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## STUDENT HEALTH

### New Report Published

The publication of a report is usually heralded by a good deal of publicity of one sort and another, yet here is one which has slipped almost insidiously into the Union. The ordinary mortal often fights shy of these reports for fairly obvious reasons; from past experience he has come to expect a long-winded account, printed on dun coloured porous paper calculated to destroy the enthusiasm of the most high-spirited reader.

A glance at this Student Health Report will cause considerable astonishment, firstly, on account of the remarkably good quality of the paper and, secondly, on account of its brevity. This, combined with its rather prosaic style and lack of poetic emphasis, which mars so many similar reports, make it a most stimulating document.

From beginning to end every sentence makes its point, at times the more effective for a whimsical understatement of the case. This concentration of matter makes it extremely difficult to give an adequate summary and at the same time do the report full justice.

How easy it is to blame somebody else for one's own faults; here we find it particularly easy to put the blame on the "folk over the road." This report is particularly refreshing because in many instances the blame is put fairly and squarely on our own shoulders. This should be food for thought to many.

Below we give a list of some of the recommendations made on a variety of topics; we quote them as they are made in the report, for to attempt to summarise would be to attempt the ridiculous.

"It is strongly recommended that a full-time Medical Officer be appointed to the University as soon as possible. He should be responsible for the compulsory examination of all students on entry, and for their general health throughout their University careers, whether resident in Hostels or Lodgings. The Committee urge a compulsory examination, not for the purpose of excluding those with physical imperfections, but in order to discover incipient disease and to point to the student such imperfections of the body which might well be cured or improved by suitable treatment. This latter concept is one of considerable importance and one which is often overlooked, particularly by the student himself."

"The Committee is of the opinion that all students should have a compulsory Annual Radiograph of chest. This step should be instituted at once."

"All Hostels should have adequate sick-room accommodation; this should be under suitable supervision. Where not already in being, this accommodation should be provided at once, even at the expense of reducing the number of students now resident in Halls."

For students in Lodgings: "It is recommended that all the Halls of Residence should maintain a pool or reserve of beds, available for use by the sick student in lodgings. Such a step would ensure that the majority of students so situated would receive adequate nursing and medical attention during minor illnesses."

Matters Dental: "It is recommended that every student on entry to the University should receive a compulsory Dental Examination at the same time as his Medical Examination. Quite clearly such a compulsory examination would be rendered valueless unless followed by the appropriate opportunities for adequate treatment."

"The Committee thinks it desirable that all students should spend, at the commencement of their course, not less than half the length of this course in residence at one of the Halls. At the end of this period students should be free to choose whether to remain or to live elsewhere. It is felt that many would wish to remain in residence; this would ensure a community of varied intellectual interest and attainment."

The following is one of the choice pieces of understatement; it says so little where so much could have been said that we can almost see the writer of the report with his tongue in his cheek as he wrote: "The Committee is of the opinion that the standard maintained in many of the 'approved' boarding houses does not reach the minimal level.... It is suggested that it should be the duty of the Supervisor of Lodgings to inspect all lodgings and flats once every six months, with a view to ensuring that an adequate standard of cleanliness and comfort is being maintained; and particularly to ensure that the food provided is adequate in quality and quantity. The fact that many landladies tend to be antagonised by such periodic visits should be no deterrent, for the Committee feels such supervision to be essential if the health of the student is to be maintained."

We make no apology for quoting at greater length from the section on Physical Education; in some ways this is the most important section of the report:—

"... Nevertheless there are large numbers of students who fail to make use of the facilities at Weetwood. There are four main reasons to account for this state of affairs:—

- Overcrowded time-tables, leaving relatively little time for leisure. During the war years this was a very important factor.
- Large numbers of students live at home and have to spend many hours each week travelling to and from the University. Consequently they find little time for anything apart from their academic pursuits.
- Apathy among students towards the maintenance of health. The Committee feels that this is by no means the least important....
- The distance of the Weetwood grounds from the University....

The great importance of physical education and the maintenance of good health is insufficiently realised by the average student. Every effort to improve this state of affairs should be made by the University Authorities, and not least by the student leaders and representatives themselves.

Although it should be the aim to produce first-class teams in every department of sport, it must not be forgotten that many people can never aspire to the required first or second team standard. Nevertheless these people must not be forgotten. They require equal consideration along with their more adept colleagues....

There is at the moment a great lack of "team spirit" among students at the University. It is particularly noticeable that relatively small numbers only take any part in or interest in any of the sports connected with the University. In this respect it is important that the Union Committee should publicise, year by year, the changing position to the main student.

Another delightful piece of understatement comes under the heading of nutrition.... "We therefore recommend that the Refectory facilities be extended as soon as possible and such improvements as be needed carried out, in order to provide this essential meal for all students, i.e., the mid-day meal."

"We strongly recommend that once a student has been interviewed and found to be a suitable person likely to benefit from a University Career, then there should be no question as to whether or not he is financially able to embark upon that career.... All students should have the cost of their University Careers borne by the State."

The extracts from the report quoted above fail to do it full justice and are likely to be misrepresented when read out of their context. We would urge all students to get hold of a copy of the report and to read it, and having read it, read it again. Copies may be obtained free from the Union Office; when this source runs dry, copies will be found in the Union Library.

Finally we would urge that this report not be stuffed away in some dusty pigeon-hole to be forgotten; see to it that something comes of this work, which we believe to be one of the most useful documents turned out by our Union in recent years.

### Slight Improvement in Grant position

There has been a very slight improvement in the Further Education and Training Scheme Grants position. As we go to press, about 200 Grants have been paid, just prior to our last issue, but the figure of course represents but a portion of those that either remain unpaid, or yet unassessed.

Your Committee is working on the problem with the help of the Questionnaires that have been circulated, and in this connection we would ask anyone who has not received one to inquire at the Committee Office, and that everyone endeavour to complete and return the form, as it is for the general benefit.

The Committee has been allotted the former "House" Notice-Board in the Union, and further names of grant-recipients will appear there when they arrive, and also in the Medical School.

We understand that there is also delay so far in the payment of some State Scholarships, and students who are entitled to them, but are suffering hardship owing to their non-arrival, should apply to the Grants and Welfare, and not to the Union, Committee.

The British Legion is prepared to consider any cases of Ex-Service Students suffering hardship, and applications for assistance of this kind should also be made to your Grants Committee. Naturally, all such matters will be treated as strictly confidential. We gather that the Legion is wholly in support of a projected University Branch, and we hope that they will be able to send a representative to address a General Ex-Service Meeting next term.

We hope to have some information about pensions and the housing position in time for our next issue. May we repeat the hours at which the Committee Office is open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, at 5—6 p.m.

### Agricultural Ball

Union News reporter was present at the Agricultural Dance, which was held on Friday, November 22nd. We were able to ask several guests for their personal opinions of the success of the evening: from senior officials of the Union, we heard such remarks as—

"B(linking) good do" and "D—n good do." Strange to relate, the bar was quiet, and no-one was seen to be in that "unfortunate" state of blissful malaise so often associated with a formal dance. The decorations were admirable, but we would suggest that dance organisers should aim at a more original scheme. An Extension was granted until 2 a.m., and when the lights were dimmed for the last waltz, there were still thirty to forty couples on the floor.

A request was received from taxi-drivers that hirers should inform them when an extension is granted. On Friday, many drivers were waiting for an hour without knowing whether they were wanted or not.

Many of the gowns were extremely colourful. Such unusual contrasts as tartan with a full skirt of dark green chiffon and a white satin gown bordered with gold, and red and green sequins, were especially noticeable. Perhaps the most attractive ensemble was of black lace enhanced by a large cameo brooch and a most striking Spanish shawl. We noticed that fewer people were wearing flowers in their hair.

## Union News

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## Apathy

This, the last issue of *Union News* for the Michaelmas Term, devotes more than the usual amount of space to sports' activities. We feel that Union members should know what has determined our policy in this matter.

Wednesday, November 15th, was a red-letter day at Weetwood. All our first teams were playing at home: the Soccer against Manchester in a U.A.U. and Christie match; the Rugger against Nottingham; the Hockey against Loughborough and the Medics. against Durham Medics. Besides these there were Women's Hockey, Netball and Lacrosse matches; there were even a few people riding. The recent run of bad weather had broken and the sun was shining all the afternoon.

Yet, for all the attractions, for all that it was Wednesday, when everyone is free, and for all that it was a glorious afternoon, there were no more than one hundred spectators.

This is a generous estimate: watching the soccer were some twenty people; the rugger claimed fifty supporters; across the road there were fifteen vociferous medics. and two people "lined" the hockey pitch. What is more, only half of this number were persons connected with the University.

There is this session a greater number of students in the University than ever before; very few of us have lectures or "lab" on Wednesday afternoon; the athletic grounds are only a two-penny tram ride from University Road.

Is any comment necessary?

Correspondents are reminded that all letters and articles must be signed, although names will only be disclosed if the contributor so wishes.

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The next issue of *Union News* will appear on Thursday, January 16th, 1947.

## Medical Dinner

The 56th Annual Medical Dinner of Past and Present students of the Leeds School of Medicine was held in the Queen's Hotel, on Friday, Nov. 29th. The Dinner was last held in 1938, and there were many reunions during the course of the evening. Owing to the restriction on numbers imposed by the rationing situation, applications for tickets from students had to be limited to those from Final Year Men, but it is hoped that next year and in future it will be possible for any student to attend.

Mr. R. A. Holman, President of the Students' Representative Council, in an excellent speech containing many witty stories, spoke of the history of the School in proposing the toast of "The Staff," and welcomed those who had been newly appointed. Dr. S. I. Haitfall responded to the toast and referred to the many changes which had occurred amongst the staff during the war years.

Dr. G. C. Veale, Pro-Chancellor of the University, proposed the toast of "Past and Present Students," and Dr. W. S. Flowers, a distinguished graduate of the School who has worked for many years in China, replied.

The next speaker was Mr. A. J. C. Latchmore, M.B.E., F.R.C.S., who proposed the toast of "Our Guests," referring to the Lord Mayor (Sir George Martin), the Pro-Chancellor, and Dr. Charles Hill, Secretary of the B.M.A. and Guest of Honour at the Dinner, made reply. In a most amusing speech, he likened the approach of the Minister of Health to the Medical Profession over the National Health Bill negotiations as "the wooer to the wooed," and said that above all we must have strong unity in the profession.

Lastly, Professor Tunbridge proposed the health of the Resident (Dr. W. MacAdam), and Dr. MacAdam in reply thanked Professor Tunbridge and spoke of his pleasure in being invited to be President of this year's Dinner.

## REVIEW

### "THE GRYPHON"

Xmas Number.

The senior (and most criticised) publication of Leeds University is once more on sale. The Editorial states clearly that "The Gryphon" is "under new management," as even a cursory glance through the magazine will show. It has, of course, not yet been able to return to the post-war standard of size and quality of paper, but it seems that the pre-war quality of matter has been exceeded.

The form is slightly altered, with the table of contents and the Gothic type facsimile, while the cover is perhaps the most original of the new series of front-cover photographs.

It will be seen that there is a preponderance of articles in the new issue. This is the true rôle of "The Gryphon"—to act as a platform for Student Opinion—and in this it has succeeded admirably. There is one brilliant story (a short, short, short one), and while the verse is of a different character from that which has appeared in "The Gryphon" during the last few years—due to the influx of new and the loss of old contributors—it is interesting and refreshing.

The humorous side of life was covered only by the cartoons and one poem (are we becoming serious in our old age?), but the other matter was interesting and provocative enough to warrant so much space being given to it.

The new editors have done a good job. Let us hope they (and their contributors) keep it up.

PETER VEAX.

## This and That

### Letter Rack.

The present letter rack will shortly be replaced by a set of pigeon holes which will be placed near the entrance to the Riley-Smith Hall. The wall space thus released will be used as additional poster space for Union Sub-Committees and Societies. The pigeon holes will be of a similar design to those in the J.C.R.

### "Blue Pencil."

Arising from a general directive from the Union Committee we hear that there was much heated discussion on the General Athletics Committee on the subject of Athletic Colours. A Sub-Committee of the G.A.C. has been instructed to investigate the whole position and to report back to the G.A.C. The purpose of all this is to attempt to enhance the value of Full Athletic Colours by restricting their award to certain major clubs and further to improve the present method of selection for these awards.

### "Toujours la politesse."

Those who have been well "brung up" will be pleased to learn that they will have an opportunity to wipe the mud of Leeds from their footwear as they come into the Union, as two new door-mats have been ordered.

### Stand-ins.

The Gilbert and Sullivan repertoire that the D'Oyley Carte Company have played during the last fortnight has needed large crowd scenes, and once again Leeds students have been helping the Grand Theatre as extras.

SNOOP.

### Apologies.

Snoop has been spending his time, like many others this week, in the examination room. We feel, therefore, that he is to be excused for giving us no more than a cursory glance at *This and That*.

EDITOR.

## Medical R.U.F.C.

The Medicals Rugby Club was formed in 1931 by a group of "Medics" with a grievance. Apparently they had difficulty in attending Wednesday fixtures with the University team and felt that they were not getting fair treatment from what was described as a "Devonshire Hall clique," comprising the University Selection Committee. Thus the Leeds University Medical School R.U.F.C. came into being.

It was, however, felt by many people on both sides to be a pity that the University First XV be deprived of the best possible team, particularly in Christie Matches. Consequently in January, 1939, a General Meeting was held, attended by Mr. Henry, President of the Union, and Mr. Hall, Captain of the University First XV, in which the subject of amalgamation was discussed. Finally it was agreed that the University Selection Committee could call upon any member of the "Medics" Club to play for them if so required.

This offer, however, was ignored by the University until the season 1942-43. Then, following a request by Mr. R.E. Riley, University First XV Captain it was agreed to form a combined University-Medicals XV for the four Christie matches and for the fixture one week before the first Christie game.

It was felt at that time not to be desirable for Club members to be awarded or to accept Athletic Colours.

The instigation of combined teams has since proved very successful. Leeds won the Christie in season 1943-44 for the first time for over 20 years, and repeated their success in the following season.

At the end of season '45-'46 the Athletics Committee decided that members of the "Medicals" Club should be eligible for the award of full colours. Such recognition was not ill-earned, and was granted and accepted on the understanding that the Club would remain an entirely separate entity from the University XV.

It was quite anticipated at the time that this would not meet with entire approval throughout the University, but it is to be hoped that anyone with the pure interests of Rugby Football at heart, and not influenced by petty Union politics, will appreciate the value of keen healthy Rugby Club spirit and also the extent to which this spirit has been fostered throughout the University by the Leeds Medicals R.U.F.C.

G.R.O.

## Diary for 1947

Thursday, 9th Jan.—Guide Club Meeting, 5—6-30 p.m., W.C.R.

Friday, 10th Jan.—Engineers' Dance 7 p.m., R.S.H.

Union closes at 5 p.m.

Monday, 13th Jan.—Film; Agricultural Society, 5—7 p.m., Soc. Room. Film: Forum Society, 1—2 p.m., R.S.H. Scout Club Meeting, 1—12 p.m., L.C.R. Chess Club, 5—7-30 p.m., S.C.R. Spanish Society Meeting, 5—7 p.m., W.C.R.

Tuesday, 14th Jan.—Economics Society, 4-30—6 p.m., L.C.R. International Society, 5—7 p.m., Soc. Room. L.U.C.U., 5—6-30 p.m., W.C.R. S.C.M. Study Group, 5—6-30 p.m., S.C.R.

Thursday, 16th Jan.—Catholic Society Meeting, 5—6-30 p.m., W.C.R. guide Club Meeting, 5—6-30 p.m., L.C.R. L.U.C.U. Meeting, 1—2 p.m., S.C.R. S.C.M. Study Group, 5—6-30 p.m., S.C.R.

## The Union Muse

Take as a theme for this verse,  
"Wednesday's the last day of term"  
Then stress this condition  
With much repetition  
In words which are more or less terse.  
So please get the idea quite firm—  
Wednesday's the last day of term.

No queuing for coffee and cake,  
(Wednesday's the last day of term)  
No hops and no dances,  
No dinner time prances,  
No nice conversation to make  
(This repetitive "no" is a germ)  
And Wednesday's the last day of term.

Bed in the morning till noon  
(After Wednesday the last day of term),  
Nocturnal proclivity,  
Yuletide festivity,  
Carols and snow and the moon:  
The reason you've guessed, please don't  
squirm—  
Wednesday's the last day of term.

No "News" to read till we resume  
(I think I will let this time slip)  
No nine-o'clock lecture  
I'll safely conjecture,  
And no hurried meals to consume.  
And may I conclude this week's quip  
With best Christmas greetings from

Pip.

Pip.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir,

On the evening of Tuesday, Nov 19th, we were the entertainers of two guests from the U.S.A., here to stimulate an exchange of ideas between themselves and members of this University in the form of a debate.

Our horror on seeing the subject chosen was profound. I am not well versed in the work of Dr. Johnson, nevertheless I am of the opinion that he was a somewhat irascible gentleman, and "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel" seems to me to be a "rash" generalisation and hardly a matter for serious debate. Yet speakers from the floor began enthusiastically to put out a series of supposedly serious ideas, introducing such words as "Jingoism," "Patriotism" and "Nationalism." Each speaker used at least one of these words in contexts which suggested they were synonymous. The issue, such as it was, was blanketed in a thick fog of definitions.

About 200 people attended this debate, which will probably remain a record for many years, yet seldom have I heard so low a standard of

debating. Many of the arguments were puerile in the extreme. We were, in fact, treated to a surfeit of words, mostly from speakers who felt they must say *something*.

These things seem to show a few defects in our university training. In the new "Universities Quarterly" three writers define the purpose of a university education as being "to liberate thought," which presupposes some intelligence on the part of the students.

As long as our present system of silent, selfish study continues, our Debating Society will stagnate. So too will Union publications, in which the above-mentioned faults are all too apparent.

In these more leisurely post-war days nobody has "work" as an excuse for burying his or her head and ignoring the rest of the world. It seems to me that very soon the true patriot (and I do not mean Nationalist) will be the man who can express himself.

(Technicians beware!).

Yours, etc.,  
M.H. (Chem. Dept.).

**SOCIETY NOTES**

**MEDICAL SOCIETY.**

The last meeting of the term was held on Friday, November 29th. A large audience heard an address by Dr. W. N. Pickles, M.D., of Aysgarth, whose subject was "Epidemiology in Country Practice." It is truly remarkable that a general practitioner in the remotest part of Wensleydale should have gained the highest eminence in the field of Epidemiology; this in itself speaks highly of this keen clinical observations and judgment. Dr. Pickles is an old student of our school.

On Thursday, 19th December, the Medical School will present its Christmas Revue and Nurses' Coffee Dance.

The programme is a mixed bag of sketches, songs and musical turns, and last, but not least—a pantomime.

There will be two performances, one in the afternoon at 2-30 and the other at 7-0 p.m. The evening performance will be followed by a Dance.

**L.U.U. CATHOLIC SOCIETY.**

Recent meetings of the Society have afforded ample opportunity for lively discussions arising out of the talks. We hope that when the awful shadow of Examinations has passed away these talks will be better attended by everyone.

The debate held with the History Society was deemed a great success by all present. The motion: "That this house deplores the restoration of Fountains Abbey" was defeated by 22 votes to 13, thanks to all concerned.

Forthcoming attractions include our

**CHALLENGE.**

In the last issue of the *Union News* the Conservative Association published the statement that they had challenged the Socialist Society to a debate.

This statement came as a complete surprise to the Committee of the Socialist Society, as their Secretary has received no such challenge.

The Socialist Society would, however, like to issue a *bona-fide* challenge to the Conservative Association for a debate on the proposed National Health Service. Their Secretary has been informed of this challenge.

**FOR SALE.**

Photographic equipment:  
3 cameras Iko-flex f. 3.5;  
Retinette f. 4.5 35 mm. and 120 size camera with f. 4.5 lens.  
Enquiries box 4.

Car going South-West (Wiltshire), Friday, December 13th. Seat offered to woman student. Ring Leeds 64056.

Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, in the Social Room, to which everybody is invited.

**MUSIC SOCIETY.**

After six years of wartime stagnation the Music Society has started to function again, the activity reaching a peak this week.

This term we have had an enthusiastic and ever-increasing attendance at rehearsals of both choir and orchestra, several new groups having been formed for practising madrigals, recorder and chamber music. One informal evening was held on November 14th, at which members displayed their musical talent to an audience of about 60 people. It was a successful evening, which we hope will repeat itself on Nov. 28th.

The high spots this term are two Lunch Hour recitals. One of these, with the entire chorus and orchestra participating, will be held in the Riley-Smith Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. The other was held at Liverpool U.U. on Friday, November 22nd. About 20 members of the Society, together with the staff of the Music Department, gave a performance ranging through a selection of Madrigals, folk songs by Vaughan Williams and Symphonies by Bach, to piano duets, solo songs and a work for two violins. The whole concert was much appreciated. The performers were afterwards divided, some being taken to witness a rehearsal of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, others going to the local Music Store to examine and play upon a fine selection of antique and unusual instruments.

In conclusion, just to emphasise the fact that the Music Society is going to function on its triumphal path, it may be announced that the full choir and augmented orchestra will give a performance in March of the "Requiem Mass" by Mozart. Any further recruits to assist at the performance will be well received.

**THE SPANISH SOCIETY.**

On Monday, December 9th, the last meeting of this term, the Spanish Society is holding a Fiesta, which will include sketches, recitations and piano and violin recitals. There will also be tea served in the Women's Common Room at 5-15 p.m. It is hoped that everybody who possibly can will come.

**LOOKING ON**

**THEATRES.**

**GRAND.**

Last week the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company made a welcome return to Leeds, where they were staying for a fortnight, during which time they were presenting six operas by Gilbert and Sullivan. The Company suffered somewhat during the war, for many of their costumes were destroyed in the blitz. However, they have now replaced these costumes, and their productions are as gay and colourful as ever.

Their repertoire for the two weeks contained:—

1st Week.

Mon. "The Gondoliers."

Tues. "The Mikado."

Wed. "The Pirates of

Penzance."

Thurs. } "The Yeomen of the

Fri. } Guard."

Sat. "The Gondoliers."

2nd Week.

Mon. "The Mikado."

Tues. "Patience."

Wed. "The Yeomen of the

Guard."

Thurs. "The Gondoliers."

Fri. "The Mikado."

Sat. "Iolanthe."

**ROYAL.**

"High Temperature," last week at the Theatre Royal, is a bedroom farce of the French variety. This type of play was to be seen frequently in pre-war London, usually resulting in the audiences being reduced to a helpless paroxysms of laughter.

This was the case in last week's presentation by the Court Players. The dialogue itself is comparatively ineffective, and much of the fun derives from well planted "gags" and the subtle introduction of various forms of stage buffoonery.

Most of the caste realised this by responding to the audiences' never ending encouragement and produced two hours of raucous hilarity.

K.F.

**MUSIC IN LEEDS.**

The Blech String Quartet gave a lunch time recital in the Great Hall on Nov. 15th. The first work in the programme was the quartet Op. 20 in C Major, by Haydn, and not the quartet Op. 2 in C Major, as advertised. It was followed by the quartet Op. 95, in F Minor, by Beethoven.

With the exception of one or two forte passages for the violins, the intonation was perfect in both works but the standard of the performance was significantly higher in the Haydn quartet. This was due to the lack of elasticity or "surge" in the tone throughout the latter work.

The music of both Haydn and Mozart is exposed, and the melody has not been superseded by the "blocks of tonality" found in 2nd and 3rd period Beethoven. Thus, a Haydn quartet, to maintain its interest, demands the full flexibility of a string quartet. Unfortunately, the Blech quartet did not adapt its style sufficiently to those needs of the music and the result, although good, was not outstanding.

In the later work of the programme, any difficulties of technique were overcome and a thoroughly appreciative performance was given.

D.W.F.W.

**Sports Results**

Nov. 27th.

Rugger (Comb. XV) v. Liverpool University. Lost 0-16.

Nov. 30th.

Soccer 1st XI v. Birmingham University. Won 2-0

Soccer 2nd XI v. Deaf Recreation. Won 2-1.

R.U.F.C. 1st XV v. Old Round'gians. Lost 3-16.

Medics 1st XV v. Harrogate O.B. Lost 3-13.

Fives v. Sheffield University. Won 7 games to 5.

Dec. 11th.

Soccer 1st XI v. R.A.F. (Church Fenton).

Dec. 14th.

Men's Hockey 1st XI v. Hull.

Rugger 1st XV v. Baildon.



That's the trouble with these Soc. Dips  
Too sociable and not sufficiently diplomatic!

**MASS RADIOGRAPHY (CHEST X-RAY).**

**ADVANCE NOTICE.**

The Radiography Unit will be at the disposal of the Students of the University on the dates shown below. All those taking advantage of this service will have to go to St. James's Hospital, Beckett Street, Leeds.

Monday, 10-10-45, 11-11-45,  
14th Jan., 2-2-45 & 3-3-45.

Tuesday, 15th Jan., do.

Wednesday, 16th Jan., do.

Monday, 21st Jan., do.

Tuesday, 22nd Jan., do.

Wednesday, 23rd Jan., do.

Approximately 125 persons can be dealt with at each session, i.e., 500 a day.

**MASS RADIOGRAPHY—continued.**

Mondays and Tuesdays - Men.  
Wednesdays - Women.

Early in term you will be asked to send a sheet of information on the matter, together with a form to be filled in. When this is handed in to the Union Office an **Appointment Time** will be given you. As far as possible the time most convenient to yourself will be allotted.

*The Event of the Year*

**THE Engineers' Ball**

FRIDAY - JANUARY 10th

Tickets - 10/6 Double

COME and LEARN what

L.E.W.I.T.T.

Means.—

**PERSONALITIES.**

**3. W. R. PENISTON.**

21-year-old Bill Peniston, born and bred in Leeds, came up in 1943 from Rossall College in Lancashire. It was here that he learned a peculiar hockey-cum-rugger game which they used to play on the beach at low tide.

Initially Peniston played loose forward for the Medics XV, but after 18 months changed over in favour of Hockey. This year he is centre forward and captain of the Men's Hockey XI, and played for U.A.U. in a recent London match.

A lanky Medic., combating with 2nd M.B. during the coming months, he gives the impression of having not a care in the world, we suspect, however, that this is not the case.

Hobbies: ornithology and anthropology, interspersed with cycling.

**EXPLANATION.**

**THE CHRISTIE COMPETITIONS.**

In 1901, as a memorial to Sir Joseph Whitworth, Mrs. R. C. Christie presented a Challenge Shield and a Challenge Cup to Owen's College. The Shield for annual competition in Rugby Football and the Cup for annual competition in Association Football, between the Colleges of the Victoria University (Yorkshire College at Leeds, University College at Liverpool and Owen's College at Manchester). These two competitions were named Christie Championships, and although there had been inter-College contests prior to 1901, all competitions between the three Colleges, and later the three Universities, have been named Christie Championships.

Below is a list of the various Christie Championships and the trophies:—

Rugby Football.—Shield presented by Mrs. R. C. Christie in 1901.

Rugby Football "A" Teams.—Shield presented by Mr. W. H. Hey, F.R.C.S., of Manchester, in 1927.

Association Football.—Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Christie in 1901.

Swimming.—Shield presented by Owen's College in 1897.

Rowing.—The Robhold Cup, presented by the Agecroft Rowing Club in 1936.

Boxing.—Cup presented by Prof. H. B. Dixon, of Manchester, in 1922.

**SPORT**

Water Polo.—Cup presented by Mr. Hugh Spencer, of Liverpool, in 1932.

Cross Country.—Cup presented by Mr. C. W. Maxwell-Reekie, of Manchester, in 1929.

Cross Country Junior.—Cup presented by Mr. P. R. Allison, F.R.C.S., of Leeds, in 1934.

Golf.—Cup presented by Prof. John Strong, of Leeds, in 1933.

Cricket.—Cup presented by Mr. A. W. Mayo-Robson in 1896.

Fencing.—Cup presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wheeler, of Leeds, in 1933.

Athletics.—Championship Cup presented by Manchester University in 1914.

The number of Cups for individual events in Athletics is too long to be given here.

**SOCCKER.**

The football club made another great stride towards the Christie Cup on Saturday, 23rd November, when it defeated Liverpool University on a pitch almost unplayable for thick mud. The score was 5—3, and the scorers were R. I. M. Hepworth, 3; Mills and W. Guy.

In the Leeds Combination League, both B. and D. Divisions the University sides, though having played fewer games than the average, are in the top half of the tables.

**RUGGER.**

On the 27th of November, the combined team met Liverpool University at Weetwood in the return Christie match. It will be remembered that earlier in the season our team was defeated at Liverpool 3—13. The conditions were not good and handling was made rather difficult. From the kick-off the Liverpool forwards made a series of determined attacks on our line which were hotly resisted by our forwards, but to little avail, for by half-time the score against us was 0—16. Our own backs were conspicuous by their inability to make any use of the ball, of which they had a fair share from the scrum. Their handling was shocking and defence little better, the only bright spot was the defence put up by G. C. Whitlam at full-back.

During the second half the forward played a much more bustling game particularly outstanding being Roberts, Heylings and Falkingham. There was no score in this half and the game concluded with the score at 0—16.

An account of the game will be incomplete without reference to the Liverpool backs, whose handling and tactics under difficult circumstances reached a high level; they would well repay a little close study.

**MEDICS—RUGGER.**

On November 24th the Medics played Skipton at Weetwood. Skipton were without their two County men, J. R. Dodgson and F. Wellock, whilst the Medics were a man short—Falkingham. The conditions were bad and the game was rather scrappy. During the first half the Medics managed to hold their own and G. R. Outwin scored a try which was not improved. During the second half Skipton pressed continuously and Pyrah scored them a try. The result was a draw 3—3.

**BOAT CLUB.**

Next term there will be a three-cornered fixture or the 1st and 2nd IVs. against Manchester University and King's College, Newcastle. There will be a similar fixture for the two Maiden Crews at Nottingham against University College (Hull) and St. John's York.

**MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.**

The Men's Hockey Club is going to Birmingham on December 15th, and after playing Birmingham and Edinburgh University Teams they hope to travel on to London. There they have arranged fixtures with King's College Hospital Hockey Club, and London Hospital Hockey Club. Accommodation has been found impossible, and the visit hangs on the chance that all members of the team will be able to stay with friends and relatives.

Our first eleven is to travel to Durham on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to play in a U.A.U. match; it is perhaps unfortunate that we are holding our twenty-fifth in the Hotel Metropole the night before!

**BADMINTON CLUB.**

The first match of the Yorkshire Badminton League, 2nd Division, was played on Saturday, 23rd November, against a mixed team at Pocklington. The result was an overwhelming victory for our team, 9 games to nil. The second match in the League was played on the 29th November, against a team from Adel.

**WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.**

As usual, this term has been largely devoted to training Fresher Crews for the Inter-Faculty Regatta, which took place on Wednesday, December 4th. In connection with this Mr. Wightman (Vice-President of the Club), Oxford and Leander R.C., gave a lecture to the Club on November 19th on "The Art of Rowing."

**NETBALL CLUB.**

The first away fixture of the Netball Club First Team this season was the Yorkshire Tournament, which took place at the Harrison Sports Ground on October 12th.

This year some twenty teams were represented, including a number of Youth Clubs from all over the country.

We had some good games, which on account of the high standard of umpiring proved very strenuous. The individual matches were played five minutes each way with no break at half-time, and in this way it was possible to play all the matches during the afternoon. Our team won three of the four matches played, and was finally placed second in the group, losing to Sheffield "A" Team by two points.

**DANCING.**

To those who have had to be turned away from the class in Ballroom Dancing we promise more classes next term.

**LACROSSE.**

The W. I. V. A. B. Inter-Varsity matches between Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool have now all been played; the results are as follows:—

- Leeds v. Liverpool, at home, Won 6—5.
- Leeds v. Manchester, away, Lost, 3—4.
- Manchester v. Liverpool, at Manchester, Liverpool 2, Manchester 0.

The Leeds team played well in the Liverpool match, especially during the second half; H. Sharpe and A. Gilliott being particularly outstanding. The standard of play in the Manchester match was not so high, this was mainly due to strong wind and rain.

At the Yorkshire Trials held at Harrogate on November 16th, one member of the team, R. Rycroft, was chosen as a reserve for the County.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.**

Although the success of last year's Hockey team has been incentive to us this season, in spite of great enthusiasm and energy, the results of matches have not been all that we could have wished.

The first eleven has played five non-University matches and won them all very easily in most cases. In the Christie matches we lost to Liverpool 2—3, beat Durham 4—2, and drew 1—1 with Manchester. These results were rather disappointing and I feel that we did not make the fullest use of the material that we have in the team.

A word of commendation must go to Misses Enid Colbridge, Ruth Allott, and Olwyn Goodwin, who have been veritable towers of strength.

The second and third elevens have enthusiasm, but that alone will not carry them to victory. More care must be taken, and it is essential that individuals should put in some stick-practice.

The most obvious faults in all teams are muddling, slowness in tackling, failure to rush when in the circle, and above all the lack of co-ordination. Individual brilliance is commendable but is liable to be overcome by a team with fewer shining lights but with a system of understanding and co-operation.

I hope that next term some at least of these faults will be remedied and that we shall have many successes.

**WOMEN'S ATHLETICS.**

For the first time women have been participating in Cross Country at Leeds University. The Club has five members only, two of whom have already achieved three miles. In spite of lack of enthusiasm shown by other women students, we can say from experience that this is an excellent Winter Sport and we hope to make considerable progress next year.

**WOMEN'S BASKET BALL.**

Basket Ball classes and coaching have been arranged this term, with the result that we now have at least four teams. Next term it is hoped to start inter-departmental and inter-Hostel matches.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NOTES.**

A beginners' course has been run this term and excellent progress has been made. Another will be run next term. Anyone interested in a more advanced course should see Mr. Morgan.

**INTER DEPARTMENTAL GAMES.**

During the term 41 matches at Rugby, Soccer, Hockey and Basket Ball have been played between the following departments:—

- | MEN.             |                 |
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| Agrics.          | Mining.         |
| Medics.          | Textiles.       |
| Dentals.         | Devon.          |
| Engineers.       | Lyddon.         |
| Colour Chemists. | H.O.R.          |
| Fuel.            | Woodsley.       |
| WOMEN.           |                 |
| Oxley.           | Weetwood.       |
| Day Students.    | Social Science. |
- Is your department on the list? If not, get a sports representative appointed and see that he attends the meeting at the beginning of next term.

**CROSSWORD COMPETITION**

**RULES**

The crossword should be completed, cut out and handed in to the Union office. There are alternative clues, and more than one solution may be entered. Each solution must be accompanied by 3d. in cash. A prize of 10/- will be awarded for the first correct solution opened after the closing date, which is 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 22nd.

The solution to last Issue's Crossword and the winner of the Competition will be announced in the Next Issue.

**CLUES ACROSS.**

1. Pertains to the head, although not all heads.
4. Self, or perhaps to investigate.
7. Passion.
10. Training designed to produce fitness.
12. Two over the eight.
13. A degree.
- 14 and 16 down. It's good in France.
16. Has power to crush.
17. Affirmative.
18. An order well deserved.
19. Equality in numbers.
20. Born.
22. Indefinite article.
23. Elect.
25. Accomplish.
26. Flaccid.
28. Wrath or metal. Take your choice.
29. Not indigenous to Europe. (J.B.)

**CLUES DOWN.**

2. Artillery.
3. Explosive.
4. Hallow —.
5. The Royal George.
6. Liable.
8. Was it crushed at Nuremburg?
9. A girl's name.
11. Educate.
13. Rounded.
15. A needle has one, a potato may.
16. See 14 across.
19. An appendage.
21. A period infinitely long.
23. Mineral.
24. To trifle.
26. Driver, Doctor, Drummer.
27. U.S.A. State (abb.).

