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NEW COLUMN
FOR THE MEDICS

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WORKING ON UNION COMMITTEE IS NOT ALL FUN, SO- LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

THE Union Committee elections are here again. Nominations for candidates close at noon tomorrow. Next week there will be the usual 'Rogues' Gallery' display on the bottom corridor. Then on the following Monday and Tuesday, May 13th and 14th, the 4,000 strong electorate will be called upon to decide which 19 people are to represent its interests.

Both candidates and voters should appreciate that serving on Union Committee is not all fun. It is a serious business and regulations have been recently passed by Union Committee to make it even more serious, to prove to the casual candidate and his supporters that he might be letting himself in for more than he thinks.

THREE TYPES

It is usual to find more than 30 candidates for the 15 Open Seats and between 6 and 10 for each of the First-Year Representations. If past experience is any criterion, there will be three categories of people:

- (a) those standing for the fun of it;
- (b) those standing for social prestige;
- (c) those who are prepared to work if elected.

In the past all three categories have achieved some measure of success, those in the latter category being (as they should be) the more successful and those in the first being the least successful. Most of the people in category (c) have either Society Committee, Athletic Club or Hall Committee experience behind them. It will be interesting to note how categories (a) and (b) fare this year, since an amendment to the Union Committee Standing Orders has been made with the express aims of (a) reminding Committee members that there is more to the job than a monthly get together round the table and (b) removing from membership of the Committee those who do not pull their weight on Sub-Committees.

NEW REGULATIONS

The present position is that a member who absents himself from three Union Committee meetings "shall be deemed to have resigned;" next session, absence from three meetings of any Sub-Committee will imply resignation. This will, of course, demand fairer distribution of the thirty-odd sub-committee posts and secretarships than before; accordingly, a scheme to ensure this has been adopted by Committee which will be used at the Joint meeting in June. Members will be required to hold, as a minimum, either one post of major importance:

Catering Secretary, Entertainments Secretary, W.I.V.A.B. Representative, N.U.S. Secretary, Grants and Welfare Secretary, Rag Chairman, Debates Secretary (the last four posts not necessarily being allotted to the elected members of Committee):

or membership of one Committee of major importance:—

N.U.S. Committee, Finance Committee:

or membership of two lesser committees or Joint committees:—

Entertainments, Disciplinary, Catering, Grants and Welfare, Overseas Students', Union Building, Brotherton Library, University Sermons, University Overseas Students'.

There will also be an upward limit on the number of posts held.

NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED

It is the sub-Committees which get the daily work done, and in that respect, they may be regarded as more important than the 'parent' body, whose main tasks are to advise, recommend and ratify. The size of Union Committee has not changed for several years—except for two ex-officio posts: the size of the Union has increased over 30% in the past six years. There can be no room for passengers on Union Committee.

Thus far, no mention has been made of the Executive. Three members have already been elected by open election, but, from the fifteen people who will be elected next week (1st-year representatives rarely stand for Executive) the remaining four Executive posts have to be elected: Hon. Secretary, Hon. Student Treasurer, General Athletics Secretary, House Secretary: offices which simply cannot be held by anybody.

BUSY MEN

The HON. SECRETARY is ex-officio a member of 18 Sub-Committees and three Joint Sub-Committees: he is responsible for the agenda and minutes of General Meetings, Union Committee, Executive Committee and Disciplinary Committee: he is in charge of all matters relating to membership of the Union and is responsible for the running of all elections. A heavy job, involving an average of about three hours per day throughout his year of office, the Secretarship is the key position on Executive.

The HON. STUDENT TREASURER is a member of five Sub-Com-



A 'Union News' photograph of the Theatre Group Carnival which took place at the end of last term. Those present at the festivities covered or partially covered their bodies in strange costumes, and hid their faces behind masks.

NASTY INCIDENTS AT HOP

Unruly Visitors from Durham

THE continual problem of unruly and drunken behaviour by visiting teams in the Union flared up once again at the Saturday Night Hop on March 9th. As a result of serious disturbances on this occasion, Union Committee has passed a ruling that the Rugby teams of Durham University and King's College, Newcastle are to be banned from the Union for one session.

Earlier in the afternoon of March 9th, Durham University were beaten 6-3 by Loughborough College in the U.A.U. Rugby final at Kirkstall. Bryan Spink, General Athletics Secretary, invited both teams to the hop after the game. They were invited free of charge, though normally they would have paid to attend under a reciprocal agreement between universities.

Showing their gratitude for this generous gesture, Durham proceeded to celebrate their rugby defeat by giving a first-rate display of loutish behaviour. Loughborough remained comparatively quiet.

BAR HAD TO BE CLOSED

First they dominated the bar and began to sing such obscene verses that just before nine o'clock it had to be closed for a trial period. When it was reopened, Durham again failed to have and it had to be closed altogether for the evening at nine thirty.

Considerable discomfort was caused to the regular and reasonable Bar patrons.

The Durham rugby team then began to interrupt dancing in the Riley Smith Hall. One large virtually-drunk individual forced his way on to the stage and insisted on giving an incompetent rendering of 'The Rock Island Line.'

EXEC. PREDICAMENT

Executive Committee have in some quarters been criticised for not handling the situation more firmly. It should be appreciated that Executive Committee is chosen for its administrative capabilities and not for its skill at all-in wrestling.

Had the porters been called in to use more forceful tactics, a "free fight" might well have ensued and this would have benefited nobody's reputation.

The most sensible comment on the problem was that many of the visiting teams enter the Union 'already half-slewed': on these grounds they could have been legally kept out.

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Philandering at Universities

What Leeds Thinks

A quotation out of context can often be misleading; it may easily fail to convey the true meaning which the speaker intended. But to give the National Press the opportunity to produce headings such as 'Philandering to a Degree' (The People, March 31st), or 'Man-hunting Women Plague Universities' (The Sunday Express) would seem very unfair to University women in general and to the women of Leeds in particular.

The statements made by Professor Clapton in Blackpool during the vacation cannot fail to give a wrong impression as a result of their isolated publication in a Sunday paper. "Town and gown" relationships—to say nothing of those between staff and student—must suffer when women students are described by a member of the University Staff as saying, on'y a few minutes after their arrival, that "We want the best men and the University has them".

Comments from union members who had read the articles in question

Congratulations

UNION NEWS extends its congratulations to PAT FOWLER and JOHN JOHNSON-BURG on their election as Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President respectively.

showed that they considered Professor Clapton's statement to be exaggerated. A male student of the Eng'g department said that such activities were quite natural at their age and that, whilst women may come to the University to find a man, this is not their principal object.

DIVIDED VIEWS

The women students were divided in their views. A third year Hist'ry student thought the statements applicable to a minority whilst a third year Geography student suggested that women were more qualified to decide where the best men are to be found.

A first year German student thought that what was said was more applicable to Arts students than to Science students who took their work more seriously. A fourth year student in the Education Department thought that when men and women of similar interests and intellectual standards were brought together in the University, they would naturally find companionship, and a third year Chemistry student agreed that the men nearest to them are those in the University.

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RUSSIAN VISITORS

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by Rag Committee for a visit to Leeds in June of Messrs. Bulganin and Krushchev as Rag Celebrities. Rag Publicity Manager, Mr. George Smyth, is to pay a return visit to Moscow in July.

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AS WE SEE IT

OWING to force of circumstances it is necessary to reveal at last some of the history of Perspex

Until the last few editions this controversial column owed everything to the work and inspiration of Miss Pat Purcell.

Somehow this secret crept out, and it became generally known that Pat was Perspex. Pat did not object to this state of affairs until after she had ceased to write the column.

Now she objects very strongly, because recently observations have been expressed in the column which she cannot subscribe to, yet is widely believed to have written. The last straw came with the following description of the Riley Smith Hall in last edition's Perspex:

"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?'"

Suspected of having written this, Pat says she is losing many of her friends.

Accordingly, in sincere tribute to the valuable services Pat has rendered to 'Union News,' we publish the following disclaimer: MISS PAT PURCELL HAS NOT WRITTEN PERSPEX SINCE DECEMBER. The column is now in other hands (though we have no wish to reveal whose) and will continue to present Union news and gossip from its own special angle.

We are pleased to announce that Union News sales have continued to soar and the last edition on March 8th achieved an all-time record of 1,837 copies sold.

We hope you will continue to give us this excellent support for the two remaining editions of this session. These editions will come out on May 17th and June 14th (please note they do not correspond with the dates in the Union diary).

In spite of booming sales, Union News staff are not resting on their laurels but constantly striving to make the paper even better.



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READERS WRITE

'TECHNOLOGIST' UNDER FIRE

BRIDGE GETS BLOWN UP

Dear Sir,

We have heard much in recent years concerning the narrow-mindedness, bad education, and in general, the poor academic state of technologists. Many of us have sought to deny all such statements believing them to be untrue, but when one sees a letter such as that in the last copy of Union News signed darkly 'TECHNOLOGIST' one begins to wonder if after all the opposition was completely right. Either the letter's a hoax or there's a considerable lack of education in logic in at least one technologist. In case the letter should not be a hoax one must try to answer the opinions expressed there.

In elections for the Presidency of the Union one understands that one votes for the person who one believes is best capable of holding the high degree of responsibility involved. The department of the persons concerned is really immaterial and, I should think, would only come into consideration if two candidates appeared to the voter to be entirely equal in merit on all other counts.

The idea that the electorate might believe it was part of the Union policy, as it were, to have a lawyer as president of the Union scarcely deserves mention on grounds of its high improbability. Since students, more than any other body of individuals, are always suspicious of tradition and convention it seems, at least, hardly likely that the Union will vote for Mr. X because Mr. X is a lawyer and last year's President was a lawyer.

I hope that Law Students never hold back their nominations, because, to use 'Technologist's' words this would be "most undemocratic and unworthy of our traditions."

Finally may I make the point that the Law Department encourages its students to take a full part in Union life and this may not be unconnected with the position at present. If more departments took this line the 'monopoly' might be eased a little.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN H. SMITH
(Gen. Science).

Dear Sir,

At last I have found a kindred spirit bold enough to put his thoughts on University women into print. I would extend his conclusions on their policy of "isolationism" into other spheres of union life and roughly classify them thus: those who are lost for ever, or what is commonly called engaged; those not engaged, but apparently inextricably attached to one particular male: those affixed to one or other of the coffee lounge coterie, so strictly exclusive; and those who move about in solid phalanx-structures.

Perhaps the Freshman remembers the gay abandon of the Freshers' Conference when questions like "Where are you from?" and "What are you going to study?" were flung hither and thither with astonishing recklessness, the suggestion of which now would be considered as absurd as walking naked through the Brotherton!

Without trying to make a "Lonely Hearts" feature out of your column I can sympathise with him and his views. He was probably as amazed as I was at the Hop during Conference to see the two-fold division of the female section into those with permanent partners, and the rest who banded together at one end of the Refectory intent on forcibly repelling all-comers.

There is little possibility of finding this "intelligent female company" not because it does not exist but because it is so inaccessible. Since October I have made several friends and many acquaintances at the University but I regret that females are largely in the minority. If it is to be a "Battle of the Sexes" I advocate a little more fraternising with the enemy; but why should every skirmish have overtones of "designs?"

Where has that "Getting to know you" atmosphere gone which we enjoyed at the beginning of the year? Perhaps this freshman and I should meet and discuss tactics and manœuvres!

Yours,
STUART MCFARLANE.

Dear Sir,

The scintillating efficiency of the Leeds University U. Bridge Club has brought a groan of despair to my lips. I, who have faced man-eating mothers-in-law, have never known despair and dejection like that conjured up by the creaking, ambling shambles that passes under the name of L.U.U. Bridge Club.

Twice, during the last two terms, have my friend and I wended our way to an advertized "meeting" of this illustrious brotherhood.

Twice has our evening ended up with us eyeing each other somewhat drunkenly over foaming tankards of ale.

Now, good as Fred's beer is,

make a special journey to the Union with good heart and the membership fee in my pocket, willing, nay, keen to join the Bridge Club in order that I might enjoy a game of cards, I do not expect to spend the evening searching for

(a) some gathering that may pass as a club meeting,

(b) some sign, notice or body to tell me it has been cancelled, and have no success with either.

I write this letter in the forlorn hope that its message may fight its way into the hallowed precincts of the presumably hirsute brethren who are the officers of this club.

This letter, and the views therein are not solitary. Other people have been seen wandering round with bloodshot eyes muttering dire threats about "that Bridge Club."

However, it may not be the fault of the officials, and may be the fault of the members—if any—but I am sure something (anything?) can be done about this somewhat haphazard state of affairs. At least, a notice could be put up when a meeting is off, postponed or dead.

Here's hoping that this will have the effect of an opening bid of 4 hearts.

Yours hopefully,
A. R. N. ROGERS.

J. C. SHINGLETON.

P.S. Foodstuffs sent to the writers will be destroyed, and packing parcels will be immersed in water before opening.

The Editor willingly offers space in the next edition for the Bridge Club to reply to these strong complaints. We sincerely thank correspondents for their letters, many of which could not be printed due to lack of space. Would correspondents please restrict their letters to 200 words in order to allow space for more people.

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INTER-VARSITY CONFERENCE AT LIVERPOOL

INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE

THIS year's Inter-Varsity Conference was held at Derby Hall, Liverpool on April 2nd. and 3rd. where delegates from the majority of the country's universities were entertained by the Liverpool University Guild of Undergraduates. The purpose of the Conference is to give delegates the opportunity of putting forward the particular problems confronting their particular unions and of hearing how such difficulties have been dealt with elsewhere.

The discussion of these topics is on an informal basis of a kind which is not possible in the formal atmosphere of an N.U.S. meeting.

WIDE RANGE OF DISCUSSION

The variety of topics was too wide to be covered in detail in this article but it was obvious that the Conference most definitely served its purpose and that many Unions will soon benefit from the experience of others. For Leeds it must be said that it is more blessed to give than to receive, for it would seem that the teething troubles now being experienced by Unions who have moved or will be moving into new buildings have already been long overcome here. A Glasgow point noted by the Leeds delegates (Peter Sidebottom, Peter Fingret and Pat Fowler) was that a member of the Glasgow Union Committee is on hand at a stated time each day to hear of complaints and difficulties from ordinary members.

Other Unions seem to have had difficulty in maintaining the initial rush of enthusiasm for Hungarian Relief and the funds set up for the upkeep of Hungarian students in Britain. In fact it would appear that only in Scotland has the money flowed freely. The University of Leicester is to conduct a survey of the position of Hungarian students in British Universities.

It is also hoped that a booklet will be published giving details of Reciprocal Membership facilities in all Unions. This booklet will be available to all students and should provide useful information.

TIDDLEYWINKS AT OXFORD

Details of Buildings, Catering Facilities, Bars, and Entertainments were exchanged. Southampton informed the Conference that their Bar did not show the expected profit last year as the Barman ran away with the profits. During a discussion on relations with Oxford and Cambridge it became clear

that few of the invitations extended to them were accepted and even fewer were issued in return. Birmingham had, however, received a challenge from the O.U.T.C. (Oxford University Tiddleywinks Club) who claim to be World Champions in this pastime. The Belfast delegate suggested that the Oxford group was still in the throes of Mediaeval Feudalism and that it should be left alone until it was sufficiently mature to emerge into the outside world of its own accord.

ASSAULT ON N.U.S. PRESIDENT
After 4½ hours of confering in the afternoon session it became clear that even Executive Members have to let off steam sometimes. Thus it came about that Mr. Ron Freeman, President of N.U.S., was airing his views in a somewhat unusual manner when he was forcibly relieved of his trousers. The following morning an apology was tendered as follows:—

We delegates on the Conference floor
Repent the events of the night before,
And to this confession furthermore
We wish to add a recommendation
That the National Union's delegation
Should bring spare trousers in preparation.

Mr. Freeman left in a pair of borrowed trousers; his own were returned at the N.U.S. Conference at Birmingham later in the month.

If the Informal Conference has done nothing else — and as it passes no resolutions its effects are difficult to estimate — it has brought together both members and non-members of N.U.S. in an exchange of problems and ideas which cannot fail to be beneficial to some of those present. The hosts, Liverpool Guild, are to be congratulated on the excellence of their organisation in staging this conference.

FEATURE '8'

PAT FOWLER

ANOTHER 'LOCAL' VICTORY

IN our last issue we featured Peter Fingret, next year's President. Since then members of the Union have once more been to the polls, which resulted in the election of Miss Pat Fowler as Senior Vice-President for the coming session. Aged 20, and taking Finals this term for the degree of B.A. in General Studies, she intends to do Education next year.

It is interesting to note that both she and Peter Fingret hail from Leeds. I asked Pat if she thought this was an advantage. She replied that, from her own point of view, she would never advise anyone to go to a University in their own town. She feels that home life is so radically different from life in the University that to combine the two from day to day is a difficult task. However, if this can be achieved successfully and one manages to adapt oneself to a life of such constant change, there are several advantages. During the coming year, it will be especially useful for Pat to be always "on hand" in the vacation as well as in term time. Pat has never regretted coming to Leeds; she told me that she has enjoyed every minute of her three years here. What struck me is that she has put back, in terms of service to the Union, as much as she has got out of it.

MANY INTERESTS

Throughout her University career, Pat has taken a keen interest in a wide variety of activities, ranging from sport to music. She has been captain of the netball team, and also a prominent member of the Music and Light Opera Societies, being an accomplished singer. Next year she hopes to continue her work in this sphere, though she feels that the demands of her new position will prevent her from holding office in any societies.

An account of Pat's union activities would not be complete without a mention of her sterling work for this year's International Exhibition.

UNDERSTUDY TO THE PRESIDENT

I asked Pat for her own conception of the duties of S.V.-P. The point she wished to stress above all was that the job entailed much more than being merely "hostess of the Union". Admittedly a great deal of her time will be occupied with this, but far more important will be her work as the *understudy of the President*.

The ideal S.V.P. must, in Pat's opinion, be ready to back up the President in matters of policy, understand his aims and assist him wherever



possible. She needs to be a vital person with ideas of her own — this is necessitated by the amount of committee work she has to do. Pat is looking forward to being a member of the Catering Committee with the opportunity to make constructive suggestions, rather than having to maintain the balance between staff and student opinion on the committee as she has done this year in her position of Joint Hon. Secretary. She visualises Executive as a team in which the members must always work together in smooth co-operation. Only if this is possible can the Union be run in a satisfactory manner.

DRESS A PROBLEM

A great part of Pat's time will be devoted to social, etc. on one life. Her set job is to organise all types of social functions; these range from the annual visits of the Chancellor and the Lord Mayor to informal tea parties where staff and students can meet. Besides this, in company with the President, she will have to be the representative of Leeds at many functions organised by other Universities. This means that Pat will have to grapple with the eternal problem of the fairer sex — namely, dress. I was interested to learn that all members of the Executive receive a dress allowance, and Pat assured me that without this she would never be able to bring her wardrobe up to the required standard.

ROUND THE HOUSES WITH SPIGOT

THE MARQUIS

IN contrast with the contemporary styling of the Tonbridge, the MARQUIS retains, inside as well as out, much of its original appearance. According to a stone slab above the door, the house was built in 1819. The main room, long and low-ceilinged, was originally two rooms and a passageway, and I am informed that at least two of the dark beams which span it are original and genuine. The back of the bar, mirrored and shelves, bears the promising legend: "Foreign Wines and Cigars," and if you are a leaner rather than a sitter, you will notice the dog, happily sleeping under a shelf at floor level, completing the picture of informal cosiness. On the upholstered bench seats which surround the room gather the "regulars," from the student who prefers to work in a warm, convivial atmosphere with a pint pot at his elbow to the old gentleman in the corner who takes home a few pork pies in a bag. And very good pork pies they are too.

STOOLS AND STUDENTS

Upon the evening of my visit, the landlord, Mr. Wood, was circulating amongst his customers with the appropriate fluids, as the waiter was having a night off. He likes doing this, he says, as it gives him a chance to have a word with everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have been with the same firm for a quarter of a century, although this is only their second year at the Marquis. After managing large houses for all that time, they chose this as a small, quiet place in which to settle down. At the Marquis is due for demolition under the University extension plan, I asked Mrs. Wood what she and her husband were going to do. "I don't know where we shall go, but we'll stay in the business," she said.

As to Mr. Wood's views on students, he says that, apart from the usual removal of "souvenirs," among them a stool, he has nothing at all to complain of, and speaking as one who confesses to have been "a bit of a devil at times" in his younger days, he does not think that young men and women today are any worse than they have ever been, in spite of all that is said about them. One of the things which particularly appeals to him is the way in which many graduates bring their parents to see the "local" on Degree Days, which he rightly considers to be a compliment to himself and his pub.

NOTHING SPECTACULAR

The Marquis is a comfortable, homely place, where friends are easily made — all the better for business, of course — where nothing outstanding happens but a great deal of quiet enjoyment is had by those who frequent it. "Nothing spectacular," says Mr. Wood, "just an ordinary pub, where people come to drink." And a very pleasant one too, say I.

MEDICS COLUMN

FESTIVITIES AND GRIM FACES

A MEDICAL SCHOOL column for "Union News" is a fine innovation. I feel a little frightened at the idea of penning the first few words to what I hope is going to be a regular feature.

First and foremost in the Medical School at present is the Ball. Mr. Penny informs us that all is going well but much labour is still required at the time of writing. The pattern of the decorations is "Out West" so we are informed. Anyway, no matter what the decorations, the selection of bands looks interesting with Syd Phillips heading the list. As always most Medics appear to go to the Ball and this time one has the impression everyone is going.

Holidays for Easter seem to have been the order of the day for L.G.I. housemen and numerous people have been seen looking more dignified than usual "doing a job" this last month.

Several clinical people and others only remotely connected with the medical school enjoyed seven days at the University mountain hut. Reports and photographs testify that a good time was had by all, thanks to the excellent organisation of Messrs. Dick Hopkinson, Mike Brown, Tony Finnegan and Ken Dore and numerous others. A small bird whispered something about a reunion and slide night of holiday photographs on Thursday, 9th May, at Croft Hall.

The M.S.R.C. meeting yielded several interesting facts. For the soccer fans it was reported that the Medics Soccer Club was applying for recognition as a University Club. For the rugby fans the medics rugby team entered the Barnsley seven-a-side competition for the second year in succession. Unfortunately they were beaten in the first round but did better than last year by having to play on for extra time.

David Jarret has been doing a little digging into the charges made for Croft Hall. He finds from other universities that we pay twice the amount of our nearest colleagues and considerably more than this in other universities.

Grim faces were to be seen round the notice board in the medical school examining the notice which informed all and sundry that the 1957 Summer term lectures would commence promptly at 9.00 hours instead of the usual 9.15 hours.

Congratulations to the Vice-President of the Union, Miss Joyce Handby, and the President of the M.S.R.C., Dr. John Horner, on delivering their first babies at Croft Hall. Others, too, in this unique establishment are to be congratulated on their first efforts.

So the procession from Leeds across the Atlantic continues. We understand that Mr. Berkin will be going to America for awhile in the Autumn. We in the medical school wish him good luck and a happy, profitable trip.

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RUGBY UNION

A SEASON'S REFLECTIONS . . . SHOW IMPROVED RECORDS

DESPITE an early exit from the U.A.U. Competition and failure to acquire the Christie Trophy, the season has been most successful both from a social and a playing point of view. Only one trophy — the Wilson-Hey Shield won by the 2nd XV — has been obtained but success and enjoyment cannot always be measured by material gains.

The fixture list now boasts such well-known clubs as St. Helens, Vale of Lune and Gosforth in addition to the many annual club and inter-University games. The three new fixtures each provided first-class entertainment: Gosforth were beaten 14-11 but the University lost to St. Helens (11-17) and to Vale of Lune (0-6).

IMPRESSIVE

The Club's home record was most impressive and only on two occasions out of the 13 outings did the University fail to win. The away record of 4 wins and 4 draws to 7 losses is quite a reasonable performance although only two of these games could easily have gone the other way.

Unfortunately the team began poorly in the University Competitions. The U.A.U. and Christie match was lost 16-5 at Fallowfield and Liverpool held their visitors to a 9-9 draw at Wyncote in the second Christie fixture. Both these games could and should have been won and it was galling to find that after Manchester had been trounced by 17 clear points at Wheetwood the Leeds efforts had been in vain and Manchester finally received the Christie Shield.

Liverpool, too, met their match on the same ground and they were sent packing to the tune of 24 points to nil.

POINTS SHARED

The points scoring has not been so much a one man effort as in previous seasons and although Ashworth has the distinction of being the leading try-scorer with nine, Rees (eight), Kotzen (seven) and Tolley (six) were close behind him.

Rather late in the season Hazell was "discovered" as a goal-kicker almost in the 'Gavins class' and in all he contributed 49 points (7 penalties and 13 conversions).

The performance of the Leeds back division has undoubtedly been the highlight of the season. In the past this University has been feared for its forwards. This season, good though the pack has been, it has been forced to take a back seat to the sometimes brilliant play of the 'threes.'

JUNIOR CHRISTIE SUCCESS

The 'A' XV again began the season well but after a run of eleven games without defeat they suffered several setbacks after the Christmas vacation. These defeats could be attributed mainly to changes enforced by injuries to first XV players. They still finished with an excellent record and with the Wilson-Hey Shield for their successes in the Junior Christie games.

In spite of great fluctuations in team selection due to calls from the higher teams, the 3rd XV played steadily throughout the season. Together with the 4th XV they are to be complimented on turning in such good performances with much-changed sides.

STAGGERING' TOTAL

The 4th XV began like a 'house on fire' with six consecutive victories, in which they amassed the staggering total of 253 points against 23. They were slowed down, however, by losing their star men to the other XVs, by a crop of injuries and by that ever-present 'disease' — dwindling membership during the bad weather.

The final Club records for the season are:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For Agst.
1st XV	28	15	4	9	279
'A' XV	25	14	2	9	235
Ext. 'A' XV	21	13	1	7	278
'B' XV	18	11	1	6	388
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"ACE" DRIVER AT ENG. SOC.

TOWARDS the end of last term Mr. Ron Flockhart, the celebrated racing driver, visited the University, where he gave a most interesting talk to members of the Engineers Soc. in their own Lecture Theatre.

A degree man himself (B.Sc. Eng.) he proved to be an excellent lecturer and showed a surprising knowledge of the technicalities of car design. He more than disproved, in his case, the general opinion that a racing driver's knowledge is confined solely to gear changing and cornering.

An important aspect of his work is the testing of racing cars. "An experienced test-driver is invaluable and of great importance to the work of a development team" he remarked.

"LE MANS" WINNER

Mr. Flockhart was the winner of the 1956 "Le Mans" Trophy Race as a member of the Jaguar Ecurie Ecosse and he demonstrated his lecture by showing a coloured film of this race which included excellent shots of Hawthorn, Moss, Sanderson (his co-driver) and himself in action.

During the tea which followed Mr. Flockhart informally discussed points from his lecture with his audience.

Arising from the discussion was the fact that there appeared to be a vast potential of racing drivers among the engineers!

ONE OF THE BEST!

It is the Club's proud boast that it has one of the finest rugby sides of the Northern Universities. Be that as it may, the open game has been played with an enthusiasm second to none and although the tendency to throw the ball about freely against a higher standard of opposition has resulted in more 'points against' this year, the greater enjoyment given to players and spectators alike has been appreciated by all concerned. The spectators at St. Helens, Roundhay, Halifax, Gosforth and of course the faithful few at Wheetwood, will readily vouch for that.

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Not so 'Cocky'

IT was disappointing to learn that the Men's Hockey Club (total membership 76) had been unable to field an XI in the recent Bridlington Easter Festival for the first time since the Tournament's post-war inception.

In view of the fact that the Christmas Tour of London had also been cancelled, due to lack of support and financial trouble, it was doubly unfortunate that no Leeds Univ. team could be sent to 'Brid.'

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CRICKET

Yorkshire Surprised

UNIVERSITIES XI NO PUSHOVER

THE University Cricket season opened in an appropriate manner on April 24th, when a combined Yorkshire Universities XI, drawn from Leeds, Hull and Sheffield, took the field in the pleasant Spring sunshine against a strong Yorkshire County XI.

Leeds had five representatives in the Univ. XI,—Flowers, Fairley, Grant, Wilman and newcomer Laskari—Sheffield supplied four players and two Hull players completed the side.

Sutcliffe, the County skipper, called correctly and had no hesitation in taking first knock on a perfect Headingly wicket which looked full of runs. The captains had previously agreed to have 12-a-side (fielding 11) and so J. V. Wilson, the Yorks, batsman, joined the studious XI.

The county team lost an early wicket when Close, who opened with Lawson, attempted to quill a short ball from Pring, missed and was bowled for two. Watson and Lawson took no chances against a steady though somewhat docile attack and in the 90 minutes before lunch they took the score to 64 for one wicket. Greenwood managed to beat Watson on occasion but Pring and Cryer never looked dangerous.

POOR BOWLING UNTIL...

The rate of scoring increased after lunch and Watson took full toll of some poor bowling. Laskari was introduced to the attack from the Football Ground end and his slow-medium off-breaks soon paid dividends.

Watson was caught by White at mid-off from a mis-hit drive for 45 and after Lawson had brought up the century with a beautifully on-driven six, he was beaten by the flight of Laskari's next ball and quickly stumped by the Leeds captain Flowers.

Padgett joined Illingworth and after an uncertain start both batsmen scored freely in all directions. Illingworth reached 50 in 65 minutes but shortly afterwards Flowers repeated the act as Laskari drew Illingworth down the wicket and the latter was stumped without addition to his score.

Sutcliffe declared the innings closed at 183 for four wickets leaving the University XI just over two hours in which to score the runs.

IMPOSSIBLE TASK

This appeared an impossible task against bowling potential such as Yorkshire possesses, but Laskari and White opened confidently against Trueman and Cowan. The left-handed Indan cover-drove Cowan for three and then turned Trueman finely for his first boundary.

Twenty-eight were scored in as many minutes when Platt replaced Trueman at the Kirkstall end and immediately the batsmen were tied down. In his third over Platt had White beautifully taken at backward short leg by Trueman as he attempted a leg glance.

Guest player Wilson joined Laskari but the Yorkshireman was strangely subdued for the first half-hour. Laskari continued to score freely and Trueman held no terrors for the Indian Test batsman when he replaced Cowan.

Illingworth and Appleyard were introduced into the attack but Wilson hammered them severely and it was not until Close took a turn with the ball that the county side gained another victim. He caught and bowled Laskari just before 6.30 p.m. for a brilliant 45.

Fairley and Wilson batted out time and the game ended somewhat tamely with the University score at 107 for two wickets.

HIGHLIGHT

Undoubtedly the highlight of the match was the performance of Anil Laskari, Leeds' new Indian all-rounder. He has represented his country in unofficial Test matches against the Commonwealth XI and Pakistan and be considered to be one of India's best young cricketers.

His performance in this game against such opposition stamped him as a player of class and great ability and he will be a great asset to the Leeds XI during the coming season.

Although this was only a "warming-up" game for the Yorkshire County XI the students gave them a thorough testing and provided them with food for thought to the effect that matches with University XI's are perhaps not a waste of time after all.

SCORES

YORKSHIRE
Lowson st Flowers b Laskari 39
Close b Pring 2
Watson c White b Laskari 45
Illingworth st Flowers b Laskari 50
Padgett not out 39
Extras 8

Total (for 4 wkt dec) 183

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
M. Pring	12	2	31	1
D. Greenwood	15	2	37	0
R. Cryer	12	0	49	0
A. Laskari	12	0	46	3
D. Hargrave	3	0	12	0

YORKSHIRE UNIVERSITIES
M. G. White (S) capt c Trueman
b Platt 14
A. Laskari (L) c and b Close 45
J. V. Wilson not out 42
G. Fairley (L) not out 4

Extras 2

Total (for two wkt) 107

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Trueman	8	3	19	0
Cowan	8	3	21	0
Platt	8	4	14	1
Illingworth	5	1	20	0
Appleyard	5	0	22	0
Close	4	1	9	1

CRICKETERS AND SUNSHINE

On the right the Yorkshire Universities XI for the start of their game against the Yorkshire County XI at Headingley.

They are White (Sheffield), Captain, Wilman, Grant, Flowers and Laskari (all of Leeds), Greenwood, Pring and Crawley (Sheffield), Cryer and Hargrave (Hull).

Below: Lawson and Close open the Yorkshire innings.

Both photographs by courtesy of YEN



INTERNATIONAL IS A FLOP!

Dismal Display under Floodlight

ENGLISH UNIV. 1 IRISH UNIV. 1

At Peel Park, Accrington, Wednesday, April 4th

MANY of the players in this International 'Varsity match had travelled from far and wide to take part in the fixture but in most cases it could be said that their journeys were totally unnecessary. Indeed this correspondent begrimed his fare from nearby Darwen to see such a scrappy game.

This match did nothing to enhance the reputation of University soccer amongst the thousand or so locals who turned up hopefully but went home disappointed. Admittedly the game was fought at a fast pace throughout but this was no excuse for the inaccurate passing, poor ball control and the crude scoring efforts which marred the play of both sides.

SLOPE ADVANTAGE

England had the advantage of the slope in the first period but there were few incidents of note until Lewis (England) sent a beautiful 20 yard shot winging against the bar with the keeper hopelessly beaten.

The Irish forwards missed many chances but they took the lead when David slipped round Schofield (as he did throughout the match), evaded Hall and placed a low shot into the corner of the net for a neat goal.

England's forwards dallied and deliberated and when they did fix the Irish goal in their sights they proceeded

to bang the ball high and wide and not two handsomely at that.

ENGLAND DRAWS LEVEL

The early stages of the second half produced the only good football of the game with the home team the main contributors. They drew level when Glenn put a raking pass through to Wilson who controlled the ball cleverly and despite the attentions of three defenders coolly smashed the ball into the far corner to beat Murphy's desperate dive.

Hopes that this might bring a change in the haphazard play were soon dashed and the teams reverted to their original kick and run exhibition.

Leeds interests were centred on centre-forward L. B. Graham who proved quite a handful for the Irish defence in the first half, but had little support from his other forwards in the second and was not much in evidence.

Corbett, Hall, Lewis, Wilson and Graham were the men with the only ideas in the England XI whilst certain other players had no place in such a side.

This correspondent firmly believes that most University XIs would have thrashed either side on this display—one to be forgotten by all concerned.

JUDO

LEEDS RETAIN INTER-VARSITY TROPHY

London and Glasgow defeated at Albert Hall

ON Easter Saturday, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, the Leeds University Union Judo Club again proved its overall supremacy by retaining the Inter-University Challenge Cup. The Trophy was presented to the Leeds Captain, C. McGreary, by Mr. G. Koizumi, 7th Dan Black Belt, at the Annual Judo Display sponsored by the Budokwai Club of London.

This cup was contested by clubs from Universities in Wales, Scotland and England, including Oxford and Cambridge.

In the semi-final contest, held on the same day, the Leeds team, consisting of I. Holdsworth (Brown Belt), T. McKenna (Green Belt) and captain C. McGreary (Green Belt), fought a team from Glasgow University consisting of a Brown and two Blue Belts, but in spite of their lower gradings the Leeds team were successful by two contests to one.

LONDON NEXT

After a short rest they were called upon to meet a London University team that had been fortunate to receive a bye into the final. Again the Leeds team rose to the occasion magnificently to beat a higher-graded team, including two Black Belts, by two bouts to one.

First in for Leeds was C. McGreary who was unlucky to be beaten in a hard contest by an equal-ranking opponent, T. McKenna's opponent was classed three grades above the Leeds man but this had no effect on McGreary's well-timed hip throw which won him the contest in the first minute.

With the score now even and all Leeds captain I. Holdsworth faced a depending on the final contest, ex-Black Belt opponent who had recently obtained his grading at the Kodokan Club of Tokyo, Japan, the fountainhead of Judo.

Reputation, however, counted for nothing and Holdsworth quickly finished the contest in two minutes with a fast hip-throw which brought a well-deserved round of applause, an almost unprecedented occurrence at the Budokwai.

FINAL FLOURISH

Thus Leeds honourably retained the Inter-University Trophy and as Mr. Koizumi (the gentleman who introduced Judo to Britain fifty years ago) presented the trophy he heartily congratulated the Leeds team and remarked that "Leeds appears to have won this Trophy almost every year deservedly won 8-6."

The game the following day was at Neath and the U.A.U. three-quarters, despite changes, still lacked penetration. Tolley of Leeds was the exception in the first half, and scored the only try in a 3-3 defeat. This was no fault of Mowatt's though, and at full-back he fielded very cleanly.

On Easter Monday no fewer than six Leeds men were chosen—Mowatt, Tolley, Ashworth, Hinchliffe, Goldstein and Harris. The opponents this time were Maesteg and a most entertaining open game resulted in a home team victory 9-3. Harris (Leeds) and Stoneman (Durham) played really well in the pack and fierce tackling all round kept the score so low.

The final match was against Llanelli and only three English University players were left in an increasingly unrepresentative side. This game was rugby in perfection with open play, crisp inter-passing and end to end counter attacks throughout. At half time the Universities led 9-8 after Tolley had scored his third try in three games. The final score of 24 points to 9 rather flattered this renowned Llanelli side.

Four games played and four games lost was not such a dismal record for the U.A.U. considering the high standard of the opposition and comparatively narrow margin of defeats.

Women's Sport

NEW FIXTURES FOR BOAT CLUB

THE activities of the Women's Boat Club have always been hampered by lack of competitive fixtures — there being very few Women's Clubs in the North of England.

Attempts have been made to overcome this difficulty and a new venture this season is the inauguration of a triple fixture between Durham, Newcastle and Leeds. As originators, the Leeds Club was the first to act as host and the contest was held on the River Ouse at Swillington at the end of last term.

Durham were successful by 4 length in the finals of Division I whilst their neighbours, Newcastle, had a two lengths victory in Division II.

Although the Leeds Club did not reach the finals the event proved a great success and medals, provided by the hosts, were presented to the victorious Durham crew.

It was also the Club's turn to act as hosts to London University and Bangor University College this year. When they visited Swillington last month the Southern Club were represented by an all-purple crew—a "purple" being a woman who has been awarded her colours—but the Leeds A crew proved winners by 2 lengths.

The Leeds B crew also rowed well but they could not hold the Bangor A crew who were successful by 4 length.

Encouraging from the Leeds viewpoint was the form of several freshmen making their debut for the club. J. C. Stewart took first place in the Triple Jump with 41ft. 2in. A. White promised well in the high-jump with a leap of 5ft. 7in. and several new sprinters were discovered in the relays.

On top of this, international pole-vaulter I. Ward also making his first appearance, broke the club's pole-vault record with his first jump. He won his event in most impressive style by over 3ft. and, when available, he should be a great asset to the club.

IN FORM

Last year's stalwarts soon regained their old form; D. Chadderton, as usual, won the high-jump, S. Reed was an easy winner in the shot, F. Burdin and K. Gunnarshaug took first and second place in the javelin and E. Thomson showed great form in the long-distance relay when he beat Manchester's international runner M. Walmsley over 880 yards in the splendid time of 2min. 0.8sec.

Gunnarshaug, J. S. Walker, Stevenson, Plenier and Grylls took second places for Leeds in the 120yd. high hurdles, 440yd. hurdles, long jump, triple jump and discus respectively.

The track events took the form of relays in most cases with Leeds successful only in the long distance event.

They were defeated in three shorter relays, all of which were closely contested.

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RUGBY UNION

'SEVENS' WERE FULL OF INCIDENTS!

WEETWOOD was bathed in sunshine and the pitches were in excellent condition for the Annual Inter-Faculty "Sevens" Tournament held on the last Thursday of the Spring Term.

It was soon apparent from the early games that sides which were opening out play had the edge over teams relying on brute force.

In particular the two General Studies sides, with a fair sprinkling of first and second team players, gave good displays of fast open rugby which threatened to overrun most of the opposition.

The Agrics 'A' team promised well in the first round but were eventually unable to match the speed of Gen. Studies 'B' at their next hurdle.

In the semi-final the Miners came into their own after an indifferent start, and they overcame Economics by good passing and clever running.

The two General Studies teams met in the other semi-final and by hard backing up and some extremely fast play the 'B' team were decisive winners although their opponents were handicapped by an early injury.

FINAL FIREWORKS!

As some people expected the final produced 'fireworks' both from the point of view of fine play and also from frayed tempers. The latter appeared to originate from a dubious scrummaging decision and blood presurss were soon high.

Once the General Studies team had the ball to hand they were the more dangerous side and indeed they produced some sparkling three-quarter moves. On the other hand the Miners refused to pass the ball out until well into the second half and by this time it was far too late. The final score was 25-9 in the Gen. Studies favour.

For the winners Ashworth (2), Tolley (2) and Innes scored the tries. Baxter kicking four conversions. Miners replied with tries from Johansen, Wrench and Jones.

General Studies 'B'

D. Innes, H. Tolley, S. Ashworth; H. Clasper; B. Baxter, E. Wright, T. Payne.

Miners

M. Johansen, D. Young, R. R. B. Lodge; P. Hinchliffe; D. B. Wrench, H. M. Green, T. Jones.

1st Round

Fuel 'A' 6, Agrics 'B' 0. Gen. Studies 14, Textiles 'B' 0. Agrics 'A' 14, Textiles 'A' 3.

2nd Round

Miners 11, Chemistry 'B' 0. Economics 5, Fuel 0.

Gen. Studies 'A' 8, Agrics 'A' 0. Gen. Studies 'B' 19, Chemistry 'A' 0.

Semi-finals

Miners 14, Economics 3. Gen. Studies 'B' 18, Gen. Studies 'A' 5.

Final

Gen. Studies 23, Miners 9.

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