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DISAFFILIATION DILEMMA CONTINUES

UNIVERSITY LIFE

by the Vice-Chancellor

What is it that the new generation of Freshmen hopes to find in the University?

First, I suppose, the new undergraduate hopes to be given opportunities for his academic work which he could not get elsewhere: laboratories with their equipment, libraries with their catalogues and services. Secondly, he hopes to get help from first-class scholars or thinkers; perhaps, if he is very lucky, to come under the influence of one of the "great"—a Rutherford, a Keynes or a Whitehead. Thirdly, he looks forward to the stimulus of intercourse with his contemporaries of all sorts of temperaments, abilities and interests. Fourthly, he expects to have open to him intimate experiences of the arts, music, drama, athletics, and of seeing and hearing distinguished men, in a degree that is never likely to be possible for him again unless he lives in a University town. Lastly, he will be affected by the spirit and tradition shared by the great commonwealth of learning in all the universities of the civilised world, across frontiers and across seas, even in some measure across ideologies; and also the spirit and tradition of his own individual university.

Altogether he hopes to have a very full life. He expects to have to work hard, and to show his strength of will and sense of proportion in putting first things first. He knows there may be a danger of doing everything by fits and starts, but nothing seriously and well; and he knows too that, though he may receive encouragement and good guidance, nobody can save him from this danger, or from the opposite one of too timorous retirement and too narrow concentration, but himself. He must think out for himself his own order of values; his friends and teachers will offer discussion and advice, but nobody will presume to determine things for him. The tradition has been made by those, and for those, whose nature and calling it is to work out their own

FURTHER DISCUSSION IN NOVEMBER

N.U.S. Delegation to I.U.S. to Report Back

The question of whether N.U.S. should disaffiliate from I.U.S. has still to be decided. At the N.U.S. Council held at Exeter on July 8th, 9th and 10th, the proposal by St. Hugh's College, Oxford, that N.U.S. should withdraw from membership of I.U.S. was voted to be left on the table until the next meeting of Council in November.

Mr. S. K. Jenkins, the Welsh Vice-President of N.U.S., stated that much of the activity of I.U.S. was to him and many of the N.U.S. Exec. "not above suspicion." Yet he did not think that the proper course was to disaffiliate. N.U.S. should take a strong line of independent action and at the same time to acknowledge that I.U.S. existed as a world student organisation in which N.U.S. had a large and important part to play.

Mr. McNab, of London University Union, said that there had not been sufficient time to discuss the matter in individual Unions. He also felt that since a strong delegation was going to I.U.S. Council, these delegates should be allowed to report back to the next N.U.S. Council Meeting in November before any action was taken. He proposed that "the matter do lie on the table."

Mr. Grant, from Birmingham, opposed this motion, saying that the matter had been under discussion for many months, and most Unions should have a clear idea on what decision to take. After some further discussion, the motion that "the matter do lie on the table" was carried by 75 to 61 with 12 abstentions.

ways of serving their generation.

University life is a serious matter; but there is also in it freedom and the impulse which goes with freedom. When one looks back on one's own undergraduate days, one knows there were opportunities and pleasures which could never have been had otherwise.

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The Question of Dr. Madden.

The position of Dr. T. Madden, General Secretary of I.U.S. and one of the N.U.S. delegates selected at the last meeting of Council to represent N.U.S. at the I.U.S. Council was then discussed. A Manchester delegate stated that it was questionable whether Dr. Madden would represent the N.U.S. point of view. A delegate from Newcastle said that it was clear that N.U.S. influence was not being exercised at I.U.S. headquarters in Prague. After much further discussion, the proposal that Dr. Madden be removed from the N.U.S. delegation was carried by 71 votes to 31, with 28 abstentions.

British Peace Congress.

Mr. Zemla, a member of N.U.S. Exec. put forward three proposals on the matter of the British Peace Congress which, it was decided at the Paris Peace Congress in April, would be held in the autumn. The first proposal, that college unions discuss the Peace Manifesto published by the Paris Congress, and give some views on the general problems contained therein was passed. The other two motions, that colleges be urged to send delegates to the British Congress, and that N.U.S. be represented by three delegates, were both defeated.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

As President of the Union it is my pleasant duty to welcome to Leeds University all students, hoping that you have benefited by a pleasant and in some cases profitable vacation. I should especially like to welcome back overseas students, because contacts and friendships such as develop in the Union are a firm basis on which international peace and mutual understanding may be built.

To new students I would personally like to greet all those that I did not come into contact with at the Freshers' Conference and say that by coming to a University you are obtaining a great advantage over your fellow men. Do not throw this advantage away by confining your University career solely to the laboratory, lecture theatre or library, but make full use of the facilities offered in the Union both in the social, athletic and cultural aspects.

We are still faced with the difficulty of overcrowding, but I can assure you that the Union Committee is fully aware of all these difficulties and is doing its utmost to overcome them.

Again I welcome you back, wishing you every success in the forthcoming year.

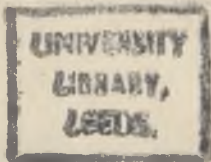
UNIVERSITY LIFE—cont.

Last but not least is the knowledge that every generation of undergraduates, as of graduates, plays its part in handing on something, a little better or a little worse, to those who come after it.

UNION BALL PREVIEW.

In a few days' time, should you be crawling home by dawn's early rays, you may chance to see a weary but undaunted queue of students outside the Union. If you come from a more civilised part of the country you will perhaps wonder at the reason for such strange behaviour. Veterans of long standing, easily identified by their bow-legged stance, will tell you that they are queueing for Union Ball tickets.

That should satisfy your curiosity, for the Union Ball is well known as the grand event of the year. This year it should be even grander than that, because, apart from the traditional amorous sophistication, the Union Ball is being enhanced by the sweet music of Tony Sampson and his Orchestra, which played recently before Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at the London Jubilee Ball, and are now to have the similar honour of playing before you on October 21st.



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EDITORIAL.

This issue of the **Union News** is primarily a Fresher's edition, and so we welcome all Freshers to the Union and to the columns of this paper.

This also seems a good opportunity to restate the policy of the **Union News**. We have two main functions ; to report what goes on in the Union, and to a lesser extent in the University ; and to provide a means for the expression of the opinions of Union members. Since the **Union News** has to go to press a full week before publication day, we feel that reports of Union activities should take more the form of a commentary than of last minute information. We will, however, make every effort to include important matters that arise up to two days before publication day.

Two more points should be emphasised. First, the **Union News** has no political affiliations whatsoever. Political meetings are reported impartially, the sole criterion being their relative importance in Union life. Secondly, the **Union News** is not the mouth-piece of the Union Committee. Articles in the last few issues of last year should have made this quite clear.

Finally, like everything else in the Union, the **Union News** depends on the interest and efforts of the members of the Union for its existence and quality. The more copies we sell, the more money we have with which to produce a better paper. So remember, its up to you.

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This and That

THE FEMALE ELEMENT.

In this first issue of the year it is probably as well to start off "This and That" with a reference to the Freshers. Because of the intensive social life here at Leeds, many people will be interested to know that the proportion of males to females among the Freshers is 5 to 1. This sounds horrible. But at least it is better than last year ; then it was 9 to 1.

FRESHERS' CONFERENCE.

By the time we appear in print, the Freshers' Conference will have ended. About 500 Freshers will have been introduced to University life in a much more gentle way than their predecessors. What the results will be it is impossible to forecast ; but these will no doubt become evident as the term unfolds. A full report of the Conference will appear in our next issue.

RAGS—OLD AND NEW.

The final total collected during the Rag was a little under £9,300, and this has now been distributed among various charities. It is reported that there are those among the authorities who consider that the Rag is becoming too big and is having a deleterious effect on the studies of various people connected with it. However, the Committee for next year's Rag is to be elected this term, and the size of Rag will presumably be up to them.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

The informative meeting on the constitutional changes reported on page 3 is to be held in

the R.S.H. on November 29th. This will be followed by a referendum on December 1st and 2nd, and the changes will come up for ratification at the next A.G.M. in February.

EXHIBITION.

An exhibition entitled "Design for the University Theatre," will be held in the Upper Corridor of the Union from 15-20th October. The general public will be admitted to this exhibition after 5-30 p.m. each day. There will be no charge.

THE CROWDED HOURS.

In an attempt to make it possible to dance in the R.S.H. on a Saturday night, it has been decided to limit the numbers admitted to 600. Tickets will be on sale up to 5 p.m. on the day of the social, and no one will be allowed in without a ticket. Members of sports teams playing away will be allowed to enter their names in a book to be kept in the Porter's Office so that they will not be penalised for their prowess. This year, societies will not be charged for the use of the R.S.H. for socials. Because of the lack of demand, there will be no mid-day hops.

HE-WHO-WENT.

Our predecessor, Savoir, has now retired to the wilds of Northumberland where he is endeavouring to teach the natives. We are not quite sure what he is trying to teach them, but if he shows the same pertinacity there as he did in ferreting out hidden secrets here, we are sure that he will be a great success.

PETE.

Public Speaking Competition

If you are interested in the powers of animated eloquence, in the charms of sweet reasonableness, in the feats of mass hypnotism, or in any aspect, humorous or serious, of parliamentary cock-fighting, you should not miss the debates of the Union.

The Debates Society, of which every student is a member, thrived merrily last year. This year it starts with a Public Speaking Contest on Tuesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m. in the Social Room. There will be valuable prizes for the best speakers, both generally and among the Freshers, and perhaps for the most humorous speech. Three members of the staff will act as judges, and each speaker will get seven minutes. Subjects, in a wide variety, are announced on the Debates notice board, and entry forms may be obtained from the Union Office.

Notes from Council

The more important matters dealt with at the N.U.S. Council Meeting are reported on the front page of this issue. But there are various smaller matters which are of interest to many students, and we give a brief account of them here.

The question of the increase of F.E.T.S. Grants, about which there have been many varying rumours for the past year was again raised. The President of N.U.S. read a letter from the Ministry of Education stating that the matter was under consideration.

A resolution proposed by one of the London delegates that the Ministry of Agriculture should be urged to establish a guaranteed weekly agricultural wage for students on vacation farm work was passed. The Scottish Union of Students had already arranged for this.

Contact had been made with the organisers of the 1951 Festival of Britain, and it seemed likely that a student exhibition would be possible. Colleges would be circularised to see what could be done to present the student point of view at the Festival.

In response to requests from different colleges, the Arts Festival Committee was considering the possibilities of a Chess Tournament and the inclusion of jazz in the Arts Festival programme this year.

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After a couple of terms at this University, the horrible fact is slowly born on the aspiring Fresher that his grant, scholarship, bursary, or other means of financial support is insufficient to maintain him in the standard of life to which he thinks he has been called. He therefore begins to look round for a source of supplementary income. He can sell books; he can sell clothes; he can take part in various wangles; or he can join the University Air Squadron.

If he decides to adopt the latter course of action, he will receive approximately £5 per month training expenses, £35 per year retaining fee, and also travelling expenses. He will also be trained to fly in a Tiger Moth by qualified R.A.F. instructors, and will do approximately 90 hours dual and solo flying during the time he is a member of the Squadron. Ground Training is given in most Service subjects — Aerodynamics, Navigation, Meteorology, Signals, etc., and consists of about 30 hours per year. And each year the Squadron is attached to a permanent R.A.F. Station for continuous training, the duration of this camp being two weeks.

All students following an approved course for a degree from all departments except medical and dental are eligible, and also all other students providing they are British born, medically fit, and are between 17½ and 30 years of age. There is a Squadron Mess with comfortable lounges, games, etc., and Squadron membership ensures that the student will complete his National Service either as an officer or as a fully qualified aircrew in the most congenial circumstances.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

THE most important matters discussed at the Union Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, were changes in the Union constitution, and N.U.S.-I.U.S. relationships. The changes the Executive Committee were on U.C. for the editors of **The Gryphon** and the **Union News**; the abolition of ex officio seats of Hostel, S.R.C. and D.R.C. representatives; abolition of representatives of students at home and in lodgings; representation of N.U.S., Grants and Welfare, and Debates by elected members of U.C. wherever possible; introduction of the straight vote system of election except for the President and Vice-Presidents; and raising of the number of Open Seats from 10 to 15.

After much discussion, it was decided that the editors of the **Union News** and **The Gryphon**, and the secretaries of N.U.S., Grants and Welfare, and Debates were to become non-voting members of the U.C.; and that representation of hostels, students at home and in lodgings, and S.R.C. and D.R.C. be abolished. The substitution of the straight vote for P.R. and the increase in the number of Open Seats were also agreed.

The main reason for these changes is the desire on the part of Exec. to do away with the multiple vote system and ensure as far as possible that each person will have only one vote. The changes will be explained at a meeting of all students to be called this term, and the matter will then be the subject of a referendum, the result being subsequently ratified by a General Meeting.

Disaffiliation from I.U.S.

The question of the disaffiliation of N.U.S. from I.U.S. was again raised as a result of the continued publication of politically biased information from I.U.S. A mandate was sought by the delegates from Leeds who were to attend the next N.U.S. Council in July. Mr. Foster questioned whether the U.C. was qualified to give a mandate, but Mr. Mahabir ruled that it was. The proposal that Leeds delegates should be mandated to vote for disaffiliation was put, and carried by 11 votes to 10, with 3 abstentions. In view of the nearness of the vote, Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Chesner, proposed that an S.G.M.

THE FURIOUS FORTY-THREE.

As a result of the nearness of the voting in the last U.C. meeting on the question of I.U.S.-N.U.S. relationships, an S.G.M. was called on Tuesday, June 28, to discuss the matter. There was, however, no quorum, but an unofficial meeting was held.

It was proposed by Mr. E. Walton that a letter be sent to the President of the N.U.S. "pointing out" (in the words of the leaflet distributed a few days

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Sub-Committee Reports.

In the sub-committee reports it was decided that cinema shows are to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays; that the International Society is to take over the work of the Union branch of U.N.S.A.; and that an extension to the New Refec. is hoped to be completed by Christmas. Evening meals will become a regular feature of Union life this session, Saturday morning meals will be tried for an experimental period, and another new refec. which will take five years to complete is to be built, to house 1,200 at one sitting.

Socials.

There was much discussion of methods to overcome the difficulties of overcrowding at Saturday socials. It was proposed that admission be by ticket only, tickets to be on sale until 5 p.m. on the Saturday of the social. The G.A.S. pointed out that this would cause hardship to teams playing away matches, and it was finally decided that the Exec. should go into details of overcrowding generally.

Vac. Work Sub-Committee.

Mr. Ellis, organiser of vac. work, asked that a special sub-committee should be set up to deal with this matter, stating that the bulk of the work is unconnected with N.U.S., and is too much for one person. Mr. Singleton pointed out that the work called for negotiations with outside bodies, and declared that the organisers should have more official status than they had at present. The proposal was finally carried.

The new Union Committee then joined the old one, and the new Exec. and sub-committees were elected. The meeting finally closed at 9-15 after lasting seven hours.

ARMY INTRO.

It is an unhappy fact that unless you are exempt from National Service by reason of special professional qualifications or on medical grounds you will, after you have left this venerable seat of learning, have to serve 18 months with the Regular forces and four years with the Territorial Army. When you are called up you will be posted to an Arms Basic Training Unit (A.B.T.U.) for a 10-week course of elementary training, during which period you will be selected for a specific arm of the Service.

An introduction to all this can be obtained by joining the University Training Corps, which is a special part of the Territorial Army concerned with producing potential officers. You will have to do one parade a week during the term and two or three weeks (optional) training at A.B.T.U. during the summer vac. For this you will receive travelling expenses, training allowances or full Army rates of pay for all the training with the U.T.C.

Apart from the fact that with U.T.C. behind you, you will enter the Forces with some idea of the life and of military procedure, there are other advantages. You can complete the whole of your 10 weeks compulsory A.B.T.U. training during your three years at the University; you can appear before a selection board and, if successful, can be posted straight to an O.C.T.U. on call-up; and you can reduce your four years compulsory service with the T.A. in proportion to the number of years service with the U.T.C.

Any further information can be obtained from the Adjutant, U.T.C.(T.A.) Headquarters, 41, University Road.

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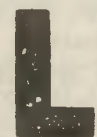
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Agricultural Society.

This Society enjoys the reputation of being one of the most active of Union Societies, and invites members of other faculties to attend its meeting and voice their opinions. The programme for the coming session again maintains a balance between student activities and outside speakers, and opens with the Presidential Address on Oct. 10th. In the following week, on October 17th, the usual large number of Fresher members is expected at the free tea and the Hat Night which follows.

The Agricultural Ball is, to most members of the University, the highlight of the social season, and arrangements for Nov. 18th are already well under way. The Annual Reunion and Dinner is to be held on the afternoon and evening of February 10th.

At the end of the last two sessions the Society organised trips to Denmark and Ireland respectively, which proved most enjoyable. No doubt an equally successful trip will be arranged for the end of this session, and suggestions of suitable destinations and tours are still being received.

French Society.

The French Society exists primarily for the encouragement among students of all things connected with France. To this end, informative meetings such as talks, discussions, and quizzes are held regularly, in addition to meetings of a lighter nature such as the annual social.

All students taking French as part of their course at Leeds should especially benefit from membership of the Society, but a hearty welcome is extended to all, especially Freshers, whether taking French or not.

English Society.

If you haven't yet visited our stall in the Riley-Smith Hall, then do so now—the programme is too good to miss. In case the crowd there is impenetrable, the Union Handbook will give you enough information to be going on with; and you'll get to know us better at the first meeting, especially for Freshers, on Monday, October 10th, at 4-30.

Activities for the year include hoped-for visits from Edith Sitwell and J. B. Priestley; discussions, reviews, poetry and play-readings, and debates. There is to be a Hallowe'en Social on October 5th; the Annual Dinner will have a Christmas flavour this year, and it is rumoured that the Secretary is negotiating with the Scottish Dancing Society to find out what exactly a "Burn's Night" is. You know? Good. The Society needs You.

Theatre Group.

Theatre Group are planning an ambitious production this

term of John Webster's "The White Devil." This fine Elizabethan tragedy contains many good parts, not only for actors, but also for actresses.

There will be plenty of work, too, for people who prefer "back stage" activities; Bill Sharpe, Theatre Group Stage Manager, would be pleased to receive the names of willing helpers.

The entire production will be under the direction of Mr. John T. Boorman.

Freshers are reminded that Theatre Group cannot exist without "new blood." Active members are needed. Look on Theatre Group notice board for all production information.

Conservative Association.

The Leeds University Conservative Association is a recognised Society within the Union, and is affiliated to the City of Leeds Conservative Association and to the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations.

The elected committee urge all Freshers, and others who have not done so previously to join this Society. There is a nominal subscription of 2/- per annum, which confers many privileges upon members.

Our activities include lunch time meetings addressed by excellent speakers, opportunities for student discussions, and social activities. By joining us you have a real opportunity to contribute towards the victory of the Conservative Party at the Polls during the coming General Election.

For further details we refer you to the Union Handbook and to the Conservative Association stall in the Union Building.

Art Society.

The Art Society, like all others, exists for a purpose. It aims at stimulating an interest in the visual arts, whether that interest is one taken in looking at pictures or in painting them. Activities take the form of talks and discussions, exhibitions, and visits to local collections. There being no Art Department in the University, this is everyone's Society. No specialised knowledge or capability is required, but merely some degree of interest in art. If you like looking at pictures, join the Art Society; if you like looking at some pictures but not at others, there is all the more reason for joining the Art Society. Pro-abstract and pro-Academican are equally welcome to a Society which thrives on discussion.

YOUR FUTURE IN SOCIETIES!

There is a current but mistaken belief that this Society is composed exclusively of enthusiastic long-haired gentlemen with floppy bow-ties. It is to be hoped that this idea can be dispelled by a repetition of the assurance already voiced above—no special knowledge or capability is expected, but merely some degree of interest in art. The Society exists to take up and foster that interest.

Watch our posters; they will be prominently displayed.

Church of England Society.

The Church of England Society aims at providing Anglicans in the University with two of the fundamentals of the Christian life—"congregation and communion." Anglicans in the University are in some degree cut off from parish life and the Church of England Society can be the unifying link between fellow-members of the same church.

In the Church of England Society, Anglicans have a voice with which to speak and an instrument through which to witness to the University. The Society provides instruction and discussion of the Faith, and, most important of all, communion with fellow-Christians of the same Church and with our Blessed Lord in the weekly corporate Eucharist in Emmanuel Church, followed by breakfast.

Every Anglican is offered an opportunity to fulfil his duties of worship, instruction and evangelism, together with the advantages of a corporate social life in the Society. Every loyal Anglican will register at the Society's stall on Bazaar Day.

Spanish Society.

With its fiestas, social events, discussions and talks, the Society offers considerable opportunities for the recreation of many types of students. Freshers will be especially welcomed to our meetings and the lack of knowledge of Spanish is no disadvantage since there are meetings conducted in English as well as Spanish. The Portuguese element of the Spanish department is not forgotten nor the interests of the Spanish-speaking South American countries. The traditional songs of Spain and South America add lustre and colour to our meetings.

Your participation in the activities of the Society will be greatly appreciated.

Methodist Society.

The particulars of the Society and of our various meetings can be obtained from the Union

Handbook. Students who are interested in the most important aspect of life—the spiritual aspect—are cordially invited to join. Last session the discussion group had to be split into two, as our policy is to keep the groups relatively small. We hope that we shall have to sub-divide the groups further this year. The Society also has its social functions—the outward expression of its deep sense of Christian fellowship and friendship, its main attraction.

Natural History Society.

The Natural History Society cordially invites students in all departments of the University to join in its activities during the coming session. These will include lectures on a wide range of subjects of Natural historical interest, works' visits, rambles, a social, and a dinner.

We have a hard task before us to make this year the most successful in the history of the Society, but that is our aim so please help us to achieve this end. Give the programme a good start by coming to our members' tea at 5-15 p.m. in the Social Room on October 11th, and to the Presidential Address to be given by Dr. Henson on October 13th in Chemistry lecture theatre "B."

Riding Club.

The Riding Club would like to extend a welcome to all of you coming up for the first time this session, and to give you a brief resumé of the Club's function and its past activities.

The Club was formed to bring together those members of the University who were genuinely interested in equitation; and to help them keep their hand in as cheaply as possible. Two films were shown last session, but it is intended to show many more this year. A Gymkhana between this Club and members of the University staff was a great success. This was the Club's first Gymkhana, but it will not be the last.

Two instructional rides were run each week, one for beginners and one for advanced riders. The Club social was one of the more successful socials of the year, and had the distinction of being the first to run a bar.

The Riding Club will mount you, and that gladly, if you would like to come with us.

Rugby Union Football Club.

This year a policy has been formulated which includes a careful team selection and practices at every available opportunity. Every afternoon of the first week of this term will be given to practice matches, details of which will be found on the notice board. Freshmen are always welcome, and newcomers to the game should turn up to the practices. To the non-players (both sexes)—good support on the touchline is always worth a few points!

"U" and "S."

Dear Sir,

In the last paragraph of the article entitled "D.P. Students" in to-day's issue of the **Union News**, it is stated that the method suggested by I.U.S. is impracticable. May I point out on behalf of an organisation which has been serving students of all races, creeds, and colours since the early 1920's that I.U.S. has nothing whatever to do with the scheme. The organisation concerned is I.S.S., the International Student Service, a service which is independent of sectarian or political interests, which is trying to organise the rehabilitation of these students; and it would be most unfortunate in this matter to confuse the two organisations.

I would like to ask you if you would draw the attention of your readers to this discrepancy in your next issue, even if it is the first issue next session.

Yours faithfully,
MARY G. WATKINS.

FROM PIGS TO PARLIAMENT.

Twenty-five students spent four very full days in Northern Ireland after the exams. last term. Places visited included the Houses of Parliament, the building of which was completed only just before the war; the Government Agricultural Research Station, hidden away in the woods that surround the Houses of Parliament; and the Newforge canning and quick-freezing factory where they saw live poultry being turned into frozen cooked birds, and fruit of all types being prepared and tinned. During the latter visit, some of the party managed to get themselves locked into one of the cold stores, but no ill effects resulted.

One afternoon they visited the Ulster Dairy School and the Y.F.C. Gymkhana; and one very interesting morning was spent in the Department of Agriculture at Queen's University, where many of the Ministry of Agriculture's research departments are situated.

A more agricultural expedition was to the farm of Mr. A. McGuckian, who is experimenting in the feeding of surplus potatoes to pigs, in the form of potato silage. He estimates that out of every ton of potatoes he is able to produce a fat pig weighing up to 1½ cwt. Later the same day the Dunmow Bridge Milk Depot, where they specialise in the manufacture of butter and dried milk was visited.

Other visits included a cattle fattening farm, a poultry farm, a dairy farm and a Government research farm. The whole tour was a complete success and passed off without a hitch.

THE BAR AND THE BARBER.

NOW that we have at last got a barber's shop, and a bar seems to be looming up on the horizon (or rather, down in the Men's Common Room), it would perhaps be interesting to trace the history of these two long-promised facilities. Their progress has been watched with great interest in the columns of the **Union News** since the first issue of the paper, in which, on October 30th, 1946, it was announced that the matter of a barber's shop in the M.C.R. is "now under consideration by the University authorities."

On November 14th of the same year, we read that "the principle of having a permanent bar in the Union was approved at the last U.C. meeting." Incidentally, it is already referred to as "this hoary chestnut of the A.G.M."

Further progress is again mentioned on January 16th, 1947. In this issue it is stated that "if we can persuade the Union Advisory Committee to meet in the near future, the question of a bar in the Union can be discussed." Apparently the Advisory Committee was persuaded to meet, for in the next issue it is announced "the recommendation went forward from the Advisory Committee last Thursday, but it has yet to be approved by the Senate and the Council." It is at this stage that practical difficulties begin to raise their ugly heads. For the same item continues, "however, due to the acute timber shortage, the bar cannot be built before the end of this session at the earliest." Which was, to say the least, optimistic.

Jubilation breaks out in the edition published on March 18th, 1947, where the first paragraph in "This and That" reads, "Raise your hats, gentlemen, and bow low and reverently to Senate, who have recommended (technical term) to Council that the Union shall be granted

facilities for a permanent bar! But get on your knees and offer up a little prayer for Council when they meet to-morrow afternoon to make the final decision."

On May 8th, 1947, optimism was again manifest, this time in connection with the barber's shop. For it is announced that "permits have arrived for the timber and there is quite a possibility of the barber's shop going up during the Summer vac." But alas! the same could not be said about the bar, for, in the issue of June 17th, 1947, it is stated that "operations have now been halted by lack of timber."

Both projects came up in the U.C. meeting at the beginning of the next term, and in the report published on October 23rd, 1947, it is announced that "the plans for the bar and the barber's shop are now complete and have only to go before the Union Finance Committee before being presented to the Buildings Priority Committee."

And then there fell a silence. Nothing is seen in the **Union News** about either bar or barber's shop during the whole of 1948. Then, in the issue dated May 5th, 1949, we learn that the barber's shop "is gradually taking shape in the M.C.R. and it is hoped to complete the fabric and install the barber by the beginning of May." And, in the same issue, the last, brief word about the bar is printed. "When this is installed it will be in the M.C.R. Annexe." There seems much pathos in that "when."

U. N. MEETING.

A meeting of all members of the "Union News" Staff, and all those who have offered to help in selling the paper will be held in the Union Committee Room at 1-15 on Monday, October 10th.

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So far you have only been given some idea of what the British Legion might be able to do for you. There is, however, obligation on you, as ex-service men, to do something for the British Legion. Our Branch here is only a part of a greater whole, and you will of course appreciate the power that a large and loyal membership gives to the national organisation to speak with one voice on behalf of that vast community of men and women (and their dependents) who have served their country in war and peace. The British Legion is not a political organisation; it is not primarily a social organisation — it exists for service, and has a record of nearly thirty years of effort and achievement. Thus, even if you have no pressing problem of your own, joining the Legion will be no empty gesture but a positive contribution to the work being done on behalf of old comrades less fortunate than yourselves.

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SPORTS PRE-VIEW

SOCCKER CLUB.

The Soccer Club extends a hearty welcome to all Freshers. Details of our programme can be found in the Union Handbook but a little more information may be helpful.

Practice matches will be held at the beginning of term and those who failed to sign on Bazaar Day should contact a member of the committee as soon as possible so that they can take part in these games.

Training periods in the gym. have been arranged and we hope to have the assistance of an F.A. coach during the season. Watch the notice board for details.

Remember that it takes time to sort out the better players. Keep trying even though you may be overlooked at first, and if you have a grievance bring it up before the committee. If you show skill and enthusiasm, you'll get your chance.

CLIMBING CLUB.

If you are after prizes and medals, then we have nothing to offer; but if the thought of an adventurous outdoor sport, full of excitement, appeals to you, then membership of this Club may repay handsome dividends. The Climbing Club interests itself in rock-climbing, mountaineering, pot-holing, fell-walking and skiing, and arranges for practise and instruction in all of these activities. Meets are normally held locally on Sundays, with expeditions further afield during vacations, and last summer saw members as far apart as Greenland, Iceland, and the Dolomites. No previous experience is necessary and equipment need present no problems, the only essentials at first being a pair of gym shoes, some old clothes and jots of determination.

This Club is open to men and women and if you are interested and wish to know more, get in touch with the Secretary.

RIFLE CLUB.

The Club is open to both men and women members of the Union and provides facilities, such as rifles and ammunition, enabling members of the Club to compete in matches arranged both within the Club and against other Universities. There is an annual subscription of 2/6 per member, but all travelling expenses and ammunition are provided for by the Union.

Last year the first team was successful in winning in its division in the Inter-Varsity League and each team member received a gilt medal. Successes were also recorded in shoulder to shoulder matches against Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Newcastle and Manchester Women's teams.

This year the committee hopes to enter two teams for the Inter-Varsity League and to organise a Women's team. Freshers will be needed to fill vacancies in the above.

Handicapped and ordinary Club competitions will be arranged during the year, and tuition will be provided for any members who would like it.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL.

This Club, which has only been in existence for two years is not yet officially recognised, but it is hoped that after the next A.G.M. this will be rectified. At the moment we have one team which competes with other Universities and we are limited in our choice of fixtures because the game has only recently been introduced into this country. It is, however, rapidly becoming very popular and as new clubs are being formed there are widening prospects for our fixture list. There are many members in the Club but new members will be heartily welcomed. No previous experience is required, so if the game appeals to you, come along. We have an excellent coach who is ready and willing to teach new members.

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.

If you, like Rat and Mole, think that "there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half as much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" then you should visit the boat-house on the River Aire on Sunday. The Club welcomes any enthusiastic newcomer whether you know one end of the boat from the other or not. Come along now to the Boat Club table to get further information or look on the Club notice board. This term is devoted to the training of crews composed of newcomers who take part in a Regatta held at the end of term. So, you see, your first taste of racing will come very soon.

LACROSSE CLUB.

Owing to the absence of Lacrosse in many Yorkshire Girls' Schools, the membership of the Club is as yet small, and therefore we extend a special welcome to Freshers, with or without previous experience. Our fixture list is an attractive one, and with the help of new members the Club should have a successful season.

MEN'S BOAT CLUB.

"Messing about in boats" is one of the most pleasurable things one can imagine—any sailor will tell you that. Rowing is more than pleasurable—it is satisfying; any member of the Boat Club will readily tell you that.

Here at Leeds we have one of the most virile rowing clubs in the North of England; we have the best boat-house in the North; and the "camaraderie" of the Club is second to none. We have also a tradition; a tradition of train hard, row hard; a tradition of team-spirit and self-reliance; a tradition which must be carried on. You, the Freshers, are the ones who will carry on this tradition.

Last season the Boat Club enjoyed a great measure of success. We won the University Athletic Union Championships at Durham, the Maclay Cup at Glasgow, the Rodley Cup at Leeds, the Thistlethwaite Cup at Leeds, the Andrews Cup at Leeds, and we were also successful in winning the Maiden Event at York Spring Regatta.

This inspiring list of successes was made possible by people who, two or three years ago, like you now, were wondering whether to join our Club. Don't dither any longer; if you're not a born cricketer or footballer we can make you a TRAINED oarsman, part of a crew of which you will be proud to be a member.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

Leeds Women want to form a really efficient team of swimmers and be able to challenge other Universities and Colleges successfully. If you are a keen swimmer you are urged to join the Club, particularly as we need people who have experience in racing. Galas will be arranged with other Universities, as last year, and we want to be represented. If you have done any racing before, come along to the Baths every Monday evening and you will have plenty of opportunity to show your skill.

Do not hesitate if you are only a beginner or not very good because coaching is always available by Miss Hunter, of the Physical Education Department.

If you do not consider yourself good enough for Inter-Varsity matches, you will still be able to take part in Inter-Hostel matches. The last one, held on June 20th, was a success for the Day-students, although the Hostels proved worthy opponents.

The Club functions every Monday night from 5—6 p.m. at Leeds Girls' High School Baths. Everybody is welcome, whether they wish to swim on their own, learn to swim, be instructed or practise for racing. There is plenty of scope, so what about it?

MEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

The Swimming Club is one of the few Clubs which provides for its members throughout the three terms of the session.

The Club has two practices a week at indoor heated baths at Becketts Park. A comprehensive list of water polo and swimming fixtures are arranged against local and University clubs.

We wish to maintain our good record of the past two years, and therefore encourage all swimming or water-polo enthusiasts to watch the Club's notice board and attend the practices.

TABLE TENNIS.

This season, we are running six men's and one ladies' team in the Leeds and District League, the third team, who found the pace of the First Division too hot for them having returned to the Second Division.

Apart from the third team all the others finished in the top half of their respective divisions.

This season we are also running a "nursery" team which will only play friendly fixtures to enable us to find any "latent" talent and to provide experienced reserves.

New members, good, bad, or indifferent will be welcomed at our new premises, the Large Card Room in the Union Building.

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