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HUGE LUNCH-TIME QUEUES IN REFECTORY MAKE—

STUDENTS GO HUNGRY

EVERY person who relies on getting his midday meal at this University, in any of the three sections of the Refectory or in the Cafeteria, must have realised by now that the chances of getting that meal within a prescribed time are virtually impossible. Anyone who can spare unlimited time will get a meal, but what about those people who simply have no time at their disposal to stand in the huge queues that reach to the Refectory steps or wind tortuously around the Cafeteria?

There is a large proportion of students (mostly Technologists) who have lectures both at 12 o'clock and 2 o'clock for most days of the week. That leaves them one hour for lunch, and that at what is commonly acknowledged to be the peak period for queuing—1 o'clock. Most of these students have now given up all hopes of getting a meal in the Refectory, and have resorted to a sandwich and a thermos flask of their own. Others have gone to swell the already crowded cafeteria which was never designed to hold the number of students that now squeeze into it every lunch-time, or have doubled the regular lunch-hour crowd in the bar on the chance of getting something to eat there.

DANGEROUS SITUATION

The situation is becoming both intolerable and dangerous. A constant maxim prescribed for the student beginning University life is: "It is important that you eat properly and at the right times." We are always being warned of the foolishness of young people who imagine that it is clever to go without a full meal and substitute coffee and biscuits in its place. But the conditions that face a student wanting a lunch in a hurry in this University at the present are more than enough to encourage him to "make do" with a sandwich, or to make him imagine he can "go till tea-time." And there are many people who need very little encouragement to go without the mid-day meal.

NO CRITICISM OF FOOD

It should be made quite clear that "Union News" is in no way criticising either Refectory or Cafeteria food, or the change in prices. The justification for the latter was made obvious in the Catering Report in our last issue. It is not the food that is at fault, but the means of getting it.

We have pointed out that those students who have only an hour for lunch will rarely be able to get a meal, and even if many other students who are deterred by the queues from eating at mid-day have no one to blame but themselves and their own lack of patience, some other system will have to be evolved for this first unhappy group.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Is there no way of speeding up the queues and preventing the crowded doorway to 'Caf' and the shambles on the Refectory steps? Are the serving hatches being used to the best advantage, or does the fault lie not there but with the cash-desk end?

Whatever the answers to these questions, the fact remains that the problem will have to be solved in the immediate future before the pressure on the "coffee and biscuits" area becomes too great, and more and more people crowd out the Mousetrap Lounge for a picnic lunch.

They stand and wait . . .



BOOK EXCHANGE BOOMS

Record Turnover of £2,500

MOST people will have noticed the great activity surrounding the Book Exchange this session, but how many realise the extent of the business which has been done so far? The fact that from the beginning of the Exchange session this Easter there have been sales of £2,500 worth of books, already £200 more than the previous session, should be sufficient indication of the present "boom."

REASONS FOR SUCCESS

A member of our staff interviewed Mr. Claude Briske, the Exchange Secretary for the past two years, to try and find out the reasons for this increase in sales. Highest on his list were placed the more active advertising campaign of last session, a good team of workers, and the simple fact that people are becoming more accustomed to the idea of using the facilities offered.

It is now only five years since sales rose above the £100 mark for the first time. Though there has been a steady increase since that time in the annual turnover, it is only recently that the real pressure has begun.

Perhaps it would be enlightening to look at the actual way the Book Exchange works.

HOW IT WORKS

There are twelve assistants, who enable books to be sold daily, and who make it possible for people

whose books have been sold to collect their money. The cost of administration, including the purchase last year of an expensive cash register, is drawn from a commission of 1/- in the pound on each book sold.

Another expense is the payments made for some sixty books which are "removed" from the shelves each session.

Yet in spite of the cost of running the affair, there is still a healthy "sinking fund" of some £400 which it is expected will this year be supplemented by another £200 or so. This money will be used partly in a proposed expansion scheme to get more space and so to make a bigger and better exchange than ever.

EVEN BRIGHTER PROSPECT

And there is a still brighter prospect! Though nothing can be promised, it is hoped that, with the increased use of the facility, there will be a reduction in commission next session. The responsibility lies with you, for it is only by more students making full use of the service that this can be effected. In particular there must be more use made of the system of postal payments, by which people leaving Leeds can have their money sent to them by post after the sale of their books.

Are You A Moron?

TWENTY-FIVE per cent. of all Leeds students are "semi literate" says Mr. Peter Alexander, Lecturer in Philosophy.

In a letter to the "Times" deplored the fact that London University have decided to abolish compulsory English for the G.C.E., Mr. Alexander said:

"If a student understands the meaning of a number of simple, but key words he ought to be able to pick out the conclusion of the argument. We find that he cannot do so in many cases."

Mr. Alexander was disturbed at the fact that many students could not write properly, construct sentences correctly, or understand the English language. He thought that this might be due to the fact that school classes are too large so that the necessary degree of individual attention is lacking.

Mr. Alexander holds a B.A. and a B.Sc. at London University.

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GERMAN STUDENTS VISIT UNION

JOIN QUEUES, LECTURES AND HOPS

NO fanfare of trumpets, no pompous speeches, no bouquets or traffic disruptions heralded their arrival. Nor did they depart in a blaze of glory. And, it is doubtful if one quarter of the population of the University was aware of their presence. All of which was just as they wanted, for Frau Zimmerman and Herren Lorenz, Gaenssen, Diepers, Schmidt and Hofmeister came to see University life as it is lived and not as it is frequently seemed to be for visitors. They got what they wanted in no uncertain way, to the extent of the famous lunch-time queue, typical lectures, the hurly-burly of the last hour of a hop, Leeds City Transport to Wootton, and Society meetings. They insisted that nothing be disrupted on their behalf, and nothing was, except for a few lecture attendances on the part of their hosts.

A HARD LIFE

One often hears grumbles here about pressure of academic work: many lectures in Germany begin at 7 or 8 in the morning, and some students are still being lectured at 6 or 7 in the evening! Further, degree courses are much longer. No course is shorter than 4 years and some such as Chemistry last for 7 years, while Medicine is an 8-year course. Our Grants problems are child's play in comparison. One of 150 Engineering Students in one particular year, 10% received a grant large enough to cover tuition and a proportion of their lodgings; the remainder received tuition fees only. This may well explain the length of the courses, since such a system requires the students to do part-time work during term, as well as vacation work, to make ends meet.

The problem of grants in Germany is the age-old one of the dog chasing its tail. As long as there is insufficient money the students will have to work and as long as the students have to work the courses will inevitably be long; and, as a consequence of both of these, there will be staff difficulties.

ADULT RESPECT

The German student is, however, regarded by staff as an adult person: Mixed Halls of Residence are one of many instances. The President of the Union takes a year off from studies, as the job is a full-time, paid one. In addition to being a President in our sense of the word, he also does the work of our Clerk to the Union. The only non-students in the office are typists. The President is assisted in his onerous task by a small Executive of four or five, but they do not have time-off from studies. This system ensures that the entire government of the Union is in the hands of students, and that the Committee—or Parliament, as they call it,—handles all the affairs.

ENVIED UNION LIFE

Our Union Building was the envy of our guests. Plans are afoot for erecting buildings in Germany, but once again, money is short and the Unions function as ours did before 1938: in small houses or rooms in the Universities. As a result of this, there is less Society life than we enjoy. Our number of Societies was staggering to our guests. A few Athletic Clubs, one or two cultural Societies and the usual political and religious Societies were all they could boast.

Student Health systems are less extensive than ours and German students have to pay for their own insurance. Not entirely disconnected with student health may be the fact that German equivalents to Union Hops last well into the early hours of the morning: as some of our Theatre Group members know to their cost! The dances usually begin to warm up around midnight.

The German N.U.S. is a much smaller concern than ours, and Grants are a local concern. In addition, Charter flights and trips are arranged by the local Unions. German students do enjoy certain concessions, commensurate with the size of their grants, as regards travel. Any student going home at any time may travel at half-rate on the railway, whether he be a first-year student or the President.

STUDENTS IN SENATE

The average age of the German student is considerably higher than our average. This may be one reason, but not the only one; why there are students on what is in England a closed shop—Senate. Because of the number of students, classes are incredibly large. Our guests were amazed at the size of our largest lecture rooms: 301, 216, Chemistry A & D, and the General Lecture Theatre. The average class is well over 200 and some of the largest 1st year classes hover around 800—1,000. The

STUDENT JAZZ MEN HONOURED

TWO members of the popular Gerry Wilson Five University Jazz band took another step towards fame when they accepted offers to join Bob Barclay's Yorkshire Jazz Band at the beginning of this term. They are Dave Wilkinson (clarinet) and Mal Whitehouse (banjo).

Dave Wilkinson was one of the original members of the Gerry Wilson Five and also last year's Rag Chairman. Mal Whitehouse, another founder member of the band, is a Dental Student and this year's Captain of the Rifle Club.

The leader of the "Five," trumpeter Dave Robinson, and the pianist John Sterry, have now been joined by Gerry Smith (alto sax) and Tony Crofts (trombone)—both Freshers—and by guitarist Tony Astle. "Baz" Bedford has replaced last year's bass player John Beagle who is now "digging" the Royal College of Music, and drummer Joss Townend, who sat in temporarily when Gerry Wilson himself left for a holiday last January, is still supplying the beat.

The leader of the Gerry Wilson Five, trumpeter Dave Robinson, told our reporter: "We are sorry to see the boys go, but wish them every success with the Y.J.B. By picking two University men for his very popular band, Bob Barclay has paid the Gerry Wilson Five a great compliment."

Leeds Student In Antarctic

MR. DAVID GILBERT MR. EVANS who gained an honours degree in Geography last year, is now on his way to the Antarctic as a member of the expedition which is part of Britain's contribution to the International Geophysical Year.

The expedition's ship, the "Shackleton," will travel some 27,000 miles to relieve eight of the ten British bases in the region. Mr. Evans will spend two years as an assistant surveyor at one of these bases.

While he was at the University, he was a keen member of the British Speleological Association. On his return to this country he intends to spend another year at the University studying education.

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AS WE SEE IT

THE high tension that always surrounds the first issue of the academic year has now dispersed, the new staff have found their "sea-legs" (metaphorically speaking, of course) and 1,500 copies of "Union News" have left the table in the Union Corridor in record time, to find their way to places between Cookridge and Canada, Norfolk and Nigeria.

One "Union News" will go to University College, Ibadan, where it will be read by our one-time Features Editor and well-known character in Union life—last year's J.V.P. Martin Banham. In characteristic style, with perfect tact and British understatement, he asks in his letter that a copy of "Union News" be sent to Nigeria instead of High Wycombe. He also offers us an article on "How to earn £1,000 per year"—"with charges at my usual 5%." Shades of the Banham Era rise up before us . . .

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With the traditional Devon Freshers Weekend now passed, and the usual Early Morning Race, Brotherton Performance, and Union Cinema Exhibition having done their duty and faintly disturbed the surface of Union Life, one wonders if it was really worth it. Tradition is one thing—nine stitches in a hand is another. Doubtless there were some whom the incidents amused; doubtless there were some (perhaps those who featured in the Freshers Debate) who were disgusted at the inanity of student behaviour. But perhaps by far the biggest group consisted of those on whom the weekend made no impression at all—and who wished it had—in order that they might be amused. There is nothing students respect more than original humour and entertainment: let us at all costs preserve traditional "ragging," but please let it be amusing.

IT HAPPENED ELSEWHERE . . .

DIGS, DONKEYS AND DEBATES

STUDENTS at Nottingham University are not to be allowed to live in flats in future. The explanation of this decision was that it is felt that chores interfere too much with studies. Students in flats have recently failed their exams more than other students. While emphatically denying that reports of riotous parties at students' flats had anything to do with the prohibition, the authorities felt that students' work and health would fare better if they lived in Halls of Residence or digs.

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Bristol University students, tethered to a donkey in the city centre recently and talked to it for several nights and days. This was not an experiment to see if there was any truth behind the well-known saying but a stunt used while collecting funds for an N.U.S. hostel.

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Spanish Universities have longer vacations than terms. More time is spent away from the university than at it, according to statistics which show that only 151 days are left for studying.

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Shortage of digs is causing an acute problem at Sheffield University. The intake of students has risen sharply this year and it is proving very difficult to find accommodation for them all. Appeals are being made for temporary lodgings for students until permanent accommodation can be found. It is expected that the worst difficulties will be over by the middle of term, but students have been warned that they may have to live in digs "somewhat below the usual standard."

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ROUND THE COMMITTEE TABLE

IF the meeting of October 8th can be taken as an augury, then Union Committee faces a very successful session. Discussion was, on the whole, brief and to the point and, at the same time, detailed and comprehensive; there was a sense that all sides had been examined before a decision was taken. For his first meeting, the President showed good chairmanship though there were the inevitable first-night nerves. A good omen was the contribution to the discussion of First-year Representatives and ex-officio members.

The Committee agreed that there should be an International Exhibition this session—provided that it would involve the Union in no financial loss. A progress report is to be submitted to the next meeting.

Five years ago, Book Exchange was a small concern with a turnover of around £100. By October 8th nearly £2,000 had been taken; tribute to the work of Mr. Briske and Mr. Hurst, his predecessor.

Journals in Greek, Indian and Arabic are shortly to be added to the Union Library, and these should cater for a large number of our Overseas Students. Mr. Hosny, Overseas Students' Representative on Committee, was elected Secretary of Overseas Students' Committee.

Members of the Union will doubtless be already aware of the existence of a new Society—U.N.S.A., either through a Hop or through a table in the Union Corridor. The former sub-Committee was recognised as a Society at the meeting, and we wish it every success in its workings as a Union Society and in its contribution to International understanding.

Points in Brief
Messrs. Alan Brooks and Dave Wilkinson are Joint Entertainments Secretaries.

November 9th is the Union Ball—with Johnny Dankworth.

N.U.S. Council motions were formulated (details in Glass Case). Catering is still with us.

— READERS WRITE — THIS IS MY

Surprised, Disgusted
and Indignant !

VIEW

By

"PERSPEX"

A PART from those irrepressible 'Men of Devon' whose respect for tradition never allows them to forget that Freshers must be 'initiated' into University life, nothing ever seems to happen in the Union nowadays. What has happened to that spontaneous student humour that used to spring up in the oddest places? Perhaps I'm getting old, or perhaps I'm just not in the right places at the right time, but it is slowly being borne in upon me that either I have lost my sense of humour or everybody else has.

I DEMAND A REVOLUTION

It is not that I condone imbecilic or insane behaviour, but oh! for a return to those days when the comparative quiet of 'Café' was shattered by a brilliant and wild performance on an old upright piano by a little man whom nobody knew, and who ultimately walked out and was never seen again, or the days of riotous mock trials, when a bicycle on a flag staff was no unusual sight, and the tannoy could broadcast an anonymous and perfect cricket commentary in the middle of winter. It isn't just the original humour that seems to have disappeared, however, for in those days of 'characters in the Union' there were certain unwritten rules that were expected to be kept. One of the most important of these was that relating to women's hats, trousers and furcoats. Any woman who wore any of all these items, dared not cross the Union threshold for fear of being bodily thrown out again, or treated in some even more severe manner.

But all this seems to be slipping away down the passages of time: when oh! when will someone bring back that glorious "cult of the individual"?

ALL IS NOT LOST

Perhaps this steady deterioration of tradition, or this "growth of the ordinary" (and I use the word "growth" in its most insidious sense) springs from a maladaption of the "food for thought" administered by the erudite speakers at recent Freshers' Conferences. Heaven knows we are expected to produce second Einsteins, Edisons and Eliots or future world society, but heaven help us if we produce no Chaplins. We are doomed and that's a fact.

Having worked off the complex that a crowded Brotherton in October gives me, and peering through the stain in the Mouat-Jones Lounge, I observe that all is not lost, for there are still little-eared men with a "lost dog" look and enigmatic smiles, and other men with triangular heads and baleful looks, all with built-in guitars and a very high "potential" about which enough could be said; sinfully, D. H. Lawrence christened cars; and even Engineer's Stick Day in the offing as our last chance of redemption . . .

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PROFILE:

A LADY FROM PERSIA

This is the first of a series of articles by our Features Editor, on the news and views of overseas students.

I CANNOT deny that in many ways I felt a little hesitant before I interviewed my first 'client,' for I had no very clear idea of how this series of features was going to take shape. I daresay that Miss **Masonmeh ('Sue') Khozai**, the lady I had the pleasure of interviewing was just as hesitant for she had even less idea of what it was all about.

DESTINED FOR ENGLAND

I first asked Sue why she came to Leeds. She told me that although she had been brought up in a Persian town called Meshed, it was always assumed by her family ever since she was "so high" (indicating an insignificant stature with her hand) that she would go to England to study medicine. There is a high regard in Persia for the standard of scholastic and moral education in England. I asked her if the moral standard was as high as she had been led to expect, but she would not commit herself.

LEEDS HER CHOICE

Sue came to England when she was sixteen and studied for two years at Kingsley School in Surrey. Philosophy Students may be interested to know that a lady called Stebbing was a former head-mistress there. When it was time for Sue to apply to University, she eventually had a choice between Leeds and Manchester. She was very impressed by the friendly "put-you-at-ease" attitude of the Leeds Medical School staff, and had no hesitation in opting to study under them.

AWFULY NICE

I next asked her what she thought about the English people. She was full of praise and said that particularly the "grown-ups" have been "awfully nice" to her. She readily admits that she has been "very lucky" since coming over here. A place in Oxley Hall especially has made things easy for her, as it has enabled her to avoid "digs"—the all too common cause of resentment.

STILL VERY CONSERVATIVE

After completing her studies, Sue intends to go back to Persia. I asked her if her English education was likely to make it difficult for her to settle down again in her own country. Sue did not think it would. She admitted that people in Persia are "frightfully conservative" and that the last time she went home she had to be very careful in what she said and did. She pointed out, however, that Persian women now enjoy a broad measure of independence, and dress and go to school and university in the accepted modern manner. The Reza Shah abolished the general use of the

**'SUE' KHOZAI**

purdah in the 1920's, and it is now only used in prayer.

PERSIA SETS EXAMPLE

Miss Khozai is Secretary of U.N.S.A., a society which became officially recognised at the last Union Committee Meeting. She has several criticisms to make of the British attitude towards the United Nations. She feels that the vital work being done in social and medical spheres is virtually overlooked. There is a much greater appreciation of its work in Persia. Even in this University, she told me, there are people who have no idea what U.N.S.A. is.

PARTING COMMENT

As the interview drew to a close, I asked Sue to give me a parting comment about English life. "I like the way the English naturally mind their own business," she said, "but they pay too much attention to Overseas Students: they don't deserve it all!"

...In spite of this, "Union News" considers there is much to be known about the overseas student, and will continue to portray their views and news in the next few issues.

U.N.S.A. SCORES A CENTURY

THESE are so many societies in the Union that it might seem questionable whether any further ones are necessary or desirable. It is hoped, however, that the move to change the Leeds Branch of the United Nations Students' Association from a sub-committee, will instil new life into what appeared to be a failing cause in Leeds University. Already in the first year of its existence the Society has enrolled 132 members and it is expected that the number will increase when more students realise that Union members are no longer automatically members of U.N.S.A.

AIMS OF U.N.S.A.

The Society is the student equivalent of the Council of Education for World Citizenship and, as such, is of interest to many students who were connected with that organisation at school. The aims of the Leeds branch can be summed up as follows:—

1. To assist in the maintenance of peace by clarifying, upholding and propagating the aims of the United Nations.
2. To study international affairs and further international understanding.
3. To provide a representative body of students actively interested in world co-operation.
4. To provide opportunities for such students to meet each other, formally and informally, in discussion, debate and social activity.

The success of the society, therefore, depends on having students from many countries who are willing to take an active part. The Society is officially connected with U.N.A. and there is a practical side to its activities so it cannot be said to be a redundant society though it is probable and desirable that joint meetings will be held on occasion with other international societies.

WELCOME TO ALL

If you are interested in studying world affairs and doing something practical about world needs, if you are not insular but world-wide in outlook, if you are concerned about issues like the Suez Canal crisis and if you are prepared to hear the views of informed persons on situations in their own countries instead of passively being part of the spoon-fed class which takes its opinions from biased party papers, milk-and-water non-party papers, or misinformed popular "rags," then join U.N.S.A. and try with the other members to find out something about this world of ours. The Society especially welcomes overseas students and urges them to come along to the meetings

'CONFIDENCE' AND 'PERCEPTION' WIN DEBATING CONTEST

WITH an appreciative audience of over a hundred people scattered in hall and gallery, the Annual Public Speaking Contest was held in the Riley Smith Hall on Thursday, 18th October. Mr. Harry Walkley chaired the meeting and introduced the judges—Rev. F. Milson, Miss Julia Jonathan, and Mr. John Johansen-Berg, and the 13 speakers, including only one woman, but a very representative group of male students.

so that their country may not go unrepresented.

INAUGURAL MEETING

UNION COMMITTEE having recognised U.N.S.A., the Society held its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, 10th October. Mr. Walkley took the chair for the preliminary business meeting when the following committee was elected—Chairman: Mr. John Johansen-Berg, Secretary: Miss Sue Khozai; Treasurer: Mr. Brian Burdett; Publicity Officer: Mr. Roy Oddy; and members: Mr. W. Aitken and Mr. C. Hollins. The meeting was then addressed by Miss Caroline Barlow, permanent secretary for U.N.S.A. She outlined the aims of U.N.S.A. and spoke on various aspects of its work, both in societies and on a larger, more practical, scale in refugee work-camps. She took it as a good sign that Leeds had decided to make its branch into a Society, and was quite impressed with the attendance, though only a third of its members (by the book) were present. Questions on U.N.S.A. were adequately dealt with and the interest of members who stayed to talk informally afterwards is a good omen for the future.

"UNION NEWS"**Crossword Solution**

DOWN.—1 Act; 2 No; 3 T.U.; 4 Ass; 5 Le; 6 Da; 7 Mob; 8 Server; 9 Crater; 10 Cot; 11 N.E.; 12 Imp; 13 Veal; 14 Slur; 15 Ide; 16 T.S.; 17 Relocation; 18 Telephones; 19 Regulate; 20 Wise Girl; 21 Sseen; 22 Blot; 23 S.R.; 24 S.S.; 25 Priam; 26 Paste; 27 Data; 28 Moor; 29 Doe; 30 Tri; 31 R.R.; 32 S.E.; 33 Cares; 34 Sights.

ACROSS.—2 N.T.; 35 Clouds; 36 To; 37 As; 8 S.C.; 38 University; 39 Brier; 40 Emeralds; 18 Trout; 41 E.R.; 20 We; 42 Leg; 43 Leer; 44 Ail; 45 Eggs; 22 Base; 47 Gules; 24 S'een; 48 Alder; 49 Sough; 50 Tarn; 25 P.P.; 51 Trio; 52 Its; 27 Dram; 53 Urn; 54 O.E.; 55 Le; 31 Rotators; 33 Creameries.

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SQUASH CLUB EXPANDS

WITH a membership which has been trebled since last year the Squash Club proudly considers itself to be the Union's most rapidly growing Athletics Club, in spite of the fact that the subscription has been almost doubled in order to meet necessary expenses.

Undoubtedly one of the main reasons for the club's expansion has been the opening of a new court in the Physical Education Department in addition to the one already in service at Devonshire Hall. Fortunately the deficiency in the height of this new court is more than compensated for by its close proximity to the Union.

WOMEN'S CLUB, TOO?

Three of last year's successful team, Captain, J. Seidler; Secretary, A. H. Cohen and D. Young, are again available, and A. F. Barringer, captain last season, hopes to turn out for most of the fixtures. In addition the amount of promising talent among the freshmen and the great improvement in those who have only recently taken up the game, have enabled the Club to put out a second team for the first time in the Club's history.

A further innovation is the inclusion of women members in the ranks; it is hoped that many more will take up the game during the year and that eventually a Women's Squash Club will be formed.

Lady members are assured that this is an effective way for keeping down their weight (assuming they are interested in such matters) as well as affording so much enjoyment in such a comparatively short space of time.

PROSPECTS GOOD

Not unnaturally, the club is reasonably optimistic about the coming season and prospects are high. The first team is expected to play as well as last year, when seven fixtures only, out of twenty four, terminated in defeat. As always, the fixtures with Manchester University—who seem capable of perpetually including half of the Lancashire County team—will be the toughest games of the season, although other opponents will not be underestimated. The second team, too, should more than hold its own if the fine displays shown in practices are maintained.

Needless to record the problem of the moment concerns finances. If the whole of the expenditure estimate is obtained (and discussions with the 'powers that be' have so far been distinctly promising) then all should be well; otherwise the club committee will have the unenviable task of redistributing finances in the fairest manner possible.

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NOTTS BAULKED BY STRONG DEFENCE

Leeds University 2

(At Wootton, Wednesday, 17th October)

SHOWING far more confidence following their 5-2 victory over Carnegie College on the previous Saturday, Leeds made few changes for their home fixture against last year's U.A.U. semi-finalists, Nottingham University. J. McGuire, fully recovered from a muscle injury received in a Cup game, returned at full-back, allowing Leeds' free-scoring forward D. Devey to resume at inside-left. Captain Stan Fish moved to his old berth on the left wing.

From the beginning it was obvious that these changes were to have a marked effect on the pattern of the match. After a slow start, the Leeds forwards soon settled down and proceeded to carve huge gaps in the Nottingham defence by their open, thrustful play.

After only five minutes play, swift and accurate passing between the home forwards resulted in centre-forward Graham turning the final pass into the net. Thus stung, the Leeds attack kept the Nottingham defence at full stretch with Mellor and Hill combining well on the right flank.

Gradually the visitors fought back and, with their inside forwards often using the square pass to great effect, they forced Leeds on to the defensive for a short spell. On no less than five occasions a quick 'through pass' left defenders Glanville, Rhodes and McGuire roared to the spot, but each time keeper Machin was able to block the opposing centre-forward's passage by clever positional play. During these sharp exchanges Thompson and McGuire were both prominent for their intelligent positioning and strong, sharp tackling.

NOTTS. EQUALISE

Still maintaining their one-goal lead, Leeds kicked off after the interval into a strong, blustery wind which soon tended to make the lively ball swing deceptively. The visitors immediately tore into the attack and pressed the Leeds defence into their 18-yard area, but the much-improved covering of the Leeds defenders continued to baulk their opponents' attempts at 'through passes.'

However, as Notts varied their tactics so they met with more success and it was not long before an attack down their left-wing was switched cleverly to the right where a final short pass found the centre-forward unmarked. He made no mistake from six yards range and Machin was given no hope of saving.

MASTERY IN THE AIR

After this setback Leeds once more became controllers of the game, and instead of 'ballooning' the ball they advanced by quick ground passing. These tactics should have brought better results, but the forwards were often too slow when taking a shot at goal. The Nottingham attacks usually petered out, due to the swift tackling of the Leeds half-back line, assisted by complete mastery in the air.

Leeds took the lead for the second time as Devey, fully exploiting the sluggishness of the Nottingham defence in clearing their lines, hammered the ball home for a deserved goal. The score then justified the play.

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

The home team can congratulate themselves on being the first University team to have defeated Nottingham in the last year. This victory was comfortable enough but it came about as a result of poor play by the visitors rather than any brilliance of the home team. Graham was left as a lone spearhead far too often and the strong left wing formation was not used enough. On the credit side the defenders covered each other far more completely and confidently than in previous matches and the whole team appeared a more solid and compact unit.

This display was encouraging, but by no means satisfactory, yet if the players gain a little more in speed and stamina, they could rise to the heights of the 1953-54 XI.

GOOD PROGRESS

Nevertheless, the Soccer club has ample reason for satisfaction with its progress to date. All four teams have now settled down and on Saturday, October 13th—no unlucky day for Soccer men—all were victorious. On the following Wednesday three wins and a draw were recorded.

Of the new men, Dunn, Elliott, Taberner, McCaskie, and a Duckworth should prove valuable assets, although it is difficult to judge temperament and enthusiasm at this early stage. Skill alone will not suffice, spirit and stamina are essential companions—a fact which must be acknowledged by all the newcomers.

WATER POLO

Leeds Univ. 7 Durham Univ. 5

In a sensational opening to the polo match both teams hit the woodwork in their first attacks. As Leeds swept down the bath, Sowden tried a quick shot which rebounded to the keeper from the crossbar. From his throw-out Durham broke away and a forward's long shot hit the Leeds crossbar and bounced down behind goal-keeper Dudley. The corner judge was unable to decide if a goal had been scored for, after appearing to signal a score, he reversed his decision and the referee allowed play to continue.

Unperturbed by this brief assault, the Leeds team began to dominate play and a series of short, swift passes left Elms with plenty of time to pick his spot—a task he did in no uncertain manner. One minute later this pattern was broken again and once more Elms hammered the ball past a hopelessly beaten keeper.

SOCER TEAM LIMBERS UP



Members of the 1st XI Soccer team, without a fixture on Saturday last, photographed by Frank Carter whilst enjoying a training session at Wootton.

DURHAM "SWAMPED"

THE Men's Swimming Club made an encouraging start to this new season when they entertained a keen Durham University team at Union Street Baths on the evening of Saturday, October 13th. They were victorious in all three contests, winning the swimming event by 27 points to 21, the first team polo match by 7 goals to 5 and the reserve team match by 4 goals to 1. On the other hand the Ladies' Swimming Club gave a disappointing performance and were well beaten by 37 points to 21.

ELMS WINS CLOSE RACE

The second race, the 100 yards back-stroke, promised to be the finest of the evening, as indeed it was. Lined up for Leeds was their new captain, W. Elms, together with J. Emsley, against the strong Durham swimmer, D. Fitch, an ex-National Junior freestyle and backstroke champion and a Durham county swimmer. The 'skipper' set a fine example to his 'mates' as he held on to a slender lead until the 80 yards mark, whereupon he made a determined effort over the last 20 yards and finally won by two feet in 56 secs.

The 100 yards breast-stroke soon became an all-Leeds affair. Morley led throughout the race but he was just beaten into second place by James, a promising Freshman from Ipswich, who came through to win with a late strong burst. Unfortunately, the Freshman could not repeat this fine effort in the 100 yards butterfly race and he was placed second, between the two Durham swimmers.

The whole issue was finally settled when the home team narrowly won the 4 x 50 yards Medley race and with only the 4 x 50 yards free-style Squadron race to be swum, Leeds had an unassailable lead. Consequently three of the Freshmen were given an early opportunity to acquit themselves, but in spite of two good laps by Hoskinson and Hargreaves, Durham won easily in a time of 1 min. 50.2 secs.

WOMEN SOON BEHIND

After their many good performances of last season, the Ladies' Swimming Club put up a comparatively poor show against their Durham opponents and they soon dropped behind in points. They did manage to take first and third places in the Diving Competition but in spite of fine efforts by Pam Cashin in the Medley and Squadron races, they were easily beaten in both these events. The final score of 37 points to 21 fully reflects the superiority of the Durham ladies.

PROMISING FRESHMEN

This was a fine performance by the home team and in view of the fact that the team included three Freshmen—Kaiser, McDonald and Hargreaves—the latter deserves special mention for his clever play and skilful positioning in spite of being ordered out twice. He is a Warwickshire County Polo player who should considerably strengthen the Leeds team, and together with captain Elms and Sowden, they should provide many headaches for opposing goalkeepers.

The reserve team also included three Freshmen in their ranks, and although they won comfortably they will have to tighten up their positional play and marking of opponents before they progress. Woodward was the outstanding player in this game, his covering being particularly good throughout.

Rally By Night

THROUGHOUT the night of Saturday, November 10th, the Motor Society, henceforth known as the Motor Club, holds its main event of the year. This is the Sixth Annual Night Navigation Rally which commences at the Grand Garage, Harrogate, at 8.30 p.m. on the evening of November 10th.

As in previous years, this has every prospect of being a most successful and enjoyable Rally, and the entry already includes drivers who are well-known in National events as well as Freshers from the Motor Club.

The route will consist of two long, circular laps broken only by a one-hour stoppage for refuelling and refreshment after the first lap; breakfast will be provided at the finish of the Rally. Entries are now being received and any intending competitor should note that entry forms and regulation copies are available from any committee member of the Motor Club.

"FRESHERS FROLICS"

The club held its first Rally of the present term on Sunday, October 14th. This competition, under the heading of a 'Fresher's Frolic,' attracted 19 starters and these were divided into two classes—the first for open cars and coupés, and the second for sa'ons.

The shortest route which some of the competitors took covered roughly 65 miles and in order to maintain the required average speed of 30 m.p.h. in the Sunday afternoon traffic, the drivers were compelled to do some extremely brisk motoring.

The Rally was further sub-divided into three sections, each of different types, designed to give newcomers more experience for future events. The winners in the Open Car Class were D. Crawford and T. P. Hubbard in a T.R.2, J. M. Stanfield and partners, in a Ford Zephyr, were victorious in the Saloon Car Class. The most successful Fresher was Miss P. Mitchell, driving a Morris Minor, who finished in fourth position.

INTER-VARSITY RALLY

On the following Saturday evening the Motor Club was represented in the Inter-Varsity Rally by D. Crawford and D. Brewster (T.R.2), G. Bell and M. Kempsey (Riley) and D. E. Clarke and J. M. Smith (Fiat 1100).

The latter car proved the most successful of the Leeds entries and was driven into sixth place by D. E. Clarke. Unluckiest Leeds competitor was D. Crawford who took 24 hours to disentangle himself from a well when he was twenty minutes ahead of his nearest rival. The third Leeds entrant, G. Bell, was unable to start the race.

Mixed Fortunes for the Runners

LEEDS UNIVERSITY 33 pts

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY 47 pts

THE unexpected arrival of the Sheffield Univ. team on October 13th did not deter the Leeds athletes and they turned out in full force to meet the foe and also to contest the race for the Inter-Faculties Cup at the same time.

Adams of Sheffield, although missing his way, won the race, finishing ahead of K. McKeown, the Leeds captain. Burton, another Sheffield runner, ran into third place, but then the next four places were filled by Leeds runners. This proved a great boon when the points were finally totalled up.

Two Freshmen who turned in fine performances were B. Smith, from Halifax, and Appleyard, and both finished among the first seven runners. They should both prove valuable additions to the Club and it is hoped that their performances will improve as the season progresses.

The Inter-Faculties Cup was won for the second time by K. McKeown, the Faculty of Technology to the Faculty of Arts, second.

MANCHESTER UNIV. 60 pts

NOTTS UNIV. 84 pts

The team travelled to Manchester on the 20th October to compete in a four-cornered match against Sale Harriers, Stockport Harriers and Manchester University. Sale won the match convincingly and they provided the two men home.

Of paramount importance to the two Universities, however, was the frantic duel between their respective teams. This was reflected in the struggle between the rival captains, Kevin McKeown and Harry Minshall.

At the end of the first lap of this three-lap course at Wythenshawe, the Leeds man led his rival by three yards. By the end of the second lap this was increased to ten yards and on the third lap it was increased still further to twenty yards.

However, Minshall, running on his home course, fought back strongly and relentlessly he overtook the gallant Leeds captain when two-thirds of the final lap had been completed, to win with comparative ease.

The leaders had apparently set the pattern for the whole event and at the final reckoning, Manchester were comfortable winners by 60 points to Leeds' 84 points. Sale Harriers won the whole contest with 43 points and Stockport Harriers were a poor fourth with 123 points.

The first important game is U.A.U. fixture against Manchester Univ.

There is considerable confidence in the club that it will not repeat last year's unfortunate slip in the corresponding game, which they lost by the narrow margin of one point.

FIRST MATCH VICTORY FOR RUGGER CLUB

UNIVERSITY 1st XV 11
WEST HARTLEPOOL 5

(At Wootton)

FOR their opening match the Univ.

fielded a team which included nine of last season's regular players: Kotzen, Wrench and Collins made welcome debuts as Freshmen.

Playing fast, open rugby the home team were comfortably on top until the last twenty minutes when a lamentable lack of fitness became evident in their play.

From the happy position of leading by 11 points to nil, they fell away to 11-5 and right until the final whistle they were struggling to keep out the eager Hartlepool forwards.

FORWARDS NOT YET FIT

Kotzen, at wing-forward, obliterated the opposing fly-half from the game and he scored a splendid robust try which Hincklefield converted. Minutes later Baker picked up a bouncing ball and sped over for the second try. Hincklefield, who kicked extremely well throughout the game, completed the Leeds scoring from a penalty kick.

On the debit side two weaknesses became evident as the game progressed. Firstly, the backs hesitated with the ball and consequently lacked penetration; secondly, the forwards were unfit. On the credit side, praise to J. Moore for playing the Hartlepool scrum-half out of the game, to D. Collins for an impeccable display at full-back and to P. Harris for good work in the line-outs.

SHEFFIELD 3
UNIVERSITY 1st XV 3

This was a game of missed chances and Leeds could and should have been comfortable winners. Innumerable chances were thrown away by over-enthusiasm when the forwards sat on the Sheffield line. Indeed, the forwards must bear the bulk of the criticism for a little unselfish pushing might have made six chances into six tries.

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UNIVERSITY 2nd XI 1
(Flowers, 2)

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(Bell, Ayres, 2)

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(Teeman, Marshall, 2)

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(Kashita, Woodward, 2)

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(Graham, 3, Fish, Hill, 2)

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(Bradford, 2, Elliott, 2)

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