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Threepence

'Varsity Fish Shop

"WE WANT FISH AND THREE, AND A CUP OF TEA"—SAYS BLACK

At the November Catering Committee Meeting the President asked that facilities should be provided for serving fish and chips as a separate meal in one of the Refectories.

Between them Mr. Black and Mr. Awad pointed out that fish and chips, bread and butter and a cup of tea were obtainable at nearby fish shops for as little as 1/4. They asked that a part of the Old Refectory should be set aside to provide a similar service for students.

Miss Brownlie, the University Catering Supervisor, doubted whether a service could be run economically at this price. Because of the shortage of frying equipment it would be impossible to try out a scheme of this sort in the Old Refectory.

After discussion it was agreed that the Catering Committee Secretary, Sylvia Rothwell, should discuss the matter further with Miss Brownlie with a view to providing such a service in the New Refectory. We await developments.

The "new" Coffee.

As forecast in *Union News* earlier this year, there has been a definite improvement in the quality of Cafeteria Coffee since the question was last raised at Union Committee. This has been accomplished without an increase in price. We understand that the improvement is due to

an increase in milk supplies which are available to the Union. We trust that this change will be permanent. Students will no doubt be quick to point out any lapse which may occur.

Complaints and Queries.

The Catering Committee further decided to hold a special meeting with Miss Brownlie and Miss Miller, which will be devoted entirely to dealing with students' complaints or queries concerning cafeteria and refectory service. *Union News* suggests that students who feel they have some justifiable complaint or wish for information on any point, should send a letter to the Catering Committee Secretary, Miss Rothwell. It is hoped that students will exercise some discretion in this matter, bearing in mind that no facilities offered anywhere can be perfect without prohibitive cost.

£300 TO BE SPENT ON CLOAKROOM BETTER SERVICE AND SECURITY FROM THEFT

The scramble which follows the last waltz at Saturday Night Hops, when ladies go to collect their coats, is to come to an end. A scheme similar to that for the Men's Cloakroom is to be put into effect. Metal grilles are to be erected in the cloakroom and two hatches are to be made in the wall between the cloakroom and the corridor, behind which attendants will collect and deliver coats at Social events. The scheme will cost £300. The wisdom of spending so much money when it seems likely that alternative facilities may be available in the New Building within two years, was questioned by members of U.C. at their last meeting. However, in view of complaints of theft from the Women's cloakroom on occasions when the

Union is open generally, it has been decided that it is the duty of the Union to make better provision for the property of students and their guests.

The Bar Murals.

It was decided that in view of the imminent removal of one wall of the Bar as building work on the new building progresses, the Union would not be justified in spending money on murals for the Bar at present. Members of the Union Committee expressed their approval of the "Guinness" advertisements which appeared on the walls of the Bar for the Union Ball, and it was suggested that as a temporary measure, volunteer student labour should be called in to carry out some sort of decoration of the Bar walls.

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HONORARY DEGREE CEREMONY



The Princess Royal entering the Town Hall before the Ceremony.

TELEVISION IN THE UNION FINANCE COMMITTEE "LOOK INTO IT"

The question of television in the Union is to be discussed by the Finance Committee. At their last meeting enquiries were made after repeated requests from Union members that the idea should be given some thought in "official circles."

Last Thursday night a demonstration was given in the Union. It is presumed that there will be some report to the Finance Committee arising from this as to the number of people who could conveniently watch T.V. in the Union at one time and on the space which is, or is not, available for a T.V. set.

In the Men's Halls there has already been action taken on this subject. After long debates Sadler Hall has installed it, but Devonshire Hall has disapproved of the idea. Once again this seems a matter on which student opinion generally should be sounded.

A Picture Library.

It was reported to the Finance Committee that the Arts Society

propose to arrange a "Picture Lending Library." The Fine Arts Department has offered to provide some paintings and the Arts Society have asked for financial aid to purchase others. Students would be asked to pay a nominal fee for the use of the library and would be allowed to have pictures on loan for a term at a time. Plans were a little vague and the Finance Committee have asked for a detailed description of the scheme before the matter is considered further.

A New Record Player.

£120 is to be spent on improvements to the panatropes and amplification equipment in the Union. Damage to the amplification equipment has been considerable and expensive in the past. In future one amplifying unit will be fixed to the wall backstage. The other is to remain mobile with the four turntables. A new amplification unit with two turntables is to be bought to supplement the present equipment.

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EDITORIAL

The eternal topic has come up once again. Someone is "binding" about this N.U.S.—I.U.S. business. Year in, year out this same bickering has been dragged up in some shape or form. This time President Thompson, of the N.U.S., has ruled that because I.U.S. has not yet made provision in its constitution for fraternal membership for folks like us who don't agree with the I.U.S.' Kremlin connivances, then the N.U.S. can no longer consider itself attached to the I.U.S.—not even to say "How Do?" to.

This has caused a storm of protest up and down the country from Unions which don't want to follow Mr. Thompson into his new job as Secretary of CoSec—the very latest in "student organisations" (Heaven Knows, there are enough of them)—which is exclusively for the folks who dwell this side of the Curtain.

At Brighton this month the N.U.S. Council will meet to either uphold President Thompson's ruling, or haul him over the coals for it. Leeds Union Committee has spent a good hour discussing the problem and has decided that our delegation shall vote for the hauling over the coals. Perhaps the most sensible thing that has come out of the Leeds discussions is that Leeds isn't going to fork out a subscription for I.U.S., or CoSec for that matter, until they've both stopped this childish wrangling.

Well, we expect that after everyone has run short of wind at Brighton, something may happen—they might all go home for instance and instead of wasting time and money arguing the toss they might get down to something really solid in the way of students' welfare. Then perhaps the apathy on N.U.S.—I.U.S. matters which is so evident in this Union, might change to a healthy interest.

P.S.—N.U.S. stands for National Union of Students. I.U.S. stands for International Union of Students.

NOTHING BARRED

SILENT SPEAKER.

It's not there anymore. Had you noticed? Had you missed it? Isn't it glorious without it? Mr. H. Jenkinbottom is no longer required at the Porter's Office. There are no more telephone calls for Miss Cantata Wortelberry. Committee members of the Women's Hockey Club no more distract one's thoughts over the coffee cup. Conversations go on unhindered—one can tell the full story of what happened at last week's Social without Mr. Frank Jones being intruded at least three times. Debates proceed without interruption so that Mr. G. C. F. Forster was able to enumerate all the reasons why he does not regret having come to Leeds (and gave their telephone numbers).

In fact nobody seems to want anybody anymore—and we all seem to be getting on quite well without them. When is it going to be mended? 75131 hopes never, or that in future its use will be confined to incoming telephone calls only.

HOLY NIGHT.

It would seem that Balls are becoming less popular. Time was when queues for Union Ball tickets started to form at 7-30 a.m., and every other Ball of the year could rely on a full house. Is it that a man is now too shy to ask a young woman if she would be so gracious? Is it that taxi drivers are not so pleasant as they were? Or is it that the Balls themselves are becoming so much of a muchness.

Perhaps the latter is the case and, if on no other count than their attempt to overcome that trouble, we congratulate the Miners' for importing the Saints from Manchester. It is high time that more "name bands" were introduced into these functions and preferably alongside other innovations.

Although the Miners have only held two previous Balls, both have shown originality if not a profit. Taking a risk like hiring such a well known and doubtless costly band may well prove "box office." 75131 is certainly gonna be there among the Miners when the Saints go marchin' in.

DOWN UNDER.

A person you'll not be seeing around any more is Brian Booth—er sorry Dr. Brian Booth. Having recently gained his Ph.D. in Textiles, Brian has returned to his native Australia to join his father in woollen business. A seventh year student but still looking a bright-eyed nineteen or twenty, he could always rely on being asked at the Freshers' Socials what he was going to read and would invariably reply indignantly, "Madam, I am a ninth year Theology student."

Always emphatic he would invariably state his interests as "Women, especially the female ones." Always original he never referred to his etchings. Ever been asked by a man to come and see his Tropical Fish? That was Brian Booth.

A DEBATABLE POINT.

Students who have been with us for the last two years and more will no doubt have noticed a great improvement in the dignity and conduct of debates in the Union. The Speaker of the House and his Clerk now wear wigs at Inter-Varsity Debates (Neither of them is bald), and principal speakers wear evening dress. Water is always on the table in an elegant carafe and a mace rests resplendent in front of the Speaker.

It seems, however, that in their enthusiasm to "do us proud," the debates committee have overstepped the mark. We hear rumours that the Clerk to the House has been ticked-off by the Finance Committee for buying sherry to provide Dutch courage for speakers. "75131"

FIRE IN THE R.S.H.

A minor outbreak of fire was discovered behind a radiator in the Riley-Smith last Monday night. A cigarette-end had apparently been dropped through the grille covering the radiator and had set light to black-out material placed there to cut out light at Union Cinema shows. The material was destroyed but the outbreak, although late at night, was discovered before serious damage could be done.

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Organ Recitals.

To end the series of Monday lunchtime recitals we heard Dr. Melville Cook, organist at Leeds Parish Church, at the console of the far-from-mighty organ in Emmanuel Church. His programme was tuneful rather than deep, and included an Air and Gavotte by S. S. Wesley, a former organist at Leeds Parish Church. Though capably played, this recital was not as enjoyable as was that of the previous week, given by Allan Wicks, when the chief item of interest was an organ sonata by Hindemith. It is seldom we hear one of the major composers writing for the organ, and somehow when they do, they give the impression of not quite grasping the characteristic style that the organ demands. In the first movement of this sonata this seemed particularly apparent. Programme notes would have helped many people in these two recitals.

It was gratifying to see a good attendance at these recitals, though not a few people came in late and galloped down the aisle with distracting results. Organ music deserves the manners of orchestral concerts.

Norman Walker.

The first half of this lunchtime recital consisted of an assorted bunch of Handel's arias. These consisted of a vocal display of a rather stereotyped kind and seemed rather jaded when compared with the Michelangelo Leider, by Hugo Wolf. Here were some real moments of moving intensity. Frank Mumby was as usual expressive but not obtrusive as the accompanist.

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ARTS FESTIVAL IN LEEDS AT CHRISTMAS

The time is fast approaching for the holding of the first-ever Festival of the National Union of Students, to take place in Leeds from December 30th to January 6th. Superseding the Congresses and Arts Festivals of the past years, this event combines the most attractive elements of each, resulting in a week crammed full with dramatic productions, music and the arts, speakers and discussions, visits and a wealth of entertainment. Main speakers include Stephen Spender, Boyd Neel, Miles Malleson, Malcolm Muggeridge, Eric Findlater and Philip James. Many more, including leading political figures, will come under the auspices of the national religious and political organisations attending. On the lighter side, nightly hops, a New Year's Eve Party, and Fancy Dress Ball

provide an additional sparkle to the programme.

Subsidy Certain.

Participants at the Festival will definitely receive a substantial subsidy from the Union funds. The total cost of £5 10s., covering accommodation, food and entry to all Festival events for the whole week, will be reduced for Union members by up to 50/-. Students living in Leeds will benefit, too, as there is a special Class B registration for those not requiring accommodation at only 36/- (less subsidy). University hostels are to be used, but this accommodation is limited and places must inevitably go to first-comers. Further information regarding the details of the programme and how to register available from the N.U.S. Office or the Festival Organiser.

International Student Week

With half of International Student Week already gone by, it is possible to attempt an assessment of the aims of the week and how these are being carried out. International Student Day itself stands as an affirmation of student rights, and the events built round it attempt to stress the belief that students from all countries can work together for co-operation and international understanding.

Students' Reception on Wednesday, and the Cabaret which followed will long be remembered for its variety and interest. Earlier in the day a gramophone recital brought together music from all parts of the world.



(Courtesy Y.E. News)

JAN MENGEL, from Denmark.

Varied Views.

To do so requires seeing the other man's point of view, and certainly several attitudes have been expressed on a number of issues, not least being the place of our own National Union in the I.U.S.; and what better example of the clash of ideas than the presence of both Bernard Bereanu, I.U.S. President, and N.U.S. President elect Fred Jarvis?

Reception and Cabaret.

Harmony, not discord, was the prevailing note of the Overseas

High Commissioner.

Main event yet to come is the visit of the India High Commissioner on Friday, when he will speak on India and Indian Education. This meeting will mark the opening of the Madras University Medical Appeal sponsored in Leeds by the World University Service, to which proceeds of to-day's Flag Day will go. With a second film show on Friday and with the Saturday International Social the week comes to a close. In all a very successful week, and undoubtedly its effect will last long after the events themselves are forgotten.



(Courtesy Y.E. News)

KWO WEI YU, from Hong Kong.

CHILDREN'S PARTY IN UNION

Old Students of the Union may remember the Party that was given to the children of Headingley Orphanage last December. The party was a riotous success. The organisers (notably "Pinkie" Heylings of the Medical School), were so impressed with the result of their efforts that they resolved to make this an annual event.

Unfortunately the students who organised it last year are now taking finals and have little time to spare. First and second year students who are willing to help should get in touch with Mr. Heylings as soon as possible. Firms and shops in Leeds co-operate to provide food and presents for the Party. It is hoped that it will again be a bumper affair.

HEAD PORTER

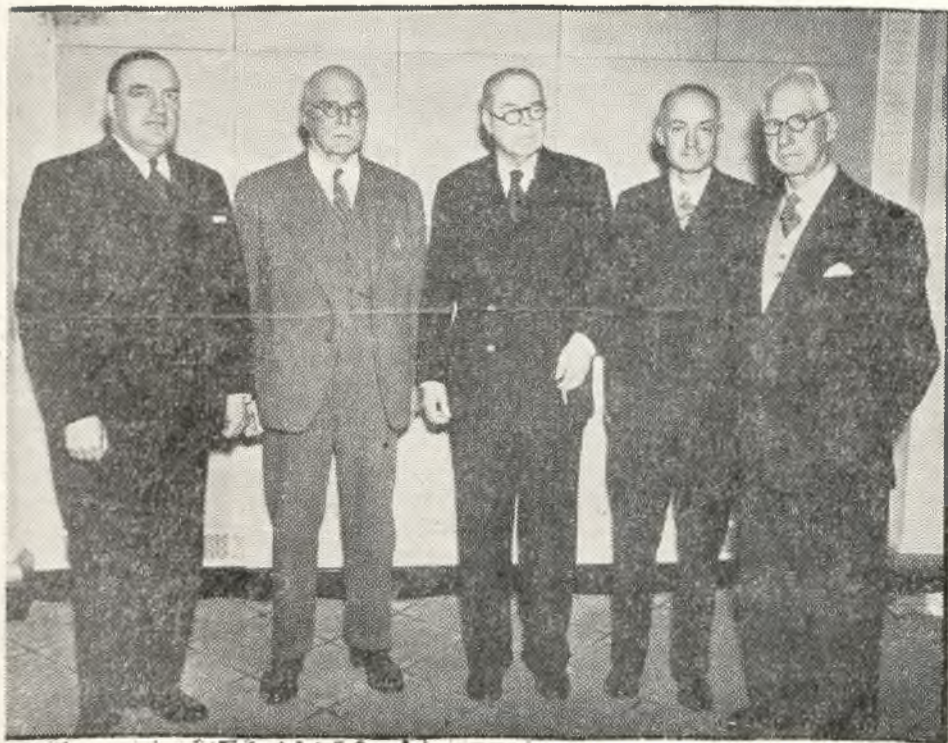
Students will no doubt have noticed the arrival of the Union's new Head Porter, Mr. E. H. Jones. Mr. Jones served in the Royal Navy from 1925 to 1948, and as an ex-Chief Petty Officer it is to be expected that the interests of discipline will in future be well looked after. He is not un-experienced in the wiles of students. For the last four years he has served as Senior of the Under-Gate Porters at Peterhouse College, Cambridge.

IDLE INTELLECTUALS

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French," but a sincere attempt on the part of the University and the Union to fill a gap in the recreational lives of those living in an area where the alternatives of public dance-hall and cinema are only too close at hand.

NEW HONORARY GRADUATES OF LEEDS UNIVERSITY



(Courtesy Y.E. News)

The honorary Graduates at the Queen's Hotel before the Ceremony. Left to Right—Sir James Turner, Mr. Arthur Ransome, Mr. P. Wyndham Lewis, Sir Cyril Norman Hinshelwood, Mr. Ernest Green.

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of Leeds, presided at an impressive and colourful ceremony in the Town Hall on November 12th. Honorary Degrees were conferred upon six people who have distinguished themselves in varying walks of life. Miss Margot Fonteyn and M. Freyssinet, the French civil engineer, were to have received degrees but were unable to be present owing to illness. It is hoped that they may be able to attend a similar ceremony next May.

Honorary Degrees were conferred upon:—

Mr. Ernest Green (LL.D.), Chairman of the Adult Advisory Council and a pioneer of The Workers' Educational Association.

Mr. W. Riley Smith (LL.D.), Former High Sheriff of the West Riding. His generous gift of £25,000 made possible the building of the Riley-Smith Hall in this Union.

Sir James Turner (LL.D.), President of the National Farmers' Union. Sir James is a graduate (B.Sc.) of this University.

Mr. Arthur Ransome (D.Litt.), the well-known author of children's books, biographer and journalist. Mr. Ransome is a former student of the Yorkshire College—the forerunner of Leeds University.

Mr. P. Wyndham Lewis (D.Litt.), well known as an author, art critic and painter.

Sir Cyril Norman Hinshelwood (D.Sc.), Dr. Lee's Professor of Chemistry at Oxford University. He has carried out important research in bacteriology and micro-biology.

★ SPORT ★

RUGBY CLUB NOTES

The first Inter-Varsity game of the season was with King's College, Newcastle, at Weetwood, Leeds won rather easily by the score of 22-9. On November 1st a very gruelling battle indeed took place at Weetwood against Morley, the University winning by 9 points to 3. Bedford scored a try and Parsons two very good drop goals. The game produced a large number of injuries to Leeds players, which resulted in a somewhat below strength team journeying to Liverpool for the first U.A.U. and Christie game of the season. Unfortunately a disastrous start was made in these competitions by losing 11-3, the whole team having an off day.

A rest on the 8th seemed to be a good thing, since Durham were well and truly beaten 9-3 at Durham on the 12th; Bedford and Stones scored tries and Shuttleworth a goal. This result leaves the U.A.U. competition wide open now, since Liverpool, Durham and Leeds have all lost one game. We are now looking forward to the game against Manchester on the 26th, since a win for Leeds here ensures us a place in a possible play-off for the Northern area.

Despite a nasty jolt to the tune of 20-6 at Liverpool, the "A" XV continues to be successful, 98 points being scored against 6 in the following two games; full back Gavins achieved a remarkable kicking feat against Manchester College of Technology when he converted 10 times and kicked 3 penalty goals out of 16 attempts.

To date each of the Club's four teams have lost one game. We offer congratulations to Don Jagger and Ray Cross who were members of Yorkshire's winning team against Northumberland.

RECORD TO DATE.

	Points					A
	P	W	L	D	F	
First XV	7	5	1	1	78	44
"A" XV	9	7	1	1	212	41
Extra "A" XV	7	5	2	0	214	34
"B" XV	5	4	1	0	91	17

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THE GYM CLUB

Gymnastics are at last coming back into popularity throughout the country, and this can be seen by comparing numbers in the Club two years ago with present numbers.

Last season we won all our fixtures, including a double victory over our greatest rivals Manchester University. We hope to carry on this good tradition into season 1952-53. This time, however, we have a harder fixture list ahead, including Hull University College, Manchester University, and Cambridge. It is also hoped to arrange a short tour of London with matches against a London Club and the Army P.T.I. School, and possibly a fixture against Liverpool University.

For the first time since the war, we intend to run a second

team, composed mainly of this year's Freshers. A match is already in the offing for this team, against the Working Men's Institute, York Road, Leeds. We also hope to arrange fixtures against other University second teams in the near future.

There is, of course, plenty of room for new members, and all are welcomed in the Gym. on Wednesday afternoons, as well as Monday and Friday evenings at 6 p.m.

Previous experience—especially in Gym.—will probably be useful, but is by no means necessary, and quite a number of the second team this year are starting this as a new sport. How does it appeal to you?—you don't know—well why not give it a trial next week!

ATHLETICS

To the regular visitor to the Weetwood sports grounds the sight of the running track will no doubt be a familiar one. At this time of the year it is far from looking its best, but nevertheless it does come very much into its own in the summer, when the Athletics Club enjoys active competition. It is recognised as being one of the finest cinder tracks in the North, complete with equipment for all track and field events.

To do full justice to these amenities it is essential that

Athletics should be active in the pre-season period, training for all-round fitness and acquiring the skill necessary for the various events. A visit to the Club by D. C. V. Watts, the National A.A.A. coach for the North has been planned to give added interest to the winter programme.

The Club is hoping for an even more successful season in 1953, and this can only be achieved by an all-out effort on the part of its members.

Are you doing your winter training?

WOMEN'S LACROSSE CLUB

This year's Lacrosse Club is now firmly established. We had a very good match against Durham on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Durham. The University team were leading at half-time 3-2, two of the goals having been scored by G. Waldie and the other by B. Mirfin. Unfortunately being short of a 1st home the strain began to tell in the second half and the final score was 6-3 to Durham.

On Saturday, November 8th, we played a W.I.V.A.B. match against Manchester University, but having a team which has altered little over the past three years they proved too strong for

us and we lost 14-2. The game was much more even than the score would suggest and both goalies made many saves, our own, P. Barker, deserves special mention. G. Waldie again scored two goals for us.

The Club still needs more support, practices are every Wednesday afternoon and we have a full fixture list for Saturdays; in particular we are looking forward to the Northern Universities' Lacrosse Rally at Nottingham, on December 6th. There is coaching for beginners in the Gym. at 9-15 on Tuesdays, or at other times by arrangement, as well as at the Wednesday practices.

MEDIC'S RUGBY CLUB

There is only good news to report about this Club. Both 1st and 2nd XV's have won all but one of their matches, the 1st XV reaching the 4th round of the Yorkshire Cup.

Our 1st XV have shown some fine play, especially in their last game against Moortown, winning 35-3. The threequarters made good use of our ample supply of the ball; it was a great pleasure to see the forwards wholeheartedly backing them up.

Everyone seemed to add something new to his play. We welcome two new members to last year's team, Gaunt, a very promising threequarter, and Clegg, who is a second row forward. Both are Freshers, and we expect much of them.

Points for, 78; Against, 27. The "A" team is the best for several years, forwards and threequarters are working well together. In fact the Clubs can look forward with great hope to the future.

BASKETBALL

There was at least one good thing about the Basketball trip to the International Tournament in Amsterdam, and this was the wonderful hospitality of the Dutch students. Nowhere else have the visitors been looked after so well, without making them feel embarrassed. The performance of the Leeds team was, however, disappointing, the Dutch had no less than four national team members, and the Belgians too had men of international honours playing for Brussels University, but even so their standard of play was not terrifically high, and had Leeds produced anything like the form we have been used to for the last two seasons, they need not have returned without winning a match.

The start against Brussels, the eventual runners-up, was quite satisfactory, but then the troubles began: Truter sprained his ankle, and had to leave; Carnecki was disqualified with four fouls; Ligema sprained his thumb but continued to play. The score was still 15-17 at half-time, but towards the end Leeds collapsed, and the Belgians won by 39 points to 23.

In the second match against Agamma—a team of coloured students from Dutch Guiana, who study at Amsterdam—Leeds had the best of chances to save their record. It was ill luck and bad shooting combined which kept them behind a basket or two, until a desperate attempt to save the game in the closing minutes cost them a few more points. Agamma won 47-36.

Nottingham University in their turn got their scalps from Leeds. They started badly, but recovered soon, and won the match comfortably by 49-21.

In the final of the tournament Americans (L. D. S.) beat Brussels.

RESULTS:
Leeds beat Sheffield, 73-32.
Leeds were beaten by
Birmingham, 29-35.
The 2nd team won both their matches.

BEER!

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