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BANNERS & SOAP BOXES

Banners made their first appearance in the quad for a number of years at a Communist open-air meeting at 1-30 p.m., Tuesday, 26th Oct. They were first spotted filtering into the quad from near the gymnasium and bore "Stop The War In Malaya, 'Bring The Lads Home,' 'More Money For Grants and Scholarships'" and other inscriptions. Having circled the cafeteria in a ghostly, grim-lipped procession, they returned to the fresh air and formed a silent tableau reminiscent of a clump of poppies in a wilderness.

Communist Orates.....

Peter Chappell then stepped out from amidst them and took up his very favourite position on the mysterious knob of concrete, bearing no label, in the lawn which faces the Union portals. Then followed an oration whose most resonant themes were that the Government are up to no good in Malaya, that money is being spent on the retention of armed forces that would be better spent on our national education and that an alliance between ourselves and America, or a Western Bloc against the Soviet, would be a disastrous step.

...causes Traffic Block

As he spoke his audience, consisting mainly of people with a little time to spare before two o'clock, increased until a semi-circle was formed with its apex across the entrance. Here non-listeners passed upon their noon-day business with difficulty and were frequently forced to hear both speaker and hecklers, while caught up on an elbow. Hecklers were present in force and cheers went up whenever the speaker found himself in difficulty and on other occasions. "Three Cheers for Mr. Churchill" was another spontaneous interruption, and a patriotic reference to the British was greeted by "There'll always be an Ehgland," in an inadequate tenor.

New Type of Heckler

Though the heckling generally had a low content, some originality and enterprise was shown by a heavily-moustached warrior, who asked the assembly at large in stentorian fashion from an upper window, whether they had

made sure of their tickets for the Press Ball. A member of Theatre Group passing behind the rostrum on a bicycle caused great amusement and a motor-cycle roaring into life a few yards from Mr. Chappell almost drowned his reference to Mr. Truman.

But as two o'clock approached the crowd began, not without

reluctance, to disperse, and Mr. Chappell came to an end, pausing as he did so to search for a copper thrown from the crowd and which had received his benediction earlier on. An observer 10 minutes later would have seen the quad empty save for the sunlight and two elderly clerics passing through it from North to South.

★ First Edition

Friday, November 5th, this year is distinguished by two events—bonfire night and the Press Ball. The *Union News* and *The Gryphon* combine forces for the first time to provide what should prove to be a most entertaining evening.

The Union Ball was stifled to a large extent by formality - the Press Ball will be informally formal; specially planned is an hour devoted to merry-making alone - a Carnival Hour with hats, streamers and all the fun of the fair.

Bonfire night will not be forgotten, and the "symbolism" will be expressed in the R.S.H. decorations and the bar.

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DONALD WOLFIT.

On Monday, October 25th, Mr. Donald Wolfit, the well-known actor, spoke to a crowded audience in the General Theatre. He was introduced by Professor Dobree, President of L.U.U. Theatre Group, after being most warmly welcomed on his arrival. Mr. Wolfit, who was accompanied by his wife, known to theatre-goers as Miss Rosalind Iden, company's recent Canadian tour before proceeding to a consideration of the dangers of film production of classical plays, he felt particularly strongly about the production of *Hamlet*, which, he said, was robbed of a great deal of its meaning by the cuts that had been made. Mr. Wolfit suggested that the increasing regard for Shakespeare's text which had shown itself during the last 50 years should now be extended in the form of a Committee of Fine Arts (to include University Professors—at which the Chairman was seen to blench)—to watch over any alterations or emendations of the Shakespearean texts. Ending on this note, Mr. Wolfit threw the meeting open, inviting questions from the body of the house. Some lively discussions followed and the meeting was closed with arguments still in the air. Theatre Group are to be commended on organising such an enjoyable and provocative visit.

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Postscript.

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Union Ball

Friday afternoon, mysterious men staggered up and down steps with chairs, tables and groans; balloons banged as ersatz rubber gave way under the strain of nicotine-stained carbon dioxide.

The evening found the Union prepared—flowers, flags and bar. The President and Senior Vice-President greeted their guests (paying and otherwise) to the Union Ball with great dignity. Formality indeed was the keynote of the whole evening and even slightly intoxicated males tottered about in a reasonably decorous manner. Strange was the lack of a queue for a seat in the Social Room (reserved for sitting out), though this must be due in part to the efforts of Mr. Large (*who's that knocking at my door?*).

The dancing was uneventful, but most pleasant and enjoyable. The only scrimmage occurred when the balloons were supposed to fall after the second waltz. One bunch fell during the third, but **Oh Johnny!** what happened to the second lot?

It was difficult to find the prettiest girl—chivalry demands that I say mine was; the men all looked smart, but particularly outstanding was a gent. with a pink carnation in his buttonhole. We wonder whether he removed it from the excellent floral decorations on the stage.

The Lord Mayor's attendant paced frantically up and down waiting to go, and did not seem in the least interested or indeed impressed with the occasion! To everyone else time seemed to pass so quickly that before we knew we were in the Union it was time to go.

Bleary eyed, lipstick smudged, tired, happy students went to their taxis, cars and fifth-hand bargains.

Union News

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EDITORIAL.

SECTARIANISM?

The narrow-minded sectarianism shown by some groups of students at this University at the last Special General Meeting makes us wonder what they are expected to gain from a University education. In most cases the arguments put forward by the halls for retaining their individual representation on Union Committee were so illogical as to disprove themselves. We were told that halls representatives were the only committee members who express any body of student opinion. Are we then to believe that student opinion supports the present system of election whereby 16% of the Union appoint 6 members to committee, while the remaining 84% can only elect three.

The halls we are told are the backbone of the Union, yet a brief survey of the executive departments of the Union—Grants and Welfare, N.U.S., I.S.S. *Gryphon*, *Union News*, etc., shows a deplorable lack of hostel interest. Only one member of the Executive is a hall representative.

Yet these arguments were loudly supported by Hostel flocks at the meeting, who at the correct moment, stamped or expressed their disapproval with typical herd mentality. At the Union committee meeting held so far this session, four representatives expressed no opinions at all; are we to believe that no one in those halls have any views on the variety of important problems discussed? The only comment from another representative was to the effect that he could see no reason for discussing Grants and Welfare problems, the G. & W. Committee could deal with them alone; Is this the view of a hostel? Only the Lyddon representative had any ideas and opinions to put forward.

The aim of the Union Committee is not to represent the views of students in halls, but all students. Halls have an important part to play in Union life, but they cannot hope to succeed while they are dominated by such a narrow, sectarian outlook.

This and That

FROM BOOGY TO BACH.

George Allen is to come over all classical and play second trumpet in the *Creation* on Nov. 30th. His main worry at the moment is the fact that he has to count 32 bars rest, which he finds most difficult. The Music Society's main worry is whether Mr. Allen will stand up in the middle and give vent to a hot break.

LOST SUPPORT.

A notice to the effect that a knee bandage was lost at the Union Ball has recently been put up in the men's cloakroom. Rumour has it that the bandage was used to give support to unsteady legs during the closing stages of the Ball. It is hoped that it will be found in time for the Press Ball to-morrow, where it will probably be needed more than ever.

TENNIS A LA TABLE.

Now that the Ping and Pong of this fascinating sport have been acknowledged by the masses, we must congratulate the Club on their achievement in the past and heartily welcome them as worthy of the award of colours.

S.G.M.

Hail and farewell to the stalwarts who battled unsuccessfully with the hostels and hostel representatives. The meeting was orderly and an atmosphere of cheerful irony prevailed. As regards the seconder of all the motions, we were told that joy wreathed the faces of Allan when all was Over. Two of the chief protagonists, the Hon. Secretary and the Devon representative, were seen indulging in tea up at Devon a week later—30 cups have since been reported missing.

UNION BALL.

Bar open longer, more orderliness, more Union faces, are some of the comments we have heard. What is more, unlike all previous Union Balls, a small profit has been made. We enjoyed watching the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Morris execute the Samba and regret that we could not lure the Lord Mayor on to the floor.

RAG, 1949.

Nominations have been called for to fill the various responsible positions on this Committee. When the Union Committee agreed that every attempt should be made to hold the Rag in the Lent term, frenzied canvassing took place on the Union environs. We understand that the services of three Rag Merchants and two pony-and-carts were enlisted before one Fresher could be persuaded to desist from selecting his own committee and littering the Rag Office with jam jars.

FRESHERS' FROLICS.

Freshers from Weetwood Hall attended a social given by the Warden, Mr. D. H. Evans, and Mrs. Evans, at Devonshire Hall last week. Several games instituted to get the visitors well mixed up with Devon. Freshers formed part of the entertainment, an excellent supper was provided and there was dancing to the music of George Allen and his Clubmen. The Warden gave a spirited rendering of "The Old Village Pump" and Mr. Middlemas performed his celebrated impression of a nervous young man opening a village bazaar. Many promising friendships of an unplatonic nature were formed, and several of the ladies present have since been observed enjoying Devonshire Hall entertainment in a more individualistic fashion.

INTUITION.

A new theory on the question of women's intuition was put forward at a recent meeting of the Rationalist Society by Prof. Bonamy Dobree. He suggested that women spend a great deal of time knitting or sewing, and while their minds are thus not occupied, subconscious cogitation takes place. The results of this are flashed forth to the world as an example of feminine magic. If this is the case, there can be little womanly intuition in **this** Union.

SEEN IN TOWN.

One hunched-up figure in a raincoat, standing sweetly and patiently at the end of a long queue, holding a large basket. In front of him, a smaller figure preparing to charm the butcher with melting sweetness. Mr. and Mrs. Mahabir were doing their week-end shopping, and yours truly was admiring the presidential calm and dignity of a dutiful husband.

UNION FLORA.

An embryonic beard has recently been walking round the Union, belonging (naturally) to a philosopher. We applaud the courage of the cultivator and will do our best to keep members of the Union informed as to future developments.

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The Retirement of Miss Hibgame.

Representatives of every department of University staff and students, with many other friends, gathered in the Social Room on October 30th, to present a testimonial to Miss Dora M. Hibgame, who for 17 years was Tutor to Women's Students.

The Pro-Chancellor (Dr. Harold Veale), who handed Miss Hibgame a cheque with a book of signatures, "in gratitude for all that she has done for the University and for the women students," read a message of thanks from D. B. Mouat-Jones, and paid his own tribute to Miss Hibgame. Prof. Dobree and Prof. Wood spoke of the qualities which had brought her such outstanding success. Miss Pat Cotton, the senior Vice-President of the Union, offered Miss Hibgame the thanks and good wishes of all the women students. Miss Hibgame's parting message to you, the students, was this: "Don't expect other people to do your job for you!"

LEEDS UNIVERSITY ANTHOLOGY.

The Leeds University Verse Anthology, 1924-1948 will be ready before the end of the 1948-49 session. The approximate price will be 6/-. Contributors include Herbert Read, Lascelles Abercrombie, Wilfred Roland Childe, Tom Hodgson, Raymer Heppenstall, Storm Jameson, Vernon Scannell and the staff and students. The cover design and illustrations will be by eminent Yorkshire artists.

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TIMON of ATHENS

"I have, in this rough work,
shaped out a man
Whom this beneath world
doth embrace and hug
With amplest entertainment..."
(*Timon of Athens*, 1.1.43).

The Wheel of Fire.

Nearly 20 years ago a number of essays on the interpretation of Shakespeare's tragedies appeared in book form and was introduced to the world by Mr. T. S. Eliot. The year was 1930, the book "The Wheel of Fire" and the author, Mr. Wilson Knight. We have come a long way since then and there are few to-day who would not admit that the fresh turn given to Shakespearean interpretation by that volume of essays, and its successors, has not considerably enlarged our understanding of Shakespeare.

Interpretation.

One could not help wondering how many of the modest audience assembled in the General Lecture Theatre last Tuesday evening to hear Mr. Knight speak on *Timon of Athens* were aware of the struggle during the last 18 years the lecturer has had to get his approach to and the nature of his interpretation of Shakespeare accepted. How many listening to him were aware that his words were based upon his original essay—*The Pilgrimage of Hate*—in that first momentous volume, how many were aware of the real significance of his work during the last two decades?

Insight.

Mr. Wilson Knight has his own plane of investigation. He was able to outline with charm and simplicity and with a modesty which too easily obscures his acute insight, his own conception of the "form" of this powerful tragedy. His search for the pattern below "Plot" and "Character" revealed depths of feeling and layers of meaning unsuspected in the crude, rough workmanship of the disconcerting text. He gave hint, too, of the possibility of making good his observations in the forthcoming production of *Timon* for Theatre Group next month. The play is a challenge not only to producer and cast, but also to the audience. Our interest, now sharpened, must wait in patience for satisfaction.

we accuse....

Ornamental Committee Members.

What is the matter with the Ten Open Seats? Why is so little known about them? Why are they not taking a greater part in Union affairs? These are questions which need to be asked, and asked again until the Ten Open Seats begin to fulfil their responsibilities properly.

Student Opinion.

Ten second year, seven third year and three fourth year students have recently been asked about these Committee members. Their replies have been revealing. Only one of these people could remember the names of more than three Ten Open Seat members; and he could only remember six. Five people interviewed could not remember any names.

No one has ever put forward a suggestion or a grumble to these members.

Asked if they thought that the Ten Open Seats fulfilled any useful purpose, those interviewed differed in details but agreed in general "Won't miss them"; "Yes, if anyone is silly enough to speak to them"; "Own particular friends will speak to them"; and "Yes, because the more people there are on the Union Committee the less likely it is to become an oligarchy." These replies are typical. One person does think that they do most of the running of the Union, and one person thought that they could do things for which there was no one else available. The general opinion is that they are useful when they have definite jobs to do, but that considered purely in their elected positions, they are of little value.

[The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Editor].

Vague Views.

An attempt was made to obtain the views of the five members on Ten Open Seats who have no other specific duties, on their functions and how they fulfilled them. Of these, interviews were obtained with three. One of these was vague and was not sure what his duties were. Another promised information which was never received. The third considered that she represented members of societies of which she was a member, and also stated that she has had several suggestions to put before the Catering Committee. She does not think that meetings should be held with constituents, since she is frequently in the Union, and yet every Union member interviewed thought that these meetings should be held.

But the matter goes deeper than this. The Ten Open Seats represent, not their personal friends, not members of societies of which they are themselves members, but all members of the Union. It is their job to get the opinion of the Union, not to wait for that opinion to come to them. We accuse them of *inactivity, ineptitude and evasion of responsibility*. And we look to them to alter this state of affairs.

THE QUADS.

(This is the first of a series of articles designed to raise interest in matters of importance to Union members. The Quads will be pleased to hear of any points which members think need raising).

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Annual Public Speaking Contest was held on Monday, October 18th, before an audience of 250. This event is one of the most interesting occasions of the University year and invaluable because it gives students the opportunity of expressing their views before others. Humorous and serious speeches were given a restrained hearing and many jewelled words of wisdom were presented to the audience by the 16 speakers. Whether they competed for the glory of winning, the love of speaking, or shortage of money, they gave the judges a hard task in deciding how to award the £5 in prizes.

LOVE,

THE SQUARE ROOT.

"No one can take away man's right to kill himself" was the essence of one contentious speech. Another dispirited cynic declared love to be the invention of priests in ancient days and yet another held love to be a quantity varying with the inverse ratio of the distance between a man and women. A Leodiensian had the temerity to exclaim "We don't really mind being hero," implying that Leeds was not a bad place.

While the content of the speeches was good on the whole, delivery tended to be half-hearted. Sincerity was lacking in many cases and there were complaints from the back of the room about low voices and poor diction. These are matters to be remedied by practise.

The judges were: Miss Knight, Professor Happold and Mr. D. F. Davies. The President of the Union was in the chair. The first prize (two guineas) was awarded to Mr. A. M. Khusro, speaking on "Honesty is the best policy"; second (30/-), N. Hursten (suicide is justifiable); third (10/6), Joyce Berridge (honesty is the best policy). Freshers prizes: first (one guinea), P. A. Furniss (this house regrets it ever came to Leeds); second (10/6), Ellen Brighthouse (sincerity is incompatible with party politics).

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Mick Smith, Assistant Editor, *Union News*, whose engagement was announced last week.

WHO IS SYLVIA ?

(In this corner we hope in future issues to revive that amorous and dalliatory form of verse which for so long has been such a stable and enchanting produce of cloister and quadrangle. We invite readers to submit locked-away specimens or to compose fresh ones. The anonymity of both archer and target will in all cases be strictly preserved. The following is an example which has long ridden the adventitious breezes beneath the editorial table).

Why did we hold each other's eyes so long,
Atlanta in the cafeteria queue?

Is there a world, in wolds, in woods, to which you
And I have seen our unborn selves belong?

But wait! Speech dwells on disaffection's shoal,
Awash with words, with fish-ribbed verbs astir;
Since the dark tide of sense erodes the soul,
Then speak not, stay a noon-locked sepulchre;

Let glances be our nouns and correspond
Of magic thickets under Umbrian skies,
Or Caledon where silver saplings rise

Out of the gnomed turf and the whispering frond,
Far changed from where poor, pallid logic palls,
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YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

In this brief summary it is hoped to outline the chief points which have arisen from the first National Grants and Welfare Conference held in London on October 23—24th.

Hardship.

Firstly: Alleviation of financial hardships by investigation of individual cases. Re-assessment of grants now, to relate them to living costs and academic expenses, with subsequent annual re-assessment. We are awaiting the findings of the Government Working Party on grants and fees. It was also announced at the Conference that the Council of Local Education Authorities is to operate a scheme for the payment of LEA grants on the first day of term in the same way as FET grants are paid. *Full details will be in the November "Students' Chronicle."*

Health.

Secondly: The promotion of a comprehensive Student Health Scheme in all universities and colleges and support for the claims put forward by NUS that every student should receive credits for contributions under the National Insurance Act on a scale sufficient to secure full benefits. As far as the National Health Scheme is concerned, among the three classes not provided for are non-FET students who do not qualify for unemployment, sickness or industrial injury benefits if they contribute as non-employed persons.

Higher Education.

The Conference re-stated the principle that: **every young person of ability who desires and obtains a place in an institute of Higher Education should receive a full grant sufficient to cover his cost of living and academic expenses.** The success of the Conference in tackling the problem of student conditions will be measured not so much by what was said, but by what is done in the future. *This is up to the students themselves.* The question is, are we going to let all the present system of grants and welfare die out as older students leave the universities, or are we going to back up the Conference recommendations and hand on to our successors a thoroughly democratic system of Higher Education?

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A well-attended and reasonably representative S.G.M. is still an unattained ideal at Leeds, but on Tuesday, October 19th, the Riley Smith Hall was a little less empty than usual, when a Special General Meeting was held to discuss four constitutional changes. We hope that perhaps at last some interest had been evoked among us. **Alas for our optimism.**

The first three proposals—technically the last three—the agenda was taken backwards—were passed unanimously without one comment from the floor. Mr. Parker, Secretary of the Union, proposed that in the clause dealing with reciprocity agreements, the word Scottish Union of Students be inserted after The National Union of Students. We were assured that this was merely a technical alteration and apparently, for once, no one doubted Mr. Parker's word. The proposal was adopted without opposition.

Mr. Bowles, General Athletics Secretary, proposed the next two amendments. The first, that normally club colours should be awarded to the first and second teams, but in exceptional cases the captain may award them to other members; and secondly, that the Table Tennis and Basket Ball Clubs be added to the list of clubs eligible to receive full colours. Both these amendments were passed unanimously, once again with no comments from the floor.

Mr. Parker then proposed the final motion, that combined hostels elect two representatives one man, one woman, and combined men and women students, in lodgings, also elect two representatives to Union Committee.

It was then we realised why the meeting had been so well attended. Certain halls, having been well primed the previous evening, had managed to turn up almost *en bloc*. The chief arguments put forward in favour of the proposition were that at the moment a number of small halls were being opened with less than

25 members; under the present arrangement each of these hostels is entitled to a representative on Union Committee. **Although only 16% of students are in halls of residence they have 6 representatives, whereas the remaining 84% have only 3.** The formation of a halls committee it was felt would be an excellent way of linking up the halls, a need which had been recognised for some time.

The meeting was then opened for discussion. Mr. Fletcher immediately opposed the motion. He thought it was not the number of votes that a U.C. member represented, but the number of views that was important. The halls representative had to put his personal opinions aside and express the opinions of the hall, whereas the members elected to Ten Open Seats did not represent any body, but only had their own private views.

Other speeches from the floor indicated that in the opinion of those present the halls are the mainstay of Union life, that hostel representatives are more use on Union Committee than those from Ten Open Seats because they represent views of the halls, not individuals—when they speak! And that members elected on Ten Open Seats should hold meetings to find the views of those they represent.

When a vote was taken the recommendation was defeated 49 votes for and 162 against.

We hope that should a similar recommendation be put forward at an S.G.M., means will be found of organising and priming day students as effective as those used by some of the halls

".....About It, and About."

[THE SKETCHING SOCIETY REPLIES]

Dear Madam,

As an admirer of Inca's witty column I am sorry to have to accuse him of listening to unfounded gossip. His paragraph about the Sketching Society was well-intentioned, but unfortunately founded on a mass of erroneous information. This must be corrected, but the correction does not lessen our gratitude to him for his spontaneous gesture of help.

Firstly, every society has an optimum size at which it works most efficiently. Our size is governed by the number who can work from one model and our present membership of 17 is getting very near to that maximum.

Secondly, it is useless for us to meet continually in the Union since this restricts our media to pencil or charcoal. For the use of messy oils or clay-modelling

we must have a permanent studio of our own.

Inca's proposed poster service seems superficially attractive, but suffers from the objection that such work is of a "hack" nature and would seriously curtail our normal activities. We hope that societies will not feel us to be unreasonable if ever we have to refuse their requests.

Finally, we are a happy society and will never consider disbanding. On the contrary, as well as our annual exhibition, we intend to hang a "Picture of the Month" in the Union in order that all who prefer criticism by the masses to creation by the few can share a little of our enjoyment.

Yours sincerely,

P. FAIRHURST,

Hon. Secretary,
Sketching Society.

LEEDS MUSIC

First, a couple of corrections to the last column. The Mid-day Gramophone Recitals, already in progress, are it seems to be bi-weekly this year, on Mondays and Fridays. Further, Tympanum regrets having referred to the University Chamber Concerts as "the Leeds Concert Society's."

Creation.

The Music Society is flourishing exceedingly. The chorus, too big for the Music Room by far, has removed to the R.S.H.

The Creation should be on a very large scale indeed on Nov. 30th.

The Society's first Informal Evening took place on 21st Oct.; the programme was very vocal, including songs ranging from the Olde English to the very Modern, while light relief was provided by some music for recorders and the usual Drinking Songs.

Warning.

Finally, a grouse. *Tympanum*, in common with (apparently) the rest of the University, went to hear Mr. Donald Wolfit deliver his Address In Defamation Of Sir Laurence Olivier some 10 days ago. This he enjoyed in spite of disagreeing with most of it. But he would like to say a word to those people who, to bolster up a possibly flaccid argument on any artistic but non-musical subject, exclaim "Well, take Beethoven's Fifth Symphony....." as though That Settled It. It seldom does. It didn't on this occasion: indeed it has little relevance to the subject under discussion. And *Tympanum* will gladly brain anyone who says It Does, Did or Had—or who uses this particular gambit again.

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THE SINGER..

Stanley J. Collier (J for John) is to be found most Saturday nights pouring out his golden voice in the Riley Smith Hall to the music of George Allen and his Clubmen. No female member of the Union has been seen to swoon at the sound, but it is known that several of the maids at Devonshire Hall have expressed great satisfaction at Mr. Collier's efforts while he is shaving.

He does not think that the words of the songs that he sings matter; *it is the tone of voice that is important.* Still, as the customers demand words, Stanley listens regularly to A.F.N., round about midnight, in an attempt to learn new songs. Nor does this prevent him from getting up at an unearthly hour in the morning and going for a three-mile run before breakfast

As for classical music, he likes that which he can understand—Tchaikovsky and the Romantics. Irrelevant addition—"And I like Spike Jones, too!"

Operatic Beginnings.

Mr. Collier started singing in an opera company in Manchester, but, on winning a local singing competition, he changed his tune. When he came to Leeds (for the second time) in 1945, he met George Allen, who was then forming his band and needed a vocalist. Since then, despite frequent decisions to give it up, he has kept on singing.

Anyone who wishes to form a closer acquaintance should go to the cafeteria at almost any hour of the day, where Mr. Collier panders to a craving for ice-cream. Those who have not seen him before will recognise him by his clothes—especially his yellow pull-overs, white socks and exotic ties. The current favourite is a light brown creation ornamented with musical notes. But that is only one of many.

Apart from fulfilling his vocal duties, Mr. Collier also works. His main interest in life is modern French poetry, and he is at present preparing a thesis on this subject for the degree of Ph.D. This necessitates frequent visits to France, where he spends much time in the Bibliotheque Nationale, and hob-nobs with Picasso. On a lower plane, he has a great deal to do with the French departmental library here at the University.

Bing or Frankie ?

There is, of course, one question on which all who have an interest in dance-band vocalists will wish to have Mr. Collier's opinion. That is, Frankie or Bing. *Sorry, Bing-fans. It's Frankie.*

Society Round-Up

Political Pigstails.

This year the society has got off to a flying start: Professor Comber gave the inaugural address, taking for his topic the Colonial Service. This was a well-chosen subject, as it gave us an excellent basis for our most recent meeting, at which three members of an Agricultural Colonial Service gave an interesting and encouraging talk about careers which are available.

Our third meeting was in a lighter vein, in the form of a hat night. Among a wide variety of agricultural subjects, one member had the compelling fortune or misfortune to discuss *whether a pig's tail should curve to the left or right.* Many suggestions were put forward, the two most reasonable of which were on a political or trafficator basis.

In the future, we have a varied and interesting programme, from overseas speakers, to a debate with the Economics Society, and we heartily extend our invitation to all other society members who may be interested.

Finally, don't forget the Agric. Ball is on November 19th.

Hard Labour ?

On Oct. 21st, a lively meeting of the Labour Society took place, at which the Society's views on Foreign Policy were expressed in a letter to Mr. Bevin. A variety of interesting opinions were put forth in what developed into a lengthy discussion, the last stalwarts staggering from the Committee Room at approximately 8-30 p.m. We wish to dispel the rumour that as a result it is to change its name to the **Hard Labour Society.**

Among an imposing array of speakers arranged for the future, we are to hear Len. Williams, National Assistant Organiser from Transport House, on Nov. 12th, who will speak on "The Student in Politics." Why not come along? Remember, the Labour Society is the only means of expressing Labour student views in this University, and although it is affiliated to N.A.L.S.O. (the Socialist student body recognised by the Labour Party), *we neither expect nor receive any rigid toeing of the Party line.*

Problems of Probation.

Last week, at a meeting of the Law Society (at which half the attendants were social scientists), Mr. Simpson, the Chief Probation Officer of Leeds, addressed a small audience.

He gave a brief, interesting history of the development of criminal law, describing the cruelty, terror and misery of the 18th century. The public attitude towards crime was horrifyingly different then, people booking their seats for public hangings and buying copies of the accused's last dying confession (often before it was discovered he had been reprieved).

Mr. Simpson devoted much of his time to problems with which his department had to deal. The majority are matrimonial, mainly arising out of the lack of advice given to young men and women on marriage. It was pleasing to learn that the majority of cases are settled successfully, and this is brought about by using every single social agency at one's disposal, visiting their homes and so forth.

He told us many pathetic, human and amusing stories, concluding his lecture with the tale of a theft of £23,000 by a gang of young boys. When the defendants were in court, the magistrate asked the youngest, who was the organiser and leader of the boys, what his age was. "I'm seven," replied the youngster, "so you can't ruddy well touch me." We can well understand why the magistrate had to retire for a short break.

Sketching Society.

A series of lectures on British Drawings will be given by Mr. Eric Westbrook, Director of Wakefield City Art Gallery, in the Committee Rooms, at 5-15 p.m., on November 11-17. An exhibition of Facsimile Reproductions will be on view in the Committee Rooms from November 9th.

All students are invited to attend the lectures and to visit the Exhibition.

Forward Philately.

A small group of collectors met last week and decided to form a philatelic society. We are sure that there are many more members of this Union who collect, and we cordially invite them to come forward and support us.

All interested bods are asked to contact Mr. E. R. Inman and to come along to our next meeting which will be held at 5-15 on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, in a convenient corner of the Union. Exact location to be announced later.

China for Christ.

There was an unusual meeting of L.U.C.U. on Tuesday, 26th October, when the Rev. T. Cook, a missionary recently returned from China, spoke about the characters of the Chinese alphabet as vehicles of thought and Christianity. He was ready with many interesting examples of words, and from these alone one learns a great deal about the Chinese nation.

When he was in China, Mr. Cook was in charge of a very extensive area. In that area to-day he says the people are beginning to listen to the doctrines of Christianity and actually to go in search of it. Mr. Cook himself has done a great deal towards this, and we feel that he is doing still more to help by bringing home to us the distant wealth of Chinese culture and the needs of The Nation.

THE UNSUNG

Friends do not err when they think Jack Sugden, 27, born within a quarter of a mile of the Union, reserved and quiet. Soberly dressed, he even apologised for his polo sweater; it appears that a "nice type" removed all his kit from St. Nazarre station platform during the vac. Yes, he spends time in France and, like Mr. Collier over the page, does French. He is a "double honours" and also takes Latin, preferring it to French as a study—reasons not divulged! Jack has sung also—but in the past in a choir. Now he has given up the unequal struggle.

WHAT IS AN ARTS DEGREE WORTH ?

On the serious topic of University courses Jack tends to cynicism. Returned to the University after 5½ years in the Services and with the offer of a job as a district admin. officer in Nigeria, feels less equipped to tackle this job now after two years honours course than at start. Feels that technical degrees have tremendous pull over arts degrees in post-Varsity life, and that, despite Appointments Board, arts graduates are in for a thin time unless they become teachers. Wonders if he should have done something more practical. Toyed with forestry before present course, but no science qualifications. (Refused job as barman in St. Malo during the vac.). Still, he is very fond of Catullus and of literature in general, although he dearly wishes subjectivism in art would disappear.

THE ABOMINABLE HORSEMAN.

He has rather withdrawn from communal activities for his final year, although still in British Legion and Riding Club (their worst rider, he says). Works instead—at home rather than in the Brotherton and aims at a humble eight hours a day. Approves of Union dancing, mind you—it is his keep-fit-quick course and a happy meeting-ground. Also finds time to queue for coffees three times a day and suggests student-labour (one hour per term) and separate queues for coffee and foods to overcome staff-shortage. Views on women students? Like to see them around—no other comment. Misogynist? Not while Margit, met in France, keeps writing from Sweden.

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Men's Hockey.

Despite two defeats in the last two weeks the 1st XI is enjoying a more successful first term than it did last year.

The game against Doncaster was a lesson to the University team in the methods of close-marking in defence and vigorous forward play in attack. The general superiority of the Doncaster halves—all County trialists—and the aftermath of the Union Ball—were probably the deciding factor in the game.

Catterick Signals and Scarborough were both strong teams and provided the 1st XI with very enjoyable games, which might have been won by either side. There are signs, however, that the University team is now improving its tactical play—an aspect of the game which must not be ignored if it is to win its first U.A.U. game against Sheffield University on Wednesday, 3rd November.

The 2nd XI has the makings of an excellent side. After several experiments, the forward line is now beginning to show promise of a bumper season for goals.

Results.

1st XI.

20th October :	Leeds Univ., 7
	R.A.F., Linton, 0
23rd October :	Leeds Univ., 1
	Doncaster, 5
27th October :	Leeds Univ., 2
	Catterick Signals, 3
30th October :	Leeds Univ., 2
	Scarborough, 1

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2ND XI.

23rd October :	Leeds Univ., 2
	Doncaster, 3
27th October :	Leeds Univ., 1
	Catterick Signals, 4
30th October :	Leeds Univ., 5
	Scarborough, 1

Rugger Club.

Since our previous report the 1st XV has in some respects belied its early promise.

The main weakness has been in the back division, which in every match has been unable to exploit an adequate possession of the ball gained by the forwards. The chief criticisms of the back division are their reluctance to tackle hard and low (as evidenced in the match against Old Leo's), their mediocre handling and their lack of aggression.

The only obvious weakness of the forwards is in the loose forward positions. It is imperative that with a poor defensive back division, the loose forwards should be a greater menace to the opposing "halves" than has hitherto been the case.

The "A" XV has retained its unbeaten record, which is to be expected considering the large club membership and therefore the considerable number of good players who cannot gain a place in the 1st XV.

The "B" XV, despite the change in personnel which it undergoes weekly, in order to give a game to as many club members as possible, has won all its matches since our last report.

J. Carter of the "A" XV is to be congratulated on playing in the Probables XV which so decisively beat the Possible XV in the final Yorkshire trial.

Results since last report.

1st XV.

Hull Univ. College ..	L	5-6
Keighlians	L	14-3
King's College,		
Newcastle	W	3-0
Old Leodiensians ..	L	38-18

"A" XV.

Keighlians "A" ..	W	9-3
Manchester C. of T.		
1st XV	W	14-13
Old Leodiensians "A"	W	24-3

"B" XV.

Leeds Chirons "A" W
Manchester C. of T.
"A" W
Old Leodiensians "B" W

The Women's Boat Club.

The Inter-Faculty crews are now in training for the Inter-Faculty regatta which will be held at Swillington on Saturday, November 27th. The bank at the far side of the bridge has been built up so that it is now possible to run the whole length of the course cheering your crew on to victory. Here is a fine chance

for those who have been X-rayed to prove that the camera did not lie! Come and support your Faculty!

The committee met for the first time this session on Monday, October 25th. Although nothing of great importance was settled, many controversial questions were discussed and left over until the next meeting.

Swimming tests are proceeding smoothly and those members who have not already passed are urged to attend the High School baths next Wednesday.

Women's Hockey.

The Women's Hockey Club started this season with enthusiasm, determination and talent.

A larger percentage of Freshers turned out this season than in previous terms and the average standards seemed better.

In the matches played so far, we have been successful.

The First XI drew in their first match with Leicester; they continued to beat Sheffield and, after a magnificent game, pulled off the first W.I.V.A.B. match with Durham.

The Second XI unfortunately lost their first match, but beat both Sheffield and Leicester.

The Third XI have started off well, winning their first match.

Owing to the numbers this year we are hoping to play mixed matches, and also co-operate with the Staff Hockey Club.

Soccer Club.

Last Saturday the University 1st XI rounded off an unbeaten sequence in their last six matches by an 8-0 defeat of Farsley Celtic in the West Riding County Amateur League—a good omen indeed for the opening U.A.U. and Christie match against Manchester at Weetwood on Wednesday.

Manchester, the present holders are undoubtedly our strongest opponents in this competition and we are determined to record a victory on Wednesday, a result which has eluded us during the past three years. So please roll up and give us the necessary support.

The reserve team, playing in the West Yorkshire League, were rather unfortunate to be held to a draw, but, even so, it was a much more encouraging result than the previous week.

The 3rd XI found the Carnegie Physical Education College 1st XI much fitter than themselves, and an 8-2 defeat was a fair reflection of the game.

30th October:—

Results.

Leeds University	8
-Farsley Celtic	0
Leeds University Res.	1
Kippax Legionnaires	1
Carnegie College	8
Leeds University "A"	2

Boxing.

The Boxing Club sent a team to box against representatives from Durham Universities at St. James' Hall, Newcastle, as part of the programme arranged for Newcastle University Rag Week. Many of the Leeds team were boxing at inter-Varsity standard for the first time and are to be congratulated on their performances, regardless of the results.

Comments by eye-witnesses on individual fights were as follows:

D. HOLDEN (flyweight): A very game display against a much larger and more experienced opponent. Despite a disadvantage in reach, Holden was always on the attack. Durham victory.

S. WHITELEY (featherweight): Won on a technical k.o. in the second round. A distinguished performance against an experienced opponent, by one of the club's older members.

B. ATHA (lightweight): A very close fight. Durham victory.

L. BIBBY (lightweight): Good boxing by Bibby, who, with more experience, will develop into a good lightweight.

Durham victory.

T. NUGENT (lightweight): The best performance of Nugent's boxing career. K.o'd his opponent in the second round with a crisp short right to the jaw.

R. SCOTT-MILLIGAN (welterw't): An entertaining fight in which many different shaped arcs were described.

Durham victory.

D. HALEY (middleweight): Haley in his first fight, had the misfortune to meet a very experienced boxer, but nevertheless put up a game fight.

Durham victory.

P. BREWER (cruiserw't): After a quiet first round, Brewer wasted little time and k.o'd his opponent early in the second round. The Durham man is to be congratulated for his plucky fight against the U.A.U. heavy-weight champion.

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