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THIS TERM'S UNION CONTROVERSY—
IS OUR ELECTION SYSTEM FAIR?

A MAJOR topic of Union conversation in the last few days has been: "Is our election system really fair?" For the first time within recent memory, the President-elect did not poll most votes after the initial count, being elected on the strength of his transferred votes. This article is an attempt to examine the merits and demerits of our election system in comparison with the various other systems that have been put forward.

Let it be made quite clear right from the start that this article is not in any way whatsoever directed against the President-elect, Peter Fingret, to whom "Union News" offers its sincere congratulations and wishes him a happy and successful year in office.

PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM
INADEQUATE

Had the Parliamentary system of the single 'X' been used in the recent election, John Johansen-Berg would have been next year's president, for after the initial count was completed the results were as follows:—

John Johansen-Berg 636
Peter Fingret 588
Barrie Gill 453

The system used in this Union, the Proportional Representation System, is based on the theory that the single 'X' is inadequate and that every election should ultimately be reduced to a straight fight. Ultimately this system is the fairest and safest.

INNER DETAILS

It will be wise to explain fully how the Proportional Representation system works before making any comparisons. Crucial to the system is the attitude of the elector which should be: "I want A to be elected, but if he obtains the lowest number of votes, I would rather have C than B. I therefore give A my 1, C my 2 and B my 3." This is merely extended if there are more than three candidates.

It is unlikely that there will be more than one candidate whom an elector definitely does not want to see elected. This one candidate should get the last number, i.e. 3 this year, 7 last year, 4 in last year's S.V.P. election. Contrary to the belief of many voters, this final figure will not give any assistance whatsoever to that candidate; this is where the system differs from the Points System. In the Points System if the voter gives the lowest figure (i.e. 1) to the candidate he least wants to see elected, he has given 1 point: therefore the voter can do that particular candidate more harm by not giving a point at all.

41 NON-TRANSFERABLE
PAPERS

But in the Proportional Representation System, even the second vote (i.e. the 2) has no weight at all until the first candidate is eliminated. When this candidate is eliminated these 2's are distributed amongst the remaining candidates and carry the same value as the 1's. Thus, if a voter takes the attitude: "I only want A and will give nothing for either B or C"—he has no further say in the election if A has the misfortune to be eliminated. Those who have studied the Declaration of the Result on the Day-to-Day Board may have observed that after Barrie Gill was eliminated, there were 41 Non-Transferable papers. That is 41 people voted 1 for Gill and gave no further preference. Since Peter Fingret was elected by only 30 votes it is quite clear that the result could have been different.

On the other hand, had all these 41 votes for Fingret he would have been

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Union News Photograph

AN informal picture of Peter Fingret, the President-elect (right), gaining a foretaste of next year's duties when he entertained in the Union recently a representative of Adelaide University Union.

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elected by a larger majority and would have reached the QUOTA. The quota is a figure which is one unit higher than half of the total number of votes cast. In the recent election this figure was 845; had any of the three candidates received that figure, or more, at the initial count, then the election would automatically have been over because no other candidate would have been able to reach that total (Joyce Handby was elected Senior Vice-President last year and Jim Macfarlane was elected President three years ago with a clear majority in this way). Peter Fingret is still elected, although he did not reach the quota, because he had the highest poll of the remaining candidates, in the same way as both Peter Sidebottom and Harry Walkley were elected last year.

MISCONCEPTIONS CLEARED UP

But as long as the candidate of your first choice is in the running, the 2's and 3's have no force whatsoever. And it is not the 2's and 3's which eliminate a candidate, but the number of 1's compared with those of other candidates. Of course, those who voted a 1 only for either Peter Fingret or John Johansen-Berg were lucky since neither candidate was eliminated. Nevertheless it is always safe to put the 2nd, 3rd, etc. choices since there is no guarantee which candidate is going to be eliminated first.

One final point in this respect: there are some people who wanted John Johansen-Berg to be elected and

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NEXT YEAR'S
PRESIDENTLEEDS SECOND IN
JAZZ CONTEST

"Shemph" Wins Individual Award

THIS year's final of the Inter Varsity Contest was held at Birmingham on February 20th before an audience consisting of the supporters of the six bands left over after the weeding-out process of the semi-finals at Liverpool and Oxford.

The winners of the last two contests, Liverpool and Cambridge, were in the final and many people thought that they would be taking first and second place. They were in for a surprise however.

At 7 o'clock the judges, Dill Jones, Bix Curtis, Paddy McKiernan, Lyn Dutton and Bob Barclay, took their seats and the contest began. The Oxford band were first on the list and produced some well thought out traditional jazz. The experience of Tony Cash, their clarinettist, and the confidence of the rest of the band set a high standard for the rest of the contest. The Loughborough College Jazz Band was the next to play and produced some surprisingly polished music in the Bunk Johnson—George Lewis style.

PULL IT OVER YOUR HEAD

The Leeds band, the Ron Raybould group were next on the stand to cries of "Pull it over your head," and "Keep it cool marrer" from their friends in the audience. It was obvious from the start that individual musicianship would be their strong point as they had only been playing together as a band for a few weeks. Dave Wilkinson, free from the haunting strains of Bob Barclay's tuba for the evening, played confidently and forcefully, showing ideas unmatched by the majority of the evening's clarinettists. Pete Mellips, in spite of an attack of stage nerves was obviously miles ahead in technique and inventiveness of the other trumpeters in the final. The rhythm section—Pete Hewitt (guitar), Ron Raybould (bass), and John Booth (drums), played well, but the star of the evening was undoubtedly the pianist, Colin (Shemph) Wood. Colin showed both in his ensemble playing and in his solo work, a staggering technique, a rapid succession of ideas and a sparkling sense of humour.

DRUMMER NEEDED

After the interval, the Manchester, Liverpool and Cambridge bands, all playing very well, followed in rapid succession. Liverpool's performance was spoiled by the lack of a drummer. The bass player, Hugh Potter, played exceedingly well but could not hope to make up the gap in the rhythm section.

The judges retired to make their decisions and after a lengthy interval

returned to the stage to announce Cambridge the winner, Leeds second and Loughboro' third. The title "musician of the evening" was given to Liverpool's valiant bassist, Mr. Potter.

'SHEMPH TRIUMPHANT'

The two coachloads of Leeds supporters were overjoyed to hear that "Shemph" had won the individual piano award. His achievement is even more remarkable when we remember that this modern jazz pianist won his award at a traditional jazz contest. It looks as if we shall hear plenty of Mr. Wood's playing in the Union in the future as he is now guest pianist with the Gerry Wilson Five as well as being leader of his own modern group.

Six and a half hours after the contest finished, the coaches crossed the boundaries of Leeds, the occasion being marked on Thursday by an all-time low record of appearances at 9 o'clock lectures. What a night!

RAG ON THEIR KNEES

RAG Committee is full of publicity stunts this year.

Its latest venture is its organization of an International Marbles Team to take part in the famous Castleford "Reight Neet Aht" on April 10th.

The Tournament will be featured as the World's First International Marbles Tourney.

The Rag team will comprise ten Union members each from a different nation dressed in their national costume. They will compete against a strong English team consisting, it is hoped, of such well-known characters as Lord and Lady Docker, Johnny Wardle (though in the light of recent unfortunate news about him, the chances of his appearing seem rather remote), Sir Leonard and Lady Hutton, John Charles, possibly Stanley Matthews, and also "a real live Duke." The name is to knock twenty marbles out of a four feet ring. The player knocking most out after six shots becomes the First World International Marbles Champion.

This year the proceeds of "Reight Neet Aht" will be donated to the Cancer Relief Fund and the Yorkshire Association for the care of cripples.

EIGHT PAGES

'Union News' presents for your Friday morning's enjoyment its first eight-page edition since it changed to its present size. Inside articles include:—

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Lucky Peter 'Crit'—Page 6
And two pages of sport

GREAT HOAX IN THE UNION

A daring hoax has been played in the Union in the last few days and it has produced some disturbing results. Two students, Maurice Price and Marie Ryan, who have been 'going steady' for some time arrived in the Caf. one lunch-time; Marie was carrying a married friend's baby which she had gallantly offered to take care of for the day.

Many persistent questions were asked to the couple and they tried a daring experiment by replying that the baby was their own. As an explanation of their status as unmarried parents they explained that their grant would stop if they were to marry and that until a second child was born there was no hope of family allowance.

EVERYONE FELL FOR IT

After slight hesitation the story was believed by the majority of students and one or two of the academic staff. The gullibility test was showing almost 100% accuracy.

They decided to continue the experiment as they suspected they had 'plumbed something deeper than the trust of the students.' They had probed the integrity and prejudices of this University.

The lighter-headed of the students slyly nudged each other and winked and giggled uneasily. Others of both sexes who either publicly or privately indulge in the amorous spirit, loudly

derided the situation. "Are we to assume that lovemaking is natural and maternity perverse?" was Maurice's comment.

MANY ADVANCES

Marie said she received more advances in the absence of "daddy" than she had received in her whole two and a half years in the University. Many were from men who were completely unknown to her.

Yet there was a brighter side. Two of their acquaintances offered congratulations and help. To them Maurice and Marie wish to express their sorrow that they had to continue deceiving them, but hope they will now appreciate the humorous side of the situation.

The final comment of the couple was as follows: "We do not wish to destroy the moral fibre and honest prejudices found in this University, but we should like to have more confidence in the supposed sincerity and tolerance of the students."

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READERS WRITE

"ILL-MANNERED PEOPLE,"
AND TOO MANY LAWYERS

Dear Sir,
 I have come to the opinion that some of the students of this University are amongst the most ill-mannered people that I have had the unfortunate pleasure to meet.

These 'cave-dwellers' are split up into two tribes:—
 (1) The "no queuing for me" type. He, or she as the offenders seem mostly to be just walk to the front, or as near to the front as their "friends" could get before them, without any thought whatsoever for those civilised enough to take their proper place in the queue.

This type, I need hardly to say, starts to breathe around dinner time. The second tribe also begin work during the dinner hours.

These are the people who, after having had their own dinner calmly sit at the table long after their dirty plates have been removed and smoke cigarette after cigarette while others wander around with a full tray looking for a place where they also might have the satisfaction of eating their dinner.

These offenders had better take care I say right here and now, if I have to suffer you much longer, then someone is going to get an extra dinner right in the face.

ONLOOKER

Oh, for a Basket

Dear Sir,
 I would have thought that the university graduate should be the last person to drop litter in the street and countryside. But if students while at university are forced to drop their waste paper, cigarette packets, matches and pencil shavings on the floor because the lecture rooms and laboratories are devoid of waste paper baskets, what can be expected? There are some in the Brotherton, but who is going to take a five minute walk to the librarians' residence just because he wants to sharpen his pencil? Not me.

What's to be done?

Yours etc.,

JAMES HAIGH.

Sir—I was, to say the least, disappointed with the negative attitude of and the equally negative attitude to the Union Annual General Meeting displayed in the last issue. I should have expected "Union News" to take a much stronger line—possibly one of the following two: 1. Best A.G.M. on record; commendable keenness shown by the 700 odd students who attended. Those who went, went with the idea of transacting business and not of working off surplus energy. This was demonstrated by the lack of projectiles and the sensible voting. The fact that the Secretary's and Treasurers' Reports were adopted unanimously shows that these had been read by all members present and that any questions which had troubled individuals in the 14 days preceding the A.G.M. had been asked and answered privately. The fact that a proposed constitutional change of a "non-controversial nature" did not receive the two-thirds majority required, was due solely to the poor and imprecise way the Secretary spoke to the motion. It was also the Secretary's fault that many members present had forgotten their Union Cards. Finally, the absence of questions and of other business proves that the Union is satisfied with the way its affairs are being handled.

2. Executive pull the wool over your eyes. The speed of the meeting and the absence of questions and discussion was due to the careful preparation and manipulation by the Executive. From the surprise entrance through the back of the Hall, through (a) the Secretary's refusal to use the microphone for the minutes; (b) the rapid proposals that the reports be adopted; (c) the apparent imperviousness of the President to adjectival moth-balls; (d) the Secretary's playing for time with water, tie, comb and toilet paper and his highly technical speeches, with deliberate obscurity over one matter (a minor one, of course) to let the Union think they had scored one victory, to the quick-fire of the final two items on the Agenda, not to mention the deliberate proposal to take one motion before another; in all this, the Executive had the Union tied up in knots. The presence of Union Committee policemen increased the intimidation—and we were bamboozled.

We know that an Editor must feel a little trepidation at his first issue—but a strong line like this would have been welcomed; even by Executive.

Yours etc.,

SYDNEY P. LARTER.

The new Editor maintains that it is his aim and duty to attempt to present news and facts as they are, without taking any particular 'line.'

Publicity Perverted

Dear Sir,

In the commercial life of the western world, advertising and publicity are unfortunately carried to excess leading to disruption of some aspects of social life, a breakdown of good taste, defeat of the aims of constructive advertising and industrial warfare.

There should be no similar tendencies with regard to publicity in this Union and codes of behaviour should be such that each Society should have, if it desires, the best possible opportunity for presenting itself and its activities, but not at the expense of other societies and abuse of Union and University facilities. Realising that it is difficult for members to curb their zeal for their society and publicity jobs, the Union has wisely imposed a limitation on the size of posters to be used, which works moderately successfully.

Unfortunately this control is not and cannot be extended from the Union to other places, in particular the Great Hall notice board. There, the size limit of the posters is not operative, with the result that posters of extensive dimensions dominate at the expense of other societies, showing a lack of sense of justice which can only be deplored among University students.

I appeal to publicity secretaries to act with more consideration and sense of responsibility so that there will be no curtailment or deterioration of publicity facilities—a state of affairs which seems probable in another form of advertising, namely leaflets in the Cafeteria. With the exercise of discretion and self-discipline, the social life of the Union can be fully and fairly made public.

Yours etc.,

P. J. R. TROUT.
 Publicity Secretary,
 Psychology Society.

Dear Sir,

I note that for the sixth time in seven years, there has been chosen for President-Elect of the Union a law student. Now, while I do not wish to cast any doubts on the ability of members of the Law Department to undertake the duties of this important office, I cannot but think that it is hardly fair to the other Departments of the University for the Presidency to be monopolised in this way. Indeed, I fear that if there is no change, it may develop into a generally accepted custom that the President of the Union has to be a Lawyer, and that the electorate will cast their votes accordingly, without full consideration of the merits of other candidates: this would surely be most undemocratic, and unworthy of our traditions.

I hope, therefore, that next year there will be a change, and that the law students will hold back for once, so as to give somebody else a chance. I should add that I do not wish to stand for election myself—even in my timetable allowed me the time needed to fulfil the duties properly, I doubt very much whether I have the personal qualities required.

Yours etc.,

"TECHNOLOGIST"

Not for the public

Dear Sir,

I feel it necessary to write to you in view of the report of Law Day in your last issue which was unfavourable to the Law Society.

I must emphasize the object of Law Day was primarily to provide amusement for the Law students taking part, to legally exploit the law and to ridicule the lawyers. From these points of view the procession was a great success.

The procession and speech at the Town Hall went off without a hitch and loss of time and in effect our organization ended with the procession to City Station.

From then on, we were unconcerned about the public interest in our activities. We merely wished to see how effectively the station was run. We found flaws in the laws and breaches of regulations. These we did not press, however, or the whole object of our activities might have been endangered. At the station we allowed those taking part to do as they wished so long as this was within the Law, and we did not press further organization upon them. What happened there was decided amongst ourselves and none of it was previously arranged, and in effect the procession had ended.

We intended to, and did, act completely within the law (for example we had police permission to hold the procession) and if we came against any legal obstacle we did not revolt against it. We found our flaws and breaches and later we wrote to the Station Master about them.

On the whole, we found little to complain about and came away well satisfied with Law Day, the station and its coffee.

Yours etc.,

A. MICHAEL JEPSON.
 Hon. Secretary—Law Society)

UNION
CINEMA

FOR those of you who are tired of hearing of Princess Grace of Monaco and who would rather see Grace Kelly, the film star, the film at the Union Cinema on Sunday, March 10th, should prove satisfactory. Starring with Grace Kelly in "DIAL M FOR MURDER" is Ray Milland, and together they keep the interest alive in this excellent thriller. The suspense maintained throughout the film should be sufficient to keep the Sunday fans quiet. However, there will be plenty of scope for an outlet of talented comments as the cartoon to be shown has the title "KISS ME CAT."

As the last film of this term, Union Cinema will show "ANNIE GET YOUR GUN." The stars in this excellent musical include Betty Hutton and Howard Keel. It is not known whether the projectionists can produce a coloured picture or not, but the original was certainly produced in glorious Technicolor. However, any lack of colour should not detract from your enjoyment.

The story is concerned with Annie, a girl who tries to get her man by demonstrating her prowess with the rifle. Annie goes through most of the film before she realises that this method will not produce the required results. Also showing is a cartoon with the title "JUST DUCKY."

THIS IS MY
VIEW

By

"PERSPEX"

IF I may be allowed to be platitudinous, things are not what they used to be. The Union has lost much of the atmosphere of a couple of years ago. For instance in Caf; those of us who were here will remember the old order of things, with shabby, loved furniture, where someone was always tinkling at the piano, nobody worried if you spilled your coffee, put your feet up on the chairs or set fire to the curtains, and your table-top carried an entertaining anthology of pencilled 'doodles' and anything from a synopsis of someone's thesis to an analysis of the internal upsets of so-and-so's car or instructions as to how to get to what's-his-name's flat where there's going to be one hell of a party tonight. Also, babes in arms were rarely seen.

Present Caf, although it lives up a little at lunch-time, still retains an aura of newness, and, clinically clean and contemporary, has the sterilised appearance of the photographs one sees of first-class lounges of liners.

INDOOR PASTIMES

And the Hops! Before the vestiges of Refec. were made available, everybody had to squish into the Riley-Smith, where even at the far end of the room the band can still be heard, and seen. The lights used to be dimmed occasionally, too, and cheek-to-cheek dancing, surely the most delectable of indoor pastimes, was made all the more pleasant, encouraging remarks such as "How about another gin?" or "Have you seen my flat?" Under the operating-theatre glare of Refec. lighting, however, one feels that it would be more fitting to ask: "How about another spot of chloroform?" or "Have you seen where I had my operation?"

A PITY

Social Room only seems to be open for Balls nowadays, when it resumes some of its former glory, and those who have danced or jived themselves to exhaustion can be seen in heaps all over those very, very comfortable chairs, indulging in a less strenuous form of amusement. To those who cry "Sinful!" be they Religious or Secular, and who call for dignity, conventionality and order, I say—not to worry, things are moving your way. A pity, though.

ROUND THE HOUSES
with "SPIGOT"

1—The Tonbridge

ALTHOUGH the exterior of this well-known student haunt is not too exciting, its three public rooms are cosy and welcoming; the tap-room for those who play darts and mix with the 'focals', the lounge, semi-contemporary, where the clock, stopped at twenty to eight, deceives you into thinking that you still have more than two hours drinking time, and the tiny Smoke Room. Here we find the landlord, Geoff Scott, who has been in command here for eighteen months. Born four hundred yards from the Tonbridge, and in the pub. business all his life, he admits to being the 'black sheep of the family.' If you want the best beer of the day, watch what Mr. Scott drinks and do likewise. I asked him why his hostelry was so called, and he replied "Because it is in Tonbridge Street." Which I suppose serves me right.

STUDENT THIRST

Little seems to be generally known of the history of the place, apart from the fact that it used to have stables and home-brewed ale, but it may come as a surprise to many students to hear that this was one of four public houses to supply meals for students before the days of Refec. and Fred's place. At that time it was famous for its shilling lunches—three courses plus coffee.

Thanks to the lunchtime situation up here, Mr. Scott is doing an increasing trade in snacks to students, and admits that student thirst pretty well keeps the place going, the favourite being draught John Bull. Like Richard Gordon's 'Padre', Geoff is very popular with the Medics, and on Results Nights, in his own words, all Hell is let loose. On one such occasion, a previous proprietor was removed from the bar and did not return in time to 'shut up shop.' Sunday evenings are another busy time, when Union cinemagoers brave the dark unhealthy length of Tonbridge Street to find refreshment.

LUNCHTIME CHAT

In the Smoke Room at lunchtime, a widely varied group of patrons discuss any and every topic under the sun, and mine host's head reels with the effort of keeping up with half a dozen different conversations. It is on record that three men in twelve minutes once completed the cross-words in four national papers and even made an attempt at 'Ximenex.' A neat summing-up came from an nth-year Medic as he leaned against the mantelpiece, quaffing: "A surprisingly country-pub atmosphere inside a City boundary."

RAG LAYS IT ON

FORD ANGLIA 'DE LUXE' THIS TIME



Courtesy of Yorkshire Evening News

Brian Schneider, Rag Car Secretary, stand by whilst David Nixon, visiting the Union on February 15th, carefully scrutinises the new Anglia de Luxe.

RAG is rather like a machine into which you put 6d. and it gives you a bar of chocolate. What you put into Rag in the way of time and energy, you get out of Rag in the way of sheer fun. Rag serves the two-fold purpose of being a tremendous outlet for sheer animal high spirits after exams, and also of giving benefit to the most worthy charities both local and national.

One not only has a sense of delicious hangover after Rag Week, but also a sense of having done something worthwhile. It also wakes the sleepy citizens of Leeds from their eternal lethargy to the fact that there is a University in the town.

DE LUXE THIS TIME

Rag's biggest money-spinner this year, as always, is the car competition. This time, Rag has really gone to town offering as a prize not just a Ford Anglia but a Ford Anglia de Luxe. Even Sir Walter Scott knew the value of a Ford car when he wrote: "He staid not for the brake, and he stopped not for stone. He swam the Esk river, where Ford there was none." Add to this the de Luxe model and you have luxurious upholstery, smart chromium fittings and a car very easy on the petrol.

MANY INDUCEMENTS

Rag Committee, and especially the harassed gentlemen of the photo above (the one in blazer and baggy trousers) hope you will each try to sell as many books of tickets as you can, as once again last year's record is there to be broken.

Prizes of Ronson lighters or fountain pens or Rag Ball tickets, according to choice, will be awarded to those selling 12 books of tickets or over whilst for the student selling the most tickets there will be a four-day

trip to Paris—with all that it implies! So do help Rag. Whatever you put into it the return is always worthwhile.

TYKE STILL HUNGRY

THE Editors of the Rag Publications are disappointed with the response to their appeal for material for "Tyke" and "Rag Times." Members of the Union are reminded that copy for these magazines has to be at the printers before the end of this term. Will people writing jokes, articles and funny stories please do so legibly and will cartoonists please draw in Indian Ink on white paper, leaving a margin of one inch at least round the drawing. Otherwise the cartoons cannot be reproduced satisfactorily.

Prizes of £5 for the best "Tyke" cover (5½ in. x 8½ in. in 3 colours) and £1 for the best feature article for Rag Times are being awarded this year.

It is up to members of the Union to lay the foundations of Rag NOW by flooding Rag Office with material for these vital publications. Rag seems a long way off but it is now that its success or failure is decided. Don't leave it to someone else. Do YOUR bit for YOUR Rag!!

BEWARE! TEXTILE BALL TONIGHT

ONCE again it is time for the Social Event of the University year — namely the "Textile Ball." The Textile Society have presented many unusual themes of fantasy in support of their many successes. This year their theme will be "Prehistoria" or in most contemporary terms "Rockin' with a Cave Man."

After the excellent publicity the Engineers provided for their Ball, the Textile Society decided it was time that they had something original—so

"WARNING"

T.B.

Hits Leeds

Mass Terpsichoreography
March 8th

This notice displayed about the Union and also about the city has no doubt caused some consternation, but it certainly brought many enquiries.

As in the past the Textile Society expect people to thoroughly enjoy the Ball, so put away your pens and books, and travel back through time to "Prehistoria" where you can come "rockin' with the cavemen."

GRYPHON HERE AGAIN

MICHAEL Allan, Editor of "Gryphon" must be a happy man. The winter number of his magazine, on sale last December, was such a decided improvement on last year's issues that it sold out on the first day. If this was a tribute to the improved quality of the publication, we sincerely hope that the forthcoming Spring edition of the University's official organ (on sale on March 11th) will again find that demand exceeds supply, for the coming number stoutly maintains the improvement of last term.

The greatest criticism that can be levelled at "Gryphon" on this occasion is that it still takes itself a little too seriously; but many of us are heretics enough to welcome this attitude in a world noisy with Hales and Presleys and sickeningly bedevilled with neurotic teenagers (an increasingly elastic age-group). A representative magazine like "Gryphon" which sells the University of Leeds to the outside world ought to have a sense of cultural responsibility and humorous proportion; the fact that the latter quality is still somewhat lacking is to be regretted, but on the whole Mr. Allan is to be congratulated on a very able production.

VARIED FACE

Alan Davie, the new Gregory Fellow of Painting has contributed a very sincere and unusually coherent essay on Creative Art and Zen Buddhism; with an account of his own artistic

attitude and indebtedness. The Fellow of Poetry, Thomas Blackburn, is represented by some poems and the two are nicely complimented by Christopher Newton in a tribute to the functions of the Gregory Fellowships. For the less rabidly Culture Conscious there are articles on popular cartoonists Giles, Searle and Emmett by John Hill, and a sane essay on Jazz at the University by Tony Astle. There is also a description, which seems to be well-informed, if biased, of the Hungarian debacle; and a clear account of the Irish partition problem by the Union's authority on Ireland, A. R. Mortimer. Wole Soyinka has contributed an amusingly sly "fable-for-our-times" which seems to have a moral somewhere.

The Union should be grateful to Mr. Allan; for under him "Gryphon" seems to be emerging from its doldrums of the last two sessions.

Where are the 'Varsity Girls?

A Freshman's view of 'Hops'

WHEN I first arrived at Leeds, I received the impression that Saturday night 'hops' are an essential element of Union life; that everyone goes there; that one makes most of one's interesting friendships there. Being a little unsure about my dancing, I was informed that a proficient standard was not required, that it was only necessary to be able to 'shuffle around.'

After a quite intensive three month's attendance at these hops, I feel a little disillusioned. In the first place I am convinced that they are one of the last places for meeting people. They are certainly not an opportunity whereby men and women of the Union can get to know each other in a healthy, happy-go-lucky atmosphere, without committing themselves to any attachment. The atmosphere is anything but healthy and happy-go-lucky; an intense every man for himself spirit pervades the hall. Few males feel at all disposed for a chat with a member of their own sex in such an atmosphere. But the big question is: where are the University females?

RATHER AT A LOSS

Relatively few University females go to hops. It appears to be very non-U for them, to do so. Not quite the thing, old girl, and all that. The female members seem to be made up by Training College girls (quite a large proportion), 'Pud School' girls (in declining number owing to their first years being forbidden to attend: a further testimony of the unhealthy reputation of hops), nurses, schoolgirls and technical college girls, and a number of 'down-town-types' of doubtful reputation who always seem to creep in. These respective elements usually hang together in compact and very unsociable groups. Quite frankly I want to get to know some University girls, not because I have any immediate designs upon them, but because I still believe there is such a thing as intelligent female company. But at the moment I am rather at a loss to know how to achieve my wishes—where are the University girls to be found? (frustrated scientist).

TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS

I am also a little disillusioned with the standard of dancing required. As I said before, I was under the impression that given a basic 'shuffle,' some

blithe conversation was the chief thing needed to make each dance enjoyable. But increasingly I have found that the women go to the hops for the dancing and by this I mean the technicalities of dancing. Very little account is set upon lively conversation; in fact on one occasion after some particularly bright remarks, I was astonished at being asked if I was drunk. Not until I had carried out a straight-line test at the side of the room would the lady continue to dance with me.

MANY BARRED?

This question of drunkenness brings me to the problem of the bar. It is rather obvious that many of the 'hoppers' chiefly go for the bar. Occasionally they will emerge on to the dance-floor to breathe alcoholic fumes on all and sundry. It is hardly surprising therefore that the more intelligent fastidious female seldom attends the hops. I get the impression that she only emerges on the bigger occasions, when, generally speaking, the atmosphere is a little more salubrious.

LEEDS HAS IT FIRST

THE first Jazz Band Ball staged by the newly-formed National Federation of University Rhythm Clubs takes place in the Union on Friday, March 15th. Five bands from other Universities are expected, plus the Ron Raybould Group, from Leeds, who were awarded 2nd place in the Inter University Jazz Band Contest. The number of tickets is strictly limited and are on sale at the Porters' Office — price 7/6d., double ticket.

Is our Election System Really Fair?

(Continued from Page 1)

think that by voting Johansen-Berg 1 and Fingret 2, their 2 helped Fingret to overtake Johansen-Berg in the final count. This is NOT the case. Fingret overtook Johansen-Berg on the 2's that voters gave to Gill only.

EVERY SYSTEM LEADS TO FINGRET

The Proportional Representation system has come in for some criticism over the recent election. Some students have suggested that the votes should have been weighted. In this way all the first choices would have had a value of three, the seconds a value of two and so on. Thus the figures of the first count in the recent election would have been:—

Johansen-Berg	1908
Fingret	1764
Gill	1359

In the transfer, Gill's 245 for Fingret would have had a numerical value of 490 and his 167 for Johansen-Berg a numerical value of 334. The straight fight total would then be:—

Fingret	2254
Johansen-Berg	2242

Had the voting papers been counted on the points system, the 1's counting as numerical 3's and vice-versa, the result would have been:—

Fingret	3305
Johansen-Berg	3246
Gill	2868

In other words, the result would have been the same in all systems save that employed by Parliament.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE

But if the Union wishes to change its voting system there is an Annual General Meeting before the next Presidential Election. In the meantime the Single-Transferable vote system will operate when one vacancy is to be filled, and the Points System when there is more than one vacancy.

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FEATURE 7

PETER FINGRET

THE Lawyers have done it again! For the past three years they have had the monopoly of the presidency, and the result of last week's election, which announced Mr. Peter Fingret as Union President for next session, proved no exception to what now seems to be becoming a well-established rule. Let us hope that next year voters will not merely think—oh, so and so does Law, I'll vote for him. However, if Peter continues the fine tradition set up by his predecessors, we shall have no reason to complain.

It is necessary that members of the Union should know something about the man who is going to represent them at Union and University functions in the future. Peter Fingret is a Leeds man, and attended Leeds Modern School. From the start of his University career he showed a lively interest in Union affairs. At the end of last session he was elected as Treasurer to the Union Executive. This position alone involved sitting on seven different sub-committees. He has also been Vice-President of Law Soc. This year Peter has done valuable work as Treasurer of the Hungarian Relief Committee, a body whose efforts are still being well rewarded. In 1956 he graduated with Honours in Law, and is now reading for his LL.M.

MANY DUTIES

Next term Peter will be working alongside Peter Sidebottom so that he can acquaint himself with the many duties of a President. He will need plenty of time at his disposal, for he is well aware that the President must be prepared to take an interest in all Union activities, besides being the representative of the University at numerous outside functions. Although he has done a good deal of committee work, he has not as yet had very much experience of public speaking. No doubt with time he will gain experience in this direction.

Many students will have gained an idea of what Peter hopes to accomplish from the speeches he made in the election campaign. It will suffice to give a brief summary of his policy as Peter explained it to "Union News". It is unfortunately true that the majority of the students think of the Union as a place where they can "eat, drink and be merry"—in fact, merely as a social centre. Peter's aim is to make the Union more a student representative body. He feels strongly that the staff do not have a high enough regard for the students' own opinions, and tend to make major decisions without consulting the students or considering problems from their point of view.

MORE CO-OPERATION NEEDED

A similar situation exists with regard to the catering problem. Speaking from his experience as a member of the joint Staff-Student Catering Advisory Committee, he explained how the student membership changes annually, where as the same staff sit on the committee year after year. Thus when a point which has been considered in a previous year is raised again, they tend to turn it down without reconsidering it. Nor are recommendations made by the committee always implemented. Peter therefore feels that no real solution to the catering problem can be hoped for until the student representation on this committee has been strengthened.

Other matters, for instance, those pertaining to Halls of Residence, which are the immediate concern of students, are settled by various committees comprised only of staff whose views are often sadly outdated. Peter's ideal would be a member of staff to represent Students' opinion officially on the Senate. Students' opinions would then carry more weight, and



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even the students who seldom use the Union would feel that their fee was not being wasted.

PLEASANT SURPRISE

When asked his feelings about the recent election, Peter expressed a lingering doubt about the electoral system. It cannot be denied that it was due to the number of transferred votes that Peter was elected. Had another system been used, the result would have been correspondingly different. However, it is not for us to decide in this article whether or not the method is satisfactory.

Peter admitted that he had been agreeably surprised by the result. It seemed to him that the other candidates had possibly been more in the public eye, and that by being better known they stood more chance of being elected. Peter has done a great deal of "behind the scenes" work. His election goes to prove that the part he plays in assisting the smooth running of our Union has passed neither unnoticed nor unappreciated. Peter has the good wishes of us all as he embarks on the task ahead.

PETER SIDEBOTTOM'S COMMENTS

It was thought worthwhile to ask this year's President, Peter Sidebottom, for his views on what he thinks the job of Presidency involves, and how well he thinks Peter Fingret is suited to the task. This is what he told "Union News":

"The office of President of the Union is a very demanding one. His duty lies in two distinct directions—namely social and administrative. He has to be the representative of the University at innumerable functions where the impression he makes on similar officials from other universities is vitally important. The President must play the rôle of an ambassador, who is always in the public eye and must therefore be continually watchful of the example he is setting."

"I have worked with Peter Fingret in Union administrative matters for some time now, and have found him an excellent man in all respects. He has gone about his work as Treasurer in a quiet and very efficient manner, not putting forward any revolutionary ideas, but getting the job done both speedily and effectively. This experience on Union Executive will stand him in good stead next session."

"Besides this he has devoted a great deal of time to other University matters—for instance he spent almost the entirety of his summer vac. last year in helping to organise the Freshers' Conference."

"In my opinion Peter is the right man for the job. He is never overruling; his method will no doubt be that of a gentle diplomat. Above all he possesses that most important of all characteristics—tact, which will enable him to deal with whatever delicate or problematic situation may arise. I am convinced that Peter has the qualities which will make him a successful and well-liked President."

PETER WAS LUCKY

Problem of a Licence

Any new play or translation of a play must pass through the Lord Chamberlain's office for censorship before it is publicly produced; it was therefore with a certain amount of consternation that Theatre Group learned, on Saturday last, that whilst "Lucky Peters Travels" had been published in book form it had never received a licence for stage performance.

There followed a telephone call to an official with the unusual title of the "Secretary to the Clerk to the Reader" who proved very helpful in arranging for the issue of a provisional licence. A copy of the script was sent to London and a licence forwarded in time for the first performance.

That this state of affairs should arise in Theatre Group, who seem to specialise in first (and last?) performances, that the publicity value of a first performance in English of a lesser-known Strindberg play should have been missed, seems a rather strange occurrence.

IT HAPPENED ELSEWHERE

FIVE women students of Liverpool University have been sent before the Vice-Chancellor by the warden of Rankin Hall, for staying out all night at a party after the Panto Day Dance. Some enterprising Leeds University Engineers hitch-hiked to Liverpool for this party which was also graced by the presence of the by now notorious young man who jumped into the Mersey as a Panto Day stunt and had to be picked up by a tug. Judging from the expressions of the Leeds contingent the following Monday, the party was well worthwhile!

The Vice-Chancellor of Queen's College, Belfast, has decided not to allow the opening of a bar in the Union while there is a minority of students with very strong feelings against such a step. He felt the question was "not one to be decided on ordinary democratic principles." The same College's newspaper has had a letter from an American teacher who would "appreciate your placing me in contact with a college colleen with whom to correspond." In spite of the mention of a "charming accompanying photograph" by the editor, no colleen has as yet shown any interest in the gentleman. Comment on this in the following issue of "Gown." "Is it just that you females have enough troubles of your own or do you just not want Anglo-American relations?"

Students at Exeter University have just completed a survey on whether the ban on students' entertaining in private rooms should be lifted. 79% of the students questioned wanted the ban to be lifted.

The authorities of Nanyang University (Malaya) have brusquely warned students to stay clear of politics or face expulsion.

Teams of students in Plymouth spent a day cleaning up the city centre after a considerable amount of paint had been splashed on pavements, street signs and doors. For this unfortunate Rag incident, the Rag Committee will be faced with a bill which is expected to run into several hundred pounds.

The London School of Economics can be relied upon to provide at least one incident per month in the student-riders' streets of London, and this time an intrepid band carried away a placard from the Stoll theatre. On the appearance of several policemen everyone except the young lady holding the placard ignominiously fled, leaving her to walk as nonchalantly as possible into the nearest coffee-house clutching the photograph of a half-dressed lady. Full marks for quick wits and enterprise in a sticky situation.

City and Guilds College, London, in addition to uniting King's College and University College in defence of the former's notorious mascot, Reggie, in itself no mean feat, have attempted to raise a Russian flag on the roof of the American Legation School opposite. Failing in this mission, they turned their attentions to Imperial College, but were again repulsed.

Southampton University are holding a competition for the "handsomest man in college" as a variation from the more usual beauty-queen competition. This new version of an old game might go down well at other universities, but Rag Days would look strange with the "handsomest man" instead of the customary Rag Queen.

St. Chad's College, Durham, have banned "Palatinate", the University newspaper, complaining of its low standard. "King's Courier" of King's College, Newcastle, condemns the attitude of St. Chad's in an article headed "Chad's Charlies" saying "It seems a peculiarly childish and 'head in the sand' stand." Certainly "Palatinate" does not seem so far below the standard of other University publications indeed comparing favourably with some of the newspapers which appear in "Union News" office from time to time, and "King's Courier" is justified in its parting shot "Whatever the Editor and his staff do, they have no need to worry about the ivory towers of St. Chad's."

CHESS CLUB JOTTINGS

THE Chess Club lost ground in both the Northern Universities Chess Association Championships and in the I. M. Browne Trophy when Liverpool Univ. held them to a 4-4 draw in the Union recently and the Bradford Chess Club beat them by 5-3 at Bradford last Saturday.

However, the second team moved into second place in the Leeds and Dist. League by beating Alfrede C.C. by 4-14 in the Union on February 18th. They are now two points behind the leaders, Y.M.C.A., and have two games in hand.

THE PROBLEM OF PACIFISM

Profs Gather at UNSA Forum

IN a questionnaire on 19th Feb., when questions were put to a panel selected from the staff, U.N.S.A. found a happy blend of topics; the macrocosm of world affairs and the microcosm of University life; the practical value of individual action compared with the values of idealism. It seems a pity that such an opportunity for matured and informed opinion should have been taken by so few students.

The first question showed that full treatment of topics was ensured. Asked "Do you consider Pacifism a reasonable and practicable standpoint?" Professor Clapton (French Department) showed by his militant, if not belligerent, mode of speech that he did not believe in Pacifism. He made the telling point that Non-Pacifists will always start war, and deplored, rather emotionally, the Quaker attitude of those who will not fight but will eat food provided at the cost of other lives.

DIFFICULTIES OF DEFINITION

Professor Nissan explained that the answer depends on one's definition of reason. Admitting that Pacifism is "manifestly impractical" he maintained that certain interpretations of "reason" might well consider it to be reasonable. By two examples—the case of the man who could have prevented murder and the vegetarian who wears leather shoes—he again stressed the complexity of the difference between moral and practical standpoints. These two were not Pacifists while Professor Wilson-Knight (English) and Mr. Dressler (Russian) sat on the fence. The latter found emotional sympathy with Pacifism but could hardly condone it because of its overwhelming impracticability. Professor Wilson-Knight could find no moral difference between legal condonation of murder and a state of war; agreeing that until the world was populated by saint's Pacifism was impractical; he thought that a population of saints was "a rather fine ideal."

PRACTISING PACIFIST

As a practising Pacifist during the last war, Mr. May (Italian) admitted that his ideology could be contested but went on to explain that someone must begin the "search for a testimony." He pointed to the proximity to religious motives in his belief that he could claim "the right to die for his country, as opposed to the soldier's duty to kill for his country."

After this excellent start, the staff were asked what changes they would like to see in U.N.O. Mr. Dressler thought that the question was aimed at the veto, which he supported unconditionally. No major power, he maintained, could be forced unwillingly into commitments if pacific international relations were to be maintained. His main concern was for the technical agencies—for relief, education, etc. He would like to see all U.N.O. countries members of these bodies.

NEEDED NO APOLOGY

Professor Wilson-Knight apologised for his idealism, and desired "a sense of national responsibility." Some imaginative mechanism, he maintained, could conjure into being the idea that there is some power above self interest, and thus lead to a real desire for peace. Such a fine conception of human conduct needed no apology, as other members of the panel were quick to point out.

Mr. May endorsed the last views, adding that UNESCO could become the most powerful means of realising these ideals, if nations "would only be less stingy." Professor Clapton, who had, by now, been generally acclaimed the firebrand of the panel, refused to believe that change was possible until U.N.O. members ceased to employ false intellectualism—"jockeying, with an air of sanctity." Professor Nissan completed the picture by what is best summarised as "The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in our stars; but in ourselves, that we are underlings."

Collective responsibility can be achieved only by personal willingness to do good.

OLD QUESTION

The last question on world affairs was the old faithful of election candidates—"has Britain a special part to play in achieving a better state of affairs?"

Professor Nissan pointed to the historic experience of this country; in international affairs, and thought that Britain could help others, especially in technological fields. Mr. May refused to commit himself and Professor Clapton said that the tolerance of the English Government could have positive influence in "utilising the means for making discussion possible."

Professor Wilson-Knight's conception of Britain's part was that the Commonwealth might well be the pattern of what the world situation should be. He stressed the need for religious elements to fuse political differences, but quoting Juliet's "I awoke and was a democrat" deplored the idea of democracy as the whole truth, or solution, of international troubles.

"NARROW-MINDED BIGOTS"

Mr. Johansen-Berg, the chairman, introduced questions on Union life with obvious delight. "Should students be urged to take part in Union life?"

EXPLOSION IN TEXTILE DEPARTMENT

THE Textile Department certainly let February go out with a bang. In the middle of the morning on Thursday, Feb. 18th, a loud explosion from the Man-Made Fibres Building was heard in the Union and different parts of the University.

The explosion occurred in the ducting of one of the finishing machines on the ground floor of the building. The machine cost in the region of £30,000, but fortunately, as far as is known, only the ducting carrying fumes away was damaged.

The causes are not yet officially known but the manufacturers, Mather & Platt Ltd., Manchester, are coming to conduct an enquiry.

Mr. Wood, who was lighting the burners of the machine at the time of the explosion, said that to him the bang was not excessively loud, whilst in the Agricultural Department it was described as quite alarming. Prof. Whewell stated that this is quite likely because the ducting goes up through the full height of the building and thus acts as an organ pipe, magnifying the sound considerably. Although several people were near the machine, there were no casualties and the damage is described as superficial.

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THE University of Leeds is now one of the largest provincial Universities in England and has a greater variety of technological departments than any other University in the country. The emphasis now placed by the Government on scientific and technological education has speeded up the University's plans for development and it is safe to predict that, barring the imponderables, during the next few years the face of the area round the present site will be completely changed.

The existing buildings have fallen into three periods:

- (i) From 1880, when the first building for Textile Industries and Colour Chemistry and Dyeing was erected. There followed the Fuel, Leather and Engineering buildings, the Baines wing and Agricultural building which ended the first phase in 1926.
- (ii) The scheme from 1927 — 1955 included in the earlier years Mining, Physics, Chemistry, the University Union and the Brotherton Library and in later years the Parkinson Building and the new Refectory and Senior Common Room (University House).
- (iii) The present building scheme provides new buildings for Man-made Fibres (already completed), Fuel Technology, Metallurgy and Chemical Engineering, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, a central Boiler House, a large extension of Physics and a new Arts building.

When these buildings have been completed the immediately pressing needs will have been met but by that time it is expected that new needs will have taken their place. A Biological Sciences building, a new Medical School, a greater Great Hall, a new gymnasium and a swimming bath are obvious requirements.

5,500 STUDENTS

All these extensions will, of course, make room for many more students and the following figures, covering the last thirty years, are significant:

	1924-25	1934-35	1955-56
Full-time students	1,435	1,618	3,551
Teaching staff	194	236	631
Annual expenditure	£214,518	£269,945	£1,600,000
Total assets	£802,876	£1,971,594	£6,500,000

By 1964, the University is expected to hold 5,500 students and the main body of the buildings will extend from Reservoir Street continuing down Woodhouse Lane to the Parkinson Building and along University Road with its present boundaries. As many of us already know, the Arts building will replace the houses along Beech Grove Terrace and it is to be joined to the Parkinson Building by an impressive five-storey archway block. The Physics and Chemistry extensions will join the existing Physics and Chemistry departments and the back of the Brotherton Library. This particular construction has given a considerable amount of trouble owing to the difficulty of fitting in all that is required and at the same time maintaining a compact departmental layout.

NEW IDEAS

Many new and interesting ideas have gone into these new buildings. The Arts building will include a main lecture theatre, which will also be used for public lectures, capable of holding approximately 300 people. Access to this theatre will be by an impressive entrance hall and no longer will visitors have to cross the Parkinson Hall, negotiate endless corridors and staircases to listen to the distinguished people who frequently lecture in the University. This lecture theatre will be the centre of an eight-storey building which has been designed to give each department a self-contained appearance and an atmosphere of intimacy. Each floor will have a small central room which may be used as a library or as the department thinks fit and staff rooms and other departmental accommodation will open off



The almost picturesque frontage of Beech Grove Terrace crumbles before the 'New Look' which is already getting into its stride.

WHO'S PAYING?

The economists and financiers amongst us may well be saying — this is all very well but who is paying? The North Block alone will cost £1,500,000, the Arts building £720,000 and the Fuel Technology building £600,000. If all the developments now being actively planned are realised, the bill will be £6,000,000. This is a fantastic figure and quite obviously the University could not raise it alone. In fact, because of the national need for graduates in science and technology the greater part of the money needed is expected to come from the Treasury, but in spite of this the University will itself have to raise a very large sum — certainly not less than £600,000 — and with this object in view an appeal to industrial and commercial donors was launched last November. The response has been magnificent. Prominent amongst the donations is £66,000 from the late Mr. C. F. R. Brotherton, £35,000 from the Cement Makers' Federation, £30,000 from Unilever Limited, £25,200 from Imperial Chemical Industries Limited. The Gas Council and Shell Petroleum Company Limited each donated £25,000. There are seven more five figure donations, twelve of over £5,000, forty-four of £1,000 or over and thirty-three more which bring the sum donated to date to well over £450,000. This generous response is indicative of the fact that British industry today is conscious of the need for more highly qualified people in the country. It is hoped that the remaining quarter of the initial target of £600,000 will soon be forthcoming.

NEW HALLS

This expansion gives rise to the need for more residential accommodation for the increased number of students and the plans include a new men's hall at Weetwood. This is expected to hold 600 students and plans for it are now being discussed. The future may well hold extensions to Sadler and Devon, and another new hall may be included within the final limits of the University campus but this is a little further in the future. Work on the re-building of Tetley has commenced but more accommodation will be necessary for women students.

QUIET RETREAT

Many people in the past have felt that the University campus lacked a secluded garden area that is so frequently a feature of other Universities. This has not been overlooked in the plans. The University now owns the cemetery which is in the middle of the present site and although any change must be very slow because of the need to pay the fullest regard to the feelings of a large number of people it is the ultimate intention that this area may be covered with lawns and it is so situated that the Fuel Technology, Engineering and University Road buildings will open on to it.

UP WITH THE LEADERS

These extensions compare very favourably with those planned for other Universities in the country. Leeds University has the advantage of owning most of the sites for the new buildings and work can go ahead already. Demolition squads can already be seen attacking the old houses on University Road with great gusto. The whole programme has tremen-

Geographers at Hull

SPEECHES & SPORT

EARLY on the morning of February 22nd, 74 Leeds Geographers sallied forth to the seventh Annual Northern Universities' Geographical Societies' Conference. The hosts this year were the Hull Geographical Society, and they had arranged to cater for 350 visiting students from eight of the Northern Universities.

The day started very well for the Leeds contingent who enjoyed a double victory over the Hull Society, when the representative soccer team beat the hosts 3-2, and the mixed hockey team beat them 3-1. After a hurried lunch in the Hull Union (which made one feel a great deal less antagonistic towards our own refectory service), the delegates assembled for the opening of the Conference by the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Hull.

The first lecture was given by Professor L. Dudley Stamp, of London University. He was scheduled to speak on "Common land: a problem in land use," but as a member of the Royal Commission now dealing with Common Land, and not yet having published its findings, he elected to speak on "World populations and problems in land utilization." This proved to be highly informative and also very entertaining, and it gave the Conference a stimulating opening.

After a light tea, Mr. J. A. Appleton of Hull spoke on "The Geographical Inheritance of British Railways," and after a high tea, Professor F. J. Monkhouse, of Southampton, gave a most exhilarating lecture on his recent travels in the Far East. This terminated the academic side of the Conference, and the rest of the time was devoted to a Social which was again dominated by the Leeds party, who entertained (or otherwise) the other delegates for much of the evening.

At a joint committee meeting held during the afternoon several important steps were taken, including arrangements for the future publication of a joint N.U.G.S. magazine. The Conference thus proved to be a great success, and of the usual high standard set in preceding years by the organismic society.

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MAKING positively his final appearance as an accompanist for Music Society, Union Secretary Sydney Larter stole the thunder (without visible damage to the piano) in the finale of Opera Circle's Score-reading of Verdi's *Il Trovatore* on Thursday, February 28th.

There can be no doubt that the best way to get to know an opera is to take part in it, and Opera Circle makes ample provision for this. An impressive list of operas—Don Giovanni, Der Freischütz, Orfeo, Così fan Tutte, Norma, Rigoletto, Cavalleria Rusticana—has been covered over the past few years by these score-readings (which is another name for concert performance) and considerable talent has emerged from time to time. Mr. Brown, of the Music Department, has rendered sterling service to the Circle since its inception in rehearsing and accompanying the opera, though he never grudges any assistance at the piano.

Thursday's performance reached as high a standard as is possible with the time available for so technically difficult a work. Margaret Ryder as Azucena was always competent and reached true Verdi brilliance at times, while Pat Burton was a pleasant, if sometimes restrained Leonora. John Roberts, a very promising tenor, acquitted himself well as Manrico, while James Holt was very much at home as Farrando. The part of the Count was divided between Barrie Godsbrough and Geoffrey Atkinson, the former being more operatic, the latter more accurate—but both giving good performances. There was sufficient chorus to come in where necessary, although the Miserere could have been more solemn and impressive. Mr. Brown accompanied the first two acts and Sydney Larter the last two. Altogether, a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

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LUCKY PETER

A CHILDREN'S PANTOMIME

Are These Productions Worth While?

WITH Strindberg's "Lucky Peter's Travels," Theatre Groups have once again given us an "unknown" or "forgotten" play; and once again we must sadly record that the sooner it returns to oblivion the better for all of us.

Initially the play has the material of great drama. The basic idea of a wholly innocent and unsullied youth leaving the ivory tower in order to experience and judge the world in the light of a primordial conception of good and evil has unlimited possibilities. Gaining various experiences through the magic power of a wishing ring, Peter is supposed to find his "true self," and at the same time show the audience something of social, political and aesthetic morality.

Unfortunately, this aim never materializes. The various experiences of Peter serve only to reveal how facile is the thought of the play. The hero becomes rich—and Strindberg tells us that gold and greed often go together; he becomes a Caliph, and we learn that red-tape is frustrating; he becomes a reformer, and we learn that there are some people who are naughty enough to prevent reforms. Finally, at the great climax of the love theme, the omniscient Lisa tells us—and expects us to believe—that life can be summarized as follows: "When a boy child is born into the world, a girl child is born in some other place, and they seek till they find each other."

By this time we no longer wish to know whether or not Peter and Lisa find a resolution to their problems. We are too busy wondering why we had not brought our children to the pantomime as well.

ENORMOUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The technical difficulties are as great as the subject treatment is small. Scenes change from winter to summer, whole sets disappear, an old man changes into a cat and the hero sprouts asses ears. These are the more straightforward requirements of this producers' nightmare.

Faced with such material, one could hardly expect much from the producer and actors. Yet Malcolm McKernan's production made this play almost worthwhile. It is certainly the best piece of production in the last two years—and I have not forgotten Anne Levey's excellent "Tonight We Improvise." The stage crew and

electricians did excellent work in building the effects which Mr. McKernan requested, so that the difficulties of technique were mastered.

A DEBT TO REPAY

The producer showed much more than ingenuity, however. The play was stamped with sympathetic interpretation and a perfectionist desire to elucidate every scrap of meaning and drama from the text. Indeed, the cumulative effect was that this play owed more to the producer than to Strindberg. Further experience will bring authority—the felt that Mr. McKernan had not asserted himself quite strongly enough—and with this polish, he will achieve very marked success. The powers that be must now repay their debt and make good use of this talent by giving him a play with real merit. It is often said that Shakespeare makes or breaks a producer—last year's "Hamlet" was conclusive evidence to support the breaking part—but it seems certain now that no author, even Shakespeare, is too ambitious for Theatre Group.

Another important fact which has emerged is that David Ryan (Peter) is now ready for the onus of lead in much better drama than this. His sureness of touch and above all his ability to play himself into a character are indications of very good ability.

It is important that Lisa (Valerie Nemko) had to play against his lead in her first main part here. She was quite good on the whole, but the studious air of playing a part rather than living it became a serious handicap when David Ryan's Peter was used as a foil.

THEATRE GROUP CRISIS

In conclusion, therefore, it seems that Theatre Group is at a crisis. It has the technical agencies necessary for good productions; there is at least one person capable of producing plays of worth, and actors can be found to follow his guidance. It is now time to end this mistaken and misguided choice of plays and encourage those people who are willing to make Theatre Group a vehicle for something constructive and of value.

ACTORS REVEL AGAIN

Resurrected Carnival

THEATRE Group Carnival last held the year before the Arts Ball was inaugurated is one of those functions that only a University atmosphere can foster. Although primarily a Theatre Group idea it also welcomes other modern language and art Societies, and the general plan is an evening of spontaneous entertainment, conversation and dancing. Formerly it was held in the Riley Smith, and those members with revue talents supplied a floor show which was listened to or ignored depending on the quality or the state of the audience.

To emphasise its essentially theatrical nature fancy dress was the rule, while soft lights and a certain amount of alcohol ensured that an air of gaiety was maintained from start to finish. No rule, of course, could be laid down, but the most successful Carnivals were those where everyone present came prepared to contribute to the evenings entertainment as well as to listen to that of others. Dancing and eating filled in the gaps, and the usual collection of would-be musicians attracted their own little gatherings. Its main drawing power was that it had the amenities of a hop, with the intimacy of a party, and if one wanted to join the mêlée of music or talking, one could do so in a way that was impossible in an organized dance or in a staged revue.

The Carnival is being resurrected; there is already much support for it, but after the break in tradition, this new Carnival will take the form that this year's gathering gives to it. If those that go make up their minds to join in it fully, add their skit or solo to the entertainment, make it their business and keep conversation going and bring the shy members into the general party, then this should be an occasion that few will want to miss, that will perpetuate for itself a high place in the Union Calendar of events.

It will take place on March 21st in the Refectory.



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ART THOU TROUBLED?

Dr. Still Speaks to Psychology Soc.

DO you feel tense, your heart beat rapidly and have you an anticipation of unpleasant things? A characteristic of anxiety, Dr. Still told the Psychology Society, is that the time is "not yet"—before exams, or between exams and results—but when the time does arrive, the anxious person resolves his fears.

Anxiety is not, in itself, an abnormal or uncommon thing; five per cent of the students who visit Student Health do so for anxiety alone, although it may be manifest as palpitations, breathlessness, sleeplessness and so on. It seems that the meticulous conscientious person is predisposed to anxiety, but the condition can readily attack any of us. Indeed, an abnormality would be the complete absence of any anxiety. Has anyone never felt misgivings about an examination, or the success of an affair?

Examination and personal relationships are most definitely the two main causes of anxiety in the student. Between the ages of 18 to 25, personalities are changing greatly, the states of the experiments may be very high, and thus relationships with the opposite sex, with other generations and with different thinkers lead rapidly to anxiety in the student.

You have concluded that you are predisposed to anxiety and you say, "What do I do?" To recognise this and the advantages—yes, advantages!—of such a personality is important. By a correct assessment of the demands of the problems and your resources, you as an anxious person can offer much to your fellows. You have foresight and planning and a conscientious determination to see your plans to an end.

However, an accurate and honest assessment is essential. A deluded anxious person will meet failure after failure, lose confidence on himself and be a living tragedy of uselessness.

'JOCKS' HAVE THEIR FLING

Scottish Dance Societies' Successful Ball

THERE was a Ball with a difference in the refectory recently when the Scottish Dance Society organized its second Highland Ball. The usual "modern" Ball is characterised by a large number of unsociable couples understandably chiefly interested in themselves; in sharp contrast the Highland Ball everywhere had a "gay friendly air."

The music was provided by the well-known Ian Dowrie Scottish Dance Band from Dundee, which has often broadcast. In the intervals entertainment was provided by three pipers of the Yorkshire Regimental Association Pipe Band. There were also solo demonstrations of Highland dancing by the champion boy dancer, Charles Mill. Thus there was continuous non-stop entertainment from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

BETTER THAN IN SCOTLAND

There were 500 dancers altogether, and in addition to Union members there were dancers from local societies and people from as far afield as York and Keighley. Other Universities were well represented too, there being parties from Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham.

The advantages of such an occasion are that dances are performed by sets of four couples and thus there is a much greater degree of sociability. Single tickets were sold and regular partners rare. Altogether it was a very

successful occasion and enjoyed by nearly everyone. Comment of band-leader Ian Dowrie was that the standard of dancing was better than in Scotland; he also observed that the dancers here seemed to enjoy themselves more, though maybe this difference can be explained by the Scottish temperament.

MORE THAN MERE EXERCISE

An official of the Scottish Dance Society told "Union News" that in this age of television and social isolation, Scottish dancing may do something towards bringing back the social spirit and community feeling which is often lacking, especially in Modern dancing. From a purely utilitarian view he could seriously recommend Scottish dancing as a means of physical exercise. But in actual fact it is far more than mere exercise and in contrast to the common conception of it, is "precise, elegant, lively and gay, with some characterisations of the ballet in it."

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FOCUS ON INTRA-MURAL SPORT

NO other University in Britain can boast such a well-organized and extensive system of Intra-Mural sport as that of Leeds University, which, although it rarely comes into the limelight, is a flourishing and expanding concern.

The Weetwood Sports Grounds and the two gymnasiums provide admirable facilities for almost all indoor and outdoor pastimes, but even they are not so extensive as would be desired. Accordingly some prospective entrants to the leagues find themselves unable to join in the activities because of the inability to accommodate them. Although this enables the competition to reach a high standard, it is a great pity that many keen sportsmen are deprived of a regular opportunity to exert themselves.

MOST POPULAR

The three main University Sports Centres are used to the full extent, but Soccer and Basketball vie with each other for the title (if it exists) of "The Most Flourishing Intra-Mural Sport." In both cases there are three leagues in existence.

Eighteen soccer teams form two divisions of the Wednesday League and another six teams contest the Saturday League. The standard of soccer is reasonably high in Division I of the Wednesday League and in the Saturday League, whilst in Division II of the Mid-week League one meets the keen amateurs whose virtues lie in unbounded enthusiasm rather than inherent skill.

The Basketball Competition also thrives in three divisions. Nine teams compete in the "One o'clock" League, which acts as the Third Division, the premier Leagues being contested at 5 and 6 o'clock respectively. Most University players compete in Division I and the standard is consequently extremely high. Competition in these three sectors is very keen and many teams are unable to enter because of the limitations of the gymnasiums.

TABLE TENNIS SOON

Rugby Union is also a prevalent feature of the Wednesday afternoon programme. Seven teams compete in the league which is of a high standard from the point of view of playing skill, as many good players, who normally represent Yorkshire club fifteen on Saturdays, find their way into these Departmental sides.

Swimming is still trying hard to find its feet. On Monday last the Term Swimming Gala was held in the Leeds G.S. Swimming Baths, but some of the organisers found difficulty in forming full teams as the interest here is not so great as in the other sports. Plans are now afoot for the formation of an Intra-Mural Table Tennis League. It is hoped that enough interest can be aroused in the Departments and Societies for these plans to bear fruit, and as many of the teams are already challenging each other the signs are that this League will soon be under way. The University Table Tennis Club has a large membership this year and as there is only a limited number of places on the University teams most of its present non-playing members should be catered for in the near future.

"NURSERY" NEGLECTED

To an outsider it might seem that the Intra-Mural Network is an admirable "nursery" from which the Union Sports Clubs could occasionally attract one or two budding exponents. Unfortunately this is not often the case, mainly because of two factors. In the first instance many rugby and soccer players taking part in Wednesday games here assist Leeds & District Clubs at week-ends, and are consequently not interested in representing the Union. Secondly, others would rather play in the Intra-Mural games

WATCH THIS MAN!



Bryan Spink neatly swerves between two defenders in the Hockey Club's game against Doncaster at Weetwood on March 2nd

because they complain that Union Sports Clubs are run entirely by "cliques," an allegation which is entirely unfounded. However, quite a few representatives from the University Sports Clubs "look in" and often take part in these fixtures in the hope of spotting some accomplished performers who would be interested in turning out for University clubs.

All in all Leeds University students can rightly be proud of the Intra-Mural Sport Organization and "Union News" would like to speak for all Union members in heartily thanking the men who make the wheels run smoothly, namely Mr. Adamson and Mr. Mitchell, the Physical Education Instructors. These gentlemen have combined their organising powers with a great deal of hard work during the past few years in order to give opportunities to Leeds students that no other University can surpass.

THE ROUGH AND THE SMOOTH!

Summer Sports are by no means overlooked. Cricket and Tennis hold their own in this season, the latter's enthusiasts possessing good facilities in the Courts behind the Union and along at Beech Grove. Cricket is played on a knock-out basis and although the Weetwood pitches leave much to be desired, the games are always fought out keenly and sportingly. For obvious reasons, however, the summer sports are not nearly so popular as those of winter and the Intra-Mural summer season has to be curtailed accordingly.

All activities are certainly varied and extremely well-organised, but the total number of teams competing is rather misleading. Many sportsmen represent more than one team, especially in the Basketball Leagues, although there is a rule forbidding a player to play for more than two teams.

TABLE TENNIS

Promotion Struggles and relegation struggles too

AFTER the disastrous exit from the U.A.U. Competition at the hands of Durham University the attentions of the Table Tennis Club are centred solely upon the Leeds and District Leagues.

The No. 1 team, with every chance of winning at least two out of the last three games to be played, seems certain of promotion from Division 2. One of these remaining matches is against the G.P.O. No. 2 team which is challenging hard for the league leadership, and as they are the only conquerors of the Univ. first team this session, the game may prove to be one of the season's highlights.

D. Shaw recently came into the first team when P. B. Woods completed his research work here. Shaw has fully justified his selection by winning all his games in the last month. Binns, Carr and Manning also win consistently, each having averaged over 75 per cent. successes.

RELEGATION WORRIES

Also in Division 2 the Univ. No. 2 team has met with varied success and have now 15 points from 17 games with three still to play. P. Douvlelletis has an average of 80 per cent. successes and he should be instrumental in helping the team to avoid relegation.

Unfortunately the No. 3 team, in Division 3, is in dire straits with only

9 points from 18 games. An inconsistent and constantly changed team, they will have to fight hard in the remaining two matches if relegation is to be avoided.

The No. 4 team seems doomed to drop into Division 5, but captain G. Underwood never allows defeat to disturb the players' enjoyment of the game. On the other hand the No. 5 team have four outstanding matches in their promotion struggle in Div. 6. A regular turnout of Whitworth, Ward, Smith and Briggs is paying dividends in a strong bid to rise to higher spheres!

The Club Table Tennis Ladder should be in operation by publication day. Ken support of this venture could have a great effect on future league positions and selections. All players interested should watch the Table Tennis notice board at frequent intervals.

Round the Clubs

The Univ. Water Polo team should have entertained the swimmers of Liverpool Univ. at Union Street Baths on Sat. last, but Liverpool cancelled this Christie fixture at the last minute. A win for Leeds in this game—and as they beat Liverpool by thirteen clear goals last month, this is most likely—would mean that Leeds and Manchester would need to play-off for the Christie Polo Championship on a date which has already been provisionally arranged.

Official placing and times in the U.A.U. & National Universities Cross-Country Championships held at Birmingham on Feb. 16th include:

	mins. secs.
1 A. S. Jackson (E'burgh) ...	38 30
2 R. Dunkley (Camb.) ...	38 46
3 M. Tulloh (Shampton) ...	38 49
19 E. C. Thomson (Leeds) ...	40 45
31 P. D. Walker (Leeds) ...	41 15
49 B. G. Smith (Leeds) ...	42 09
56 H. Hassall (Leeds) ...	42 28
77 L. Sullivan (Leeds) ...	43 22
98 S. Hodgson (Leeds) ...	43 23
110 R. Garrett (Leeds) ...	44 25

With a total of 308 points the Leeds team took 4th place in the U.A.U. and 6th place in the National Universities.

Tomorrow week the Water Polo teams of Leeds, Durham, Liverpool, Sheffield and Manchester meet in the MacDougall Centre Baths, Manchester to contest, on a League basis, a new Trophy which has been presented specially for this event. Although Herculean efforts will be needed to pull off this victory, the Leeds team hopes to do well in this new venture.

The Soccer Club 2nd XI ended Cockburnians' recent run of victories when they held the home team to a 3-3 draw at Dewsbury Road on Saturday last. Symons (2) and Farbridge scored the vital goals which gave the 2nd XI a well-earned point from a fast and interesting game.

With only ten fit men for a greater part of the game, the Soccer Club 3rd XI did well to hold a strong County Hull O.B. XI to a 1-1 draw at Weetwood last week. A beautifully headed goal by right-half Porter from an accurate Moore corner-kick assured the 3rd XI of a deserved point after a mix-up in the home defence had presented the visitors with an early lead.

A mixed 1st and 2nd Cross-Country team has had two fixtures with Hull Univ. on successive Wednesdays. On Feb. 20th Hull were entertained at Weetwood and over the 5½ mile course they were defeated by nine points. K. McKeown, apparently recovered from his ankle injury, led all the way and due to superior packing the Leeds team gained a comfortable victory.

HOCKEY

DISAPPOINTING GAME

LEEDS UNIV. 0 DONCASTER 1

IN a game that promised well, because of the standard of the opposition and the excellent condition of the Weetwood pitch, the result must have been something of a disappointment to players and spectators alike. The Univ. XI never got into its stride and Doncaster hardly broke into more than a trot. The visitors snapped up their only real chance and thus a scrappy game came to a most unsuccessful conclusion.

For the first quarter of the game Leeds were in complete command and the University forwards received excellent support from their half-backs. Leeds stormed continually into their opponents' circle and Flowers missed a chance of scoring when he was caught on the wrong foot. Other chances were missed through slowness in the Doncaster area and this pattern of play was repeated throughout the game until Doncaster infused life into the dying stages by scoring the deciding goal with only ten minutes left for play.

AGGARWAL THRUSTFUL

The thrust of the home attack came mainly from Aggarwal at centre forward, whose breakaways were a constant menace to the visitors' defence, but Wilman had an "off-day" and he found himself consistently bogged down in mid-field. Ayres, too, failed to make good use of some well-directed passes by Flowers down the left wing, but in the main the Univ. passing was woefully inaccurate throughout the match.

Kirkpatrick made a welcome return at left back and Tallop had his usual quiet but effective game at right-back.

DISMAL STORY

Doncaster, much the older side, were the more tired at half-time, and the speed of the Leeds XI should have carried them to victory.

It is a pity that this is such a dismal report; the Univ. XI can play really well when stirred—as their excellent victory over Lincolnshire Poachers showed—but did not rouse themselves on Saturday last.

HULL UNIV. 0 LEEDS UNIV. 3

Hull Univ. are not a strong XI; in spite of a fair sprinkling of Indians in the side they did not hit the high-spots as a team and consequently the Leeds XI had rather an easy game.

In the first half Antrobus, in the Leeds goal, did not have a shot to save whereas the visitors' attack hammered incessantly at the Hull goal in this period. The three Leeds goals came as a result of crisp, accurate and open passing but throughout they were never seriously extended.

It was refreshing to see two 3rd XI players fill the gaps at wing-half in such a wholehearted manner. Ilson, a boisterous exponent, put all he had into the game and Harvey, a player who would do better to use less reverse stick, stuck doggedly to his man.

The pitch was amazingly fresh and green, and the game was contested at a fast pace throughout.

WON—LOST 1

As a measure of the standard of Leeds Univ. Hockey in comparison with other University XIs this year, the results to date in Inter-Varsity games are quite astounding. Of the ten games played they have won nine and lost one, conceding only five goals against the thirty scored by themselves.

The one defeat, against Durham, is best forgotten; Durham are now U.A.U. finalists and if they beat Bristol on Saturday it will be interesting to see how Leeds fare in the return fixture on March 13th. Durham scored two goals, in two games, against Leeds and the Univ. have netted seven in reply. Leeds will be all out next Wednesday to make the result a foregone conclusion.

WOMEN'S SPORT

MANY MATCHES CANCELLED

ONCE again the inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances have drastically curtailed the Women's Sporting activities, but five Leeds ladies have distinguished themselves further afield by taking part in various Representative games.

"Squash" Goodchild has again been chosen for the English Universities Hockey XI which meets the Scottish Univ. XI, whilst E. Rowe (left wing) and E. Lund (3rd home) have recently played for the English Universities Lacrosse team. E. Lund was joined in the Northern Universities Lacrosse team by another Leeds player, M. Hodder, and M. Wheeler and E. Walker of the Netball Club were both members of the victorious Northern Universities VII in recent games against Ripon and Leeds.

HOCKEY

Both Women's Hockey teams have been playing well of late although the 1st XI were unlucky not to force a draw against Nottingham Univ. at Weetwood on February 27th. A close game ended in a 3-2 victory for the visitors but the Leeds 2nd XI made up for this by easily defeating the Nottingham 2nd XI 7-2 in a fast and open game.

LATEST RESULTS

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Wednesday, February 20th
Leeds Univ. 2 (Elliott, Devey); Hull Univ. 2.
Univ. 2nd XI 7 (Taberner 3, Good-year 1, Mellor 3)—Hull Univ. 0
Bretton Hall 2—Univ. 4th XI 3 (Harness 2, Alcock).

Saturday, February 23rd
Univ. 4th XI 3 (Porter, Phipps 2)—M'chester Coll. of Tech. 2.

Wednesday, February 27th
Leeds Univ. 4 (Graham, Devey, Atkinson, 1 own goal)—King's College (Newcastle) 2.

Univ. 2nd XI 1—King's Coll. 2nd XI 6.

Univ. 4th XI 4 (Gill, Alcock, Phipps, Ferguson)—Hull G.S. 3.

Half Holiday League
Univ. 3rd XI 3 (Farbridge 2, Moore)—Leeds Firemen 0.

Saturday, March 2nd
Univ. 1st XI 2 (Graham 2)—Red Triangle League 3.

W.A.O.B. League: Div. I
Cockburnians 3—Univ. 2nd XI 3 (Symons 2, Farbridge).

Div. II
Univ. 3rd XI 1 (Porter)—County Hall O.B. 1.

RUGBY UNION

Wednesday, February 20th

CHRISTIE CUP
Leeds Univ. 24—Liverpool Univ. 0

Univ. 3 (Tries: Bingham, Davies).

Friendly Fixture
Univ. "B" XV 0—H.O.R. (Mirfield) 26

Saturday, February 23rd
Wilmslow "A" XV 6—Univ. "A" XV 0.

Wilmslow "B" XV 19—Univ. "B" XV 0.

Wednesday, February 27th
Leeds Univ. 14 (Tries: Hazell, Kotzen 2), Reed, Goal: Hazell (con.)—Hull Univ. 3.

Saturday, March 2nd
Old Birkenians 12—Leeds Univ. 0.

Univ. "A" XV 6 (Tries: Adamson, Clare)—Bradford "A" XV 6.

Bradford Extra "A" XV 3—Univ. Extra "A" XV 0.

HOCKEY

Wednesday, February 20th
Liverpool Univ. 0—Leeds Univ. 1 (Filton)

Liverpool Univ. 2nd XI 3—Leeds Univ. 2nd XI 2.

Univ. 3rd XI 2 (Burman 2)—Fulneck School 1.

Wednesday, February 27th
Hull Univ. 0—Leeds Univ. 3.

Hull Univ. 2nd XI 2—Leeds Univ. 2nd XI 3.

Saturday, March 2nd
Univ. 1st XI 0—Doncaster 1

Doncaster 3rd XI 6—Univ. 2nd XI 0

Doncaster 3rd XI 1—Univ. 2nd XI 2 (Maduka, A. N. Other)

BADMINTON

Leeds and Dist. League—Div. II
Monday, February 25th
Corpus Christi 5—Univ. Mixed 'A' 4

D.V. 111
Monday, February 18th
Univ. Mixed "B"—Crossgates "A"

Friendly Fixtures
Wednesday, February 20th
St. John's Coll. (York) 0—Leeds Univ. 9.

Saturday, February 23rd
Leeds Univ. 9—St. John's Coll. 0

Tuesday, February 26th
Clayton Hall B.C. 1—Univ. Mixed 'A' 8.

Saturday, March 2nd
Leeds Univ. 9—Sheffield Univ. 0.

CHESS

Monday, February 18th
Leeds and Dist. League
Univ. 2nd VI 4½—Airedale 1½.

Wednesday, February 20th
N.U.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIP
Leeds Univ. 4—Liverpool Univ. 4

Wednesday, February 27th
Municipal Offices 3—Univ. 3rd VII 6

Saturday, 2nd March
I. M. Browne Trophy
Bradford 5—Univ. 1st VIII 3.

LACROSSE

Saturday, March 2nd
N. of England League—Div. IV
Offerton "B" 3—Leeds Univ. 18

BASKETBALL

Thursday, February 28th
Leeds Univ. 120—St. John's College (York) 53.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, March 2nd
(At Weetwood over 5½ miles)

Leeds Univ. 111 35pts.—Skipton G.S. 24pts.

1st Williams (Leeds) 30m. 25s.

5th Brown (Leeds) 31m. 30s.

6th Betts (Leeds) 31m. 39s.

CLUB RUGBY

Saturday, March 2nd
Hull Univ. 34—Leeds Medics 0.

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LEEDS UNIV. 4 KING'S COLL. (NEWCASTLE) 2
(At Weetwood, February 27th)

PRODUCING their finest first half display of the season the Soccer team quickly hammered home four delightful goals in their fixture against the strong King's College (Newcastle) XI at Weetwood. Playing on a firm, well-rolled pitch, Leeds took full advantage of the ideal conditions and immediately the forwards and defence clicked into top gear like a well-oiled machine.

Long before the Newcastle men had accustomed themselves to the wide open spaces of Weetwood, a perfect lobbed centre from U.A.U. centre-forward Graham, roving on the left wing, was cleverly nodded home from close range by ex U.A.U. man, Devey.

Within minutes the visiting centre half pushed the ball past his own keeper with Graham hotly challenging him for possession.

GOOD ENTERTAINMENT!

Two goals in the lead, the home team concentrated on entertaining the spectators by some skilful football, and with the whole defence plying the forwards with long, accurate passes the team was functioning better than at any time this year.

A third goal was imminent and when it eventually came it proved to be one of the best of the season.

A back pass from full-back McGuire was quickly thrown out by Machin to centre-half Glanville. He moved it swiftly out to Atkinson, who in turn pushed a lovely pass down the wing where Devey gathered it and centred to Graham, who hammered the ball home.

No King's player had touched the ball in this lightning switch from defence to attack.

KING'S FIGHT BACK

The fourth goal, too, was of the highest class, Atkinson squeezing the ball with economic precision between the visiting custodian and the post after another fine combined movement.

King's now found their feet, after this onslaught and not unnaturally the home team slowed down a little. Clift had the misfortune to head into his own net but it was not until the second period, after a spell of prolonged attacking, that the visitors finally reduced the arrears. Their centre forward broke through the Leeds 'curtain' and his shot entered the net via the inside of the post.

The second period was still entertaining, if something of an anticlimax, and both teams enjoyed an equal share of the play.

Leeds must produce this form again when they travel to Liverpool next Wednesday for the deciding Christie Cup fixture. On their first-half display they would have hammered almost any University XI, and the Soccer Club is confident that the Christie Cup can be brought back to Leeds this time.

SQUASH

WARMING UP FOR TOUR GAMES

CONTINUING in the winning vein, which they hope to maintain during the forthcoming strenuous tour of the Cambridge University Colleges, the Squash Club recorded two more sound victories during the past fortnight.

The University gained revenge for the narrow defeat inflicted earlier in the term when they met and beat the Harrogate S.R.C. by three games to two at Harrogate. The home side went ahead when Hassan lost a close game by the odd set in five but the scores were evened when Young won by a similar margin, though his older opponent put up a strong, sporting challenge.

The 'see-saw' continued with first Cohen winning comfortably in three straight games and then Adams, still experiencing a bad spell, being narrowly defeated in five games, after looking all set to win. The deciding rubber was rather an anti-climax and Barringer was never extended in winning 3-0 to give Leeds the game.

GAME OPPOSITION

A slightly below strength Leeds side were made to fight hard before they overcame the game Sheffield University opposition on Saturday last.

Young recovered from a slight lapse, after winning the first game, and was a worthy 3-1 winner, whilst newly-promoted Cohen, after a disastrous start, was rewarded for a considerable amount of running by a 3-1 victory.

Adams also made an uncertain start but he soon settled down and showed something like his normal form in a 3-0 victory. Sheffield gained their first success when Hannon, playing in his first senior team match, lost by 3-0 but he did improve the score when he won by the same margin thus giving Leeds a convincing 4-1 victory.



An incident in the Soccer Club's match with King's College. Laurie Graham, U.A.U. centre forward, attempts to reach a high centre in one of the frequent attacks on the Newcastle goal.

RUGBY UNION

LIVERPOOL NEVER IN THE HUNT

LEEDS UNIV. 24 pts. LIVERPOOL UNIV. Nil
(At Weetwood, February 21st)

THE Christie Shield had already been signed, sealed and delivered to the Manchester Univ. R.U.F.C. before Liverpool Univ. came to Weetwood on the 21st February to complete the Christie Rugby fixtures for this year.

Leeds followed up their 17-0 thrashing of Manchester by running up 24 points without any Liverpool reply, and had they not drawn at Wyncote earlier in the season they must surely have been favourites in a play-off with Manchester.

The Leeds backs were given few chances early in the game, as their forwards could not break the grip of a lively Liverpool 'eight'. When the ball did reach the Leeds back division they appeared much more menacing than their Liverpool counterparts, who were sadly lacking in pace.

Leeds took the lead through a fine 75 yard try by winger Rees and this was followed by another good try from Kotzen; both were converted by Hazell. Harris added another try before the interval, and Leeds changed round with a useful lead of 13 points.

In the second period the Liverpool forwards still had the upper hand in the loose although they were outweighed in the set scrums. Harris and Johnson gained a plentiful supply of the ball from the line-outs, but poor binding made scrum-half Hinchcliffe's job more hazardous than was necessary.

Further tries were added by Skerry after a brilliant run. Kotzen and Hazell, both of whom scored after clever interpassing had left the Liverpool defence flat-footed.

Hazell converted one of them to make an impressive 24 points total, but at the final whistle the game Liverpool forwards were plugging away, still unable to penetrate a sound defence.

An excellent Leeds victory with the emphasis on team work throughout.

OLD BIRKONIAN 12pts
LEEDS UNIV. Nil

Although weakened by changes in both forward and back divisions, the Univ. XV gave the Old Boys a hard game at Liverpool last Saturday.

Stand-in hooker K. Jones (regular hooker Baxter having been unfortunately k.o.d in Dublin a day earlier) gained almost 75 per cent. possession from the set scrums, but the Leeds team failed to press home this advantage and slips in defence gave Birkonians two unconverted tries in their first sallies on to Leeds territory.

The second period followed the same pattern with Leeds on the attack, but the backs again failed to translate the advantage forward into tries. As the game progressed the home forwards came more into the picture and six more points were netched before no-side.

The game was much closer than the 12-point difference suggests and the only weakness in the Univ. play was an unusual lack of penetration in the centre.

Footnote.—The club has yet to win against a club side in Lancashire!

JUDO

AMPLE REVENGE

HIGH HOPES IN BIG COMPETITION

EARLY in February the Manchester Univ. Judo Club brought its strongest team to Leeds in an attempt to avenge last term's defeat incurred at their own MacDougall Centre. It was soon apparent that these hopes would not materialise for the visitors found the Leeds team in tip-top form and the score of 14-1 in the home club's favour fully emphasised the different abilities of the two teams.

Manchester's only success was gained in the first contest, when I. Jones (Leeds) was held to a draw in a fast tussle with some good attacking from both men. K. Keeble (Orange Belt) then won his contest with a strangle-hold followed by a sweeping ankle throw—one of his favourite techniques, and Frenchman Y. Potel (Green Belt) added to the Leeds total with two points from hold-downs in groundwork, a speciality of most French judomen derived from the strong Judo tradition in France.

LEAD INCREASED

The home team's lead was further increased by N. Soloff (Orange Belt) who won with a rear choke-lock in another fast contest, and M. Brown (Blue Belt), following on, quickly overpowered his 'foe' with a good hip-throw and strangle-hold. Club Secretary B. Williams (Green Belt) beat his less-experienced opponent with a fast hip-throw and he followed this up with a 30-second hold-down to give Leeds a winning margin of eleven points.

It was left to T. McKenna (Green Belt—Leeds) and B. Wilkinson (Orange Belt—Manchester) to provide the best contest of the afternoon and Wilkinson's strong defence was finally beaten by McKenna's fast sweeping ankle-throw and later by a clever hip-throw.

The Leeds Captain, C. McCreary (Green Belt) completed the afternoon's sport in fine style when he overcame his equal-ranked opponent with a spring-hip throw and then finished the contest by exerting a scarf-hold for 30 seconds.

This excellent result is indicative of the overall high standard of the team and also of the keen spirit which prevails throughout the Club. With this and other fine wins to their credit, the Leeds team now looks forward confidently to repeating last year's splendid victory in the Inter-University Judo Competition which again takes place in London next month.

RIFLE CLUB

Narrow victory

THE Univ. Rifle Club narrowly defeated opponents from the Liverpool Univ. Rifle Club when they met in the final match of the Christie Cup on February 23rd.

As both Leeds and Manchester have beaten Liverpool twice, and each other once, they have now tied for first place in the competition and a shoot-off is necessary to decide the outright victors.

Liverpool did not give in without a struggle in this last fixture and only two points separated the teams when the final scores were reckoned. Towards the Leeds total of 590, A. Connors continued his successful shooting with yet another 'possible' (100) and his average for the season now stands at the excellent figure of 99.6.

Guitarist M. D. Whitehouse and secretary J. T. Leach also shot accurately, both returning scores of 99 and the Leeds Christie total was made up by 98 each from P. Hicks and H. J. Lidgate and 96 from F. E. Bates.

In addition the cards of two other riflemen were added to the Christie score and this friendly match with Liverpool resulted in a second Leeds victory by 787-783. P. Moorhouse (99) and H. Dangerfield (98) performed well for Leeds in the friendly, the latter being a new member who is now showing good form.

LEEDS THIRD

The Final Round in Division 1 of the Inter-University League has recently been completed. The excellent shooting of the Manchester VIII (four 'possibles' and four 99's) proved too much for the Cambridge team, who were thus edged out of first place in the League Table. Manchester gain the Sir Lionel Fletcher Challenge Cup and eight gilt medals for their efforts; the runners-up will receive eight bronze medals.

In this final round Birmingham Univ. did not return their cards so that Leeds, with a score of 791, received a walk-over to give them a final League position of 3rd behind Manchester and Cambridge.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	Shot	W	L	Pts.	Agg.
Manchester 'A'	8	7	1	14	6329
Cambridge 'A'	8	7	1	14	6319
Leeds 'A'	8	6	2	12	6312
London 'A'	8	5	3	10	6313
Imperial Coll. 'A'	8	4	4	8	6291
Durham 'A'	8	4	4	8	6279
Liverpool	8	2	6	4	6241
Oxford	8	1	7	2	6284
Birmingham 'A'	8	0	8	0	5354

NOTE THIS DATE

The Men's Hockey Club Annual Dinner will be held in the Special Dining Room of University House at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, March 19th. All Club members are urged to attend the dinner, price of which is 8/6.

CROSS-COUNTRY

NO FUN IN HYDE PARK

THE last competitive fixture for the Univ. Cross-Country team was the Hyde Park (London) Road Relay run last Saturday and organised by Imperial Coll., London. The Leeds team had had no competition since the U.A.U. Championships at Birmingham and the final position of 15th from a field of 40 teams was not a true reflection of the team's capabilities.

The course, of a little under three miles around the Hyde Park footpath, was particularly testing for the runners who have in recent weeks been accustomed to the 'heavy' country. All the Leeds team certainly found difficulty in producing the extra speed required over only three miles and representing them were B. Hodgson (capt.), J. S. B. McCord, R. Garratt, E. C. Thomson, B. G. Smith and R. Clarke.

GARRATT ON FORM

McCord ran the first leg and was well-placed with the bunch behind the leaders at the two-mile mark, but he then tired quickly and dropped back through the field in the last mile. McCord finished his lap in 15 mins. 20 secs. and handed over to Garratt in 23rd position.

In contrast Garratt was in splendid form and he pulled up ten positions in an outstanding lap of 14 mins. 14 secs. Hodgson took over in 23rd place and the Leeds captain stormed his way round in 14 mins. 13 secs, thus notching back another four places.

DIFFICULT TASK

The fourth runner, Clarke, was faced with the difficult task of overhauling a runner some 150 yards ahead, but he more than held his own, clocking 14 mins. 31 secs, and handing over to Smith with the leadway reduced by 75 yards.

Smith was unable to gain more than 30 yards in a lap of 14 mins. 30 secs, but he handed over to the last runner, Thompson, with the chance of the last latter gaining at least one more place.

Thompson was as usual, at his best on the road and with a fine lap of 14 mins 10 secs, he gained another four places to give the team a final position of 15th.

The race was won by the U.A.U. Cross-country Champions, Southampton University, who have now proved themselves to be the outstanding team of the season, by a comfortable margin from Nottingham, with Loughborough in third place.

MATCHES CANCELLED

The Lacrosse team has been unfortunate to have its last few games cancelled, the only result of the last fortnight being a 6-6 draw with Queen Ethelburg's G.S. away.

The Swimming team, too, has been idle because of postponements and Liverpool Univ. were unable to make the journey to Leeds on Saturday last. Netball has fared little better and the only result to hand is an 18-11 defeat for the 2nd Univ. VII by Sheffield Univ. in Sheffield.

Another defeat in Sheffield was experienced by the Basketball team who went down by 17-15 in a very close and hard fought game with Sheffield T.C. on February 20th.

GYMNASTICS

FIRST TIME EVER

FIVE very disheartened Leeds gymnasts left the P.E. Centre on Saturday the 16th of February having lost the Christie Cup to Manchester for the first time ever. The cup has not gone for ever though, and Leeds should regain this cup when the team have had more experience next year. For this match Manchester retained their four best gymnasts from last year, including E. Macpherson, a competitor in the English and South African Championships. Leeds had only two gymnasts from last year's team, freshers A. Sharpe and J. Shrive plus newcomer N. Gaunt making up the five.

A close contest ended in a Manchester victory by 112½ points to 103. The two Freshmen, along with captain N. Conner, proved outstanding and in the individual scores Sharpe was 3rd with 29½ points, Conner 4th with 29½ points and Shrive 5th with 26½. Shrive was placed equal first with Macpherson on the parallel bars and the horizontal bar—a highly commendable performance.

EVEN CLOSER

On Friday the 19th of February the club met Carnegie—a new fixture played at the College before a small crowd.

At the opponents' request, the rings and pommel horse were excluded from the match. However, an interesting battle ensued, the result being in doubt until the very last vault when it was found that Carnegie had won by 64.25 points to 63.83.

J. Shrive performed well to be placed second on individual scores and if Leeds had been able to field a slightly larger team they could easily have been successful.

U.A.U. TOMORROW

Tomorrow the U.A.U. championships are being held at Birmingham and last year Leeds were fourth behind Manchester, Cambridge and Loughborough. Each team of five gymnasts will compete over six pieces of apparatus and Leeds will do well to retain 4th position in the face of some strong competition.

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STILL MORE HONOURS

A series of skilful displays for the Univ. Soccer team earned L. B. Graham a place at centre-forward in the U.A.U. XI which played an F.A. Amateur XI on the Stoke City F. C. Ground last Tuesday. D. Rhodes, the Club Vice-Captain, was selected as reserve for the left full-back position, but he was not called upon to play. At the time of going to press the result of the game, played under floodlights, was unknown.

D. Wilman and B. Snink of the Men's Hockey Club continued their successful right-wing partnership for the U.A.U. XI last Wednesday. This annual game, against the Hockey Association, is the highlight of the University Hockey season and this year it was played at the Nottingham University Sports Ground. Club secretary, G. Flitton, (centre-half) was asked to stand by as reserve, but again no withdrawals (and no result) were forthcoming at the time of going to press.

Three members of the Univ. Basketball team are again selected for the U.A.U. team which meets the Amateur Basketball Association on Friday, March 15th. N. D. Benveniste (attack), U. Lubliner (centre) and C. Catsaros (guard) will play for the U.A.U. on what is reputedly the best Basketball court in Britain—that of the Central Y.M.C.A., Tottenham Court Road, London. Three other Univ. players have been picked as reserves—D. Hwang (attack), R. Tsung and I. Laing (guards)—but it is not yet known if their services will be required.

SPORTS SHORTS

THE Univ. Mixed "A" team became the last side in any of the Leeds & District Badminton Leagues to lose its unbeaten record. Their closest rivals in Division II of the League, Corpus Christi, defeated the students by 5-4 after a grim struggle last week. Apparently the tussle was so prolonged that some of the Univ. players "arrived home with the milk" on the morning following the match. Although this result should not affect the University's promotion it will greatly enhance Corpus Christi's chances of accompanying them to Division 2.

The Soccer Club 3rd XI have two important dates this week. Tomorrow at the Slazenger Sports Ground, Horbury, they take on the Old Collegians Res. XI in the final of the W.R.O.B. League White Cup (Kick-off 3 p.m.) and on Wednesday next they are due to play Leeds City Markets in the semi-final of the "Reklaw" Cup.

Last week's 3-0 victory over Leeds Fire Brigade keeps them at the head of the Half-Holiday League and the team has high hopes of carrying off both cups and the League Trophy for the first time ever.

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