

UNION NEWS



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Twopence.

U.C. GETS DOWN TO IT Five Hour Session

The Union Committee sat for five hours at the first lengthy meeting this Session. Mr. Chapple was vehement on the subject of the continued increase in hostel fees. Mr. Sampath called for a greater number of Union Ball tickets, but Mr. Wigglesworth insisted this couldn't be done. The House Secretary gave a too detailed report. Mr. Foster presented plans for the N.U.S. Council, whilst the various sub-committee reports went through unopposed. The President, Mr. Daggett, firmly controlled the meeting and kept the speakers to the point.

Halls' Committees.

The most important point raised at the last committee meeting was the much-discussed problem of student representation on Halls' Committees. Application to the Registrar for student representation has again been refused and the committee have now decided to put the matter before the first S.G.M. on Thursday, October 30th. It was surprising that on a matter so important the Halls' representatives had nothing to say, and even when pressed by the President only the Devon representative, Mr. Hayes, voiced any opinion.

Notes and Votes.

The committee have two important schemes under consideration at present; the possibility of issuing printed lecture notes and the re-allocation of seats on Union Committee. In the former matter a Standing Sub-committee has been formed of the Executive and members of Staff appointed by the Senate. In the latter, a sub-committee of students has been formed. The present system of representation may have been fair when it was instituted, but with the rapid and unequal expansion of the University and the formation of several small hostels, this method is now most inadequate and a scheme based possibly on a faculty basis is now under consideration. The Union Library is also being re-organised this term and a library committee has been set up to deal with the matter.

Union Ball.

The final arrangements for the Union Ball were exhaustively discussed. Dancing will be in the R.S.H. and in the cafeteria, supper will be served in the J.C.R., and an ambitious lighting scheme has been planned. The number of tickets will be limited to 350 (double); several members of the Committee felt strongly that this number increased because of the

larger number of students this Session and the Executive were asked to consider the matter.

House Secretary's Report.

An extensive report was given by the H.S., including plans for new dressing rooms under the stage in the R.S.H., additional offices, possibly by expanding upwards, the installation of more mirrors and better lighting in the Women's Cloakroom. The Rest Room has been re-decorated and fitted out as a First Aid Room. The H.S. also suggested approaching the University Authorities on the subject of borrowing some of the pictures now in the main building. These paintings would brighten up the J.C.R., library, and other rooms. To repeat the old, old story the paging system is being overhauled.

Bar and Barber.

The plans for the Bar and the Barber's Shop are now complete and have only to go before the Union Finance Committee before being presented to the Buildings Priority Committee. The cost of building the Bar (£980) will be met out of the accumulated profits of the cafeteria. The Barber's Shop, costing £500, will be paid for from the annual rent of £50 p.a. from the shop over a period of years.

Resignations.

The resignation of Dr. H. Burton, the late staff representative on U.C. was accepted at the last Union Committee meeting; in his place we welcome Prof. H. Orton. As reported in our last issue Miss Helen Taylor, S.V.P., has had to resign due to pressure of work. Two other resignations were accepted; Mr. W. G. Baines has been called to the Forces and Miss S. Berry resigned.

This latter resignation is particularly unfortunate, since Miss Berry was the only woman member of the Ten Open Seats.

Open Air Politics

The political life of the Union received a sudden well-administered shock when, at lunch time on October 9th, Mr. P. Chapple, taking advantage of the empty crate outside the Union gave a typically pugnacious and courageous speech.

He took as his theme the American drive for markets which has led to increasing insistence on the gearing of British industry to American industry, and the development and utilisation of military and strategic bases throughout the world. He pointed out that the lifting of price controls in America had largely reduced the value of the American loan, whilst the Marshall plan would lead to the building up of the industrial power of Germany and the subordinates of Britain to America.

Mr. Chapple said that communism stood for the independence of one's country, and the struggle is against American capitalism. He castigated the Government for what he called its strongly Conservative tendencies.

The audience of some 200 did not allow the speaker to have it all his own way, and some differing points of view were put forward with pith and urgency.

Staff Student Relation

At the Union Committee on Thursday, Professor Orton was asked to become Academic Staff Representative for the Union Committee in the place of Dr. Burton, who has taken the Chair of Chemistry at King's College of Household and Social Sciences, London. Dr. Burton has served on the U.C. for many years and throughout this period of office has been continually active for

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N.U.S. COUNCIL

The Council of the N.U.S., held three times yearly, is this year taking place at Leeds. The delegates, who represent Universities, Technical Colleges and Training Colleges throughout Britain, will be guests of the Union. Conscious of the implied honour, a full plan has been made to ensure that the Council will be successful in both the official and the formal sense.

It is felt that here is an opportunity for the Union to display once more those qualities of hospitality and friendliness which have become part of its traditions.

Public Speaking Contest

A high standard of oratory was the main feature of the Speaking Contest held on the 14th October. The Competitors delighted the House with sparkling wit and original subject matter. Subjects ranged from Philosophy to the Union Bar.

The House was fortunate in having as Judges Miss Spink, Professor Harvey, and Professor Ruse, who, after careful deliberation, awarded the first prize to Mr. G. A. Over, who spoke against the Motion "That the Fresher is the Lowest Form of University Life." Mr. Over welcomed the Fresher as the one remaining link between the lunacy of the Union and the sane, happy existence of the outside world. He suggested that the real "Low-lives" are the 8th or 9th year Medics., who may have even declined far enough to obtain seats on the Union Committee! As a supreme example of student degeneration, Mr. Over gave a dazzling demonstration of loud ties and brazen pullovers.

The second prize was awarded to Miss Katherine Mills, who strongly championed the cause of the fly, stating its importance in the realms of Science, Food, Psychology, and Economics. Mr. Khan and Mr. Khuro delivered extremely interesting speeches, and they were recommended for consolation prizes.

The Freshers' prizes were won by Miss Joyce Berridge, who advocated Swatting of Flies, and Mr. S. J. Berwin, who, for some reason, did not like the Politics of the *Daily Express*.

A special prize was voted to Mr. Over for, in the opinion of the House, the most entertaining speech. Mr. Daggett, Speaker of the House, solemnly presented him with a large bunny-rabbit.

Mr. Williams proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks to the Judges.

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Editorial

In this issue we have very fully reported the recent Union Committee meeting. This is a departure from the past policy of **Union News**, and we make it because we think it is of paramount importance that full and accurate reports of these meetings should be put before our readers.

The Union now has some three thousand members and a balance sheet totalling nearly £12,000. Its activities range from athletics to debating and from coffee-selling to boat-buying. Controlling these affairs is no easy task and it is entrusted to the Executive Committee, which is responsible to the Union Committee and ultimately to the Union.

This is where **Union News** comes into the picture. Part of our job, as we see it, is to publish these reports so that the ordinary members of the Union may be fully aware of the subjects discussed and the decisions taken—after all, it is their money the Committee is spending!

We also feel that not only should the Union know exactly what goes on at these sessions, but that it should also know who does the work. Often the members of the Committee are not so much interested in business affairs as they are in the social prestige that attaches to the position of Committee Member. If certain names crop up regularly in our reports, it will be because they are the people who are sufficiently concerned and sufficiently active to make their views felt.

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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The next issue of **Union News** will be published on Thursday, November 5th—last day for copy and advertisements October 29th.

This and That**ON TICK!**

Every year the Executive is criticised on its method of distribution of Union Ball tickets, so just to be different, we are told, this year's Exec. spent three days chewing over the problem and finally regurgitated the fantastic yet fair scheme now in operation. On Wednesday, at 6-15 a.m. two people were seen huddled by the Union front door—at 6-30 a.m. the number had grown to seven—at 6-45 a.m. two gentlemen fished out a thermos and paper bag and proceeded to breakfast. By 7 a.m. the rate of increase of length of the queue was becoming a logarithmic function with time, until at 8-45 a.m., when the tickets were sold, there were close on 200 optimists for 80 tickets—the lot of the student is truly harsh.

BUT WHEN...

The time will come, however, when a new 3-storey Refectory is built and both supper and dancing can be held there in addition to the R.S.H. Then there will be room for everything!

PERSUASION.

Ted Wigglesworth appears to have benefited from his vacation "employment" with a certain N.W. coast holiday camp. Never before in the Union have 500 students been persuaded to squat on the Riley-Smith floor and sing with actions "One Finger One Thumb." If he springs this effort on the Freshers, what may we expect for the Union Ball?

HARK! HARK! THE BARK.

For the past three years, House Secretaries have vainly endeavoured to improve the quality (timbre to the educated) of the Union paging system. But there is still hope that one day we shall awake from our contemplation of battered coffee cups to hear Mr. Conroy's voice wafting over the troubled air in the style of Sinatra or Gigli.

TIME FOR BREATHING.

It is rumoured that certain students, notably Agrics., who are used to the open air life, miss the gentle zephyrs whispering over them during their bath times and hence the House Secretary is hoping to have some extractor fans fitted in the men's bathrooms.

...AND PLOT.

Some students are hoping to procure some fireworks for the November 5th bonfire at Weetwood, and if Devon Freshers co-operate in the usual manner there should be quite a show. We would plead that the fuel for the fire does not include the Rugger posts from Weetwood playing fields or else the G.A.S. might become a trifle fed up. Incidentally, if any one has a supply of fireworks which they could bring up to Weetwood on the 5th they will be most welcome, and as for a mobile canteen serving coffee and parkin—well!

BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS—

We hear that Mr. Conroy has at last been obliged to give up his valiant attempts to dig for Food. With the large plates of meat which have traversed this once sacred plot of land, Conroy's Garden, it would take a gyrotiller to as much as scratch the surface. Still, he still has the Union building roof to grow his tomatoes and asters.

SHOE SHINE SIR!

Talking of boots reminds us that when the Barber's Shop materialises, *i.e.*, when the material is delivered, it is hoped to operate a shoe shining service as a side line. Any one interested in taking on the position is asked to see the H.S.

Why the dartboard was ever put in the W.C.R. we could never really understand, unless it was because our feathered friends like to dart from one corner to the other. Nevertheless, since it has now been proved that the fair sex cannot stand up to the doubles and trebles like the men, the dartboard will shortly take up residence in the M.C.R. to be joined, at a later date, we hope, by the bar.

BAZAAR DAY.

Apart from the incident when a Union Committee member asked three members of Staff for their Class Tickets, the registration of 3,000 odd students (how true!) went along quite smoothly. Students will be interested to know that the Card Index (yellow cards) is for the purpose of elections and for tracing students in the vacations. It is neither a black list nor a black market check—Mr. Richard Mason please note.

Only a little confusion was reported, though a few stalwart Ex-Servicemen refused to join the Union on principle; no doubt old students will tell them sometime about the immense advantages of this particular "closed shop," quite apart from the fact that every student of the University is automatically a member.

EXCHANGE.

We learn that the English School has acquired a laboratory. Reports that the Physics Dept. now has a Lecturer in Style are false.

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS' RECEPTION

TO-DAY—Thursday,
 October 23rd, at 5-0 p.m.
 in the Social Room.

TOWN and GOWN.

To the average Leeds citizen this University must appear simply as that queer huddle of buildings in Woodhouse Lane, housing noisy young men who ought to be working and studious old men long past such an activity. It is this almost complete ignorance of the function and working of the University which has led to those letters in the Press accusing students of laziness and a lack of social conscience.

This ignorance springs from a variety of causes, one of which is the tendency of this University (in common with others) to shut itself away from the city, to regard itself as a closed preserve of learning and to look upon the dust of the market place with the aloof disdain of a desiccated old maid confronted by a singularly noisy dog-fight. Another cause is the citizen's quite natural reaction to all this snobbery—a reaction buttressed by the fact that students, in their social behaviour, are not always the best ambassadors of their University. Another factor is that curious and psychologically interesting aversion towards any form of intellectual activity shown by the local Press, which seems only interested in student activities when they can be written up as light copy.

This is a serious state of affairs. A University cannot exist in a vacuum, it needs something of the freshness and contemporaneity which only contact with the hurly-burly of civic life can give, and conversely, the city needs just those qualities of studious thought, reflection and intellectual honesty which the University can—or should—offer.

A closer contact between the town and University is urgently needed, and the onus for providing this rests largely upon the latter.

Meanwhile, the student body itself has already begun to move in this matter. The newly formed Social Studies Society, for example, intends to carry out a programme of outside social work during the Session and the Union Committee has begun to consider means of reviving and extending the relations between the Union and the Leeds University Young Men's Institute. These are gratifying signs that the students, at least, recognise and intend to break down some of the barriers between "Town and Gown."

MOMUS.

FRESHERS' DEBATE

in the
 SOCIAL ROOM

Tuesday, 28th October
 at 7-30 p.m.

Motion—"That American practice of Dollar Diplomacy is a threat to World Peace."

A current topic of paramount importance to all.
 Let us hear your views!

Weak Matter

One has a right to be cocky when one has a seat in the Cafeteria and consequently the self-satisfied smile with which a friend of mine greeted me as I entered caused me little concern. I eventually obtained my Horlicks, being unable to afford coffee at the new price, and sat down beside my friend on the floor. The new angle one gets on things from here is surprising. I didn't notice, for instance, any appreciable increase in the length of skirts due to recent fashion upheavals; several, however, appeared shorter, probably due to recent washing. Hobble skirts would present no difficulties to the present-day student who has become so used to moving about the Union in a sideways rather than forwards manner that she presents rather an odd spectacle outside Union buildings.

Horlicks finished, I stood up, or rather I would have stood up if I hadn't given myself rather a nasty bang on the head—I had forgotten we were sitting under a table. All my previous remarks seem to confirm the old adage:

"The height of imprudence with three thousand students is to enter the Cafeteria. Remain exteria."

Artists whose work has hitherto not been publicly exhibited have recently developed a cunning technique: they produce their work in large quantities, inscribe the name of a Union Society (fictitious or otherwise) across them and hang them in the many places provided both in the Union and in the main building. Notice boards now rival the walls of the City Art Gallery, and any Society wishing to advertise rather than foster the young artist now obtains a blackboard and does so on the Union steps.

Talking of the Union steps reminds me of the crowd which recently gathered to hear a member speak: let us hope that the idea isn't seized upon by the University lecturers who, overwhelmed by the crowds attending their lectures, may seek a larger public by holding outdoor meetings. Banners and megaphones would no doubt be used if the idea caught on.

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Freshers' Squash

The Freshers' Social, held on Friday, October 16th, was attended by more than 500 Freshers; but, as the proportion of men to women was in the ratio 3—1, girls from other years were required to act as Hostesses, thus ensuring all enterprising men a partner for the evening and, as Mr. West suggested, perhaps for the Union Ball.

There was a reception by the President and Senior Vice-President, and Mr. Daggett, the President, addressed the Freshers, introducing the members of Union Executive. He gave a brief survey of Union life, encouraging everyone to take an active part in the various Union affairs. Mr. West, the Secretary, followed by giving a detailed account of Union Societies and other activities.

After the excellent tea held in J.C.R., there was dancing in the Riley-Smith Hall. The men Freshers, unlike their predecessors, showed no reluctance to dance. This was encouraged by the enterprising Entertainments Secretary who, drawing on his holiday camp technique, organised such dances as the Snowball and Paul Jones. It was noticeable, however, that the floor was more crowded in the ladies' choice dances.

Four male volunteers, fortunately destined for other careers, displayed their individual talents by energetically conducting the band, while others preferred immobility in the statue dance. It is interesting to note that J.C.R. was comparatively deserted when it was invaded by the participants of a Conga.

People enjoyed themselves so thoroughly that there were few complaints about overcrowding; on the contrary there were many remarks on the gaiety of the occasion and the friendly atmosphere.

Students Opinion on International Life.

Hundreds of students gave their opinions on International affairs last week in an enquiry conducted by the International Society.

Men and women, ex-service and fresh from school were approached by officials from the Society armed with questionnaires, and wrote "yes," "no" or "I don't know" against the eight questions on the list, while they stood in cafeteria and refectory queues, lounged in the J.C.R., M.C.R., and W.C.R. or waited outside their lecture rooms. Questions were asked on the following subjects: greater co-operation with the Soviet Union, the Partition of Palestine, Democracy and Germany, the Marshall Plan and U.N.O.

The results will be published in the next issue of *Union News* and in the International Christmas number of *The Gryphon*.

NOTICES

Union Ball Tickets.

Contrary to the information contained in the article on page 18 of *The Gryphon*, Union Ball tickets were not available last year in an unlimited supply. As for this year, 350 were sold.

It should be explained that, quite apart from the difficulties of space, which are of themselves quite insuperable, the main difficulty is catering. The new refectory is not available for evening meals and our kitchens are unable to feed any more than 700 persons under any circumstances.

In an attempt to ease the position, a small number of tickets equal to the number of refusals from guests will be on sale as soon as these figures are to hand.

The increase in price is due to the general increase of costs and especially to the attempt that is to be made this year to raise the standard of decorations, bands, etc.

Freshers' Social.

It is regretted that the announcement that Society Representatives would be invited to the Freshers' Social was incorrect. As for the Union Ball, space was the restriction. Apologies are tendered to all Society Secretaries.

Opening of the Union Building.

The times quoted in the last edition of *Union News* were incorrect. The Union will be open at the following times in future: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every-day except Sundays. We also reported that 450 lunches were served. We have since been informed that the number is 800.

GRAMOPHONE RECITALS.

October

27—*Smetana*: sister-piece to "Utlava."

Bach: good example of almost pure contrapuntal style.

Lambert: very colourful, in direct contrast to Bach.

November

3—*Sanisate*: display piece for violin.

de Falla: conveys the moods of Spanish scenes.

Gordon: Ballet; not the film music. Modern English in Mozartian colours with some Handel thrown in.

These notes are intended to be read in conjunction with the full programmes pinned up under "UNION" outside the cafeteria wall.

LEEDS SCIENTIFIC FILM SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Leeds Scientific Film Society was held in the Riley Smith Hall on Wednesday, October 15th, and was attended by over 500 members.

The two hour programme of four films covered a wide variety of topics ranging from the fight against insect pests to the construction of a Chicago subway. A film on coal mining methods was followed by a short talk on some of the problems facing this industry to-day, given by Mr. E. Lewis Adams, of the National Coal Board.

Film Shows and Music

LEEDS CITY MUSEUM
Park Row.

Programmes of Natural History and other films of interest will be given in the Museum Lecture Hall on the dates shown below. Times of showing:—

Fridays .. 7-30 p.m.

Saturdays .. 10-30 a.m.

Oct. 31st—Nov. 1st.

Soil Nutrients. Soil nutrients and fertilisers; their application.

Roots. The processes of root growth.

The Earthworm. Its external features, anatomy, life and method of reproduction.

Annelid Worms. Relatives of the earthworm; leeches, marine worms and their larval stages.

Lunch Time Music recitals will be given in the Museum Lecture Hall each Wednesday, from 1-20 to 2 p.m.

October

29—Estelle Wine — Pianoforte.

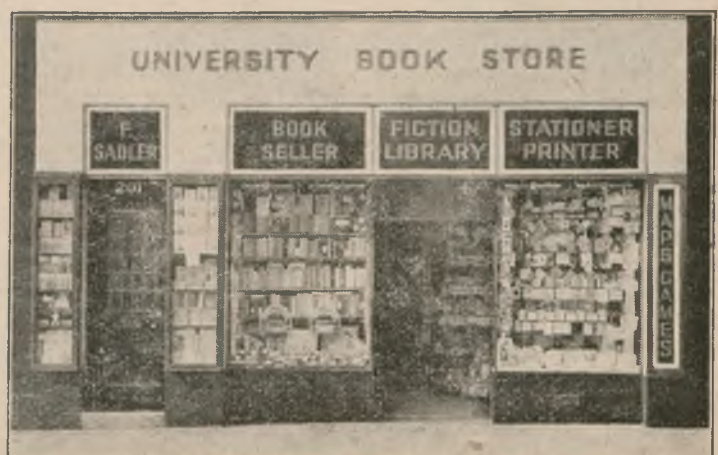
November

5—Mary Worth — Soprano.

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PREVIEW

"FAME IS THE SPUR"

Against the background of the mean streets of Manchester, Howard Spring set his novel moving around the very human problem of doing the right thing, morally, for the right reason. As the lives of Hamer Radshaw (Michael Redgrave) and Arnold Reyerson (Hugh Burden) unfold, we see not only the social history of Britain during the growth of the Labour Movement, but the psychological drama of man's inability to cope with his own ego.

The film is produced and directed by the Boulting Brothers. The too frequent use of camera defocussing during emotional sequences and an almost complete disregard of even the slightest Lancashire accent are obvious flaws. The acting of Michael Redgrave and Hugh Burden is both sensitive and masterly. Miss Rosamund Johns is all that is required. Sir Seymour Hicks and Marjorie Fielding, as Old Buck and Aunt Lizzie, must be remembered. Nigel Balchin wrote the scenario.

By and large "Fame is the Spur" is a worthy film and one you should see. And if, afterwards, you feel Radshaw was a poor type you will be overlooking his greatest merit—he attempted to do good.

S.W.K.

AROUND THE GALLERIES.

The Dulwich Collection, now showing at the City Art Gallery, is mainly of Seventeenth and Early-eighteenth Century Old Masters. Included are major works and sketches by Rubens, Gainsborough and Van Dyck. There is a small Rembrandt, several works by Poussin, Claude and Lebrun. The Flemish school is represented by 15 interesting paintings.

The Gainsboroughs are somewhat unimpressive, although No. 19 has a certain charm. The Hogarth is better and a successful-square composition is to be found in Ruben's "Portrait of Helen Fourment." The Master's fine flesh rendering forms a welcome contrast to "Venus and Adonis," a very dubious Poussin.

At Temple Newsam House.

The rooms at Temple Newsam House form an admirable background to the Bretton Wood gift of Tudor furniture and panelling which has produced three newly completed rooms.

Apart from 20 paintings, including a melodramatic Pannini and five grotesque English mid-Eighteenth Century portraits, the new acquisitions are modern English painters. They include documentary paintings by War artists, such as Henry Moore, Paul Nash, and Graham Sutherland. The intellectual mysticism of Nash's "Bomber in the Wood," and the romanticisms of Sutherland's composition can be

Society Notes**The University Air Squadron.**

Like the S.T.C., the U.A.S. is now certain of its future. With the other 13 University Air Squadrons it forms a permanent unit of the R.A.F.V.R.

The Squadron looks forward to having in the future a Link Trainer and five Tiger Moth Aircraft. It is to have a brighter Mess with a radiogram. We hope to welcome to it many new faces, especially those of men who intend to do their National Service as pilots.

So press on and collect all the gen. from Headquarters, 34, University Road.

The Scout and Guide Group.

There is a new venture in the Union. The former Scout and Guide Clubs have been dissolved and a combined Group has emerged. We feel greatly encouraged by the number of enthusiastic Freshers who have joined, including some with wide and valuable Scouting experience gained while serving in H.M. Forces.

Our programme for this term includes first-hand talks on the Jamboree, discussions on various aspects of Scouting and Guiding, camp fires and an open night. The last meeting of term will be a "crazy night."

Anyone interested in the Movement will find a hearty welcome at our meetings held alternate Thursdays commencing on October 23rd.

The Social Studies Society.

You may remember us as the Social Diploma Club. We now introduce ourselves as the Social Studies Society.

We feel that a Society such as ours is useless if it does not look beyond the four walls of a meeting room. We want to carry our theories beyond the University. We plan for instance to make friends amongst the old people of Leeds.

If you would like to hear more of this and of our other plans come to our first meeting on October 23rd at 5 o'clock in the Men's Common Room.

University Music Society.

Freshers have responded well to the appeal for more singers; but orchestral resources are at a low ebb. String players are urgently needed for the orchestra and for a chamber music group which is being formed. If you play *anything*, no matter how badly, please turn up to the next orchestra rehearsal on Thursday. Bach and the B Minor Mass await you.

P.T.B.

contrasted with the simple interpretations given by Sickert in his sketches and jottings.

Leeds' Charles Ginner is represented by a typically low-keyed work called "Royal Ordnance Stores"; Eric Kennington and William Dring have three excellent pastel portraits.

The International Society.

A collection of our friends from overseas gathered in the Union Social Room last Monday evening to give a flying start to the first of the I.S. popular events. Following an address of welcome to our country by Dr. Inebnit, the Staff President and Mr. Dressler, the Student President, the lively group got down to the interesting and important business of figuring out who was who and from where. This was smoothly accomplished, for every person wore a card stating his name and country.

The initial timorous expressions rapidly disappeared, and by the time the dance band struck up, the warm atmosphere of international goodwill had taken possession of the room, and new friendships had been made.

One felt, as students from Palestine (both Jews and Arabs), Egypt, Greece, India, Holland, Soviet Union, Hungary, France, Peru, Great Britain, and other countries danced together, that here was, symbolically, something more basic and therefore more important than present international attempts to divide East and West and build fictitious barriers between the peoples of the world.

English Society.

We hope that everyone interested in English Literature or Language will find something in our Session's activities to interest him. On Thursday next, October 23rd, we are holding a reading of members' work. Mr. Clifford Holmes will be delighted to receive contributions via the Pigeon Holes. Those members who are not poets or short story writers will enjoy talks by Miss Phyllis Bentley and by members of the University Staff on Literature and linguistic topics, varying from "Thackeray" to "Spelling-reform." We welcome suggestions from members for further activities.

The Revival of the Law Society.

The Committee of the Law Society with the enthusiastic support of the Faculty of Law aims at making this Society one of the most active organisations in the University. It includes in its programme several outside speakers and debates, and hopes to hold a mock trial.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 20th, when elections for the new Committee will take place.

NOTICE

Applications are invited for the positions of Sub. Editor and Circulation Editor for the "Gryphon."

LEEDS MUSIC

As one privileged to attend four Festival Concerts for the modest outlay of 3/6, the writer feels that he cannot pass the occasion without comment.

The Choral Society, and Chorus Master, Herbert Bardgett worked magnificently, and were ably supported by the Liverpool Philharmonic and Halle Orchestras, the Halle performing with greater conviction and ability. One could be very critical of the soloists, though Kathleen Ferrier must be especially commended. Some exquisite moments in the Bach Mass will long be remembered. Moiseiwitsch, as usual, performed with too much abandon.

The prevailing tone of the Festival was choral and religious, and the singers entered with a fair measure of success with the thundering Verdi Requiem, the gently persuasive mysticism of Faures, and the deep toned energy of the Sea Symphony. Bach's sublime setting of the Mass was somewhat maliciously offset by the lusty paganism of Belshazzar's Feast, which the chorus treated with even greater brilliance. These two works were the real climax of the Festival.

It is to be regretted that Delius was represented by an un-Delcian piano concerto, and that the Festival began and ended with Elgar's windy and overblown arrangement of the National Anthem.

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Protest.

Sir,
Very few people these days deny the principle of freedom of speech. Apart from the restrictions of the Control of Engagements Order, not many deny freedom of movement for the individual. Yet when the practice of one freedom prevents the practice of the other, one is compelled to take sides. Such a situation occurred on 9th Oct., at lunch time outside the main entrance of the Union.

The present writer enjoys listening to good public speaking, be it from a soap box orator in Hyde Park, from a principal speaker in a Union debate, or from the gentleman who declaimed with great sincerity from the top of a large unidentifiable crate outside the Union. This latter gentleman, however, might have considered that his powers of oratory would attract the audience which did, in fact, gather. I am sure, that had the congestion which occurred been foreseen, the speaker would have been too good mannered to have chosen such a busy site for his platform. Because of his oversight much inconvenience was caused to many students with but one short hour for lunch, who were endeavouring to move in and out of the Union.

I have no doubt that the gentleman in question wishes to apologise to us for his remissness. I, for one, accept his apology with the wish that he will be more considerate next time.

Yours faithfully,
V.S.P.

.... and another.

Dear Sir,
We, the undersigned, feel that the addressing of Public Meetings from the Union steps should be discouraged. If members of the Union feel that they have a message for fellow members, we suggest that they take the Riley-Smith Hall in order to spread their gospel. Besides causing inconvenience in cluttering up the entrance to the Union we feel that this practice will, in time, lower the dignity of the Union.

Yours sincerely,

J.G.R., W.C.M., J.A.F.G.,
C.H.T., D.C.G., L.M.G.,
A.P.M., P.S., J.H.W.,
J.L.H., J.R.M., T.R.W.,
U.J., M.J.B., J.S.

Effect and Cause.

Dear Sir,
I should be glad to know the reason for the increased price of coffee in the cafeteria since we learnt only recently that the cafeteria makes substantial profits.

Yours, etc.,
P.D.U.

[Using the figures of the cafeteria sales for the past year and inserting the new higher prices for coffee, cocoa and milk, etc., the catering committee found that the profit from the sale of coffee and cocoa at the old prices would not be sufficient to cover the costs of staff and maintenance. It has therefore been necessary to increase the price of coffee and cocoa. Tea remains a penny as the profit from tea is already considerable.—Ed.]

S.T.C.

The future of the S.T.C. has been uncertain since the War; however, last month there was a meeting of representatives of the S.T.C.'s and the War Office, when a policy was put forward and was approved by the War Office with little reserve. It is unfortunate that the proposal was accepted too late to prevent the closing down of London University S.T.C. Briefly, the S.T.C.'s will become part of the modern Territorial Army, receiving all the benefits of that organisation, including the "Bounty" scheme—which, to interest hard-up students, amounts to £8 as a maximum payment. The Corps will remain as entities as they are now, but will camp with other units of the Territorial Army when required. It is hoped that the scheme will come into force in the near future.

As a consequence, the S.T.C. will be a more efficient organisation now that we know where we are going. With increased training facilities the Corps will become quite an attractive body! Leeds University has always been one of the strongest of the S.T.C.'s and it is hoped that it will retain its record of efficiency and numbers. For those interested, enquiries should be made to the Headquarters at 41, University Road, or to any P.S.I. or Cadet.

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the Union. His understanding of student problems was very wide and his sympathy was always directed towards furthering the student cause. His closely reasoned arguments, for which he was famed in his lectures, have time and again helped the Union Committee to find solutions to knotty problems. Every one will wish him success and good fortune in London.

Professor Orton is already known to many of us. He came to the University in 1946 as Professor of English Language and gave very valuable assistance to the Grants and Welfare Committee and the British Legion. This activity augurs well for Union Committee and we feel sure that all Union members will give Professor Orton a warm welcome.

International Student Service To-day.

The I.S.S. is the organisation, chosen by U.N.E.S.C.O., to carry out relief work and develop cultural activities throughout the student world. In this country—and in this University—students are being helped financially. Others, suffering from T.B., are being treated in I.S.S. sanatoria. Conferences, film shows and meetings are arranged to develop interest in student life in other countries. Student exchanges and study tours are being organised. Perhaps there will be an even greater need for this kind of cheap holiday now that there are financial restrictions on travel.

But the I.S.S. is also a growing movement elsewhere in the world. For instance, in Palestine an I.S.S. conference recently formed the common platform for Jewish and Arab students to discuss their problems. Indian students have invited Burmese students to study in India, as many Burmese Universities were destroyed by the Japanese. In Germany, international teams of workers are supplying clothes, food and books to University students, in some small way trying to guide the new generation along the right lines. This is only a glimpse of I.S.S. in action—work which is international, non-political and non-religious. It is done by students for students. We benefit and we pay. Please remember this when you see the I.S.S. collection tins.

STAGGERED LUNCHTIME

Owing to the serious overcrowding in the refectories at the beginning of last year it was decided to stagger lunch time lectures. The Vice-Chancellor was approached on this matter and he circulated the Heads of Departments with this request, with the result that a number of 12—1 p.m. lectures were moved to 1 p.m.

Although this reduced pressure on the refectories it did not receive much support from the students, who were prepared to put up with the inconvenience of queueing in order that they might attend lunchtime recitals, society meetings and naturally, 'ops.

The refectory situation is even worse this year and if the majority of students were again to request the staggering of lecture times, we have no doubt that the University authorities would be prepared to co-operate.

If this scheme is put into practice again it must have the full support of all students concerned.

REFLECTIONS ON A FESTIVAL.

An International Youth Festival must always be an event of some importance, but the Festival held this year in Prague, aiming as it did to encourage international relations on no mean scale, did much to give an insight into Czech life and promote general goodwill. It gave to the delegates of the 71 participating countries an overwhelming sense of the common interests held by all nations in the athletic and cultural fields—a feeling perhaps only eclipsed by the wonderful welcome given by the Czech people to the Festival.

Of the city itself, Prague was literally in gala mood, its modern buildings, picturesque old churches and towers, well-stocked shops and flag-bedecked neon-bordered streets were a continual source of wonder and admiration to us "austerity" folk! Five or six of the largest theatres and concert halls were offered to the Festival for a wide range of performances, from national dancing and folk music, Russian ballet (the genuine thing) to displays of fantastic Mongolian wrestling.

Several members of this Union were fortunate in spending some periods in Czechoslovakia, amongst whom were representatives of most political parties, a small Indian contingent, and a few "hangers on."

One point must certainly be emphasised. We, the representatives of the youth of Britain, keenly felt the lack of unbiased and accurate publicity concerning the Festival in the British press. The atmosphere in Prague was not that of a political battlefield; opinions were freely exchanged, and any differences were more likely to be reconciled with beer and cream cakes than with protest rallies.

Thank you, people of Czechoslovakia for your enthusiastic and unbounded hospitality, and the WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH for promoting this memorable event.
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On with the Sport.

Now that the business of attracting sportsmen to a Club by promise of the consumption of tea has been completed—and we hope, too, that the process of digestion has also been completed for the sake of Leeds' sports prestige—the real activities of the season are now beginning. Practices are in full swing and a few results, which are none too bright, are beginning to trickle in. As soon as teams become settled down we hope to be publishing nothing but successful results. We ask team officials to get results into the **Union News** by the Saturday or Sunday before publication. One of the Sports Editors will be at the Social events on the Saturday evening to accept results, or they may be 'phoned to Leeds 239741 or 231241 on Sunday, where messages can be left.

Leeds University Boat House.

The Boat House is situated at Swillington on the River Aire, the most useful place in the area. A Knottingley 'bus from Quarry Hill Flats 'Bus Station will take you right to the doorstep.

The building was opened in 1937 and is now full of boats of all types, ranging from the wide barge-like "tubs" for preliminary training of beginners through the higher grades of Strake, Maiden and Junior to the "Shells" or "best boats" of the First or Second crews. Their construction is such that the tubs are safe and the single-skin shells are speedy.

The club which it houses holds a great tradition: in the *News Chronicle* of 1935, Leeds was described as one of the "crack University Clubs." The last big success was in 1945, when the winning of the Open Red Cross Regatta at Cambridge was added to its enviable record.

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Rugby Union Football.

The response to our appeal for new members this year exceeded all our expectations, and we have enrolled over a hundred men already. Any more Rucker enthusiasts who wish to play for the Club must enter their names at once to ensure regular games during this season. The 1st XV promises well on paper and with it we hope to regain the glories of past XV's, since the "Christie" and U.A.U. trophies have been absent too long from Leeds. Owing to the enormous membership we are able to run three teams this season, and each has a full fixture list of local and inter-University matches.

The season opened rather unsuccessfully against St. John's College, York, when the 1st XV lost 11-13. The team played fairly well in the first half but later the backs went to sleep, as has often happened before, and the game was lost before they awoke. The excuse of not having played together before will not wash, since the "A" XV won handsomely 30-5, and they are in the same position of strangeness.

Hockey Club.

The task of team building from the good membership of 49 has now been taken in hand, and the problem of producing two teams from this number is quite difficult. A place in the 1st or 2nd team will of course be secured on the player's intelligent tactical play and technique. These qualities can only be acquired after much collective practice. Several practices will be held before the fixtures.

The first inter-Varsity matches will be played on November 5th—so look out for pyro-technics, Sheffield, we mean business this year! It is unfortunate that two of the earlier 2nd XI matches have been cancelled, but the remaining fixtures should be on a sounder basis and the season promises to be successful.

Saturday's Sport.

Saturday gave us a fairly good send-off to the term's sport. Results were fairly good, although the Soccer 2nd team registered a very heavy defeat, losing to Christ Church Old Boys to the tune of 10-1. The University "A" Rucker team also lost, 16-6, but the 1st team won and the "B" team amply compensated for their comrades' defeat by winning 33-3, all three games being against Metro Vic.

The Cross-Country Club won their match against Leeds Training College without difficulty by 25 points to 56, although no 1st team member took part. Nice work.

The only mixed match of the day was the Fencing Club's match against Liverpool, which we won comfortably 12-4, whilst our lady friends in the Netball Club lost their 2nd team match 23-15 in a match where their lack of practice as a team was obvious. This will, we hope, be remedied before the next match. The 1st team amply justified its existence by beating the Bar Convent 35-22, in a game where the entire play was quick, the passing good, whilst the shooting of the captain, Miss Hardwick, was particularly outstanding.

Leeds United please copy.

Casualty.

We are very sorry to hear of the accident that befell Reggie Dinsdale last Saturday whilst playing hockey against York H.C. After a roll-in the ball hit Reg with considerable force full in the face.

He is at present in the L.G.I. awaiting an operation on his broken nose, which cannot be carried out until he has recovered from the effects of concussion.

Coming, as it did, on the day after his 21st birthday, we feel that we speak for all sportsmen when we say: "You have our deepest sympathies Reg., and our sincere wishes for a very speedy recovery."

PER ARDUA AD DANCE TICKET

The annual sport of obtaining a "Union Ball" ticket was played off last week on the playing fields of the Union. There were few casualties, despite the puerile display of mob-law which occurred on the Thursday. It was generally felt that the organisers of the sale of tickets had made a blunder in choosing to withhold the place of sale until the last minute in their efforts to stop the wangling which has been rife in past years. The problem of equal distribution of tickets is always a big headache to the Union Committee, since most types of distribution lend themselves to corruption or tedious waiting. Several suggestions, such as moving the Ball to the Town Hall, have been put forward. It is hoped that the body of students will assist in making the purchasing of tickets an orderly affair in the future.

We wish the proud possessors of tickets the best of enjoyment on Friday and we hope that similar scenes will not take place before the N.U.S. Council Dance, which is to be held on November 1st.

NOTE.—On Saturday morning the whole queue was supplied with tickets, and then **THERE WERE STILL FIVE TICKETS LEFT UNSOLD**, these were sold about 10 minutes later to students who casually came to collect them. No comment is needed.

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Weetwood Grounds.

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