

# UNION NEWS



LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

Vol. IV. No. 8.

Thursday, February 23rd, 1950.

Twopence.

## 1066 AND ALL THAT!

The reputation of non-student speakers and the serious bearing of the subject attracted a large meeting on February 7th, to debate the motion "That the Modern University is betraying its past."

Professor Durward, proposing the motion, showed that the evolution of the University had followed an unsatisfactory trend. Leaving first-hand descriptions of mediaeval life to Lady Ogilvie he pointed out that in the Universities of the past life was communal, curricula generalised, atmosphere spiritual and staff celibate. The old order indeed changeth! The state of the world to-day, the shortage of food and the increase in population are all due to the modern University.

### Tell me not so.

Opposing the motion, Lady Ogilvie mentioned that knowledge is no longer stagnant but moving ever outward. Modern curricula show classical, democratic, scientific and Christian threads, which is surely not a betrayal. Consolation is to be drawn from the fact that the Medical student of the past was "miserably poor, learned little and left without taking a degree." Degrees are now taken.

Miss Honor Burgess, seconding for the motion, had an attack of hallucinations. She saw secluded scholars of old pointing mocking fingers at the hurried, smcke-begrimed modern University. Seconding for the opposition, Mr. Tim Evens poured scorn on the Prof's Anatomy of Melancholy. In Gibbon's day conversation at Oxford consisted of personal anecdotes, Tory politics and private scandal—how can such a past be betrayed?

### Free House.

From the floor of the house (and the best place we know) Mr. Dubas wanted to know how many students of to-day have a

philosophy of life. The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. C. R. Morris, then pointed out that there is nothing alarming in the University-made state of the world.

Mr. Rhodes saw a century of democracy entering the University but Mr. Furness was more glum and thought that those not seeing alarm in the world did not see the world. Mr. Johnson believed that ancient Universities pulled the reins when the horse went too fast and modern ones pushed the horse causing unstable conditions.

To Mr. Brightmore the modern student is a half-baked mixture of unknown ingredients which must fit the yard-stick or be rejected. Miss Dodds was sure that Russian Universities maintained the true spirit of enquiry.

Quoting brilliantly as ever, Mr. Khusro stated that the Past is admired and the Present underestimated. Speaking for the staff, Mr. Antony said that now even professors sometimes have new ideas.

A bouquet for the best speech to Miss Holmes, who believed that the present utilitarian method of labelling by a degree was a distinct betrayal.

### Gone Full Circle.

Summing up, Lady Ogilvie said we are going from strength to strength, while Prof. Durward bemoaned the fact that we were not a corporate spiritual community.

As a result of this spate of high-class oratory, the motion was carried by 90 votes for and 82 against, with two abstentions.

## EDUCATION AND SOCIETIES.

### Education in the Colonies.

The N.U.S. Secretary proposed that the recommendations of N.U.S. Council on education in the Colonies should be endorsed. Mr. Withers doubted whether the N.U.S. sub-committee had the knowledge or experience to make such recommendations, and disagreed with the standardisation which was suggested in the proposals. Mr. P. McMenemy also disagreed with standardisation, holding that it would only mean

## MORALS - MORALE - & POLITICS

On 6th February at 5-15 in the Women's Common Room, there was held a political forum, with a religio-moral slant about it—at least that was the intention of the Christian Co-ordinating Committee who organised it. Three local parliamentary candidates spoke on the "Religious or moral basis of my political creed." Professor H. S. Rule was in the chair.

### Morals.

Mr. C. Kirwin (Conservative candidate for S.E. Leeds) explained that "The State's power is from God, but unfortunately to-day the State is interfering too much with family life. The State should be the servant of the people, not the master of the individual."

The second speaker hardly needed an introduction—Mr. Stanley Berwin, Liberal candidate for Wakefield. One Fresher, who apparently does not haunt the Union very much, was heard to remark, "I am sure I have seen that character somewhere before!"... Quite! S.B. explained that he was speaking from his heart (he said he had not had time to prepare his speech!). He said the Liberals believed in that which was "good for the community as a whole, and not for sectarian interests alone," and stressed the importance of the individual.

Mr. C. Pannal, M.P. (Labour candidate for W. Leeds) emphasised that real economic freedom was the essential basis on which to develop a "better man," and accused the others of "using fancy phrases to cover up years of Liberal or Tory rule, based on the degradation of the common people."

### Morale.

This, of course, warmed things up a bit, and in an effort to bolster up their morale before this large audience, the candidates began to indulge in polemics of a political nature.

### Politics.

Question time saw a fast and furious battle on a variety of political topics, during which period Mr. Berwin departed to work (to the Brotherton? no you fool, to Wakefield!) The temperature of the room rose considerably (in more ways than one!) as the discussion pressed on, and a somewhat perplexed Chairman remarked, "I am unfamiliar with this kind of meeting and hardly know what to do," nevertheless he ruled us with the firm rod of the mathematician!

The meeting closed with the candidates expressing how they were all really good types at heart. It seems to the writer that when the smoke of the election battle has cleared, we should be well advised to judge our M.P.'s on their practical politics as well as on their moralising. Nevertheless the moralising of this meeting was instructive and entertaining.

### STOP PRESS.

At the recent Council N.U.S. temporarily suspended membership of I.U.S. until the next I.U.S. Congress at Prague in August, as protest against the interruption by I.U.S. of contacts with the People's Youth of Yugoslavia.

The U.C. Meeting, held on Thurs., Feb. 2nd, began with yet more discussion on the question of Saturday Night Socials. A letter has been received from the Rhythm Club asking if Societies might still be allowed to run their socials on a Saturday night, and make some profit at them which they could keep. After a long discussion it was decided that this would be allowed, but that any profit over the average given to the Societies out of the proposed pool would go to that pool.

indirect control instead of direct control from Great Britain. Miss Norris pointed out that it was the organisation, not the curriculum which it was proposed should be standardised. Mr. McMenemy proposed an amendment to clarify the position and to guard against the indirect control, which was carried by 11 votes to 9 with two abstentions.

### New Society.

There was a great deal of discussion about the recognition of

a new Society, the Democratic Society. Mr. Singleton wanted more specific information as to its aims, but there was opposition to this from Mr. Lyons, who thought that the Society should be recognised and then if it was found undesirable, be banned. Mr. Khusro said that to ban was more drastic than to forbid it to start, and finally Mr. Bampton's proposal that two members of the Society be asked to the next U.C. Meeting to give information was carried with four votes against.



Stack  
University  
of Leeds  
A-0.01g

## Union News

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION.  
THURSDAY, FEB. 23rd, 1950.

Vol. IV. No. VIII.

### Staff and Committee :

Editor - - - - C. E. West  
Assistant Editor - - B. Lund  
Sports Editor - J. P. Pearson  
Business Manager - G. D. Verity  
Assistant Business  
Manager - C. S. Falconer.  
Sales Manager - - R. Scott-Milligan  
Assistant Sales Manager - C. Wolfe.  
Ex-officio members :—

The Union Executive Committee  
and the Editor of *The Gryphon*

## EDITORIAL.

Now that the tumult and the shouting about the Presidential elections has died away, the mere common mortals who form the Union Committee are soon to come in for some consideration. This year they will be elected according to the old system, so that the six hours or so spent last year working out the Ten Open Seats by proportional representation will probably be repeated.

Since these elections are now not very far away, a word might be said about U.C. Members. First of all, their main function in life, as far as the Union is concerned, is to work. Some people perhaps labour under the impression that there is honour and glory attached to a seat on U.C. Certainly there is honour; but the person who wants to be elected merely for the sake of this is not at all the sort of person whom it is desirable to have on the Committee.

Secondly, U.C. Members have as their first duty their U.C. work. Many of them have risen from the ranks of Societies to become president or secretary, and are very keen on their work in that Society. But when they get on to Union Committee, Society activities have to take second place. Nearly every member of U.C. is on one or more sub-committees, and there is quite enough to do here to keep the most conscientious and energetic worker busy.

Thirdly, U.C. Members must get to know Union opinion, and be ready and able to voice it. There have been many criticisms that the Ten Open Seat members have no constituency; but they have—the whole of the Union. They must go out and find what the Union wants, and they must put those wants forward at U.C. Meetings. They are the mouth-piece of the Union, and run its affairs on behalf of all Union members.

With which sentiments we wish all the candidates the best of luck, and all Union members the best of judgment.

Date of next issue March 9th.  
Last day for copy March 2nd.

# This and That

## BY N.U.S. TO U.S.

Special trans-Atlantic air transport arrangements have been made by N.U.S. Travel Department, which will make it possible for students contemplating proceeding to the U.S.A. for educational purposes this summer, to travel by air more economically than by any other means. Further details can be obtained from the Travel Director, N.U.S., 3, Endsleigh St., London, W.C.1. After which official language culled straight from an N.U.S. Press Release, we shall revert to more normal language.

## HYGIENE.

There are many things that go on in the Union which are definitely back-stage proceedings, and which, though not known about by the majority of students, are nevertheless done for the benefit of all. One such activity is shortly going to take place—the telephones are going to be cleaned. Exactly what this means we are not sure. Maybe the mouthpieces are going to be scrubbed with carbolic; maybe there is some weird contrivance that reaches into the inside of the telephone and drags out all the long-forgotten hot-air that has accumulated there over the past generations. But whatever is going to happen we are sure that it will all be for the best—and also that not one of the Presidential candidates thought of it.

## UNION HANDBOOK.

That priceless possession, the Union Handbook and Diary is going to be overhauled. During the last few years it has taken the same form in each issue, but now there is to be a change. What the change is actually going to be we are not as yet quite sure; but the first essential has been arranged already—a sub-committee has been set up to look into the matter. Which sub-committee will be duly grateful for any suggestions that

members of the Union may have. To the Union office, please.

## NEW EXEC. MEMBERS.

On entering the Exec. office on our due and lawful occasions last Thursday afternoon, we observed three occupants. One was the S.V.P., with whom an enlightening conversation was held the result of which is the main part of this column. The other two figures were dummies. Their purpose is unknown; but perhaps they have something to do with the constitutional changes. Later one of them was observed wearing a mortar-board, which perhaps means that they were new members of staff. At the moment, however, no definite information is available, but any future developments will be reported in this column as soon as possible.

## FIRST AID.

In this issue we print a letter from an injured warrior, the victim of Wednesday afternoon sport, who complains at the lack of First Aid facilities at Weetwood. But his complaint has been anticipated; a hut is to be built, and one of the grounds-men is to receive special training. This training will also, we feel certain, be very useful when it comes to preparing cricket pitches next year—a little tenderness can make all the difference.

## INTER-HALL RIVALRY.

It is reported from the usual unimpeachable authority that last Wednesday night the Presidential candidates went to speak to both Oxley and Weetwood, having dinner at the former. At dinner, they were given onions. It has been suggested that this was an attempt to spread alarm and despondency at Weetwood, who were to be on the receiving end of four onion-laden breaths. But Weetwood was clever. Before the candidates were allowed to speak they were given coffee.

PETE.

## "A HOLE IN THE CURTAIN?"

When the Vice-Chancellor, on International Students' Day, said that students were probably more capable of "finding a hole in the Iron Curtain" than anyone else, he was almost prophetic! For on Friday, 11th February, the Union was visited by Russians, Poles, Czechoslovaks and Bulgarians—I.U.S. London Council delegates now on tour around Britain.

## Lunch-time.

At 1-15 in the R.S.H. we were addressed by three Soviet delegates, Mr. A. Shaliapin, a Moscow University History student; Mr. V. Vdovin, a Law student (acting as interpreter); and Mr. M. Peshlak, from Kiev. Mr. Shaliapin, speaking in Russian, explained how Soviet education was expanding, and how a new University of Moscow, a 26-story building would soon be completed (a project in which 2,000 of the students had participated during their vacations). He pledged, on behalf of the Soviet students, "to cement Anglo-Soviet student friendship as a necessary basis for peace."

Questions covered a very wide field, some of them "critical," but on the whole the answers were well received. Mr. Peshlak was obviously very tactful, for when asked, "Can one form a capitalist party in a Soviet University," with a genial smile he replied, "No! We could not find any capitalists to form one!" He refused to criticise the British student movement, saying, "You are quite capable of criticising yourselves!" When Mr. A. R. Johnson, acting as Chairman, shook hands with the Russians, as a token of international friendship, amidst the loud applause of a crowded meeting, it was a "demonstration of the need to find a common basis of agreement for peace."

## Afternoon.

At 5 p.m. various I.U.S. delegates attended a meeting in the R.S.H., at which Mr. J. Grohman, I.U.S. President, outlined the work of I.U.S. He announced the expected re-affiliation of the Danish N.U.S. and Australian N.U.S., the suspension of the Yugo-Slav student body, and invited us all to the World Student Congress in Prague this August. On the peace question he explained that "in Brazil, U.S.S.R., Holland and elsewhere, students are the backbone of the youth in the fight for peace on the basis of international discussion and agreements."

## Evening.

Afterwards the delegates stayed to see the play "The Inconstant Countess," and at a dinner in the evening, Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the students

We specialise in **BOOKS** for students of

**POLITICS, ECONOMICS and HISTORY**

**C.P.C. YORKSHIRE BOOKSHOP**

53 GREAT GEORGE STREET — LEEDS 1

Telephone Leeds 20731

We shall be pleased to order any Books or H.M.S.O. Publications

not already in stock.

★ CONTINUED ON PAGE 5.

## VALENTINE DEBATE.

Over 100 people attended a lively debate on the motion "Woman Accepts Man for Matrimony and Man Accepts Matrimony for Woman," proposed by Miss P. Kay and Mr. C. N. Lees and opposed by Mr. A. M. Khusro and Miss V. Davis, with the President of the Union in the Chair. Miss Kay based her support for the motion on woman's need for security and man's need for a mother-substitute, while Mr. Lees was stimulated by his primeval urges to state that "where the hormones, there moan I." The opposer felt that the present high divorce rate was due to woman's infatuation and lack of consideration for the responsibilities of marriage. Miss Davis, supporting him, said that women can find security and interests outside marriage and marry only for love.

After an anthropological digression into marriage customs in various parts of the world which revealed that man loves woman to such an extent that he will at times accumulate 150 of her sex, the discussion from the floor took a more serious turn when it was pointed out that the foundations of society were being undermined by man emphasising woman at the expense of matrimony. However, the debate ended with an interchange of points of order concerning divorce laws and the motion was defeated by 70 votes to 28 with eight abstentions.

## CHARLIE STEEL and His Music ★

from the ROYAL STATION HOTEL, YORK

Enquiries to

23a, NORTH PARK ROAD HARROGATE TEL. 6196

## CYCLISTS!

Be ready for EASTER  
Have your Machines  
**SAFE!**

and EASY RUNNING  
**G. V. P. ANDREWS**

213, Woodhouse Lane  
(near Reservoir Street)

TELEPHONE 24122

Agents for . . .

B.S.A. Cycles,  
Meccano,  
Hornby Trains



Radio Sales and Services

## THE INCONSTANT COUNTESS

The quality of success achieved by the Spanish Society in their version of Lope de Vega's "El Perro del Hortelano" is difficult to describe. The play reminds one, not only of Congreve and Vanbrugh, but also of the earlier "Humorous Comedy" of Jonson. Tristan is another and more theatrical Mosca, a clowning sly, rumbustious deus in machina, whose histrionic powers and nimble cunning bring to a more wary Teodoro the uncertain paradise of his ambitions. The senile Ludovico, the oafish Frederico, and the agonisingly comic Ricardo might have stepped straight out of the Ionian notebook, but the play is prevented from being wholly Elizabethan in texture by the more mannered inconstancy of the Countess, and the atmosphere of Medes and Persians which surrounds her aristocratic home.

John Boorman was wise to advance the date of the play and produce it in Restoration costume. Only in this way could the Manners and Humours together form a convincing unity. The translation by John Boorman and A. E. Purver seemed competent, although occasionally uninspired lines were only saved from bathos by the quality of the acting which was almost uniformly good. There were, of course, flaws. Ludovico's senility was sometimes too extreme to be coherent, but little was lost, and perhaps something gained by this exaggeration. The Countess was both imperious and tender

her inconsistencies never strayed beyond the limits of the character, and one could understand her problem sympathetically as well as with humour. Ricardo was a perpetual delight, and Frederico a superb fool. There is not space to dilate upon excellence, nor upon the subtle characterisation of Fabio and the convincing portrayal of Marcella, played by Joyce Berridge, whose courage in attempting to act with a sore throat little short of laryngitis stage, was amply rewarded by an impressive performance. Tristan, too, deserves a large bouquet, for his energetic and enjoyable machinations.

I have left till the last all mention of William Hall's Teodoro, for his is the key part, upon his reactions to the Countess's inconstancy is built the whole structure of the play, and according to the quality of his acting the play succeeds or fails. Mr. Hall gave us a Teodoro whose wariness was combined with passion, and whose ambitious temerity was qualified by timorous care. One could understand his relationship with both the nubile Marcella and the histrionic Tristan, the latter's superb acting never taking from the importance of his master's position in the complex web of attraction and repulsion which gives the play its magnetic quality. The largest of bouquets to Mr. Hall, and, "lest we forget," to the stage crew, whose unobtrusiveness did much to make the play the success it undoubtedly was.

## CONGRESS, 1950.

N.U.S. Congress is to be held this year at Brighton, from March 29th to April 6th. The theme and title is "Education—For What?" and although all the speakers are not yet known, those already booked include Lord Beveridge, Professor J. B. Bernal, Mr. Harry Pollit, and Sir Walter Moberly.

As well as the Plenary Sessions, there are to be meetings for religious and political societies, faculties, and various smaller national organisations such as the Student Labour Federation Architectural Students' Association, and the various national faculty organisations.

Apart from the talk, there will be plenty of more general activities. These include numerous hops, two balls, one normal, one carnival, concerts, both gramophone and live, and several film shows. More mysterious activities are also on the programme, such as "Football in the Fish Market," "Brighton Binge," and a "Paddling Party."

N.U.S. is also planning to advertise itself, by putting on an N.U.S. Exhibition, where there will be speakers to answer questions about the various departments and activities of N.U.S. Finally there is to be an International Concert, a debate, and a play.

It should be noticed that there will be great scope for individualistic effort in that April Fool's Day falls on the Saturday in the middle of the Congress Week. We are assured by the Rag Chairman that any ideas gleaned from such activities will be very welcome.

A preliminary pamphlet can be obtained from the Porters' Office, further information from the N.U.S. Office, and more news will be published in the next issue of "Student Chronicle." Registrations should be in by March 11th.

## A DIRGE.

I love the Union every day,  
I love to hear the students say  
It would be better far for all  
If one could MOVE in the Entrance Hall—  
I wish I wasn't here.

I love the atmosphere in bar,  
The cloistered calm in J.C.R.,  
The paging system's constant moos,  
The barkers selling "UNION NEWS"—  
I wish I couldn't hear.

I love the hops each Saturday night,  
The Mr. Large who knows what's right;  
I wish it wasn't quite so hard  
To find one's ——— Union Card—  
I wish I'd had it here . . .

I love this life, I love it well,  
I'd sooner far be here than—elsewhere,  
But there is just one thought, no more,  
That really shakes me to the core—  
I PAY FOR BEING HERE!!

## B. S. M.

Get rid of that "L" and become a safe driver. Over half a million have been taught.



## BRITISH SCHOOL OF MOTORING

Local Branch:

48, Cookridge Street, Leeds.  
Phone 21870

## “..ABOUT IT, AND ABOUT”

Dear Sir,

In an article “Working Overtime,” appearing in a recent issue of *Union News*, a serious matter was treated in the usual flippant manner.

Ignoring the scoffing, which at best is indicative of a small mind, there are several important points which cannot be left alone.

In the first place, anti-Communism and anti-Fascism are not the same thing, even for the sake of convenience of the writer. Fascism is the creed of the most ruthless domination of Society by Monopoly Capital, incurring in various forms loss of democratic rights, repression of free Trade Unions and Working-Class Organisations and loss of artistic, cultural and National freedom. Communism is a philosophy of Social Change; a philosophy that has already been responsible for carrying democratic organisation to the greatest heights ever achieved, and for building a society in which every man and woman, regardless of religion, race, or background has equal and limitless opportunities for development. The distinction between the two is surely evident to all but the politically ignorant.

Secondly, what do we know about this group of self-confessed “saboteurs,” the following are all self-confessed or obvious.

(1) Their first action in the Union was the issuing of a leaflet under the pseudonym, on the day of the Referendum on I.U.S., containing a mass of lies about Eastern Europe and I.U.S., which N.U.S. reports condemn out of hand.

(2) At first they called themselves the “Nordicans” (somewhat reminiscent of Aryans), now they are “Democrats.”

(3) Their avowed policy is purely negative, anti-Communism. They advocate no co-operation of any kind with communists of any country.

(4) They are anti-I.U.S. This means they oppose, amongst other things, world-wide student co-operation, any active anti-fascism, and any support for colonial students.

The only chance for peace is co-operation of communists and non-communists. They therefore openly propogate a war policy; their methods, their language, their camouflage are reminiscent of one thing, Fascism. When their brethren tried to make a come-back in 1947 the Union gave them their answer.

If we are interested in Peace Security and Democratic Higher Education for all we must beware of all attacks on these aims, no matter under what banner they are made.

Yours, etc., DERYK KELLY.

Dear Sir,

I would like to use the columns of our paper to challenge to a public debate in the Union any one of the Union members who voted against the peace resolution at the A.G.M.

The suggestion that U.N.S.A. sub-committee should become

more active (which is virtually what the resolution states) was justified (a) because of its past inactivity; (b) because of the verbal support that the U.C. have already given to this after a calm discussion.

The only argument used against the resolution was that it was a “communist plot” organised by “prominent communists” (for neither of which charges was one iota of evidence submitted). It is clear that the work suggested would be done by U.N.S.A. committee (there are, I believe, no communists on their committee) under the direction of the U.C. (no communists here either!) How on earth do you start a Bolshevik plot on this basis?

It seems to me that a large section of the audience (predominantly the Medics.) were carried away by the usual rabble-raising claptrap of the Red Bogey. To turn down such a resolution was to admit defeat and just waiting for the next war to commence. Whether, of course, certain sections of the audience were venting their wrath on having had a defeat on a previous resolution is food for thought! but in case these people have a sensible argument I am willing any time to face them in a calm discussion in the R.S.H. and we shall leave it to the student body as a whole to decide who is correct. If this challenge is not accepted, the 185 people who voted for the resolution can rest assured that the other side have no case, in which case it will not be long before U.N.S.A. is active.

Yours, etc., G. W. RHODES.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your article on First Aid in *Union News* on the 9th February, may I heartily endorse the hope expressed for the attendance of a St. John's Ambulance man on a Wednesday afternoon at Weetwood.

I write this in the hope that future Wednesday casualties will have better facilities for treatment than I have experienced myself. On dislocating a shoulder in an inter-departmental game recently, I went to the pavilion expecting (and hoping) to get some attention for it. The Groundsman provided a bandage for a sling, but could do no more than to advise me to wash, change and go to the Infirmary. While not actually rolling on the ground with agony, I had a desire to get the necessary bone replaced in a rather shorter period of time.

The matter was solved for myself with a taxi, but I shudder to think of the time it would take to get medical attention for a more serious injury.

I should like to mention at the same time the eager enthusiasm of the Medics. on my arrival, but will hope their fellow students provide fewer victims for them in the future.

Yours, etc.,  
R. A. MACLACHLAN.

## Litter and Witter

Students began queuing an hour and a half before the start of the A.G.M. on Thursday, February 9th, and for nearly three and a half hours both the Exec. and prospective Presidents waged a battle of wits against a noisy and facetious crowd.

At 12-30, a few patient queuers settled at the door of the R.S.H. balcony. A company of exuberant youths, proclaiming that they were the Engineers, transformed this peaceful scene into a trial of mass strength and endurance. Eventually those less favoured in brawn had to retire to make way for the cave-men.

For half an hour, in the customary manner, mothballs and paper aeroplanes flew over the R.S.H. On the stage a pair of cami-knicks dropped into view “with the compliments of the Secretary.” This was balanced in a few moments by a red herring which gave symmetry to the decor.

Two students volunteered as an Aunt Sally, and were in process of defending themselves w. the President's table when Mr. Large intervened and rebuked the naughty children.

### Enter the Targets.

The Exec. picked their way over squatting figures to the stage and preserved an immovable dignity amid the uproar. The President was heard to say something about “the minimum amount of litter...”, a speech which was followed by a rapid accumulation of salvage on the floor of the house.

It was demanded that the Minutes should be read. Not a word was heard. This is a good method of allowing vociferous hecklers to exhaust some of their stock phrases.

The Treasurer's Report provoked the insatiable curiosity of those who always want to know what is included in the miscellaneous items. One indignant gentleman considered the Union Porters “grossly underpaid.” Another couldn't imagine why the Verse Anthology should be subsidised by the Union to the extent of £179. At one point there was some confusion. The question was “Under ‘Pitches, lorry-hire and seed,’ how much money went to seed?” Treas.: “About £10.” Ques.: “But the total is only £4/6/-.” Treas.:

“The ten pounds refers to weight.”

### Change and Numbers.

Following the discussion on the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Mahabir opened a debate on the virtues of 15 open seats. He said the decision was “not the result of any impulsive urge.” On the contrary, U.C. had discussed it for years. Mr. Singleton thought the discussion had not been long enough—among the students, that is.

A group of aggrieved Medics. complained that when the Referendum was put to the vote, no ballot boxes or notices had appeared in the Medical School. Mr. Holman informed them that as both boxes and notices had been ignored in the Medical School for two days, they were removed on the third. Mr. Mahabir held the Medics. responsible for all their imaginary injustices and appealed to the Union to support the motion on the principle of “one person, one vote.”

The motion was carried amid thunderous cheers. The contingent of Medics. walked out.

Mr. McMenemy's “infallible” voting system was accepted without trouble.

### Peace But Not Plenty.

Mr. Rhodes had an unhappy tussle with the audience in his attempt to interest them in a “Peace Sub-committee,” during which time the President was kept busy reminding speakers that this was not a political discussion. The “Peace Sub-committee” was accused of being a Communist plot and rejected.

Two proposals submitted by Mr. Scott concerning grants: (1) That all grants should be raised to the level of F.E.T.S. grants; (2) that F.E.T.S. grants should be increased in proportion to the rising cost of living. The first was carried unanimously. The second met with some opposition, led by Miss Baker, who appealed to reason in days when everyone is asked to keep down wage demands. Most people agreed and the motion was defeated.

## MARCH FORTH on

MARCH 4th

— to —

THREE BANDS

— at the —

## Rhythm Club Social

NON-STOP DANCING

SPOT PRIZES

1/9

including supper

## SOCIETY NEWS.

### GENERAL SELECTION . . .

When Berwin polls quite well out Wakefield way, and Oxley Hall comes winding home for tea, the weary student plods his homeward way, and leaves the R.S.H./Eng. Lit. House to the Eng. Soc./Soc. Stud. Soc./Art Soc. members and Socrites. Though the verse could not be worse, Socrites and Socritess will make up by expansion what they rather lack in scansion. Actually they are suffering from a slight touch of Election Fever, which they feel must be worked out of their system before they probe the activities of innocent Societies.

### ART FOR U.N's SAKE . . .

After watching Socritess' line of beauty disappearing round the Brotherton, Your Snoop went seeking Hogarth's variety at the Art Soc. meeting, held in Eng. Lit. House on Tuesday, 7th Feb. The speaker was Mr. De Sausmarez, of the newly-formed Fine Arts Dept., and his subject was the relation of technique to subject matter. It was a most illuminating talk, illustrated with pictures borrowed from the Civic Art Gallery, including works by Gilman, Sickert, Stanley Spencer, Augustus John, Piper, and the speaker himself. Mr. De Sausmarez's commentary was lucid and penetrating. It even penetrated Socrites' skull and showed him a new approach to art. Your Snoop, however, is not prepared to give an opinion on the strange creation now occupying valuable wall space in the J.C.R. Mr. De Sausmarez, to Your Snoop's disappointment, did not deal with this topic of common interest, though his discourse lost nothing through this omission.

Of the Art Society Socrites has this to say: considering that the appeal of art is not limited to one particular section of the University as is a Faculty Soc., the small membership of the Art Soc. comes as a surprise. Perhaps, however the establishment of the Fine Arts department will result in an increased membership. A final word to waverers—you don't have to have three legs and five arms to join the Art Soc.

### WHITE MARK, BENTLEY!

Having bidden goodbye to Socrites bent on improving himself if possible in the field of art Socritess betook herself once more to the English Soc. lured by the great attraction of Dr. Phyllis Bentley's talk on the Brontes. Slipping into the

balcony of the R.S.H. your snoopess poked her head over the edge and was immediately filled with a depressing feeling of the wide-wide-open spaces. For the R.S.H. was half-empty, causing Socritess to wonder if it had not been possible for the organisers to procure a smaller room with a cosier atmosphere. (Perhaps the empty 50 seats were for those present in spirit—Socrites). (Mind your own business—Socritess).

Anyway Dr. Bentley nothing daunted gallantly overcame this difficult atmosphere and charmed her listeners with her address on a subject to which she has devoted much of her time and which is obviously dear to her heart.

Introducing all the information about the Brontes which modern research had brought to light, she showed how their peculiar genius was the result of the combination of their Celtic emotional qualities (from their Irish father and Cornish mother) with their dour Yorkshire upbringing, acted upon by the feeling of persecution and inferiority which permeated the lives of Charlotte, Bramwell, Emily and Anne. Dr. Bentley also interested the English Soc. with incidental pieces of information, hitherto unknown to the majority, such as the wild youth of the Rev. Pat Bronte. Also much appreciated by the audience were her descriptive remarks on the Yorkshire character, including "sensible, robust . . . dour . . . fond of brass!"

Socritess gave this meeting her blessing, but hoped that the echoing R.S.H. hadn't given Dr. Bentley the shivers too. Brr!

### SOCRITES and SOCRITESS say

"Sack Soc. Stud. Soc. Sec!"

On Tuesday, February 14th, Socritess, closely followed by her tame mongoose (I say!—Socrites) (Don't use first person—Ed.), slipped with practised skill into the balcony of the R.S.H. To Socrites great amusement she contrived to smite herself smartly on the face with a tip-up seat, and her success left nothing to be desired, apart from a fresh steak. Then Socritess drew her counterpart's attention to a small group of people sitting in the area. Closer investigation revealed that this was the Social Studies Society holding a Brains Trust. Very much doubting whether the committee had any brains to trust in choosing the R.S.H. for such a small meeting, your Humble Scribes remained to listen.

## PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES.

The Presidential Candidates suffered a foretaste of the biggest nightmare in a President's existence!

Mr. McMenemy's "obvious choice," Mr. Holman, took an elegant stand to present his "domestic" policy, which included an extension of social and athletic activities (through Union Saturday-night hops and bigger and better sports grounds), and an attempt to bring staff and students into a relationship sufficiently intimate to start some co-operation in the formation of curricula.

After giving someone the impression that by a "capacity for reasoning" he meant "wind-bag," Mr. Khusro introduced Mr. Singleton, who allowed few hecklers to get away with an unchallenged remark. His chief aim would be to establish contact between students of varying interests and not to over-emphasise sporting activities at the expense of social and cultural societies.

In reply to many disparaging comments, he denied that his political activities would in any way mar his impartiality.

Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Scott Milligan enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Mr. Metcalfe became involved in a technical discussion on his candidate's boxing abilities. His car and "imposing moustache" were mentioned as invaluable assets.

Mr. Scott-Milligan began: "I am an individual . . ." (cheers) and based his policy on the needs of the individual student—food, drink and comfort. Better menus and service are needed in the Refectories. He would install more subdued lighting in the Bar and build "a small alcove!" (cheers). A lawn should be grown outside the Union. He gave his full support to Societies and Athletics.

Mr. Hodges appeared without his beard to propose Mr. West and praise his impartiality to sectional interests. Mr. West tried superior vocal strength as yet another method of quelling the multitude. His policy aimed at a fuller and more efficient interchange of information between students, U.C. and Societies, and encouragement of Medics, to participate in Union life. Furthermore, he supported the proposed constitutional changes in U.C. and thought that N.U.S. could profitably stay in I.U.S. to prevent it becoming "a student cominform."

After the combined A.G.M. and Presidential Candidates Meeting, no-one was sufficiently comfortable to ask any more questions.

### "A Hole in the Curtain?"—continued from page 2.

of Leeds, Mr. Shaliapin on behalf of the students of the U.S.S.R., and Mr. Grohman for I.U.S., pledged themselves to forge a unity of students for peace and

friendship. Mr. Peshlak announced that arrangements were being made with B.N.U.S. for a British student delegation to visit the U.S.S.R.

THE BOOK CENTRE OF THE NORTH

# Sadlers Bookshops LTD.

**STUDENTS' TEXT BOOKS**

**DUPLICATING**

**UNIVERSITY STATIONERY**

201, WOODHOUSE LANE  
LEEDS Tel. 22236  
& AT 6, COUNTY ARCADE, BRIGGATE, LEEDS

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

Probably the most hard-fought battle in the Leeds league this season was that between University No. 1 and Victoria, in which the University were narrowly defeated 4-6. The man of the match was undoubtedly Sellars, who beat Yorkshire County players Thompson and Park, in games containing many brilliant rallies. It was unfortunate that no other member of the team could follow his example, and thus enable us to take a point from mighty Victoria, the league leaders.

Apart from the 1st team, only No. 6 of the University teams has had any success this year, winning all their matches so far.

Congratulations to Manning, who has played well enough to win the Club Handicap Tournament, held this week. This is a good omen for next year, as he is in his first year at the University.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

Leeds v. Manchester University.

Manchester, by systematic forward play, had the greater part of the game, and used their centre-half entirely as an attacking player. In the first half, it soon became evident that Leeds were the slower of the two. A goal from a short corner gave Manchester the lead, which was later equalised by Vincent. A second goal from Manchester soon came, followed by another in the second half. Vincent reduced the lead again, but the third one would not come. Lack of method in the forwards and the persistence of two defenders attacking one man were the main faults from the Leeds point of view.

RIFLE CLUB.

The University team decisively beat Sheffield on February 18th, thus avenging a previous defeat. It appears that the team is once again approaching its old form, as an average of 97 was obtained. But it is significant that they always shoot best immediately after a Ball in the Union! The team is to go down to London shortly to shoot in the U.A.U. Championships, and are confident of Victory.

The first round of the Club competition is now completed, and the second ends on Feb. 25th.

SPORTS & GAMES

FOOTBALL  
HOCKEY  
BADMINTON

SPORTS CLOTHES  
and  
FOOTWEAR  
SKATES

Thorntons  
Briggate, Leeds, 1.

SPORTS NOTES

EDITORIAL.

First of all, congratulations to the Women's Swimming team, who soundly defeated Liverpool... good show, girls.

Secondly, to turn to more serious talk. Anybody want a job, starting as soon as possible, to learn the intricacies of the Sports Column, with a view to taking over next year? Previous experience not desirable, all that is required is the ability to divide by 35 (number of words to the inch), and a free Sunday morning now and then. (I can foresee all sorts of comments to that). Also required for the Summer term, some enthusiast on cricket, willing to do a spot of reporting on the more important matches. At the present moment the Sports Page is a one-man effort, and it's Finals this year, so if there is some kind-hearted person, let him, or her, come along to the office and be welcomed with open arms. And while we are on the subject of the Summer term, don't forget that the Athletics Club activities are starting towards the end of this term. Their first meeting will be held on the last Saturday, March 18th. There will only be one more issue of Union News before Easter, and I would like, if possible, to devote the Sports Column to a brief resumé of all the Winter Clubs' activities, their achievements or otherwise. So, secretaries, if you do read this page, how about it? Played, won, lost and drawn, and any highlights of the season, that's all I want.

MEN'S BOAT CLUB.

The weather over the last few weeks has not been ideal for training, but with the selection of the University crews after the Inter-Faculty races, plenty of enthusiasm is being shown.

Two "Eights" are in regular training, and a third is often on the water. Also, many of the "Fours" are showing great promise—the first "Four" being fortunate in having only one change from last year, namely Spencer at No. 3, and he is fitting into the crew very well.

The first "Eight" still lacks the cohesion that it must attain before it can reach good racing form. However, the best cure for that is mileage and Sunday outings at York certainly fill the bill. On February 5th they rowed up to Nun Monkton in company with a York City "Eight," and spent a convivial lunch-hour at the "Alice Hawthorne." On the way back they did a three mile row in under 15 minutes. The crew has great possibilities, having plenty of power, and at times, usually when Coach is in charge, the boat starts to run well, and a good turn of speed results.

The first fixture is on March 4th, at Chester, where the first and second "Eights" row against Liverpool. On March 11th, the Club will be well represented in "Eights," "Fours" and Sculls at York Spring Regatta, and on March 25th, the "Eights" are rowing in Chester, Head of the River Race.

CRICKET CLUB.

Perhaps cricket should not be mentioned at the height of the Rugby and Soccer seasons, but owing to the fact that the season starts at the very beginning of next term, it must be understood that all arrangements will have to be completed before the end of this term. A notice has been posted in the Union, near the entrance to the Riley-Smith Hall, and it would be appreciated if all students who intend to participate in University cricket this season would sign this, indicating their particular ability and previous experience in the appropriate columns.

Practice nets will be put up during the latter part of the Easter vacation, details of which will be posted later. Several organised practices will also be arranged and members are asked to attend as often as possible in order to simplify the task of team selections.

BADMINTON CLUB.

After three defeats at the beginning of term the team has now settled down, and results have been more encouraging. We look forward to continued success till the end of the season.

Results.

Jan. 30 v. Carnegie	Mens	Won 5-4
Feb. 1 v. Hull U.C.	Mixed	Won 6-3
Feb. 2 v. Oakwood	Mixed	Lost 5-4
Feb. 4 v. Sheffield	Mens	Won 7-2
Feb. 11 v. Torridon	Mi	Won 5-4
Feb. 13 v. St. Dunstan's	Mens	Won 9-0

NETBALL CLUB.

Although the season was begun with a larger membership than ever before, the successes have not been as good as expected. The 1st team has had a disappointing first term, but the 2nd team has enjoyed a little more success.

This term so far both teams have improved considerably, and only one match has been lost. Perhaps the greatest achievement was the victory over Liverpool, runners up for the Northern Universities Championship, and winners of this year's rally. We hope to maintain this standard against our old rivals Manchester, and improve our record in the W.I.V.A.B. matches.

SOCCER CLUB.

At last the Soccer Club has beaten Manchester in the Christie—by a single goal scored by Bayles in the first half. With the help of a strong wind Leeds attacked persistently, and in the second half, defended well to keep Manchester at bay. This successful run of Wednesday victories was maintained by the defeat of Hull U.C. by two goals to one. The last two Saturdays, however, with a much weakened side, resulted in two defeats—5-0 to Carlton, and 3-1 to Swillington, our old rivals. The second team has also experienced diverse fortunes, beating Hull easily 4-0, but losing to Manchester 2-0, and to Beeston Amateurs 4-2. The third team has kept up its run of wins by defeating Old Thornsians in the first round of the White Trophy by 8-2.

The first team now needs only one point to win the Christie Cup outright from the home match against Liverpool, who have already been beaten by Leeds once this season. They are still a very strong side, and as much support as possible will be needed from the touch-line on March 1st at Weetwood.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

The W.I.V.A.B. final against Bristol at Birmingham on February 11th was lost by two goals to nil. In spite of the result, it was the best game we have played this season. When full-time was reached there was still no score, and an extra ten minutes each way gave Bristol one very good goal and a second which was accidental. Leeds played as though inspired, and the forwards were unlucky not to score, but the Bristol team appeared neater and played a cleaner game.

Bentley, Hoggerty, Merrill and Jones have been selected to play for Northern Universities on February 25th at Liverpool, and Lovell and Watson are selected as reserves.

The Women's Northern Universities Championship Cup has been received from Manchester to be held by Leeds for one year.

BEER!

TETLEY

LEADS

THE BREWERY

LEEDS