

# UNION NEWS



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## VICE CHANCELLOR RETIRES Successor Appointed

Dr. B. Mouat Jones, whose retirement at the end of this session was announced last December, will be greatly missed by both staff and students. When he came to Leeds in 1938 he rapidly showed the clear sightedness and administrative ability which have so characterised his term as Vice-Chancellor.

After an outstanding career at Oxford, Dr. Mouat Jones spent some time in India and held an academic post in the Imperial Institute. In 1914 he joined the London Scottish Regiment as a private. He was rapidly promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and became Director of the Central Laboratories G.H.Q. He was awarded the D.S.O. and was three times mentioned in dispatches. At the end of the war he became Professor of Chemistry at Aberystwyth and in 1921 was appointed Principal at Manchester College of Technology.



Dr. Mouat Jones

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## Major Upheavals

During the last nine years Dr. Mouat Jones has had to tackle major upheavals in University life. When war started in 1939 he was faced with a host of difficulties and not only solved these but helped to meet several national problems.

The return of peace brought new and greater problems of overcrowding, shortage of staff and equipment and the influx of many ex-servicemen above the average age of students, with attendant difficulties of grants, housing etc. These difficulties he has faced with wisdom and understanding.

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## Successor

The Court of the University have appointed Mr. Charles Richard Morris, Headmaster of King Edwards School, Birmingham, author and war-time Civil Servant, to succeed Dr. Mouat Jones.

After serving four years in France in the first world war he went to Oxford to read Classics—gaining a First in Greats in 1921, he was almost immediately appointed lecturer in Philosophy at Balliol College and was for 22 years a Fellow and tutor.

With the outbreak of the second world war he became a senior Civil Servant in the Ministry of Supply and later Under-Secretary to the Ministry of Production. In the former capacity he was much concerned with Lease-Lend and paid several visits to America.

Since he took up his present appointment in the Midlands he has become well known for his wide interest and numerous activities. Mr. Morris founded the Birmingham Council for Education in World Citizenship, is a member of the Burnham Committee and President of the local Branch of the United Nations Association.

## MOUAT JONES FUND

As many students will already know, the Vice-Chancellor will retire from office at the end of this session. Although not widely known among the student population, many will be aware of the keen interest he takes in student affairs, and more particularly in those problems concerned with ex-service students.

On the suggestion of the Vice-Chancellor, a "Mouat Jones Fund" is being established, the proceeds from which are to be devoted to an endowment for one or more Travel Bursaries to be made available to students in any department of the University who wish to go abroad during a vacation.

It is felt by the Union Committee that all students would wish to be associated with this appeal and accordingly a sum of £100 has been sent to the fund. This represents a levy of 6d. on each Union subscription.

There will be those who would not wish the retirement of the Vice-Chancellor to pass without recording their appreciation of his work by contributing personally a sum, large or small, to his fund.

Accordingly, I attach a copy of the letter which explains in detail the objects of the appeal. This letter has been given a wide circulation in the city and amongst past students.

Those wishing to contribute personally to the Mouat Jones Fund should obtain the official form from the Union Office.

J. W. DAGGETT.

### UNIVERSITY APPEAL.

Since entering upon the office of Vice-Chancellor of the University in 1938, Dr. Mouat Jones has become widely known in the City of Leeds and in the County of Yorkshire. We feel that his retirement from the Vice-Chancellorship at the end of the present session should not be allowed to pass unmarked, and we believe that our wish to show appreciation of his work will be shared not only by those within the University, who have known him as a counsellor and friend, but also by very many outside the University walls who realise the great contribution he has made to the cause of education.

Dr. Mouat Jones has held office during a very significant decade in the history of the University. Coming to the Vice-Chancellorship in 1938 at the time of the Munich settlement, he had within twelve months to undertake the difficult task of guiding the University through the war period. Although for six years the normal growth

of the University was prevented by the circumstances of war, nevertheless during that period detailed plans were made for post-war developments, and since 1945 Dr. Mouat Jones has had to deal with the many problems which have arisen from the great increase in the size of the University, due largely to the influx of ex-service men and women. The success of the preliminary planning has been evidenced by the smoothness with which the expansion has taken place.

We therefore believe that all who are interested in the University will feel that it is only fitting that a permanent endowment should be established to commemorate the contribution Dr. Mouat Jones has made to the work of the University during a most difficult period.

We have consulted the Vice-Chancellor who, in consenting to this Appeal, has suggested that the proceeds should be devoted to an endowment for one or more Travel Bursaries, to be made available to students in any Department of the University who wish to go abroad during a vacation.

The Vice-Chancellor considers, and we cordially agree, that intimate contact with people of countries overseas can be of the greatest educational and cultural value, and should be strongly encouraged by the University. This object can only be fulfilled effectively by establishing a liberal endowment fund.

A large and representative Committee has been formed to sponsor and organise the Appeal, and we hope that subscriptions will be on a generous scale to mark appropriately the Vice-Chancellor's services to the University.

It is proposed to compile a book of signatures of those associating themselves with the presentation.

Contributions should be sent before July 31st, either to Lloyds Bank Limited, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2, or to the Honorary Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. E. J. Brown, Bursar, The University, Leeds, 2. Cheques should be made payable to the "Mouat Jones Travel Bursaries Fund."

## Union News

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## EDITORIAL.

A letter published in "About it and About" requires comment.

The interpretation of the word "disproportionate" is obviously difficult. A die-hard Tory would regard any mention (save a derogatory one) of the Communist Party as "disproportionate," whilst a fanatical Communist would doubtless take up the same attitude about any news of the Tories which did not decry them. When, at the beginning of the session, we decided to print news which could be regarded as "political," we knew that we were running a risk from the type of people to whom an unbiased opinion is only one which they share, yet we felt this risk should be taken. We have continued to print news of the various political activities in the Union, since we feel that this is an essential part of our job. At all times we have striven to be as objective as possible and to avoid any political bias. We feel that we have succeeded in this difficult task, and we think that very many of our readers do not share the views expressed in the letter.

There is an implication in the letter which we feel is not shared by anyone, even including those who signed it. The implication is that in some way it is part of the Editor's job to apply a political yardstick to the material he prints and to use some form of censorship which will operate against certain political viewpoints. This is not our conception of the Editor's job, which is, as we see it, to print news which is interesting and "newsworthy." If a prominent Communist feels that his views are so compelling that he must use the Union steps as a platform, that is news. If the Conservatives win a Mock Parliamentary Election, then we promptly print an interview with the leader of that Party... it is, again, news.

## This and That

### GARDENERS' GREEN.

Can Leeds be at last turning country conscious? With the improved layout of City Square and now the re-seeding of part of the Union grounds we shall soon be vying for a place among the Garden Cities of England. Mr. King and his fellow weed-pullers have certainly inspired the grass to grow at a prodigious rate outside the Union... but why stop there? We see no reason why beds of sweetscented flowers should not perfume the texty atmosphere and gladden the eyes of the Brotherton pilgrims and their "fellow travellers." Beds (of flowers), goldfish ponds, fountains and crazy paving would provide a source of inspiration to many an essay or thesis writer. We hear that a number of quite unpretentious schemes of layout have been put forward to "his majesty" but so far have met with little success.

We would draw attention to the cute little black notices. They mean what they say.

### VALEDICTION.

The Goodbye Dance this year (June 11th) should be a fitting end to a most successful dance season. The Entertainments Secretary has managed to secure a really top line band for this occasion, Leslie Douglas and his Bomber Command Orchestra. It is all part of his policy to make this one of the best "Goodbyes" the Union has ever seen (he goes himself this June!). Ted himself will be in good trim rehearsing for the series of Rag Dances which he is M.C.-ing. The Dress will be Summer or Winter Formal preferably the former—tickets 10/6 and of course... a bar.

### REVISION NOTES?

#### Chemical Analysis of the Fair Sex.

Symbol T.N.T.  
 An-Atomic Weight: 120 lbs.  
 (Except in special cases).  
 Occurrences. Found with man.  
 Seldom in free state.

#### Physical Properties.

Colour pink, but usually covered with a thin layer of white powder.

Appearance: Generally rounded in form.

Boils at nothing and may freeze at any moment. Melts when treated wisely. Very bitter if not used well.  
 Ages rapidly.

Emits high-pitched notes under stress conditions.  
 Yield point indeterminate.  
 Fatigue value low.

#### Chemical Properties.

Very active.  
 Possesses great affinity for gold, silver and precious stones.  
 Reacts violently when left alone.  
 Turns green when placed beside a better specimen.

Uses: highly ornamental, useful as tonic in accelerating low spirits, may however work in

opposite direction. Equalises the distribution of wealth. Probably the most efficacious income reducing agent known.

### BRING OUT YOUR DISCS.

A Gramophone Record Library Exchange is soon to be organised to run on lines similar to the existing Book Exchange. There have been numerous enquiries from students about buying and selling records and this, coupled with the Gramophone Librarian's desire to sell some records to make way for new recordings, has led to this idea. Further details will be announced later.

### FILL THOSE TINS.

It is, we feel, generally agreed that the Lord Mayor's "Save the Children Fund" is one of the most important appeals launched in recent years. With this in mind it has been decided to run an appeal on Thursday, May 13th, in aid of the Fund. We hope to have volunteers working their way through lectures and labs. on that day to fill the tins. Come, then, well prepared with loose change and—Chemists... copper coins in the boxes please, not zinc turnings.

### SOMETHING WRONG SOMEWHERE?

We are at a loss to see why ice-cream should be sold at 3d. in the Refec. and Caf. when the labels explicitly state "Maximum retail price 2½d."

### CHECK YOUR READING.

In an endeavour to determine how many of the periodicals in the Union Library are read and how many are just a waste of time a check is shortly to be made. Sheets will be fastened inside the cover of each magazine and you are asked to initial them when you read the magazine. In order to make a fair estimate one check will be made now and another next October when students are less involved in regretting that they have left undone those things which they ought to have done.

### LATEST.

Camp beds and thermos flasks may now be taken into the Brotherton.

New Snoop wanted for next Session, Hooray!

SNOOP.

### "BITTER SWEET."

Last week saw the Leeds Amateur Operatic Society's production of a Noel Coward's "Bitter Sweet" at the Grand. Appearing in the show in the part of Lutte was J. Michael Briggs, 3rd Year Arts student. Michael, who has been with the L.A.O.S. for four months, is not a member of Theatre Group... he prefers lighter and more modern plays. He tells us that he was lucky to get such a comparatively plump part and that he was thrilled to be playing on the stage at the Grand. After all, it's quite an achievement to be on those famous boards at the age of twenty-one.

## Maths. Social

The first function of the term, the Mathematics Society Social was a success from the moment a member of the committee anxiously said: "I wish that people would start to arrive," until the Roundhay Rhythmn Aces—with of course "Geoff Sowden" on the trombone—played the last waltz.

Socials in the last term are a risky proposition, and too often the plea of pressure of work is the only reply that the ticket sellers can expect. There was, however, no indication of the nearness of examinations amongst Friday's dancers; and the all too familiar cry of "You know, my dear, I haven't done a stroke of work" was replaced by the glances of envy of the not so fortunate at the socialites who, in defiance of coupon restrictions, were wearing the best array of summer dresses the Riley-Smith has seen for a long time.

A.W.

## "BYE - BYE"

The Goodbye Dance promises to be a first class affair this year. We heard rumours of Leslie Douglas in person; of two bands; dancing till 2 a.m. and something called a spectrola.

The only problem is "What shall I wear," and this time we mean the men. The answer is simple. If you can possibly raise the traditional "Summer Formal" wear of white flannels and blazer, then do so.

If not, come in ordinary evening dress complete with bow tie, monkey jacket, and stiff shirt (or dickey front).

Tickets are down to 10/6 (double) and will be on sale towards the end of May. Let us hope that this does not produce a repetition of the mass hooliganism evident at the Union Ball ticket sales.

How silly, I nearly forgot to add the date—Friday, June 11th.

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PIP.

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## Brief Chronicles

An actor's views on his trade, especially when they come from one so experienced and distinguished as Mr. Ernest Milton, must always be listened to with interest. They possess a validity no mere professorial lecture could ever give. In his dressing-room, watching the transformation of Mr. Milton into that most sympathetic of Shakespearian characters, Shylock, I learned that whilst Hamlet is his favourite role, that of Macbeth is the most fascinating and remarkable. This play impinges upon the metaphysical, in that the two worlds of thought and action are fused into one imaginative whole, and the actor is set a subtle problem in the interpretation of the main character. The problem is not made easier by the fact that audiences seem only too often to concentrate their attention on the quite subsidiary Lady Macbeth.

In the course of a long and successful career, Mr. Milton has played in Shakespeare, Shaw and Ibsen. He was the original Robert Cadell in "Rope" and the original Ferdinand de Levis in "Loyalties." He has played most of the famous Shakespearian roles, including Hamlet, Macbeth, King Lear and Romeo. He worked with the Old Vic, and his latest parts have included King John, Sir Giles Overreach, and Father Zossima in "The Brother's Karamazov." Mr. Milton also toured with his own company.

### Reticent Audiences.

University audiences are always regarded as difficult. In some way the intense critical scrutiny they bring to bear upon the play prevents them from showing their appreciation in that spontaneous manner which is the actor's chief and deepest satisfaction. The actor's art is ephemeral in that it lives only upon the stage; the response to it must be immediate...the actor cannot wait for the applause of posterity, he must find the emotional satisfaction his art demands in the sincere burst of applause at the final curtain. Unfortunately, said Mr. Milton, it seems that the more intelligent the audience, the less able it is to express itself save by silence.

But Mr. Milton forgot the reticence of audiences when he spoke of the immense enjoyment he found in playing with the young and enthusiastic company which, under the direction of Miss Esmé Church has brought Shakespeare upon the stage, in Huddersfield and here in Leeds with such grace and artistry.

### No Petrol?

Mechanical objects I usually regard as necessary nuisances provided by providence to give Engineers something to occupy their minds with during closing hours. Even so, I was intrigued with that odd little contraption of aluminium and podgy wheels

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## "The Merchant of Venice" and "Julius Caesar."

Pressure of examinations forbidding a Theatre Group production this term, they very wisely turned to another Company to provide a Spring presentation. And what more able and efficient than Miss Esmé Church's expanding Theatre School at Bradford? Few realise the importance of The Civic Playhouse centre. We, however, do not hesitate to predict that it will become, under her guidance and direction, the most important centre of dramatic art in the North of England. The possibilities that may spring from that small but active nucleus are indeed exciting! We wish them well and sincerely hope to see even closer co-operation between them and our own Theatre Group in future.

For their two productions the Company were fortunate to secure the services of an actor of the calibre of Mr. Ernest Milton. His seasoned restraint, great range of gesture, use of voice for the most part quiet, yet when only just above a whisper perfectly audible, were all well-balanced to make his particular interpretations of Shylock and Caesar memorable on the Riley-Smith stage. And he was ably supported. Miss Jean Sugden's gay portrait of Portia (perhaps savouring a little too much of the Restoration heroine) was a lively contrast to her morose antagonist. Among the school itself we remember Bernard Hepton's Bassanio and Anthony. He proved himself an accomplished and talented young actor, who, if he can learn to use and exploit a

greater vocal range, will do even better. John Foster's Antonio and Cassius were strong performances, full of sincerity and warmth, the former tender, the latter passionate. His clear voice was the exception that imparted some measure of Shakespeare's poetry—so lamentably absent throughout! Paul Whitsun-Jones' Aragon and Casca were very good; his Casca outstanding. For the most part the conspirators were quite anæmic until he charged the atmosphere with a purposeful and deadly menace by a crouched movement or tense and trenchant utterance.

Finally, there are the productions as a whole. In their completeness must they be remembered and assessed. Both were very fine, The Merchant of Venice particularly so. Here the tragedy and the romance were unified with swift-moving simplicity by its Elizabethan setting. It contained both a delightful gaiety and the solid strength of great moments. The dances and the masquerade were beautifully staged and gracefully performed. The costumes were rich and splendid. All those members of the Group concerned with the décor and setting must be heartily congratulated. The rich poetic music however, was rarely brought out—no amount of extra music can ever compensate for the loss of that (alas these days) too rare beauty—but this is our only grumble in an entertainment containing so much variety and pleasure.

## NEWS FROM N.U.S.

An application for currency to enable an observer from the National Union of Students to attend the Czech student elections has been turned down by officials at the Bank of England.

John H. Morris, President of the Students' Union of University College, London, has been selected by the Executive of the National Union of Students to observe the Czech student elections on their behalf. The N.U.S. has urged the International Union of Students to secure an early holding of these elections, and to supervise them to ensure that a fully representative and democratic student movement re-emerges in Czechoslovakia. The refusal of the application for currency is being taken up with the Treasury and M.P's.

### Vice-Presidents.

The Minister of Education was head of the poll in an election for five vice-presidents of the National Union of Students held during the Lent term. Musician and director Sir Malcolm Sargent was second.

Subject to Mr. Tomlinson's acceptance, the Minister of Education will be *ex-officio* a Vice-President of the N.U.S. There were sixteen candidates nominated by student unions. Those elected by the students were the Minister of Education; Sir Malcolm Sargent; Lord Simon of Wythenshaw, Chairman of the Governors of the B.B.C.; Lord Lindsay of Birker, Master of Balliol; and Mr. J. B. Priestley, playwright and novelist.

### Cost of Living.

A national survey of the cost of living of students is being conducted by Sheffield University students. An elaborate questionnaire, to which it is hoped to get 15,000 replies has been sent to every university and college in England and Wales affiliated to the National Union of Students, by Frank Thornton, chairman of the Sheffield University Unions' National Survey Committee.

"Hollerith minded," like all up to date social scientists, the Survey Committee have made arrangements for the results to be tabulated mechanically. The statistics obtained by the survey will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for consideration of the present level of grants and awards to students.

### BRIEF CHRONICLES cont.

which has been seen around the Union. I understand that this "strange cycle-vehicle," as my informant describes it, runs on two six-volt car batteries and a Lucas starter motor. It has two speeds...0 and 25 m.p.h.... and "the starting up has to be seen to be believed, I understand." Tax is 17/6 per annum and the frame, for registration purposes, is Number 1. Altogether a satisfactory answer to the transport problem. But there seemed to be no provision for a pillion rider. Surely an oversight? INCA.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

We would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Ted Wigglesworth, Union News Sports Editor, whose engagement to Miss June Nixon, Yorkshire College of Housecraft, is announced last Thursday.

### PARIHEW.

The Union's Pres.,  
Acts upon what he sees.  
It doesn't do to be hesitant  
When you're President.

### UNION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, 1948-49.

Polling will take place on:-  
Wed., 19th May, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thurs. 20th May., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## Housing Problems!

Information about vacant houses is still urgently needed by the University branch of the British Legion. The general housing situation is such that it is extremely difficult for married ex-service students to find accommodation. Although this Branch of the British Legion is doing all it can to find sufficient accommodation for all the applicants at present there are twenty outstanding cases for whom it is essential that houses be found as quickly as possible. All are asked to co-operate in this vital task of securing suitable dwellings for our ex-service married students, and to contact Mr. D. J. Atkin, Charman of the Housing Committee, British Legion (via J.C.R. Pigeon Holes), should they learn of houses to let or for sale with vacant possession.

## International Students' Conference

Last year a group of International Societies ran an International Holidays Conference at Crewe Hall, Sheffield University. The idea was to provide an opportunity for people of different nationalities to enjoy themselves and to discuss world problems under the guidance of experts. More than twenty nationalities took part in the Conference. Crewe Hall, with its comfortable single rooms, its excellent catering and its facilities for dancing, tennis and other sports, was an ideal centre.

This year the Conference will be open for a fortnight—July 17th to 31st. In response to special interest shown by students, lecturers will include the Head of the International Labour Organisation, the Director of Northern Region of the B.B.C., who will discuss the presentation of news in British Overseas broadcasts, and a British delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, who will talk about women's rights.

The inclusive cost is £3/7/6 per week. Enquiries should be sent to Edith Freeman, U.N.A., 14 St. James Row, Sheffield 10.

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MONDAY, May 24th at 1 p.m.  
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# N.U.S. CONGRESS

We pulled the hair from out of our eyes and the saturated clothing from our limbs, disentangled ourselves from our luggage and looked at the other 750 odd students from all parts of the country who had congregated at Leicester to discover their status in present-day society. In our present condition we did not think it very high. This did not prevail, however, after a hilarious get-together, with a well-lubricated company of students in a typical Rag-day mood.

### Swan Song of a Civilisation.

Prof. Joad's prophecy of doom for our declining civilisation was unable to dispell our high spirits throughout Congress week. His appeal to scientists to come out of their "stinking laboratories" was taken in the spirit (we hope) in which it was given. Sir Fred Clark confirmed our view that we were far from a decadent society, a view with which we couldn't have agreed more. Alternatively he proposed we could go further and build up an eminently superior civilisation than has ever existed before. This was followed by a visit to the brewery when "spirits" flowed still higher. Indeed, had it not been for the warning that an increase in moral behaviour would have to precede any improvement, we would have begun then and there to build up an ideal civilisation (at least in our own view).

### Who the Potter, who the Clay?

"Men are made of clay and women make mugs of them" was the subject of a humorous debate. The motion was passed by a large majority, the women sitting silent while the men got up and made mugs of themselves.

The snow on Sunday chilled our ardour and we got down to serious business somewhat late in the day. It failed, however, to dampen the political passions which were raised to "red" heat in the afternoon forum

presided over by Gilbert Harding who appeared liberally patched with adhesive tape after an encounter with an imaginary bus.

Mr. I. J. Pitman's amiable and waffling preamble through the subject of the "Student and the State" was in sharp contrast with Mr. Arthur Horners' birth-day attack on the "intellectual spivs and drones," but of course this wouldn't be us.

### Prague Again.

Dr. Madden, the British representative on the I.U.S. Executive had hastened from Prague to address us on recent events in Czechoslovakia. He deprecated the wild reports published by newspapers in this country and emphasised that so far there has been no interference in student affairs. His report was dubiously received, as was shown in the barrage of questions fired at him by unimpressed students.

### Leeds Leads.

We are glad to say that Leeds took a leading and respected part in discussions on Grants and Welfare and Regional Councils for the co-operation of local students. As we had been "Leedsing the Way" for some time in these aspects we had all the facts at our disposal and the commissions were glad to learn by our experience.

Congress drew to an uproarious close with a Gala Night. The Leeds students, dressed in outlandish garb made the "Welkin ring" with cries of Kumati and soul-searing farewells to their conquests of the week.

It is inevitable that in so short a space, many events have been ignored or belittled, but to all who would know the full story of Congress, we can only say—Make a date with Congress '49. We wouldn't miss it for all the formidable exams.—it should be part of your education.

## ".....About it and About."

[The Editor does not necessarily share the views expressed by correspondents. Will correspondents PLEASE keep letters SHORT.]

Sir,

In view of the international situation and the danger which present events spell for all those who are determined to preserve personal freedom and democratic institutions within this country we, the undersigned, wish to protest against the disproportionate allocation of space in the **Union News** granted to a party which is aiming to disrupt European recovery by its opposition to the Marshall plan and its hostility to any form of Western European collaboration.

The recent events in Czechoslovakia have proved that it would not be wise to allow more than proportionate publicity to those who would make use of free institutions in order to destroy freedom.

The recent resignation of the president of a Provincial University Students' Union, because "the University students did not appreciate the menace of communism," underlines the seriousness with which this question should be viewed.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. CROSS and  
166 signatures.

Dear Sir,

In the last issue of the **Union News**, a commentary by "Inca" declared that the projected Rationalist Society would cater for those "...who have spiritual yearnings and yet feel existing religions have not the answers." This, I feel, may have created a somewhat inaccurate impression in the minds of people who wish to know what are the Society's aims. In fairness to our Society, it should be made clear that Rationalism is simply the method of thought which considers the facts of experience without reference to any arbitrary authority. The pleasantness, orthodoxy or convenience of a belief is no guide to its veracity and no Rationalist would entertain a belief on such questionable grounds. It is only in so far as organised religions omit to observe this rule of intellectual integrity that Rationalists have any quarrel with them. Our outlook is essentially one which admires honest criticism in any sphere of human belief and conduct. It provides us with a rock-like foundation for a positive and constructive attitude in questions of ethics and social conduct—an attitude that we can hold all the more sincerely for understanding it.

Yours etc.,

C. EDWARD CROWTHER,  
Secretary,  
Rationalist Society.

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## LEEDS MUSIC.

The University Madrigal Group rounded off a successful session by taking part, at the end of last term, in the Harrogate Musical Festival. It was unfortunate that in both the classes—Madrigal Singing and Mixed Quartet—for which it entered, it had no competition. In both, however, it succeeded in inspiring the adjudicators to some very complimentary marks and remarks, and in taking the Mixed Quartet First Prize. On these achievements we offer our congratulations.

The group hopes to do more of this kind of work next session, and would not be uninterested in a few capable new members. The Secretary, Mr. Tomlinson, will give any information desired in this connection; it is to be emphasised, however, that accurate sight-reading and a good voice are essential.

The Northern Philharmonic Orchestra, under Clarence Raybould and Eric Harrison, gave a curiously lethargic performance of the Schumann Piano Concerto on April 14th. This Orchestra appears to have widely varying moods; at its best thoroughly competent, at its worst it is better left uncriticised. A note in the programme indicates that the loss of the Saturday night Town Hall Concerts to the Y.S.O. has been a serious blow financially, certainly the attendance at this Concert would not warrant a continuation of the Orchestra's activities. Though the Y.S.O., by virtue of its constitution, is clearly potentially the finer Orchestra, it seems a pity that a body with a record of service as long as the Northern Phil's should disappear from active life simply through lack of opportunity and while it is still capable of doing much useful work.

TYMPANUM.

### Wanted for Rag Week—

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# SOCIETY NOTES

## English Society Dinner.

It was a happy thought of the English Society to hold its first Dinner in honour of William Shakespeare. Appropriately enough too, the date was April 23rd.

The Dinner was preceded by two one-act plays given by members of the Society. Mollie Herbert's predilection towards things Irish found full expression in Synge's "Riders to the Sea," and Robin Skelton produced A. A. Milnes' "Ugly Duckling."

Rising to give the toast—"To the Immortal Memory of William Shakespeare," Professor Dobree, resisting the temptation to give a lecture on the poet, referred to those critics who can find in Shakespeare anything which they set out to find. -----d very palpable hit at at least one member of his Staff.

Lewis Thomas, proposing "The Guests," gave a welcome to Professor Harting of Amsterdam, and expressed the admiration which we all must feel for the students of Holland, and extended to them fraternal greetings from the students of this University. Speaking of the affection and respect which members of the English School feel towards Professor Dobree and his Staff, Mr. Thomas pointed out that it was under their stimulus that students acquired that critical outlook towards both life and literature which it is the function of an English School to give.

Replying for the guests, Professor Orton said how pleasurable and encouraging it was to note the flourishing condition of the English Society, and cited the dinner and the two plays which preceded it as proof of the enthusiasm of members. Expressing the appreciation of the Guests for the entertainment which had been provided, he said that he hoped that the "entertainment" provided by them in May and June would also be appreciated.

After the Dinner the party was diverted by Alan Over and Lewis Thomas, who skilfully exploited the foibles of various members of the English School Staff. Bill Jones genially satirised certain language lecturers, and Mollie Herbert sang a plaintive Irish song.

Most of the work of organising the Dinner fell to Margaret Alan, and to her therefore must go a large proportion of praise for an event which was an undoubted success and which has set a very high standard for future dinners of the English Society.

## University Training Corps (T.A.).

From 1st April, 1948, the Senior Training Corps became the University Training Corps (T.A.) under War Office instructions.

Membership is still limited to undergraduates and volunteers will enlist for a minimum period of 2 years. Resignation before completion of this engagement will be permitted at the discretion of the Commanding Officer. In the event of the Territorial Army being embodied, the Leeds contingent will be mobilised at this University and graduates will be deferred until their studies are completed.

During each year, a recruit must complete 40 training periods of one hour—a trained soldier 30 periods, and will be attached to a Regular Army Unit or take a course at a School of Instruction for 15 days a year. Volunteers are, however, encouraged to put in further voluntary periods.

They will be allowed to choose the sub-unit which is of most interest to them and will be able to attend training periods any evening, Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The authorised strength of the contingent is 350, subdivided into one Infantry Company, R.E.M.E., R.A.M.C., Signals, Royal Engineers and R.A.

Whether the U.T.C. (T.A.) service is to be reckoned as qualifying towards total obligatory National Service is still under consideration by the War Office and will be published in Unit Orders as soon as it has been clarified.

## University Air Squadron.

Thirty vacancies are available for students who have two years to complete before going down from University. The scheme is mainly intended for students who have National Service to complete at the end of their University Course, but ex-R.A.F. pilots are also eligible for membership.

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- (iv) The Squadron has available for the use of its members various amenities.

L. DWELL, F/O,  
Adjutant,  
Leeds University Air Squadron.

## RAG 1948

The Rag Committee for this year has steadily been planning this year's Rag activities since February. For those who are here in their first year and have not had the unique opportunity of besporting themselves as uninhibited persons during Rag Week, let me explain that the money you—the student—filch from the citizens of Leeds is donated to the local hospitals and medical institutions, who despite their inevitable nationalisation, still need the money for research, etc. Money also goes to the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

Prior to the commencement of Rag Week, a house to house collection will be held in three postal districts of Leeds. Details will be announced later. Rag Week proper begins on Saturday, June 19th, when the ubiquitous Rag Magazine, *The Tyke*, will be on sale. Sadly censored last time efforts have been made to make it livelier this year.

Dances will be held during the week; a Crazy Carnival at Woodhouse Moor Big Top on Monday, at the Capitol on Tuesday, Astoria on Thursday, and a Grand Charity Ball at the Town Hall on Friday, dress optional.

One of the Week's Highlights will be the Health and Strength Display on Wednesday, given by British Olympic representatives in the Riley-Smith Hall. At the same time the finalists for the Rag Queen Beauty Competition will be chosen.

Rag Day is on June 26th. Flags are on sale in the morning and after the procession in the afternoon the Rag Times will be on sale. Lorries have been booked and if any faculties wish to decorate a lorry application should be made to the Procession Master.

Rag Week culminates in the Rag Dance in the Union, always a carefree and enjoyable affair to which all students who have helped in the Rag are admitted free of charge. S.B.

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**Request.**

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The Warden and students (!) of Oxley request that they be accorded some degree of privacy, and that tennis players do not wander all over the Oxley grounds in making their way to the courts.

The route to follow is this: entrance from Otley Road, turn right alongside the net-ball courts to the Barden Hall changing rooms and then skirt the lower side of the Oxley lawn, and so to the tennis courts.

You are particularly requested not to break through the hedge which surrounds part of the courts, and car owners are reminded that, after June 1st the car park is near the main pavilion and NOT in front of Oxley Hall.

**Badminton.**

Once again we are happy to report the activities of a Club whose assets far exceed their liabilities in the matter of matches.

Of the 19 games that the Badminton Club have played this year 12 have been won, six lost and two drawn.

It is interesting to note that, of the Universities played, Manchester held them to a draw of one match each, and all the other Universities have been beaten, the score against Liverpool reaching the maximum 9-0 level.

We hope for as much success next year.

**Basketball.**

Another good performance, this time by the Basketball team, who have been consistently successful, finally finishing with a total of 455 points for 336 against, and a match score of 10 games won and 3 lost.

Principal scorer was Day, who netted a total of 103 points.

## The Goodbye Dance

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**CRICKET.**

The University's annual fixture with Yorkshire was played on Wednesday, April 28th, despite the usual last-minute weather challenge.

In view of the weak team sent by Yorks. (including only five first-team men) it was hoped that the University would be able to make a good show. Alas, however, Sanders, never previously bowled whilst playing for the University, departed in the first over and the University batsmen departed regularly against only moderate bowling and totalled 70 runs.

Yorkshire then proceeded to knock up the runs and ended up with a score of 130 for 4 wickets.

However, if the University lose their "Match nerves" as well as this result, then the match will have been worth while.

**Swimming Club.**

This Club, since its reformation this year has gone from strength to strength. Sometimes—chiefly against local teams—its strength is not sufficient and the games with Leeds Leander, Morley and Leeds Old, have not always been successful.

But against other University teams, we have yet to suffer our first defeat this year.

Of the six University matches played this year, five have been won, none with the score less than 3-1, and the last game with Durham was drawn 2-2. This means that there will probably be a semi-final at Liverpool on the 7th and the final against the winner of the Southern Division on the 8th of May.

Points for 17. Goals for 57.  
Against 57.

Principal scorers—  
J. Carter 25.  
M. Hirst 17.

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BASKETBALL.**

The Inter-Departmental Leagues have now been completed with the Colour Chemists topping the Division 1. The Engineers have been relegated to Division 2, while Education, who showed promise in the Autumn Term League, have taken their place. The Chemists have done none too well in their new League, but hope to make amends in the Inter-Departmental Cup, which is being played off this term in lieu of the League matches.

**LEAGUE RESULTS.**

| Division 1.       | P. | W. | L. | D. | F.  | A.  | Points. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|---------|
| Colour Chem. . .  | 7  | 6  | 1  | 0  | 132 | 64  | 12      |
| Woodsley . . .    | 7  | 6  | 1  | 0  | 160 | 83  | 12      |
| Medics "A" . . .  | 7  | 5  | 2  | 0  | 122 | 88  | 10      |
| Textiles . . .    | 6  | 4  | 2  | 0  | 124 | 65  | 8       |
| Dentals "A" . . . | 6  | 2  | 4  | 0  | 58  | 72  | 4       |
| Chemists . . .    | 7  | 2  | 5  | 0  | 67  | 103 | 4       |
| Lyddon "A" . . .  | 7  | 2  | 5  | 0  | 80  | 124 | 4       |
| Engineers . . .   | 7  | 0  | 7  | 0  | 43  | 187 | 0       |

  

| Division 2.       | P. | W. | L. | D. | F.  | A. | Points. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|---------|
| Education . . .   | 7  | 5  | 1  | 1  | 137 | 68 | 11      |
| Devon . . .       | 6  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 110 | 50 | 9       |
| Medics "B" . . .  | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 50  | 22 | 8       |
| Dentals "B" . . . | 7  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 70  | 80 | 7       |
| Lyddon "B" . . .  | 5  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 45  | 72 | 4       |
| Mining . . .      | 3  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 23  | 11 | 3       |
| H.O.R. . . .      | 6  | 1  | 5  | 0  | 31  | 92 | 2       |

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**Soccer Report.**

The Soccer Club completed its most ambitious programme ever last Saturday. 181 matches were played of which 138 were accounted for in the following Leagues:—

1. West Riding County Amateur League.
2. West Yorkshire League.
3. West Riding Old Boys' League.
4. Leeds Combination League.
5. Leeds and District Half-Holiday League (2 teams)

Inter-'Varsity and Cup matches accounted for the remainder. Vacation matches rather blotted the copy-book of all the teams, and they found it difficult to make up the lee-way during term-time. However, the Club were winners and runners-up of the Half-Holiday League, while in an all-University final the 2nd XI beat the 1st in the League Cup. In addition, the Club reached the semi-final of the West Riding Cup.

The following players have rendered the Club grand service: G. V. Firth, 56 appearances; W. Guy, 55; W. Bale and I. Glasman, 50; P. S. Stansfield, 49; G. A. Cross and J. H. Harding, 46; R. W. Grimshaw and G. B. Wilson, 15; W. L. Mills and R. W. Saville, 43.

**Challenge.**

In spite of all the Inter-departmental games that are being played this term (cricket, basketball, tennis, etc.) we have received the following challenge from the Chemists:

"The Chemistry Department throws out a challenge to the other Departments for a game of WATERPOLO." Lambs, volunteering to be led to the slaughter, please contact—

Tom Lowes,  
Chem. Dept. Sports Repres'tive.

We would like to add that most of the University Water Polo team are Chemists!

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