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## UNIVERSITY LIFE - Vice-Chancellor

As most students will know by now, we welcome this session, Mr. C. R. Morris as the new Vice-Chancellor of our University. Below we are privileged to publish an article by Mr. Morris to the students of Leeds.

"When one is actually living in a University it is easy to forget how distinctive are the qualities of University life. After the first World War I lived in a university community continuously, first as a student and then as a teacher, for twenty years. It is only during the last ten years, which I have spent outside university walls that I have fully realised how different is the quality of life inside.

"There is no doubt that we enjoy a most privileged manner of living. If we ask ourselves what we suppose the golden days of Plato's Academy were like, we immediately think of a few men, in perfect summer weather, mixing the pleasures of athletic pursuits, of good food and drink, of technical study of geometry and almost endless speculative discussions among themselves, and sometimes with distinguished visitors, of the nature of the food and the Good Society. We remember that Plato taught that the activity of academic study was the highest of the activities of man and in itself brought man complete satisfaction, complete happiness.

"To-day we do not think well of the man in the ivory tower. We expect ourselves to come down into the arena. If we are to be scholars we hope to justify ourselves by our fruits, either by adding to the total of human knowledge or by teaching. The rest of us, when we become students, expect to go forth after a few short years to give the world professional or technical services for the best part of our lifetime. But in the meantime we are privileged to live the university life, and we should live it to the full.

"Most students are young, and so far as pressures from outside can be kept at bay, they think generous thoughts and are moved by generous motives. But in addition they find themselves, in a university, in an atmosphere created by generations of men who have slight knowledge for its own sake and have been willing to let the world go by.



Mr. C. R. MORRIS  
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Most students are ready, given the chance, to surrender themselves, in the short years at their disposal, to the pursuit of truth for its own sake; but they will do so the more, and more of them will do so, if they have a rich common life, which allows them to fortify one another. Most of them enjoy discussion and are willing to believe that by rubbing minds together, they can learn first hand how very many sorts of people it takes to make the world they live in.

"It is true that study and the learning of academic disciplines must be personal and private matters. No man can learn for his brother; and in the end, where university work is concerned, no man can teach his brother. In discussion and in co-operative work a man may amass material and sharpen some of his faculties. But the intellectual digestion which nourishes the growth of scholarship is possible only with toil and sweat in the privacy of the mind. Lectures and reading, discussions and inquiry are in the end worth only as much as the effort of reflecting and ordering, undertaken in peace and quiet, makes them worth.

"Yet the great factor remains that if it were not for the university and its common life, the time and energy we spend in private studies, whether at lectures, at the laboratory bench, or in the library, would give us a far poorer return. To paraphrase a famous truth, human intercourse without private studies is empty, private studies without the wider life are blind. Some men of learning have thought that their own particular enquiry was so abstract, so far removed from humanity, that it could finally be mastered in entire mental solitude, utterly removed from association with other men; but not many have so thought nor for the most part, even though genius knows no rules, the greatest."

## ARTS FESTIVAL

FIRST NEWS.

A national Student Art Festival, the first of its kind in Britain, is being planned by the National Union of Students. The Festival will include drama, music, and the graphic arts, and will be held in Leeds from December 31st to January 8th.

Plans call for the presentation of six plays by University and College Dramatic Societies, three concerts by student orchestras, and exhibitions of fine arts and photography. In addition there will be lectures by experts on topics in connection with each of the arts, such as "presentation of plays," "production problems," "the appreciation of drama," "the baroque in music," "composition," "the modern trend in painting and sculpture," and "writing for the Theatre and Radio." There will also be a brains trust on the arts, harpsichord, piano, and organ recitals, two full length film shows, two dances for delegates, and a number of lunch- and tea-time dances. The cost to students will be less than £5, and all events will be open to the public.

Entries for the Festival will be submitted during the autumn term, and it is expected that a section of the Exhibition will be devoted to studies made by student artists taking part in work teams in Bulgaria, Holland, Norway and Yugoslavia during this summer vacation. Emphasis will be on experimental work in the selection of plays, and entrants have been asked to select work from one of the following categories: Shakespearian drama; Restoration comedy; Latin and Greek drama; masques; late nineteenth century; European; and social drama.

The Arts Festival is a continuation of the Drama Festival held annually by the National Union of Students: (in Birmingham 1946-47; Bristol 1947-48). With the programme expanded to include the other arts, entries are expected from arts and music Colleges, and from the art and music societies of the Universities. Unlike most other festivals, there is no adjudication; but a valuable feature of previous N.U.S. Festivals has been the meeting the morning after each performance to discuss the presentation, acting and production. This will be a feature of the Arts Festival this year.

## President's Welcome



Mr. R. J. MAHABIR

As President of the Union it is my pleasant duty to welcome all Freshers and returning ex-service students to the Union this session. When this Union was built it was planned to accommodate merely half the present number of students, so many of our problems this year will have to do with overcrowding; with patience and a little tolerance, however, there seems no reason why everyone should not enjoy most of the amenities offered here.

Many students often forget that this Union is their own, that it belongs to them more than to the Executive or the Union Committee, and therefore it is hoped it will be treated as such. This paper is your own and deserves support if it is to achieve the success worthy of a newspaper of this sort.

I hope to be meeting most of you in person on Freshers' Day—meanwhile, on behalf of the Executive and the Union Committee—a hearty welcome to you all.

RODNEY J. MAHABIR,  
President L.U.U., 1948-49.

## MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mass Radiography Unit is being made available for Staff and Students during the first and second weeks of November.

You are all earnestly advised to take this opportunity of a check-up of your chest mechanism.

Forms will be available early in the term which you are asked to fill in and return to the Union Office **not later than 18th Oct.**

The Unit will operate on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th and 9th of November in Room 101 in the Main Building of the University. The 8th and 9th will be reserved for women only, men will be dealt with on the other dates.

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## EDITORIAL.

A few years at a University should do more than equip us with a mere technical knowledge, it should provide us with a broad and tolerant outlook on life, and develop our stability to discuss and understand problems in many spheres.

This cannot be achieved merely by absorbing a series of lectures, no matter how brilliant or enlightened the lecturer. It can be reached only by reading and discussion on topics outside the narrow limits of our course and by discussion with students in other faculties whose outlook on life may be radically different from our own.

The University Union provides a unique opportunity for this mental development and it is up to us to make the fullest use of it. Here in one community are gathered men and women of almost every class, creed and race; all are here for the same purpose, the pursuit of knowledge and truth and all meet on an equal footing. We can discuss our problems formally in debates and discussions or more informally, although no less deeply and logically, over a cup of coffee in the Cafeteria.

Sectionalisation is one of our greatest dangers to-day, and it must not be allowed to force its way into University life. Individual faculties should not form the limits of our horizon, we should climb above them and take our outlook on a wider plane. A plane which includes Arts, Sciences and Medicine, not as separate and uncorrelated entities, but as a cosmic whole in which each plays its part, dependent and interdependent on the others.

We feel that all students, especially Freshers, should join a variety of societies; do not limit your Union activities to those which are parallel with your academic course, explore new ground and find out other people's views and so gain a richer and wider outlook.

But we would add a word of warning! Do not be carried away by the tempting promises which all societies hold out on Bazaar Day. Do not join so many societies that you spend the major part of your time dashing from one meeting to the next. Better by far to take an active part in two or three societies than be a passenger on many.

# This and That

## FRESHERS' RECEPTION.

This year, as an experiment, Freshers will hear the Presidential Address in the Great Hall of the University. Who knows but that the old dark hall with its solemn dignitaries gazing down upon the proceedings from their gilt frames on the walls may dispel for a few moments that impression of red-brick University which assails all who come within our precincts? *The Dansant* will, as usual, take place in the Union.

## NEW FACES.

On Mr. Conroy's retirement, Mr. Large was appointed Porter-Caretaker of the Union. There is now also an Assistant Clerk for the Union Office to assist Mr. Bourn in his manhandlings of obstinate students. Rumour has it that all sign of obstinacy from students has melted away under the gaze of this assistant..... female.

## UNION BALL.

Charlie Steel and his Orchestra will provide the music. A little bird tells us that in view of the increasing expenses of band, guests, etc., the price of Union Ball tickets will have to be raised in order to maintain this—THE major function of the year—at its normal high standard. Students will recall the heavy loss sustained on the last Good-bye Ball (nearly £50). Further, the bird whispers that negotiations are proceeding to provide more liquid refreshment and extend licensing hours in order to discourage the bottle monopolists from clearing the decks by 9-0 p.m.

## "GRYPHON."

Completely re-organised, bulky in volume, and costing a shilling, this magazine is out to capture your interest. Many complaints have been levelled at it in the past both from Old Students and our own. We cannot anticipate your complaints about its contents, for we have not yet read it ourselves, and until we have read it we shall not grumble about the price.

## PHILATELISTS FORWARD.

Two students are anxious to know whether there would be any support for a stamp collectors' club in the Union. Would anybody interested in these little adhesive devices please contact Mr. Inman or Mr. Beardwood in the N.U.S. office.

## BOOK EXCHANGE.

If you are one of the people who believe in getting some of your books early in the session instead of leaving them until next May, you may be glad to make use of the Book Exchange. The Book Exchange is held in the small card room (times will be announced on the Union notice board). Here you can buy second hand books at very reasonable prices. Please don't hoard text books which you are not likely to use again, they may be out of print now and other students will be in urgent need of them.

## COMPETITION.

A competition is being organised for the design of the cover page of the Souvenir Programme for the N.U.S. Arts Festival at Christmas. The entrance fee is one shilling, and the winner will get a prize of four Pounds cash, or free entrance to the whole of the Festival (worth £4 14s. 6d.). The design must not be larger than 10" by 12", should incorporate the phrases (N.U.S.), (ARTS FESTIVAL), (LEEDS 1949), and contain a detachable motif which will be used on all the Festival material.

Entries must be submitted as soon as possible, but not later than October 23rd, to the Festival Office.

## SYMPATHY.

We extend this to our predecessor, SNOOP, who now languishes in a Soap factory—no connection with the Scrubs of Wormwood significance—and to those unfortunate Freshers whose bodies were removed by the cleaners after Bazaar Day.

SAVOIR.

## CAN YOU HELP?

The Annual Arts Festival of the National Union of Students is to be held in Leeds this year, during the week of Friday, 31st December, to Saturday, 8th January, 1949. In previous years this event has been concerned solely with the drama, but this year our intention is to expand, and embrace as many of the arts as we can.

The Festival is being organised here in the Union by means of a planning committee, with sub-committees for each of the arts and an organisation to cope with the lodgings, hosts, food, and entertainment problems. To many of the students who are coming to the Festival from all the Universities and Colleges throughout the country, this will be the first, and perhaps the only, visit to Leeds. It is imperative that they leave the University with a good impression; and that will very largely depend on the success of the organisation of the Festival.

We are in great need of people to help with the work of running the events; for the Fresher this will be a good opportunity to take part in the social life of the Union, and an early glimpse into the running of the annual festival. There is scope in our organisation for students of all abilities; the most urgent of the jobs is that of Host—one which people of no specialised ability can do.

I am confident that you **can** help.... **will** you?

Will all students who think they may be able to help please contact the Festival organisers in the N.U.S. Arts Festival Office, as soon as possible.

The Editor welcomes letters and articles. Correspondents are reminded that all letters and articles must be signed, although names will only be disclosed if the contributor so wishes.

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## "O Lovely Woman O Noble Man"

LORD BEGINNER.

We haven't been able to discover many lovely women and even our best friends would not describe us as "Noble Men," but during the vacation, the Calypsos of Lord Beginner, King Radio, Attila, and Lord Caresser, together with compositions played by Edmundo Ros have become a regular feature of the Training Corps week-end camps. Even the most critical member of the Medical School has been heard to sing the first verse of "O Lovely Woman" outside Weetwood Hall.

It is rumoured that the "Adjt" is proposing to approach "Higher Authority" with a view to adopting Edmundo Ros's "Quimbamba" as the official Corps March. So far, we've marched to it quite often—but only after closing time.

We have made two attempts to do the "Three Peaks in a Day," but on each occasion the pouring rain has forced us to finish at the "Hill Inn" or in the "Crown" at Horton. If the locals built a pub at Halton Gill, we might manage to walk over Penyghent too.

The Medical Company visited Alum Pot with a few hundred feet of rope ladders. Several hitherto unknown knots were invented for the Safety Line, and after two near-strangulations and falls the ex-Boy Scouts concerned were sent down the pitch.

The "Gryphon" and "Caution—Learner Driver" signs on our trucks are becoming familiar sights to the dales people. The children are now snatched into the houses before we pass. The "Caution" sign has proved very effective and as several of our drivers have a habit of changing into reverse instead of first gear, the other road users usually give us a wide berth.

During the vacation, most of the Corps members have attended Courses at Army Schools of Instruction and Military Hospitals in England and Scotland. There is no information available regarding the spare time activity of the Medicals attached to London District. By skilfully selecting hospitals without patients, the members of the Medical Company have been able to spend a lot of time walking in Arran and the Isle of Wight.

On October 4th, the new Mess and Bar will be opened at the U.T.C. Headquarters, and the first Company Smoker will be held on 15th October.

We would like to borrow a recording of "Brown Skinned Girl" if any Trinidadian student is in possession of a recording.

## Brief Chronicles

The Brotherton, sonorous during term with the hum of intellectual activity, usually lapses into slumber during the Vac. The huge building then more than ever resembles a great temple of immemorial dullness. It was all the more surprising to enter this tranquil tomb during the summer months and find it echoing with the workaday sounds of painting and decorating. The whole vast space was filled with a network of steel scaffolding, ladders and flimsy looking planks upon which white-clad workmen catfooted their way around the dome. Piles of books were shrouded in decent obscurity, away from the contamination of the Jack and October Twilight.

A friend suggested the delightful idea that the new decorations would picture the library staff, clad in flowing garments, in the characters of the more scandalous classical legends. This, I thought, would account for the faintly apprehensive looks on their faces. But doubts quickly arose... the Sergeant, now, would he appear as Cerberus or as Stentor? Perhaps the painters found this sort of problem insoluble too, for when I later inspected the ceiling, I discovered that a more conventional decorative scheme had been chosen.

### Chief Porter.

As noted in "This and That," Mr. Conroy, who served as Head Porter from Summer, 1942, until the end of August, 1948 has retired.

His burly successor, aptly named Mr. Large, took over the duties of Head Porter on the 6th September. Previously he had been employed as a Commissionaire at the Arrow Aircraft Company, Yeadon, since his demobilisation in June, 1947. Mr. Large is an ex-Naval man of twenty-four years' service, and during the War was a Chief Petty Officer, Gunnery Instructor. Whilst serving on the aircraft-carrier "Illustrious" in 1941, he was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. Married, and with a nine year old son, Mr. Large tells me that he is looking forward to settling down and making a success of his new job.

### Speaking Troubles.

London seemed to be as full of foreign students during the Vac. as it was of American soldiery during the War. The problem of accommodation was acute, particularly for those students passing through the capital on their way to farm and work camps. To deal with this question N.U.S. took over a school near Kings Cross, using it as a sort of transit camp.

In this peculiar cross between a doss-house and a Youth Hostel were housed each night some sixty students of both sexes and all nationalities...the one sleeping under me was from Harvard. It was on my way to this haven that I noticed, opposite me in the Tube, an obvious Scandinavian student, tasselled cap and all. He seemed to be in difficulties and kept peering up at the map of the Underground on the roof. Finally he turned to me: "Please, where is Effston?" This was a facer, I certainly knew of no such station, nor did the Londoner I appealed to, but the unfortunate pilgrim persisted to the point of bitterness. Finally, we got him to write the name of this elusive place. There it was...EUSTON. The mystery was solved and the student, wearing a wide Scandinavian smile, left the train at Piccadilly, laden with advice and crooning to himself, "Effston, Euston, Effston...."

### Cutting the Queues.

Accommodation difficulties are not confined to London. With more than three thousand students to cater for, the Union has on many occasions been as crowded as Briggate on Rag Day, and a cup of coffee becomes, in these times, less a prelude to a leisurely chat than the climax of a hard fought battle. Early in the year Union Committee passed the plans for a counter in the J.C.R. and the conversion of this room to a cafeteria. This new streamlined counter, designed by Mr. Knighton of the Clerk of the Fabric's office, and made on the premises by Mr. Benson and Mr. Walton of the Maintenance Staff, is a very effective piece of design. Together with the new, non-jittery tables it should help to transform the old J.C.R. into a very comfortable Caf., where coffee and cakes can be collected easily and consumed in almost civilised conditions.

Someday, we shall have a bar, too....

### Leeds and London.

Leeds University is well represented down at Endsleigh Square these days. Douglas W. F. Mayer, onetime Science student here, is General Secretary in succession to Margaret Richards, whilst genial Bill Foster has been elected as one of the Vice-Presidents. We can therefore look forward to an even greater and more cordial degree of co-operation with N.U.S. than has existed hitherto. This is all to the good, considering that Leeds has been chosen to produce the first National Union of Students' Arts Festival.

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## LEEDS UNIVERSITY AIR SQUADRON

Leeds University Air Squadron provides flying training for any students studying at the University. It further provides an opportunity of gaining a commission in the Regular or Reserve Air Forces.

Members have to be between the ages of seventeen-and-a-half and thirty; they may be either direct entrants with no previous military service or ex-pilots of the Navy, Army and R.A.F. All entrants will be members of the R.A.F.V.R., the former with the status of officer cadets, and the latter will retain their commissions. Ex N.C.O's will be granted the rank of P.O.

The normal period of service is five years, but special arrangements are made for students on shorter courses.

Both flying and ground training are covered. Flying training allows one hour's flying a week, leading up to solo and areobatic stage. Flying for ex-pilots aims at keeping them in practice and maintaining interest. Summer Camp is arranged each year for 15 days; they are held at Camps in the "holiday area" and provide an opportunity to join in mess life.

All training is free, members are paid for all training they attend and are also entitled to £35 retaining fee when they have completed one year's service. Candidates have to undergo a medical inspection before entering the Squadron and at periodical intervals.

All further enquiries should be made to The Adjutant, University Air Squadron,  
36, University Road.

## BRITISH LEGION

To the ex-Service Freshers, the University branch of the British Legion offers a hearty welcome. The Branch was formed specially to provide for the needs of ex-Service students in matters of housing and financial assistance.

Two active committees have done good work in solving the majority of problems which have arisen. Many students have been found housing accommodation and all members requiring similar help should get in touch with the Secretary of the Housing Subcommittee as soon as possible.

Members in financial difficulties owing to delay in the payment of grants should approach the Secretary of the Service Committee for details of assistance which can be given.

Branch office is on the first floor of the Union building and details of interview hours may be seen on the door.

**THEATRE GROUP.**

All students who are interested in any aspect of play production are earnestly invited to join Theatre Group. Visit the stall in the Riley Smith Hall on Bazaar Day, where you can get information and become a member. Our next production will be in Dec., when we shall present *Timon of Athens* under Mr. Wilson Knight's direction. Those who would like to act in this or any of our plays should attend the auditions which the Producer will hold early in the term; notices will be posted giving details of times and place.

There are in addition numerous jobs for those who cannot act; we cannot have enough offers of backstage help, and we welcome with open arms well-muscled men, women who can help in making costumes, and all of whatever sex, who would enjoy helping with the business and publicity side of things. —As a Drama Group we have a high reputation, and as a flourishing Group we offer enjoyment, interest and amusement to all who care to join.

W. E. JONES,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**ECONOMICS SOCIETY.**

The Society has an ambitious programme of works visits for the Winter Term. Visits have been arranged to factories and projects on the scale of one per week, and it is hoped to continue this into the Spring Term and, to a lesser extent, the Summer Term. We are endeavouring to secure speakers from inside and outside the University and a full programme will be posted in Economics House, with other Society notices.

All members and prospective members are invited to a Social on Tuesday, October 12th, at 5-30 p.m. A light tea will be provided and we hope to have some music, of sorts. The social will end early, about 8-0 p.m. The head of the Department and the President of the Society will speak for a short time.

First works visits will be: October 20th and 27th, Montague Burton's; November 3rd, Tetley's Brewery. The Society will not be liable for the payment of any fines arising out of the latter visit.

**ENGINEERING SOCIETY.**

The Committee has endeavoured to arrange an interesting and varied programme for the members for the coming session. Continuing its policy of inviting prominent members of the engineering profession to lecture to the Society, there is again an interesting series of lectures in the Society syllabus.

In conjunction with these lectures, works visits are arranged to places of special interest to engineers, and form enjoyable additions to one's academic work in enabling one to see the modern application of the theories taught in the lecture theatre.

The Society runs Basketball, Soccer and Rugger teams, and invites members' support to ensure their success and a high place in the Leagues. The Sports Secretary will be pleased to see anyone interested in a game.

Social activities include the Engineers' Ball, now a classic in the Union's social calendar, held this Session on Friday, 28th January, 1949, and an Annual Dinner, held after the June exams.

The Secretary will be pleased to sign up any student interested in joining in the Society's many activities, and invites them to contact him at any time.

K. W. RANGELEY,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.****Notice to Freshers.**

We have a very full programme for the first term, both lectures and social activities.

The first event is of course Freshers' Tea on October 14th, at 5-15 p.m. in the Social Room. This tea, besides being free, offers great opportunity for meeting fellow members, which can be further renewed at the Social on October 23rd in the Riley Smith Hall, or at our hikes and lectures.

# Society Notes

Further activities will be announced at the Freshers' Tea. We assure you of a hearty welcome, so come along and see what is happening.

**PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.**

The Philosophical Society extends a cordial welcome to all Freshers.

We have a very comprehensive programme arranged for this Session, including debates with other Universities. We hope many of you will join us.

Some of us want to know the meaning of this surprising world in which we find ourselves, to understand the significance, and, if possible, to discover the purpose of human life in general and of our own lives in particular. What is the point of life and how ought it to be lived?

We do not aspire to answer these questions with finality, but to consider and discuss them and to study the answers which have seemed convincing to greater men than ourselves.

Some find enjoyment in the pursuit of mental and spiritual adventure; we ask those to join with us in setting foot on the trail great men have blazed.

We hope for a good attendance at our Freshers' Tea in the Old Refectory on October 14th, from 4-0 to 6-0 p.m.

**GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.**

We are pleased to announce that our programme for the forthcoming Session is now almost completed. Speakers on a variety of subjects, all with an important geographical connection, have promised to lecture to the Society during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

On Monday, 25th October, the date of our first full meeting, Mr. Spilsbury will deal with "CLIMBING IN THE LOFOTENS." As he will be speaking entirely from personal experience on a region unfamiliar to the majority, a lecture of interest to all is guaranteed.

Prior to this meeting, however, we have our "Freshers' Party"—a rather awe-inspiring title for a social get-together, at which we aim to make all new members feel at home. This takes place on Monday, 11th October.

During the 1947-48 Session our numbers swelled enormously and a corresponding increase in membership is expected in the forthcoming year. We hope, however, that all new members will make the "Fresher's Party" their first date with the Society.

J. D. HORNER,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**THE SPANISH SOCIETY.**

Once again the Spanish Society is delighted to welcome its members to the new Session. We again rely on their full support to make a success of an interesting programme.

Talks on varied subjects will be given alternately in English and Spanish. Sr. de Salas, who gave us a most interesting talk last Session on Goya, is among the well-known speakers invited.

During the Christmas term student members will speak on their recent visits to Spain and, in December, we shall hold the annual Fiesta.

The second Society dinner is planned for February 25th.

Our meetings are held on alternate Mondays, commencing with a welcome for new members on October 11th. Further details of all our meetings are posted on Union notice boards.

**L.U.U. TEXTILE SOCIETY.**

What is it? What do I gain from it? These will be the first questions you will ask yourself when you see the name of our Society. The Textile Society is not solely for Textile students. The manufacture of textiles is not simply the work of a weaver—it goes further back than that. The colour of the finished goods depends on the colour chemist, the quality on the engineer and the chemist, the running of the industry as a whole on the economist.

The aim of the Society is to promote interest in textile matters by arranging lectures concerning all phases of the industry. To illustrate these lectures, works visits are arranged to mills and dyeworks throughout Yorkshire.

We look forward to welcoming new members to the Society on Bazaar Day. Anyway, come along and see us—we shall be glad to give any information.

**THE DENTAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY.**

After a very successful year in the 1947-48 Session, the Society wishes to greet Freshers and let them know something of its coming events.

There are to be a number of evening lectures, as is usual through the Winter months, starting at about 4-30 p.m.

The Dental Ball this year is taking place on Friday, December 3rd, and it is also hoped to have a Christmas Party at the hospital as last year.

The sports club is full of confidence for the coming Season. We play most games, and hope, during November, to have a return fixture at Manchester Dental Hospital, playing as many games as teams can be provided for.

So will all Dental Freshers interested in the Sports Club please contact the Sports Secretary, Mr. Penman, who will be pleased to help all he can.

**LAW SOCIETY.**

Our programme for this term includes some meetings which should be of interest to budding lawyer and layman alike.

Mr. J. Arundel Simpson, the Principal Probation Officer of Leeds, will speak on "The Work of the Probation Officer," and Mr. R. D. Fairn (the Principal of the Imperial Training School for Prison and Borstal Officers, H.M. Prison, Wakefield), on "New Ways with Old Crime."

A film show on Tuesday, November 30th. The films will be: "Children of the City," which deals with juvenile delinquency and "English Criminal Justice."

Debates on more technical legal topics, including one, it is hoped, with Manchester University.

AND REMEMBER TO COME to our *Freshers' Tea and Social*, which is provisionally fixed for Tuesday October 12th. Watch the Union notice boards for confirmation.

**CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.**

The Conservative Association, which last year achieved a record membership, extends a hearty welcome to all Undergraduates who wish to support the Tory Party in its fight against the gross incompetence and alien doctrines of the present administration.

Conservatives should apply to the Association's table in the Riley Smith Hall to-day. A tea will be held for Freshers on October 14th. Meetings will cover all current political topics, addresses being given by M.P.s. and our own members. In addition, the Committee has arranged discussion groups on vital questions, participation in which will raise the standard of political education. Details are available from the Secretary. The A.G.M. for the election of officers and committee will take place on October 19th.

We urge all Conservatives not only to join the Association and support it to the full in meetings and debates, but also to lose no opportunity to express Tory policy and expose the inefficiencies and falsifications of our opponents. Remember, students, that a strong Tory Association here is of great importance to all conservatively-minded people to rid our land of the insidious influence of Socialism, to ensure a prospering British Commonwealth in a peaceful world and to "SET THE PEOPLE FREE."

**THE LABOUR SOCIETY.**

Since its formation last Session the Labour Society has enjoyed an ever-increasing membership and has been able to undertake an interesting variety of activities.

It was formed because none of the existing Political Societies were representative of the Democratic Socialist ideals of the Labour movement; and is therefore part of a nation-wide movement throughout the Universities which has led to the formation of the National Association of Labour Student Organizations, to which it is affiliated.

To Freshers and all other interested persons not yet members, the Society extends a warm welcome, hoping to see you all at the Freshers' Tea, which will be held early in the term. (Time and place will be announced).

**LEEDS UNDERGRADUATE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.**

This is not written for those who journey through life with Wishful Thinking and have a nodding acquaintance with Truth. It is for those who realise that beyond the light-hearted friendships (and the more serious ones) and the enjoyments of corporate life at the University, there lies an inevitable reality which each one of us must someday face alone: for those who desire to understand the purpose and meaning of life, and who in their search, realise their own insufficiency in the face of the Omnipotent God.

L.U.C.U. is open to all to whom this attitude appeals—who seek to know the fullness of life through a personal knowledge of Christ. Our members represent almost every denomination, for "there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, but all are one in Christ Jesus" and our guide is the Bible.

Our activities are varied and include daily prayer meetings at 1-5 p.m., missionary breakfasts (usually two a term), a Christmas Party and an annual Youth Hostel weekend. Our weekly meeting is on Thursday, at 5-30 p.m., in the Women's Common Room, preceded by tea at 5-0 p.m. Everyone will be made more than welcome at any or all of these meetings—they will not be badgered to join and there is no subscription!

But we would lay the emphasis before all else upon "the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Relations I, 9), and we earnestly ask all those who, in these days of doubt and darkness, realise their insecurity and their need of a purpose in life, to consider very seriously the command "Choose you this day when you will serve"—and we are praying that with us you may answer "but as for me (and my house), we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24, 15).

**STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.**

The Leeds Branch of the S.C.M. of Great Britain and Ireland, affiliated to the World Student Christian Federation heartily welcomes all Freshers to this University.

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**SOCIETY NOTES—cont.**

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Study-groups on such subjects as "The Bible," "Christian Conduct," "Life in the Church," "Science, Art and Religion," "Marxism—a new Faith?" are being run for our common benefit and you have but to take your choice. We shall be only too ready to give you any information you may require concerning our activities. If possible, do try to come along to the **Freshers' Squash on the 11th October**, when we can introduce ourselves.

The S.C.M. is not a Christian clique and is expressly designed to cater for the honest enquirer, who is not a professed Christian, but who would very much like to learn what the Christian Message has to say for him or her. This is important. We hope you will not let such an opportunity slip by, and you will agree that there is nothing easier to do than this, especially when you get caught up in the rival claims of so many Union Societies. We venture to suggest that this International, Interdenominational Christian Student Society, should come first in your scale of priorities.

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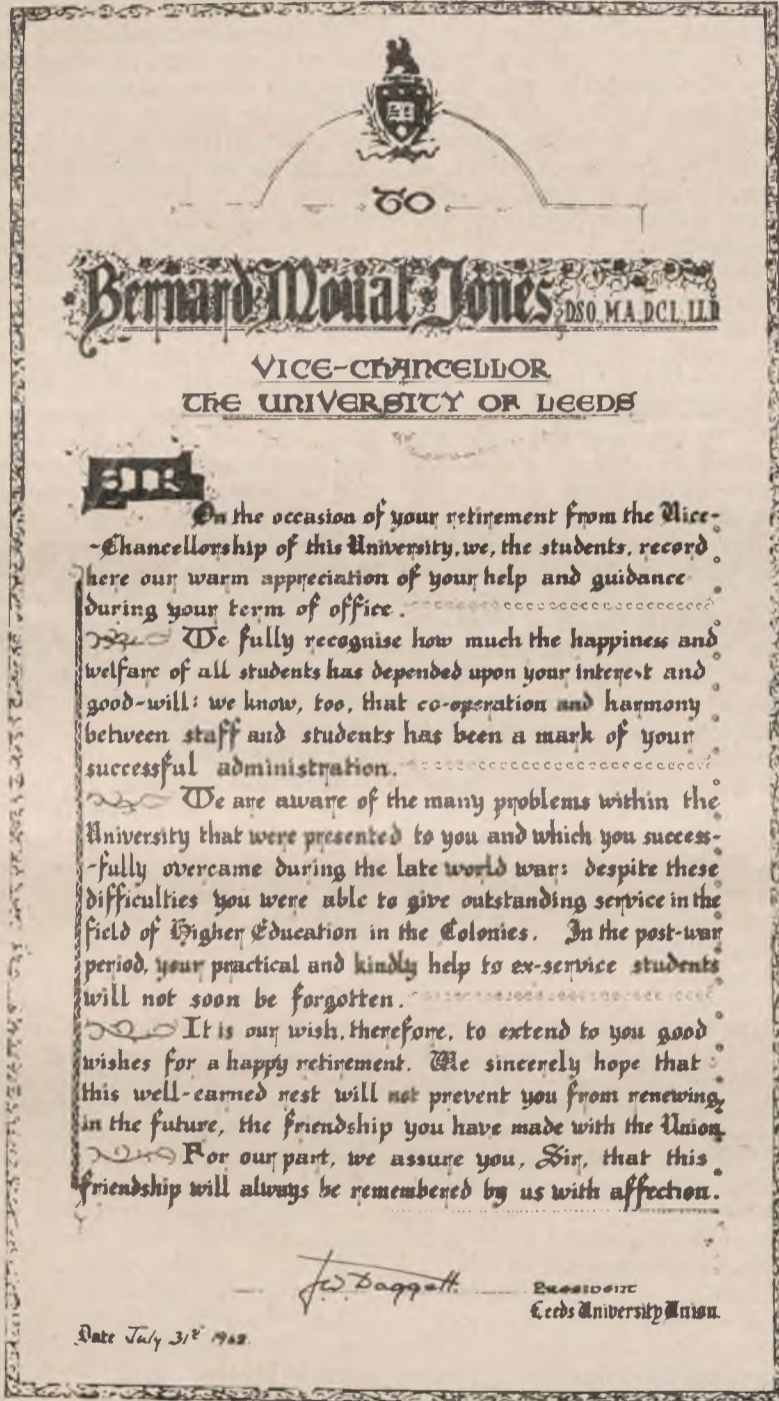
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**PRESENTATION**

All that could be said of the Vice-Chancellor's departure has been said, but it is fitting that students should see what reminder of our esteem he bears away with him. Below is a reproduction of the Illuminated Address which the retiring Presi-

dent of the Union presented to him at an informal meeting. Our only regret is that students cannot behold the artistry of the craftsman whose labours made the original a breath-taking blaze of colour. To Dr. Mouat-Jones we again affirm our best wishes in his retirement.



The text of the Address is printed below:

"On the occasion of your retirement from the Vice-Chancellorship of this University, we, the students, record here our warm appreciation for your help and guidance during your term of office.

"We fully realise how much the happiness and welfare of all students has depended on your interest and goodwill: we know too, that the co-operation and harmony between staff and students has been a mark of your successful administration.

"We are aware of the many problems within the University that were presented to you and which you successfully overcame during the late world war: despite these

difficulties you were able to give outstanding service in the field of Higher Education in the Colonies. In the post war period, your practical and kindly help to ex-Service students will not soon be forgotten.

"It is our wish to extend to you our good wishes for a happy retirement. We sincerely hope that this well earned rest will not prevent you from renewing in the future, the friendship you have made with the Union.

"For our part, we assure you, Sir, that this friendship will always be remembered by us with affection."

J. W. DAGGETT,  
President,  
Leeds University Union.

Date, July 31st, 1948.

*Leeds Music*

This column, as last year's readers will remember, is normally critical rather than informative. As the Fresher (the most important reader of this issue) needs information here rather than comment (there has in any case been little to comment on in recent weeks) Tympanum has muffled his sticks and will endeavour to be *moderato senza fuoco*.

Music in the City of Leeds has during the last year tended to centre round the recently-formed Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra (Conductor: Maurice Miles). The Orchestra's Winter programmes are ambitious and varied, deviating far from the Beethoven-Tschaikowsky-Greig beaten path. As an orchestra the Y.S.O. is becoming a really first-class combination, though it has still some little way to go.

As I write, the concerts of the "THREE CENTURIES" Festival have still to take place. They are noteworthy for the first appearance of a guest conductor (Sir Adrian Boult) with the Y.S.O., and for a performance of Vaughan Williams' new 6th Symphony—a noble effort for a year-old Orchestra.

The much older Northern Philharmonic Orchestra, a semi-permanent body, is struggling for existence. This column will have something to say in later issues on this subject; at present it suffices to note that the Northern Phil's head is still above water.

Within the University much will be happening. The University Music Society's Chorus and Orchestra both need new members; major plans include performances of Haydn's "Creation" this term, and of "King Arthur" (Purcell-Dryden) in collaboration with Theatre Group next term. "Informal Evenings" are held at intervals—opportunities for soloists and chamber groups to perform for a small, critical, but receptive audience.

The University Madrigal Group is an anomalous, autonomous body of about twelve singers,

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## The Union

Within the Union, the centre of the social life of the University, there are forty-six societies representing almost every interest, and twenty-six athletic clubs.

The Union building, completed just before the War, has strengthened the Union, acting as the focal point for all activities. On the ground floor opposite the entrance is the Joint Common Room, which is available to all students. At the west end of the corridor is the cafeteria, until this year used as the J.C.R. It is hoped that the new 20 ft. counter will cut down queueing time. At the east end is the Riley-Smith Hall, with its excellent dance floor and well equipped stage. The R.S. is used for socials, for all formal dances and for film shows. A 16 mm. projector has been placed in the projection box above the balcony. Also on the ground floor are the Executive and Mr. Bourn's offices. On the left as you enter the Union is the Porter's office, where anything from iodine to billiard balls can be borrowed.

On the first floor, opposite the flight of stairs, is the Committee Room, used for meetings of the Union Committee; at other times folding doors divide it into two smaller rooms which are available for society meetings. The Union Library, well stocked with periodicals and books of a general nature, is next door to the Committee Room. Its comfortable chairs, its silence, and the fact that smoking is allowed, make it a popular resort during exam. times. At the west end is that most masculine of rooms, the billiards room, stocked with four tables. Nearby is the Large Cardroom, occupied at the moment by the N.U.S. Festival Committee. The Small Cardroom adjacent to the billiards room, is available for society meetings, however. Also on this floor are the offices of such bodies as the N.U.S., British Legion, Grants and Welfare, *The Gryphon*, *Union News*, etc.

Both men's and women's Common Rooms are in the basement together with their respective cloakrooms. Between the two Common Rooms is the Social Room, used for meetings and for the very popular lunch-time "Hops."

Union administration is carried on almost entirely by students. The President and Senior Vice-President and the Committee are elected by ballot. All students may stand for election and all are entitled to vote. Full details are given in the Union Handbook.

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## N. U. S. NEWS

Three eventful months have passed since the spotlight was last turned on N.U.S. Soon after we had laid our pens aside in July, N.U.S. Council assembled at Oxford. The Union was represented by Messrs. W. Foster, G. A. Over, H. Parker and E. Simpson, with Miss P. Cotton as observer. The highlight of the agenda was the election of the new Executive. W. Bonney Rust remains President while our own Bill Foster was elected a Vice-President. Another Leeds man Douglas Mayer becomes Secretary. It was reported that Mr. E. Tomlinson, the Minister of Education; Sir Malcolm Sargent; Mr. J. B. Priestley; Dr. J. D. Bernal; had accepted the invitation to become Honorary Vice-Presidents.

The Olympic Games Committee was quoted as the source of much of the dislocation that occurred in connection with the Olympic Works Scheme. Their five-fold change of mind together with the illness of the organiser, resulted in many hard words, which we hope the victims will now direct to the proper quarter.

Most of the remaining time was taken up by discussions on relations between N.U.S. and the International Union of Students and the World Federation of Democratic Youth, with the emphasis on the former's activities in Czechoslovakia; Joseph Groham, President of I.U.S.; Derek Slater, British member of the I.U.S. Executive and Mrs. Hookham, Secretary of the W.F.D.Y., were present at the meeting, so that progress was more marked than usual when these "bones of contention" are discussed. Unfortunately the report is too bulky to be summarised without bias, but it is available for inspection in the N.U.S. office. Suffice to say that the Executive resolution endorsing I.U.S. to date, was passed by a large majority. The action of the Executive in sending a strong protest to W.F.D.Y. on the offensive tone of its publications was likewise approved.

### A.S.W.R. Athletics Rally.

The young Association of Students of the West Riding N.U.S. Regional Organisation held the first important event of its career at Weetwood on 3rd July. Representatives from the Union and eight colleges in the area competed in a variety of sports events, which included tennis,

cricket, netball and athletics. These were followed in the evening by a dance at the Yorkshire College of Housecraft, at which Sheffield College of Art staged a Gangshow and Cabaret. The success of the occasion was in no small measure due to the co-operation of the Athletics Grounds Committee, the Principal of the Yorkshire College of Housecraft and the A.S.W.R. Committee.

### National Youth Parliament.

Mr. Chesner, representing the Union, was among the 185 delegates to the National Youth Parliament held at Beaver Hall in London, from July 8—11th. The parliament, sponsored by the International Youth Council in Britain, was attended by a wide variety of youth organisations, ranging from those connected with Trade Unions to Religious Bodies. Notable by their absence were the National League of Young Liberals, who withdrew during the preliminary organisation, and the Young Conservatives, who left in a body during the session, giving Communist domination as their reason. The parliament itself was conducted strictly in the fashion of its namesake and, despite an acute lack of time, made substantial progress with the main items of the agenda: a "Young Workers' Bill" and an "Education Bill" sponsored by N.U.S.

### Farming News.

This year has seen a greater effort than ever before by students on the "Farm front." Over 4,000 students, including 800 from abroad, stayed at the thirty-five camps organised by N.U.S. So great was the rush that many applications had to be refused before the end of last term. Except in Skipton, where some girls got themselves jobs in towns and mention in the newspaper, we haven't heard any lurid details of climate or catering, so we presume and hope that all went well.

It is perhaps as a travel agency that N.U.S. is best known to students. This year N.U.S. arranged travel and work schemes abroad for over 2,000 students in ten different countries and both sides of the "curtain." Leeds was well represented and it is to be hoped that the road builders from Yugoslavia and those who just went for a good time will give us the benefit of their experiences.

## CHEMICAL SOCIETY

The meetings of the Society are, this session, to undergo a radical change. In the past they have consisted of formal lectures, delivered in the all too familiar lecture theatres of the Chemistry Department. Because of the specialised nature of the topics, first and second year members were often diffident about asking questions and expressing their views.

We have arranged a number of "Informal Evenings"—held in the Men's Common Room of the

Union—at which a topic of more general interest will be introduced, and the meeting will be made open for discussion. Thus it is hoped that all members will be able to contribute something, and greater benefit will be derived. Another innovation is a series of talks on life in foreign Universities.

The success of the Society in the coming year depends on the interest of the Fresher—come to our meetings and see for yourself.

GEOFFREY LONG.

## GROWTH

The third and fourth floors of the new block have been completed and will be in use by the beginning of the new session. The top floor will be occupied by the modern language departments, French, German, Spanish and Russian. The third floor has five lecture theatres and a large room which will be used as a reading room.

Access will be by the main entrance, but owing to the presence of workmen on the lower floors, only the north staircase will be in use, being approached by a temporary passage.

The accommodation vacated by the modern language departments will be used by other departments including Latin, Mathematics and History.

The modifications to the Union cafeteria counter should be completed by the beginning of term and the Temporary Refectory has been modified to cater for a much greater number than hitherto.

### LEEDS MUSIC—cont.

with high standards and an object of singing anything really worth singing. It too will need new members, but has its own mysterious ways of getting them. The Group should be giving some lunch-time recitals during the session: so also should various chamber groups.

The **University Lunch-time Recitals**, in contrast, import star talent from outside; as do the Leeds Concert Society for their evening Recitals in the Great Hall, to which students have access. Details of both series should have been announced by the time this issue appears.

Gramophone Recitals are held each Monday lunch-time in the Riley-Smith Hall. "Programme Notes" are supplied verbally by the recitalists, the records by the Union's extensive Library. Both are invariably very adequate.

One feels, in closing, one ought to mention the Rhythm Club in this survey: as, however, TYMPANUM has never figured in a jazz or swing combination (literally or metaphorically) he begs to be excused. Perhaps a representative of the Club.... Anyway, it flourishes.

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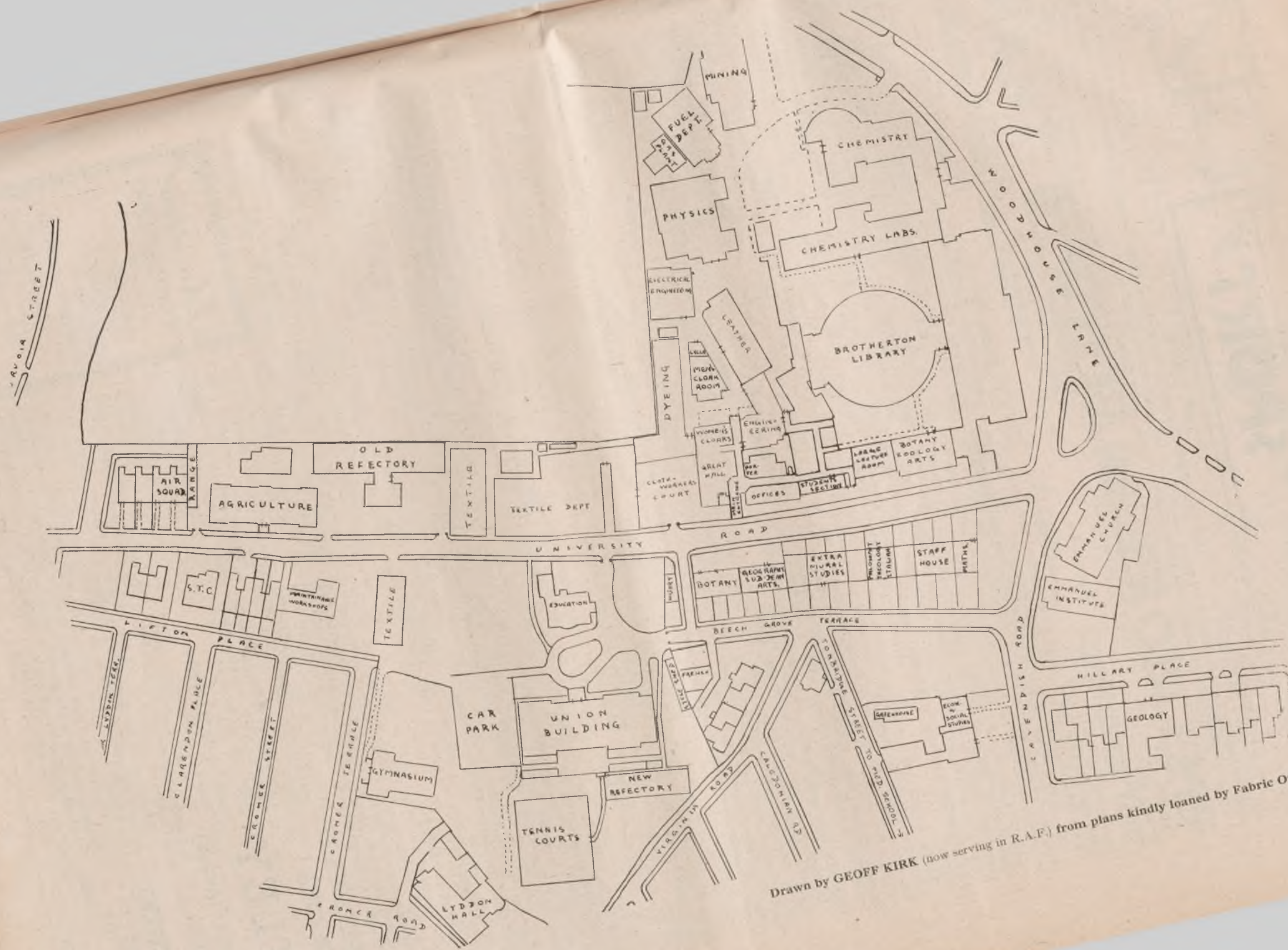
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The Women's Boat Club extends a welcome to all Freshers and a cordial invitation to join us. We can offer all the year round sport and a unique opportunity of visiting London, Edinburgh and Cambridge, to mention a few of the places where we fulfil fixtures.

Last year we competed in Durham and York regattas besides holding a regatta of our own. Other highlights of the year are the Joint Inter-Faculty regatta with L.U.B.C. held this term, and the Club dinner held during the Lent term.

Our first outing, when all Freshers will be initiated into the art, will be held next Sunday.

All members have to pass a 50-yard swimming test clad in rowing kit; these will take place during the next week or two. Our subscription is 5/- per annum.

Come to our table in the Riley-Smith Hall for more information. Why not join us? It's great fun. Never mind if you haven't seen a boat before—remember we were all new once!

## Women's Lacrosse Club.

Lacrosse is a game with a uniquely interesting history, from the days when it was played with some ferocity in Canadian backwoods, to the present, when teams of twelve enjoy at Weetwood a skilful sport.

The University Women's Lacrosse Club is looking for many new members among this year's Freshers. Experienced players will be especially welcomed, but training arrangements are being made for those who have not played before. Membership of the Club affords comradeship and exercise without entailing any too extensive demands upon players time. The fixtures for this term are varied and interesting, and include matches with other Northern Universities and a visit to London for the Universities' Tournament.

## Please Keep off the Grass.

The G.A.S. asks all students using the grounds at Weetwood to show consideration for others and to help to preserve the pitches by keeping to the paths.

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<b>Swimming Club</b> ..	<b>U.A.U. finalists and Northern and Christie Champions.</b>
<b>Tennis Club</b> .. ..	<b>U.A.U. Champions and Sheffield Shield.</b>

Two vital factors in these achievements were team spirit and enthusiasm. We wish to foster these qualities throughout the University. Freshers maintain your present enthusiasm for University life. Don't become jaded and succumb to that dread phrase "Haven't time — work, etc." Make time and lead a full life. Don't let our teams become poverty-stricken towards the end of the season.

Let us be high-powered in our University sport. We have a tradition of sportsmanship and hard play to uphold.

Here's wishing our clubs success in all their matches!

G.A.S.

## Rugby Club.

The most lively and happy A.G.M. ever concluded the 1947-48 season, which, though not conspicuous for success on the field, was nevertheless carried through in a fine sporting spirit. We look forward with confidence to the coming season with a new constitution, a strong, vigorous committee, and an attractive fixture list.

To ensure playing success we must have the support of all University rugby enthusiasts, playing and non-playing members being of equal importance. The first step is to join the Club to-day (at our Club table in the Riley-Smith Hall) and to enrol for a practice match which will be on Wednesday, October 6th. This will be followed by a seven-a-side tournament on Saturday, October 9th, and our opening fixture is with our friends (and foes) the Medicals on the following Wednesday.

Throughout the season we hope to arrange lectures and coaching by County and International players. During the Autumn term a Rugger Dance is to take place.

We welcome Fresher and older stalwarts alike. **Remember chaps—its up to you!**

## Women's Hockey Club.

Notice to Freshers. We hope to have a very successful season, with your help. Players are needed to fill the positions in all our teams, first, second and third, as well as in the mixed team.

We have many matches arranged, both for Saturdays and Wednesdays, at home and away; all we need are some keen players.

## L.U. Boxing Club.

Last year the Boxing Club won the Northern Universities Championship and the Christie Cup. This year we intend to hold both these honours and adding to them the British Universities' Championship, which is held in London. We cannot obtain this objective without your co-operation. Come along to the Gym. Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., and "Put the Gloves on."

## Boat Club.

As in previous years, racing finished last term, with the two-day regatta at Durham. Our second crew were successful in winning the Corporation Challenge Cup, which comes to Leeds for the third consecutive year. In the heats for the Rushworth and Storey Cup the fourth crew rowed very well indeed, and were only narrowly beaten in the final by Durham School. Earlier in the term the second eight, after only short training, proved their worth by winning the Clinker Division of the "Tyne Eights," held at Newcastle.

The first Leeds Open Regatta, held on June 12th, proved to be a great success. The number of entrants for the first endeavour was quite encouraging, and we hope to repeat the success in June, 1949.

This term will be spent mainly in training newcomers for the inter-faculty races to be held later in the term. Crews for these races are made up mainly from Freshmen who, although new to the sport, readily adapt themselves, and in a period of two months usually develop into quite capable oarsmen. No previous experience is necessary; ability to swim, enthusiasm and determination are all that the would-be oarsman requires.

The Club invites all Freshmen to come along any Wednesday and Saturday afternoon to the Club House at Swillington Bridge. Further details and particulars of the 'bus service to the Boat House can readily be obtained from any of our members or from the Club notice board situated just outside the Cafeteria.

R. L. HOLMAN,  
Captain of Boats.

## L.U. Association Football Club.

Last season the Club participated for the first time in several local leagues, played many University fixtures and various friendly games. The league record was not outstanding, due primarily to the inability to raise the strongest teams during the vacation, although a University team finished at the top of the Half-Holiday League. The same team also won the Reklaw Cup and the semi-final was reached in the County Cup.

This season teams have been entered in the West Riding County Amateur League, the West Yorkshire League, the West Riding O.B. League, and two teams in the Half-Holiday League. The usual Christie Cup, U.A.U. and inter-University games are also to be played. No great successes have been obtained in the pre-term matches but thanks are due to players who have willingly travelled to Leeds for the games. Freshers are invited to join the Club and assist in making this season a great success as far as University football is concerned.

## Medicals and Dentals Rugger Club.

To all prospective and established Medical and Dental students, we extend a hearty welcome. The Club, with its headquarters at the Medical School, runs three teams. In addition to playing some of the best clubs in the North, we have entered for the Yorkshire Cup and we send our best eighteen players to London in January to play clubs in that area. We combine with the University to play the all-important Christie matches. For further information about the Club please consult the officials, the Union Handbook or the Club notice board.

Our opening fixtures on October 9th are the 1st XV v. Leeds Y.M.C.A. (Yorkshire R.U. Cup match); "A" XV v. Rotherham and "B" XV v. Harrogate.

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