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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' WEEK IS NOT SUPPORTED BY LEEDS!

No Audience for Vice-Chancellor.—Riley Smith Hall Half-Full for the Opening Ceremony of I.S.W.



The Indian Exhibition

The Indian Exhibition attracted many visitors. One hopes that other societies will follow this example and give us something of their very own. The chief difficulty is that the oriental tends to be too ornate for the Western mind, but one has to try to appreciate how it would appear in its native setting. Architecturally the temples were amazing for their profusion of detail and the mosques for their finish. The ivory and wood carving made one wonder at the skill and patience of the Indian artisan. That occasional table could only have been made in India. It was a study in accuracy and design.

The translations from the original Sanskrit aroused a good deal of favourable comment and in particular these lines seem to stand out in one's mind:

No hands has He nor feet nor eyes
nor ears
And yet He grasps and Moves and
sees and hears
He all things knows, Himself un-
known of all
Him men the great Primeval Spirit
call."

One cannot forget the sincerity and courtesy of the Indian students who took visitors around. They had something to tell us and they did it without ostentation and with that self-effacing good naturedness so characteristic of the East.

The Exhibition was a good one and the organisers deserve congratulation. They have done a grand job.

It is perhaps, however, a sign of decadence to dwell on the grandeurs of a glorious past. We are more interested in present-day India—her people, her costumes, fashions and such things. She has started to play an important part in world affairs. Will she stay right or go left? We could glean no information on these important questions.

Nevertheless, the Exhibition gave one an insight into the history and culture of an ancient people and has served to make members of this Union "India Conscious."

WE ARE AMAZED!

We are amazed that such an important event as International Students' Week has passed by unnoticed by the majority of Leeds students. Worse than the casual dismissal of the subject is the utter indifference shown by everyone save the organisers and certain societies—noticeably those with a foreign flavour. Foreign Universities have festivals and celebrations, for this week is generally considered to be the most important in the Student Social Calendar. Here, however, there is scarcely a whisper. Does this not indicate a parochialism—a narrow-mindedness—a "degree-factoryism"? which gives nothing, cares nothing and takes all? Well done Leeds! You paid your Union Fees—your part is done. Don't put yourselves out in any way.

A STICKY SUBJECT

The chefs of H.O.R. and the maids of Ellerslie got together in International Students' Week, and produced—toffee, guaranteed to make the peoples of the world stick together. Another sweet incident of I.S.W. was the descent of a bevy of youths and maidens, under the capable leadership of Bob Lister, on to the Union on Tuesday. £30 was coaxed out of near empty pockets for student relief. The Vice-Chancellor opened the week on Monday, nobly aided by Messrs. Weber, Rhodes and Montgomery. Talks followed, and all the week the Indian Exhibition drew admiration and interest from its visitors.

So, with the International Society's concert on Thursday, ends International Students' Week, 1953.

Happy note: all the flags, including the red one, remained intact.

The organisers and participants of the Concert, however, are to be congratulated upon their performance in the face of this general apathy.

WHAT HAPPENED to YOU OTHER 3,109?

Thursday, 19th November, was the night of the International Concert, sponsored by the International Society in aid of W.U.S., so we went along to see what kind of entertainment the various nationalities could provide.

The highlight of the show was the Ukrainians, who gave skilful performances of their national dances and harmonised some national songs.

The Indian Society produced mystic vocal and instrumental harmony—the only missing object was the snake. No musical enthusiast could fail to appreciate the performance of the Nigerian student who played and sang modern African music in a "blue" mood. Nothing could be more original than the Arabian vocal quintet, newly formed the same evening. Probably for the first time in history has a non-semitic audience found themselves community singing in Arabic. To coin a phrase "A good time was had by all."

The Spanish and French Societies entertained with songs and harmonised very well, whilst the Germans excelled in the performance of their traditional music. The members representing the Music Society did well, but it was rather disappointing that the Society should be represented by so few in a concert of this type.

We are not pretending that this was a polished performance; it had its hitches; neither did we go as critics, we were merely two of an audience which thoroughly enjoyed itself. The presentation was good but the attendance appalling. True, the audience of 120 was appreciative but does this mean, if Leeds is typical of all Universities, that so few students are sincerely interested in the welfare of foreign students? We agree that Leeds students gave generously on W.U.S. flag day, but the attendance at W.U.S. meetings proves that for many, the donations were purely automatic.

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STUDENTS' FIGHT "PRO TEMPORE"

for National Campaign

On Friday, 17th November, at the afternoon session of the N.U.S. Council held in Bristol, local Unions were urged in a resolution tabled by L.S.E., to give their active and vigorous support, in the form of lobbying and writing letters to the press, to a National Campaign to raise grants to students.

Speakers supporting the motion called for public demonstrations in every University City to make the public conscious of our plight. They felt that only by enlisting public sympathy could we be successful. Other members of the Council urged that N.U.S. had in the past given many opportunities to the L.E.A. with very little success. The Union had so far been more restrained in its attempts to obtain more adequate grants than any Trade Union pressing for higher wages. The time was now ripe to adopt a more creative and active policy which would have real results and ease the tension which was, at one point in the debate, likened to a seething cauldron existing, at present, in many colleges and Unions. Speakers opposing the motion reminded Council of the happenings of November 5th and appealed to its feelings of responsibility, arguing that if we, as students, take such action we would lose every scrap of respect we have gained. Mr. George Semmens, chairman of the Grants and Welfare Committee, in his final speech informed the Council that it had obviously no notion of the work that N.U.S. is in fact doing. Council was reminded that all hardship cases are brought to the Ministers notice and that L.E.A's have been approached time and time again and will continue to be approached in the belief that the progress already made will continue. "It is up to every one of the local Unions," he concluded, "to work with the N.U.S. by approaching their local Education Authorities in a like manner, and not to destroy the quiet steady work that has been done over the last few years by making a song and dance outside the House of Commons." Council indicated that it was anxious to win the respect of the public before it enlists its sympathy by defeating the motion: 41 votes for, 103 against, with 4 abstentions.

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May We Come In? A STILL SMALL VOICE.

When we spoke to Mr. Peter Gibson recently on the subject of Union cards, we were much pleased to find a "sweet reasonableness," which we hope will soon permeate the whole of Union Committee. The present attitude towards Union cards seems too much to tend towards the adolescent dream of a policed state. We even hear rumours that it will soon be necessary to have photographs to prove one's identity. We appreciate the difficulties, which the licensing laws create, and we know it is easy to sit in the sanctuary of this office and criticise the committee, who in this case have a most difficult problem to solve, but we are sure that the present solution is not the right one. It was our misfortune to be denied admission to the Union recently, because we did not have our Union card, although the official on the door knew us to be Union members. Can we make a plea that Union cards be used as a guide upon which to rely, when in doubt, and not as an "open sesame" to an impassive official. It seems not only unfair, but amoral to accept a subscription for the amenities of the Union and then to deny them to someone, who is known to be a Union member.

BUNBERRY'S BAUBLE.

The bauble this week is divided and dispatched to Miss Mildred Smith for proving "a notable exception," and to Mr. Peter Gibson for his "sweet reasonableness."

by BUNBERRY

The recent debating competition confirmed us in our opinion that women, like little girls and boys, should be seen and not heard. With one notable exception, whom we were pleased to recognise as a member of our Union, the ladies proved themselves not only uninteresting but quite ineffective.

"POETRY & AUDIENCE."

While we do not ally ourself with the critical irresponsibilities of its editorials, we must say how pleased we are to see this pioneering magazine establishing itself in the Union. We particularly liked Mr. John Feather's charming poem in a recent edition and we look forward to more good things from this source. We hope the venture will get the support it deserves and it will go on from strength to strength.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE.

Mr. Malcolm Mitchell, speaking in support of a documentary film recently, painted a moving picture of the hardships suffered by students in other parts of the world. It is difficult, as he himself pointed out, not to remove the problem from our minds by virtue of its very remoteness, but we commend the efforts of those who work to try to lay these problems at our door and endeavour to make them more real for us.

THE MINERS' BALL

The Miners' Ball is definitely the galaxy of people gave the going to be the Ball of the year. atmosphere. We have not heard It was a brilliant success. The of one adverse comment. Well decorations were up to the done you Miners. Our bouquets standard that one associates go to the happy band of warriors with the Engineers. The bands who were up early to CLEAR gave that West-end touch and THE REMAINS AWAY.

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Music in Leeds

By DORMIN.

"Yes, they are from our own allotment," said Mrs. Gammidge, closing the fire escape.
(Anon).

On Friday, 20th November, there was a recital of works written by James Brown and Frank Mumby, members of the staff of the Music Department.

The Music Department, for those who have not found it yet, occupies a mysterious site in St. Mark's Terrace. It is not an imposing building; perhaps it looks its best in Mid-July when the marigolds are in full bloom. Next door is the Department of Fuel and Gas Research, from which loud bangs are sometimes heard. Loud bangs are sometimes heard from the Music Department . . . but that's another story.

To return to the recital; it was most enjoyable and stimulating. It was a chance to hear music fresh from the pen, written not with an eye on the box-office, but for its own sake as a form of self expression and enjoyment. As such it becomes an extremely intimate and personal matter, as if the composer were saying "Look, this music is me."

Mr. Brown has a style with gentle lyricism, which had a certain contrast with that of Mr. Mumby, whose idiom is more stark and uncompromising. Mr. Mumby had the good fortune to study composition under Nadia Boulanger, which perhaps has done much to mould his style, which was more individually developed than that of Mr. Brown.

The first group of songs, settings by Mr. Brown of poems by Campion, Marlowe and Brooke, owed a debt to both Hugo Wolf and Roger Quilter (!) but were quite charming in their way. There was more of musical merit in his Serenade for clarinet and piano, although here again were echoes of Stravinsky.

Mr. Mumby shows a tendency to overburden his piano part, with the result that the piano becomes too prominent in both volume and interest. "The Cornerstone," for clarinet, piano and soprano, suffered least from this defect; the result was lucid and effective. "I wish I were an Elephantiahus" was tremendous fun, written with the same wit as we find in "Facade," which it resembled in quite a few details, notably in the pseudo-jazz obligato for the clarinet.

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FIVE PER CENT

Have you seen an individual wandering around the Union with a harassed look on his face and receding hair on his forehead? If you have, you've probably seen the president of the Methodist Society. And no wonder his hair is receding—for he is the leader of a Society with 170 members, of whom 150 are active. "How active?" you may enquire. Well, 130 members meet weekly for group discussions; nearly as many meet each Sunday for tea and talk. This is in addition to the things which are the staple diet of most societies—special talks, trips and theatre visits!

Five per cent. of Leeds students belong to Meth. Soc.—not only for the fun of it, but because they also find there an intelligent and constructive approach to Christianity. Not all the members are Christians—but all have sufficient intelligence not to reject Christianity without a look at it. Are you like this? or are you like the optimist who, falling from the roof of a tall building cheerfully remarked as he passed the first floor windows—"I'm all right so far!"

SOCIETY NEWS EDITORIAL

The Agricultural Society is to be congratulated on their Debate with their opposites from Kings, Newcastle. The motion was: "Dual Purpose is no Purpose"; we did not understand it, as all cows look alike to us, but everybody else did—a refreshing experience, faith in a University education is restored to us.

The religious societies are running many meetings designed to attract interested outsiders and the series of posters, by one in particular, provide an interesting alternative to the *Manchester Guardian* crossword,

but we must have faith it will all be clear in the end. Meth. Soc. deserve thanks for providing students with an opportunity to see Dr. Sangster's wonderful impersonation of Dr. Sangster, and judging by the size of the audience, caf. would be comparatively empty that lunch-hour.

The Engineers promise to excel themselves this year with their Ball. Not only will they give us their usual unique standard of decorations but named Bands—including the Squadronaires—are on the Programme.

Could we have just one plea this issue? If you have anything of particular interest we would like to send a reporter; an outsider often sees more of the game and we would like to lift a head from the typewriter now and again to get to know you.

BRIDGE CLUB

We started this year with a few Bridge enthusiasts taking part in our first Tournament-night. The Club is running fortnightly tournaments for all students, which started on Tuesday, November 10th, at 6-30 p.m. as a basis for selecting teams to compete against other Universities in the National Tournaments arranged by the Oxford Union.

Mr. G. S. Dan will run classes for advancing beginners half an hour before the start of the Tuesday meetings. The absence of Medics. was unfortunate at our earlier meetings, but we should like to invite them to come along in future.

The Club's record for 1953 is:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
5	3	1	1

This season's fixtures include Manchester, Sheffield and Birmingham Universities.

S. G. GOLD.
Hon. Secretary.

BAR BUSINESS . . .

Law Society.

The preliminaries over, activity in the Law Society is now in full swing, and the enthusiastic support of many members at our meetings this session is most encouraging.

Some fifty members attended to hear Professor Kisch, of the University of Amsterdam, one of the leading authorities on private international law in the world to-day, on November 4th, when he gave his address on some of the problems arising from the differences between the civil law, which is the basis of most continental legal systems, and the common law, the stock of the world's other great legal system. A universal legal system with a universal sanction must necessarily form part of other advocated unities, and although not an insoluble problem, that the incompatibility of the two systems could present an obstacle to world union was apparent from his enlightening discourse.

On the 24th of this month, the Society had as its Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner, Miss Rose Heilbron, Q.C., one of Britain's leading counsel and the most prominent woman barrister ever to practise at the English Bar. Activity has also been stimulated by the presentation of a silver trophy for public speaking, by Mr. Geoffrey Bedford, last year's President of the Society. Eliminating heats are under way and finalists will take part in the Moot on March 15th, when His Honour Judge Archibald will preside.

The standard shown in the competition so far augurs well for the visit to Manchester University, when the debating team will attempt to repeat their victory of last session, when Manchester visited Leeds.

An address by Donald Kaberry, M.P., internal debates, and a series of moots complete the programme.

MUSIC SOC.

We enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Music Society Social last week. The programme included contributions by Marion Irwin and Kathleen Kelly. We were very impressed by the community singing that concluded the evening.

We can only hope that other societies enjoy such enthusiasm and friendliness amongst all their members in arranging meetings of such calibre.

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A person with such a highly developed sense of "What Not to Do" in the right places—deliberately—naturally has an interesting history.

Before the Blitz started in Liverpool (near Bootle) in 1941, Allan was evacuated to Southport, where he stayed for a considerable time without finding the sea. Just before the bombing began he went back to Bootle, and survived the ordeal. Of course, with a typical Slash gesture, he got himself evacuated to Staffordshire, as soon as the Blitz had finished.

Eventually, after having an affair with a primary school teacher (she was 18, he was 19), he obtained a report from the Headmaster at the point of a gun and presented it at Devonshire Hall, where the gates were duly opened in his honour; actually it must have been one of the few occasions when he entered Devon in the orthodox way:

For some reason nobody told Allan that there was a Union until he'd been here a year. His first attempt to sabotage it was quite uneffective, after spending an evening in the Bar he was dragged quietly and unconsciously back to Devon. Since then he has been gradually making a name for himself, not by Union Activities but by sheer ACTIVITY. A fortnight ago he came Out (I say, old boy, are You on a beastly grant).

He would like to see all the people who inhabit the Brotherton all their days periodically cleared out into Caf., and all the people who inhabit the Caf. all day periodically cleared out into the Brotherton. Just for a change. His catch phrases are famous, so if you hear "Wrap Up," "I'll drop you old boy," or "O.K. Smiler," you will know that he is around.

Beware people everywhere, Mr. "Slash" Urion is going to do things this year, **make sure that he does not do them to You.**

Mr. Martin Banham is a second year English Special Student. He was elected as first year representative on Devon House Committee and proceeded to play his part as "laundry looker after," so that Devonites were deliberately loosing their old shirts, knowing full well that Martin would get them a couple of new ones in compensation. He played a prominent part in the Devonshire Hall Dramatic Society and as the American in "While the Sun Shines," he even made Ed Love sound English. This year, carrying on the good work, he has entered the Union and the "child actor" is taking the lead in the Italian Society play, "The Liar."

As captain of the third hockey team he has shown that other people besides the G.A.S. are sport minded (they both went to the same school"). Apart from his achievements, what is he like to know, to speak to? He speaks with a rather cultured Southern accent, and he is efficient—terribly efficient: so much so that if anybody is thinking of coming to the Devon Balls this year (remember that Martin is Entertainments Secretary) you may be transported up Cumberland Road on a conveyor belt, "so much easier, darleeng."

These are just two people from Devonshire Hall, as for the rest . . . "You don't have to be crazy to live there, but it helps . . ."

The Climbing Club

By Our Special Correspondent.

Mountaineering is a pastime which is either liked or disliked. For those who turn to the hills for recreation, either as fell-walkers, rock-climbers or mountaineers, the Climbing Club offers both facilities and equipment for the experienced, and leaders and training for the novice. Climbing is done by groups of two or three people working together as a team, very often under trying conditions. The safety of the team is closely dependent upon the harmony of the party as a

whole, so it is not surprising that friendships formed in the Club are often deep and long-lasting.

Perhaps one of the beauties of climbing is that it is not a competitive sport, and consequently, although a high standard is maintained by the leaders of the Club, any person, whatever their ability, may quickly become a fully active member of the Club. There is a Meet every Sunday, either at Almscliff Crag, or on the Cow and Calf Rocks at Ilkley. These are millstone-grit crags, on which there are many climbs of all standards of difficulty. Here, club members practice balance, rope-handling, belaying and rock-technique, preparing for the more serious problems of the Lake District, North Wales and Scotland. Some of our members have climbed in such countries as Spain, Norway, and Yugoslavia.

The event of the Club year is the Annual Dinner, at the Old Durgeon Ghyl Hotel, Largdale, where about 70 members of the Club gather together for a weekend. A hard day's rock-climbing or hill-walking, gives a good thirst and appetite for the Dinner itself, which is held on the Saturday evening, while a Sunday on the crags or fells facilitates a quick and painless recovery. Though perhaps we may be looked upon as one of the quieter and less ostentatious clubs, our activities are widespread and we do have our moments.

DID YOU EVER?

In the space of a month the Union takes 34 periodicals, each of which is deposited in the Library. A little research has shown that at least twelve of these still have the untainted bloom of youth upon them days and weeks after the date of publication. This is not right! Apart from which, it's a waste of money. Consequently, with due deliberation the number has been drastically reduced. We shall, however, continue to purchase "Woman and Beauty" . . . !

How does this affect you? Simply in this way; for heaven's sake please do not natter the over-taxed porters. If you object to omissions, or would prefer changes, etc., drop a note to the House Secretary, who will then be able to get a true over-all picture of the position. Messages by word of mouth will not be adequate. Bless you all, you horrid lot!



"Have you a Faculty of Finance?"

"Don't ask me!" said the Freshman. "You should know more about the organization of this University than I do."

"I should have said faculty, not Faculty," went on the Third Year Man patiently. "The f is small, as in french."

"Oh, I see," said the Freshman. "Well, all I can say is that the £ is small, very small, in my £ s. d."

"If your income is, shall we

say, slender, all the more reason for having financial guidance at your disposal" the Third Year Man explained.

"And where do you suggest I look for such guidance?" asked the Freshman.

"I'd strongly advise you to let Lloyds Bank look after your interests," answered the Third Year Man. "That was one of the first things I did when I came up in stat. pup."

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AROUND and ABOUT

News Flash — GREER GARSON

Miss Greer Garson, in a dress of scarlet taffeta which defied her red-gold hair, charmed and amused a crowded Great Hall.

Her subject was Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new film "Julius Caesar," and she was enthusiastic in praise of it. Speaking fluently and wittily, in a pleasant voice which showed very little trace of any Americanism, she described the pains which had been taken to present

Shakespeare—the only person connected with the film to get star-billing—as Shakespeare would have wished.

When it came to question time, Miss Garson won all hearts by her concern for Reggie and her admission that the only thing she remembered about her time at King's was the Engineer's war-cry.

Miss Garson was introduced by the President and a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Byers and Mr. Kelly. The latter looked a little startled when he was treated to the traditional film star's kiss; but the audience loved it.

(King's Courier).

WAGES OF SIN?

Students leaving a Durham residential retreat are confronted with a notice warning them to "BE CAREFUL." Closer inspection reveals that this does not refer (solely) to student morals but is intended to keep the erring males from the dangers of the public highways. ('Nuff said).

The Visit of Dr. Sangster

Christians from all the free Churches enjoyed the privilege of receiving a profound message from Dr. Sangster, an ex-president of the Methodist Conference and one of the great Christian orators of our day.

In deep sincerity the speaker unfolded his thoughts to his audience. His theme was: "Jesus Christ, Saviour, Friend and Brother." Personal experience prompted Dr. Sangster to reveal to all that Jesus is a "present Saviour" who enables men to make right decisions in the multiplicity of choices which face them daily. This Jesus is also a Friend to whom men can give their loyalty and love and from whom men can expect loyalty and love, be it in comfort or rebuke. Jesus, Saviour and Friend, is also Brother to those who love Him. To Him Christians turn instinctively, since He is one who loves them despite their faults.

The message which Dr. Sangster presented appealed to the whole personality and not merely to a brain separated from flesh and blood. Because the whole personality was involved in such a profound way no one felt insulted by his message—the theme was simplicity itself, but had behind it the might of a Christian experience which has seen and will be true for all time. The ideas which Dr. Sangster left with us had a fitness and rightness which did not evaporate, as many ideas seem to do. What he said is as acceptable in the light of a grey dawn as well as in the glory of a sunset.

The speaker's occasional jokes provoked much laughter. A healthy spirit of fun prevailed at such junctures and one couldn't

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BRIAN GREAVES.

BOOK REVIEWS

EVEREST, 1953.

The long-awaited "Ascent of Everest," by John Hunt, is amongst the following new books now available in the Union Library.

"A Kid for Two Farthings," by Wolf Mankowitz, is a humorous, graceful story of a little East End boy who, in his childish credulity, mistakes a sick goat for a magic unicorn. Despite their disbelief Joe's "unicorn" works wonders amongst the people of Fashion Street Market.

"I said to my Wife," by Jean Duche, is the translation of the frivolous French novel which won the Grand Prix for humour in 1951.

Also in a French setting is "Saints in Hell," by Gilbert Cesbron. The book deals with the struggles of a worker-priest in the squalor of a Parisian slum, and his conflict to give up "faith" for "humanitarianism."

MYSTERY!

For mystery lovers there is "Witch Doctor," by a new writer, Edward Candy. The plot centres round the murder of an extremely unpopular doctor in a children's hospital, where motives are two-a-penny and alibis cheaper.

RUSSIA.

Much nonsense is written for and against Russia and her way of life, but "Unwilling Journey" is a sane revelation of personal experience written by Helmut Golwitzer, a left-wing Socialist and a German Christian.

"Suite in Four Movements," by Eric Coates, is the autobiography of the popular composer and contains interesting stories and anecdotes about Beecham, Wood and Debussy.

HARRY WALKLEY
(Union Librarian).

help comparing it with the morbid delight which greets the supposed humour at some Union debates.

Question time was particularly profitable, especially with regard to the Love of Jesus. It is fitting to close by quoting Dr. Sangster's own words: "The difference between our own love and Jesus' is that whereas we love someone for something we see in them; Jesus loves us for nothing. Look into your heart everyone and you will see and know that you are not worth loving and yet He loves you!"

Obituary

It is with regret that we announce the death of **J. P. Tranter**, a third year Engineer, who died on 11th November, 1953, from fatal injuries received as a result of an accident. On behalf of the students of Leeds University we would extend our deepest sympathies to the parents, relations and friends of the deceased.

YELLOW?

Not a bit of it! Not stagnating in a swamp of self-sufficiency either, like so many other political societies.

Up and coming, stirring phoenix-like and more than able to overshadow the rest. Meetings and debates are planned. Elliott Dodds and Richard Wainright will be coming to speak. They even plan a Fish and Chip Supper party. The audacity of it all. Who are these energetic and original people? These are the LIBERALS. You too can join the Society, and even if you do not join you can at least sample our fare. Watch the notice boards! Just you watch 'em. We'll show you!

FLIPPING KID!

A horrid little man from I.W.W.W. barged into the office the other day and suggested nastily that it would make a nice change if our next issue came out on time.

We pointed out to him that censorship, shortage of newsprint, &c., &c., made such an occurrence highly unlikely, and that the belated appearance of our last two issues was due neither to editorial laxity nor to printer's devilry, but to circumstances entirely beyond the scope of our calculations.

He was almost in tears when we had finished the tale of woe. "Sad . . ." he murmured, ". . . such a shame . . ." (sob) ". . . it would have been such a novelty."

LAW SOCIETY DINNER

The Guest of Honour at the Law Society Annual Dinner, held at the Great Northern Hotel, on Tuesday, 24th November, was Miss Rose Heilbron, the charming and eminent Q.C. She was welcomed by the Student President of the Society, Mr. P. Graham Smith, and the Honorary President, Professor P. S. James, of the Faculty of Law.

In reply to Miss Brenda Leslie's toast to the visitors, Miss Heilbron expressed her delight at being invited to this occasion, and made a plea for a School of Practical Advocacy to be established for the training of Barristers. Unfortunately she had to leave before the end of the proceedings, and missed the other most excellent speeches which followed. After she had compared the busy Advocate's life to that of a Commercial Traveller, we were informed that Miss Heilbron, who had travelled to Leeds after a day at the Manchester Sessions, was en route for Birmingham, where she was to appear on the following day!

Professor James, in a most amusing discourse, informed the gathering of a rumour that Mr. Barrington Black had gone to Hungary as a Spy for the Football Association. Mr. Black promptly denied that the I.U.S. was a mere pretext for his subversive activities.

The other speakers were Mr. James P. McFarlane and Mr. G. L. Haggen, the Dean of the Faculty, who gave a most interesting address to the Society, with which he has been connected for the past thirty years.

M.W.

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N.U.S. COUNCIL REPORT

By RICHARD PRICE

A Union delegation last week-end attended November Council at Bristol. As this Council is the annual meeting of the N.U.S., a large part of the time was taken up with financial matters. The first of these was the **Main Accounts Report**. This deals with the general running of N.U.S.; the account had improved on last year's because the subsidy from trading departments had been cut from £2,428 to £1,073.

The **Travel Department** report was very serious; the loss was £9,863. The Senior Treasurer gave three reasons: (i) A bad

year in the travel world. (ii) The signing of a contract with an airline without a cancellation clause. (iii) A member of the staff gave better facilities to foreign tours than had been budgeted for. Your delegation felt that this was wholly unsatisfactory and moved a resolution to set up an external enquiry. This was rejected, but there will be an internal investigation by those who are in varying degrees responsible for the loss. A resolution to wind up the travel department was defeated. Instead it was resolved to form a limited liability company.

Bookshop. A loss of £1,590 was reported. Owing to this and to the lukewarm support from local unions it was decided to discontinue it. The only trading departments to make a profit were the Vac. Work (£462) and the Hostel (£176). The result is that the overall balance has decreased from £18,577 last year to £7,549.

I.U.S. On a call vote, by the very small majority of 573 to 558, a motion to have no relations with the I.U.S. was defeated. A further resolution to accept the offer of associate membership was passed by ordinary voting—70 for, 19 against. Council accepted an invitation from Russian students to send a delegation of 20 to the U.S.S.R. next Easter.

Voting procedure. Leeds sought to amend the form of voting for Vice-Presidents of N.U.S. but the Executive also brought forward an amendment to do this in a different manner. The Executive motion, although more complicated, was carried. Our prominent Conservative delegate was labelled a RED during this debate!

Debating Tournament. Leeds were thanked for the organisation of one of the regional rounds. A resolution thanking the *Observer* for the donation of the trophies was carried unanimously.

Festival. A much larger attendance is expected at the Festival during the Christmas vacation than was seen in Leeds last year. There have been many enquiries already and it is expected to be very successful.

One of the last actions at this Council was the take-over of the new Executive. Past Leeds President Black took over the position of Vice-President in charge of the Vac.-Work department from Mr. Fred Singleton (J.V.P. Leeds 1950/51), who was highly complimented on the running of this department—one of the few to make a profit.

The Union was represented by Messrs. G. W. Rhodes, J. P. Macfarlane, R. S. Price, T. Zutshi, and B. M. Black, with Miss H. Shaw as observer.

R.S.P.



DEPARTMENT OF THE WEEK (1) *Physics Department*

You may have noticed it on your way between the Leather Technology and Gas Technology. It is a brick cube very austere and altogether too new. It has a foyer, like the West-end cinemas, and an empty niche beneath the clock on the wall, waiting for some Leeds Leonardo. It would be immodest of me to record every one of the wonders that are performed in that place—this task I delegate to posterity, I shall record but a few.

On the top floor, where they may most easily see daylight, live the theoretical physicists. They are wild creatures these, who live on a diet of raw information, mercilessly hunted down in bibliographies. Every year or so they "publish" as it is called and then retire again into the unknown. Fifty years after their death we use the information that they have given us.

Up on the roof, and on the roof of the Chemistry building, a great mass of apparatus is working day and night to give us knowledge

of the Cosmic Ray Particles. Most of these particles have lifetimes of only a one hundred millionth part of a second, thus you will appreciate that experiments upon them are naturally very brief and demand a certain adroitness of technique. This quickness is taught in the laboratories on the first and second floors.

The cooler, or low temperature laboratory, is as custom dictates, in the basement. It is run by a connoisseur of wines. He is fond of telling the story that in exceptionally cold winters the lumberjacks of Canada used to pack apple jack bottles into the ice, whereupon the water would freeze out leaving pure alcohol behind.

As I say, he runs the Low Temperature Lab., and is very happy there.

As for the students in the Physics Department—well, you know the "Physical Society" (you ought to, it costs 5/- to join). Anyway, Selwood says they are an obscure lot.

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W. SELWOOD.

Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Anglican Society to protest most strongly against the report of the Inter-Varsity Debate, in your issue of November 16th. Your reporter quotes verbatim a "sample of the humour that produced the bright periods of the debate," it is to this excerpt that we take exception. While such remarks as those might be passed over in the heat of debate, we feel most strongly that to publish such on the front page of a newspaper, which is read by many people who are not students, is doing irreparable harm to the good name of the University. As a Christian Society the Anglican Society feels that such remarks are not in the least in the interest of the Union, and we feel that a little more care on the part of your reporter would have given a far more accurate picture of a debate that the *Observer* regarded as being of a quite high standard.

We therefore trust that no remarks of such a downright dubious character will appear again in your columns, and the **Union News** will appreciate the harm such articles can do to the prestige of the University and students as a whole.

Yours faithfully,

A. MAYOSS,

Hon. Sec.,
L.U.U. Anglican Society.

BOTTLE

Sir,

In defence of Mr. Papp's impeccable reputation, I should like to point out to "Bottle" that the former's halo still shines brightly. Let me explain why.

It was entirely as a result of my suggesting (during an Entertainments Committee meeting) that the "Peasant Community" DANCES in conditions comparable to those now existing in the "lusty" W.C.R. on Saturday evenings, and does not perform as do some of our so-called "intellectuals," that Mr. Papp, being a sceptic, felt he ought to see how "the other half" lives, before he made any comment.

I hope I have answered the question "... how low can he get?" if it refers to his going to a Public Dance Hall. (He stoops to Conga?).

However, if it alludes to his charming partner "one of our foremost ladies" (so states "Bottle"), I consider it unpardonable and naturally demand that some form of apology to the ladies of the Union be forthcoming.

Yours sincerely,
W. T. RHODES.

Books for Sarajevo

Sarajevo University was opened in 1950. In Sarajevo I met the Head of the English Department, and was told by him that he was anxious to start a new course in English literature covering the period from 1900 to the present day, but that he was hampered by the shortage of books. There was hardly anything in the library more recent than Galsworthy, and currency difficulties prevented them from ordering from this country.

It occurred to me that students may possess old copies of modern novels, poems and plays for which there is no particular demand in Leeds. If students who possessed these books were willing to allow them to be sent to Sarajevo they would be performing a great service to the students there, and would at the same time establish a link between Leeds and the new University of Sarajevo.

Re The Editor

Sir,

If you must include cynical remarks in the addendas to your correspondents' letters it might be a wise thing to frame your misguided sense of humour in a less personal manner—sarcasm was always the **LOWEST** form of humour even when aimed at asses who sometimes speak the truth. For the sake of all potential asses (i.e., contributors to your correspondence columns) I beg you to be a little more subtle in your repartee and stop this "assing" about of which I feel my duty to complain.

AESOP.

Dear Sir,

Lamentable as is the decline in the standards of academic scholarship, such a floccinaucinihilipilification, is explicable in the light of the spectacle of the contra-abysmal procrastination emanating from the heterogeneous conglomeration of homosexually paranoiac inclinations which, interspersed with sphinctal ehalations, is contrapuntally apposite to extra-functional ideologies of this "incalq, gue lo cierno aud lo Natolopierante."

In short, Caf. coffee coagulates in cracked cups as it cools and curdles the copulating cretins congregated closely contrary to canons of common courtesy.

We is,

Yours in briefs,

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ERRORS

Sir,

The purpose of this letter is not to draw forth derogatory remarks about your efficiency. Unfortunately, however, we have been the victims of one of your printing errors. In your last issue the final sentence of our article relating to the Social Studies Society appeared as "Furthermore, gain a width of interest socially by joining our breed." We regret that this tended to upset the entire context of our article. We will be grateful, therefore, if you will draw attention of your readers to the fact that this should have appeared as: "Furthermore gain a width of interest in Society by joining our breed." It is clear that there is a tremendous difference in meaning between the two sentences and suggest that if your readers do not appreciate this that they attend our meetings.

D. W. BROWN.
A. E. HURST.

Sir,

It was with deep regret that I noticed the omission of my letter from the columns of your last issue. Its influence, however, was more apparent. Congratulations on a few facts and a worthy account of the "Way Ahead," the U.C. Meeting. Also the sensitive article in Picture Gallery was most satisfactory. So much for the praise, but Madam, how you outweighed its value by some of the articles you printed which were vulgar, yes vulgar. The article entitled "Sensation" was pointless, worthless, and a positive insult. Worse still, it was not even funny.

Coming finally to the inanity entitled "Inter-Varsity Debate" This was an outrage. We have complained before but you give us more and more provocation. It is a pity you do not find more useful employment for your reporter.

P. H. GIBSON.

Rumblings

from Wee Willie

University Men are having a hard time of it lately. Last week's N.U.S. news had them for being apathetic and frigid, as did our Miss Adams. Undergraduates, they say, go into bars on Saturday nights instead of onto dance floors. This proves that (according to the article) they are either "shy" or "of a low intellectual content." H'mmm. Or perhaps they just like beer? If I were Miss Adams and nobody danced with me, I would go home and clean my teeth or something. It is, after all, rather presumptuous for the ladies to criticise our taste in not liking them.

An entirely different thesis, by the way, is advanced by Alfred the Great, who says that men are so hyperactive that women must invariably regard them as "prancing, leering goats" . . . this is all very disturbing. Which do you prefer, Gentlemen? Do you feel more of an anti-social cretin, or are there still a few streaks of the "Leering goat" in you?

And now I must confess. My sole purpose in the above was that of painting a backcloth against which to display my little epigram:

To drink or dame. What is my fete?
Which beery hops to choose?
Shall I with spirit take the floor and reel

Or reeling on the floor take booze?

Twenty-nine words; four-and-a-half puns. An average of 6.45 words per pun. Hood could do no better.

Re RAG

Dear Sir,

Would you please insert in your paper amendments to Rag Week dates as shown in the Union Diaries:—

Tyke Day, 19th June and NOT
12th June.
Rag Day, 26th June and NOT
19th June.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. BOURN.

Clerk to the Union,
Leeds University Union.

BOOK NEWS

The untimely death of Dylan Thomas brings to mind the two collections of his poems "Deaths and Entrances" and "Collected Poems, 1934-52," at 5/- and 12/6 respectively.

A new edition of Kendrew's "Climates of the Continents," at 50/-, will be available on December 8th.

THE STORY OF EVEREST, by W. H. Murray, brought up to date with a new chapter on the ascent of Everest, now gives the full history of attempts to climb this challenging peak from the first efforts of Mallory, 1921, to the final success of Hilary this year.

The two latest titles in the Penguin History of Art, at 42/- each, are: "Architecture in Britain, 1530-1830" and "Architecture in France, 1500-1700."

"The Rationalist Annual, 1954," will be published on December 6th at 2/6.

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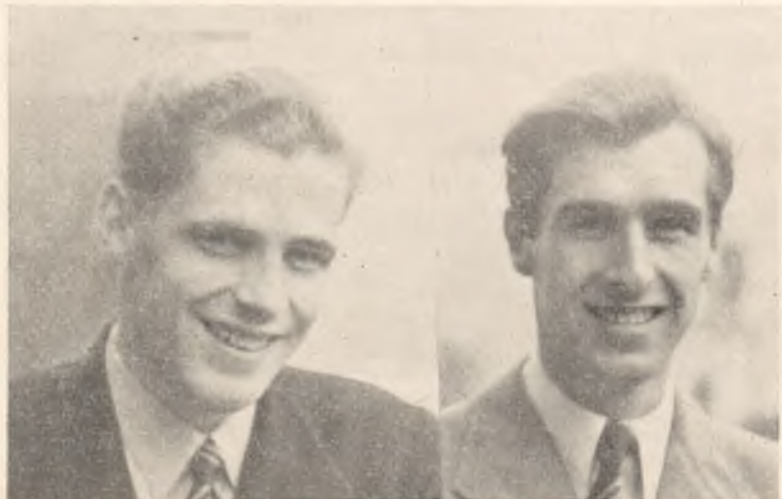
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HOCKEY CLUB

For the first time for 20 years the hockey club has two members chosen to play for Yorkshire. J. W. Haggith is playing right back and B. A. M. Smith centre half in the County's game against Northumberland at Catterick on 28th of this month. This is a creditable performance, but both have been playing excellent hockey this year and their inclusion in the County team is no

surprise to those who have regularly seen them play. Since the last report the club's record has suffered two severe setbacks with 1-0 and 6-1 defeats at the hands of Horsforth and Bradford respectively. In the U.A.U. championship the club drew 2-2 with Manchester. This was a game of lost opportunities. After being presented with a "gift goal" to



gain a 2-1 lead, the University suffered one of its all too frequent lapses and allowed Manchester to draw level. Our hopes of the U.A.U. championship, although not dead, are far less promising than they could have been if chances in front of goal had been taken. In an effort to find a goal-scoring combination, which would reflect true credit on excellent defensive work, the club's forward line was rearranged for the

match with Hull University. The ensuing 6-0 victory bodes well for the future and Handley's hat trick was a successful season's debut. A word of praise is due to the second eleven, who have scored more than 50 goals in 10 matches. This is an excellent performance, for rarely have they been able to field the same team in consecutive games.

SWIMMING CLUB

Up to the time of reporting the club has had a full and successful season and can show six victories out of nine matches played. Of these, the most notable have been the U.A.U. fixtures against Sheffield, Durham & Manchester Universities. These three were all close games, and a grand team spirit, with every man training hard, proved the decisive factor

in our favour. The second team are showing a keenness, both in training and in games, which equals that of the first team and augurs well for the future. An enjoyable evening was had at the Intra-Mural Swimming Gala. Excitement mounted high when, after a series of closely contested team races, the Agrics and Devon tied for first place. The event was admirably organised by J. E. Wilde of the Physical Education Department. Seven Departments were represented, but we would like to see many more on future occasions.

In a triangular match with Ripon A.S.C. and the Training College, the 1st team, in conjunction with the Ladies' Club, won the Clarke Trophy, which has recently been presented for annual competition between the three clubs.

RESULTS :
 v. Durham University, Won, 5-1.
 v. Manchester University, Won, 5-3.

Netball Club

The netball team recently defeated Lawnswood High School by 20-10. Despite the fact that the school team was without two of its best players, they put up a very good performance and the score would have been much closer if their shooters had been on form.

The club is having a very successful season, the first team having won all seven matches played, except that against Manchester, which was just lost after an excellent game. The second team is having an equally successful year, with six wins, one drawn and one lost. Their most recent victory has been against Lawnswood High School 2nd team, which they won 21-15.

The netball club is fortunate this year in having a number of members who, although having no regular place in the teams, are well up to team standard, and the success of the club depends to a large extent upon their continued support.

Women's Hockey

On Wednesday, 18th Nov., the Women's Hockey Club entertained Hull University College 1st and 2nd XI's at Weetwood.

The 1st XI, back to almost full strength after their match against Sheffield University, which, despite the absence of four regular 1st team players, Leeds won 3-1, were far superior to the weak Hull team and gained a very easy victory by 16-0. Wilson, captain and right inner, scored 6 goals, Jenkins at centre 4, King, at left inner, 3, and Rainforth and Mellings on the wings, 2 each. The defence was seldom in trouble and supported the forwards well.

The 2nd XI, with an equally resounding victory by 14-0, maintained their unbeaten record for the season.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Maurice McManus (Economics Research) won the Yorkshire Men's Squash Rackets Championship at Bradford on Sunday, 22nd.

John Turner (Medic.) won the "Plate Competition."

RUGBY

Leeds 8, Morley 22, and even though Leeds fielded five reserves there are no excuses. The Leeds forwards lacked that fire so vital in a blood-match.

Morley, to quote their own team, "have never played better."

At scrum-half, Frank Crookes made his debut and is to be congratulated on his display behind a beaten pack — and how they were beaten. They were consistently beaten in the set-scrams and the loose scrums and usually in the lines-out.

Morley pressed hard from the start and within 10 minutes Gaunt, under pressure, had his kick charged down. A try resulted.

Morley kept an all-round advantage and from a loose ball on the Leeds "25," good backing up and some crisp inter-passing saw Morley cross for a try. Shortly afterwards a third Morley try was scored and half-time was reached upon the conclusion of some magnificent passing and backing-up by Morley.

The Leeds backs were largely tackling machines, but even when in possession they were unable to

penetrate a sound Morley defence.

Montgomery charged down a clearance kick and crossed for a try, converted by Gains, who also kicked a penalty.

Morley crossed the Leeds line six times.

This vividly emphasises the present incapacity of the Leeds forwards to corner-flag at speed. The team as a whole is not giving of its best.

Leeds 17, Hull 3. This was not a good game. The Leeds tries resulted from orthodox moves, with the exception of an individual effort by Montgomery just before the end. Each of the wings, Gaunt and Nicholas, scored two tries, one of which Gavins converted.

Baker, deputizing at scrum-half for Shuttleworth, had his photograph taken at half-time. It is not known whether his performance or his famous head merited this honour.

At fly-half Parker was the only back who could be satisfied with his display, although Nicholas ran hard on the wing.

The forwards under Walter Clark were competent, but no more.

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