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COUNCIL, CONGRESS and CORRESPONDENCE

ADVICE FROM THE VICE.

Less than fifty people heard the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. C. R. Morris, open the first of a series of pre-Congress discussions, this one on "The Student and National Economy." Mr. Morris asked the meeting to consider on what grounds the time devoted to higher education could be justified on national grounds, and whether the traditional English approach to the University as a centre of research would not have to be considerably modified to meet the increasing emphasis on economic needs.

Practice and Theory.

On the first question the Vice-Chancellor thought that the unique training of a University, while not necessarily making an overwhelming difference to practical knowledge, had proved itself able to inspire a love of adventurous research, and a universal view, two qualities which had played a most important part in the development of civilisation.

Though there was no definite line between imparting knowledge and inspiring a will to learn, the problem of coupling research with teaching might lead to an institutional separation of these functions.

Assessments.

Concerning methods of selection and awards, the Vice-Chancellor gave a comprehensive picture of several points of view, and touched upon the difficulties of assessing a student's qualities by examination, either traditional or I.Q.

It was stated at the meeting that although economic conditions affected the quality of a student's work, if these factors were considered in assessing entrance to a University, or the award of degrees, the authorities would be open to a charge of undemocratic methods.

Despite the small meeting, the Vice-Chancellor's introduction produced considerable discussion. The advantages of having research workers or qualified teachers as University staff were keenly debated, and when the meeting closed, opinion was evenly divided. C.R.

LATEST N.U.S. NEWS * CONGRESS.

Only twelve days remain in which to register for this year's N.U.S. Congress, to be held at Bangor, North Wales, from April 5th-13th. The theme of Congress will be "The Student, his Studies and his Nation," and major speakers will include the Minister of Pensions and our own Vice-Chancellor. Congress is not, however, a very serious occasion, and its greatest attraction is to those of us who wish to squeeze in the maximum possible number of dances, excursions and other

minor celebrations into the shortest possible time and at the least possible cost.

The cost is £4/18/6 inclusive, and it is hoped also that the Union will make some contribution towards it. Application forms and programmes are available in the Union Office.

If in doubt ask someone who was at Leicester last year. There is no doubt about their answer: Send in your registration right away.

COUNCIL.

Council meetings began with discussion on the more practical side of N.U.S. work. It was announced that the Summer Travel Handbook may not be ready for several weeks owing to the postponement of the I.U.S. Travel Conference. It was unanimously agreed to extend to all holders of the I.U.S. identity cards the same concessions that are now offered to the members of N.U.S. It was also agreed to provide travel facilities for any students travelling, as individuals, to all parts of the world.

The demand for students for "Operation Nightingale" will be considerable; students will also be required for work on satellite towns, the Scottish Hydro-electric scheme and perhaps forestry. Farm camps would be better organised this year, and it is hoped to cater for 5,000 students. Possibilities for grape picking in the South of France are being followed up. Details of all these schemes will be available soon.

Grants and Welfare.

A proposed student charter

was rejected as being too vague and couched in "fish queue" English, but a redraft of the charter, which it is aimed to circulate as widely as possible not only to students but among the general public, was accepted. **International Affairs.**

The Executive motion on the discussion of politics within N.U.S. was passed. Miss Bakaya, of the I.U.S. Colonial Bureau, appealed to British students to support Colonial Students' Day. She and Miss Brickman will be visiting Leeds to address students to-morrow. **In an effort to cut down overhead expenditure, by reducing the full time paid staff, and to achieve some decentralisation, Leeds has taken over the International Correspondence Exchange. I.C.E. will be based on the Union and staffed by voluntary student labour.**

N.U.S. and Youth.

Mr. Davis told Council of preparations to publish a magazine, and the possibilities of holding a Youth Broadcast. A motion asking that N.U.S.

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CORRESPONDENCE - Volunteers Wanted

The International Correspondence Exchange, closed down through lack of funds, is shortly to re-open, N.U.S. Council having agreed to its operation at Leeds for an experimental period.

Volunteers are urgently required to assist in the running of this valuable service.

If you can type, know a foreign language or are interested in this sort of work, get in touch with the N.U.S. Secretary right away.

BANDS and BENDS.

Unknown to the majority of Union members, dark and secret doings are going on behind the scenes in preparation for Rag Revue. And that is a pity. More support is still needed, and Mr. Berwin and his merry men are only too eager to initiate any volunteers into the said dark doings.

Rehearsals.

During the last fortnight, auditions and rehearsals have been taking place very frequently. On February 11th, a number of people disported themselves for the benefit of Mr. Baron, the Revue producer, in the Social Room, giving impressions of "Hutch" (Harry Hurst, from the College of Music), directions for making a bicycle (Pamela Cowan), and imitations of Danny Kaye (Mike Diamond). Mr. Baron sat and watched, enthused over the people he liked, and dealt tactfully with those he didn't like. There followed a script writers' conference, and it seemed that the Revue is now taking shape. But there is still a need for people to act in sketches.

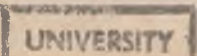
Terror....

On the following Saturday morning, the air in the Riley-Smith was made hideous by a rehearsal of the Rag band. This is composed of a motley collection of instruments blown by people who cannot read music but have a wonderful time improvising on tunes that are whistled to them. Heaven help the citizens of Leeds when this goes through town!

...and Torture.

On the next afternoon, the women's chorus rehearsed, again in the R.S.H. This was much more artistic than the band, but also much more energetic. Mrs. Brown, from the Pamile School of Dance, introduced fifteen students to the arduous of chorus work, and many of them seemed to find previously unknown abilities for contorting the human frame into the most unbelievable attitudes.

But this was nothing compared with the men's chorus rehearsal in the Social Room on the following Wednesday. Before a grinning audience at the doorway, a dozen public spirited males did things that they would undoubtedly have considered far beneath their dignity a month or so ago. But at least they are helping, and will certainly be one of the highlights of the Revue. So once again, give a hand, whatever you can do. As the choruses have found out, you never know till you try.



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EDITORIAL.

The first Staff Student survey sponsored by University authorities is being carried out in Leeds during the next week or so. The urgent need for such a survey became apparent at the N.U.S. Grants and Welfare Meeting held in London last year, when statistics prepared by Sheffield were produced to support the case for increased grants, especially scholarship awards. It was clearly seen that unless detailed and statistically correct figures could be obtained it would be impossible to put forward an adequate and watertight case on student hardship.

The statistics will also form an accurate basis for representation to the Committee of the Working Party Report on University awards, or the Minister now that the report has been published.

The survey, the work of the staff student housing committee, was finally drawn up last week, and the questionnaire is being circulated at the moment. Much work has been put into the wording of the survey and even more will be necessary in the working out of the figures **but the results will only be of any real value if at least 90% of the questionnaires are returned.**

The main use of the survey will be in assessing adequate future awards rather than an immediate increase in F.E.T.S. awards, especially as it is felt that the working party report is not sufficiently comprehensive; but the expenses and experience of F.E.T.S. students will be of tremendous value in this work.

The Editor welcomes letters and articles. 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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This and That

ART AND THE UNIVERSITY.

During the last few weeks the *Yorkshire Post* has been publishing a series of pictures of University Scenes, drawn by Dennis Flanders. The series started with a drawing from Woodhouse Lane of the University New Buildings, Emmanuel Church, and Trinity Congregational Church. This has been followed by drawings of Weetwood Hall, Devonshire Hall and Oxley Hall, and other University Scenes will follow.

We understand that the *Yorkshire Post* is proposing to print copies of these drawings on art paper, and that they will be available at 6d. each. The size of these reproductions will be the same as those in the paper.

WOT, NO INTELLECT?

A Debate with the Teachers' Training College has been arranged for April 26th, to be held at the Training College. The motion is "That This House Considers that Britain is a Third Rate Power," and there will be speakers from the Union and the College. We understand that the Training College has a low opinion of the intellectual qualities of University students. Who knows, maybe they are right.

THE VIRTUES OF THE VICES.

The recent announcement that the candidates for Vice-Presidency will be invited to address a meeting of students, in the Riley-Smith Hall at lunch-time to-morrow, has given rise to considerable speculation and trepidation. Whether the entertainments of the last election speeches will be repeated remains to be seen, but it is not too much to hope that the standard of speaking will be higher. (Note—Candidates only will address the meeting).

PUNS BY THE PUERILE.

A recent Debates poster announcing that "Foxhunting is the pursuit of the uneatable by the unspeakable," arouses a train of reflections. An Arts Society, for example, is it the pursuit of the weird by the beards? Could the Engineers' Ball be described as the pursuit of weary by the beery, and if so, is a Union Committee meeting a discussion of minutes by the

minute? *The Gryphon*, one imagines, is the portrayal of the ineffable by the ineffectual, whilst *Union News* depends upon the revelation of infirmities by the infamous. *Tyke* is merely the pursuit of the rude by the crude. Before this grows tedious, our dear cynic comments that after all, idealism is merely the pursuit of the impracticable by the intractable and life just the pursuit of death by the dying.

STAFF-STUDENT SURVEY.

Don't Fail to fill Yours in.

It is hoped to distribute the forms for a survey affecting all students in the University during the first week in March.

In a covering letter, the Vice-Chancellor has asked that the greatest possible response be made in this effort to compile accurate statistics of student conditions.

The Survey is being distributed and collected by University and Union authorities jointly and the information obtained will be of equal use to both bodies.

GLOBES OF GLAMOUR.

Soap is notoriously illusive and the tiny tablets normally placed in the Men's Cloakroom had more than their fair share of this quality. Quite apart from this, someone seems to have had a perverted appetite needing saponiferous nutriment... how else could the soap so lovingly doled out by the porter so quickly disappear? But now we find above each bowl a dainty perspex globe holding a delicately tinted liquid which, if it doesn't lather at least smells! Those who cannot afford haircream need never worry now, for this liquid will smooth the most obstinate waves and impart that glossy-domed appearance so adored by teenagers of all years

STOP PRESS.

At the Inter-Varsity Debate held last Tuesday, with speakers for the motion from Reading, Manchester, Aberdeen, Durham and Leeds—against from Liverpool, Sheffield, St. Andrews, Bristol and Birmingham. The motion that "International Peace is Impossible," was defeated by 150 votes to 47, with 1 abstention. The standard of speaking was exceptionally high!

I.U.S. NEWS.

World Youth Festival.

The World Festival of Youth and Students is being held this year in Budapest from the 18-24th August. The main scene of the Festival will be on the Margaret Island in the Dabune between Buda and Pest. An open air theatre, sports stadium and swimming pool are at present being prepared by the youth of Hungary for the Festival, at which over 10,000 students from all parts of the world are expected to be present. The 10th World Student Games are also being held in Budapest at the same time and will form the main sporting event. It is hoped that 1,000 participants will be going from Britain, including 600 students.

World Student News.

"World Student News," the Magazine of the I.U.S., is soon to be published again and should be out at the end of the month. The first edition will contain articles on the January Executive Meeting of the I.U.S., the British tour of Tom Madden, the activities of the Hungarian student organisation, the position of students in Austria, etc., etc.

Affiliation.

The National Union of Australian Students after long discussion rejected by 150 votes to 30 the motion to disaffiliate from I.U.S. On the other hand the Belgian Students' Federation has just issued a circular that its organisation has never been affiliated to I.U.S. and decided at its last meeting not to do so. This has caused considerable controversy, since a Belgian representative stood for treasurer and has occupied that position for a year.

Brazil.

News has been received from Brazil that after students had demonstrated against the action of the government in granting concessions and a loan to the U.S. Light Co., the police were ordered to occupy the building of the Brazil N.U.S. They were immediately thrown out by the students, but later the government ordered the requisition of the building.

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FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH!

On Friday, February 11th, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Tom Williams, M.P., spoke on "Britain's Agriculture" at a meeting of the Labour Society. This was the first visit to the Union of a member of the present Cabinet, and a large and attentive audience was present. There was no heckling or booing, and it seemed that the audience had really come along to hear what Mr. Williams had to say—surely a precedent in the political life of the Union.

The New Deal.

The Minister outlined the "new deal" which the Labour Government had inaugurated in agriculture, and assessed what he thought had been achieved since 1945. The old days of Tory rule when "Ministers of Agriculture came and went like floating kidneys" were contrasted with the position to-day, when "stability, security, and confidence" are the key-notes of a progressive agricultural policy.

The basis of the new policy lay in the encouragement of maximum efficiency through voluntary means. The threats of eviction to the farmer, or of dispossession to the land-owner were only used as a last resort. Prices were fixed in advance so that the farmer could budget for the future, and the tenant was given security of

tenure and full compensation for any improvements he made.

Progress.

Rural housing difficulties were being overcome, and Mr. Williams looked forward to an early expansion of the number of small holdings. The agricultural community had responded well, and the new policy was already producing encouraging returns. Mechanisation was proceeding rapidly, the amount used was three times greater than before the war, and there had been an improvement in the standard of farm buildings. With the improved material forces, and with a comprehensive advisory service, the farmer was obtaining higher yields. Milk production is ahead of its target and more livestock is being supported on a smaller acreage than before the war.

Questions.

At question time, no attack was made on the policy as a whole. The questioners sought information on the tied cottage, the small-holders' policy, and the National Advisory Service. Petrol rationing and petty restrictions reared their heads, and agricultural students complained of low wages in the Advisory Service and lack of research into agricultural economics. F.S.

Fun of the Fair.

At Oxley's first open day, held last week, fifty day students were initiated into the mysteries of Hall life. After tea in Oxley members' rooms, they were ably entertained by a presentation of two rather academic "Babes in the Wood," protected by Fairy Foxglove, who varied between dewy-eyed daintiness and elephantine energy.

After the entertainment, the guests returned to the rooms, and the rest of this report could be filled with the confidences so freely exchanged. But perhaps that would not be tactful. U.J.

Staff-Student Ball.

A limited number of tickets for the Staff-Student Ball, to be held on Friday, March 11th, are now on sale in the Porter's Office—Price 7/6 double; Dress formal.

N.U.S.

On Monday, March 7th, there will be a meeting in the Social Room at which delegates to N.U.S. Council will give a report and answer questions.

French private lessons by a student in French, group teaching possible. Books provided, Teaching experience. Contact through pigeon-hole, Elizabeth Berczi, 'Phone 24504. S.A.3.1.

LEEDS MUSIC.

Ancient and Modern.

James Maddocks and wife June Mills visited the University on February 14th. They gave a sort of Lecture Recital of the "now-this-is-the-engine-room" variety, mainly aimed at hordes of schoolchildren, who made the front of the Great Hall look like Speech Day. James Maddocks brought along not only his violin (he is principal second of the V.S.O., in which his wife is principal oboe), but a specimen of the old twelve-stringed fourteen-toed viole d'amour. His violin-playing was, of course, very adequate; the twelve-stringer was another story. While he didn't exactly have to get out and crank up the Old Crock, one gathered that she wasn't quite firing on all cylinders and was glad when he put her away and took unto him a more up-to-date model.

Careless readers please note: the last few lines refer to the viole d'amour and not to Miss Mills, who was as ever very pleasingly competent.

The Boss. . . .

Their chief followed them at a week's distance. Maurice Miles, invited by Gramophone Recitals to talk about Vaughan Williams' music, was introduced by the V.C., and gave a well-balanced account, marred, if Tympanum may say so, by a rather stilted delivery and by illustrative records which must have been cut by Noah in the intervals of research into the water-resistive properties of 'ard wood. Surely, Messrs. Miles, Librowicz and Butterfield, there is a more recent recording of "Linden Lea."?

Hey Nonny Nonny. . . .

Frederick Fuller sang Folk and other Songs at a University Lunch Time Recital. The University loved him, and rightly. Magnificent diction and fine general technique made his lack of a voice in the Gigli class seem unimportant; though its quality was by no means worthy of a sneeze from Tympanum or any one else. The University indeed loved him. It spared (apparently) not a thought for the brilliance of his pianist, Carlos Guastalvino, who was responsible for some of the finest accompanying we have heard since Gerald Moore was last around these Hyar parts. Don't shoot the pianist, chaps. . . .

WHAT YOU THINK.

The subject of the first Union News Gallup Poll was lecturers and lectures. Over 70 people were asked the following questions:—

1. Do you think that lectures should be compulsory?
2. Do you think that lecturers should be chosen for academic or teaching ability?
3. What is your opinion of the general standard of lecturing at Leeds?
4. What practical improvements would you suggest?

On the first point, the large majority think that lectures should **not** be compulsory. It is felt that lecturers should attract by the quality of their lectures, that compulsion is alien to the idea and aims of a University education, and that, since "so many lecturers merely rehash the literary efforts of the accepted authorities without adding a vestige of personal opinion, in effect if students spent the time reading the authorities they would benefit more." Compulsion "enables lazy lecturers to sell us an inferior article by force."

Opinion on the second point is fairly evenly divided, and most people seem to want a combination of both abilities. But it is generally felt that there should be very much more teaching ability without the sacrifice of academic ability. "Since the primary function of a University is the dissemination of knowledge, teaching ability must be demanded when lecturers are appointed." Several people wish for a probationary period, for a definite period of training, and

for supervision. "The Department of Education. . . should be empowered to put the University's own house in order."

There is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the standard of lecturing at Leeds, and a strong demand for printed lecture notes, smaller classes, and an extension of the tutorial system. Complaints are made of lecturers "reading word-for-word from dull, monotonous (often out-of-date) notes," and "nobody knows or cares whether the University lecturer is keeping up to standard or not."

Suggestions for improvement again call for the abolition of compulsory attendance at lectures, and for printed lecture notes, instruction in lecturing, and the extension of the tutorial system. More staff-student meetings are desired, lecturers should be required to have a Diploma of Education, and refresher courses should be arranged. Several people suggest that the Vice-Chancellor should call a meeting of the teaching staff and "put before them the general dissatisfaction of the student body"; and others feel that heads of departments should pay less attention to administration and more to the standard of lecturing in their departments. Finally, the "present weak excuses" of staff shortage, lack of student enthusiasm and excessive numbers of students "should be critically examined by the authorities concerned."

The Vice-Chancellor has kindly agreed to give his views on this subject in the next issue of the Union News.

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THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

Last weeks production of Congreve's "Way of the World" was more quiet than witty. Whilst this may be in keeping with a University Staff production it is hardly what one associates with Congreve, who wore his wit with a difference and whose rationalisation of Restoration morals was more artistic than didactic. Only so far as one was willing to accept a performance of Congreve by amateurs and a not very happy casting of *Mirabell* and *Millamant* could one be satisfied by this offering.

Kenneth Muir played *Mirabell* with more than a touch of the melancholy Jacques and the high seriousness of love weighed heavily upon him. As *Millamant* Evelyn Paul was more calculating than provocative, more mercenary than merry. Wit, for her, was just one more weapon in the armoury of a woman on the make, and not (as it should be) the essence of her being. In the smaller parts, Congreve's inten-

tions were less obscured. Jack Clark's corpulent foppery as *Witwoud* was balanced by John Boorman's willowy, astringent *Petulant*. Walter Doyle-Davidson's *Fainall* was an essay in genial blackguardism and Eugenie M. Bosworth's *Mrs. Marwood* had a truly aristocratic asperity. As *Lady Wishfort*, Marjorie Spink combined with great gusto the vitality of a fishwife with the pathos of a woman entering upon the green sickness of second childhood. Patrick Meredith as *Sir Wilfull Witwoud* loose in a London drawing room was as bewildered a rustic as one could desire and a man who could drink hard but not well. In Margaret Doxey's *Foible* we had wit, gaiety and intelligence compounded in the true Congreve manner. Her grace and spontaneity, her verve and attack carried all before her. Here, one felt, was the real *Millamant*, unaccountably banished to the servants' quarters.

A.G.

THE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET.

Considering that the subject affects every student in the University in that most tender place, his pocket, the meeting in the Social Room on Feb. 17th, to consider the Government Working Party Report on Higher Education, at which not more than 150 people were present, was poorly attended. This fact emphasised Mr. Ramsey Bramham's opening remarks, in which he deplored the definite lack of interest on the part of students in welfare matters. It has been impossible to call an S.G.M. on the matter; there had been a big time-lag between the publication of the Report and the calling of the meeting; and only about 20 copies of the Report had been sold in the Union. It is the special responsibility of present students to see that something is done for those who will succeed them. As a University, we take little interest in what is one of the most important points of democracy.

Defects and Duty.

Mr. Bramham said that the Report goes a certain way in making a democratic education

for the present intake of students. N.U.S. welcome it as going some way to implementing N.U.S. policy, but the terms of reference were not wide enough; 5,000 students will be left without grants; grants for the dependents of adult students were not provided for; and the higher costs of medical and technical courses had not been considered. The Report is soon to be considered by Parliament, and students should write to their M.P.'s on the subject. A financial questionnaire is to be issued, and all students are asked to help by filling it in.

Opinion from the Floor.

Mr. McLeod pointed out that no provision is made for F.E.T.S. grants for students who are under 21. Another speaker complained of the lack of grants for post-graduates, and Mr. Foster said that the Grants and Fees Committee had taken up the question at their last meeting in London, and wanted evidence.

Mr. Simpson said that the number of children in a family should not be taken into account when assessing the size of grants; a student should be entirely independent of his family.

Miss Thurman, opening her speech with a barrage of figures, suspected an attempt in certain quarters to get the old method of selection back. The principle should be that a person fit to go to a University is fit to receive a grant.

Another speaker called attention to the unevenness of L.E.A. grants, and asked for a central authority. Mr. Bramham agreed that the only solution was an Exchequer Grant, and also pointed out the danger of local influence if local money is used.

The meeting broke up at 2-0 p.m.

C.E.W.

FOXES AND WOLVES.

At the Debating Society A.G.M., Mr. S. J. Berwin was elected Chairman, Mr. Khusro Secretary, and Miss Berridge, Miss Walling, Mr. Small and Mr. Singleton Committee Members.

The Secretary's Report stated that the average attendance at debates during the 1948-49 session was 200 for Union debates and 75 for Hall debates. The most popular events had been the Public Speaking Contest and the Religious Symposium. It is felt that the prize for the Public Speaking Contest should be of a more tangible nature and the presentation of a shield has been suggested.

Economics and Ethics.

The motion that "Fox-hunting is the pursuit of the uneatable by the unspeakable" was then debated. Mr. Pengelly protested that the subject was undebatable as it is impossible to speak about the unspeakable. Nevertheless, he produced some remarkable calculations to prove that it costs £1,200 per day per week per fox to go hunting; showed how illogical it is to pay a gamekeeper to block up fox-holes and later "when the young

foxes have hatched," pay him for keeping them alive; and finally pointed out what a cruel and bloody business it all is.

Mr. Berwin, in opposition, declaimed in glowing terms that voting for this motion would result in the ruination of the country. In the event of a famine, foxes would be our one staple food. By removing the issue into the higher regions of social ethics, Mr. Berwin showed that killing a cow in cold blood is as bad as killing a fox.

The Fox's View-point.

Mr. West, speaking from the floor, decided that it was time someone spoke on the motion, and expounded two completely untenable arguments in favour of it. Miss Walling produced a Giles cartoon as her authority for stating that foxes are a menace.

As a one-time fox, another speaker informed the house that the abolition of fox-hunting would cause severe mental depression among the fox population of the country.

After several more speeches, the two principals summed up, and the motion was defeated by 50 votes to 49. M.R.

VALENTINE DEBATE (Weetwood)

On Feb. 14th, the Debating Society assembled at Weetwood Hall to attack St. Valentine with the motion "That Romance is not for the student."

Opening the debate Miss Thomas pointed out the distorting effect of romance on academic work, in that "frequency curves take on a quite unstatistical meaning and triangles assume suicidal proportions."

In reply, Mr. Berwin pictured the student as a pioneer searching for adventure.

Love, said Mr. West, is but a tender plant which cannot grow in the sordid surroundings of a University Life. To meet an unsullied specimen from the outside world is a terrifying experience. Miss Walling, however, considered that romance is potent enough to transform a dreary Parnassus into a haven of bliss.

The argument was then submitted to the house. Mr. Pengelly quoted an instance of financial benefit when his search for romance resulted in an increase

in his grant by the total sum of £7/12/10. He also calculated that the abolition of St. Valentine's Day would result in the unemployment of 3,360 postmen.

Mr. Lees declared that love and work are incompatible, and that the greatest tragedy in life is to be born a woman.

Miss Wyke wanted to know what other arrangement he could suggest.

Mr. Pengelly then produced a physics note book and announced that he had discovered the thickest human hair on record, showing that a fundamental research had arisen out of a romantic interlude.

In an oratorical passion Mr. Gray deplored the restraint of natural human feeling. As soon as he enters Weetwood he feels he must take some action.

Finally, Mr. Berwin accused the proposers of taking a humorous view of a thing which adds unequalled benefits and delight to student life.

The house agreed and defeated the motion by 60 votes to 7. The Sub-warden abstained. M.R.

N.U.S. COUNCIL - cont.

should co-operate with the International Youth Association was left on the table until more information is available.

There was considerable discussion on the International Youth Council's Peace Pledge, which had been considered at the last Council. After considerable amendment, including the complete deletion of the pre-ambule (which left little but the N.U.S. four-point policy), the pledge was adopted.

A motion from Aberystwyth that N.U.S. should press for the disbanding of all University military training Units was replaced by one urging that it was a matter to be determined by individual Unions, but that N.U.S. should support any of its constituent bodies in the event of the formation or maintenance of such a Unit in opposition to the desires of the student body.

The November Council Meeting will take place in London.

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THE TRUTH FROM AWUMA!

Mr. Gerald Awuma, from Togoland, paid an unexpected visit to the Union on Thursday, February 17th. The Union was given only a quarter of an hour's notice of his visit so that only thirty people attended what turned out to be an exhilarating talk.

Mr. Berwin, who took the chair, introduced Mr. Awuma as one who had attended the United Nations Associations meetings as a representative of Togoland. Mr. Awuma explained where Togoland is situated, near the Gold Coast, East Africa. It is an undeveloped territory—no press, no cinemas, no radio and the only means of communication for important matters is by a number of young men in the Improvement Society who travel around to disseminate news. Simply, but with graphic intensity, the aspirations of Togoland were outlined to the audience. Their desire to contribute to modern construction, to with-

draw from their narrower shell, to combat illiteracy, to combat a colonial government's educational policy which forbade the building of new schools.

The people of Togoland sent three of their numbers to represent them at the United Nations Association meeting at Geneva. They were the only black men present and after minutes of uncertainty the white men "unanimously accepted them into the new world."

The people of Togoland are working for one world of United Nations. Mr. Awuma's message was clear, every individual throughout the world must play his or her part in the building of a new world, in working for peace. Thirty students left the meeting imbued with the knowledge that U.N.O. did a lot of good work of which we hear nothing. That there was hope for peace and that peace must be the effort of each one of us. S.J.B.

Vaughan Williams For Sale.

In a lunch-hour talk on February 21st Mr. Maurice Miles presented himself to the Union as "a commercial traveller trying to sell Wednesday's Y. S. O. Concert." The result was a concise musical biography of Vaughan Williams by a man intimately acquainted with the composer.

For those who find a rather disconcerting idiom in his music, Mr. Miles suggested his "early, rude theory" that Vaughan Williams pressed his harris tweed suits more often, he would not have written so many flat 7ths. Evidently Mr. Miles still listens in astonishment to "Flos Campi."

But the final verdict judges him a good composer—to witness his song settings for Houseman's Shropshire Lad, Lark Ascending, then the 5th Symphony. At this instant we had the incongruous picture of Mr. Miles hearing the 5th Symphony for the first time as he was darned his socks in an army hut.

The "London Symphony" was dwelt upon rather more than the others as being the foreshadowing of the 5th and 6th (during an extract from the 2nd movement, someone apparently emptied a money bag on the floor.)

When the life of the Y.S.O. is assured in Leeds, Mr. Miles intends to play Vaughan Williams' "ugly 4th Symphony."

He did not attempt any prophecies concerning the future work of this unaccountable composer.

Mr. Miles was introduced by the Vice-Chancellor, and in a vote of thanks Mr. Stan Berwin complimented Mr. Miles on his sales talk.

Art Society Exhibition.

The Exhibition was disappointing, lacking much of that imaginative originality which one expects from the eager student. P. D. Henry's work was less anaemic than the others, and his "Europa" and "Derelict at Braschaet" are excellent, having a quality of intellectual vision and positive statement lacking in the dimly decorous "Dawns" and "Evenings" of other artists.

Nevertheless, many landscapes were subtly interpreted, with a great deal of attention paid to tonal values and intelligent composition. Miss Martin's "Country Town at Night" deserves praise, and Prof. Passey's "Woodstacks, Moonlight" is both restrained and evocative. Maurice Walker's "Oranges on a Tray" deserves much credit, his "Dawn" is nostalgic and sensitive, but his "Pea-nut Sellers" is neither. A great deal of technical competence is noticeable in some of the more uninspired works. Mrs. Page's "Seaton Dolavel" was adequately dull, while Dr. Bradley's pretty scenery gained much from his craftsmanship.

One or two works were appalling. E. C. Smith's "Life Class" drawings ought not to have been exhibited, while Richard Courtney's "Self Caricature" was only exceeded in stolidity by Pnillp Mitchell's "Suet Baby." Mr. Mitchell's "Portrait," however, shows that he can paint subtly when he wishes, though he has not yet fully mastered his medium.

David Haw's work is worthy of praise more for its great promise than its achievement. He has the imaginative fervour so lacking from the work of the other exhibitors, and must be congratulated upon the boldness of his endeavours and the good percentage of success he has achieved.

SOCIETIES ROUND-UP.

Socialist Society.

The most successful meeting this term was held on Wednesday January 26th, when Mrs. Olga Watts described her experiences as a British housewife in the U.S.S.R. The joint Wednesday lunch-time discussions with the Labour Society and the Communist Party Branch are functioning well and call forth much lively and valuable discussion. The Peace Exhibition, which was unfortunately only here for one day was viewed with keen and critical interest, and was well worth seeing.

On March 8th, a Socialist Bill will be introduced to the Union Parliament. As might be expected the Bill is practical student politics and not merely one of general interest. That is why the Higher Education Bill 1949, is more than another Bill. That is why every student should read and discuss it and decide what is to be done to make it a reality in line with N.U.S. policy and the Student Charter. It is the most vital issue of the session. Come to the Parliament. Talk about it. Bring your friends. Vote for student grants, liberties, and living conditions.

Economics Society.

In spite of its financial disaster on the 11th February, the Society is still solvent, but only just. The enthusiasm for works visits seems to be waning at the moment, but fortunately, no more are to take place this term except to Rowntrees of York. The next talk is to be on incentives, on Tuesday, 8th March, and the A.G.M. is on Monday 14th March. It is hoped that both will be well attended.

For next term two main things come to the fore—the Rag and Sport. We shall be combining with the Social Studies Society for a stunt for Rag Day and we think that we have an idea for it. As for sport we are forming

a tennis team for the very energetic and a bowls club for the reasonably energetic. It is hoped to arrange matches with any other Union Society with the courage to take us on at both games. All challenges should be delivered by the Union Society letter rack.

On the first Saturday of next term—April 23rd—we have the Riley-Smith Hall for a Social, and are sharing it with the Social Studies Society. Anyone with 1/9 to spare will be very welcome. It will be an ideal opportunity to relate one's activities during the Easter vac. to those who want to hear them.

Church of England Society.

At 5 p.m., to-day, Thursday, 3rd March, in the Large Card Room, Fr. Graham, C.R., will give the concluding talk in the series entitled "Christian Convictions." The preceding three lectures have been very well attended, and Fr. Graham's carefully reasoned argument, presented in such delightful style, has so far been at once convincing and entertaining.

His line of approach may be thus summarised: The Christian Faith claims that at a definite time in history God became a man. If that claim is true, then it is the most important fact of our whole existence. So the ultimate issue is "What think ye of Christ"?

If you believe that He is God, then your duty to worship and obey Him is clear. But if you do not believe that He is God, what do you think he was? A great teacher? A good man? An enlightened religious leader?

Ought you not to ask yourself if the historical evidence supports your belief? Fr. Graham's examination of the facts in the first three talks has taken him to the point at which he can assert that Christ must have been either a raving madman or God.

What do you think?

Variations on Modern Themes.

No. 5.

What is this life, if, full of care,
We have no daily hour to spare
To quaff our coffee, and peruse
The views (and Muse?), in **Union News** ?
No time to sit at ease and pore
O'er caf's great tables of the law
Whereon are writ our do's and don'ts—
(Phone numbers, names, and likely haunts).
We like to smoke our stumps in peace,
And idly watch the queue increase;
And more, we feel that to recline
In J.C.R. is too divine.
Man soareth upwards by degrees,
But woman brings him to his knees,
And we this lower state would choose,
Ourselves to solace and amuse.
For when we've pipped it is too late
To charm unto ourselves a mate—
And well, why shape a wench so fair
If we've no time to stand and stare?

H.M.T

★ SPORT ★

HOCKEY UNEXPECTED VICTORY.

Both 1st and 2nd XI's travelled to Catterick on February 16th, with weakened sides, and did well to drop only three goals in the two games. Since then both sides have maintained an unbeaten record.

Rawdon, Hull University and Leeds Police were disposed of without much trouble (the University teams scored 26 goals with only 8 against), but the games with Doncaster 1st and 2nd XI's last Saturday were our hardest tasks, and provided probably the most gratifying results of the season.

In the 1st XI game Leeds fully deserved their 2-1 win, having done most of the attacking during the game. In spite of a goal scored by Doncaster in the first five minutes of the game a lead which they held until half-time) Leeds continued to attack, and when they scored two goals in the second half, victory was assured. The Doncaster forwards could not unsettle the solid University half-line, in spite of desperate efforts in the last quarter of an hour, and the visitors' halves never managed to subdue the lively Leeds forwards.

The 2nd XI game was a hard fought draw between two very evenly matched sides. Our lads think they should have won—the "Grape Vine" tells us Doncaster were a bit "chokka" too.

Both 1st and 2nd teams are to be congratulated on checking a club with an almost unbeaten record.

GYM. CLUB.

On Saturday, 19th February, the Gym. Club went to Manchester to meet Manchester University in a friendly contest. As on the previous occasion, the result was in our favour, although it was quite obvious that the standard of both clubs had improved considerably since their meeting last year.

We take this opportunity of reminding all students that the number of members in the Gym. Club is rapidly expanding, but we shall be pleased to welcome any new members.

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LEEDS SHAKE NORTHERN U.A.U. FAVOURITES.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, Leeds Swimming Club travelled to Durham to play a vital U.A.U. water polo match. Durham, having already defeated Manchester, Liverpool and Sheffield, were favourites for the Northern Division Championship, whereas the Leeds side had failed to give a convincing exhibition since before Christmas.

Durham won the toss and chose to defend the deep end, thus giving Leeds a first half advantage. Over-keen marking in the first half led to numerous free throws to Durham before the team settled down. Sound constructional play by Ayers, Carter, G. and Scott enabled Carter J. to obtain 3 snap goals. Then a dangerous shot hit the upright of the Leeds goal, the ball skidded across the goal and the referee ruled that it had crossed the line. Thus, the teams changed round with the score

3-1. The second half opened with an all-out assault on the Leeds goal, and Durham scored 2 quick goals. Things looked black for Leeds: however, this seemed to bring out the best of the Leeds team, and cheered on by their clubmates standing at the side of the pool, they gradually regained the initiative. Keen marking by Booth and the rest of the defence and another goal by Carter, J., one minute from time, earned Leeds a well deserved victory by 4 goals to 3.

In the Northern U.A.U. Championships, Leeds are now second to Durham, being one point behind and a game in hand.

In the Swimming events the home team were generally superior, but we gained some victories through Jackson (100 yds. breast stroke), and Pengelly (220 yds. free style and plain diving).

BOXING.—"HAT TRICK FOR BREWER."

At Manchester, on Friday, 25th February, P. J. Brewer, the only Leeds representative in the tournament, succeeded in retaining his U.A.U. Heavyweight title for the third year in succession. This is an outstanding feat in a competition open to all Universities in the British Isles.

In the semi-final, Brewer (weighing only 11 st. 12 lbs.) was drawn against J. Hughes of Edinburgh University, who had an advantage of a stone in weight. The opening stages of the first round gave promise of a hard fight, for both boxers showed themselves to be fast-movers and hard-hitters. Hughes cleverly stepped out of range of three left leads and then came in himself to catch Brewer with a hard left hook to the jaw. However, Brewer kept out of trouble and shortly afterwards landed a series of left and right hooks which put his opponent down for a short count. Hughes was obviously dazed when he got to his feet, but was saved by the bell.

At the opening of the second round Hughes appeared to be quite fresh again, and for the first minute exchanges were very even. Then, after an exchange of blows in a neutral corner, Brewer got home with a two-fisted attack of jabs and hooks to the face and, officially, the fight lasted for another 10 seconds.

In the final, against E. M. Harthorn of London University, Brewer conceded over two and a half stones in weight, and at least five inches in height. Even so, the result was never in doubt, for Harthorn was much too slow both in footwork and punching. Time and again Brewer side-stepped his wild swings and delivered punishing blows to the body and the face. The end came after two minutes of the first round. A two-fisted attack drove Harthorn across the ring, and as he bounced back, Brewer delivered a vicious right hook to leave him hanging on to the ropes, unable to fight on. At this stage the referee ordered Brewer to his corner and awarded him the fight.

RESULTS.

Basket Ball.	1st.	2nd.
Sat. 19 Feb. v. Liverpool	W 48-15	
Wed. 23 " v. Manchester	W 55-25	
Hockey.		
Wed. 16 Feb. v. Catterick Sigs. L	1-2	v. Catterick S. L 3-5
Sat. 19 " v. Rawdon	W 4-2	v. Rawdon W 7-1
Wed. 23 " v. Hull Un. C.	W 8-2	v. Leeds Police W 7-3
Sat. 26 " v. Doncaster	W 2-1	v. Doncaster D 2-2
Rugby.		
Wed. 16 Feb. v. Durham U.	W 14-9	v. Man. Tech. L 5-10
Sat. 19 " v. Liverpool U. L	0-37	v. O.R'hegns L 5-9
Wed. 23 " v. Liverpool U. L	3-24	v. L'pool U.'A' L 3-11
Sat. 26 " v. West Leeds O.B.	L 9-22	v. Rotherham W 9-3
Rugby (Medics.).		
Wed. 16 Feb. v. St. John's, York	W 6-3	
Sat. 19 " v. Old Leo's	L 8-20	
Sat. 26 " v. Old Thornensians	L 8-16	
Soccer.		
Wed. 16 Feb. v. Liverpool U.	W 2-0	
Wed. 23 " v. Durham U.	W 3-1	
Sat. 26 " v. Boothtown	D 1-1	
Water Polo.		
Wed. 16 Feb. v. Manchester U.	W 3-2	
Wed. 23 " v. Durham U.	W 4-3	

SOCGER VICTORIES COME TOO LATE.

As usual our Christie and U.A.U. efforts have come too late, so that our convincing victories over Durham, Liverpool in the past week, have brought us no material rewards. An analysis of all the results during this season, confirms the superiority of Manchester University—a result quite in keeping with their Soccer traditions.

CROSS COUNTRY.

ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BIRCH.

At Reading, on Saturday, 19th February, in excellent running conditions, the University team was placed fifth in the U.A.U. Cross Country Championship behind London, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Reading.

The Individual Championship was won by D. C. Birch, of Leeds University, in the record time of 39 mins. 40.2 secs. The high standard of running is amply demonstrated by the fact that the second man home for Leeds, A. J. Rowell, was ninth in the race, but only one minute behind Birch.

RUGBY.

Another topsy-turvy fortnight of Rugger. After the 1st XV's display of teamwork and energy against a far stronger and heavier Durham team, when J. Tempest, the full-back, scored all the points, everything seemed to go haywire. In both the games against Liverpool, the same thing happened each time—after holding them in the first half, Leeds were overwhelmed in the second half. Apart from the crop of injuries which inevitably occur during the season, there is still a lot of room for improvement—more training and greater fitness, especially.

TENNIS.

Both sections of the Tennis Club plan to hold a practice before the end of this term, provided that sufficient members are willing to turn out. All people interested are asked to contact the Secretaries by leaving a note on the notice-board, giving information about previous clubs and experience.

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