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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES

Old System, New Innovations

A Special Meeting of the Union Committee was called for Thursday, January 23rd, to consider the organisation of Saturday Night Dances. Several students were present as observers.

Rag Revue 1952

Wanted . . . singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, comediennes, musical directors, script writers, a men's chorus, a women's chorus, stage managers-cum-carpenters, electricians, wardrobe mistresses, plumbers mates . . . in fact anyone with talent or who is keen to help behind scenes.

The Leeds Empire Theatre has been booked for the week—June 16th—June 21st. This is your opportunity to get a glimpse of life "from the other side of the footlights." Help us to make this year's revue even better than "Third Time Rag Time" and its predecessors.

Time is short . . . scripts MUST be completed within eight weeks. Volunteers please contact Peter Brown, Rag Revue Business Manager via Union, pigeon hole "P." Auditions are already under way—don't delay.

SALESMEN

Applications are invited from strong men and pretty women for the posts of salesmen and saleswomen on **Union News**. The work includes selling **Union News** on Thursday mornings and afternoon, once a fortnight. Names, addresses and Telephone Numbers should be given in the case of women and just names in the case of men to the Editor or any living member of the Staff. The posts are not pensionable.

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CHINESE DELEGATION.

A delegation of Chinese students, visiting this country under the auspices of the N.U.S., is due in Leeds on Tuesday, the 5th February.

Correspondents intimated that the Dances were alright as they are, that the principles were sound, but that certain details of organisation needed looking into.

Mr. George Awad, the New Entertainments Secretary, stated that the trouble was due to a leakage in the Ticket System. Students were buying double tickets, and then using them to bring in girls who they found on the Union steps; he advocated a closer check on Union Cards. Students of other Colleges must show their own Union Cards and their visitor's tickets, when they come to Saturday Night Dances. The ticket distribution to outside Colleges was to be increased from 180 to 220 tickets. These proposals were carried.

Mr. B. Black thought that the ticket system now in force was ideal, and that any reversion to the old ticket allocation of some 800 tickets would be inadvisable. **Mr. E. Jones** disagreed with this, on the grounds that the Riley-Smith Hall was overcrowded on a Saturday Night.

The table at the entrance to the Union was not an effective barrier, and thus people could gain admittance, not only without having their Union Cards checked, but also without ticket. This was **Mr. Holling's** argument, and a proposal was carried to the effect that a stronger barrier should be erected. He went on to propose that all tickets should be handed in at the door and not returned.

Among other points that arose was the need for all members of the Union to feel a sense of responsibility for their actions, and to uphold the traditions of Club life. The Union is after all a Club. There must be stricter control within the Union and students who are deemed guilty of misconduct will forfeit their Union Cards. They will appear later before a disciplinary committee. A closer check on singing in the Bar was thought to be necessary.

These measures will come into force as from Saturday, February 2nd, 1952. They should go a long way towards adjusting the anomalies at University Dances.

Socialists Win Union Political Debate

The annual political debate, held on the evening of Jan. 23rd, produced a very large audience and some intense political skirmishes.

Donald Kaberry thrusts!

Proposing the motion that "Socialism is politically bankrupt" **Mr. D. Kaberry M.P.** (Cons. Leeds N.W.) warned the House that socialist mismanagement had brought Britain to the verge of national disaster. He said that rather than face the crisis the Socialists had "Run away from office and is now reclining in the shadow of defeat." He described his opponents as "a party, split from top to bottom on many major issues of policy." By this time the Social Room was becoming pretty hot partly because of what was being said, and possibly because it was packed to suffocation anyway!

Dick Crossman parries!

R. H. S. Crossman M.P. (Lab., Coventry E.) opposing the motion forced home his political

rapier with all the force of a parliamentary debater. Parrying previous attacks he accused the Tories of accepting the dictates of their leader and said the differences within the Labour Party were "natural for any democratic organisation." He pointed out that a further dose of socialism would be administered after his party won the next election and warned us that where democratic socialism was weak Communism became strong

The professional politicians, having got us all in the right mood they let the mere mortals have a go.

Jobs for the boys.

Mr. Ward-Porter seconding the motion made a strong attack upon the "vast bureaucracy of civil servants under socialism" which he described as "unproductive and a monstrous organisation." Amongst the socialist crimes were their "giving up our

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ENGINEER'S BALL

Rising rockets and falling meteors, sweet orchestration and jerky jazz, cold ice cream and hot tomato soup were arrayed in the starry universe into which the Union was converted for the Engineers' Ball.

The idea of a space ship journeying through the universe was a theme novel for any ball, but the Engineers took less advantage of the scope offered them for decoration than they have done in the past. A revolving radar aerial had been constructed on the mechanism of last year's revolving skull, and the complicated electrical system for the rocket and meteor which periodically made their way from the basement to the top floor were ingenious. Apart from these and the space ship entrance to the Union, little had been done in the way of large scale decoration.

The "Mars Bar" was well

patronised, as usual, and Johnny Addlestone's Alvanos appeared to take an interest in what they were playing. Accompanying the band was a vocalist whose singing was better than we are accustomed to hearing at Union Balls. He compared favourably with **George Awad's** efforts when leading us in **LEWITT** and the Engineers' song!

"Spacial Inspectres."

The prospect of square dancing demonstrations by Martian Robots in the Riley-Smith is unusual—the Engineers are to be congratulated on their originality. The gusto with which the dancers joined in "Turkey in the Straw" made it apparent that popular demand will bring more and more square dancing to the Union as a welcome relief from the eventual monotony of the eternal quickstep, waltz and foxtrot.

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EDITORIAL

Truth is a many sided jewel, and the Newspapers in their search for sensationalism sometimes polish the wrong side. The recent articles in the popular press on the question of behaviour at our Saturday Night Dances, have cast this incident in an unfavourable light.

The Royal Commission on the Press deplored the attitude of the Daily Newspaper towards the reporting of sensational news. It has been pointed out that Newspapers complained of lack of space to report serious topics, and then used their columns to publish matter which is best left for the conversation of the feeble minded in a down town pub. The Press, in reporting this matter, have sought to scare those parents with sons and daughters at this University into thinking that this Union is a low type of night club with no standards of discipline, whereas as soon as complaints were made, action was taken.

We can fairly state that the general conduct of the students of L.U.U. compares quite favourably with that of any other University Town. But the Press are not interested in the normal and important when they can report the unconventional and unimportant. Why not send a reporter to the University Sermon? They are well attended, but perhaps the weighty words of eminent scholars and thinkers are not really important in the world of the popular press. Some Newspapers are not concerned with the Celestial City, when they can report the happenings at Vanity Fair.

In a society of some 3,000 students there is always a minority who through misplaced enthusiasm will endanger the good name of the University, but the commonsense of the remainder soon acts as a check on these activities.

Our complaint is against screaming headlines and the absence of a balanced emphasis; truth is not found in the contrast of black and white, but in the shadows, and it is here that fair play makes all the difference.

Without Prejudice

The original owner of this column having departed, leaving his title—"Without Prejudice"—as a keepsake, I was curious to know how the title originated. During some desultory reading during the vacation I came across the phrase in a book by John Galsworthy, and apparently it is a legal term "which means," says the lawyer in "The Country House," "that when we give a thing away, we reserve ourselves the right of taking it back again." A better title for this column I am sure could not have been invented.

The last **Union News** seems to have stirred the non-thinking world. The Editor was going round with a "we have had it" expression on his face. Visions of him having hurriedly to leave the country along with certain members of the staff were imagined. But even though it created such a stir, not as many **Union News** as usual were sold. There was meagre satisfaction in thinking that if we were finished, as some members of the Executive insisted, we would die with our books unbalanced. Still, it's a sad state of affairs when you have to buy a copy of **Union News** in order to understand your morning paper.

Card playing has now been relegated to the Social Room in order that the ladies who are to be invariably to be seen waiting for acquaintances outside the J.C.R. may rest therein. It is now possible to read a Newspaper in a reasonably clear light, and to sit down at the same time. This is what is perhaps known as bridging the gap between accommodation and demand.

The soap dispensers are back in the Men's Cloakroom again, and more men have been seen to wash their hands than ever before. Two are now to be fitted in the Women's Cloakroom. One young gentleman with an experimental nature not to be disparaged was seen to take a handful of the liquid and put it on his hair. The improvement was remarkable.

The Agricultural Society have suddenly become literary minded, they have forsaken the pitch-fork for the pen, with the production of an admirable News Letter. The first number may be had from the Secretary, Ian Johnson. Its purpose is to give more effectiveness and meaning to the Society, and to strengthen the link between past and present students. The Engineers will probably not leave this challenge unanswered.

With the end of January and the beginning of February our minds naturally turn to important events in the Union Calendar, and prominent amongst these is the A.G.M. Last year it was rowdy rather than witty: anybody can throw a moth ball, but not everyone can exchange witticisms with the stage. We hope this year that the wits will take the place of the anarchists. The President, with that casual manner in which he imparts important information, hints that the Executive will wear fencing masks for protection. This, along with the increased efficiency of the amplification system, should give them a preponderating influence during the meeting.

Messrs. Sadler's Bookshops Ltd. state that trade has been good at their bookstall, and that there have been heavy rushes in stationery. Also there must have been a rush on newspapers recently, judging by Executive buying; they were amazed to see their names in the "Dailies," under statements which they swore they had never given.

The Fans in the Cafe seem to be serving their purpose of driving out the hot air. It was noticeable that they were revolving strongly on the coldest day in January, but in all probability they will not be functioning on the hottest day in August. Somebody was trying to put the blame on George Awad for these air-coolers, but we can happily report that George is not to blame for once.

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MUSIC IN LEEDS

By TAPIO.

On January 23rd and 24th the Wednesday evening and Thursday lunch-time recitals were given in the Great Hall by the Amadeus String Quartet. Audiences were large, attentive and quietly enthusiastic, while music students were present in some strength, the evening programme including coincidentally (?) two of the Music Department's set works for the year—Beethoven's Quartet in F, Op. 18, No. 1, and Schubert's "Death and The Maiden."

The Amadeus appears to specialise in meticulous attention to dynamics. Proper distinctions are observed as between forte and fortissimo, piano and pianissimo, while sforzati marks written "sfz," pronounced "sfz" are not confused with *f*'s. This dynamic precision told with great effect in the Beethoven and Schubert quartets.

In between these works came Michael Tippett's Quartet No. 2 in F sharp major. Now, then:

A quartet as written by Tippett
Is no sort of light-hearted snippet;
With its style so polyphonic
The noise is just **chronic**.
And as for the rhythm - woll, skipsett.

Terse verse, perhaps; it was not quite as bad as all that. Personally, Tapio found much that was stimulating in this unsentimental idiom, with its welter of uncompromising harmonies and exciting cross-accents. H'm? Cross-accents. The Thursday programme consisted of a rather thoughtful Chacony by Purcell, and Dvorák's A flat Quartet, Op. 105—a typical example of that composer's disarming line in romanticism.

On Thursday evening, the Music Society's newly-formed Opera Circle met in the Rehearsal Room to perform Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" in full. This Circle, originally the idea of three members has sprung into being with extraordinary celerity and already enjoys the semi-official backing of the Music Department, Mr. Brown being Musical Director.

Very few Society members turned up to support this first venture but a repeat performance will be given on Friday, February 8th, subject to notice board confirmation, I can heartily recommend these meetings to anyone who fancies an evening's free entertainment. "Figaro" was a riotous success in that performers and audience enjoyed themselves immensely, even though the performance—having had but a week's rehearsal—was not exactly the epitome of perfection. The serious critic would have been likely to sum up his impressions briefly as "!" At these meetings, however, the serious critic is generally thrown out of the window, and the very best of luck to him.

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FILM CRITICISM

"The Lady in the Lake."

"The Lady in the Lake" is taken from a novel by Raymond Chandler. For the initiate that will be sufficient. For those unfortunate beings who do not know Mr. Chandler, let me state ex cathedra and emphatically that he is an American and an artist among detective story writers. Philip Marlowe, Mr. Chandler's detective, is as hard-boiled and as direct as an atomic projectile and one feels he would have felt rather sorry for Hercules Poirot or Lord Peter Wimsey.

There are no children in Mr. Chandler's reality, as normal children, with the exception of Mr. Searles, do not murder one another without very good motives, and we are in a world where the reason for murder is so often intricately complex that it seems motiveless. If you saw Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in "The Big Sleep," you know the genre. The film is like the book, bold, logical and entertaining.

"Odd Man Out."

One of the famous trio which included "The Fallen Idol" and "The Third Man," directed by Carol Reed, and once more based on a novel, this time a contemporary British novelist, F. L. Green. It is an intense and powerful film and like Fritz Lang's "M," which we saw the other week, it achieves most of its effect without final dependence on mere words. The film stars James Mason, Robert Newton and Kathleen Ryan.

Boys Clubs

Some of our Universities and Schools do very valuable work in assisting in the leadership and general activities of various Boys' Clubs.

Much needed and valuable work waits to be done in the clubs, two of which are in the vicinity of our University.

We should be grateful if anyone wishing to help in this vital sphere would contact the President or Secretary of the Union. Activities include much sport and drama. Here is an opportunity to engage in some genuine voluntary public work.

PROFILE — JOHN CORE



THE GENERAL ATHLETICS SECRETARY

A Methodist and convinced Socialist, John Core was born twenty-three years ago at Rishworth, near Halifax, where he has lived all his life, apart from one year spent in Egypt scrutinizing the "Sphinx's inscrutable smile" as a member of the Royal Horse Artillery. But although very much a Yorkshireman, one of his proudest claims is that his proximity to the Lancashire border gives him the magic power to understand those who dwell under the shadow of the Red Rose.

A most successful school career, especially in sporting matters, gave promise of things to come. After serving His Majesty in the fair land of Farouk, he came to Leeds to read for the degree of B.A. (Arts). At present the study of Third Year Spanish and German forms the basis of his intellectual pursuits. He is toying with the idea of a post in South America — **not** playing Soccer and **not** in Bogota!

Although comparatively unknown in Union circles before his election to the Union Committee, his appointment to the post of General Athletic Secretary occasioned no surprise. For his experience in the sporting world as been as varied as it has been successful. In 1947 he captained the Yorkshire Youth Soccer team

in Holland. His entry into the ranks of His Majesty later in 1947 did not put a halt to his sporting activities, for he represented the British Army at Soccer in Egypt and played cricket for the Royal Artillery. Neither his interest nor his proficiency, however, is confined merely to these two sports. After all this, any surplus sporting energy is dissipated on the squash courts. Moreover, his greatest regret is that both Rigger and Soccer are played in the same season, thereby making it necessary to choose between the two.

Although, naturally enough in a G.A.S., his main hobby is sport, he numbers among other interests dancing, eccentrics, travelling—and women in general. He is also a member of the University Air Squadron, two years in the Army having convinced him that he liked the R.A.F. better.

Though not gifted with great eloquence, he has the far greater qualities of sincerity and forthrightness. In a Union the size of ours, the general supervision of Athletics is no mean task and the smoothness with which this particular branch of Union activity runs itself provides, silent though it be, the greatest tribute to John Core's conscientiousness and efficiency.

F.J.

DIARY

Lectures—

Feb. 4th: Prof. G. L. Brown, "Some Problems in the Transmission of Nerve Impulses." Chemistry Lecture Theatre, 5-15 p.m.

Feb. 5th: Mr. H. D. Crawford, Local Director of Barclays Bank Ltd., will speak on Banking as a Career, Women's Common Room, 5-15 p.m.

Feb. 8th: Mr. F. Maclean, "Escape to Adventure." Great Hall, 1-45 p.m.

Feb. 11th: Mr. R. D. Fairn, "Prisons and Borstals." Chemistry Lecture Theatre, 5-30 p.m.

Socials and Dances.

Hops on Feb. 2nd, 9th, 13th. S.R.C. or Medical Ball, Feb. 8th.

Music Recitals.

Feb. 1st. Great Hall, 1-20 p.m. Mary and Geraldine Peppin. Recital for Two Pianos.

Feb. 13th. Great Hall, 7-30 p.m. The Aeolian String Quartet.

Feb. 15th. Great Hall, 1-20 p.m. Recital by L.U.U. Music Society.

Debate.

Feb. 4th. 12-30 p.m.

University Sermon.

Feb. 10th. By the Provost of Bradford.

Assortment.

Feb. 14th. St. Valentine's Day and Annual General Meeting Day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ETIQUETTE.

The Editor, *Union News*.

Dear Sir,

I am disturbed that the contributor of the article "Watch Your Etiquette" should have indicated so firm a grasp of the wrong end of the stick.

The ill-mannered adolescent exhibitionism of some Union members has long been an unfortunately notable feature of our Saturday evening entertainment. Those who have attended the occasional Social will be well aware, however, that it is always the same loutish characters who are to be seen transparently endeavouring to attract attention, intoxicated by two ciders and their own imagination. It therefore seems a pity to charge our guests with the shortcomings of a few of our own more irresponsible members.

To those who do not attend our Socials and may therefore remain unconvinced that the low standards of behaviour are invariably due to this minority, I would point out that this is indicated in the contradictory nature of your recent front page article. In the opening paragraph we are told that complaints have been received from the Nurses and through the Wardens of certain Women's Halls. Of whom, then, do they complain? I hesitate to believe it is of members of their own sex. Yet your contributor reports the Union Committee as suggesting (a) "girls to indicate who introduced them" (b) that recently introduced regulations forbidding the sale of double tickets after lunch time on Saturday "would prevent members bringing in girls found waiting at the door. Considering the appalling lack of female partners, these measures are open to considerable criticism, but they clearly have nothing whatever to do with the subject discussed—"the prevalence of unseemly conduct." One can only conclude that U.C. is in company with your contributor blundering about in the dark.

It is quite plain and indeed is not surprising to those who have had the misfortune to observe their antics, that these complaints have been received as a result of the vulgar conduct of a recognisable few who are members of this Union.

I hope this will put the matter in its proper light, and that its publication will relieve the discomfort of the many who must have felt the injustice and deplored the priggish bias of an article which neither reproduced the opinions of the majority nor displayed an accurate appraisal of the facts.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. GEDDES.

N.U.S.

Dear Sir

The Editor reports in his latest Editorial that it is his intention to read other articles in his paper besides the Editorial. It is gratifying to have the implicit assurance contained in this remark i.e. that the Editor can in fact read. I hope that in future he will widen his horizon and read something about N.U.S. before rushing into print. Had he taken this trouble we might have been spared the crassly ill-informed and prejudiced comments of January 17th's Editorial. Fair play alone should demand of him that he publish some facts—and correct ones at that—to justify his assertions. Here are a few relevant ones.

The Union subscription to N.U.S. is not £400 but £160. For those who like statistics this is just less than 1/- per member per year or as a total sum about the same as we pay to *Union News* to blacken our name abroad (assuming the correct rate of expenditure). The remainder of the £400 which appears in the budget under "NUS" is spent on subsidies to members of Leeds Union who attend N.U.S. functions—e.g. Council Congress and Arts Festival. If Leeds left the N.U.S. those members who wished to take part in any of these activities, in N.U.S. travel schemes, Farm Camps, etc., etc., would have to pay 7/6 per year.

Finally, do we desire to bury our heads completely in the grime of Leeds, or do we desire some form of organisational contact with students outside this area—in other Universities and abroad? The N.U.S. provides such a link. The Editor sneers at N.U.S. Congress, and states that its only "redeeming feature" is the opportunity it gives to meet other students. I would like to think that it is not accidental that the Editor has picked out the main purpose of Congress and of many other N.U.S. activities. I can assure him that it is worthwhile to meet other students both at home and abroad.

Yours, etc.,
FRED SINGLETON.

The Cafeteria, Thursday,

Dear Editor,

I don't particularly wish to withdraw from N.U.S. Do you? What are you trying to do, provoke an international incident?

Yours sincerely,
INTERESTED READER.

P.S.—I heard the cuckoo yesterday at 3-10 a.m. exactly. Is this the first this year?

No dear, we heard it at 3-0 o'clock.—EDITOR.

Our Ladies.

The Editor, *Union News*.

Dear Sir,

When I read "Some Reflections on Women," how appallingly easy it was to agree with those Sages who have recorded that Men never have and never will understand women.

The Editor commissioned this "heavenly body" to write his "immortal lines" on a highly complex and mystic subject and therefore in this "spirit" did the author put pen to paper.

The title seems to convey a familiarity with the subject that is both daring and pompous.

But it cheers me to know that "Our Gentlemen" in the Union (except for the Freshers) are fully conversant with the wiles of "Our Ladies"—this indeed proves that "Our Ladies" have succeeded efficiently in flattering "Our Gentlemen" into believing this—and how susceptible they are—how vain. They even believe that the University is the sole prerogative of men, and therefore women have to "worm" their way in. The correct use for the word "worm" can be applied to the writer of this article—who covers himself with the cloak of collectiveness and with the clumsiness of a man. Yea! Neither does he put his name to his blasphemies—nor subtlety to his witticisms.

Indeed the age of chivalry has gone.

The only constructive fact that comes to light is the vocation of the author—to open a school for "retarded male freshers"—a course of nine easy lessons in "How to deal with girls on the left of the front row of Intro. Economics lectures."

ARMENAL R. EIDINOW,
Fresher.

Wrong Identity.

Dear Sir,

It must be pointed out that the office of the Presidency of J.S.A. becomes vacant only once a year. Members of our Association may rest assured that our President is still Mr. Victor Zermansky, LL.B., not a Mr. Mr. Zamancky, as was reported in the last issue of *Union News*. Members who have seen the writing of the undersigned will know how the mistake was made.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. GRAHAM,
(Hon. Secretary, J.S.A.).

SOCIALISTS WIN.—Cont. from P. 1

oilfields to a tinpot democracy in the Middle East" and "throwing away India."

Jobs for the Old Boys.

Mr. Geoffrey Rhodes, seconding the opposition, felt that Mr. Churchill's Cabinet of "9 company directors, 7 Lords, 7 Etonians and 2 Harrovians," was more like "jobs for the old boys." Mr. Rhodes seems to be well in with the Chancellor of the Exchequer for he said, "as for the coming budget—I know what is in store for us!" He then described it—it sounded pretty grim!

Liberals speak forth.

The contributions from the floor were interesting enough, notably those of Mrs. Bremner, Mr. Evens and Miss Senior. The Liberals present seemed to have the most constructive remarks to make—perhaps they have nothing to lose!

The division showed a decisive majority against the motion—144 against, 45 for and 13 abstentions.

"BACKBENCHER."

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.—

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If you have noticed that Gillie has been walking rather queerly since the Vacation ended, you may put it down to his ski-ing experience in Czechoslovakia this holiday. He has been the guest of the I.U.S. there at a winter holiday Sking gathering. Reports that the "Abominable Snowman" was seen in the hills of Czechoslovakia wearing a dark blazer and a duck-shooting cap are, however, completely unfounded.

U.N.E.S.C.O. GIFT COUPON SCHEME.

World University Service and U.N.S.A. hope to launch a campaign this term sponsoring the new U.N.E.S.C.O. Gift Coupon Scheme.

The object of the scheme is to provide educational and scientific equipment for those countries in need that appear in the U.N.E.S.C.O. lists.

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J. N. LAWS.

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Christmas Party.

The Common Room of the Burley Youth Hostel can seldom have seen stranger sights than when a group of the Youth Hostelling Society descended on it for their Xmas party, on December 14th. Not the least of these were our President, who was seen during the evening's games pushing a penny across the floor with his nose, and Eric Holt, in the guise of Stanley Holloway, reciting monologues. A prize distribution followed the games and singing, and then the President was entrusted with the custody of a Society mascot—"Charlie" (species unknown).

A lively evening was enjoyed by all—including the warden and his children, despite the travesty of the hostel spirit by those going equipped with hot-water bottle and electric razor!

Derbyshire Trip.

During the Xmas vacation a group of the Society visited the Peak District of Derbyshire. The district greeted us with a period of unusual, and unexpected, fine weather, and we were most fortunate in having excellent company, in the shape of a group from Sheffield University—with whom we had games until midnight on New Year's Eve—and a party from Birmingham University, with whom we competed in singing on the following evening. The Society would like to record their gratitude to Mr. John Norris, the organizer and chief guide of the group.

The next outing of the Society will be a week-end at Kettlewell Y.H. on January 26th and 27th.

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N.U.S.—A REPLY

The issues raised in last week's Editorial offer an opportunity for the publication of some information concerning the activities of the National Union of Students.

The N.U.S., which now has a membership of 105,000, was formed some 30 years ago to represent British students both at home and abroad. The advantage of a central co-ordinating body are seen particularly in the fields of Grants and Welfare, Student Health and Travel; only an organisation of national status could claim representation on such influential bodies as the Committee for the Expansion of Higher Education and the British T.B. Trust, and could negotiate with Ministries and foreign organisations for the development of projects for the benefit of all students.

If it is felt that a national student organisation is in itself undesirable, then the critics have to show that the work done by the N.U.S. at national and international levels is either unnecessary, or could be done by other agencies at less cost. If, on the other hand, a national body is desirable, but the N.U.S. is failing to fulfil its function, then criticism must be directed at improving the N.U.S.

LEEDS STUDENTS AND N.U.S.

What benefit do Leeds students get from N.U.S.? Is it worth the 1/- membership fee? Though these questions cannot be answered solely in terms of cash, the following details will be of some help:

Travel among the facilities provided for Leeds students have been—

- (i) reduced fares for a party

of 20 to go to Greece last Christmas.

- (ii) a special air charter flight to Scandinavia, arranged for Leeds students alone.

- (iii) tours and work camps in which many students participate each year.

Farm Camps. The Farm Camps scheme is complementary to our own Vac. Work Committee. In 1950 there were more students taking part in farm camps than obtained jobs locally through the Vac. Work Committee.

International Correspondence Exchange. A team of Leeds students operates the exchange on behalf of the N.U.S. A steady rate of over 50 are dealt with per month.

Arts Festival and Congress. The first N.U.S. Arts Festival was held in Leeds. Leeds students, both as individuals and as members of cultural societies, have been active supporters of the Festival. Congress was held last year in Leeds, and 50 Leeds students attended throughout the week, as many more participating in the social activities.

Grants and Welfare. Apart from work done on a national level, the Leeds Grants and Welfare Committee helps individual students in particular hardship to obtain grants and loans.

It is fallacious to look upon N.U.S. as a remote body in London pursuing a selfish policy. The Executive, elected at Council to which Leeds sends six representatives, includes members from Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield. Our University has gained an excellent reputation at N.U.S. Council; let us see to it that the Leeds representatives are well briefed to put the opinions of our students, and so maintain that reputation.

Council of Christians and Jews

A meeting will be held at 5-15 p.m. on Monday, 4th Feb., in the Social Room.

Subject: "The Basis of Human Rights."

Chairman: Lady Ogilvie.

Speakers: Mr. Dilwyn Lewis (a Catholic).

Rev. P. Selvin Goldberg (Minister of the Manchester Congregation of British Jews).

Rev. E. L. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., D.D., of King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne (Protestant).

This meeting is supported by:—The Jewish Students' Association.

The Presbyterian and Congregational Society.

The Methodist Society.

The Catholic Society.

The Anglican Society.

The S.C.M. Branch.

Photographic Society

The most important date in the programme of the Society is the Annual Exhibition. This year it is rather earlier than usual and is to be held on January 30th, 31st and Feb. 1st, in the Union Committee Rooms.

The Exhibition represents the work, not of all the photographers in the University, but of only those who are members of the Society, and is therefore not truly representative of the University. Many of the members are beginners, but in all cases the exhibition prints are produced by the members themselves. Colour slides, however, are in another category and are processed by the manufacturers.

The judge is once again Mr. David Holmes, A.R.P.S., who is head of the Photographic Department at the Technical College and a commercial photographer in Leeds.

THE FAN

No, this is nothing to do with enthusiasm for outdoor sports, but is an advance notice of the Staff Dramatic Group's forthcoming production of the comedy by Carlo Goldoni, "The Fan." The play deals, as more astute readers may already have guessed, with the misunderstandings caused by the changes in possession of a fan given as a lover's present. Such a situation was amply sufficient for a display of wit and stagecraft by Goldoni, who was the man who, above all others, changed Italian fashions in comedy from the stereotyped, though earthy humours of the "commedia dell'arte" to something nearly approaching those of our own day. Goldoni was a Venetian, and civilised; his characters are real and credible; his wit is salty and far-ranging. An enjoyable evening should be had by those who care to invest the entrance money. The play is presented on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, February 5th, 6th and 7th.

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HOLIDAY HOCKEY

The Hockey Club had two fixtures during the vacation—one at the beginning and one at the end. The results might well be interpolated from this statement, for the Club won 2-1 at Huddersfield on 15th December, yet lost by the same score to weaker opposition at Thirsk on the 12th January, undoubtedly owing to an over merry or at least to an over idle Xmas.

Several changes had to be made by both sides for the game at Huddersfield, and each was out to show that its side was none the weaker for them. This occasioned a dour struggle with no quarter given. Considerable robustness was therefore apparent but it was in all cases due to the will to win and never to malicious intent by either side and the game was in fact most enjoyable.

University withstood furious Huddersfield attacks in the early stages of the game (when Haigh showed his worth as a goalkeeper) and gradually settled down to test the opposing defence. The first goal came from a hard centre from Bannister on the right wing which left winger Shenton intercepted with perfect

timing, leaving Huddersfield's goal-keeper no chance. In the second half a series of penalty corners bore fruit in an equaliser for Huddersfield. University then resumed the offensive with a repeat performance by Bannister and Shenton secured the winning goal. Shenton played an inspiring game in the attack and Smith was strong in defence though handicapped by injury in the closing stages of the game.

The game at Thirsk was indeed a festive fixture. It was soon evident which players had been playing throughout the vacation, and in the case of the captain and others, painfully obvious which had not. Nevertheless, University scored first—a hard drive by Harland almost took the goalkeeper with it. Thirsk then exploited their superior fitness to maintain a constant attack which brought them two goals, the second of which was unfortunate in that it was the result of an unintentional kick and the lucky interception of the goalkeeper's distance. However, Thirsk were worth their win though University missed numerous scoring chances in the first half. Greenwood had a fine game against his old club, and Smith was again prominent in defence. A most enjoyable hour was spent in Thirsk Clubhouse afterwards, when certain persons, much maligned as hockey players re-deemed by prowess at darts.

SOCCER CLUB

Leeds Union 3 ;

Birmingham Union 1.
Leeds 2nd XI 3 ;

Birmingham 2nd XI 2.

Leeds at last showed real form in beating Birmingham in a friendly match by three goals to one. Leeds settled down immediately to dominate the game and the visitors' defence was hard pressed. Baker opened Leeds' account and after Birmingham had qualified against the run of play, the same player scored again.

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January 31st

"Rommel, Desert Fox"
James Mason. U.

Monday, February 4th,

For 6 days:—

The Great Caruso U.
Mario Lanza.

Monday, Feb. 11th,

Night Into Morning A.
Ray Milland.

Bedtime for Bonzo U.

Thursday, Feb. 14th,

"Strangers On A Train" A.
Robert Walker.

Birkinshaw added another goal to make the score 3-1 at half-time. The first half had seen Leeds pressing almost continually and if they had scored more goals it would have been no more than they deserved. As it was several fine efforts, particularly by the inside left Core, only narrowly missed.

The second half was a repetition of the first, but there was a general slacking off by the home side. There were no further scores and so Leeds won a good game deservedly. The score (3-1) by no means flattered the winners, who showed an allround superiority. Between a competent defence and fast moving forward line, a stray half back line was outstanding, allowing the Birmingham attack little scope. Mention should be made of Nettleton, a Fresher, playing in his first University match. As inside right he gave a promising display, which augurs well for the future.

Leeds 2nd XI gained a merited victory by three goals to two over Birmingham second team. The score by no means reflected the home team's allround superiority.

RUGGER CLUB TOUR

The Rugger Club New Year in London District was an unqualified success. Twenty-four members of the Club were present and most of them played in the games. On Wednesday, 2nd Jan., the tour opened with a decisive win of 25-0 over St. James' Hospital, at Cobham, Surrey, and this was followed up with victories over Berks. County XV at Maidenhead, 5-0, and Bec Old Boys at Croydon, 5-3.

Socially and alcoholically—for the London clubs are notoriously hospitable—the tour was a great success, the climax being provided by a visit to Twickenham to see England and the Springboks.

Earlier in the Vacation the U.A.U. Christmas tour of South Wales had included five of our members. D. Jagger captained the side and together with A. Duckering, R. Higgins, B. Parsons and R. Shuttleworth, made a strong Leeds contingent. The result of this tour was also satisfactory as the team beat Gloucester and Swansea, although they were defeated by Llanelly.

As a result of the U.A.U. tour Jagger was selected to captain the English Universities' XV v. Universities of Wales, at Swansea on January 17th. When England won 16 points to 8. Duckering, Higgins and Parsons also played, while Shuttleworth was reserve.

The important date this term is February 23rd (a Saturday), when Leeds play Loughborough College in the semi-final of the U. A. U. championships. The ground has not yet been decided on. Atkinson is still the leading points scorer with 123 points, composed of six tries, 30 conversions, 15 penalty goals. In the last issue of **Union News** Parsons was inadvertently credited with his score.

Cycling Club

Anticipating future bad weather, the Cycling Club has planned a number of sessions in the Gym., for roller practice on Wednesday afternoons. We cordially invite any cyclists interested in keeping fit during the winter to join us—and for the keener types, a roller knock-out time-trial contest is to be run.

Watch Cycling Club notice board for details.

Inter-Mural Games

The Whiddington Cup for Intra-mural Soccer was won last term by Devonshire Hall. Modern Languages were promoted from the second to the first division and Dentals went down.

The Ramsden Bowl for Men's Basket Ball was won by Textiles "B," and the Ramsden Trophy for Women's Basket Ball was won by the Nomads team.

EDITORIAL

Once again I should like to appeal to Club Secretaries to let me have their reports as early as possible.

It is some time now since I received any information from the many Women's Clubs.

The need for an efficient typist in my office is now acute, any student who could spare an hour each week would be very welcome.

Fencing Club

C. A. Gentili, of the Leeds University Club, was placed first in the Yorkshire County Union Foil Competition, held at Sheffield University, on 19th January, conceding only one fight out of twenty. He received the Cup and the Winner's Medal.

R. H. Grainger, after being promoted in the first round was placed third in the subsidiary competition.

After the competition Gentili was selected to represent the North of England in the Winston Trophy Competition on the 16th February.

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SPORTS GOSSIP

The Girls' High School Baths will be available for Women's swimming practice from 25th February, on Mondays, 5-0 to 6-0 p.m.

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The Boxing Club fixtures this term are at home against Bangor and Manchester, and away at Sheffield.

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In the Third Division of the North of England Lacrosse Association the University team were placed second to Oldham at the season's halfway mark.

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