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ERLANGEN SUCCESS!

THEATRE GROUP WIN THE ASHES!
17 CURTAIN CALLS AT STUDENT FESTIVAL!
24 INVITATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR!

Nineteen students went to the Fifth International Students' Week in Erlangen at the beginning of August and, to the mortification of the Porters, came back more "alive and kicking" than before; who wouldn't after such a success? — But let's begin at the beginning.

The journey was comparatively uneventful; i.e., for Theatre Group. There were complaints that the Business Manager had booked standing-room in the corridor of the London-Dover train, which, incidentally, we just caught: the boat was crowded, making the bar difficult of access: the Aachen customs officials were convinced that one of our party was trying to smuggle in some coffee: and the ticket-collector was finally driven

to locking the 1st class doors. So we arrived in Erlangen at about 7 a.m. and were immediately faced with the job of registering and receiving our meal tickets, etc. This done, we staggered to our "Quarters." However, we got used to it in time and a good sleep there and then did much towards soothing frayed tempers.

The next job was to master the German of a few essential phrases like "ein grosse Bier, bitte," "danke schön," "wieviel kostetes?" "nein!" and, of course, "ein grosse Bier, bitte" which, incidentally, does not mean a crate of 144 bitters. With these sine qua nons mastered, life became much more pleasant. Oh! I've forgotten "Fraulein"; that's better. The mid-day and

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Members of the Theatre Group in "The Taming of The Shrew" at Erlangen.

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EDITORIAL



Sir CHARLES MORRIS,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Leeds.

Vice-Chancellor's Message

Undergraduates coming new to university life look forward to it, I hope, with high expectations. Certainly they should do so, for it has much to offer them. To those of us who have been long in a university it is not always easy to remember how distinctive are its qualities and its pleasures, but I have a good idea from my own undergraduate days, and from seeing young men and women coming fresh to the University year after year, what are the things they hope for.

First, I suppose, the new undergraduate hopes to be given opportunities for his academic work which he could not get elsewhere: laboratories with their equipment, libraries with their catalogues and services. Secondly, he hopes to get help from first-class scholars or thinkers; perhaps, if he is very lucky, to come under the influence of one of the really "great" in learning or science. Thirdly, he looks forward to the stimulus of intercourse with his contemporaries of all sorts of temperaments, abilities and interests—some of his friends here will be among the leaders of the nation in years to come. Fourthly, he expects to have open to him athletic opportunities, and also some specially intimate experiences in the realm of the arts, of music, of the drama, of seeing and hearing distinguished men, and so on, in a way that is never likely to be possible for him again unless he lives in a university town. Lastly, a less palpable thing, he will be affected by a spirit and a tradition shared by the great commonwealth of learning in all the universities of the civilised world, across frontiers and across seas, even in some measure across ideologies; and also the spirit and tradition of his own individual university.

He hopes to lead a full life and a satisfying life. He cannot take advantage of everything the

ERLANGEN SUCCESS—

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evening meals were provided in the Studentenhaus—we found it easier to say Mensa; and good meals they were too (NO comment). The routine for the first four days was rehearsed in the morning and please yourself after. When we had given our performance—that was on the Tuesday—the routine was please yourself all day. The please yourself part included: attending other play performances, film shows, and discussions on the plays. And, of course, where students are gathered together there have to be "hops"; WHAT HOPS! these were, not the quiet orderly affairs such as may be witnessed any Saturday night in the R.S.H.—No; "Let yourself go" was the order of the day—or night—Well! 10 p.m. to "when you want to stop," i.e., 4-30 a.m. or thereabouts.

university offers. He must think for himself and plan for himself, not forgetting that as a student he must put his studies first, but after this from all the many other possible activities choosing those which he feels will satisfy him most. This is no small task, and it may well be that during his first year the freshman will find himself doing everything by fits and starts, dabbling in this and that, and doing nothing very seriously or very well. But the nature of university life is such that he must work out a plan for himself. He must think out for himself his own scale of values; his friends and teachers will offer discussion and advice, but nobody will presume to determine things for him. The tradition of university life has been made by those, and for those, whose nature and calling it is to work out their own ways of giving their generation the very best of themselves.

Here is that freedom which undergraduates do right to prize so highly, which leaves them free to pursue their own interests and at the same time forces upon each one the sort of decisions which he will never be able to escape—decisions about how he is going to order his life, what are going to be his guiding principles, and what will be his scale of values.

University life is a serious matter; but, as I look back on my own undergraduate days, I am surprised to remember that it was also a very carefree one. In its seriousness and lightheartedness are well mixed up together, and life for an undergraduate should be and can be, as I hope all who are reading this will find it, happy and richly satisfying.

Nor was this all; a fine open-air swimming bath and park was situated only a short distance away; and it was here that we did our "Missionary work"—introducing the game of cricket to the Germans. Then Erlangen itself was well worth seeing, not to mention Nurnberg and Bamberg, both within easy reach—especially for hitch-hikers. Also within easy hitch-hiking distance was Bayreuth and the Richard Wagner Festspielhaus was twice visited by a small party. These little extras were all part of a delightful "Week," but the highlight was the performance of "The Taming of the Shrew." The tremendous success was shared by all nineteen of us. After the rather lukewarm reception of the play here early in July, the warmth of the ovation there was somewhat overwhelming at first; a solid 1½-hour of tumultuous applause, during which seventeen calls were taken, to be followed the next day by high praise and equally high criticism in the discussions and, later in the week, by good write-ups in the local papers and still later in the National Dailies; this, of course, not mentioning the numerous invitations for next year. This may give the impression that our play eclipsed the other seventeen—that was not the case. There were some very fine performances, and the ground was partly prepared by the unsatisfactory performances of "All's Well that ends Well," and "The Duchess of Malfi" earlier in the week. Nevertheless the "Shrew" was, by common consent, the outstanding play of the "Week"—a great credit to Theatre Group when one remembers the difficulties we were up against for most of the time.

Finally, a word of thanks to the Textile Dept., without whose co-operation "Shrew" would not have been the success it was.

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Music in Leeds

By DORMIN

As this is the first issue this year, it would seem not inappropriate to look at some of the prospects in the Music world, for the coming session. First the Y.S.O., the staple diet of many student music lovers. The orchestra (which, rumour has it, has been playing for the summer season at the Spa, Orpington-on-Sea is in fine shape, or was so when I heard it last Saturday. In fact it was in better shape than I had expected to find it, remembering the changes in the ranks and the unsettled state of the conductorship. Of course, one could not help missing the sylph-like form of Miss Mills, and the Machiavellian face of Stefan de Hann, peering over his bassoon. Nevertheless, a notable addition to the orchestra is the new flautist who, besides being able to keep in tune has the added asset of a nice control of tone and phrase. The brass tone has improved but the French horns are still a doubtful quantity. Still, the orchestra should not fare too badly at the Triennial Festival.

The future Y.S.O. programmes, whilst sticking rigidly to the overture-symphony—and inevitable—concerto plan, show evidences of a fair amount of balanced planning, a fair blend of ancient and modern.

Turning to matters nearer home I notice with pleasureable surprise that the Great Hall has been decorated. Better still there has been a depletion in the ranks of the venerable patriarchs who used to clutter up the walls. In spite of the lighting, which is in the best tradition of Kirkgate Market, the Hall should prove a more pleasant place to listen to concerts, a goodly series of which have been arranged for this session. Although the incomparable Amadeus will not be with us, we shall have opportunity to hear the Hirsch, London, Czech, New London, Lowenguth, and Italian Quartets. There will be the usual series of mid-day concerts, including three organ recitals; and of course the usual December Choral Concert by Music Society. The main work will be parts one and two of the Christmas Oratorio, which should prove attractive coming as it does when "Messiahitis" is at its height.

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Leeds Students in Bucharest

During the first two weeks of August this year 30,000 young people assembled in Bucharest to express the hope of peace in the hearts of the people of the 104 countries which they represented. At another time it will be possible to say what I as a delegate from this Union to this peace festival believe to be the value of such a festival and to estimate the sincerity of the participants.

Here is a little of what we saw and heard during our visit. The hospitality with which we were greeted was extravagant and uninhibited. At every station along the route through Hungary and Rumania we were greeted by crowds of people of all ages. Several times we left the train to eat and drink and dance on the stations. Several times the less extrovert member of our party found it necessary to hide in our carriages away from the "fun."

The "enslaved masses" looked remarkably happy to me. The people were well dressed although the quality of their clothes, and particularly of their shoes was inferior to our own. Many of the people spoke English, French or German, so it was not difficult to talk to people. The obviously ex-bourgeois were eager to discredit the regime. They told us of their poverty, their shame, their lack of freedom. When you remember these are only com-

parative terms you can say that they were most likely telling the truth. They told us, as they met us in cafes and in the streets, that we were seeing a shop window display. Certainly the shops themselves were half empty and the consumer goods were very shoddy. What few luxury goods were available were very expensive but there seemed to be a plentiful supply of food, groceries, fruit and meat. Food is not rationed.

It is difficult to form any correct picture of the life of a city when it is teeming with 30,000 visitors and is gayly festooned and in festive mood. Everywhere were slogans and insignia of "Peace and Friendship." The theatres and cinemas were all showing festival cultural shows or films from other countries. "Hamlet," "Great Expectations," and "Our Daily Bread" were among the English films shown there. During the festival there was a continuous programme of shows, concerts, films and sports meetings. You were free to choose between a visit to a Mongolian concert or a Zatopeck race. We were allowed to travel on the 'buses and trams free and were quite at liberty to go wherever we chose. Visits to factories, hospitals, Youth centres, and many other places of interest were arranged. An interesting tour of the many beautiful orthodox churches in

Bucharest aroused much interest among many of the English delegates. The Churches were much fuller than in England and a devotion and piety rarely seen at home was everywhere in evidence. But I noticed a marked absence of young people in the services.

The re-integration of national culture, a common place of the educational programmes of the "Peoples Democracies" was much in evidence. In Literature, on sale in the many state book shops at ridiculously cheap prices; in the art galleries, among them the ex-Royal Palace which the present government has completed; and in the song and dance which everywhere abounds among the young people. An unhappy and enslaved people cannot develop a healthy acceptable culture however much directed. The joy and spontaneity of these young people on their song and dance at least shows their support of the regime.

Little can be said and less qualified in an article like this. If you disagree with things said here or want to hear about it all in more detail then come to the many meetings being organised by the different societies responsible for arranging the visit of the three official delegates from Leeds.

ERIC BUCHANAN.

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T.V.

On Thursday, September 24th, the Union was besieged by large green vans much bedecked with wires and poles. They were not G.P.O. men trying to get a cheap lunch in Refec., but members of the B.B.C. Television Service. A broadcast in the "Public Enquiry" series was to be transmitted from the Riley-Smith Hall to everyone's fireside.

That evening just before the doors were closed at 7-45, we were shown to our seats by attendants in important looking, if somewhat stagey, uniforms. The producer later informed us that these were not just ordinary ushers, but intelligent young men. Strangely enough this did not bring forth the expected catcalls.

The broadcast was to be a discussion of the Government's food policy, first by Messrs. Deedes, Byers and Webb, and then the meeting was to be thrown open to the public by the chairman, Dr. Nicholson, of Hull University.

We had taken our seats, and become accustomed to the colossal display of electrical apparatus when the Producer announced that we were to have a trial run through on the controversial subject of "commercial television." This, apparently, was to enable members of the public to get used to the special microphones, which were reminiscent of long thin flower-vases, and

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JUBILEE YEAR
A Year Of Opportunity?

In welcoming students for another session, it would be as well if instead of the usual platitudes which one is apt to write in "welcomes," I actually mentioned some of the problems facing the Union this Jubilee year.

It is true that our Union fulfils all the functions which a Students' Union should cover. This, however, is no reason why we should ignore the blemishes. One of these is that far too many students are prepared to let far too few students do the donkey work—you know what I mean. The biggest problem of all, however, is that we are too complacent in accepting things as they are. For example — GRANTS. Many students are living on only a few shillings a day; but how many students take an interest in the N.U.S. grants campaigns?

N. U. S.

Although we had a Delegation which was somewhat smaller than usual, the Leeds Representatives at the Reading N.U.S. Council played an extremely active part in the proceedings.

On the first day the Leeds motion calling for a more equitable treatment for Married Students with regard to grants, by the Ministry of Education, was proposed by Mr. Barrington Black. His speech, which drew a crowded and attentive audience was concise, sincere, and interspersed with characteristic wit. The only opposition came from the Executive platform, who asked the Council "not to let their emotions be swayed by Mr. Black's speech," but the delegates unanimously passed the Resolution.

International business came up on the second day. On the Order Paper was a resolution instructing the N.U.S. Delegation

Now let us turn to catering. Meals are up by 3d. Don't lynch the Exec.! Look at the facts:—

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1953 ..	£5,008

The cause—rising food prices. The effect is an estimated deficit of Refec. accounts of £3,000 for the session. Nor is this the end. Now you see why grants problems will loom large this session.

Having succeeded in making ourselves thoroughly miserable, let me say that if we are conscious of the difficulties and try to remedy them, many problems will go. I feel sure that in the coming year **Union News** will play its part. For this is one side of Union activity where apathy does not exist. It is YOUR paper. Use it well!

GEOFFREY W. RHODES,
President of the Union.

to the I.U.S. Congress at Warsaw to negotiate for Fraternal Membership. Leeds, through Mr. Black, rose to amend this by adding six directives to the Delegation as a basis for agreement, he said "Again and again we have wasted our time, our money and our energy on discussing the N.U.S.—I.U.S. question. Now it is possible that agreement will be reached, let us make the most of it, and give them (the Delegation) the necessary guide and power to reach agreement." This again met with opposition from the Executive, but it was carried. However, when the amended motion was debated it was defeated—mainly due to an outburst from a Reading Delegate who produced a document in Russian, calling upon students to "strengthen the fight against our capitalist enemies." This, of course, had little to do with the discussion, and in fact proof has since been given that it was a forgery.

The main item of interest on the third day was the elections. Mr. Fred Jarvis being re-elected President for a second year, and Mr. Barrington Black, who was proposed by the President of University College, London, and seconded by Lord Hurren, of Oxford, was elected Vice-President.

BARRINGTON BLACK.

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had to be gripped in a particular way. This subject drew to a close about 8-10, and then a T.V. technician came to tell us how and when to applaud, and what he would do to us if we overdid things.

At 8-15 we were exhibited to the "viewers." Mr. Maurice Webb opened the discussion, and was followed by the member of the Conservative camp, Mr. Deedes, and finally, Mr. Byers intervened with the Liberal viewpoint. Then came the audience. Many of them were traders, and, judging by their voices and wide shoulders, one or two barrow-boys had crept in quietly—which is all the more surprising considering the show was free! In the audience the Conservatives had turned out in force, and Mr. Webb's remarks on the price of eggs were drowned by cries of "Groundnuts" and "Down with the N.C.B." One lady complained of having had four children during Mr. Webb's reign as Food Minister.

Fortunately or unfortunately, at nine o'clock the proceedings were drawn to a close, just before the broken bottle brigade drew forth their bottles, and the three V.I.P's departed, led by Mr. Webb, who, having only one leg, made his way on crutches.

B. VARTY.

Motoring

The Motor Club has enjoyed a very successful year, organising a number of major events including the Night Navigation Rally and the Inter Universities Rally. Many smaller trials took place together with talks, film shows and a dinner.

Our team did well, too, winning the team prize on the Cambridge University Rally, two awards on the recent Bridlington Rally, first prize in the August

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For several years the name of Leeds University Union has been high amongst the list of Debating Unions. We have become famous for the quality of our individual speeches and for the general conduct of our meetings. During the last session we had invitations from ten other Universities, including one from Aberdeen. This last was on the occasion of their Coronation Debate, which was broadcast on the Scottish Home Service. Taken all in all our reputation is one of the best. This is your concern.

During the first two terms debates are held on an average once a week, some in the evenings and some at lunch-time. The subjects chosen for discussion are never specialised except on the occasion of the annual Political Debate. There is always scope for everyone either to speak or to observe, but it is

absolutely essential that we have good and enthusiastic support. This is your concern too.

There is no subscription, every student is automatically a member of the Society. Anyone can speak and will be heard if he speaks sense, or even attractive nonsense. More than any other Union activity, that of Debates depends on you as individuals. Oh, and ladies, girls and women are all very welcome to make their contributions. All we of the committee ask is that you will support us and keep our place at the head of English University Debating. For details please watch the notice boards and consult the handbook given away during Bazaar Day. Old or new all have a chance, just come along. Debating must be your concern.

PETER GIBSON.

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What is W.U.S. ?

W.U.S. stands for WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE, an organisation which, since its formation in 1920, has raised and spent several million pounds to assist student and lecturers throughout the world.

W.U.S. is a fellowship of over thirty national committees co-ordinated by an international secretariat in Geneva.

W.U.S. seeks to assist students and lecturers in need, to improve facilities within universities and colleges, and to encourage mutual service between members of universities and colleges throughout the world.

W.U.S. works without discrimination of race, nationality, religion, political creed or social background; on the committees which guide it, individuals with widely divergent opinions and beliefs work together to meet the common needs of the university community.

W.U.S. has no specific members; no subscriptions. All students and staff of universities and similar institutions of higher education can play a part in W.U.S.; in turn, W.U.S. exists to serve them.

W.U.S. work is financed entirely by voluntary contributions and funds raised by the efforts of groups of students, lecturers and graduates. Donations can be given for the general purposes of the organisation, or earmarked for any particular activity or area.

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YOU TOO CAN HELP. VOLUNTARY WORKERS NEEDED ON THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION COMMITTEE OF W.U.S. (Our office is on the first floor of the Union Building).

Constructive Proposals at Warsaw

I was not an official observer at the Third World Student Congress of the International Union of Students, held in Warsaw this summer, and felt very much an ordinary student there. So perhaps I can attempt to give some impression of what was most important to the ordinary student in what went on there.

There were 1,096 delegates and observers from 106 different countries. There was, of course, a great deal of talk—and most of it was translated into six languages. Some of the talk was repetitive and dull, some of it was straight political talk. But one has to remember that the I.U.S. includes within it many different national unions with many different conceptions of what comes within the scope of student discussion.

What was the talk about? It was about conditions of study, about colonial problems—by far the largest number of contributions came from students from colonial and South American countries—about international student co-operation and exchange. What is most important is that a large number of concrete proposals came forward. For instance, the next World University Games will really be on a world scale. If present negotiations are successful, and there is good augury for that, they will be held at Helsinki in the same stadium and on the same basis as the recent Olympic games. As a result of co-operation between the I.U.S. and F.I.S.U., almost every country in the world will take part. One looks forward to participation by Leeds students at Helsinki next summer.

Another concrete fact was the amendment of the I.U.S. constitution providing for "associate membership." This enables national unions such as our own, which disagree with certain aspects of the I.U.S., to co-operate on practical activities as

associate members. It is what the majority of British students want, and the amendment, which was carried unanimously, was originally proposed by the N.U.S. In common with many of the observers there, I was therefore disappointed in the speech of Mr. Fred Jarvis, the N.U.S. President, which contained no reference to the passing of the amendment.

There were also very many proposals for student travel and exchange of information and ideas, for international faculty conferences, and so on. In particular, the Soviet students at the Congress invited the N.U.S. to send a delegation of twenty to the Soviet Union this term.

There were proposals for closer co-operation between the World Federation of Christian Students and the I.U.S., and between the World University Service and the I.U.S., the latter being for co-operation in those projects for student relief work in which British students have always shown a keen interest.

The atmosphere of the Congress was tolerant and friendly, and some speeches extremely critical of the I.U.S., including that of Mr. Jarvis, were listened to with great attention. Clearly many national unions like our own are keenly interested in associate membership, and it seems to me that if we lead the way, they will certainly follow. In spite of the many criticisms which one could level at the Congress, it showed quite clearly that the way to find co-operation is to concentrate on those things on which we agree—which are many—instead of upon those on which we do not. To most British students, Associate Membership seems the best and most constructive way out of the difficulties we have experienced over the past few years. Our proposals have been accepted by the I.U.S. It seems to me that now it's up to us.

THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT IN HOLLAND

Three medical students, Jim Littlewood, Ted Langworth and Alan Sheard, have recently returned from a week's course in cardiology at Leiden University, Holland. They took the opportunity to compare Dutch university life with our own.

Apart from the Course, which in any case occupied only part of our time, there was much to be seen by being honorary members for a week of the Leiden University Students' Union that was of very great interest to us.

The union buildings, although centuries-old and sombrely reflecting a tradition almost as venerable as Oxford or Cambridge, were as spacious and almost as convenient as our own Union. The students within seemed in the mass a rather serious-faced crowd, but we were given a very hearty welcome in perfect English with a faint American accent; the way they could switch from double Dutch to impeccable English was truly amazing. Conversation at dinner confirmed the impression that many of our hosts were of a serious turn of mind, ready, for instance, to discuss religion in a refreshingly frank way or to tell us the history of their University. At the same time, they were enthusiastic and even idealistic about the new country that is rising from the ruins and floods left by the German occupation. We had already seen something of this in our journey across the country in a fast and efficient electric train: the scientific order in the flat, intensively cultivated fields, the vast building schemes in progress outside the larger towns, and more than anything, the beautiful absence in the towns of any old and decayed evidence of our own earlier ventures in industrialisation.

The dinners at the union were served by smart waiters with gold braid on their jackets—our first intimation of the curiously formal outlook they have in many ways which was well portrayed in the following incident. The weather was continuously glorious, and in the lectures we removed our jackets; further, some people started to smoke. Rather than offend us, our Dutch hosts did not tell us what a horrifying offence of the unwritten rules this was. The next day, however, the same lecturer, who was a distinguished professor, had his own coat off—and ashtrays were provided on the benches!! The sensation that this caused led us to discover the breach of etiquette we had committed.

In view of such incidents, the informality of a Union Hop came as a bit of a surprise. I doubt if we should see Leeds

students swinging on the chandeliers at midnight even if there were any to swing on, and even the rowdy types don't to my knowledge sling glasses out of the bar window when a hop starts warming them up.

Union membership is not an inevitable right of all the students in the university as it is here, though the method of selection or election remained a mystery to us. At the same time, Union organisation appeared to be nothing like so complex as our own. There was no need for the vast diversity of sports, which were very popular, were sailing and boat-racing. Within five miles of the town was a network of ideal lakes and rivers which would have delighted the hearts of the pioneers at Leeds who are struggling to form a sailing club.

On the academic side also, strict organisation was less apparent. Students are not required to furnish evidence of satisfactory attendance over "?" academic years before submitting themselves for examination. The staff give the courses; they also arrange and mark examinations. The two appear to be only coincidentally connected.

The Dutch students really set themselves out to do their very best for us as hosts. We just missed one or two home comforts—our digs, for instance had no hot water, no baths and archaic lavatories; sanitation, we soon learned, is not regarded as a prime necessity over there, simply because, in the absence of heavy industries, everything is just naturally clean. Their oldest buildings have collected about as much dirt in six centuries as the Parkinson Block has in as many years.

In their Assembly Hall there is a new stained glass window, depicting the occupation of Holland by the Germans, which is surmounted by a picture of Big Ben. It was explained to us that this represented how Queen Wilhelmina, and the loyal spirit of all Dutchmen resided in London during the war. On June 2nd of this year, we were told, the streets of Leiden were deserted and the shops shut as the people followed the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth on wireless and television. We thought of these things as we sped smoothly homeward over the waves, and they seemed to be more significant than all the superficial differences we had observed in custom and circumstances between the two countries. We were in England again in less than half the time it took to get from Leeds to London. England and Holland, we agreed, were very close together.

ALAN V. SHEARD.

Introducing the Geological Society

Even such an earthly subject as Geology can produce its own Society—yet with a difference. For many Departmental Societies limit their activities to the interests of students within that Department. The Geological

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We are glad to hear that Mr. Jones—the Head Porter—having been ill with appendicitis, is now recovered and will soon resume his duties.

The Vac. Hops have been a financial success in spite of the lack of a bar. We hear that the Tunbridge has enjoyed a similar success.

Beer will be a little thicker this term; the cause—brick-dust which has been steadily falling for three weeks through a hole behind the bar. The billiards room, library and caf. have also witnessed the appearance of stray holes and have consequently been out of action.

Congratulations to Mac. Rogers on gaining a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

The Union,
30th September.

The Editor, **Union News**,

Dear Madam,

Owing to the tender years of many of this year's Freshers, would it not be a good thing if a suitable room were laid on one side for use as a nursery? A comparatively small sum would

Society knows no bounds for its activities and casts its net far and wide to attract audiences from beyond the confines of its lecture rooms and renowned basement.

This Session the programme will include topics of wide interest in a series of talks, informal visits to coal-mines and the like, as well as the Christmas Party, which is recognised as the "finisher-off" of the first term's activities.

The talks make no demand upon a great knowledge of Geology—rather, upon enthusiasm. Enthusiasm counts for much in our department. Whatever your Faculty (for we even include Arts students in our midst), whether you are General Honours or only a Special Geologist, and I do mean Geologist!, it is the genuine interest which counts.

Our meetings are held fortnightly on Fridays, starting at 5-30 p.m. as soon as tea is finished. Our charming hostess will serve tea before each meeting and it is she who will put up the posters to keep us informed of the meetings.

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The Societies fall roughly into four categories—Religious, Political, Departmental and the Rest.

The Religious Societies, which cater for almost all individual religions and denominations have

varied and interesting programmes, including, services, talks and social gatherings. You of course will belong to some religion that is not represented, so they will be no use to you.

For those who want to hear all about the Conservatives there is the Socialist Soc.; for those who like signing petitions, any of the political societies; and for those with aspirations to a newspaper, the Communist Society. You, however, are broadminded and a free thinker, so politics will not interest you.

Departmental Societies provide talks on different aspects of particular subjects—and inci-

dentally, to have been active in Union life is a help when you're looking for a job. But then, you don't want a successful career, do you?

The Rest can only be described as a Rugged scrum, on Bazaar Day itself. Almost every activity is represented here, from the Theatre and the Arts to the Y.H.A. and local branches of the T.A. Well organised and varied activity is of no interest to you however, the intelligent student. Only the mugs on the Executive and other committees do any work—you're going to be original, strike out on your own and be—a Caf-Crawler.

Bazaar Day technique, however, is an absolute must. What more profitable and intelligent pastime is there than engaging the holders of every stall in long, technical, very abstract conversations, guaranteed to frighten away prospective members.

By the way, if you are caught, or if you just haven't listened to us and so find yourself a member of a Society, see to it that nothing new or interesting takes place. You know you only like reading the dullest, stalest news you can make.

S. A. ADAMS
(Society News Editor).

★ SPORT ★

RUGBY

Once again we are at the threshold of a new season and it is at this time when one stops a while, looks to the future, and remembers the past. Before delving into reminiscences or prophecies we should like to take this opportunity of welcoming ALL Freshers.

"Any good Freshers coming up?" is a question that always occurs. The time honoured reply "Wait and see" is a fitting answer. To all those who play, whether Freshmen or old-stager, we would urge them to join the Club. To those who watch the Game, come and support us at Weetwood. To those who have neither played nor seen we offer our condolences.

A brief resumé of past seasons: Founded 1911. Nothing of note until 1950-51—began to have Club spirit; won the CHRISTIE (1st XV) and the WILSON-HEY ("A" XV Shields); 1951-52: retained both shields and for the first time reached the final of the Universities competition, only to be beaten; 1952-53: retained both shields and again won through to the final, again losing. Nine members of our Club played

for U.A.U. or English Universities at different times.

So much for the past. This season we have full fixture lists for all four fifteens prepared. Our selection committee, together with representatives from all the teams, always endeavour to pick the strongest sides and every encouragement is given for members with ability to gain 1st XV status.

Trials have been arranged on a graded system, details of which may be found on our notice board. If you are not successful in these trials do not give up hope; difficulties may be taken to the captain or committee members who will do all possible to help. If, however, after having had trials you find you are not up to the standard required DON'T give up Rugby, join a Departmental side.

Our main objects this season are to play GOOD football, WIN the elusive U.A.U. Championship and ENJOY ourselves. We can only do this with YOUR continued support and an excellent Club spirit.

Why don't YOU join the RUGGER CLUB?

THE CELLULOID SPHERE

On the top floor of the Union building, at the extreme right, there is a door which opens into what is officially known as the Large Card Room. The reader may be tempted to fall into the error of eagerly anticipating a continuance of the dissolute gambling pastimes which he (or she) pursued so proficiently at school. In fact the Room is the headquarters of the Table Tennis Club: but we do have our share of Cards . . .

The Club is a happy one, and new members will find very little difficulty in becoming part of the

informal atmosphere. Beginners are assured of sympathetic treatment: we have all had to make a start!

There is plenty of opportunity for competitive play for the good or average player. The Club runs five teams in the Leeds and District League, and each team consists of four players. Furthermore, a good number of attractive Inter-University fixtures is arranged each season. Some of these are keenly contested matches within the U.A.U. competition. Last season the Club reached the final of the U.A.U. team tournament, losing to a strong Birmingham side.

We are fortunate in the possession of a first-class (Jacques) table—so be gentle with it! As good-quality balls are provided by the Club for both practice and matches, membership is an astonishingly good "money's-worth." During the Bazaar Days there will be plenty of opportunity for new members to enrol at the Table Tennis stall in the Union, where they will find one or more of the Club officials ready to greet them with an inviting leer. Officials for 1953-54, are:—

Captain D. Crossland
 Vice-Captain P. Woode
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 K. Varley
 "RACKETEER."

RUGBY FIVES CLUB

To many students Rugby Fives is comparatively unknown. This is due to the fact that it is a sport played more extensively by the Public Schools of Southern England. We at Leeds, a Northern and provincial University, are fortunate in possessing three fives courts at Devonshire Hall, and thus we too are able to play this fascinating game.

This year we have been fortunate in that Professor D. G. Christopherson has very kindly consented to become the Club's first president, and under his guidance we hope to create a body of players who will make the name of Leeds ring out with terror within the walls of "enemy" courts.

Fixtures have been further enlarged this year and besides visiting other Northern Univer-

sities we are making journeys to Southern Schools and hope to include a tour of Cambridge. Hitherto the membership of the Club has not been high and so anyone with previous experience can expect to play in a number of matches his first term. This however, does not mean that the Club is a closed shop to persons with no experience. On the contrary, students with a knowledge of tennis or squash can pick up quickly the rudiments and before long can compete with members of past experience.

May I, on behalf of the Club, extend to all Freshers a cordial welcome and I hope we shall see you enjoying yourself in the courts of Devonshire Hall, and reaping the benefits of this exhilarating game.

R. C. HOLROYD
 (Secretary).

GYM CLUB

We are now at the beginning of a new academic year and I should like to take this opportunity to welcome Freshers to the Gym. Club. In previous years there has always been a good attendance and it is hoped that during 1953-54 interest will not slacken.

For the last three years we have had the distinction of being undefeated by any opposing team, and in our belts we include the scalps of Cambridge and Manchester Universities. We hope to continue this run of success in our matches for the coming year, maintaining our reputation of being one of the strongest University Gym. clubs in the country. This cannot continue without new blood and new ideas. These spring mainly from the Freshers in the University.

Although only a small Club we hold regular practices on Monday

evenings 6 to 7, when we have the services of Mr. Jim Atkinson, one of the leading Gym coaches in the country to-day. Wednesday, 2 to 4, is also a regular practice, when the more advanced members offer help and advice.

Besides our regular fixtures, Cambridge, Manchester, and Dulwich are but a few, the Club has been invited to tour the German Universities of Bonn, Heidelberg and Cologne later this term.

To add interest to the normal Club activities, application has been made to the Amateur Gymnastics Association to hold the Northern Counties and Yorkshire Gym. Championships in the University Gymnasium.

Everybody interested has to start sport sometime—why not this year? The Club would therefore welcome visitors to our stall on Bazaar Day, and feel sure such a move will not be regretted.

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