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Plans and Progress

University Pushes Building Programme

Ambitious plans for extending and rebuilding the University were undertaken before the War. These ceased in 1939, when there was a general stoppage of building throughout the country. Problems of space are now complicated by the greatly increased number of students, which has leapt from 1,757 in the 1938-39 Session to 2,612 in the 1946-47 Session, and is expected to reach about 3,000 this Session. In spite of serious shortages of material and labour, the University has been able to renew building operations once more, and substantial progress has been reported.

The Central Block.

During the years of the War the Central Block was hidden from view by unsightly but very necessary wooden hoardings. These were removed last year and the facade, clean, white and imposing, is now a familiar sight. Work on the Central Block has proceeded during the year, but progress has been slow owing to the shortage of timber, steel and cement. It does not now seem likely that the building will be ready before October, 1949. The block will house Arts Departments, Administration, Council and Committee Rooms. When it is opened the transfer will liberate much needed space for other Departments.

Refectory Improvements.

Refectory space has long been inadequate and all the preparations were made to begin an extension of the temporary Refectory, but because of licensing difficulties this cannot start until January. The first stage will be a new kitchen, which will eventually serve two dining rooms, or over a thousand meals a day. At present the temporary Refectory is serving 400 to 500 meals per day.

A scheme has also been prepared to considerably improve the refectory and kitchen at the Medical School and also to provide more room for the staff. Although the plans have been approved by the Ministry of Works, work cannot start until 1948.

Hostels.

Living accommodation for students has not been neglected. Bardon Grange was in use last term as an annexe to Oxley Hall; Ridgeway House will be available in October as an annexe to Devonshire Hall. A permanent extension providing 12 new bedrooms at Weetwood Hall has now been completed and will be in use this session. Alterations at Church Lane House, Adel, have started and it is hoped that the hostel will be available next year. Meanwhile, the University is pushing ahead with its long range plan for new hostels, and architects are preparing designs for these sites. In addition, two large houses with grounds have been purchased. Leeds has a deservedly high reputation for attractive hostels in pleasant surroundings, and it is the intention that this standard should be fully maintained.

Textiles and Chemistry Departments.

In common with other Departments, these have a largely increased number of students, and to accommodate the overflow a concrete hut has been erected for Textile research. The existing hut will be moved, shortly and the erection of a permanent extension of the Department will then begin. A similar hut has also been completed for the Chemistry Department and another will be put up next year. Work on new laboratories for Metallurgy and Chemistry has just been started.

Other Improvements.

To relieve the strain in other departments, a number of smaller alterations have been made. New research rooms and a hut have been acquired by the Engineering Department, while in the Fuel Department laboratory alterations and the fitting up of a house have been effected. Laboratory and lecture room alterations have taken place in the Department of Geology, and laboratory and greenhouse improvements have been carried out in the Botany Department.

The Zoology Department has a new animal house and the Dental School a new biological laboratory. Various improvements have been set in hand at the Medical School. Two additional houses have been acquired for English and Economics—these are now being fitted out and will include a recording room for phonetics. Robin Hood's Bay has not escaped attention, and improvements to the Marine Biological Laboratory have been carried out.

Only the Fringe.

These works have necessarily involved a considerable amount of effort by University Committees and Staff, and in a year of severe shortages, have only been made possible by the sympathetic co-operation of the University Grants Committee and the Ministry of Works. Apart from the Central Block and additional hostel accommodation, however, they are only the fringe of the building problem. The problem of accommodation in such Departments as Engineering, Fuel and Chemical Engineering, Biology, the Medical School and Library, are fully recognised, as well as the need



J. W. DAGGETT,
President L.U.U. 1947-48.

Invitation.

By the time you read this issue of the **Union News** you will have been pressed to attend the Freshers' Social.

You have probably asked your friends the purpose of this function and will have received a number of startling answers from the old stagers. Briefly, the routine is this, tea is provided and a social evening follows with dancing in the Riley-Smith Hall.

Besides yourselves, members of the Union Committee and Society representatives attend—all suitably labelled. This is your opportunity to obtain answers to all the questions you have been asking during the past two days and in an atmosphere much more congenial than that which pervades the Union on Bazaar Day.

On behalf of the Union Committee I cordially invite all Freshers to attend and I hope it will prove to be a happy augury to your University career.

J. W. DAGGETT
(President L.U.U., 1947-48).

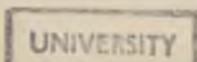
for improvements in the students' recreational facilities. Further comprehensive building works to be undertaken during the next two or three years are under consideration by the Building Priorities Committee and the Housing and Estates Committee.

THIS ISSUE . . .

. . . is an "Information Issue." In it will be found answers to many of the questions that Freshers ask when they find themselves in the new, casual and apparently inconsequential atmosphere of "The Union."

A map of the University buildings and their immediate surroundings will be found on Page 7; an article on the Union on Page 2, whilst Sport has Page 8.

Our next issue will be on October 23rd, when we shall return to our lay-out of six pages, when the accent will be less on the "Union" and more on the "News," and when all our usual features will be found once again.



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Universities

THE UNION BUILDING

The Union Building hardly needs a plan to help the Student to find his way about ; but we believe that a description of it, floor by floor and room by room, may help not only the Fresher but the Old Student to use more fully the services that the Union offers. We asked the House Secretary, therefore, to give us some notes on the building. He sent us the following article.

THE present Union Building was built shortly before the War and opened on July 3rd, 1939. That we were very fortunate in having this centre for student activities no one will deny ; and it is reputed to be the finest of the University Unions in the North. Only a week after part of this article had been written an architect and a surveyor from Nottingham visited us to get some hints for a Union that is to be built there. Beyond this I will say nothing of the Union Building as a whole. The information can be found tucked away in Opening Ceremony Programmes and Committee Minutes. Anyone who is interested in the history of the Union should visit Mr. Bourn, the Clerk to the Union, on one of the few occasions when he has a minute to spare. He will be found in **The Union Office**, on the right of the main entrance hall, and he will be able to answer many enquiries about Union affairs. I must make a plea, however, to Freshers: please do not overwhelm the Union Office with your questions; many of them may be pursued with equal results at **The Porter's Office**, on the opposite side of the entrance hall. In here Mr. Conroy, the Head-porter, or one of his assistants, Mr. Fountain, the Second Porter ; Mr. Watson, the Third Porter or Mr. Magee the Union Attendant, is always on duty. Whether it is to announce an urgent message, book a table for billiards or table-tennis or merely to give information, they will always be willing to help. Games equipment for use in the Union is kept in the office and tickets for every conceivable affair can nearly always be bought at the window.

These two offices are the hub for most business affairs. Unlike those in many other Unions they are open to students—over the Union Office counter and through the Porter's window. Please use them but don't overwhelm them.

GROUND FLOOR and BASEMENT.

To take the rooms in order of building : the lowest floor of the Union is a ground floor at the back and a basement at the front and it is usually called **The Bottom Corridor**, reached from the main entrance by two stairways. On the right hand and at the end, leading off this corridor, is **The Men's Common Room**. At present it is used principally as a lounge and table-tennis room and no rule, written or unwritten, restricts its use to men alone. Obviously, however, common courtesy will leave it for the men except when an invita-

tion to table-tennis brings others there. In the far corner of the room is a small card room and this, together with a section of the Common Room, is to form the Bar when it is built. The work should be completed during the session.

With its door close to the Men's Common Room is **The Men's Cloakroom**, including the Baths and Showers. In this room the Barber's Shop will take up part of the room now occupied by the coat-racks. Again this is a venture that we hope to see completed before the end of the Session. When the fuel position permits there is a constant supply of hot water there and it is always open.

Between the extremities of the corridor there is only one public room—**The Social Room**. Its use is restricted to dances, socials, meetings and so on. Information about booking it or any other room in the Union I have drawn into a paragraph at the end of the article. Opposite the Social Room are **The Students' Telephone Call Boxes**. The Numbers are Leeds 239611 and 256871, and incoming calls are received in the Porter's Office but taken by the student, when he is found, in the Call Box. The small door next to the Boxes leads to the Head Porter's quarters and is quite private.

At the left hand of the corridor is **The Women's Common Room**, which adjoins the Social Room and is, by common consent, restricted in use. There are no facilities for table-tennis there and, so far as docketts and permits will allow us, we have attempted to make the room into a reading and writing lounge for Women Students. Opposite the Women's Common Room are **The Photographic Dark Room** and **The Women's Cloakroom**. The Dark Room is fully fitted out with the usual equipment ; I say fully fitted out with the reservation that I am no photographer. No one has ever told me anything to contradict this. The key is kept in the Porter's Office. Within the Women's Cloakroom a small room has been set aside for a rest—and **First-Aid Room**. While I am writing this article the room is being newly decorated and I have every hope that by the beginning of term it will be ready for use. The Room serves a dual purpose since the ironing board is kept there with an electric point at hand. The electric iron can be had from the Porter's Office on payment of 2/6 deposit. There are baths but no showers in the cloakroom.

At the far end the corridor turns and leading off it are two

rooms, **The Senior Vice-President's Room** and **The President's Room**. The first has now been loaned to the Cafeteria Staff as a rest room ; the other is used by the President and the Senior Vice-President for the work their office entails and the entertainment of the Union guests. Both rooms are, of course, private. Between the S.V.P's Room and the Women's Cloak Room is the Boiler House, but it has no entrance in the Union and is controlled solely by the maintenance staff.

On the next floor, **The Main Entrance Hall**, there is, at the left hand end, the entrance to **The Riley-Smith Hall**. This theatre and concert hall was named after William Riley-Smith and we are, I think, justly proud of it. Six years of neglect during the war have left it in need of redecoration ; but it has been said to contain the finest amateur stage in the North of England. This is not without justification if we judge by the number of applications we receive for its use from all manner of people outside the University—let alone from our own Societies. To keep the dance floor in condition the Riley-Smith Hall is kept locked when not in use and for the same reason smoking is not allowed on the floor of the Hall. But there is a balcony and those who enjoy a cigarette while watching a dance or a play can always find room there.

At the opposite end of the main entrance hall is **The Joint Common Room**, known in the driest of committee minutes simply by the initials of its name. The fact that it is a *joint* common room leads to obvious difficulties, and criticisms of the behaviour of students there have aroused many controversies in these columns, in *The Gryphon* and even in the *Yorkshire Evening Post*. There is one practical point: the J.C.R., I think, should not be used by anyone in such a way as to embarrass others. During term time the far end of the J.C.R. is usually screened off to provide **The Cafeteria Extension**. The reason for this I need not point out to present students. Freshers will appreciate the point when they buy their first cup of coffee ; but I would like to emphasise the existence of the Extension. Last year, when it was opened, it was not used as extensively as it could have been because, outside the rush hours, only the tables and chairs remained and many students coming in at other times saw nothing of it. It is open for the busy periods, the times are posted on the door of the J.C.R., and it

provides a similar service to that in the main Cafeteria.

Apart from the Extension the J.C.R. is a lounge and in it are placed all the daily newspapers. On either side of the door are the **Pigeon-hole Post-Boxes** ; one for men another for women students, though shortage of this equipment may necessitate using only one set of boxes for everyone.

Extending the length of the corridor are **The Cafeteria** and **The Kitchens**. Nothing need be said about these except, perhaps that, to keep the Union clean, food may not be taken out of the Cafeteria or the Cafeteria Extension. The Cafeteria is open from 10 a.m. to 1-45 p.m. and from 3-0 until 5-30 p.m. The Kitchens are private and solely under the charge of Miss Miller, the Cafeteria Manageress. Opposite the Kitchens are two doors leading to **The Executive Office** (lying behind the Union Office) which, again, is private.

That list exhausts the rooms on this floor of the Union, but round the walls of this corridor are fixed all the notice boards and as many posters as space will permit. (The sizes and the rules governing posters will be found on page 5 of this paper). By the door of the Riley-Smith Hall there is a stamp machine and letter box and by the Cafeteria door the board for stamped mail. Incoming parcels are received in the Porter's Office and a notice of addressees displayed in the window.

THE UPPER FLOOR.

From this floor the stairs lead up at both sides to **The Top Corridor**. On the left, at the end, are doors leading to the balcony of the Riley-Smith Hall and the small door round to the left leads to the Porter's private quarters. At the right-hand end is **The Large Card Room**, used generally for meetings and committees, and **The Billiard Room**. Not a photographer, I am still less a billiard player, but I am told that the four tables are good ones and well equipped. Next to the Billiard Room is **The Small Card Room**, and in it is held every week the Book Exchange, but it is, of course, open for use in the ordinary way.

Along the top corridor on the side that faces the stairs are **The Committee Room**, **The Old Students and Staff Room**, and **The Library**. The first needs little explanation ; it may be divided in two by a sliding panel but its use is normally restricted to the Union Committee, University Committees, and the larger committees of the Union. The room next to it is

The Union Building—cont.
solely for the use of Old Students and Staff. The Library, the only other large room on this corridor, is not in any sense another Brotherton. The books in it are mostly fiction and it is not intended as an academic library; it is shortly to be reorganised, however, and suggestions for additions will be welcomed by the librarian. The Librarian, Miss Raven, is there from 1-15 p.m. to 2 p.m. every day, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, to issue books and every student is a member. Silence is preserved in the library, but there is no restriction about smoking and, despite the temptations offered by the magazines, which are all to be found in here, it is a very pleasant room for work as well as leisure.

At the back of the stairs, reached by a short gangway round the top of the staircase are four offices housing **Union News, N.U.S., I.U.S. and I.S.S., Grants and Welfare and the British Legion, and The Gryphon.** These offices are open at the discretion of the Editors of the publications and the Secretaries of the Committees. Both **Union News** and **The Gryphon** have boxes for contributions in the Main Entrance Hall on the floor below.

Above this floor lie the Caretaker's quarters, the Projection Room and various services, but the floor as a whole is closed to students.

THE GROUNDS.

That is your Union Building. Outside it there is no permanent building that comes under the jurisdiction of the Union Authorities. There are temporary constructions—**The Bicycle Sheds, The Refectory Extension, The Tennis Courts and The Car Park,** but there is little to say about them. The Union, unfortunately, but for obvious reasons, does not accept responsibility for bicycles left in the shed (nor for that matter for property left in the Union); the Refectory Extension is University Property; the tennis courts, together with those in Beech Grove Terrace, are booked at the Porter's Office.

BOOKING ROOMS.

For the use and booking of rooms in the Union Constitution, sets out a number of simple rules of which the following is a summary. The Women's Common Room, The Social Room, The Men's Common Room, The Joint Common Room and the Card Rooms are available, free of charge, to all Union Societies and other groups for use for meetings and so forth, and may be booked in the diary held in the Union Office. The Riley-Smith Hall is available for meetings, concerts, dances, socials, plays and so forth on application to the House Secretary, but societies are charged a nominal fee of £2 for dances and socials. For all rooms the services of the Porters are charged for when the booking is out of normal hours—the Union is open from 8-45 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thurs-

LEEDS MUSIC

Though Leeds is persistently handicapped by lack of good concert halls, the enthusiasm and ability of many citizens are rapidly placing the city on a progressive musical level.

Newcomers to Leeds are fortunate in having at their disposal the new Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra—a full-time professional group which is giving a series of weekly concerts in Leeds and outlying towns throughout the University year. The first concert on September 3rd promised much and showed that the Orchestra warrants enthusiastic support. Seats may be cheaply booked and programmes for the Winter Season obtained at Barker's music shop in Albion Place.

The Northern Philharmonic Orchestra, which served ably last year, although handicapped by under-rehearsal, is also giving a number of concerts. The Musical Festival, for which a few seats are still available, is being held during the first week of term. Free Lunch-time Recitals of Chamber music are held weekly in the Museum lecture hall in Park Row.

University Music Society.

It is hoped, of course, that the University Music Society will claim the enthusiastic services of all instrumentalists and music lovers. The Orchestra has unlimited vacancies, and the chorus has a speculative ear for Freshers with a tenor voice. Those whose musical thirst is assuaged by the revolving disc will find their needs met by weekly gramophone recitals. Those, again, who seek their Elysium in the austere profundities of the duet sonata, trio and quartet will have opportunities for performance and listening at informal musical evenings held at intervals throughout the year.

All newcomers of whatever musical aspiration are earnestly solicited to cross the Secretary's palm with the membership fee of 2/6, to keep a watchful eye upon the Society notices, and to do their utmost to preserve and increase the influence of this long-established Society.

P.T.B.

THEATRE GROUP SOCIAL

(Freshers and Old Members) RECEPTION.

ON Thursday, 16th October, 1947 at 4-45 p.m.

THE SOCIAL ROOM and THE RILEY-SMITH HALL PROGRAMME.

Tea. Chairman's Welcome. The Year's Programme.

days and Fridays; until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and until 2 p.m. on Saturdays. No other rooms are normally available for any other purpose than that, so to speak, labelled on the door.

Johnson over Jordon

Strong ties of patronage and local patriotism ensure that the Bradford Civic Playhouse gives always of its best when presenting a Priestley play, and Miss Esmé Church's production of "Johnson Over Jordan" was a fitting opening to the 1947-48 Season.

The play allegorically portrays the journey of a dead man. Johnson, who is Everyman, descends after his death through the Purgatory of a demented Insurance Office to a Hell of lust, greed and self-hatred represented by a decadent Night Club. Finally, he finds a brief period of peace and reconciliation in the mysterious Inn before setting out, overcoated, bowler-hatted and carrying a suitcase, into the unknown.

This is a theme for a poet; Mr. Priestley is too sturdy a Yorkshireman for that, but he extracts the last possible ounce of drama from his scenes and there is that humour and superb characterisation we have come to expect from him. Listening to the passages of heavily charged prose, however, we realise how inadequate a vehicle he has for his needs. Indeed, there is often an unpleasant sense of strain behind these flowing phrases.

The exceptionally large cast of 37, plus the chorus and ballet, set the producer, working on a small stage, many problems, which she solved neatly and smoothly. But there were moments in the Second Act which were grotesque in a way the author never intended. Gilded vice, it seems, is not within the orbit of the amateur stage.

There were few lapses in the standard of acting. O. T. Ward as Johnson assiduously played Mr. J. B. Priestley and carried the main acting burden. Paul Whitson - Jones and Walter Williams contributed several brilliant little character studies, and the strangely compassionate figure of Death was played by Harry Moseley.

The next film-show at the Playhouse will be on Monday, October 6th, when that brilliant French film, *Les Enfants Du Paradis*, with Jean-Louis Barrault and Arletty, will be presented.

"Theatre" Review.

(Issued by Bradford Civic Playhouse. Autumn Number. Price 2/6).

The Autumn number is a lavish production, tastefully printed and handsomely illustrated. The Theatrical scene in London, Paris, New York and Belgium is reviewed, and illuminating articles by Paul Rotha (*Raising the Standard*) and Hans Nieter (*Films for Children*) top a mixed fare of discursive writing on Opera, Ballet and the Film. Ninette de Valois is featured in a long and excessively encomiastic article.

THE BRITISH LEGION

The British Legion Branch in this University is part of a national institution to safeguard the interests of ex-Service men and women. The objects of the Legion are to promote comradeship and remember the fallen; to care for the disabled, the widow and the orphan; to speak on pensions and unemployment; to continue service in Peace as in War.

This service has been actively continued by this Branch during the past year. Help has been given in Housing and Pensions and grants have been allotted in cases where F.E.T.S. cheques have been delayed, and in other cases of hardship.

Legion representatives may be interviewed in the Grants and Welfare Office in the Union on Fridays from 1-2 p.m.

It is the duty of all ex-Service men and women to support this great national movement. Present members are requested to pay their subscriptions early in the term. It is hoped that badges will shortly be available.

Do not fail to visit our Branch Office, open to-day and tomorrow in the Riley-Smith Hall of the Union.

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Perhaps the outstanding comment in "Theatre" is condensed in the short editorial, where the economic cause of a dearth in American Films is seen as a stimulating challenge to the Amateur Theatre.

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Editorial

With this issue *Union News* enters its second year of publication, and the occasion seems to demand more than a passing reference in its columns. This is not because we believe the event to be sufficiently momentous to form an excuse for pontifical and orotund sermonising from this platform, but because we think that this is the opportunity to tell our Readers what we believe our function and policy to be.

It is easy to say what we are NOT. We do not set out to be a mixture of the *New Statesman*, the *Economist* and *The Times*. Nor, on a different level, do we compete with our own University magazine *The Gryphon*.

Our aims are much more modest. We set out to collect and print news of all the activities that take place in this complex and busy community of students which is called the Union. We try to present this news fairly and accurately, maintaining a balance between the serious and the amusing, providing in addition a commentary and, if necessary, an explanation.

We include student opinion on wider topics and provide space for controversy by debate in our pages and by letters in our correspondence columns. Our size forbids the publication of long and more finished articles, which are properly material for the University magazine, which it is our policy to supplement rather than supplant as a reflection of current student affairs.

These are aims plainly set out. To what extent we shall be successful in carrying them out is for our Readers to judge during the coming issues.

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.

Extracts from *Union News* may not be quoted in other publications without permission.

Subscription rates: 3/6 per annum, post free.

The next issue of *Union News* will be published on Thursday, October 23rd.

This and That

"UNION BALL SUCCESS."

Many of our readers will remember that first headline of U.N. (incidentally, it is now impossible to get a copy of the first issue). That the Editor could use a similar screamer this year seems quite likely from the arrangements that have been made so far: two bands, bright decorations, no crush in the bar and dancing on a small floor in the Cafeteria.

"...LIKE THE PARD."

Our new House Secretary attempted to grow a beard during the vac. His explanation was "just for fun," but we strongly suspect that he was a guinea pig for a close friend in the Medical School. After a week's growth he visited his mother, but the sense of strain in the house forced him on the second day to the local barber. Only after hearing the whole sad story did this worthy waive his ban of "no shaving" and our H.S. has returned to us clean, but was last seen wandering with that vague look in his eye that was valentined for his predecessor.

GHOST.

By comparing the ceiling of the top corridor with the walls of the Union you may see the work that has kept the second Porter, Mr. Fountain, very busy throughout the vac. His remarks on completing the job were something about "a crick in his neck"; but a Union Officer returning to work after hours reports a weird wraith-like creature with dark curly hair, wafting through the corridors, patting the walls and murmuring affectionate and endearing terms.

FOR SPIV ATTENTION.

The Union and, in particular, *Union News*, are short of type-writers. Anyone who wants to sell his machine to pay his fees can—just pay his fees—but any others should have a word with Mr. Bourn.

PAPER CHASE.

The executive has announced that, to save wall space, all posters in the Union are to be cut to two sizes. Several Society Secs. were seen making furtive enquiries from the Porter about what happened to the ammunition at the last A.G.M. But deckle-edged posters are hardly the thing, we think.

L'ART POUR UNION.

A recent meeting with Stanley Spencer brought to our minds the controversy that raged last year over "Christ Entering Jerusalem," which appeared in the Cafeteria, and the verse appearing in the U.N. :—

Christ Entering Jerusalem
Is certain to bamboozle 'em.
Another storm of the same kind

may be brewing since we hear that the Union is to have a new set of reproductions to decorate its walls; all a help to the Editor, who loves a bit of barney.

BURNING BURNING BURNING.

Many women students will be struck by the coincidence of the minor catastrophe that occurred with the electric iron last term and the provision of a new set of fire extinguishers. Cynics have remarked that the 2/6 deposit now to be paid on the electric iron is even more efficient than the glorious red cannisters that have appeared. A little hard, we think.

THE FRESHERS' SOCIAL is on Friday, 10th October, at 4 p.m. We have often wondered why it is necessary to label our corps of officialdom at this function—and on Bazaar Days. It is said that like Queen Mary's "Calais," "Hon. Sec. L.U.U." was stamped across the heart of J. S. Parry when he left us last term. But another inscription, "Mrs. Parry," replaced it on August 7th, and he joins Hampton Court School as French Master for the new Session.

TOBEOWULF AND THE ANGEL.

The *Gryphon* has a new Editor, Martin Sampath. He and the Editor of these columns tell us that, while the happiest liaison exists between them it is unlikely that they will be found, as were the Manchester Guardian Angel (*Union News*' last Editor) and George Hauger, discussing the finer points of Anglo Saxon verse translation over coffee cups. We must admit that we feel vaguely reassured.

W.G.B.

Talking of Editors, these, we feel sure, were the initials of Billy Bunter (Arts readers, quiver and recoil). But we should not like readers to forget that they were the initials of Bill Baines, sub-editor of *Union News* last year and Editor elect for this year. Shortly after he had arranged to take a post-graduate course a Gorgon by name of The Ministry of Labour, descended on him and swept him off to the Army. We can't help feeling that the "Powers that be" should discriminate more carefully: the loss to the Union quite apart from University life has been very considerable. He is not to be intimidated, however, and swears that he will return to the fold as soon as he can escape.

NO TRACE NO MORE.

Another loss to the Army is Geoff Kirk, who executed the plan of the University in this edition. Readers will agree that he has made a very fine job of it and his friends in the Engineering Department will not be surprised. He was one of those types.

(THE SNOOPERS.)

BAN ON HOLIDAY TRAVEL

In general, all holiday travel is banned and individual projects for educational travel will be closely scrutinised by the Bank of England Foreign Exchange Control before approval is given. Every project must be approved individually.

FAMILY EXCHANGE.

Students can still travel abroad on a family exchange scheme based on reciprocal offers of hospitality, provided these are not in discharge of a calculated debt and are organised on an individual and not a group basis. No allowance of foreign currency will be available to students resident in the United Kingdom travelling under such a scheme and therefore they will only be able to travel with British transport companies, unless foreign students inviting them can pay any fares needed for travel on non-British lines or railways. In practice, this means that students will be able to travel to the Channel Ports, and family exchange will therefore be limited to France, Belgium and Holland.

FACULTY TOURS.

The only other type of travel which will be approved is that for organised courses of instruction in continuation of any given student's studies in this country. In approved cases, an allowance of currency will be made and tickets may be obtained from transport companies in non-sterling areas. It will also be possible to operate off-setting currency transactions for such travel as is allowed under this heading.

WORK CAMPS.

Students resident in the United Kingdom will not be allowed to participate in work camps or holiday tours abroad unless the countries concerned can pay fares from the Channel Ports onwards. Off-setting currency arrangements will not be approved.

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Formed as the representative student organisation of England, Wales and Northern Ireland is the federation of Unions, Guilds and Student Representative Councils of Universities and Colleges known as the National Union of Students. Governed by a Council of delegates from each affiliated Union, the N.U.S. represents students nationally and internationally and promotes the educational, social and general interests of students. Delegates from this Union are John Daggett, President L.U.U.; Tony West, Secretary L.U.U.; and Bill Foster, N.U.S. Secretary.

Student Problems.

A valuable function of N.U.S. is the collection and publication of information relating to student problems. Four major questions are particularly pressing.

Ex-Service Students.— Now recognised by the Ministry of Education as the appropriate body with which to negotiate questions regarding the F.E.T.S., the National Union of Students successfully gained a revised system of payment, a 15 per cent. increase in the value of awards and set up machinery to deal promptly with cases of hardship.

Student Health.— Alarmed by the complete lack of information on this vital matter, N.U.S. sent out circulars to University and College authorities and on the basis of these and other original investigations a report is to be published in the near future.

Banned Societies and Student Freedom.— Students at many Technical and Training Colleges are not allowed by their Principals to form religious or political societies and, because of the nature of their Colleges, they have little access to the wide field of interests open to the University student. The N.U.S. are producing a charter of student freedom and the emphasis of its work for the coming year will be on these restrictions of student freedom.

Availability of Higher Education.— The declared policy of N.U.S. in this respect is the abolition of fees over a five-year period, adequate maintenance grants for all, a co-ordinated basic rate for all awards and a common entrance standard for Universities and Colleges.

Travel and Vacation.

Through the medium of N.U.S. Tours, Exchange and Work Schemes, 2,850 students went abroad last year, whilst some 1,200 students from other countries came to Britain in the same period. Details of these schemes are published on the Union notice boards.

This year, in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, N.U.S. organised farm camps and fen reclamation camps, over 2,000 students taking part.

NOTICES

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

Owing to pressure of work, the Senior Vice-President, Miss H. M. Taylor, has had to resign. This will necessitate an election in the early weeks of this session.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Union Office. The polling day will be about three weeks after commencement of the term. Freshers will not be eligible to vote in this election.

There is no representation for Day Students in Lodgings and nominations can also be received for this seat.

POSTERS IN THE UNION.

In an attempt to find sufficient space for all posters and notices in the Entrance Hall it has been decided that there shall be only two sizes:

40" — 30" (For the eight major dances).

20" — 15" (For all other notices).

Notices appearing on the Society Notice Board will continue to be quarto size and all notices and posters must be stamped in the Union Office. No notice must appear more than seven days before the event it advertises.

Notices appearing on the boards of individual clubs will continue as before.

UNION

SEEKS RECEPTIONISTS.

In connection with the N.U.S. Council, which is being held in Leeds on Oct. 31st—Nov. 1st, the Union is looking for 50 receptionists to meet delegates at the station and escort them to the Union.

All interested students are asked to contact the N.U.S. Secretary, Mr. Foster.

Incidentally there is to be a Social on Saturday, Nov. 1st, when tickets will be limited. It will be good. More information will be in the next issue.

Congress.

To be held in Leicester from March 31st to April 8th, 1948, Congress will have as its theme the "Status of the Student," and amongst the suggested speakers are J. B. Priestley, Bertrand Russell, Lindsay of Birker, Sir David Ross, Mr. C. Attlee and Mr. H. Dalton.

Council will be held at Leeds University on November 1st and 2nd, and will be a great opportunity for students to attend the meetings as observers.

A year book is published by N.U.S. and a limited number are on sale in the office of the Clerk of the Union, Mr. Bourne. Information on other activities appears on the notice board in the Union, and Council Representatives will answer any queries.

During the Vac.

World Youth Festival.— Approximately 450 students out of 1,500 young people from Britain went to the Prague World Youth Festival. About 20,000 from 48 countries attended during the four weeks.

Poland.— W. Bonney Rust, President-Elect of N.U.S., led a delegation of students to Poland, where they were the guests of the Joint Committee of Polish Student Organisations. He reports that the number of University students in Poland has been increased from 48,000 in pre-war days to 55,000 in 1946-47, and it is planned to expand the number next session to 83,000. Working conditions are incredibly difficult, but the determination to learn has overcome these difficulties. Students cram the lecture rooms (very often cinemas) so tightly that they have to write their notes on the back of the person sitting in front.

Spain.— Margaret Richards, Secretary of N.U.S., was sent to Spain by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students to investigate the case of the nine young Spaniards, imprisoned without trial for 15 months. She was not allowed to see the prisoners, but managed to uncover the facts of the case. They were Court Martialled on July 28th, and sentenced to terms of imprisonment up to 20 years, for anti-Franco activities, including placing fuse-bombs. They are not appealing because the sentences are considered normal, and they may get longer if they appeal. A full report is available from 3, Endsleigh Street.

The N.U.S., in co-operation with the Association of University Teachers, the National Union of Teachers and the Association of Scientific Workers, has called a **National Delegate Conference** in London, on Britain's need for Higher Education. The Minister of Education and other prominent speakers will take part.

I.U.S. Games in Paris. N.U.S. and U.A.U. sent 20 students to compete in the World Student Games organised in Paris for the I.U.S. by the French N.U.S. in August. Our competitors won one event in the swimming contests; won the 100 and 200 yards and the ½-mile in the running contests and came second in the ¼-mile.

To be published soon by Winchester Publications is a collection of essays under the title of "Atomic Challenge." The book contains the views expressed by the well-known scientists and thinkers who spoke in the B.B.C.'s "Atomic Week" broadcasts, and also includes student contributions from all over the world.

Grants & Welfare

(Incorporating the ex-Service Committee).

This sub-committee of your Union was formed in October, 1946, as a result of a spontaneous demand by ex-Service students for some organisation which could help them to solve the problems which then confronted them. Similar sub-committees sprang up in most Universities in the country and very soon their activities were co-ordinated by the National Grants and Fees Committee of the National Union of Students, which took the complaints of students direct to the Ministry of Education.

During the last year your Grants and Welfare Sub-Committee has brought pressure to bear on the Ministry of Education so that some 300 long overdue F.E.T.S. Grants were paid without further delay.

It has made appeals on behalf of 35 ex-Service students whose grants had either been refused or were inadequate. **All appeals were successful.**

It has taken a prominent part in the campaign, waged in the Press and in Parliament by sympathetic M.P.s., to expose the anomalies and inadequacies of the system of award and payment of F.E.T.S. Grants. A revised scheme put forward by your Sub-committee was adopted by the N.U.S. Grants and Fees Committee as official policy. **This scheme is now used by the Ministry of Education in payment of your ex-Service grants.**

It prepared the way for the formation in this University of a branch of the British Legion, whose national machinery has been utilised for the solution of those problems peculiar to ex-Service men and women.

It has applied the experience gained to the solution of problems of non-ex-Service students. In several cases we have succeeded in obtaining educational grants for such students who were in financial difficulties.

It has been able to guide scores of students through the intricacies of F.E.T.S. regulations.

There are still anomalies in the Further Education and Training Scheme, and many reforms still to be won. We need the constant support of every ex-Service student in this University.

There are still great differences in the number and value of scholarships awarded by Local Education Authorities. There are far too many students whose University life is, financially, a precarious one. In striving for these and other reforms, we need the constant support of every student in this University.

Our advice bureau will be open to-day and to-morrow (October 7th and 8th) in the Riley-Smith Hall, and throughout the term in our permanent office in the Union Building.

W.F.

Medics Rugged Club—cont.

vision is not focussed on quite so mercenary an object, the tradition and camaraderie of a Rugby Club is offered which undertakes football in the spirit of the game—to be played for its own sake and for the enjoyment to be derived from it (the £10,000 will no doubt follow).

Athletics.

Whilst these are two independent clubs, their activities are sufficiently similar to warrant a joint report. Suffice it to say that these are two of the strongest clubs in the University. The clubs need strengthening in middle distances and sprints, and it is here that new blood is needed. David Haw is one of the strongest runners that the University has ever produced. In the Northern Counties A.A.A. Championships, he won his usual first place—we have come to expect that now—then went on to win a place in an English team—and a most artistic badge.

Women's Hockey Club.

The Women's Hockey Club has had a fairly successful season, winning the majority of matches but, unfortunately, failing to secure good enough results in the Women's Inter-Varsity Athletic Board (Wivab to you) fixtures to procure the Christie Cup.

Outstanding players in the team are Norma Pearhouse, picked for the English Universities, and Enid Colbridge, chosen as a reserve.

Remember this, Freshers, Hockey is a fast, exciting game, guaranteed to keep you warm. And you are armed.

The Residue.

If you are interested in any club which is not mentioned in this page, you will find it in the Union Handbook. We are obviously unable to print reports of clubs from whom we have received no material.

These are the residue.

“Women Students are Notoriously Slovenly”

No, this is not the considered view of the Editorial Staff (nor of the Union, we may hope), but is the title of one of the subjects on the list chosen for the Public Speaking Contest organised by the Debates Society, to be held in the Social Room on Tuesday, 14th October. Four prizes of a guinea and half-guinea are offered to the winners, and there is a special Fresher's prize of a guinea. Other titles on the list of twenty-five include such highly debatable motions as “Philosophy is the Cloak for Madness,” “The Worker is more important than the Student,” and—the unkindest one of all—“The Fresher is the Lowest Form of University life.”

Society Notes

The Theatre Group.

Most Union Societies have a very limited appeal, but The Theatre Group can claim the privilege of serving the whole Union and not just a few students of one political interest or academic speciality. The Group is open to all interested in entertainment and drama. It has a wide range of appeal both technical—in back-stage work, set-construction and lighting, etc.—and artistic, for beside acting and producing there is design and décor. Within the Group the Arts and the Sciences are harmoniously interfused and there is plenty of room for all.

For the new session we have planned an ambitious programme, an outline of which will be given to all members after the Chairman's opening address at the Social on Thursday, 16th October. We are presenting three major productions, one each term, a number of one-act plays at lunch-time performances and hope to include play-readings, discussion groups and visits to the Theatre.

We extend a cordial welcome to all Freshers and look forward to the continued co-operation of

the old and valuable members.

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The International Society.

The need for information and discussion of International affairs has never been so important as now. The International Society arranges its programme in such a way as to arouse and satisfy its members' interest in these problems, and to bring about personal contacts between people of different nationalities by working through the media of lectures, socials, brains trusts and dances. The Society was also able to arrange joint lectures and socials with outside bodies interested in International affairs, and it is represented on the Committee of U.N.S.A.

Last year, the large number of foreign students and ex-Servicemen who had been abroad gave a great impetus to the activities of the Society and it is hoped that this year will see that fresh and vital impetus more than maintained.

RESEARCH IN RYEDALE

Few of us can combine an outdoor holiday with scientific field-work. Yet this was accomplished by members of the L.U. Anthropological Society which, financed by the University, carried out extensive diggings on a pre-historic burial mound at Appleton Common in the North Riding.

This tumulus, or burial mound of the local tribal chieftain, is a circular mound 100 ft. in diameter, is six feet high and surrounded by a shallow ditch. It dates back to 2000 B.C., the time when the “Beaker People” were invading Britain from Europe. This period—the Bronze Age—is the link between the Stone Ages and the Iron Age.

The barrow is large and time was short, so only the South quadrant was opened up. Many important finds of flints, fossils and skeletal fragments were dug up, and the quadrant was thoroughly surveyed, sketched and photographed.

Life for the party was not all delving and digging. Farmhouse food, the lovely scenery of Ryedale and the glorious summer weather combined to make a memorable holiday of what was also a scientific expedition.

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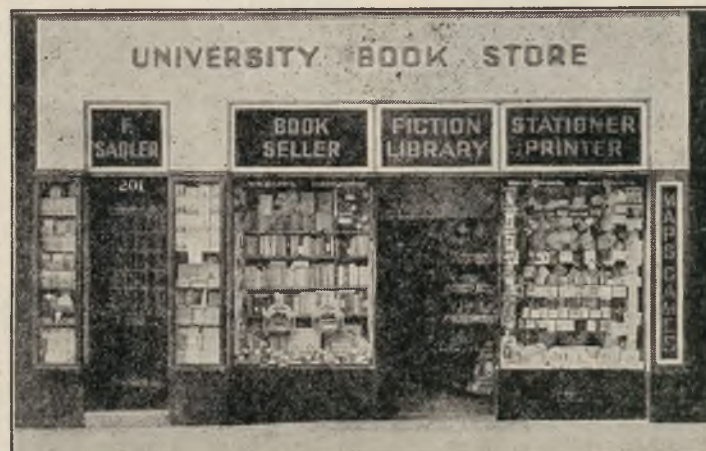
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UNDER THE GRIME

Our Reporter, peering through the windows of the freshly-decorated J.C.R. was astonished to see what he thought was a new series of reproductions of famous paintings. Scouting a story, he was even more astonished to discover that the paintings, far from being new acquisitions, were only the old ones re-furnished. They include a “Still Life” by Cézanne, van Gogh's “A Young Man,” Signac's “Ile de la Cité” and Degas' beautiful “Ballet Dancer.” English painters are represented by John Nash's “Cornfield,” glowing in rich browns and yellows.

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

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WORK CAMPS—cont.

It is not known how long these regulations will last, nor whether there will be relaxations for particular countries or particular sections of the public. Many educational bodies, among them N.U.S., are deeply concerned in this matter, and a meeting may shortly be arranged between Treasury Officials and representatives of these societies to discuss the whole question.

MAP OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



Monday, October 6th, 1947

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Drawn by Geoff Kirk from plans kindly loaned by the Fabric Office

★ SPORT ★

Sports Editorial

During the three months vacation very little University sport takes place. We therefore present, in this edition of **Union News** a Sports Guide for Freshers.

Even if you are not actively interested in sport, there is no reason for you to ignore sport completely. All clubs welcome supporters, and we strongly recommend a trip to the Weetwood grounds, where, nearly every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon, you can cheer our teams to victory, or, perhaps, just cheer.

If you are interested, we hope that this page will be of some assistance to you. All clubs have a fixture list, which includes trips to other Universities and all fares are paid by the Union.

Don't be overawed by the title of a University club. If you played for your School or Service's team you will be welcomed with open arms. If you never achieved that eminence, you will be taught by people with more experience than yourself. The only qualification is enthusiasm, and you must have that.

Every club has its representative in the Riley-Smith Hall to-day. Go and see him. And go NOW.

Round the Clubs

There is as full and comprehensive a selection of Sports Clubs within the University as any man could wish for. These fall into two clearly defined sections, however, the Boat Club and other Clubs.

Boats.

There are two clubs, one for men and one for women. Both clubs insist that members are able to swim . . . just in case. The Boat House is at Swillington; full details of transport are published on the clubs' notice boards. If you can swim, join the Boat Club.

If you can't swim, then join the Swimming Club.

Other Clubs.

These can be divided into two distinct groups: clubs whose headquarters are in the Gym. and the rest.

First among the clubs based on the Gym. is the **Fencing Club** which, like the Boat Club, is open to men and women. Instruction, which is free, is given in the use of three weapons—foil, epee and sabre. For the benefit of those who know nothing of the sport, two things must be made clear. Firstly, the Fencing Club takes neither Robin Hood nor the Count of Monte Cristo as its model, *i.e.*, its members do not fence whilst moving backwards, upstairs, nor with more than one opponent at a time. Secondly, the sport is not dangerous. Weapons are not sharp and the club provides masks, jackets and gloves. The masks also have the useful function of disguising the features.

Basket-ball.

Two years ago this sport was almost unheard of in the University. Now, the Basket-ball team is able to hold its own against any other University's team and, in the semi-final match of the National Basket-ball Championship against Dolobran (the English Olympic Basket-ball team) was leading at half-time, 18-14 and was only defeated by the very narrow margin of 31-27. And that was only after Dromlewicz, one of the Leeds stalwarts, had left the field after four personal fouls.

If you feel cold this Winter, join your Faculty's Basket-ball Club. But don't wear your best shirt.

Rugby Fives.

The Fives Club is a small, intimate club, running two teams of four members each. Last season was very successful, the first team winning seven out of their nine matches.

A pair was also entered for the Northern Rugby Fives Championships at Halifax, and they reached the semi-final.

Many enjoyable afternoons are spent at the Devonshire Hall courts. The nights are equally enjoyable, especially when playing away.

Badminton.

The Badminton Club has been meeting regularly for the past year in the gym. and anticipates a great increase in numbers this year. This will be catered for by an extra evening of play each week. The Club hopes, by means of fixture manipulation, to extend the range of their fixtures without incurring any extra cost.

Practices are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and also on Saturday afternoons, when the usual enthusiasts are present, together with the flying feathers!

Give us the Gen.

The function of the Sports Page is to give as full and as comprehensive a review of University sport as is possible. In order to do this, we need the fullest possible co-operation from ALL club secretaries and we wish to impress upon them the necessity of keeping us fully informed of all fixtures and results.

Copy may be handed to any member of "Union News" Staff or may be placed in the "Union News" collecting box.

Swimming.

The Swimming Club is not actually based in the gym. nor indeed, on any particular part of the University. Hence it is included here for the sake of convenience.

Membership is small and very cosmopolitan, ranging from a fully fledged doctor (sometimes very useful in his professional capacity) through the Arts to a somewhat obscure fuel research student.

Their greatest achievement occurred on the way home from Birmingham early last year after a successful match. For some unknown reason they awoke at two o'clock in the morning at York station. But then—Birmingham has a bar!

Boxing Club.

The Boxing Club trains on Wednesday and Friday nights, in addition to Tuesday and Thursday lunch times.

Monday night is a special night, devoted to beginners and the coach, Mike Sunderland, is in attendance.

This year it is hoped to bring the U.A.U. Championship back to Leeds. Last year the Boxing Club was the champion English University Club: despite the *Daily Mail*, which published a photo of Manchester Boxing Club.

But then . . .

Golf Club.

The Golf Club was only formed last year, but this did not dissuade them from spending a week competing in the Boyd Quaich tournament held at St. Andrew's during the vac. This tournament is open to universities "All over the world." Quality of play was varied to say the least, but the best produced a tie between players from South Africa and Glasgow, who both totalled 148. Michael Hill (Leeds) played some sterling golf to finish 8th with an aggregate of 158.

The Rest of the Clubs.

These, with the exception of a few clubs, whom we will term the residue, are clubs whose activities are carried on in the open air. These are the true sportsmen and for that reason have been left to the last.

Association Football Club.

Last season was one of the most successful in the history of the Club. Having reached the finals of two local competitions and in the University Athletic Union Competition, we decided to expand out into several local leagues as well as playing our usual friendly and University (!) fixtures. Since we shall be running several teams we require all the support we can muster. The rosy fixture list opened rather unhappily during the vac., registering heavy defeats in the West Yorkshire League and gaining only a few points in the W.R. County Amateur League. However, with more men to call on in the term we shall make amends and make this season more successful than the last.

Medics. Rugger Club.

The Medics. Rugger Club was formed in 1931 and rapidly became a power in the land. In only their third season they definitely made their mark on Yorkshire R.U. activities, finishing the season with a total of 644 points for and 196 points against, winning 25 matches out of 31 played.

It has been possible for the Club to follow the careers of several past playing members here in Leeds, one of whom now smiles benignly down from the fastness of his professorial chair in the University. It is not suggested that to play football for the University Medics. will automatically ensure a professorial chair, or some £10,000 a year government post in the new National Health Scheme. but for those Freshmen whose

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