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# UNION NEWS



## LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

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# STAY IN I.U.S.!

THE report of the N.U.S. delegation to the Sofia Council Meeting of the I.U.S. has recommended a "continuation of our membership." The report is signed by the President of the N.U.S., Mr. Bonney Rust, the President elect, Mr. S. K. Jenkins, and the General Secretary, Mr. D. Mayer. A minority report, issued by Mr. R. Blumenau recommends disaffiliation, but continued participation in practical activities with students from abroad.

The delegation criticised many of the activities of the I.U.S., and in particular the partisan political nature of some of the I.U.S. policy statements. These criticisms are in line with the Executive statement on I.U.S. which was published in the June issue of *Student Chronicle*.

### N.U.S. ATTACKED...

At the Sofia Meeting the N.U.S. was attacked by colonial delegates on its attitude to the problems of Colonial students, and the Indian delegates deplored the attitude of Mr. Jenkins during his recent debating tour of India. He was accused of being unsympathetic to the problems of Indian students, and of having made no contact with the official student body in India, the All India Student Federation.

### ...BUT MADE SOME PROGRESS...

In several cases, however, the determined stand made by N.U.S. on certain resolutions resulted in a modification of the tone of the resolutions. A report on sporting

activities which referred to the ideological implications of sport was vigorously opposed by the British delegates, and their stand was supported by the Chairman of the I.U.S. Sports department, as a result of which the report was referred back for re-drafting. The spirit of compromise evident in the drafting of the main resolution resulted in an agreed formula being arrived at which was acceptable to the majority of delegates, including our own.

### ...AND HOPE FOR MORE.

The N.U.S. delegates consider that they had an influence out of all proportion to their numbers at the Council, and that if other student unions with similar views to our own can be encouraged to affiliate to I.U.S. we shall be able to do much to modify the I.U.S. bias. They stress that we shall still be in a minority, but that as the alternatives are either to form a new international student body, or retire into isolationism, we should remain affiliated and work from within I.U.S. to make it more representative.

## TURMOIL and TERPSICHORY.

ALL last week the Entertainments Secretary was observed wearing a harassed expression and rushing about in several directions at once. A lot of other people have also been rushing about. The two-things were not unconnected; Mr. Renny was working on the Union Ball; the other people were working on partners for same.

Last Friday, anyone hanging about the Union found themselves conscripted into doing some heavy furniture shifting; the Union Committee, to the wonderment of all, was actually seen doing some work; and coloured paper and assorted greenery began to appear on notice-boards and staircases. The battle was about to commence.

### Identification Parade.

The proceedings started with a reception and dinner at which past presidents were presented with medallions. The reception for the "hoi-polloi" was scheduled to begin at 8-45; but to the horror of quite a lot of people, it did not take place until about five past nine, so that many who had carefully planned to arrive after the reception found themselves being announced by Mr. Large and shaking hands with the President and the S.V.P. Which was a wonderful opportunity to see who had come with whom.

### String and Shrubbery.

The Riley-Smith was festooned with flowers, and two huge silver spider's webs hung from the ceiling. The balcony had a heavy curtain of shrubbery, suspended in a wonderful arrangement of string, from behind which a mysterious blue light shone forth. In fact, the lighting arrangements was one of the best features of the Ball.

### At Last.

Mr. Renny, in a pretty white dinner jacket (borrowed, rumour hath it, from Mr. Berwin) welcomed one and all, Tommy Sampson and his orchestra began to play, and the President and the S.V.P. beat the rest of the dancers onto the floor by a short

head. Not that a lot of people stayed there very long; for after the first dance the words for which so many had been waiting so thirstily for so long were uttered—"The Union Bar is now being opened." And this time it was **not** a rumour.

### Songs and Sardines.

At half-past ten, Mr. Sampson and his merry men retired, and the Union band, augmented by Mr. Collier who appeared suddenly in Leeds some days earlier, took over. And a little later, Mr. Pearson, who manages the band, was seen wandering about with a wide grin on his face; for (whisper it not in Gath) many people thought that his band was better than that of the famous Mr. Sampson.

By this time, supper had started in the caf. and the J.C.R. (that the latter was not available for the usual activities caused disappointment in several quarters) and people were reinforcing themselves with sardines, cream cakes, and caf. coffee. Tommy Sampson had two more sessions and the home team also played again. The Bar was approved, the captain of the rugby team won a leg show for men, and the atmosphere became slightly torrid.

### Finale.

Two o'clock, the last waltz, taxis, and exhaustion all came roughly at the same time. The front of the Union took on the appearance of City Square at 5 p.m., and the lonely cry of the taximan calling to his fare echoed through the building. Opinions about the whole affair are not yet available (this being the morning after the night before). But anyway, the Bar is open.

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### EDITORIAL.

The question of whether or not N.U.S. should or should not disaffiliate from I.U.S. has now been under consideration so long that the majority of students are heartily sick of it. We sympathise with this, but we also deplore it. For this question is, for students, one of the most vital matters of to-day.

I.U.S. is obviously a Communist-dominated organisation; publications over the last year, and now the report of the N.U.S. delegation to the I.U.S. Council at Sofia put this beyond all possible doubt. The sole remaining question is, what are we to do about it?

There is one important point which should be stressed. These people who are trying to turn I.U.S. into a student Cominform will in the years to come, be among the leaders of their respective countries; and those whom they influence now will support them in the future.

Disaffiliation, therefore, is both blind and cowardly. Rather we should remain in I.U.S., do everything in our power to persuade those organisations which have already disaffiliated to rejoin and, with them, fight this ever-growing influence.

This cannot be done without the support and co-operation of every student. We have no room here to go into details; the N.U.S. Office will give all the information needed. All we can do is to say to every member of the Union, find out what you can do, then do what you can. A great deal depends on your efforts.

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### BEARDS.

A very noticeable feature of the beginning of this session has been the large increase in the number of beards in and around the Union. The first to be seen (at least by the writer of this note) was hanging from the jaw of Mr. Pengelly. Perhaps the others have been grown in emulation. But does this mean that next Rag will see more people striving to dive from incredible heights into static water tanks? If the two things are connected, maybe the authorities will stop the growing of beards as well.

### MAKING IT EASIER.

At the last U.C. Meeting, the G.A.S. proudly announced that some new Rugger posts had been acquired and were now in position. Later information from the President of the Union is to the effect that these posts are (to use his own word) "skew-whiff." May we suggest that it was this that resulted in the Medics' black day a week last Wednesday, when all three of their teams were beaten?

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

That evening meals can be obtained in the New Refec. is generally considered to be a Good Thing. Unfortunately, the system depends on a sufficiently large number of people taking advantage of the facility. To maintain the amenity requires an average attendance of 150 to 200 people per evening. At the moment the average is somewhere in the region of 90. So, if you think that someday you may want a hot meal round about 5-30, you'd better go along and try a few samples.

### EXPLANATIONS, PLEASE.

It is reported on the best authority that the President of the Union was recently heard to suggest to the Editor of what the *Illustrated London News* would call "our esteemed contemporary" (i.e., *The Gryphon*), that as well as printing modern poetry, an explanation of same

should also be included. But then, the President is only a bio-chemist.

### BURNING THE CANDLE.

The new lighting system in the Caf. in honour of the Union Ball was very nice. But few people can know how much discussion went into the organising thereof. The original suggestion was candles, but this was vetoed on the grounds that they were too liable to set the place on fire, and would make the atmosphere too stuffy (though that would seem to be impossible considering how inured everybody must be by this time). The decision to use lamp-shades was only taken after a great deal of argument, a graphic description of a bayonet connection by the J.V.P., a brilliant exposition of how the lights could be hauled up and down by the President, heart-rending prayers on the part of the Entertainments Sec., and the calling-in of one of the more striking of our lady Freshers to act as artistic expert. Which all goes to show that the Union authorities do look after your welfare to the best of their ability.

### I.S.W.

Any students wishing to help in collecting, or in any other aspect of International Students' Week, are asked to get in touch with Miss Mary McGrail in the N.U.S. Office forthwith. Collectors are reminded that International Students' Week has nothing to do with private enterprise.

### INFECTON.

At the beginning of term, Mr. Fountain was frequently seen making a stately progress in the environs of the Union seated on a very large motor-cycle. But alas! the latest information is that the motor-cycle is now reposing in a garage due to some fault over which Mr. Fountain has no control. Perhaps the trouble was caused by infection from Mr. Scott-Milligan's car.  
PETE.

## SOAP-BOX SERMONS.

By winning two prizes in the Public Speaking Competition held on October 18th, Mr. Green proved that a speech with a serious motive could also be humorous. His subject was, "Falling in love is wonderful." Man is the denaturalised victim of "cinema love," or the happy participant in "ideal married love." No-one, we are warned, is immune, for even St. Francis fell in love—with religion. It was a rare example of a humorous sermon, at which Union members were an attentive congregation. On the whole, however, it cannot be said that there was any brilliant oratory, though many speeches displayed great ingenuity.

Mrs. Brightmore, who won second prize, offered a topical suggestion for an English national costume, consisting of a "sheepskin coat to ward off the economic blizzard; and tight trousers for going slow," all in a drably uniform colour. Mr. Emerson's startlingly ironic speech in favour of the motion that "Christian philosophy should form the basis of all political creeds" won him third prize.

First year speakers did not set a high standard. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Rhodes, whose language on the subject of Christian philosophy contained much of the glib phraseology of the Marxist. And whereas the second prize winner, Mr. Harmshaw, had a sufficiently good argument, his presentation failed to be arresting.

Another first year speaker, Mr. Brown, evidently a scientist, played the impudent comedian in proving that "The woman-hater or the tea-totaller is only half a man." Such a being, he said is "an incomplete biological specimen" who suffers from the growth of a membrane over his eyes "which prevents proper perversion of the eye-sight."

It may interest readers to know that both the President of the Union and the Chairman of Debates are superstitious. Mr. Berwin, though not a contestant, was called upon to persuade us conclusively that "Falling in love is wonderful," in order to make the total number of speakers 14.

The judges were Lady Ogilvie, Professor Orton, and Professor Happold. The prizes were presented by Lady Ogilvie.

## MEMORIAL FUND.

A Memorial Fund to the late C. R. Baron, B.Sc., who was killed in a road accident last term has been opened. Books on the subject in which he was particularly interested are to be bought with it for the Medical School library.

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## MUSIC

The first event of importance in the term as far as University music is concerned was the recital given by the Amadeus String Quartet in the Great Hall on October 19th. They played a very well balanced programme of string quartets, the first being by Matthew Locke, a 17th century composer. Next came the dramatic Quartet by Verdi, while "sentimental" is the best word to describe the Schubert Quartet which completed the programme. The standard of playing was excellent, and we can only hope that this young Quartet will pay us another visit very soon.

Our old friends of the Y.S.O. are on top of their very reliable form this term. As was to be expected, their concert with the mighty Beecham was a tremendous success, both musically, and, says he with his eye on the City rates, financially. The Popular Concert which had taken place the previous Sunday was also a success—financially at any rate.

This year, however, we are to be entertained (I hope) by another orchestra—the Northern Philharmonic, which mercifully retired from the Leeds musical scene about two years ago. Now it has re-appeared and gave its first concert on October 15th. In all fairness it must be said that this is an amateur orchestra—as I was told at the concert, "They play for the fun of it." The answer to that is, "Are we, the audience, going to get much fun out of it," and on the showing of the first concert, the reply must be, "Not much." While it is true that they have improved since the last time I saw them, there was a lot of indifferent playing. Perhaps "spineless" describes the general effect, although the violins worked hard and were the most efficient part of the Orchestra. The best part of the evening was Cyril Smith's performance of the

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## Odds and Ends

The first meeting of the Union Committee this session was mainly concerned with a large number of minor matters. The only two important points on the agenda, criticism of the N.U.S., and the long-drawn out question of whether N.U.S. should or should not disaffiliate from I.U.S. were left to be dealt with until the next Committee meeting. By then, a meeting of the Presidents of Northern University Unions will have taken place at Leeds, and the N.U.S. delegation to the I.U.S. Council Meeting will have reported back. For the purpose of considering this report, a special meeting of the U.C. will be held on October 27th, and it is stressed that all Union members are entitled to attend all U.C. meetings.

### Rag, 1950.

It was proposed by Mr. Berwin, and passed, that several changes be made in the setting up and constitution of Rag Committee. The Committee is to consist of a Chairman and four to six secretaries. Each secretary will be in charge of a sub-committee working on one or more aspects of Rag. The Chairman, who will be a non-voting member of U.C., will receive nominations for the positions of secretaries, and his selections from these nominations will be subject to the approval of U.C.

### Chestnut.

Though the Bar is now installed and working, there was still much discussion on details. Miss Atkinson asked that some of the profit made in the Bar at a Ball should go to the faculty concerned. Mr. Johnson explained that the Bar had cost £3,000, and this had to be paid off. Therefore, 75% of the profits will go to the Union and 25% to the Reserve.

Mr. Holman, the G.A.S., made a strong plea for the admittance of non-dancers to the Bar when there is a social. There was much discussion, and at one time it

looked as though tables were going to be set up all round the Union to give various tickets to various categories of people on a Saturday night. However, it was finally decided that, due to the difficulty of separating drinkers from dancers, those who feel the pangs of thirst on a night when there is a social will have to buy a ticket.

### International Students' Week.

Mr. Singleton spoke of plans for International Students' Week (November 10th to 17th). There is to be an exhibition in the Union, and parties from the town, schools, and Trade Unions are to be invited to come and see it. Funds this year are to go to World Student Relief and a students' sanatorium. Mr. Singleton pointed out that this was the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of International Students' Day, and a big effort was to be made.

### Etcetera.

Mr. S. J. Berwin was elected Entertainments Secretary pending the resignation of Mr. Renny, who is going on a tour of New Zealand.

The display of blackboards outside the Union is forbidden without permission from the House Secretary, since most of them are in an advanced state of dilapidation and thus reflect on our good name.

Investigations are to be made about returning to Sunday film shows instead of the present Tuesday and Thursday system. Since the films for this term are already booked, the change, if any, will not take place until next term.

It is hoped that music will be transmitted down to the Social Room at Saturday night socials when the necessary technical arrangements can be made.

### Tail-piece.

The Debates Society wrote to Sir Alfred Munnings, asking him to come and talk about modern art. Sir Alfred replied that there was nothing to talk about.

## Arts Festival

The Arts Festival this year will be held at Birmingham from December 30th to January 7th. There are again three different prices—£5/7/6 for admission, accommodation and meals; £2/15/- for admission and meals only; and £1/5/- for admission to all Festival events.

The programme includes the usual ingredients, and also some new ones. In the Drama section, special consideration is to be given to original student work, and there are to be all varieties of musical items; while the Art section is to include stage sets, costume design, architectural plans and models. The new attractions, to be arranged according to demand, are student films, folk dancing, puppet shows, a chess tournament, and jazz sessions.

Arrangements are being made to show non-commercial and foreign films, and to visit a performance by the Arena Theatre group and to hear one professional performance. Informal lectures with discussion will be related to other events in the programme, and celebrities in the artistic world are being invited.

Finally, all students are invited to the Birmingham Guild of Undergraduates New Year's Eve Ball, and there are to be other informal dances.

Registration forms will be arriving in the Union shortly; the last date for registration is December 17th.

### MUSIC—cont.

Brahm's Second Piano Concerto, and the Orchestra's best work came in the first movement of Mendelssohn's Fourth Symphony. Nevertheless, I came away with the definite idea that I really should have gone to see "Annie Get Your Gun."

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# The Dove of Peace

Since Mr. Chapple's open-air speeches, which formed so intrinsic a part of the entertainments provided by (or in spite of) the Union were banned last year, we have had little opportunity of hearing his voice. The S.G.M. held last Thursday, however, provided Freshers with an opportunity of hearing our favourite orator.

## The Motion.

The motion for discussion was "That this S.G.M. requests the Leeds University Union to send a delegate to the British Peace Conference in London on October 22 — 23, 1949, and instructs the Leeds University Union Committee to organise a special meeting of the Union for the delegate to report back and to discuss his report before November 14th, 1949."

Mr. Johnson, who took the chair, asked for a definite proposal in order that the meeting should not develop into a political forum. He was given the above motion, and the meeting then developed into a political forum.

## A New Voice.

Mr. G. Rhodes, who gave us a preview of his abilities and tendencies at the Public Speaking Competition, and on whose shoulders it seems likely that the mantle of Mr. Chapple will fall, told us that everybody is in-

terested in peace, and that there is a gulf between East and West, which might easily lead to a third World War. The discovery by Russia of the atom bomb has resulted in an acceleration of the arms race and a decrease in the social services.

We then learnt what good types students are, being foremost in the fight against Fascism, and belonging to one of the most enlightened sections of the population. Followed a claim that the Peace Conference has no political affiliations, and that it is something the country really needs.

## An Old Voice.

Mr. Chapple maintained that the purpose of the Conference is to formulate a peace policy, and that the time is ripe for the formation of a party to fight for peace. He then went into a somewhat involved discourse on what such a delegate should say, was checked twice for irrelevance, and ended up by stressing that the delegate's vote should be subject to ratification by a meeting of students.

## Opposition.

Mr. P. McMenemy said that the meeting should never have been called, but that the matter should have gone through U.C. The question as to what had actually happened in this matter then formed the subject of a

three-cornered fight between Mr. Johnson, Mr. Chapple, and Mr. McMenemy, while the latter tried to tell us that nine of the sixteen people who had called the Conference were Communists and that the real purpose of the Conference was to form a political platform.

Mr. Mahabir asked who was to elect the delegate and who was to give the mandate. Mr. Chapple said that the election should be by this meeting, the U.C., or the Exec. The delegate should vote as he thinks fit, and then report back.

## Amendment and Result.

Mr. Singleton pointed out that it would be impossible for the meeting to mandate a delegate to speak to any effect or put forward any constructive proposals, and suggested that an observer should be sent. The proposers of the motion agreed to the amendment and, as the witching hour of two o'clock was drawing near, the vote was taken, and the usual mixture of stamping, clapping, and muffled oaths broke out as it was announced that the amended motion had been carried by 135 to 81.

Since there was not a quorum left at the end of the meeting, the Exec. later selected Mr. Michael Bampton and Miss Rosemary Norris to attend the Conference as observers.

## What's on THE FLICKS ?

Last year the newly-formed Film Society held several successful shows on Sunday evenings. This year the experiment of showing during the week is being tried. A good start was made by showing that minor masterpiece and British Film Academy winner, "Odd Man Out." This was followed last Thursday by "The Overlanders" and this week Sir Laurence Olivier's version of "Henry V" is being screened.

That the films chosen so far happen to be British is part of no subtle plan for advertising what superior merits British films are alleged to possess, but is largely accidental. The list of future films makes it clear that the Society has quite rightly chosen from the international rather than national angle and has regarded entertainment as a legitimate aim of the film. Chaplin appears in his early style, when he was content to be a comedian and left preaching to others. These early Chaplin shorts will contrast and underline the subtle humour of René Clair's "Italian Straw Hat" in this programme promised for November 15th. That bad film but good opera "The Barber of Seville" with Tito Gobi, is promised for November 8th.

A.G.

## PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The meeting of the Presidents of Northern University Unions mentioned in our report on the U.C. meeting took place in the Union on October 15th. Presidents from Manchester, Birmingham, Hull, Leicester, Newcastle, and Sheffield attended.

There were three items on the agenda. The first, criticism of N.U.S., resulted in a decision to approach N.U.S. to set up an *ad hoc* committee to investigate

decentralisation.

The second item, discussion of means to facilitate transport of athletics teams between the northern Universities, showed that such a system would take much organisation, and would probably not become effective for two or three years.

Finally, it was decided that meetings of a similar nature should be organised in the future, if only to maintain contact.

## STUDENT SONGS

### No. 1.

Facts about faculties are dull  
And tales of fails are duller.  
Let's turn our backs on thirst for facts  
And drink our fill the fuller.  
For where's the good of a Government grant  
If a chap can't grasp essentials?—  
(Essentials such as a tapering waist  
Or the hang of a girls' credentials)—  
For we're the types of the old school tie,  
And we're jolly sure we know, sah!  
That the way to tackle a problem best...  
Is to scrutinise it closah.  
So if we're seen in the J.C.R.  
More often than is gallant  
We're helping out this cockeyed world  
By the use of all our talent.  
So tell the boards that grudge our grants,  
If they should think of preaching,  
We don't intend to waste our chance.  
We're learning AND we're teaching.

## Britain between East & West

Dr. Olaf Stapledon, the distinguished writer and philosopher, was the speaker at the first meeting of the Socialist Society. His subject was "Britain between East and West."

Dr. Stapledon saw a dialectical process at work, in which the thesis was liberal individualism, as represented to-day by the United States, and the antithesis the extreme social discipline of totalitarianism. He did not believe that there was a true comparison between the herd instinct which developed under Nazi Germany and the social discipline imposed in the U.S.S.R., but he felt that the generous impulse of the Russian Revolution may have been corrupted and that comradeship could easily degenerate into mere gregariousness. He felt that in Britain we had the opportunity of synthesising all that was best in these two opposing forces, for historical conditions have been such as to modify the bitterness of the class war in this country and moderation and tolerance are part of the British tradition.

## Present Events.

Referring to recent events in this country, Dr. Stapledon said that the election of the Labour Government in 1945 was an expression of the will of the people for social justice. The Government had begun to make changes in the social structure of the country but they had not yet succeeded in achieving Socialism, and had made the mistake of relying too much on aid from America. He thought Western Union an excellent idea—but what a tragedy for Europe that it had to be introduced under the aegis of American capitalism. By their lack of the courage to be Socialist in their Foreign Policy the Government had lost much of the goodwill which we once enjoyed in Europe. Dr. Stapledon deplored the Government's close alignment in Foreign Policy with the U.S.A. and said that if we had made a determined stand for independence from America he felt that our people would have been willing to make the necessary sacrifices which would have been the price of that independence. Had we taken this course in 1945 we might have checked the growth of the Cold War.

"The Searchlight of History is on Britain now," he continued. The contribution which Britain must now make in evolving as an independent Socialist state will decisively affect the question of war and peace.

## Question Time.

Answering questions, Dr. Stapledon said that in the event of a war he would defend Britain against any attacker—America or Russia. Taken to task by Mr. Scott for saying that he would defend Britain in any circumstances—would he defend Fascist Britain? Dr. Stapledon said that he would fight against Fascism in this country.



## FRESH OPINION.

*We had intended to give a more or less factual report of the Freshers' Conference which took place on the three days previous to the opening of this term. However, on looking into our little box downstairs, we found the following article by a Fresher. Since we think that this is much more interesting than anything we could ever have written, we decided to print it instead of writing a report ourselves. We hope that the organisers of the Conference won't mind.*

This year's new students have been let loose on the right foot, thanks to an innovation sponsored by the Union Committee. Old soaks—and I use this term advisedly—may well look upon us with envy. Unlike students of previous years, we were introduced, before studies began, to the intricacies of University life—such things as the Brotherton, how to tackle a refectory meal, or Professor Durward. This latter gentleman, in satiric vein, soon dispelled many fears.

### The Unanswered Question.

Most of the time was divided between talks, discussions and coffee. The discussions were lively, but it was noticed that these were the only times the ladies could be relied upon for silence. Despite many most enlightening speeches, however, the main question, why come to a University at all, still remains in doubt in many minds—especially those of the staff.

### Dining and Dancing.

Faculty dinners, held on Friday evening, proved less of an ordeal than many had feared. Indeed, some developed into orgies of humour, paralleled only by the excellent excerpt from "It's Rag Time" presented to us the following evening. Saturday's Freshers' Social showed that many of the "new boys" were not as fresh as might have been hoped, for, until supper was announced, wallflowers were all too numerous. The President of the Union, however, showed his powers of leadership throughout the whole proceedings, starting the dancing with a very able demonstration of how to do a Viennese Waltz to quick-step rhythm. This was looked upon with suspicion by the V.C., who proceeded to do a slow fox-trot to same. The evening was rounded off with the University war cry, though many freshers were astonished when Mr. Johnson attempted to emulate an air-borne starfish.

### Guide to the Union.

On Sunday afternoon we were introduced to the Union Exec. Mr. Bampton gave a graphic account of Union geography and drainage, and further complained about the quality of Union coffee,

though few Freshers saw any grounds for complaint (They soon will—Ed.). The ladies were informed that in the Union, apart from slacks and fur coats, there is next to nothing they must not wear. Mr. Morgan of the Gymnasium Keep Fit Section and Dr. Still of the Student Health Services then proceeded to vie with each other for our custom with such convincing eloquence that many Freshers are uncertain in which direction their loyalties lie.

The conduct of the initiated students at such functions was, at first, rather a shock. But showing a keen desire and ability to assimilate learning, Freshers were soon stamping their feet with the old hands. Much else was learned during the three days, and a lasting lesson will be drawn from the fact that both Messrs. Durward and Morris stoutly upheld the tradition of no Leeds University prof. ever having turned up to a lecture without his trousers.

The whole show was a huge success from everyone's point of view, and I should like to say to the organisers and helpers, on behalf of all Freshers, a very big "Thank-you."

## MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

Through the courtesy of the Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospitals Board, it will be possible, during the next three or four weeks, for every Leeds University Student to have a Chest X-Ray photograph taken.

The Unit is to work in Room 101 in the University building between Nov. 14th and 25th. Its services are available to all students. They are entirely free and voluntary, and the results are completely confidential.

This opportunity of getting inside information about your heart and lungs will not be repeated this session, and all students are strongly urged to complete the application forms that are being circulated during the present week, and to hand

Dear Sir,

In the past it has been the policy of the **Union News** to send reporters to Society meetings, or to accept reports from Society members, and to make up a "round-up" column.

I believe that this is to be the policy in the future, and should like to suggest a change.

Why not appoint a Society Critic, free to visit any Society meeting he chooses and free to make any comments he thinks fitting?

"Critic" could be appointed on a terminal or monthly basis—or on any basis suited to the supply of reporters offering themselves for the job.

I put this proposal forward on several grounds. Short, factual reports of meetings tend to be arid, are seldom read with interest by anyone not strongly connected with the Society reported, and seldom reflect the true tenor of the meeting. In this there is no stimulus to Societies and there is being created no touchstone of what constitutes a "good" meeting.

Yours faithfully,

PHILIP H. TAYLOR.

(We are quite willing to do this. Wanted, some Society critics. Mr. Taylor?—Ed.)

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Dear Sir,

Every day Union members find themselves stuck in longer queues and embedded in more crowded passages. They must marvel at the demand for Higher Education. If you can find a vacant seat at 1 p.m. you can be proud of yourself—and you are far luckier than most. Yet we have paid four guineas for this year, or some such proportional levy, to use the Union. Who are these people who share our utilities?

them in to Mr. Bourn, Clerk to the Union on or before October 31st.

There is no doubt that Mass Radiography is one of the most effective of the available agencies for the prevention of serious lung disease, and an enlightened community will not neglect to make the fullest possible use of it. In Leeds University, this should mean one hundred per cent. acceptances. For further information, enquire at the Student Health Department, next to the Union. **Complete your application form now!**

## "...ABOUT IT, AND ABOUT"

Chief competitors for lunch-time amenities are some of the 3,399 other students here. All nice people like yourself. Next there are the 'Varsity employees. They are nice people too, though they don't pay Union fees. They believe they are entitled to use the Union. A secretary from the Engineering Department explained to me that she didn't like to ask about fees in case she found she couldn't come in at all.

Visitors, in theory, should account for the rest. A Medic. told me that he had always signed for guests he brought in, even at lunch time. He felt that he was just about unique in this respect. On most days no other names appeared in the book. Obviously the majority of guests are not signed in.

Finally come those who use the Union for their own and on their own. They do not belong to the University but find it convenient for lunches, etc. Some don't even buy the **Union News**. The Yorkshire Ladies and the Pud School have many uninvited representatives here each day. Whilst individually they are nice people they constitute, *en masse*, a great burden to the strained resources of the Union, which was built to serve only 1,500 students.

The Refectories, too, suffer much from these quarters. Their solvency and adequacy would benefit if these outsiders were excluded.

The only answers I have had offered are, raise the price of, say, coffee, for those not holding Union cards; and hold periodic identity checks. Such measures are needed not just for the sake of individual comfort. After all, besides causing congestion, these outsiders may lose us our club licence.

Yours faithfully,

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# THE BREWERY LEADS TETLEY BEER!

What about it Sports representatives, or aren't you interested? If not, others may be.

Nothing received.

BASKETBALL CLUB.

Nothing received.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

Nothing received.

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.

Nothing received.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

Nothing received.

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Nothing received.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

Nothing received.

RIFLE CLUB.

Nothing received.

SOCCER CLUB.

Nothing received.

NEWS OF OTHER CLUBS.

Nothing received.

Nothing received.

### HENLEY HUNDRED.

For the first time in the history of Leeds University Boat Club, an "eight" is being sent to Henley Royal Regatta, the premier rowing event of the world. At the last H.R.R. a "four" was sent, and although not successful, it made a very favourable impression on rowing men there. This is an occasion when Leeds is competing against Oxford and Cambridge, and it is essential that we have the same opportunity for training. We have a coach this year who has coached at Henley for over twenty-five years and last year

Results to going to Press :  
1st XI v. New Leeds Ladies  
Won 12-1  
2nd XI v. Liverpool U. 2nd XI  
Won 3-1  
"A" XI v. Heckmondwike  
Old Girls Lost 3-1  
Union.

The season has opened with a very welcome influx of keen and talented new members to swell the number of the faithful to over eighty. We do thank all members most sincerely for the way in which they have attended trials and initial practices, and for submitting so patiently to our well-intentioned, though rather arbitrary, selection and "persuasion." Their patience and co-operation will help us greatly in our efforts to keep up this record membership throughout the season.

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

The ever-increasing numbers of students wishing to take advantage of some form or aspect of sport has created a serious problem of over-crowding in all the major Sports Clubs of the University. Only a certain number of teams can be run by each Club, due to the difficulty of obtaining fixtures, and (more to the point) the problem of finance. A certain expenditure is thought and hoped that the result would be repeated. Alas for their hopes, for, after a hard and exciting game, the University proved victors by 19 pts. to 11. Bradford Salem provided some tough opposition the following Saturday, but were beaten 14-5. Last Saturday's game against the Keighians was selected to play for a University team? This year an increasing number of Sports Clubs have started Inter-departmental games, under the guidance of Mr. W. Bale of the Physical Education Department, to cater for the needs of students who are unable to play for the University teams. So far, competitions are organised in Rugby, Soccer, Mixed Hockey, Basketball and Athletics. Each Department has an elected Sports Representative for these games, and all students wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should get in touch with them. All details can be obtained from the Physical Education notice-board in the Union.

### SPORTS PAGE EDITORIAL.

Now that the term is well under way, and practices and trials a thing of the past, we welcome news of Club activities of all kinds, whether team or individual. If we beat Manchester 30-0, or one of the team is selected for higher honours outside the University, we want to know about it—and so do our Readers (we hope). Come, team secretaries, let the pen reign mightier for at least one day before we go to press. Contributions should be placed in the Union News box before 9 p.m. on the Saturday evening before going to press—a good opportunity to combine business and pleasure by supporting the Saturday night "hops"—get rid of your superfluous energy the easy way. Please let us have some news to print, instead of us having to re-hash the same old material time and time again.

### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS.

To turn to successes on the field. So far, all matches have been won, but only after grim struggles. The annual "Blood-bath" against our natural, though friendly, rivals, the Medics, was the first match of the season, and was well attended. This was possibly because the Medics had beaten Northallerton the previous Saturday by 57 pts. to 11, and there were many who thought and hoped that the result would be repeated. Alas for their hopes, for, after a hard and exciting game, the University proved victors by 19 pts. to 11. Bradford Salem provided some tough opposition the following Saturday, but were beaten 14-5. Last Saturday's game against the Keighians was selected to play for a University team? This year an increasing number of Sports Clubs have started Inter-departmental games, under the guidance of Mr. W. Bale of the Physical Education Department, to cater for the needs of students who are unable to play for the University teams. So far, competitions are organised in Rugby, Soccer, Mixed Hockey, Basketball and Athletics. Each Department has an elected Sports Representative for these games, and all students wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should get in touch with them. All details can be obtained from the Physical Education notice-board in the Union.

helped to coach the Olympic "eight." Then the crew must have at least a week of training actually at Henley—of a very strict nature. This costs most Colleges about £300 a crew, but we shall do it for much less, and we intend to raise this money by our own efforts. Hence the "Henley Hundred." If ever you take advantage of any opportunity to contribute to this, you will have the whole-hearted thanks of the Boat Club, and you will be helping to show the colours of the University in an event of great consequence.

The Rugby Club has every reason to congratulate itself on its beginning of term successes, not only on the field of play, but also on the keenness and enthusiasm displayed by its members, both the old stagers and the Freshers. Over one hundred and fifty members signed up on the three registration days, thus greatly increasing the Selection Committee's difficulties in choosing the best teams. Those members who so far have not achieved the recognition they think is due to them—be not discouraged, but remember that the teams ARE chosen from those who turn out regularly for training and practice.

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