

UNION NEWS

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Twopence

'51 Congress, Leeds

The Union will be hosts this year to the Annual Congress of the National Union of Students, to be held between March 30th and April 6th. It is eleven years since Congress was last held in Leeds, and if eyewitness accounts are to be believed, the 1940 Congress was one of the liveliest in the history of this far from dull event. A certain Mr. H. G. Wells seems to have been the centre of a vigorous controversy because of his statements on international affairs. The theme of the 1951 Congress "Students and International Understanding," seems to guarantee that the proceedings will be marked by brisk interchanges of opinion on this controversial subject.

N.U.S. NEWS

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Students decided, after publication of the national voting figures of the recent referendum on I.U.S. membership, that results of the poll at the individual colleges could be published. In the light of past mandates many colleges will have found themselves in an anomalous position as a result of the "advice" made available. In Leeds, however, the position is unchanged. The voting was 542-529; a majority of 13 students believing that "the best interest of British students" would not be served by continued affiliation to the I.U.S.

... tedious, don't they.

The greatly reduced poll, 33% compared with 44% in the last Leeds referendum, suggests that many students in addition to Union Committee resented the fact that a referendum was to be held after an N.U.S. Council decision had been made. The considerable press publicity which N.U.S. affairs received after the last Council did not provoke students to record their opinions again. It is perhaps surprising to the press and to some students that the issue is still unsettled since the referendum can only be advisory. The next Council meeting in Southampton, where presumably five Leeds votes will again be cast for disaffiliation, may settle the matter once and for all.

Jenkins fratting.

The I.U.S. are at the moment considering terms for a "fraternal" membership in response to suggestions made by Mr. Jenkins, the President of N.U.S. The object of the suggestions was to make possible non-political participation in I.U.S. meetings.

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We do not yet know the names of the principal speakers, but invitations have been sent to an impressive list of personalities whose experience and occupations will enable them to approach the theme from widely differing points of view. The plenary discussions, which take place on all but one of the mornings of Congress will bear the titles such as "Can we educate for International Understanding?" "Is World Government possible?" After each plenary session there will be meetings of commissions, and on the last day the secretaries of the commissions will report their findings to a full session.

Less Serious.

The above fare will constitute the "main course" of the Congress feast. What of the dessert and the wines? Leeds Congress will be no exception in the range and variety of entertainments and cultural events which will be provided for the enjoyment of the participants. A new feature will be the special emphasis on sporting activities, which will include an international football match, boxing and the finals of the N.U.S. Table Tennis Tournament. The usual hops will take place on most evenings, and there will also be a Fancy Dress Ball, a Cabaret Evening and Folk Dancing.

One problem which faced the organisers in the early stages of working out the programme was to find suitable places in the vicinity of Leeds to which we could arrange visits. These are now arranged to include York, Bolton Abbey and Haworth, but we also intend to give our visitors some idea of the industrial activities of Leeds. Trips are being made to newspaper offices, textile and engineering works and, of course, breweries. There will also be "a conducted tour of Leeds hostelryes."

Subsidy Possible.

The Congress fee, which covers accommodation, food and admission to all Congress events, will be £4 17s. 6d. There will also be a Class "B" registration of 25/- for students who live in

EPITAPH TO NOEL-BAKER



This excellent study of the Parkinson Tower was taken before the restrictions on lighting were re-imposed. We print it for the benefit of Z-men.

Photographer: Geoff. Bawcutt.

Leeds and do not require accommodation and meals. Leeds members attending Congress will be entitled to a subsidy from the Union to help to meet their travelling expenses, and the Congress organisers will also make concessions to Leeds

students who offer to help in the work of running Congress. There is much to be done to ensure that the arrangements run smoothly, and any student who is willing to help should contact Fred Singleton, Congress organiser, as soon as possible.

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EDITORIAL

Union Committee at its last meeting was guilty of a grossly unprincipled action. Having previously voted that the Union subscription to I.U.S. should be paid, the Executive had the question once more brought under discussion and the minute relating to payment was rescinded.

It seems to us that, though the Union is financially embarrassed, this was not really the motive behind the Committee's change in intention. A precedent has been set by the fact that the subscription has not been paid for the last two years, and the Union Committee again sees fit that, in its budget slashings, I.U.S. should once more bear the burden.

It was agreed that membership of I.U.S. should be paid for at the rate of approximately sixpence per student member of each Union, but this Union, having boarded the boat of its own volition, now finds that it is not being steered as it would wish, and refuses to pay the fare.

When one remembers that the subscription money never leaves this country, but is used to subsidise I.U.S. cultural and similar activities in England whose services we have consistently used during the past couple of years, Union Committee's decision begins to look murky. It appears obvious that the decision was not motivated by lack of finances but by politics. While holding no brief for the Communist leadership of I.U.S., it seems an immoral action not to pay that which is due on so flimsy a pretext as this.

Christmas appears to be a very important time in the lives of Union News Sports Editors. During the recent Xmas Vac. two of them went the way of all flesh and became engaged. We offer our congratulations to this year's Sports Editor, David Conway, on his engagement to Katherine Walford, of London; and also to last year's Sports Editor, James (Slug) Pearson, on his engagement to Margaret Lunn, of the Agrics. Library. Union News is NOT a matrimonial agency.

THIS AND THAT

MID-DAY TERPSICHORY.

After colossal efforts, the first mid-day hop of the present series took place a week ago. Some twenty couples eventually took part, and an admiring audience filled up the door in the best traditions of a Saturday night hop. One rather wonders where the other one hundred and sixty people who are reputed to have signed the letter asking that these hops be re-instituted had got to. However, for their benefit (and the benefit of all others who might be interested) these hops will take place every Tuesday from now till the end of term. So, in the words of the prophet, let's be havin' yer.

MAN IN GREEN BREECHES.

No, this is not another reference to an escaped Arts student. It is the name of a play which is to be presented by Spanish Society in the near future, and for which rehearsals have been going on for some time. The main thing about it, apparently, is that several young ladies, one of them in the aforesaid breeches, are going to gallivant about the stage waving swords. It is understood that the Women's Hockey Club has been combed for members, and told that the rule about not raising the stick above the shoulder will not be applicable in this case.

STUDENTS IN GREEN CHAIRS.

Recently there has appeared in the caf. a large number of pretty green chairs to replace the dull brownish ones that have held up the sagging student for many generations. This is the result of a reported sitting competition by members of the Exec. who have, so we understand, spent many happy hours last term playing a sort of musical chairs on various types of seating accommodation before selecting what was con-

sidered to be the best. So now, by careful examination of the shape of the seats of the new furniture, one can learn at least something about the brass hats of the Union.

THE POINT MOOT.

On February 5th, Oxley Hall is to join in a debate with the Union on the motion "That Men always Mean Well." This of course, opens a vast field of speculation, and offers great opportunities for a wonderful display of cattiness. It is understood that the Secretary of the Union is to propose the motion, but who is to oppose it is as yet unknown, except that it will be a member of Oxley. This whole question is, of course, a vital matter and will probably call forth letters to the *Times* and pronouncements from Church dignitaries. Letters to the *Union News* will also be welcome.

THE STILL SMALL VOICE.

There is, in Mr. Bourn's office, a book in which members of the Union are asked to put any suggestions (preferably polite) that they might have for the more efficient running of the Union. Such suggestions are usually of a somewhat re-criminatory nature, and are apt to ask for the impossible or at least the very improbable. There was, for instance, the one that read, "The cues in the billiards room are warped. Since the billiard tables bring in about £120 per annum, I think that this is a reasonable suggestion." However, some days ago someone came along and actually put in a compliment, asking that the people responsible for the improved coffee in caf. should be thanked, and that Mr. Large should be congratulated for the patience he showed in handling admittances to the Union on a Saturday night. It is hoped that the book will be used for a similar purpose more often.

PETE.

DIARY

In the next fortnight one of the events which should prove of wide general interest is the A.G.M., to be held on Thursday, 8th February. All members of the Union are invited to be present and take an active part in the proceedings!

Earlier in the week, from Tuesday 6th to Monday 14th, the Spanish Society are producing "The Man in Green Breeches"—each evening in the R.S.H.

On Thursday 8th, Prof. Hardy, of Oxford, will give an illustrated talk on "Researches on Aerial Plankton," at 5-15 in the Chem. Lecture Theatre. The following day, at 1-20, Prof. Denny will be lecturing in the same Theatre on "The Place of the Fantasia in the Progress of Instrumental Music in the seventeenth century."

The Philosophical Society has organised a talk on Feb. 12th, to be given by Prof. Meredith and entitled, "Some Aspects of Whitehead's Thoughts," and on the same day Prof. Stewart will be speaking to the English Soc. on the subject of Joseph Conrad.

On February 13th, Prof. E. J. Wanye will give a talk to the Chemical Soc. on the Chemotherapy of Bacterial Infection, and also the Natural History Soc. have arranged for Prof. Passey to speak on cancer.

There will be a concert of chamber music given by the Martin String Quartet, in the Great Hall, on Wednesday 14th, at 7-30 p.m. Finally, on the 15th, Dr. Henriques will address the Social Studies Soc., and on Friday evening will be the Chemi. Soc. Ball.

COATS AND HATS

Looking around one at times it would be difficult to distinguish the Union either from Briggate during the Christmas rush or from the Tunbridge at "turning out time." That there are too many students is a fault of no one in particular. That many of these students see fit to sport beards, palm beach shirts, and strange hair-does, is again of little significance. But rules are rules, written or unwritten, and two of them **must** be recalled.

Firstly that the ladies, women, or girls in our midst do not and will not wear fur coats. Three of these (fur coats we mean) were seen last week. And secondly, that the men about the place do NOT enter the sacred cafeteria wearing their headgear, be they ne'er so nifty. Speaking of caf. brings to mind our new chairs, whose beauty does not detract from their fewness and far-betweenness, particularly at rush hours. Perhaps it is in protest to this that our friends, the fur coat bearers and the caf-cap-caperers, are being so perverse. Just a thought, anyway, and S... take yeratorf next time, and M... leave yer mink at home in the future!

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

Spring Term has not seen much political activity in the Union as yet, but it should not be long before we have the usual political squalls.

Lab. Soc. have got off to a good start by the first of their weekly discussions (held on Tuesday lunch-times) on January 16th. It took some time to get down to the discussion entitled, "General Election, 1951?" because the Society ploughed through much branch business first. The new Chairman, unanimously elected, is Mr. C. Dabas. The General Election discussion proved lively enough, for Lab. Soc. seem somewhat divided on whether Britain should give up the Colonies and whether the Tories really did differ from Labour in their foreign policy. Well, here is a cue for the Conservative Association—let's hear from you!

On with the motley.

Soc. Soc. still keeps its motley crowd together. Fabians, Marxists, Anarchists, and what have you, seemed agreed that the remilitarisation of Germany is a threat to peace. When the report back from the Annual Conference of the Student Labour Federation was held on Jan. 18th Soc. Soc. students seemed concerned about the effects of rearmament on the standard of living and social services. Soc. Soc. Wednesday lunch-time discussions recommenced this week. Mr. F. Tonks, Soc. Soc. sec., has been elected on to the S.L.F. Executive, and it is clear that we shall hear more from him this term.

The Communist Society is running into action again and the "boys at the gate" seem pleased at the improvement in the weather. Weekly Branch meetings have recommenced and a public meeting is in the offing. New Comm. Soc. secretary is Mr. S. Moxley. Mr. Rhodes has retired indefinitely from the political arena, suffering from the strains and stresses of last term's hectic political battles. Which all goes to prove—if you are thinking of becoming a politician—don't! It is no good for the constitution!

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The forthcoming issue will be under the joint editorship of Mr. Hodges and Ralph Soderberg, and successive issues under that of Messrs. Turner Odell and Ralph Soderberg, both from the United States, doing post graduate work in English Literature. Mr. Hodges is now in his final degree year, and (as one might expect) has therefore had to give up editorship and concentrate on his academic work. We should like to pay a tribute to his very able editorship over the last year, which worthily continued in the tradition established some years ago by Mollie Herbert. It is unlikely that there will be any great change in editorial policy, but efforts are to be made to continue the policy of brightening up **The Gryphon** by the inclusion of colour plates and as many pictures as possible.

T.B. FUND

The British Student Tuberculosis Fund is one with which all students should now be familiar. The first £100 towards the University's target of £1,500 has just been realised.

If you have not been asked for your 2/6 contribution by your yearly representative please place the money in the tin in the Cafeteria or Porter's Office. Besides the collections from staff and students we are looking to Societies to organise money-raising activities. A good start was made last term when £10 was collected at the Music Society's Recital of Carols. Members of the Committee will be pleased to help in any way possible and a note dropped in Grants and Welfare Office will receive attention. What activities does your Society intend to promote?

Other functions being organised are a Y.S.O. concert during Congress, a Grand Charity Ball, to which certain notabilities are being invited, and a top line Boxing contest.

PICADILLY HAYRIDE

THE LAW SOCIETY DOES IT AGAIN! LONDON!

A comprehensive tour of the dens of iniquity, visiting the Central Criminal Court, Parliament, Windmill and Night clubs. We regret that the number must be limited to a thousand. Coach fares £1. Watch for our announcements.

ENGINEERS BAWL

The Engineers' Ball was Hell last year. To judge by the screams and groans which rent the nocturnal peace of Castle Lewytte, this year it was Purgatory. The Ambassadors and the Yorkshire Jazz Band had to blow valiently to make themselves heard above the wailings of an unfortunate individual whom the Engineers claimed was a medic. they had captured and whom they had strung up on a rack in the Lower corridor. To keep him company there was the Coronation Stone, which still bore its labels "Express, King's Cross (very cross, we imagine, Ed.), to Edinburgh."

The Heraldry of Castle Lewytte, "Doma Lewyttorum Veneribus" and two nudes rampant, was displayed over the stage, and the only answer we could obtain as to its English meaning was "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense." As a special concession to their customers the

Engineers had brought the "Thing" out of captivity and it stood in a corner of the R.S.H., a mass of resistances and what-nots.

Carnival Hour, generally the highlight of the Engineers' Ball, was on this occasion rather a fiasco and was all the more amusing for being so. A sheet bearing the Engineers' Song was distributed to every dancer, but the "Choir" was a little premature and commenced their madrigal to the accompaniment of yells of "Not yet yer fools." A number of ghosts, looking more frightened than frightening, were man handled by the crowd and went away to tell Human being stories.

We are reliably informed by one who was present at the reception that the cocktails were made of beeswax, paraffin and bran-mash, but we must congratulate the Engineering chef de cuisine on the excellence of his Tomato Soup, served by the beakerful by a trouserless waiter at 1-0 a.m.

MUSIC IN LEEDS By TAPIO

Last November the Griller String Quartet paid a visit to the University and gave a remarkable exhibition of artistry. It seems, however, that chamber music, which is given so lowly a place in the affections of the public by B.B.C. listener research, is not wildly popular even in this great seat of learning and culture. This, though a pity, is hardly surprising, since young music lovers are so often intoxicated by the splash and splendour of orchestral colour that it is not until they are much older—and possibly wiser—that they crave the solace and comfort of the more intimate medium, whose essential sanity and clarity are of great value in this crazy world of to-day. As in other fields, of course, the modern composers are to be approached with a very open mind.

Tapio would like to congratulate the Music Society on its December choral and orchestral concert, which was given a jolly good plug (unpaid) in his last article. He wonders, however, if he is being too critical in asking that a little more attention be given to tuning in the orchestra. There were, of course, some practical considerations. No one expects amateurs to work miracles, and the finest of professional players would not have been at their best after sitting through a first item of half-an-hour or so without having a note to play. They should have been in a warm—a very warm—distant room, scraping and blowing themselves into tune.

Coming to a more recent occasion, Tapio next deals with a Lieder recital in the Great Hall which was given on the evening of January 23rd, the Departments of Music and German

collaborating in the presentation.

The artists involved were Bruce Boyce, baritone, and Frank Mumby, pianoforte. James Brown contributed two groups of piano pieces. Mr. Boyce warmed to his work increasingly as we passed from Schubert to Wolf *via* the Dichterliebe of Schumann, and Mr. Mumby seemed to be enjoying himself thoroughly as he dealt confidently, yet unassumingly, with the piano side of it. Not so Mr. Brown, who did not give the impression of being at all comfortable. In some Schumann pieces and, more particularly, in the two Brahms Intermezzi, Op. 117, an adequate technique was not wedded to any great depth of feeling. This caused Tapio's evening cup of happiness to spring a leak somewhat, because he is very fond of the second Intermezzo. **There** is the real Brahms, the warm heart beneath the gruff, cynical exterior of the man who once said: "I regret to say I never married, thank God!"

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LET'S GO TO THE PICTURES

Feb. 5th—10th.

MAJESTIC & SCALA

TATLER

Blanche Fury (A),
Stewart Granger.

TOWER

The Inspector General (U),
Danny Kaye.

CARLTON

Broken Arrow (U),
James Stewart.
Tony Draws a Horse (A),
Cecil Parker.

CAPITOL

Duchess of Idaho (U),
Esther Williams.
Mister 880 (U),
Burt Lancaster.

HEADINGLEY

Annie Get Your Gun (U),
Betty Hutton (6 Days).

Feb. 12th—17th.

MAJESTIC & SCALA

TATLER

Keep an Eye on Amelia (A),
Danielle Darrieux.

TOWER

The Wooden Horse (U),
Leo Genn.

CARLTON

Mister 880 (U),
Burt Lancaster.
Cargo to Capetown (U),
Broderick Crawford.

CAPITOL

Dakota Lil (A),
Douglas Montgomery.
Seven Days to Noon (A),
Barry Jones.

HEADINGLEY

The Fountain Head (A),
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The Things

The grounds of the Union have been used for many things—experiments in horticulture, a promenade-cum-fair ground in the summer, the hunting ground of small dogs, even smaller boys, and the Motoring Club. It has now become the resting place of two huge Queen Mary-like boilers.

The Refectory Staff disclaim all knowledge of them, and we wish to state that they have nothing to do with the President of the Union, or the Festival of Britain. Moreover, we know of no plan to set up any monument to Mr. Large. One or two Devon Men have been observed to look at these landmarks wistfully, and the Engineers are regretting that the crane has gone from outside the Parkinson Block. But apart from this, no developments can be reported. They have, however, a utilitarian purpose to those couples who cannot afford to buy supper during the interval of the Saturday Night Hops. But before we have any Druids sacrificing any member of the Union Committee on these altars, we would say to the authorities concerned "GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT BUM, BUM BUM, BEFORE WE CALL A COP."

Far Away Places

For several years now Leeds students have been taking advantage of the travel facilities provided by N.U.S. As any experienced student will tell you, these holidays are very enjoyable and not too expensive. The current information sheet of the travel department of N.U.S. gives full details of the plans for Easter travel, which are most attractive. They include ski-ing holidays in Switzerland, camping tours in Spain, Corsica and Sicily, sight-seeing holidays in France, Italy and Austria. Apart from these more relaxing ways of spending the Vac. there are also working camps.

An example of the cost of the ski-ing in Austria is: **15 days in the Tyrol ski-ing, £25 10/-**. For full information of these and all other travel schemes apply to the N.U.S. office. The plans for summer travel will be available quite soon and can also be obtained there.

POLITICAL GOSSIP, Cont. from P. 3.

Liberals and Conservatives do not seem to have woken up this term as yet, but little huddles of their leaders in diverse quiet corners of the Union indicate something is astir. Something will happen soon—it would not be our Union if it didn't, and, for the sake of our unbiased name, will someone warn us when.

Enjoy Yourself

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

The inter-University Debate this term was with University College, Swansea; the motion was, "There is no time like the present." The Debate was conducted under the new rules formulated by the Union Committee (vide **Union News**, Vol. V, No. 6, page 3).

Mr. J. Bevan, of Swansea, proposing the motion, explained that there were three times that matter most in a man's life, the past, the too-fleeting present, and the closing time of our life. He didn't know much about the future past, or the past perfect future, but it was the present that mattered. Everyone acts in this now; life is present time, and if we deny the present we deny our existence. Past is history, future is speculation, and the present makes both interesting. The Present was the time for such things as the rehabilitation of Devon, the re-adjusting of the professions, and the formation of the Mid-Husband League to counter-balance the Mid-Wives League.

Got the Blues.

Mr. G. C. A. Forster then rose to oppose "this gloomy motion." If Mr. Forster doesn't become a historian, he would make an admirable parson—the benign smile, the twinkle in the eye, the slight stoop of the shoulder, as he makes his point. He regretted that his only knowledge of Welsh Culture was the singing of "Lloyd George knew my father," and having once watched Glamorgan cricket team. Cambrian fantasy had been wonderfully enriched by the name of Bevan—

Mr. Bevan—"Sir, I am not responsible for the past." Mr. Forster—"Would that your namesake weren't responsible for the present."

The intrinsic meaning of the motion, Mr. Forster continued, was momentous. When Mr. Bevan rose to propose the motion it was present, when he sat down ten minutes later it was still the present. The present is always different and yet was always the same. We have a right to put off till to-morrow what we can very well do to-day. He stood in defence of a calmer life, this gospel of immediacy was an instrument of tyranny. Miss J. Squires, seconding the motion said the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were no better to live in. The only time worth living in is the present. Many people save up for the future and die. Therefore, let us go forward to the future, but let us be happy in the present.

Gray Outlook.

Mr. Gillie Gray, disguised as an intellectual, in his second major speech of the week, seconded the opposer. We live, he said, in a mediocre age, an age of atomic and bacteriological destruction, an age of nihilism and vegetation, we live, in fact, in a democratic age. The Man with the vote is ignorant, and those living in the furthest outposts of the

Empire—Scotland and Wales—were also ignorant. They didn't know that the Lord Privy Seal was neither a Lord, nor a Privy, nor a Seal. The United Kingdom, he pointed out, was heading towards a complete break-up. Oh for the ancient days of the eighteenth century, he sighed. . . . Man was trying to escape from the present. Smith's have invented a clock which goes back twice as fast as it goes forward, which if possessed by an Eskimo would prevent him dying of sunburn. He admitted in final desperation that he was a Z Reservist, and that the future might see him in some alien land.

Floored.

The speeches from the floor seemed dross in comparison with the erudition and wit of the principal speakers. Mr. Khusro and Mr. Singleton, however, spoke well. The former thought to-day was the best time to be alive. People underestimate the time in which they live and overestimate the future. Mountains always look gorgeous from afar. Mr. Singleton, breaking a lance with Mr. Forster, said that we lack faith in human nature if we can't improve on the past. The seventeenth century was the worst time to be alive. Mr. Selwood expressed the view that infants have more fun in infancy than adults have in adultery. The Motion was carried by 37 votes to 27.

N.U.S. NEWS, Continued from Page 1.

The "domestic" work of N.U.S. shows signs of recovery with the reorganisation of the Grants and Fees Dept. The announcement of the appointment of a national organiser is expected shortly.

The first issue of **Student Chronicle** for this term will contain all the referendum results and many articles of national student interest.

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LAW SOCIETY NOTES

The recent contretemps between the Leeds Law Students Society and the Union Law Society now appears to be at an end. The schism resulted from a disagreement as to whether the Lawyers "Bowler Hat Week" was conduct befitting the dignity of a law student.

Law Soc. now announce that they are having a combined meeting with their City counterparts in the Law Institute to hear a talk by the Director of Public Prosecutions, with the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. R. Cleworth, K.C.) in the chair.

Law Soc. also wishes to make it clear that they are not responsible for organising the social this Saturday as they have been asked by Rag Committee to run the Crazy Nite dance in Rag Week.

Details of their biggest venture so far—the mass invasion of London—can be found elsewhere in this issue. We hear that the Engineers have already booked one coach, other Societies wishing to do likewise should contact the secretary.

RAG

You may have gathered from Press Announcements that there will be a "no begging" policy for this year's Rag. We would hasten to explain, however, that by no means does this mean that the traditional Rag Day "collecting" will be abandoned. Also Tyke day will be run as usual. It does mean, however, that there will be no collecting during the whole of each day during the week, as in previous years. Here again an exception is made between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. outside the Town Hall when the Indicator is raised and the various activities take place on the Garden of Rest.

Auditions have been held for RAG REVUE, but new talent is still needed. Anybody interested in taking part either by writing scripts, or back or on stage should contact Mr. J. Fricker.

Contributions for the Tyke are needed early. Mr. Lund is Editor and contributions should be sent to him.

A meeting is being called for 12th February for Society Reps, and the Rag Committee would welcome any suggestions, ideas, etc., for the RAG.

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SOCIETY NEWS DICKENS AT WORK

On Monday, January 22nd, Socritess once more visited a favourite haunt of hers, the English Society. This time it was to hear Professor Butt, one time lecturer at this University, now at Durham, speaking on "Dickens at Work." He dealt with aspects of Dickens work not often discussed, his methods of publication, habits of composition, and the effects of these upon the novels.

Dickens wrote serials for a monthly magazine, twenty episodes to each novel. An author using this method, said Professor Butt, would either plan the whole novel beforehand and send a bit off each month to the publishers, as Thackeray did, or permit publication of the beginning of the work before he had much idea how it was going to end. Dickens used the latter method and was usually a month ahead of his readers.

He would write from 9 until 2 on each working day to cover 32 pages of the magazine, then send off instructions to Hablot K. Brown, Phiz, his famous illustrator, for two illustrations. The magazine came out on the first day of each month, price one shilling, and was very popular. Indeed, men were known to put off their dying hour because they knew Pickwick would be out in the next week.

Professor Butt showed very interesting slides of Dickens' manuscripts. Some were notes in the form of queries, made by the author planning each month's

episode and in his small difficult handwriting. One could pick them out, some accepted, some turned down and some followed by remarks such as "Impossible! No, next time!"

These habits of composition meant that the novels were bound to have certain characteristics. For example, there must be some kind of suspense at the end of each month, yet the whole must hang together. The minor characters must be immediately recognisable and complete from the start. Thus we have such unforgettable people as Squeers, Barkiss and Flora Fetching. Often Dickens, like Socrites, wrote too much and had to cut out some of his original work, usually the comic bits, and his novels to this day have never been published exactly as he wrote them.

It is hard to believe that all the novels of Dickens were written in this amazingly casual fashion, but he must have found it a very advantageous method. Professor Butt had his audience deeply interested in a subject on which he is so eminently qualified to speak, and the English Society are to be congratulated on securing him for their meeting. Socritess, despite her many visits to English Soc. has never yet found an opportunity to be really nasty to them, though if truth were told, the ties which bind her to the English Soc. are stronger than those of sentiment alone.

LAW SOCIETY FIRST YEAR DEBATE

The morals and ethics of Law Soc. members repelled a vigorous attack launched upon them by Mr. Collins, aided and abetted by Miss Wigoder, when they attempted to convince the meeting that "Divorce by Mutual Consent was Highly Desirable."

That this was a First-year debate was reflected in the fact that neither side quoted or even referred to the legal aspect of the problem, but it was indeed refreshing to hear such words as "Christianity," "Love," and "Fidelity" occurring so frequently in what is usually a

frigid legal atmosphere. There were quotations in abundance from Shaw, Shakespeare, and other sources which this observer had never heard of, and which the speakers obviously had never heard pronounced. Nor was anyone very sure of the "quotation" from Shakespeare which ended in "and thus contraceptives doth make cowards of us all."

All things considered it was a very lively meeting, exhibiting a noticeable lack of legal dignity and knowledge. The day was won by Miss McCoskeie and Mr. Saipe, the leaders of the puritans.

MUSIC SOCIETY NO REFORM

A proposal that the Music Soc. should increase its scope by a liaison between the Society's committee and the University's Music committee has been turned down by the Music Soc. committee. Professor Denny (Music Dept.), from whom the proposal came, thinks that the Music Society should be the concern of the University as a whole, and not be a completely student body. He told a **Union News** reporter that unlike other societies the Music Society has public as well as private functions, and in its public functions it is the University and not the Union which is represented to the public eye. Professor Denny's suggestion is calculated to establish on a regular basis the liaison between the student body and the University in matters of music.

We do not know the reason for the Music Soc's refutation of this proposal, but doubtless their motives are valid ones. We can only surmise that they consider such an alliance out of their province and not in the best interests of the Society.

APOLOGY

We apologise to all those contributors on our mailing list who did not receive a copy of the **Union News** for January 18th. Unfortunately, our Business Manager, who normally attends to the mailing of copies has been absent because of illness.

Rhythm Club Apology

The committee of the Rhythm Club offer their apologies to those who attended their social in the hopes of hearing three bands, in particular the Yorkshire Jazz Band. They would like to make it clear that it was through no fault of their own that the aforementioned band failed to appear.

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Another Christie Brought Home

The Soccer Club have for the second year in succession, brought their Christie Cup back to Leeds. To do this they beat Liverpool (away) 4-0, and Manchester (away) 2-1, on January 17th and 24th.

The score at Liverpool was a fair reflection of the game. Kicking with the wind in the first half Leeds established a three goal lead, Baker scoring first with a spectacular long range shot. He was on hand later to tap the ball in the net when the Liverpool goalkeeper failed to hold Core's shot; Core also scored the other. In the second half Leeds maintained their superiority and the fact that only one goal was scored (by Jones) was due to the poor finish to the Leeds movements.

This win meant that either a draw or a win was necessary at Manchester for the Christie Cup to be retained. Manchester had slightly the better of the first half but thanks to Core, who played with tremendous enthusiasm throughout, half time arrived with Leeds leading by 2-0. Shortly after the start of

the second half Manchester reduced our lead and from then on they were completely on top only heroic displays by Hamer at centre half and Parkinson in goal prevented a scoring riot. Leeds forward line never got going and an overworked defence, which relied somewhat on desperate measures at times, takes credit for Leeds hanging on to their slender lead and thus retaining the Christie Cup.

The Whiddington Cup

Members of the intra mural soccer teams will be glad to know that Professor Whiddington has given a very handsome cup for their competition. It will be awarded to the champion team of the first division, so Professor Whiddington's own department, Physics, will not be in the running this year, as they still figure in the second division. No doubt they will be hunting for promotion.

There are now fifteen teams playing intra mural soccer and the "fancied" teams on last term's form are Medics. and Devon.

EDITORIAL.

SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS.

Entry Forms for the Union News Snooker Championship will be found on this page. Competitors are asked to fill them in and send them to the Sports Editor, Union News, together with an entrance fee of 6d. (cash or P.O. only please), not later than Wednesday, 7th February.

The Competition will be of the knockout type, and as soon as the draw has been made the lists will go up in the Billiard Room. All competitors will be sent a slip, and on presenting 2 slips at the Porter's Office a FREE TABLE will be booked in the normal manner. The winner can collect his slip back again from the U.N. office during 1 p.m.—2 p.m. on any weekday in order to play his next match.

The Championship is open to all members of the Union.

All matches will consist of 1 frame, played under the rules displayed in the Billiard Room. (Except Semi-finals and Final, these will be 3 frames).

If a table is booked for ½ hour and the match is not finished at the end of the ½ hour, then the competition match takes priority over the next booking.

All first-round matches must be played off by February 24th.

U.A.U. SELECTIONS

Noton, Cross and Parsons have been selected to play in the English Universities v. Welsh Universities Rugger Match on _____th, at Bristol; Jagger and Purvis are reserves.

Cross and Parsons are both "Freshers" at the University although Cross has played for Yorkshire and the Army. Parsons on the other hand has come straight from school.

D.C.

Basket Ball Notes

Women's.

The Women's Basket Ball Club are giving a demonstration game to-day, Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 5 p.m., in the Gym. Basket Ball is rapidly increasing in popularity amongst the women students, and for those of you who have heard of it but have not had the opportunity of seeing it played, you should come along to the Gym. and see it played and explained at the same time.

Men's.

The 1st team, extending its run of seven successive victories, has beaten Vilnius at Carnegie in the Area Final of the British National Championship. May we congratulate the team, who now proceed to the quarter final of the contest proper. The "A" team, playing in the West Riding Basket Ball League, lost their match with Trimda but beat Latvian S.C. by 39-34.

Later this term it is hoped to hold an International Tournament, in which the University will compete against American and Continental teams.

FOILS CHAMPION

The Men's Individual Foil Championship of Yorkshire is to be held in the University Gym. next Saturday, February 3rd, when over 30 of Yorkshire's best fencers will be competing for a silver trophy. Fencing will start at 1-45 p.m., spectators will be welcome and can be certain of seeing an excellent display.

PADDER TENNIS

THE NEW CRAZE

A fortnight ago a demonstration was given by Mr. Evans and Mr. Sheldon on the art, or science, of playing Padder Tennis. A good attendance watched a set of singles and then two members of the Tennis Club took part in a set of doubles.

The game is a cross between tennis and table tennis, being played with ordinary tennis balls and outsize table tennis bats. All the equipment is now available in the Gym. and there is a board in the Union on which bookings can be made. For anybody interested there will be another demonstration on February 15th, in the Gym.

It is hoped, if the present enthusiasm holds, to form a Club as the winter equivalent of the Tennis Club and to arrange outside fixtures.

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COMING FIXTURES

Saturday, February 3	Soccer v. Ferrybridge (H). Cross-Country v. Manchester (H). R.U.F.C. v. W. Leeds (A). Medics. R.U.F.C. v. Castleford (A). Hockey v. Catterick (A). Lacrosse v. Manchester U. (A). Netball v. Birmingham U. (H).
Wednesday, February 7	R.U.F.C. v. Sheffield U. (H). Hockey v. Sheffield U. (H).
Saturday, February 10	R.U.F.C. v. Roundhay (H). Hockey v. Bradford (H).

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