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Twopence

WOT! NO MOTHBALLS?

The first paper aeroplane of this year's A.G.M. floated down from the balcony at 1-45 on Thursday, February 10th. Advertisements for the performance by Yoma Sasburgh were then handed round by Mr. Alan White, and were rapidly turned into more aeroplanes. Chairs were removed from the front of the Hall downstairs by those who had attended previous A.G.M's, Mr. Parker made several smiling appearances on the stage, that old folk song "Why are we Waiting" was begun at 1-57, and the heroic members of the Union Exec. took their seats at 1-58.

THE POT OF DAMOCLES.

The President opened the proceedings by intimating that he would have no hesitation in beating Mr. Dagget's record last year for closing the meeting if there was any hooliganism. The Vice-Chancellor has a high opinion of the maturity of the present body of students, and Mr. Mahabir did not want him to change it. Mr. Parker, Hon. Sec., was then called upon to read the Minutes of the last A.G.M. At this juncture, a baby's pot swung from the wings of the stage, to loud applause from the audience, and finally came to rest directly over Mr. Mahabir's head. Despite his Damoclian situation, Mr. Mahabir calmly motioned Mr. Parker to continue, and the Minutes were read.

LONG MINUTES.

They were followed by the Minutes of the three S.G.M's held this year. Loud groans greeted the opening of the third one, accompanied by stamping and a few of the traditional moth-balls. Mr. Mahabir then quoted Mr. Dagget's now classic phrase, "One more mothball...." and Mr. Parker proceeded. In reply to questions, Mr. Mahabir said that no apology had been received from those who had brought forward the proposal (which one member thought was an insult to the U.C.) that newspapers should be sold in the Union; and Mr. Johnson, House Sec., said that the newspaper supply to the Union had been doubled, and that the Exec. was trying to find space for a book-stall.

MARATHON.

The President then asked if it was necessary to read the Secretary's Report and, in view of the ensuing confusion, directed that it should be read. Vociferous objections brought the Presi-

dential retort, "Those who don't want to hear it, get out and stay out," and Mr. Parker ploughed on, being loudly cheered when he won through to the end.

The Treasurer's Report was next considered. Mr. Collinson wanted to know where the fines for leaving things in the cloak-rooms had gone. He was informed that they had not been inflicted during the period covered by this report.

BUSINESS AND BEAUTY.

Since there was no business from Representative Councils or from private members, the meeting then went on the U.C. business. This took the form of a proposal by Mr. J. McMenemy that the numbers needed to call an S.G.M., and the quorum for such a meeting, should be raised from one to two hundred. Mr. McMenemy, who was apparently considered to be very handsome

by members of what might be called the audience, smiled bashfully at the compliments, and pointed out that the increase in University population meant that one hundred people were by no means representative of the Union. After the President had quelled a further tumult by stating that this was a matter which affected every member of the Union, Mr. Prouth asked if numbers at S.G.M's had risen in proportion to Union membership. The answer was "Yes."

Mr. Sykes then seconded the proposal, and Miss Thurman, through a barrage of anti-Communist comment, opposed it. She stated that if there are a hundred students who feel strongly enough about any matter they should be able to call an S.G.M. She also called for much more publicity about S.G.M's. Mr. Ingram said that he did not want any S.G.M's;

and Mr. Scott, seconding Miss Thurman, declared that if there are no S.G.M's, Union activities will be restricted.

DECISION.

Mr. Over then proposed as an amendment that the number necessary to call an S.G.M. should remain at one hundred, but that the quorum should be raised to two hundred. This was greeted with applause, and Mr. McMenemy accepted the amendment. Mr. Skelton proposed that the quorum should be 10%, and many witticisms were made for the next ten minutes on the fact that this would mean a quorum of 314.4 members. Seven more speakers dwelt on the respective merits of these two proposals, and then a vote was taken. The amendment that the quorum should be 10% was defeated by 373 votes to 233, with six abstentions; and that the quorum should be raised to 200 and the number of signatures needed to call an S.G.M. should remain at one hundred was carried with only 19 votes against.

FINALE.

The President then announced the provision of evening meals, the inception of Sunday evening film shows, the dates of Rag Week, the need for more support for Rag Review, and the fact that 170 more bottles of blood were needed. He asked that everybody should vote in the Presidential Elections on Monday and Tuesday, and thanked Union members for their good behaviour at the meeting, and Mr. Parker for coming all the way from Cumberland. The meeting, which owed much to the firm, humorous handling by Mr. Mahabir, closed at 3-40; the members retired to caf. to talk it over; and the Exec. retired to their own quarters to give thanks for their own skins.

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED.

A Meeting will be held in the Social Room at lunch-time to-day to discuss the working party report on Government University Awards, details of which appear on page 4 of this issue. This is a matter of vital importance to all students and you should make every effort to attend this meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. R. Johnson, on his success in the elections, and wish him the best of luck and every success in his term of office.

PRESIDENT ELECT



A. R. JOHNSON.

RESULTS

	(1st Vote)	(2nd Vote)	
A. R. JOHNSON ..	638	228	866 Elected
D. W. BEALE ..	599	223	822
S. J. BERWIN ..	475		Transferred

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EDITORIAL.

Is there no way in which students are prepared to give? The majority of them take enough—grants, education, etc. We appreciate that students are broke and more in need of charity than able to give it, but there are very few who cannot afford one pint of blood.

To eliminate any need for initiative and energy the Regional Blood Transfusion Unit camped for three days in the M.C.R., only fifty steps from the caf.; despite this only just over 10% of the Union donated; 380 donors in three days. In a University of over 3,000 this is another disgusting show of selfishness. The bleeding lasts only 20 minutes and is quite painless—lack of time therefore can hardly stand as an excuse. Although publicity was not outstanding, numerous posters have adorned the notice boards for the last fortnight, and a film show and appeal were given on Friday. An appeal over the loudspeakers to nearly a thousand students leaving the A.G.M. produced about fifteen donors.

The need for blood is still as urgent as during the war. This is one way in which students can really help, as a change from talking. Next time the Unit visits the Union it is hoped a few more students will find the time—or the courage—to become donors.

The Editor welcomes letters and articles. Correspondents are reminded that all letters and articles must be signed, although names will only be disclosed if the contributor so wishes.

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Date of next issue March 3rd.
Last day for Copy February 23rd.

GUINEA PIGS and GALLUP POLLS.

Among the questionnaires returned to the *Union News* we found a suggestion that a Gallup Poll should be started. We are very willing to do so. BUT—we need some people to act as opinion straws. In fact, we need thirty. Each fortnight we will give

them three or four questions on some current topic—the first one will probably be on lectures and lecturers—and publish an analysis of the answers in the *Union News*. All who are willing please get into contact with the Editor.

This and That

RAG.

Occupying a large proportion of news in the future will be the 1949 Rag. Ambitious plans are being prepared to reach our all-time record target of £10,000. Certain members of the Committee have been concentrating on Rag to such an extent that their profs. have told them to resign (—from Rag!).

FILMS.

Sunday, 20th February, will be an eventful day in film history. The Union Cinema functions in the Riley-Smith Hall for the first time, showing "Johny Frenchman"; in the words of House Sec. Johnson, "a popular film." It is hoped to show a varied selection of films in the Union every Sunday. Charge for admission 3d.

VARIETY.

There is no end to student initiative. U.C. approved the formation of a Variety Society at their last meeting. Function of the Society—to provide Music Hall entertainment for students.

STAMPS.

There is evidently a stamp collector on the loose in the Union, for complaints have been received of American postage stamps being removed from letters. But more serious is the unauthorised opening of other people's mail. Investigations are proceeding, and students are recommended to collect their mail speedily.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY.

The New Refec. opens for an experimental period of a fortnight, beginning February 21st for evening meals. Price 1/6, times of opening, 4-45 to 6-30 p.m. If the service is to become per-

manent at least 300 students must be served with evening meals.

DEBATES.

The success of the Debates this session has been very encouraging. A high-light of University affairs will be the Inter-Varsity Debate, to be held on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7-30 p.m., in the Social Room. The motion is that "International Peace is Impossible." Ten Universities are sending delegates and the Debates Committee are keeping their fingers crossed and hoping for an attendance of at least 500 students. The debate promises to be fiery and vindictive if it is to follow the precedent set by others.

HEARD IN CAF.

"Punishment without Vengeance" should be renamed "Punishment with a Vengeance."

Fresher speaking to Chairman of Rag Committee: "Excuse me, but have you anything to do with the Rag?"

DIFFERENT.

It is rumoured that the Theatre Group's Social will be different from that of all other Societies. Certainly different will be the Theatre Group's presentation of Yoma Sasburgh, in a programme of "Dance" to music by Bartok, Milhaud and others in the Riley-Smith Hall on March 1st, at 7 p.m.

BROKE ?

We now really believe the sad state of *The Gryphon* finances—having smelt that the Editorial staff are now reduced to smoking cigars.

SAVOIR'S DEPUTY.

SOCIAL COMMENT.

Each fortnight at least one member of the staff of the *Union News* racks his or her brain for something new to say about Socials. But there never is anything new to say; so that to differentiate the Conservative Association Social on January 29th and the International Society Social on the following Saturday from the other Saturday night Socials during the first part of this session is impossible.

But a few general comments can be made. Apparently a number of people are still unaware that Union members may only bring one non-Union guest. Drove of women students from the other colleges in Leeds congregate round the entrance to the Union and exert their wiles on unattached males to take them in. This is a tribute to the popularity of the Union Socials; but it has meant that recently the doors have been closed by 9-30, and some Union members have not been able to get in.

The big crowds that attend socials are probably one reason for the low standard of dancing, which mostly takes the form of a sort of double shuffle. Dancing classes are being held on Mondays from 2-0 to 3-0 in the Social Room, and women students are needed as partners for beginners. A few mangled toes now will prevent many more in the future.

Another matter apropos of crowds is the solid block of masculinity which occupies the entrance to the Riley-Smith Hall at every Social. This block reduces the floor-space, and renders the job of getting out of the Hall easy only for the experienced Rucker player. In any case it seems rather a waste of one and nine to just come and stand for three or four hours.

Actually, something new did happen at the International Society Social. This was the first general performance of "Balling (or Bawling) the Jack"—a mixture of "Underneath the Spreading Chestnut Tree" and "The Lambeth Walk." The fashion will probably last a month or so.

C.E.W.

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PUNISHMENT WITHOUT VENGEANCE

Boldly accepting the principle that a University can exhibit plays which, while interesting in themselves, are seldom or never produced professionally, the Spanish Society last week presented Lope de Vega's "Punishment without Vengeance" in a new translation by John Boorman and W. A. Hodges. It was not entirely the translator's fault that the play creaked alarmingly at odd moments, but rather that the conventions underlying the play were strange to an uninitiated — if interested — audience. There was for once a good case for a programme note here.

Acting and production were both patchy. As Cassandra, Angela Kilbride, eloquent throughout, was the most interesting and "modern" character in the play. Valerie Andrews as Aurora, a less tragic figure, had warmth, vivacity, and a physical grace perfectly set off by her lovely dress. Phillip Foster's Duke Ludovico, an oddly icy voluptuary in the early scenes, had a restrained, cold anger later when, reformed, he discovers his wife's infidelity with his natural son Federico, played with an unhappy mixture of stolidity and embarrassed disbelief in his part by Charles Kingham. As Batin, Michael Frost made the most of his two gestures and whatever humour the play had. Michael David's Marquis looked and sounded (unfortunately not always by design) as ineffectual as a soldier as he was as a lover.

Production was by Mr. J. Boorman and the set, excellent in its exuberance, was designed by Senora de Aguirre and painted by students of the Architectural College. Costumes were good and the incidental music most pleasant to hear.

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Out of the 1,000 questionnaires distributed, under 7% were returned, and of these three or four had apparently been used for attempts to write humorous articles for *Tyke*. None were accepted.

Many people wish for more news by and about the staff. Plans are accordingly being made to persuade members of staff to make some contribution, probably at first in the form of opinion on students.

Union Committee reports were called for. These have been printed in the last two issues, and this will be continued. Subcommittees will also be covered, and this will enable us to give news of progress of University buildings and so on which two or three people have requested.

Many people asked for cross-words, cartoons, and film previews. Printing costs prohibit the first two, and we are unable to get any previews. A list of new additions to the Brotherton will, however, be printed from time to time, and also a fortnightly account of forthcoming events in the Union and the University. Competitions and short stories are rather the province of *The Gryphon* than the *Union News*.

We are quite willing to print departmental news if it is of general interest and if anyone will send any in. An attempt will be made to revise "Society Round-up," and to include Hall Notes.

As reported in the last edition of *Union News*, the annual accounts of the Catering Committee show a loss of over £700 on the refectories for the last two terms of the 1947-48 session. A rough estimate of income and expenditure for the present session shows that this loss will not only continue but is on the increase.

After careful consideration by the Catering Committee, the Union Committee and the University Authorities, it has been decided to increase the price of meals as from next Monday, February 21st. In both refectories the revised prices will be — 2 course lunch, 1/3; 3 courses, 1/6; 3 courses and coffee, 1/8; the additional 3d. will in every case be added onto the main dish.

The main reasons necessitating this increase are the rise in wages — the wage bill on both refectories has increased by £900 since January 1st, 1948. Food prices have also steadily increased, gas and electricity have risen and

The replies to the question about sales is rather surprising. About fifteen people think we are not forceful enough, compared with the three or four who think we are too forceful. At the moment we are selling 1,500 copies per issue; we hope to raise this to 2,000 by the end of term, and thus cut out our present loss of about £2 10s. 0d. per issue.

We intend to enquire into the position of students in lodgings, and we welcome any letters from such students on their position. General news about students will be left at present to "Student Chronicle."

Weekly publication is impossible because of time. And in reply to those who complain that we should produce a newspaper with fewer general articles, we should like to point out that every newspaper has its feature page, and also that, since news is often old before it gets into print, we must report it rather as a form of commentary.

The analysis of the answers to questions on sport will be found on the sports page.

In conclusion, the opinions of the features worked out by proportional representation and the Editor are in the order: "This and That"; "We Accuse," "Known and the Unknown," and "About it and About"; "Leeds Music"; "Societies Round-Up" and "Sonnet."

RAG AGAIN!

With fortnightly meetings of Rag Committee, preparations for what it is hoped will be a record Rag are going ahead. The main difficulty is Rag Revue, for which a title is still needed. More people are also needed for the men's and women's choruses, and Mr. Berwin, Chairman of Rag Committee, is going round deploring the fact that more University students are not coming forward.

Tyke, of which 40,000 copies are being printed this year, is still in need of a cover. This should be in three colours, and there is a prize of 10/6 for the selected design. Contributions of all sorts are still very welcome, but they should be in before March 1st.

Apart from Rag Revue, there are several other new ideas under consideration. It is hoped to have a "Silver Mile" — a mile of six-pences stretching somewhere through town; a midnight film premiere at the "Odeon"; and a dinner dance at the Majestic in Harrogate. There are also vague thoughts about raffling a car.

Ideas are also wanted, and anyone who can think of a new "stunt" for Rag Day is in line to win a prize of five guineas for the most original and profitable.

The target for this year is £10,000. To reach this we need the help of every member of the Union. Watch the notice boards for further details, and give a hand.

C.E.W.

PRICE INCREASE FOR REFECTORY MEALS

electricity is going up by another 30% in the near future.

Maintenance, repair and replacements are also a heavier drain on expenditure. Running at the present high pressure the cost of replacements is naturally fairly high, and the £300 budgeted for the present session will be quite inadequate.

If all this is taken into consideration together with the fact that the price of refectory meals has not increased since 1935, we hope students will agree that the present increase is not unreasonable.

Evening Opening of the Refectory.

It is now generally known that the new refectory will be open for hot evening meals from 4-45 to 6-30 p.m., Monday to Friday commencing next Monday, February 21st.

The scheme will be run for a trial period of a fortnight to begin with in an attempt to

assess the demand (to determine the number of additional staff, etc., required).

It is estimated that a regular demand of 300 meals per day will be necessary to make the scheme practicable financially. The price, at least during the trial fortnight, will be 1/6, for which there will be a hot dish, tea, bread and butter, and a sweet or cake.

Students are asked to cooperate during the coming fortnight to enable Miss Brownlie (Refec. Manageress) to get a reasonably accurate idea of the demand there will be. If you are likely to use the refectory when the scheme comes into operation permanently, would you make some effort to use it during the trial period. If you will not want to use it in the future please do not make the numbers fictitiously high during the trial period by regular use then. We appreciate that there will be many students who will want to use it occasionally and allowances will be made for this.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS RECEPTION.

On Friday, 4th February, the Reception for Overseas Students was held in the Social Room. Over one hundred and fifty students from the thirty-two countries, together with representatives of the Union Societies, attended and were received by the Vice-Chancellor, Mrs. Morris and the President of the Union.

Following tea, the President welcomed the overseas students and called upon the Vice-Chancellor to say a few words. Mr. Morris endorsed the President's welcome and said that it was very pleasant to see gathered together all the overseas students whom we see in daily University life. Leeds, said the Vice-Chancellor, was very fortunate in

having so many countries represented; the overseas students, in fact, were a great source of strength to the University. Mr. Morris concluded by stressing the pleasure to be had from mixing with people of like mind and interests from other parts of the world.

Miss Pigstone, a member of the Leeds Branch of the British Council, was present and through the Union Entertainments Secretary invited everyone present who so wished to consult her about overseas matters.

Those at the Reception were invited to the International Students' Social, held in the Riley-Smith Hall later in the evening.

F.J.

STUDENT GRANTS and STUDENT OPINION.

It is impossible in a brief article to consider even the major points of this report, but every student should be aware that it will be the basis of legislation which will set the pattern of student awards for years to come.

If you are in receipt of any type of Government award it is important that you know what the Government University Awards Report recommends, and that you attend a meeting to be held in the **Social Room, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 17th**, which will consider this report and make recommendations to the Advisory Committee on the report, to M.P.'s, and to others who might influence Government policy.

The main recommendations of the report are:—

1. That a system of awards should make it possible for all students qualified to enter a University, to do so unhindered by lack of means.
2. Types of awards should be State and Local Authority Scholarships.
3. Number of State Scholarships to be increased to 4,000. Number of Local Authority Scholarships to be increased to 7,000.
4. Four year grants to intending teachers, based on a signed undertaking, should be abolished within the next three years.
5. Maintenance grants should include an allowance for the vacations.
6. Awards should be based on an income scale; the contribution of parents should begin at an income of £500 and rise to a ceiling of £2,000.

We welcome the Working Party Report in so far as it gives

greater opportunity to those desiring a University education. Many of the efforts and ideas of the National Union of Students and the Grants and Welfare Committee of this Union are realised in the Report and it makes the efforts of the last three years worth while.

The need for more Student Awards after the present influx of ex-service students has ceased is self-evident and will be aggravated by the proposed two years lag before the new proposals are put into effect. In our opinion, the Committee was restricted by its terms of reference, and its recommendations do not approach the adopted policy of the National Union of Students, which is:—the abolition of all fees; maintenance grants for all students; a minimum entrance standard; co-ordination of all awards.

A major criticism is that the given figure of 5,000 students "who do not need to qualify for awards from public funds," is far too high out of a total yearly intake of 18,000.

You will be wondering what you, personally, can do. There is much that you, as a student, can do to modify and effect the recommendations of the Working Party. This Report will be discussed in Parliament in the near future and before it becomes law you can attend the meeting in this University, as suggestions made there will be taken by the delegates to the N.U.S. Council this month, so that national action can be organised; send written criticisms and suggestions to the Grants and Welfare Committee here, or the N.U.S. Grants and Fees Committee in London; and those who are sufficiently enterprising can write to their members of Parliament.

S.B.

PRE-ELECTION SPEECHES.

Now the voting is over and the next President chosen, it is easier to tell what has been in the minds of the majority of students; but at the addresses given by the Presidential Candidates last week few could detect any trend of opinion.

Though light hearted the audience was on the whole attentive. The first laugh came when Mr. J. Williams revealed that Mr. Beale had served on convoys to Russia. No malice was borne, and apart from the sporadic "wood chopping" and Agric. noises off, Mr. Beale's speech was heard appreciatively and attentively.

Mr. McLeod, a polished and compelling speaker, proposed Mr. Berwin, who though perhaps the candidate with the best "presence" was conspicuous at this meeting by the removal of it: for after announcing that he had been ill the night before and

(always a gentleman) apologising, he collapsed. He was caught by Messrs. Beale and McLeod, who carried him off the platform just four minutes after he had started talking. A personal record perhaps.

Someone shouted "next please" and the meeting continued. Mr. John McMenemy overshadowed his candidate, Mr. Johnson, who, in a race against time, found difficulty in condensing his message, whilst retaining its coherence. Nevertheless, he was understandingly received.

It is difficult to say who impressed the audience most; Mr. Beale, with his reasoned sincerity, Mr. Berwin with his facility and personality, to say nothing of his graceful exit, or Mr. Johnson with his blunt but scientific resolution.

What a pity we can not have all three.

P.D.A.F.

MUSIC.

by ORGANICUS.

The Music Society's Sonata Recital on January 27th, one of the Society's Thursday Lunch-time Recitals in the Music Room, was given by Philip Downs, violin, and Robert Gordon—Tympanum to YOU—piano. Organicus went along with his claws out—and he was very interested to know how Tympanum would report on his own Recital. But Tympanum didn't; he asked Organicus to do the reporting... Organicus withdrew his claws, lowered his flag and thought he might as well oblige.

The Sonatas were Handel's in F major, Mozart's in E minor (K. 304) and Schubert's Sonatina in A minor, op. 137, No. 2. The Handel was typical, very easy to listen to, full-blooded and with a robust jig of a finale. Mozart's Sonata was a serious dramatic work, almost Beethovenian in style, but with the consummately managed turns of phrase which are so characteristic of him. Organicus was very pleased with the Schubert

Sonatina, which was most exciting, especially in its hair-raising pianism in the finale.

The performances were very competent, almost up to "Great Hall" standard. The violinist's tone was of the robust, vigorous type throughout. Organicus rather hoped to hear some tone of ravishing beauty such as we expect in works like the Brahms and Delius concertos, but it must be admitted that the music never demanded such tone.

Mr. Gordon's control of the piano was most adequate, but it was obvious that he intended to let the piano be heard. In fact the only concession he made to the violinist was keeping the piano lid shut! But this is as it should be: all climaxes were given due recognition, and the dramatic qualities of the works benefited.

On Thursday, 20th January, members of the Music Society performed vocal, string, and recorder music of the 15th and 16th centuries. The performances like the music, were for the most part rudimentary.

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Dear Madam,

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I do not think the intellectual level of University life will suffer from their staying in the Medical School.

Yours, etc.,
P. W. EDWARDS.

Variations on Modern Themes.

No. 4.

Oh! work is good, but love is best
And the wrong one I have chose.
Take me where all swotters are rotters
And money is money and work is not, as
An R.S.T. is better than blows.

Don't bury me 'neath tome and tree*
Take me where the lovelight glows.
In the J.C.R., with fact afar,
I could cross the bar to an alien star
Whose love-lines are much better than prose.

I love my equations
And the facts that tax my brain,
But I somehow feel the real ideal
Is the simple and senseless swain.

On the brain-denounced my brain would pounce.
(It's degrading, I suppose).
But if trembly knees match journalese
I know which of these I ought to seize,
For no degrees are better than beaux.

Give me hugs and huddles and kisses and cuddles
And lies to lie, and sighs to sigh,
And stars above, and breeze of love,
That will keep me hot (you bet) as it blows.

H.M.T.

(* tree of knowledge).

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Gramophone Recitals.

As was done with Petroushka last year, Mike Butterfield, the Asst. Gramo. Librarian, gave an analysis of Hindemith's "Mathis der Maler" in the Recital on January 28th, by playing over all the principal themes before the full performance. This seven-minute preamble helped us a lot in our appreciation of the work. We understand this is going to be done with all unfamiliar music at Recitals.

R O.L.

COLONIAL STUDENTS DAY.

Monday, February 21st, is Colonial Students' Day, on which all members of N.U.S. and I.U.S. have agreed to make some effort to publicise the troubles of our less fortunate fellow students in the colonies.

The N.U.S. Sub-committee, with the enthusiastic support of the International Society, are hoping to arrange a visit by two members of the I.U.S. Colonial Bureau and an exhibition of photographs.

Messages of greeting are being sent by N.U.S. to all colonial students and it is also proposed to send one to an individual colonial college from this Union.

Show a Leg!

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PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE?

The Eng. Soc. continues in its "no specialisation and less intellectualism" campaign. At a debate, "That the B.B.C. has a pernicious influence on public taste," Mr. Khusro propounded the destructive effect of "background music" on domestic bliss and deplored the futility of the "weather prophesies."

In reply Mr. Frank Wade of the B.B.C., assuring the house that he was not there to defend his employers, pointed out that worthwhile programmes may be heard by accident among background noises (This to the accompaniment of bagpipes from the adjacent room in the Union). Variety was a lowering of cultural standard but "a pleasant way of descending."

Mr. Edwards, supporting Mr. Khusro, gave a brooding observation on the destruction of taste and was opposed by Mr. Paul Fordham, who denounced Mr. Khusro's "brilliant verbosity" but admitted that he objected to the "chatty and matey" approach of the announcer during "Housewife's Choice."

During the varying display of attitudes from the floor, when a simile likening culture to butter—the more it spreads the thinner it gets—kept on recurring, Mr. Kingham castigated the B.B.C. for its "junk," which has "a worse effect on public nerves than public taste."

A speaker "from the camp of Economics," tolerating the Third Programme for his "friends the psuedo-intellectuals" justified the B.B.C.'s choice of programmes on the ground that it pleased the consumer.

Summing up, Mr. Khusro fought for an obviously dying cause with a competent rounding up of fallacious arguments, and in the face of an Economist sitting in the front row, mentioned the "large part of the national expenditure involved in the sending of letters to "Housewife's Choice" and the resultant "discouragement of Sir Stafford Cripps."

Miss Joyce Berridge was in the chair and announced the result to be the defeat of the motion by 34 votes to 18.

M.R.

LEEDS EDUCATIONAL FILM SOCIETY.

On the 31st January a lecture on the making of the film "Atomic Physics," two of the five parts of which were shown, was given at the Leeds Educational Film Society by Mr. Derek Mayne, M.A., the director of the film.

He described how the film had been made to facilitate the teaching of science, and how each part of the film was a separate entity. Then he went into more detail, showing how the facts had to be collected, checked and marshalled, and had even then to be made to "live" on the screen.

To do this it was necessary to read original manuscripts, and trace the original apparatus, wherever it still existed. In very many cases it was possible to make this apparatus work, and where this was not possible, the animation department was called in. The greatest difficulty was to make positive rays visible. The General Electric Company co-operated to the extent of putting a team of people onto the job and it took them four months to achieve this. It was remarkable that a apparatus similar to that originally used by Goldsmith was found most successful.

The other films were "Near Home," which described the efforts of school children to "discover" their own town; and "Charting the Seas," which showed the Hydrographic Dept. of the Admiralty at work.

A.P.K.

GYMKHANA.

In the field of staff-student relationships the Riding Club plans its most ambitious venture of this session. This will take the form of a ghymkhana in which the Staff and the Riding Club will meet each other in an open competition at None-go-Byes Farm, Cookridge, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 2-0 p.m. The committee of the Riding Club extends a hearty invitation to all members of the Union and hopes that as many as possible will support the Club in its first public activity.

Further details will shortly appear on the Riding Club Notice Board.

J.F.

WANTED!

The Union News is in need of sports reporters. To improve the sports page we want to give eye-witness accounts of important matches, and those who play seem incapable of writing. If you are interested in any sport in particular, and are willing to write us a comment, contact the Editor through pigeon-hole or Union News office.

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EDITORIAL.

Soccer Club.

It was merely a continuation of our depressing show in cup-ties this season, when Christ Church O.B., who normally play in the same league as the University 3rd XI, "did a Yeovil" on the University 1st XI. As if that were not enough, in our next game, Manchester University, playing superb football and fully illustrating the benefit of a permanent coach, completely outplayed us. If we are to compete with the standard of football displayed by Manchester, then we must have a coach for the whole season. What about it, presidential candidates? The sorry tale is somewhat relieved by our victory at Loughborough; the first time that they have been beaten at home for two years.

The second team rose to new heights by defeating Ferrybridge, who lie second in the league, and they are improving their position with every game.

The two teams in the Half Holiday League are holding their own and the games provide match experience for some of our younger players.

Table Tennis Club.

This season saw the inauguration of the U.A.U. Table Tennis Championships, and in October we had hopes that we would be the first champions. We started well by beating Nottingham 12-3, but our hopes were dashed by Manchester and Sheffield, who both defeated us 9-6.

The ladies' team has played only one friendly inter-Varsity match, against Nottingham, winning by 9-0.

In the Leeds and District League, teams occupy the following positions—

1st Division.

- 1st team 2nd.
- 2nd team 6th.
- 3rd team bottom.

2nd Division. 3rd Division.

4th team 6th. 5th team 7th.

The Ladies' Team is eighth in the Women's Division. In the Leeds and District Knock-out Tournament, the 1st and 4th teams have done very well to reach the quarter-finals. Both these teams are to be congratulated on their fine achievement, and it is hoped that at least one of them will reach the final.

Once again we are pleased to congratulate members of University Clubs who have been selected for U.A.U. teams. "Bill" Bale played a good game against the Welsh Universities and has retained his position in the U.A.U. team to play against an amateur F.A. XI at Hillsborough on Wednesday, 16th February. G. B. Wilson, another member of the Soccer Club, has been selected to play in the same team. Our congratulations also to the members of the Women's Hockey Club mentioned in their report.

Members of the University Cross Country Club are also in the limelight. D. C. Birch ran extremely well on Saturday to win the Yorkshire Cross Country Championship (Junior Division), and, as a matter of interest the Senior Championship was won by Mr. Aaron, an ex-student of the Medical School.

We are pleased to include in this edition some brief accounts of the activities of the smaller Clubs in the University. Club secretaries are reminded that the **Union News** is published every fortnight and that we welcome progress summaries, no matter how brief or gloomy they may be. And mention of gloom leads us naturally to a very brief examination of our achievements since Christmas.

What happened during the vacation? Last term many of the Clubs were writing about successful runs and winning sequences. This term we can report only two victories in inter-Varsity sport. Probably the biggest "turn-up" occurred on February 5th, when Sheffield came to Weetwood and completely avenged their earlier defeats at Rugby and Hockey. However, members of those Clubs can gain a little consolation from the knowledge that on Friday, February 11th, the University Boxing Club literally battered its way to a 5-1 victory over Sheffield University.

Of the game against Manchester University there is little to say except that Leeds put up a very gallant fight in conditions all against their style of play. Playing on a water-logged ground the Manchester pack proved to be stronger than the home team, while the handling of their threequarters was far superior to that of the Leeds back division.

RESULTS.

Badminton.

22 Jan. Mixed v. Liverpool	W 5-4
27 " " v. Adel	L 0-9
29 " " v. Nottingham	L 1-8
2 Feb. Men v. All Hallows'	L 2-7
7 " Mixed v. Torridon	W 7-1

Women's Hockey.

29 Jan. v. Liverpool	W 4-2	v. Sheffield Ladies	W 8-3
5 Feb.		v. New Leeds	L 4-9

Men's Hockey.

2 Feb. v. Sheffield Un.	L 1-2	v. Sheffield Un.	L 1-2
5 " v. Bradford H.C.	L 0-2		

Rugby.

9 Feb. v. Man. Un.	L 0-9	v. Manchester Un.	D 3-3
13 " v. Baildon	W 13-11	v. Baildon	W 13-3

Soccer.

2 Feb. v. Loughborough	W 3-1	Manchester T. of S.	D 2-2
5 " v. Christ Ch. O.B.	L 3-4		
9 " v. Man. Un.	L 2-9	v. Manchester Un.	L 2-5
12 " v. Rawdon	W 3-1	v. D.P. & E. Otley	W 3-2

FIXTURES AT WEETWOOD.

23 Feb. v. Liverpool University (Rugby).
2 Mar. v. Nottingham University (Rugby).
2 " v. Bomber Command (Hockey).

QUESTIONNAIRE.

There are two main points which have arisen as a result of the answers to the questions on the sports page in the **Union News** questionnaire. The first of these is space. Some people think that a whole page devoted to sports is too much. But, as well over 50% of Union members are interested in some form of sport, we must cater for them; and we have to cover a fortnight's sport in every issue.

But the most important matter is the presentation of the news. Most people who have criticised this want more critical write-ups, eye-witness accounts, and naming of players. We entirely agree. But this can only be done if we can find people who will give us eye-witness accounts. Both sports editors play for University teams; and it is very difficult to give an objective account of a game in which one has played.

If we can get some sports writers, who will be willing to send in accounts of the main matches, then we can improve the sports page. We will be able to devote more space to the chief match of the fortnight, and make the page brighter by using proper headlines. As is the case with the rest of the **Union News**, what we present ultimately rests with you, the members of the Union.

Swimming Club.

The Swimming Club has fulfilled many fixtures since its last write up. The two outstanding matches were against Liverpool at home (Christie), and Manchester away (Christie and U.A.U.). Unfortunately, our opponents did not desire swimming as well as water polo, and consequently our swimming stalwarts must be trusted to do their training conscientiously, unaware of what competition they will find in the Christie and U.A.U. galas.

The water polo team suffered a severe setback in the Christie competition by failing to beat Liverpool at home and Manchester away, the scores being 1-3 and 4-4 respectively. It is to be hoped that these defeats will shake the team out of the complacency from which it has been suffering in the past few weeks as a result of their victories over local teams, whose marking was not as keen as that shown by the University teams.

The defeat at the hands of Liverpool was inexcusable, in spite of the fact that an international reserve scored our opponents 3 goals. The marking was not as keen as we have seen in past years and our stereotyped attack was soon mastered. The team as a whole lacks that "first time tackle" and "first time shoot" spirit that won us through to the U.A.U. finals last year. The game against Manchester was more encouraging, the team being a little unlucky not to win.

Despite these reverses we can still win both Christie and U.A.U. Cups. F.B.A.

Women's Hockey Club.

Since their victory over Liverpool on 29th January, the 1st XI have been unable to play any more of their games, owing to bad weather. However, the following members of the team were selected to play for the Northern Universities XI on February 12th: **Miss R. Allott, Miss M. Belchamber, Miss S. Carter and Miss M. Haggerty.** In addition three other members were selected as first reserves.

The 3rd XI has continued its run of successes by beating Roundhay O.G. 10-0 and Busbys 7-0.

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