems of content, format and organisation. Such meetings cannot fail to be of benefit to all Student Newspapers, and, inevitably, to their readers."

## UNION NEWS CROSSWORD COMPETITION RESULTS

FROM the many entries received, the winners of our last crossword competition are J. INGHAM of the Department of Chemical Engineering and J. D. BRIDGE of the Department of Theology. They may collect their 5/- book tokens from Mr. John Smirfitt, Business Manager "Union News" any day between 12 and 2 p.m.

We apologise to readers and winners for the delay in publishing these results, but in the absence of the Editor the winners—drawn last term—were unable to be found. We hope that this inevitable delay has not caused undue inconvenience to those concerned.



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## Rag Week Promises Full Dance Programme IN AND OUT OF THE UNION

WE are hoping that members of the University will be dancing every night during Rag Week, for there will be ample opportunity for them from June 16th—23rd.

On Saturday, June 16th, the week's entertainment opens with the Tyke Day Hop, with dancing to Albert Honeyman and his Music, together with the John Booth Quartet. "Tyke" sellers will benefit at this Hop since they will pay 25% less than anybody else for admission. (This does not apply to Bar prices).

The Monday night of Rag Week sees the first outside dance: Rag Dance on June 18th, at the Astoria Ballroom on Roundhay Road. This is open to the general public, and we are hoping that Town and Gown will join together to make the evening a success. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to midnight to the two Astoria orchestras, there will be a licensed Bar, and the admission price will be 4/-.

A Jazz-Band Ball will be the Union's attraction on Tuesday evening. Here is your opportunity to enjoy plenty of traditional jazz, together with your dancing. University jazz bands from Oxford, Edinburgh, Nottingham and one other University, as well as our own Devon Ramblers, will play for your entertainment from 7.30 p.m. until midnight.

The Capitol Ballroom, on Meadow Road, is the centre of attraction for Rag dancers on Wednesday, June

20th, when we hold the second public dance of the week. Last year's dance here was a great success, so it's up to you to see that the same thing happens again. It is another late night for us all: 8 p.m. until 1 a.m., with a licensed Bar and admission price 5/-.

Thursday, June 20th, provides a big contrast, when Rag Ball will be held for the first time in the University. The two big bands who will be playing in the Refectory are Vic Lewis and his Orchestra, one of the best modern dance bands in the country, and the Zenith Six, a new Orleans style jazz group. This year the Ball will be formal, another change from the past, with dancing from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. At the Ball the winning tickets for the Car Competition will be drawn and the final of the Rag Queen Contest will take place.

Friday night is Krazy Nite and anything goes in the Union from 7.40 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Come along, dressed as you wish—the crazier the better—and really let your hair down. Admission is two shillings with Jeff Locke and a supporting Band to provide the music.

Finally to round off the week, Rag Day Hop will be held in the Union, with dancing to Harry Allen and his Music and the Jerry Wilson Five.

## LATE NEWS FLASH

### 1st YEAR REP. RESULTS

AS we go to Press the first of the election results which will determine the composition of next year's Union Committee have been issued.

### Textile Woman and Persian

The First Year Women will be represented by Miss Jessica Elliott, a Textiles student (proposed by B. G. Montgomery) a member of Westwood Hall, the Rhythm Club and the Art Society. She polled 758 votes.

Also elected only twenty votes ahead of her nearest rival Miss C. Haldenby was Miss Sue Khozai, a First Year Medical Student from Persia. She polled 562 votes.

#### Results in detail:

J. ELLIOTT	758
S. KHOZAI	562
C. HALDENBY	542
V. MARCINI	465
S. BASHALL	458
M. ROGERS	367
M. WHEELER	241

### Boxer and Engineer

Boxer Bernard Sullivan scored a points victory by a convincing margin in the First Year Men's elections. Proposed by Martin Banham he is a Law student who has just won the Northern U.A.U. Championship, Welterweight Division. He is a member of Devonshire Hall.

Engineering student Paul Jenkins gets the other seat. He was proposed by James Caton. He won his seat by only 9 votes.

#### Results in detail:

B. SULLIVAN	871
P. JENKINS	603
C. P. HOLLINS	594
R. S. ODDY	542
H. A. T. HYDERALLY	341
M. J. O'DONNELL	300

## The Old, Old Story



By courtesy "Guild News"

## FIRST TERM IN NEW GYM

### Still in experimental stage

THE first term in the new gymnasium has been one of experiment and expansion. Due mainly to the fact that the building was designed as a refectory, not a gymnasium, there have been teething troubles, notably with the indoor cricket.

These, however, have been largely remedied and the cricket is now very popular. The new Gym has relieved the pressure on the old building and on the Union itself and is being used by increasing numbers for all the established sports and several recently introduced ones such as fencing and Judo, which, although operative for some time, here only now get a place of their own.

Perhaps the most significant effect of the new Gym is the fact that more and more women are beginning to use it. It is in fact called the Women's Gym whilst the old one remains the Mens Gym. Every effort has been made to make it attractive and convenient for women to use the new building. The equipment is easy to move about, much of it being on wheels, and there are excellent changing rooms with a hair-dryer next on the list for fittings; but above all it has the privacy so lacking in the old Gym. Gymnastic groups are held for women several times a week and they are also turning to squash and table-

tennis in increasing numbers. The gym is always open for individual use except when these groups, which anyone can attend, are in operation. Following up this enthusiasm it is hoped to start a women's gym club and squash club as recognised Union Societies.

It is important to realise that until next session the gym is in experimental stages, and will only be in full operation next October with the expected large intake of students who will be able to plan their time tables accordingly from the beginning of the year. It has so far proved very satisfactory and the few complaints have been due to the problem of the conversion of the building, low ceilings being the biggest trouble.

The controlling powers have shown enterprise in several matters such as the construction of a judo mat, which would otherwise have been very expensive, and most notable is the proposed construction of a swimming tank which will only be small and be used mainly for teaching purposes.

## Baby Sitters Armed

### WITH TALCUM AND BOOKLETS

IN spite of the fact that the Vacation Work Sub Committee has expanded its work considerably in recent years, it is surprising to note the number of students unaware of this service available to them.

Located on the top floor of the Union the Committee has been able to find jobs for hundreds of students each summer, and this year is likely to break all previous records.

#### PRESENTS AND POTS

The recently formed Baby-Sitting Agency has roused much interest amongst students, and we have over 40 students on our books as prospective sitters, ranging from experienced medical students to John Brown (still looking for a 17 year old baby). News of the agency brought an immediate reaction from a well-known firm in the form of a large parcel of baby powder and booklets on Child Welfare. (The former is at present being used by the Vac-Work Secretary to ease his tired feet). Although one sifter was assaulted with a large round white utensil by an irate baby, the agency has already built up a good reputation.

#### ATTRACTIVE OFFERS

The recently enlarged notice-board contains details of many other attractive jobs. The B.B.C. Audience Research Department requires interviewers for a survey in Wakefield with part-time evening work at 4/- per hour. An Ice of Man hotel offers student barmen £6 per week together with

tips and full board.

#### BUTLIN'S REPS. HERE

The talk given by Butlin's Representatives was well attended by over 150 students, and about 60 have already applied for this work. In this case the "equal pay" cry comes from the men, since last year some student waitresses earned £14 a week in the peak season mainly in tips. Even so, the basic rates are enough to encourage many students looking for a semi-holiday with pay.

#### OTHER OFFERS

Other jobs worthy of note include the following:—Canning factories (£8 basic, £16 plus possible with a lot of overtime) are attractive for any males wishing to work hard for a lot of money.

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Salesmen can earn very good money if they have a flair for such work.

#### LAST PLEA

However we cannot possibly do our selves justice in a short account. If you are really interested, have a look at the board outside the offices and speak to one of the Committee. N.B.—Will couples using the dark corridor on Hop nights, please lean against the other wall as our notices are getting very crumpled?

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# Rifle Club at Chesterfield

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THE Rifle Club finished fourth from the nine teams entered for U.A.U. team championships held at Chesterfield on May 5th. Peter Adam achieved a notable success by coming 5th in the Individual Championship. The most satisfying performance was that of the Leeds C Team which in the first round of the "Disc Breaking" competition accounted for a victorious London University A Team; the Leeds team broke 6 discs in two and a half minutes in which time London had only broken one.

In the Team Championship the first four in the Leeds team did very well. Adam scored 198, Wilman 199, Conners 198, and Lidgate 198. The performance of the latter was especially praiseworthy as this was his first big match. It looked at this stage as if Leeds might have a very reasonable chance, but unfortunately the last four of the team failed to find their usual form. The Leeds final total was 1565 points, one behind Loughborough and 11 behind Manchester. London, however, scored 1592 and were an easy first.

## NOT SATISFIED

Afterwards a complaint was lodged by Manchester that the victors should not hold the trophy on account of their not belonging to the U.A.U. The problem has not as yet been solved. It is worthy of note that the Leeds score would have won second place last year and first place the year before—an indication of a general increase in standards.

Concurrent with the Team Championship, the Individual Championship was held. In this, Adam shot very steadily at all ranges and scored 691 out of 700 to come fifth. The next Leeds success came in the Disc Shooting Championship when the C Team comprising Wilman, Lidgate and Bates accounted for a crack London A Team which comprised their captain and a certain D. King, an English No. 2. This competition was eventually won by Loughborough.

Other club news is that the A Team which won the Leeds and district Division 5 Championship last year won the Division 2 Championship this year. In the Inter University League the A Team finished a close second to London; on June 30th they are going to Bisley with high hopes.

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## SOCCER'S DYING KICK

THESE soccer players cannot be kept out of the news. Not merely content with hitting the headlines in their own season they have now intruded into the summer period for their final round of success.

Although beaten three times recently by Leeds G.F.C., thus ending all hopes of winning the Reklaw Cup and attaining 2nd position in the league, the 3rd XI have won every other game in the end-of-season fixture rush.

These last few matches provided M. Whitlock with a great opportunity of boosting his goals tally to the 50 mark—an opportunity which he grabbed in no uncertain manner by scoring seven goals against a poor Leeds Firemen side. His final total for the season stands at 54, a magnificent performance and one that fully reflects his abilities as a first-class opportunist.

## MORE HONOURS

Other laurels have been won by A. Bodman, D. Campbell and P. Mellor who have all been chosen for the Leeds Half-Holiday League Representative XI against their Bradford counterparts. A. Bodman is due to skipper the team and B. Scofield has been selected as reserve.

The 2nd and 3rd XI's have attained high positions in the West Riding O.B. League and although they were never in the running for honours in this sphere, they could always be relied upon to give the leading teams a tough match.

## BOAT CLUB DEBT TO SECOND CREW

THE U.A.U. was held at Nottingham last Saturday and the Leeds fortunes were very mixed. The 1st Crew was eliminated at an early stage but the 2nd crew came a close second in the final.

Drawn against Durham and Nottingham in a preliminary heat the 1st Crew comprising J. Meakin (bow), K. Mountain, P. Smith, M. E. Jones (stroke) and L. L. Charnock (cox) got off to a fast start and were three lengths ahead at the half mile stage. However they could not hold this lead and were well beaten at the finish.

The 2nd Crew—C. Martin (bow), P. Williams, D. Bowes, D. London (stroke), T. Foy (cox)—fared better and easily defeated Loughborough in a heat. In the final they met Edinburgh and Manchester, and a good race ensued. In the end Edinburgh just pipped Leeds on the post; Manchester were well behind which augurs well for the Christie tomorrow.

The general verdict seems that more training is needed for forthcoming important regattas at York, Durham, Leeds and Boston. The performance of the 1st Crew was rather disappointing, but, a heavy crew, there is evidence that they have as yet by no means hit their true form.

## BASKET BALL BROKE NEW GROUND

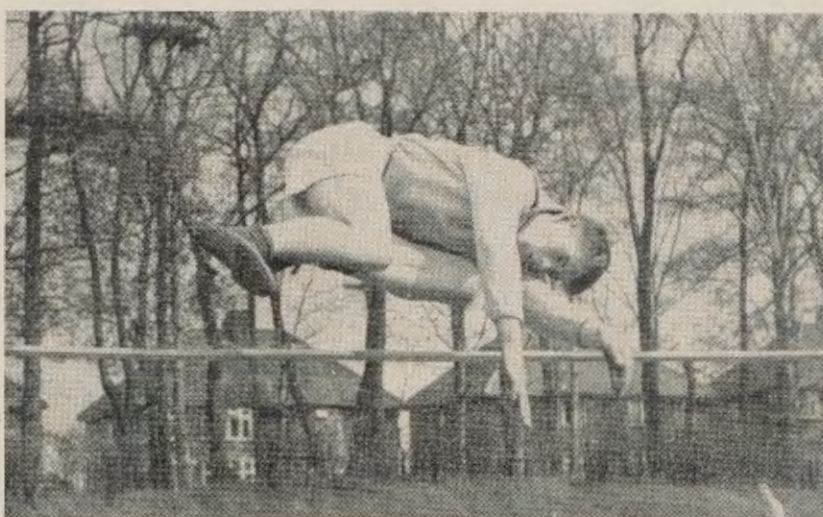
ONCE again the Basketball team has had a most rewarding season which, unfortunately, was marred only by their failure to retain the U.A.U. Trophy—Manchester, the ultimate winners, beat them by one point.

Among their many achievements they count their successes in winning the Christie Cup, Yorkshire Cup, and the West Riding Open Competition. They also took 2nd place to an American team in the Leeds Univ. Annual Tournament.

New ground was broken with the advent of fixtures against the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and Rennes. The only Universities to lower their colours were Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester (once) and London (by one point), whilst they accounted for Liverpool, Sheffield, Manchester (3 times), King's Coll., Newcastle, and Loughborough, as well as recording a 51.29 success against a touring Rennes Univ. team at Manchester. In addition all the local West Riding teams were easily disposed of.

Not surprisingly, the season's captain, Catsaros, considered this team to be one of the best that the University has produced. Fortunately Catsaros, Hwang, Benveniste, Laing, Lubliner, Colombo, Yao and secretary Crispis all hope to be back again next season. Consequently prospects of regaining the U.A.U. and another successful season, are distinctly bright.

## LEGS UP



Another victory at York—Chadderton, the Leeds high-jumper in action.

## LUCK AGAINST THE CYCLISTS

TWO Leeds riders, Pat Worthington and Barry McIntosh, took part in the Deanhead Circuit Road Race on April 8th. A high wind made a tough course even worse and naturally the pace was rather slow.

## Golf have a good side

THE Golf Club has played two University Matches at the time of writing, defeating Liverpool by nine games to three, and narrowly losing to Manchester. However, the Club still has hopes of winning the Christie for Weare, Spencer, Copley and H. Rawson especially, are a nucleus of players strong enough to defeat any side.

## WINTER THE SPOILSPORT

To a great extent, many of the Club's activities have been restricted by the bad winter. Both a series of lessons for beginners arranged at the Headingley Club and a number of club competitions had to give way to the elements. On the occasions when the weather did permit competitions to be held it is disappointing to record that they have not been too well attended. Another event is being arranged for late June when it is hoped that nothing will be able to prevent a considerably larger entry.

## CHESS CLUB CONTEMPLATIONS

ON the whole, season 1955-56 has been a most enjoyable and busy season—if not a very successful one. In addition to the four competitions entered, great emphasis has been placed on the regular club-night.

During the season 3 lightning Chess Tournaments were contested, a new idea was introduced for the club championship and the club was honoured by a visit from the Yorkshire champion, M. P. Haygarth, who gave a highly successful simultaneous display.

The club championship was based on a rating system; each player began with 100 points and then gained or lost points according to the results of the games played and the strength of his opponent. The eventual Club Champion was M. Dyson who also tied for first place with J. Holt in the first Lightning Tournament. The other two were won by J. Holt and J. Regan.

## GLOOMY SIDE

On the gloomy side of the picture, great things were expected of the team in the I. M. Brown and Robinson Trophies, as both of these had been won by the club in '54-55. However the results in the I. M. Brown Trophy were very disappointing, due chiefly to the fact that several of the stronger players were unavailable on Saturday afternoons.

In the Robinson Trophy—the equivalent of the Christie Cup—the team struck bad form and were decisively beaten by Manchester and narrowly defeated by Sheffield.

## BRIGHT SIDE

On the credit side the team has reached the semi-final of the British Universities Chess Assoc.—a fine performance. Results of two adjudicated games have not yet come through after an exciting 6-hour telephone match with Belfast Univ. The winners play Cambridge in the final.

A team was entered in the Leeds & District Chess League, mainly in order to give new players more experience under match conditions.

## "KILLER INSTINCT" NEEDED

One major fault which must be eliminated before next season was the fact that many individual players were being too easily satisfied with a draw. The "killer instinct" must also be acquired in chess as well as many other games.

The informal atmosphere of the club presents a rosy picture which is hoped will culminate in a more successful '56-57 season. The officials have already been elected for next season and have recently taken over office. The Club is pleased to report that Dr. R. J. Still has agreed to become Honorary President and his advice and interest will be invaluable throughout his term of office.

## RESULTS OF THE PAST SEASON

1st team: Played 10, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 1. (Belfast match still undecided).

Representing the first team were: J. Baxter (capt.) 43% success, I. Bradley, 57%, M. Dyson 75%, P. Rathbone 50%, F. Robinson 60%, F. R. Johnstone 22%, J. Holt 60%, D. Denham-Hutchinson 57% and R. Neilson 20%.

2nd team: Played 12, Won 3, Lost 6, Drawn 3.

Many players represented the team. Most successful were: J. Holt & J. Ricketts 56%, F. Robinson & D. Smalley 50%, D. Denham-Hutchinson 40%.

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## ATHLETIC CLUB AIM TO

## BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

OVER the past few years the performance of the Athletic Club has left much to be desired. Although there have been good individual performers they have had little support from the second strings with the result that Leeds has trotted along at the heels of the other Christie teams with monotonous regularity. As the starting point of a long term policy to build up the club, drastic changes have been made in the organisation this season. A system of group working has been introduced, and a Winter training programme has been carried out with the valuable assistance of Mr. Mitchell of the P.E. Dept. who has rapidly become the centre figure on the coaching side. A series of standard performances has been introduced. These are set at a very high level and it is indicative of the improvement in the club to note that already five standards have been reached.

On the first Wednesday of term a training session was held during which D. Chadderton, a hard training fresher, caused a sensation by clearing 6 feet in the High Jump. The following Saturday saw the University provide five competitors, P. Walker, K. Hansen, D. Chadderton, B. Thomson and J. Norris for the Christie Club in their match against Derbyshire A.A.A. and Cheshire A.A.A. at Manchester. The Leeds representatives gained two firsts, two seconds and two thirds and Christie had an easy victory.

## RECORDS

The Inter Faculty sports were held on Wednesday, April 25th. Technology being comfortable winners. This was where records started to tumble. P. Walker ran magnificently to complete the half-mile in 1 min., 56.2 secs., the first time a Leeds member has broken 2 minutes, and this was followed by Chadderton clearing 5 feet, 10 ins., a quarter of an inch better than the existing record, which had stood for 19 years.

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Saturday, 28th April, saw two Yorkshire trial teams at Weetwood in a fixture never held before. The University Club could hardly expect to do much against such opposition and the result, south Yorkshire 67 pts., West Riding 57 pts., University 51 pts., must be considered one of the most outstanding performances in the recent history of the club. Walker took his second record in 4 days with a brilliant 4 mins. 14.8 secs. mile which left the opposition gasping, and Chadderton on top form cleared 6 feet from a grass take-off to beat the Yorkshire high jump champion and set up new University figures. Towards the end of the afternoon C. Peel, another newcomer to the club, won the triple jump with 42ft. 10 ins., for the third record of the day. E. Oj pushed the Decathlon Champion, Les Pinder, hard in the pole vault clearing 10 feet but losing on number of jumps.

The following Wednesday saw a team weakened by the absence of several first-string competitors beaten into second place by Loughborough in a triangular match with Beckett's Park, at Weetwood. The match was notable for the fact that S. Reed broke his own shot record with 39 feet 11½ ins. and that Peel improved on his previous performance with a triple jump of 43 feet.

## COMFORTABLE VICTORY

The first away match on the following Saturday was at York, a triangular fixture with St. Johns and Carnegie. The University were without the services of their pole vaulters but won with reasonable comfort to record their first triangular win for a long time. Most gratifying performance of the day was the improvement of G. Melling in the hammer. Gordon is another newcomer to the club and is responding well to Mr. Mitchell's coaching.

## LOOKING AHEAD

This then is the position. Five records down and the Christie Championships are at Weetwood tomorrow. The University have not won the Christie since 1938. Do they stand a chance this year? If team spirit is anything to do with it they do. The most gratifying thing is the number of first and second year members who are putting up good, and steadily improving performances, a fact which augurs well for the future. This year the club started almost from scratch. Next year there will be a nucleus of good, keen performers on which to build. The is the sort of policy which can recapture for the club some of its former prestige, but if it is to do so it must have the support of all of the people who sign on at Bazaar Day. The standard of athletics is going up and up and the days are gone when a competitor could just turn up at Weetwood, roll up his sleeves and win an event. The key to success rests in training during the Winter and it is only when more facilities for this are available, and when more members make use of them that we shall see a lasting improvement.

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Frank Carter photographs P. Walker winning the mile for Leeds in the triangular match held at York last Saturday. Leeds won a comfortable victory over Carnegie and St. John's Training College.

## WOMEN'S SPORTS

CRICKETERS IN  
VICTORY VEIN

HAVING now won their first three matches this season, the Women's Cricket team is looking forward hopefully to the WIVAB fixture against Manchester University at Weetwood tomorrow, although anticipating that the opposition will be stronger than it has been so far. They will also be without Rosemary Goodchild, opening bowler and number three batsman, who will be playing for the Yorkshire 1st XI against the 2nd XI at Harrogate, and while this will inevitably weaken the Leeds team, one can only congratulate Rosemary on her selection and wish her every success. She has previously played for Bucks, but this is the first time she has been to the Yorkshire trials.

## THREE FINE VICTORIES

In the first game against Bingley Training College, Leeds made a good start, taking several very early wickets, and by 3.30 Bingley were all out for 17 runs, due to good bowling and fielding. Jennifer Topham, Rosemary Goodchild and Margaret Lambourn shared the wickets. Margaret Lambourn had the distinction of taking 3 wickets for no runs in 5 balls of the first over she bowled for the club. After passing the Bingley score Leeds batted on to 45 for 6 before tea, without difficulty.

## SET BACK FOR POLICE

In the next match the bowling was less accurate, but Leeds Police Women were only able to score 24 against it. Once more there was no trouble in passing the total and 59 for 7 in 45 minutes was scored before stumps were drawn (J. Topham 18; D. Milner 17). A slightly harder match was won against Leeds Training College last Saturday. This time the opposition scored 41 (Jennifer Topham 6 wickets) largely due to an excellent innings of 21 by their captain who has played for Yorkshire 2nd XI; she was eventually caught off the bowling of June Birns. Their captain was also responsible for taking 5 wickets which the University lost before passing the Training College total. Diane Milner, having opened the innings for the University was not out for 25 when it was declared.

On Saturday, the fielding in particular will have to have improved concentration and vitality, if Leeds are to stand a chance of retaining the WIVAB Cricket Championship for the fifth year in succession.

## Brighter Tennis

THE Women's Tennis club looks like having a very successful season this year; not only are several of last year's people still available but the club has been fortunate in gaining several promising freshers. Dorothy Campbell and Shirley Child are playing together for a second season while Vida Lockyer and Sheila Knott, both first years, are settling down well and proving a most formidable couple: in the three matches played so far no couple has beaten them. Elaine Merrington is playing again and partnered by D. Austin, another fresher, they form a promising third couple.

The 2nd VI has also been revitalised by newcomers. Jane Maguire, Vivienne Hughes and Jean Whaley are already proving their worth and becoming useful club members. The 3rd VI is fortunate in having competent players to draw from, though it will be more difficult, no doubt, to run three teams as exams draw near. The 1st VI has won all three games so far played, defeating Hull University 8-1, Leeds Training College 7-2 and Sheffield University 6-2 (1 drawn). The 2nd VI beat Hull but lost narrowly to Moor Allerton L.T.C. and Sheffield University. The 3rd team lost to Roundhay G.S. but defeated Huddersfield Technical College.

The 1st VI have WIVAB matches tomorrow at Weetwood against Manchester, and away at Liverpool on Saturday, May 19th.

SPORTSMEN  
HONOURED

"UNION NEWS" extends its congratulations to all those who have been awarded colours for their services to Leeds University Sport:—

CRICKET TEAM  
TAKING SHAPE

THE Cricket Team had played five matches, none of which had been lost when this edition went to press.

The opening game on April 21st was the customary match against the Medics. On an easy-paced wicket in sunny conditions the Club quickly scored 172-4 before declaring, of which Standring contributed 102, against the Medics could only muster 75. The next fixture was on the following Wednesday against Chapelton Police. The force scored 75 for 5 wickets when a heavy storm caused the abandonment of the match.

On Sunday, April 29th the Club travelled to Whitkirk. The Leeds batsmen were again in form and only 4 wickets had fallen when the 200 was passed. Leeds then declared at 202-4 (Standring 85, Vandepier 48). In reply Whitkirk were all out for 130.

The first important game was at Loughborough on May 2nd. Leeds batted first against a good pace attack. The first wicket fell at 30 when Standring was out for 12. From then, wickets fell steadily until the score stood at 102-8. Flowers and Lodge then stopped the rot and were still together when Montgomery declared at 148-8. Loughborough were left with two hours in which to make the runs; with two wickets down and only four scored they never attempted to win. When stumps were drawn Loughborough were 88 for seven wickets (Montgomery 3-30).

Last Sunday there was an exciting game against Woodhouse which produced a victory for the University by only ten runs.

Amongst promising newcomers to the side this season are four solid left hand bats who are competing for places, namely Machin, Lodge, Kirk, and Grant. There is not so much new talent amongst the bowlers and there is still a big chance for a good leg-break bowler to make his name. Wicket-keeper this year is Flowers, the Medics Captain, who also has the virtue of being a sound bat.

## Thanking You

IT seems that this is the last edition of "Union News" this season. It is not for me to comment on the success of the sports pages, but whatever has been achieved would have been impossible without the generous and ready co-operation of a large number of club and committee officials. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them all.

KEITH WADD.

Swimmers fail to break  
Manchester grip

LEEDS narrowly failed to record their first Christie Shield swimming success since 1928 when they were defeated by 71 points to 62 by Manchester at Armley Baths on Saturday last. Liverpool were a disappointing third with only 13 points.

The first event of the gala, the 200 yards free-style, seemed to set the pattern for the whole evening. Mulholland (Leeds) led for seven lengths but a strong finishing burst from the Manchester swimmer enabled him to win by a touch in a new record time of 2 mins. 15.8 secs. Sowden (Leeds), who took second place, also beat the existing record of 2 mins. 18.8 secs., by 2.8 secs.

Dudley (Leeds) tired after leading for 150 yards in the 200 yards breast stroke but nevertheless swam an easy second.

## FIRST-CLASS PERFORMANCES

In the 100 yards back-stroke Elms (Leeds), with a strong powerful stroke, soon cracked Miller, the Manchester champion, and was an easy winner in 64.8 secs.—0.9 secs outside his record time of last year.

A Manchester swimmer did his fastest time ever in the 100 yards free-style, thus beating Sowden into second place, whilst Liverpool recorded their only success in the diving—an event in which Leeds appeared decidedly weak.

Owing to the fact that Liverpool had no further entrants in the competition, Manchester held a winning lead at this stage. However, apart from the 4 x 100 yards medley, the other events were fought out with the same keenness as the earlier races, and Leeds gained a fine victory in the 5 x 50 yards free-style. Elms grabbed a two yards lead, Emsley increased it slightly, Mulholland and Thompson held their own and with a powerful final burst Sowden touched three seconds before his Manchester opponent in a total time of 2 mins. 15 secs.

Manchester had thus gained ample revenge for their Christie Polo defeat by Leeds and they also recorded their seventh successive victory in the Christie Shield Competition.

DISAPPOINTING FINAL  
The Christie match was followed by the U.A.U. Water Polo final between Loughborough, the holders, and Sheffield. Although Sheffield won by 5 goals to 2 they showed none of the sparkle and open play for which they

## Association Football

Full Colours: Rhodes Duncan.  
Club Colours: Rolls, B.; Machin, D.; Beattie, C. J.; Bodman, A.; Clift, T.; Scofield, B.; Gill, B.; Whitlock, M.

## Badminton

Full Colours: Lockyer, V. P. (Miss); Maguire, J. (Miss).  
Club Colours: Dennis, M. E.; Elson, R.

## Boxing

Full Colours: Boden, J.  
Club Colours: Sullivan, B.; Lydgate, H.; Gregory, P.

## Cross Country

Full Colours: McKeown, K.  
Club Colours: Thomson, E.; Hassall, H.; Thompson, B.

## Fives

Full Colours: Smith, A. M. S.; Beecroft, D. E.  
Club Colours: Grant, C.; Delves, E.; Gibson, F.

## Gymnastics

Full Colours: Nacasul, P.; Connor, N.  
Club Colours: Howell, N.; Carlton, D.

## Hockey (Men)

Full Colours: Wilman, D.; Kirkpatrick, W.; Watson, J.; Filton, G.; Flowers, M.

Club Colours: Ayres, M.; Cunningham, G.; Nunn, R.; Priest, M.; Stow, G.; Marshall, B.; Barwell, R.; Thomas, G.; Hall, T.; Calvert H.

## Hockey (Women)

Full Colours: Benson, A.; Goodchild, R.; Gray, M.; Topham, J.  
Club Colours: Milner, D.; Howell, C.; Spinks, B.; Mascini, N.; Howard, R.; Whitworth, M.; Newbrook, C.

## Judo

Full Colours: Tattershall, K.  
Club Colours: Hope, J.; McGreavy, C.

## Lacrosse (Men)

Full Colours: Green, D.  
Club Colours: Ingham, J.; Longam, D.; Coleclough, R.; Sparrow, D.; Mason, C.

## Lacrosse (Women)

Full Colours: Dobson, S.  
Club Colours: Norris, C.; Austin, D.; Green, B.; Reynolds, M.

## Rugby Union

Club Colours: Quirke, G.; Tolley, H.; Barker, R.; Ashworth, J.; Bingham, M.; Wilkinson, W.; Skerry, B.; Sutcliffe, C.; Green, H.; Bradshaw, L.; Jones, T. J.; Hemmingway, D.; Hinchcliffe, P.; Midelev, P.; Toms, B.

## Medics Rugby

Club Colours: Finigan, A.; Johnson, A.; Lloyd, M.; Lantern, N.; Rance, S.; Richardson, R.; Williams, C. N.

## Squash

Full Colours: Barringer, A.; Crawford, D.  
Club Colours: Seidler, J.; Cohen, A.; Young, D.

## Netball

Full Colours: Awcock, J.  
Club Colours: Pescod, S.; Langtry-Langton, S.; Walker, E.; Challon, F.

## War Stops Hockey

THE Hockey Club's fixture with the University of Paris last Saturday had to be cancelled for an exceedingly strange reason. Bryan Spink, the secretary, unsuccessfully waited at the station for long periods of Friday in order to meet the French side in. On Saturday a letter was received from the opposition stating that they were unable to raise a team as seven members of the side had been called up for service in Algeria.

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