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## ARTS FESTIVAL SUCCESS!

### MEDICS MAKE THEIR MARK!

Despite the somewhat unfortunate choice of date—most people had only been back three days after the usual "Pocket-emptying" Christmas vac.—a large number of students, mainly Medics., attended the Medics. and Dentals Rugger and Cricket Club Dance on Friday.

The Riley-Smith was somewhat reminiscent of a washing-day. Rugger jerseys and shorts were festooned across the hall, whilst the "pieces de resistance" were the Rugger Captain's rather grubby socks hanging in the centre of the room. The band was on the floor—an excellent idea at a small dance—and the stage curtain was tastefully decorated with a somewhat dilapidated-looking skeleton.

Vernon York's Band was on top form, a description which could be applied to everyone, although this condition was no doubt aided by the fact that the bar stayed open until 12 p.m., and what is more there was plenty of liquor in it until 12 p.m.!! When 1 p.m. came, all too soon for most people, the general verdict was that it had been one of the best dances ever.

**Footnote.**—The Medics. Rugger team won its match on Saturday 25—3, an unprecedented occurrence! Moral? — More Dances?

### BLOOD

The Regional Blood Transfusion Unit will be visiting the University again on Feb. 8, 9 and 10. We want as many donors as possible, for blood is still urgently needed by the hospitals. Further details will be available later.

## 400 Students Visit Leeds for the First Festival

Leeds University Union was very fortunate in being chosen to organise the first Students' Arts Festival. Almost every University and College was represented amongst the visitors, all of whom will remember it for a very long time to come.

#### Academic . . .

The Festival developed from the Drama Festivals in Birmingham and Bristol into something much more ambitious. In addition to a different play each evening we had five concerts, including one by the Y.S.O., a Poetry Reading with music, a Film Show, Painting, Sculpture and Photography Exhibitions, a Mannequin Parade and several lectures. Time was set apart each day for discussions of the previous day's events and it was these which were of great value to the performers themselves and to future events both at this Festival and the next (which is to be held in Manchester).

#### . . . and Social.

A New Year's Eve Ball started the Festival in grand fashion and many a friendship was formed there and then. The Festival was formally declared open by the Lord Mayor the next morning.

Of the six plays presented, ranging from Shakespeare through Farquhar, Macdonagh and Goethe to Shaw, possibly Sheffield's production of Cocteau's "Infernal Machine" deserves the highest praise for originality and general standard of performance. In the concerts a remarkably high quality was displayed, especially by a quintet from Manchester, a pianist from Sheffield, and the Liverpool University String Orchestra, which gave an exquisite performance of a Suite for string by their conductor. The only other original work was a "Ballad on Sociological Economics," by "Tympanum" (not the writer of this article).

Films shown included Part I of "The Birth of a Nation"; lectures were given amongst others by Professor Dobree and Harriet Cohen; and visits were arranged to Haworth and Temple Newsam.

#### National Interest.

That the Festival was a success need hardly be emphasised after the press reports and opinions voiced by responsible critics. Far from being of local news value only, the *Times* Educational Supplement of Jan. 8th carried an article about the Festival and no fewer than twenty students are broadcasting or have already done so, either in interviews in English, French and German, or in excerpts from performances.

#### Organisation.

No mention can be made of names of committee members, who gave up the best part of the autumn term and the vac. for the venture, except the organiser's. Mr. Alan White worked like a slave, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has made history in the annals of N.U.S. Congratulations to him and all the others who have made this, the first Arts Festival, the pace-maker for future Festivals for the furtherance of Art for the sake of Art.

## RAG PRE-VIEW

### Committee plans ahead for Record Rag

The Rag Committee has already started making plans for what is hoped will be the best Rag ever. Those unfortunates who have never taken part in the Rag have missed one of the real highlights of University life and one of the few traditions of the University.

Rag Week, which will be held this year from June 17—25, is the time for uninhibited, unbridled student enterprise; no student should go down until after Rag Week.

#### Charities.

The purpose of such activities is worthy, for it is to cudgel as much cash as possible from citizen's pockets into charities' coffers. Charities which will receive the benefit of our collections this year will include Cripples Homes, Tuberculosis and Cancer Campaigns, and Orphanages.

#### Rag Revue Again.

Negotiations are almost complete for the hiring of the Empire Theatre for one week for Rag Revue, and it is hoped to put on twelve shows of two hours each. To make it a success, men and women are needed who are prepared to learn to dance;

writers, comedians, jugglers, actors, wardrobe mistresses are also needed. Anyone who wants to assist in no matter what activity is welcome to attend the meeting of the Rag Revue in the Riley Smith Hall on Wednesday, 26th January, at 6-0 p.m.

The procession this year will be over a mile long. A meeting of representatives from societies and faculties will be held on Monday, January 24th, at five o'clock in the Large Card Room, to discuss Rag Day and the procession. See that your society or faculty sends a representative.

#### "Rag Times"—"News" . . . and "Tyke."

40,000 Copies of "Tyke" will be printed, and students are invited to send in jokes, articles and cartoons before March 1st. In addition to "Tyke," there will be 25,000 copies of "Rag Times" to be sold on Rag Day, and 14,000 copies of "Rag News" for the house-to-house collections.

The State does not yet look after everyone from the cradle to the grave. Many organisations are still in need of money for their continued existence. Help us to help the charities, and help to make Rag Week in 1949 one in which all students take part.

## Union News

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## EDITORIAL.

### New Year Resolution

In common with many others we too have made our new year resolutions, and among the foremost is the resolution to make **Union News** even more acceptable, popular and interesting.

Our general policy is to give as comprehensive, interesting and unbiased a commentary on Union affairs, as possible, and to provide a forum for student opinion on almost any topic.

But we cannot carry out this policy, or keep our resolution, without your help and constructive criticism, and that unfortunately is never very forthcoming. People are always ready to pour scorn and abuse on our efforts, but at the mention of suggestions for improvement they remember a coffee in caf. or a book in the Broth.

However, since it is our resolution we are doing our best to get your views, by issuing a questionnaire with this edition which we ask you to fill in, after a little thought, and return to us. The results of this questionnaire will be used to guide us in future issues.

We would also welcome more letters and articles on current controversial topics from students who are not reporters. The aim of **Union News** is to give you an opportunity to air your opinions and to read those of other students.

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## This and That

### LEEDS v. AMERICA.

At the invitation of the Northern Area Talks Department of the B.B.C. (which really means Bob Gregson former Liverpool Guild President), L.U.U. will take part in a quiz competing against an American University on February 16th. Your Executive are sponsoring the affair and hope to hold a specimen quiz on January 20th, at 1-0 p.m., in the Social Room with selected quizees undergoing B.B.C. conditions and questions. Members of the Executive, we understand, are acting as question-master, gongers, first-aiders and chuckers-out.

### A POINT MEANT.

Looking for a job when you graduate? You may have noticed numerous sheets of paper around the Union and University on which the re-organised Appointments Board of the University are advertising their wares. Arts men watch out! If you have a Diploma in Education you may be able to earn as much as a corporation crossing-sweeper. We believe that this state of affairs cannot continue—the Crossing - Sweepers' Union are demanding a rise.

### A DARK ROOM.

A new set of regulations for the use of this room has been drafted, and various items of equipment have been overhauled. Members desirous of using these facilities are requested to note both points.

### CAN MEMBERS DECIDE?

When should a Film-show be held in the Union if it is instituted as a weekly feature? Is Wednesday evening a good time for visiting teams to relax in the company of their hosts; for work-weary students to snatch a mid-week break? Would Sunday evening be patronised? A film sub-committee is to be set up to try and experiment around these ideas. What films should be shown? The charge for admission will undercut the town and the Cafeteria may remain open in order to supply stimulants. If you've any ideas on this subject, send them in on paper to the House Secretary.

### REFERENDUM.

In a few days' time students will be poring over six pages of free information in an effort to

decide the issue for or against discussing politics at N.U.S. and I.U.S. Council. At a specially convened student meeting the Welsh Vice-President of N.U.S. will speak and answer any questions. Books and pamphlets on I.U.S. will be available from the N.U.S. Office upstairs throughout the week. No one will be able to complain that insufficient information has been made available on this topic before voting takes place. The responsibility therefore lies with you to resolve the problem.

### CATERING.

Many complaints have been investigated. Many questions are being asked by the Chairman of the Catering Committee and the Hon. Secretary of the Union, who are going into this problem in great detail. Queues at lunch-times, queues in the caf., prices of meals and coffee, desire for hot evening meals to be served in the extension, extra seating in the caf., Saturday lunches — all are receiving attention.

### OVERSEAS STUDENTS' RECEPTION.

Postponed from last term, this has now been fixed for Feb. 4th, after which will follow the I.S.S. Social. The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Morris will attend, together with the President and S.V.P. of the Union, and that august body, the Union Committee.

### EXCUSE ME!

There is an advert. in non-smoker compartments of London tubes which says that one may not smoke here, not even Abdullas. It has been suggested that papers may not be folded and unfolded in 'bus or tram seats (so as not to obscure the view of fellow-passengers) not even **Union News**.

### LUCK ?

Coming up from City Square the other day the tram actually slowed down opposite the baths. Must be a new driver. He will soon learn that trams NEVER come off rails.

SAVOIR.

### P.S.

Talking of entertainment recalls the fact that there are negotiations for some full scale staff-student entertainment to be held this term. Those who would secure degrees this year should note this fact and prepare to starch their collars.

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## I'll Soldier No More

"You may do as you please,  
but I'll soldier no more—  
or words to that effect."

Old Court Martial Charge.

According to a Ministry of Labour official, a limited number of 1st Class Honours graduates only will be directed into Industry in 1949.

The majority of students completing their degree course in June will be called up for 18 months' National and 6 years' Territorial Army service.

A number of students feel that these 18 months will be wasted on the square and that they will not receive any useful technical training during this period.

By qualifying for entry to an Officer Cadet Training Unit immediately on call-up a student can avoid the necessary basic training at a depot and obtain a Commission early in his career.

No one can proceed to O.C.T.U. until having completed the obligatory basic training and successfully passed a Commissions Selection Board. In order to assist all students liable for National Service the University Training Corps has been re-organised as a Potential Officer Training Unit.

In addition to leadership and basic training instruction, volunteers expecting call-up will be given pre-selection board tests and advised upon their probable grading by the Board. Extra coaching will be given to students who have not had the opportunity of instructing practice or leadership.

### Lent Term Training.

In order to prevent the whole evening having to be given over to T.A. parades, it has been decided to commence the weekly training periods at 1730 hrs. until 1930 hrs. Members wishing to continue for extra instruction may remain until 2100 hrs.

The parades are held on Tuesdays for the Medical Company, Gunner Troop and R.E.M.E. Section, and on Thursdays for the Infantry Platoons, Engineer Troop and the Signal Section. On Saturday mornings the Educational Platoon attend for teaching practice and methods of instruction lectures.

During the first 40 minutes period the three sub-units are combined for discussion groups on Current Affairs, the latter period being given over to technical training appropriate to the sub-unit concerned.

In addition to the above, each unit will spend one week-end in Wharfedale on a tactical exercise. **Films.**

The following films will be shown at 41, University Rd., and non U.T.C. members interested are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 25th January—

"THE ATOM STRIKES."

1730 hrs. to 1815 hrs.

Tuesday, 8th February—

"POLAR BEAR."

1730 hrs. to 1815 hrs.

Saturday, 26th February—

"JAW INJURIES IN THE FIELD."

0930 hrs.

## MONEY IN THE AIR!

For ex-Service people this is a joyous time and one for mirth, merriment and celebration. Grants have been paid, and the recipients can now indulge in fish and chips every night instead of only on Saturdays. But alas and alack, in most cases large portions of this term's emolument must go to pay last term's debts, so that grants will need some sort of blood transfusion. The University Air Squadron offers 30 people a source of supply.

### Vacancies.

Vacancies are available for 30 students who have two years to complete before going down from University. Although the scheme is mainly intended for those unfortunate people who have National Service to complete at the end of their University course, ex-pilots are also eligible for membership, and also students who have completed their National Service.

The money comes from training expenses paid for attendance at the Squadron. Approximately £5 will be paid each month, there is a £35 a year retaining fee and all travelling expenses will be paid. But there are also other inducements.

### Advantages & Amenities.

Each member will have completed his National Service either as an officer or as a qualified member of an aircrew in circumstances much more congenial than those found in an R.A.F. Training Station. Ninety hours flying training is given, including solo and dual flying, while one is a member of the Squadron, and from this a civil Flying Licence can be obtained. And the Squadron has available, for the use of its members, amenities such as billiards, table tennis, a comfortable lounge with a radio and so on. It might also be pointed out that each member gets a uniform, which, besides giving its wearer certain social advantages such as were discovered during the war, also allows him to go to formal balls in comparative comfort.

Candidates must be medically fit for flying duties, must be between the ages of 17½ and 30, and must be British subjects by birth. Medical and dental students are not eligible for membership.

In fairness, we must just point out one thing. When glorying in your new-found wealth, remember your friends. For we are quite sure that they will remember you.

## we accuse . . .

★ ★ THE MEDICS.

It has been said over and over again that the Union is the centre of that side of university life which provides the wider education of students, the education that comes from constant contact with people of diverse characters and interests. It is in and through the Union that the scientist meets the student of arts, the economist argues with the theologian and the lawyer exchanges views with the teacher. Thus, the student who cuts himself off from the Union is neither gaining a true university education, nor contributing as he should to that corporate life which is the basis of such an education.

### "Hints to Medical Freshers."

When the students of one particular faculty cease to take any interest in Union affairs, they lay themselves open to the charges mentioned above. This the majority of medical students at Leeds are doing. True, most of their work takes place some distance from the Union. True, they have their own common rooms, library and refectory. But this is no excuse. Few medical students seem to have read "Hints to Medical Freshers" in the Union Handbook, where they are advised "Even though you will soon be studying down at the Medical School, try and maintain an interest in Union affairs. Remember you are still a member of Leeds University Union." Their attitude can rather be summed up in the words

of one of them: "We are just not interested in the Union."

### Faculty Loyalty.

It may be pointed out that medical students hold many positions on the Union Committee, and take a big part in Rag Week. But the Union does not exist by the Committee, but by the whole body of its members; and Rag Week is only one week in the year. Further, if a medical student puts up for any elected position in the Union, the medical school votes for him *en bloc*, regardless of his qualifications, or of the qualifications of any non-medical candidate. This may be held up as a fine example of loyalty to the faculty; to many people it looks more like a narrow-minded clannishness.

Quoting again from "Hints to Medical Freshers," we read "Yours is one of the longest courses in the University, so make time for interests other than Medicine alone." We would add, join in affairs concerned with the whole student body, and do not restrict your activities exclusively to your own faculty. A small number of Medics *do* pay attention to this adjuration; but we accuse the vast majority of them of forming a clique, of ignoring Union affairs, and of refusing to take an active part in the life of the University as a whole. They are not gaining a full University education themselves; and worse still they are failing in their responsibilities to the whole student body.

THE QUADS.

### Variations on Modern Themes No. 2

We are the holler men,  
Limp-shirt-and-collar men,  
We are the stuffed men  
(by caf and by prof)  
Leaning together  
(The hay and the heather)  
In the meadows of leather  
In our time off.  
Shapes without form, but not  
shades without colour.

In our array is the proof of our  
valour.  
Those who have crossed  
To the land of the lost  
To swot in a bay  
For the rest of the day  
Remember us merely  
(Though never severely)  
As those who pay dearly  
For wasting away,  
But we do not worry,  
And we do not hurry.  
We whisper together as wind  
in the dry grass,  
And think in our leisure  
'Tis ours, the full measure—  
The infinite pleasure  
Of loving a lass.

H.M.T.

### Accent on Rhythm

Accent on Rhythm and Symphonies in this term's Gramo. Recitals. Many little known works are being played, no fewer than fifteen Symphonies or excerpts from; also Hindemith, Mahler and Bartok sets which have recently aroused much controversy.

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## REFERANDUM SPECIAL

Preparations are now well under way for the Referendum agreed to at the last S.G.M., and which, it is hoped, will take place early next month. The Ballot will decide whether our delegates will support or oppose the motion tabled by the International Coordinating Committee of N.U.S. which is as follows:—

*"This Council re-affirms that the British Student Movement shall be nationally represented by the N.U.S. within international organisations to which it is affiliated.*

*"It recognises (i) that this will involve its delegates abroad in discussion of international political issues whose relation to students is less direct than the domestic issues which the N.U.S. is in the habit of discussing; (ii) that the N.U.S. Council will have to discuss these issues in order to mandate its delegates; and (iii) that the delegates will have the responsibility of placing the results of these international discussions and their implications for the N.U.S. before the Council on their return.*

*"On the other hand, this Council expresses its caution that these matters must be discussed in such a way as not to endanger the unity of the N.U.S."*

The Ballot will be preceded by the issue of an information sheet "Referendum Special," giving a great deal of essential background to the issue; and by a meeting at which an N.U.S. Executive member will speak.

## Presidential Elections

Elections for the Presidency for the Session 1949-50 takes place on February 14th and 15th. Nominations will be called for between January 20th and 29th. Any member of the Union is eligible for election; all candidates must have a proposer and seconder and at least a further 50 signatures.

Presidential candidates and their proposer will be called upon to address the Electorate on February 3rd at 1-0 p.m. in the Riley Smith Hall. A brief commentary on each of the candidates will appear in the next edition of the *Union News*—February 3rd.

### Other Elections—

#### Vice-Presidents.

Call for nominations:

21st February.

Nominations close:

2nd March.

Election:

19th and 11th of March.

### UNION COMMITTEE—

Call for nominations:

22nd April.

Nominations close: 30th April.

Elections: 9th and 10th May.

**Hostels and representative councils and ex-officio members** elections for representatives to the Union Committee, will be held in time for names of representatives to be published with those of the Union Committee on May 16th.

*Any further information and nomination forms may be obtained from the returning officer, Mr. H. PARKER, or from Mr. BOURN.*

## Up the Garden Path

At a recent S.R.C. Meeting it was proposed that the gardener of the Medical School should not be given a Christmas present. Several women representatives spoke tearfully and persuasively in favour of giving the present on grounds of "peace and good-will to all men," but the evidence which hardened the Council's heart was damning. No one had ever heard of the Medical School garden; no one had ever seen the gardener; the proposal was accordingly vetoed.

Several days later it was found that the aforementioned gardener was a Mr. Gardner, the porter's assistant.

## MEDICAL MATTERS

### Med. School Blazers

#### 1st M.B. Dinner.

The Dinner was held at the end of last term at Powolny's. The guests included Professor McLeod the Head of the Faculty; Professor Spaul; Drs. Goss, Smith, Bun, Henson, Prestone and Clarke; and Mr. W. Turner, Chairman of the S.R.C. All arrived by 7-30 except Dr. Bun, who provided the exception to prove his own rule of punctuality.

Mr. Gibbons led off the speeches in a style reminiscent of Max Miller. Though not witty all the time he was mainly crude and invariably rude in what was intended to be a toast to the guests but sounded to be the reverse.

The Dean of the Medical School replied to the toast.

He congratulated the first year Medics. on three counts; for making it such a pleasant dinner, for having turned up in such numbers to receive the guests, and for having invited him—and the other guests, of course. He went on to praise the initiative shown in organising such an event which he hoped would do much to help breach the gap between staff and students. He had never before even heard of a 1st M.B. Dinner, but he hoped there would be many more in years to come.

Other speeches followed, and in spite of many hard words the evening was enjoyed by every one present. Nevertheless, first year Medics. fervently hope that they will not be present at succeeding 1st M.B. Dinners.

Some discussion about Medical School blazers has taken place at a recent S.R.C. Meeting. The Committee toyed with the idea of fixing on a particular design for official recognition. Two patterns are well known, that is, maroon; and maroon with baby blue and pink vertical stripes (said to have some connection with midwifery). Another, a black blazer, with the usual pocket badge was mentioned. Self-appointed sartorial advisers to the S.R.C. believe this will be most becoming. Faced with the facts that the first two versions are extant, whereas the black blazer is nearly extinct, the Council has decided to recognise the more popular versions for the time being at any rate.

## MUSIC

Tympanum, like all his colleagues in the vicinity, had a busy week. Musical indigestion, one of them called it. At any rate, his skin is now so tight that he plays a tone sharp when hit.

But it was a good week: and it had its high spots. The high spot was undoubtedly the Y.S.O. Concert on Thursday afternoon: and but for one work it wouldn't have been even highish. The one work was the Vaughan Williams 5th Symphony, which the Orchestra played superbly and Maurice Miles directed with insight and understanding. Tympanum didn't know he/they had it in him/them, and apologises most humbly. And, to show his penitence, won't even mention the rest of the programme.

#### Bouquets!

Apart from this, he must record rather than comment. The Liverpool University String Orchestra, playing amongst other things a work by their conductor Brooke Benjamin, were good, well-nigh professional. So were the Whone String Quartet from Manchester College of Music. Mr. J. Marshall, an earnest

gentleman with a flute, turned out an extremely competent Bach Flute Sonata (almost unaccompanied; his pianist partner vanished at the eleventh hour and he had to be fitted out with a reach-me-down from the Leeds shelves). The solo pianists were all frighteningly good, and Tympanum decided to Do Some Practice Sometime. Two pairs of two-piano people discovered (too late) that their respective repertoires coincided almost exactly: one pair established some legal right or other by Going On First, whereupon the other pair retaliated by doing an encore which the first pair had Meant To Do But Forgotten About. Quite mad.

#### Modesty [Ed.].

Robert Gordon's setting of Belloc's "Ballad on Sociological Economics" was lionised by the Press (with some prodding from the Festival Publicity Hounds) and even broadcast, but turned out to be merely some rather amiable nonsense. The composer took a mildly ineffective poor view of all the fuss, and has resolved (Tympanum hears) to play safe and write things in future with titles like "To Her" or "Chanson Caff."

#### Narrow choice.

Among the solo vocalists one must mention Eileen Hirst, a very fine contralto whose only mistake was in her choice of programme. This defect, indeed, appeared general; people would sing Armstrong Gibbs and play Schubert Impromptus, whereas a Festival of this sort, which need not consider a box office, should be able to go further from the beaten track, as did the Theatre Groups concerned.

There was much more, but Tympanum only has a column or so. Now if this were *The Times* or *Festival Review*...

TYMPANUM.

## ART

#### Art.

There were many criticisms of the general standard of this show, both by the Northern Press and by independent observers, including Mr. Musgrave, Director of the Art Gallery. I endorse his first opinion; that although the technique in most cases was adequate there was a disappointing absence of originality.

It would, in fact, be a horrible thing to have to believe that these paintings were representative of the best in student Art in England to-day. Many were depressingly dingy, some plagiarized the fashionable modern Masters with impunity and without success, others wandered cautiously on the lunatic fringe, and in the majority there was an ordinariness and a lack of enthusiasm which one would have expected to encounter in the works of old ladies rather than in a National Exhibition.

#### More Experiment Needed.

What has happened to a minor degree in France seems to be happening in England: the sudden great interest of a half-informed public is inducing artists to follow a popular trend rather than to experiment for themselves. It has been said that the selection committees were too conservative in their choice, but having seen the rejects at Leeds I do not think that here, at any rate, they were injudicious or anti-Modern. The fault lay with the material.

#### Book Illustration.

Both at the Art Gallery and at the Museum were shown examples of book illustration from Kingston-on-Thames and Leeds, and these were of a far higher standard than the paintings. Leeds exhibited some

notable illustrations, among which were works by P. J. Burnhill, L. Bower, E. M. C. Clough and E. R. Shaw.

#### Museum.

Unfortunately it was not possible to show the exhibits here for a fortnight. They included screen printed textiles of doubtful merit from Newcastle, textile designs from Bradford, some original and interesting dress designs by Anthony Moore of London, stage sets and costume designs by G. H. Holroyd of Sheffield, and some new ideas in hand weaving by Mr. C. Kisby of Leeds University.

#### Photography.

The photographic exhibition was held in the Union Committee Room. Without exception they were technically excellent, but the choice of subject-matter was unfortunately very conventional. The architectural drawings on view included an ambitious and well-designed project for a National Drama Centre by students of the Architectural Association School in London.

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## BLACK...

*"I am black but O! my soul is white"*

Twenty-four years' old Victor Black first crossed the threshold of the Union in October, 1947. This marked the end of four years service in R.E.M.E. and A.E.C., which was the best excuse for a sojourn in Egypt and Palestine. It seems, however, that Victor's predilection is for the Western Mediterranean, and this summer he hopes to visit Spain. 🏠

On coming to Leeds he believed himself to be sane, but thinks that during four years anything might happen—and it probably will. He wonders whether his exertions with Economics and Political Science are responsible for this. Mad or sane his ultimate goal is W.E.A., or the British Council.

He prefers living in digs and considers that residence in Hall is "unnecessary and too organised for the ex-servicemen. "Average ex-servicemen" please note! He also considers your annual income quite adequate!

The light vein of the **Union News** appeals to him but he considers *The Gryphon* to be a "glorified book-review." He is an active member of the Economics, Spanish, and Rationalist Societies and thinks they are worthy of a better support. With the exception of the musicals he thinks British films to be superior to American and that French and Italian prevail over both.

He is an ardent travelling supporter of the York City F.C.—this probably accounts for his hobby, fell-walking, although his chief interest lies in the realm of indoor sports (by this we assume that he means Chess and Table Tennis). He chooses to steer the course between the Scylla of Classics and the Charybdis of Swing and Jazz.

## TO LUCASTA AFTER DEMOBILISATION

While serving King and country both

I longed, my dear, for thee;  
I kissed some girls, and nothing loth,  
Who mattered naught to me.

I sent thee silks from far Cathay  
And gems from Singapore;  
You wrote you loved me while away,  
But now you love no more....

I've wasted time and ink enough,  
I hear my Althea sigh;  
Lucasta's made of fickle stuff;  
But not more so than I.

FRANC.

## Society Round - Up

### French Society.

Compliments of the season to all members of the French Society. A varied programme for this term has been drawn up: talks, quiz, social entertainment. Since October we have had two successful meetings and hope enthusiastic support will still be given to our activities.

### Geographical Society.

We begin the 1949 programme with a Joint Meeting of the Geographical Societies of the Northern Universities on Friday, 21st January.

We have been fortunate in obtaining as our speaker Professor Amundson, of the University of Pittsburgh. His subject—"America in Civilisation"—should prove both interesting and controversial, for though many hold the view that America is "God's own country," the Americans are not without their own problems. Furthermore, despite the close relationships existing between the United States and our own country to-day, the American outlook is in many respects basically different from the British.

In view of the wide interest of the subject, an invitation has

been extended to members of the History, Economics and Social Studies Societies.

### Spanish Society.

Full of enthusiasm for another session members met at the Freshers' Tea, where we made a delightful beginning singing Spanish songs.

Perhaps the outstanding event of this term was the visit of Professor Garcia Blanco, of Salamanca University. He spent several days here, giving us two most interesting talks, and enjoyed seeing what he could of Leeds through the heavy fog.

Excellent talks were given by Mr. H. B. Hall of the department, on Portuguese, and by Miss Susana Barino, the visitor from Madrid whom we know so well, showing us "Glimpses of Spain" with all her native wit and animation.

The Fiesta was considered most successful and well worth the heroic sacrifice of two hours cramming made by many on the very eve of the exam.

Be sure to remember the annual dinner, and come to the four talks which you will certainly enjoy.

## Calling all Ex-Service Men and Women!

The Leeds University Branch of the Legion was formed in 1946, at a time when the influx of ex-servicemen was at its greatest, and the problems facing the ex-serviceman, newly returned to academic life or facing it for the first time, were many and acute. From small beginnings, the Branch rapidly grew to a large and thriving membership, thanks largely to the enthusiasm and the hard work of those early members.

### Achievements.

Two sub-committees were formed, the Housing Committee and the Service Committee to deal with housing and financial and other difficulties respectively. In the matter of housing we have been up against the all-round shortage, but nevertheless we have been able to secure the tenancies of several houses and flats which have been allocated to married students with families who were in desperate need of accommodation. We have met with greater success in other directions. A smoothly working system has been built up whereby students whose grants have been delayed can obtain assistance from our central funds, and we have co-operated with the G. and W. Committee in securing extra financial assistance for those

students whose course involves a term at a foreign university. So you see, the British Legion is not a talking shop where the boys get together over a pint and shoot the line about the good old days. It exists for service.

### Wanted! Your Help.

How far it is successful depends on its members and the support they give it. This year many of our original members and officials will be going down, and membership will inevitably decline each year as the number of ex-servicemen grows smaller. But as long as there is one ex-serviceman left in the University, there will be a need for and a justification of this Branch. I would therefore appeal to members of the Legion who have not so far played an active part to come forward and help make sure that the efficiency of the Branch does not suffer from a lack of continuity in its administration. If you are not a member, why not join straight away? Our office on the first floor of the Union Building is open most lunch times and the experience and organisation of the whole national organisation is available for your assistance. If you have no problems join all the same and show that you are alive to the problems of your less fortunate fellows.

## ...Mr. WHITE

"Attention please! Paging Mr. Alan White!" How often have these words interrupted us "measuring out our lives in coffee-spoons"? We consider, therefore, that Mr. White needs no further introduction. But that has not always been the case.

In 1939, broke, he was studying chemistry and finding the where-withal by washing test-tubes and swilling sinks. In 1944, from atomic weights to atomic bombs, he made his debut in a Commando raid, his pockets bulging with escape money.

In 1947 he returned to the sombre portals of the Chemistry Department with an ex-service grant and a wife. He suggests that this grant is inadequate to a single student, but quite sufficient for the married man—and he ought to know, having been married for three and a half years.

Alan has definite ideas on the responsibilities of a student. University life should not be a mere coffee-drinking pastime. A student has a duty to society, and to his fellow-students in particular, which he can best fulfil by devoting his energies to the particular club or society to which his talents are most suited.

Mr. White's talents lie in the realm of student-public co-operation. Hence his position as business manager of the Theatre Group. Incidentally he loathes amateur dramatics.

His success in the Box Office warranted his being selected as Organiser of the Arts Festival, and his experience in the past has taught him how little one can rely on students. He modestly asserts that any success achieved was due to the exertions of the excellent Planning Committee.

He considers the **Union News** to be a travesty of its title, but throws bouquets to **The Gryphon**, and tactfully suggests that the "gargoyle" could be reduced. However, he is not so expansive in praising the Union Committee—it is too concerned with its own domestic problems as to how each member shall rise to power.

He hopes that his research in crystal structure will eventually lead him to his treasured ambition—to have his own secluded laboratory where he can crystallise in peace.

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# ★ SPORT ★

## EDITORIAL.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our Sports Clubs success in the New Year. With more support from the touch-line they can reverse all defeats of last season. Every student should resolve to go down at least once this term, and see the teams representing him. Dates to be noted are—

- Wed. Jan. 6th Soccer v. Sheffield University.
- Rugger v. King's College.
- Women's Hockey v. Nottingham.
- Wed. Feb. 2 Rugger v. Sheffield.
- Sat. Feb. 5 Soccer in W.R. County Cup.
- Wed. Feb. 9 Rugger v. Manchester (Christie Match).
- Wed. Feb. 23 Rugger v. Liverpool (Christie Match).

Congratulations to K. Meredith and J. H. de Graeve (Reserve), who were chosen to play for English Universities v. Scottish Universities on January 29th.

Analysing last term's results, laurels go to the following Clubs. The Cross-country, who won the Christie; the Rifle, who are unbeaten; and the Basket-Ball Club, who, in defeating Manchester 43—20 and Liverpool 100—19, reached the U.A.U. Semi-final. The Water-polo team, by their defeat of Sheffield, have taken the first step towards being U.A.U. Champions this year.

Finally, we ask all Clubs, big and small, winning or losing, to let us have reports of their matches, so that we can present an accurate picture of University Sport. Copy should be put in the **Union News** box, or brought to the Editor at the Union, 11 a.m., Sunday morning.

### Basket-Ball.

This fast exciting game is now being played with much greater skill and efficiency, especially in the most important task of all, that of "hitting the basket." Statistics show that this year 1,546 points were scored in the competition as against 1,057 last year.

Anyone wishing to keep fit and enjoy a game noted for tactics is advised to contact his faculty representative.

### Combined Halls v. The Rest.

The Halls won what proved to be a hard game by 9 pts. to 6. Outstanding features of the match were two magnificent tries by Purvis for the Halls, some fine "dummies" by Holmes and strong runs by Nolon. Lessons to be learnt from the game are greater efficiency in passing both in speed and direction, and more cohesion among the forwards.

### Rugby Club.

We can look back on the first half of the season with some satisfaction. All three teams have played well and emerged with good records. Most encouraging has been the much-improved work of the 1st XV, which was undefeated in its last 7 matches, and has played some good rugby. The "A" XV played consistently well throughout the term, it is unfortunate that the last two matches were lost because of greatly weakened teams. The "B" XV has maintained a high standard, for after losing the first match it has won all the remainder with handsome margins.

It is to be hoped that this high standard will be kept up, especially in the three Christie matches.

Records to date:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
1st XV	17	11	1	5	257	170	
"A" XV	14	11	—	3	225	100	
"B" XV	11	10	—	1			

### Soccer Report.

Results of last Saturday's matches—  
 1st XI v. Yeadon Celtic (A), West Riding County Amateur League, Draw 1—1.  
 2nd XI v. Farsley United (H), West Yorks. League, Won 2—1.  
 3rd XI v. Christ Church Old Boys (Harrogate) (A), West Riding Old Boys' League, Lost 0—12.

Unfortunately for the Soccer Club, four cup competition matches had to be played during the Christmas vacation, with the inevitable result that our teams were well below normal strength.

However, as usual, we are still going strong in the main competition, the West Riding County Challenge Cup, the next round of which (5th) will be played on February 5th. Look out for further information on the Soccer notice board and come along to give our 1st XI badly needed support.

The 2nd XI have a chance to show their mettle when the opening round of the West Yorks. League Cup is to be played.

Results to date:

	P	W	L	D	Pts
W.R.C. Am. Lge.	12	5	4	3	13
West Yorks. Lge.	16	4	8	4	12
W.R. Old B. Lge.	11	2	7	2	6

Next Wednesday the 1st and 2nd XI's travel to Nottingham.

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### INTRA-MURAL GAMES RESULTS FOR LAST TERM.

#### RUGGER.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					To	Against
Mining .. .. .	3	3	—	—	65	6
Medics. "B" .. .. .	4	—	4	—	19	51
H.O.R. .. .. .	3	1	2	—	25	51
Chemistry .. .. .	6	3	3	—	74	62
Agrics. .. .. .	4	4	—	—	52	27
Dentals .. .. .	3	1	2	—	39	44
Lyddon Hall .. .. .	3	1	2	—	25	58

#### MIXED HOCKEY.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
					To	Against
Dentals .. .. .	3	—	3	—	12	15
Nat. Hist. Soc. .. .. .	4	2	1	1	14	12
German .. .. .	3	2	1	—	12	14
Geography .. .. .	3	3	—	—	16	9
Staff .. .. .	1	—	1	—	1	3
Medicals .. .. .	2	—	1	1	7	9

It is regretted that owing to the large number of matches cancelled through fog the above tables are incomplete.

### FINAL POSITIONS IN THE LEAGUES WINTER TERM 1948.

#### BASKET-BALL.

Division	Played	Won	Lost	For	Agst.	Pts.
<b>Division 1.</b>						
Lyddon "A" .. .. .	7	6	1	197	59	12
Medics "A" .. .. .	6	6	0	122	57	12
Woodsley .. .. .	6	4	2	157	73	8
Chemistry .. .. .	6	3	3	80	85	6
Col. Chemistry .. .. .	6	3	3	61	100	6
Dental "A" .. .. .	7	2	5	84	129	4
Physical Education .. .. .	6	1	5	117	125	2
Textiles .. .. .	6	0	6	34	141	0
(Textiles relegated to I iv. 2).						
<b>Division 2.</b>						
(Lyddon "B" promoted to I iv. 1).						
Lyddon "B" .. .. .	7	6	1	81	61	12
Engineers .. .. .	7	5	2	128	87	10
Nomads .. .. .	6	4	2	161	90	8
Medics. "B" .. .. .	7	4	3	137	138	8
Dental "B" .. .. .	7	4	3	83	87	8
Levon. .. .. .	6	2	4	71	92	4
Agrics. .. .. .	7	2	5	33	94	4

### Medics. Rugger.

Last term a well-balanced side was formed from the wealth of young enthusiastic players in the 1st and 2nd years.

The team has high hopes for the future. It beat Selby 22—5 at the end of last season, although the match was not such a walk-over as the score implies.

On Saturday it beat Upper Wharfedale 25—3 in a fast, open game. The forwards worked well and Sutcliffe was outstanding on the left wing. Tries were scored by Sutcliffe, Carr, Forrester, Edgar and Bowles. One of these was converted by Rossall, and one by Forrester, who also kicked a penalty. Sutcliffe also dropped a goal.

### Women's Boat Club.

The Interfaculty Regatta was finally held on Saturday, December 4th, after being twice postponed through fog.

Results: 1st Round.  
 Medics. (Stroke N. Benham) beat Arts (Stroke J. Bell); Science II (Stroke J. Stopford) beat Science I (Stroke E. Aaven).

Final.

Science II beat Medics.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to those members of L.U.B.S. who acted as officials.

The University crews are now being selected for the busy season ahead of us.

### Swimming Club.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY  
v. LEEDS.

The University water polo team defied the fog to travel to Sheffield on Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Their journey proved well worth while, as they defeated the home team by 8 goals to 1 in a fast robust game. The constructive polo of the Leeds side was too much for Sheffield who, although outplayed, never gave in. A short lapse in the second half on the part of the Leeds team prevented what otherwise may have been an even more decisive victory; but nevertheless this must be accepted as a satisfactory debut in the U.A.U. Championship this year. Lack of extra speed and stamina, which can be rectified by more training, were the only factors which could be severely criticised.

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