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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION FROM I.U.S.!

ONCE A FORTNIGHT

Two balls in a fortnight is pretty stiff going, not to say rather expensive. But both the Staff-Student Ball (on Feb. 17th) and the Textile Ball (on March 3rd) were well worth attending.

The Staff-Student was the quieter of the two, but that made it a change. Also there was room to dance. A most welcome feature was the institution of a free coffee bar on the top corridor, which became more and more patronised as the evening wore on. The decorations were also something of a novelty—not too many flowers (but some beautiful white lilac), nor festoons of paper chains and balloons, but a very skilful use of lighting.

Dignified Students.

The evening was broken by a cabaret consisting of tap dancing by members of the Pamile School of Dancing, a sketch by Gerry Rich of "Rag Revue" fame, and the re-appearance of Stan Collier to sing three numbers with the Sonny Ray Quartet. Previous to this there was a display of Scottish dancing by the indefatigable Scottish Dance Society, the climax of which was a general participation in an Eight-some Reel—in which the Staff seemed to join with much more abandon than did the Students. But then students are so dignified these days.

Wool and Bar-lambs.

The Textile Ball was more on the usual lines, only glorified. Tickets had all been sold by the previous Tuesday, probably because of the promise of four bars. Of these, one was in the usual place, one in the Social Room, which took on a most Continental appearance with the Sonny Ray Quartet in one corner and the bar in the other and dancing in between, and one in the Women's Common Room, where the accompanying music was provided by a pianist.

Upstairs Bert Noble's band provided some of the most adequate music for dancing that we have had at a ball this year, to a background of huge paper tulips. The balcony was hung with travelling rugs, one of which was auctioned, going for three pounds fifteen, and in the main corridor the notice boards were covered with posters and maps

At the N.U.S. Council meeting held at Cardiff last month, N.U.S. decided by 86 votes to 27 and 24 abstentions, to suspend membership of I.U.S. until the next I.U.S. Congress in August.

The Origin of the Trouble.

On February 6th, I. U. S. Exec. decided to interrupt contacts with the Students' Section of the People's Youth of Yugoslavia because of the allegedly non-democratic nature of this organisation, which it was considered involved a breaking of the I.U.S. Constitution. The motion to interrupt contacts was moved at a session of the I.U.S. Exec. meeting from which all observers were barred, until on a protest from Stan. Jenkins (N.U.S. President), Jaksu Bubevic, chairman of the Foreign Section of the Students' Section of the P.P.Y. was admitted to the meeting.

Action at Council.

The N.U.S. Exec.'s decision to suspend membership of I.U.S. because of this interruption of contacts was taken at the N.U.S. Exec. meeting about a fortnight before Council, and therefore the report of the action of I.U.S. could only be circulated (according to Exec.) to a few colleges. Many delegates at Council complained at this.

After a great deal of discussion, and the usual allegations and counter allegations on the part of Exec. and I.U.S. supporters, a motion was tabled that the whole question be left on the table until the N.U.S. Council in July. This motion was lost.

Mr. Ebbals, the Australian delegate to I.U.S. stated that Council delegates had not heard the full evidence; and that whereas N.U.S. Exec. had had a

fortnight in which to prepare their statement I.U.S. had only been given a few hours in which to prepare and duplicate a full statement of their position. Mr. Bonney Rust, the British delegate to I.U.S., said that we should try to maintain the link between East and West, however tenuous it might be. He deplored the Exec. motion, feeling that it was the thin end of the wedge, to be followed by complete disaffiliation. Mr. Jenkins, for the Exec., felt that the action of I.U.S. was a blow to student unity and that we should make the strongest possible protest. When the motion was carried, several delegations left the meeting.

The Present Position.

Although N. U. S. has suspended its membership of I.U.S., this is only a method of expressing disapproval of the action of I.U.S. in the strongest possible way. The motion involves direction of I.U.S. to exclude N.U.S. from any statements of policy or directives of action until the question of the Students' Section of the P.Y.Y. has been reconsidered at the next I.U.S. Council. N.U.S. is willing to send a delegation to Yugoslavia to investigate the allegations made against the P.Y.Y., and is anxious to maintain co-operation with member organisations of I.U.S. It is willing to continue participation in the practical activities of I.U.S. Finally, N.U.S. Exec. will continue to prepare for full participation in the Second World Student Congress in the summer.

all about wool. Two looms were operating (more or less) in the entrance hall, and a table downstairs held an assortment of mysterious weapons, presumably used in the manufacture of textiles.

Where is my wandering boy To-night ?

The varying attractions throughout the Union dispersed the crowd very well so that the

R.S.H. was not quite so much like a well-dressed rigger scrum as usual. But our last memory is tinged with sadness. It is of a tall agric., looking more and more worried, vainly seeking for the person who was to transport him home, and uttering melancholy cries of "Little Bill." We trust that minute William was finally located and that all ended happily.

A Word on AWARDS.

The number of current F.E.T.S. Grants will diminish rapidly from now on. What kind of awards, if any, are likely to take their place? There are at present about 10,000 University students receiving awards from Local Education Authorities. About 4,000 of these awards are made each year and the Report of the Working Party on University Awards, appointed by the Minister of Education in 1948, recommends that this number be increased to 7,000 a year.

But L.E.A. Awards vary greatly in value, according to the Authority concerned. The Minister of Education has recommended to all Local Authorities that the level of their awards be raised to that of State Scholarships which are now running at £215 p.a. plus fees for students living away from home. As a result, various increases in some L.E.A. Awards have in fact been made, but the Minister has no compulsion in this matter.

What, exactly, is the situation here in Leeds? Your Grants and Welfare Committee are trying to get an overall picture of the situation in this University.

Are you in receipt of an award from a Local Education Authority? If so, is it at the State Scholarship level of £215 p.a. plus fees?

If you are getting less, are you satisfied with what you do get? Or are you thoroughly dissatisfied but think that nobody can do much about it, least of all the Grants and Welfare Committee?

Or have you never heard of the Grants and Welfare Committee anyway?

These are the things we want to know. How many students are receiving L.E.A. Awards, what the general level of such awards is and whether the recipients are, in the main, satisfied with that level.

If you are in receipt of an L.E.A. Award you can help us, and yourself, by filling in one of the forms available in the Union and returning it to the Grants and Welfare Office on the top floor of the Union. Or you can

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EDITORIAL.

The uneasy peace which was established between I.U.S. and N.U.S. after the Sofia Council has at last been broken. At the Council meeting last month, N.U.S. decided to temporarily suspend membership of I.U.S. because of I.U.S. action in interrupting contacts with the People's Youth of Yugoslavia. This decision came in a motion from N.U.S. Exec. which seems to have been rather sprung on Council without adequate time for consideration. Also, the facts of the I.U.S. Exec. meeting where the decision about the P.Y.Y. was taken seem to be very confused.

From the evidence at our disposal, there seems only two conclusions which it is possible to draw with any hope of being fair. First, the action of I.U.S. was hasty, ill-judged, and given none of the publicity which it should have been given. The very fact that the meeting at which the decision was taken was closed to observers until the British protest gives rise to suspicion. Secondly, it is very unfortunate that Council were not given more time to consider the matter and for the delegates to sound the views of their Unions.

But to have let the matter lie on the table till the next Council would have rendered the action taken futile, as the suspension would then have only been for a few weeks, and some strong action definitely seems to have been called for.

One further point must be emphasised. Temporary suspension must not be made into the first step towards complete disaffiliation. Links between East and West are fragile enough as it is, and any further weakening would make a complete gap. And the division into two worlds is a further mighty step towards war.

Date of next issue May 4th.

Last day for copy April 27th.

This and That

UNION HANDBOOK.

We mentioned last week that the Union Handbook is to be reformed. A suggestion has now been made that it should be split into two parts, one part consisting of the diary, the other of the miscellaneous information that forms the most interesting and important part of the production. This will then prevent nice new coats being pulled out of shape. But think of the effect on the female members of the Union. Yet another item to be carried in the handbag—can we call it a case of confusion worse confounded?

ROGUES GALLERY.

As every Sunday School has its annual trip, so, every year, the Union Committee has its photograph taken. Nobody is quite sure why—something to do with records perhaps. Anyway, this year the auspicious occasion falls on May 2nd, on which date the entire U.C. assembles outside the Union and smiles genially and *en masse*. So on that day, everybody can be quite sure that it will rain.

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC.

Rag is now getting nearer and nearer, and one of the most important activities is the Rag Revue. And one of the most important parts of Rag Revue is the Chorus. As last year, there is both men and women's, at the moment about twenty of each—and every Thursday night these brave characters are put through two hours purgatory, the like of which they never previously dreamed about. But they have

one great consolation. For last Thursday the dancing mistress swept up to the Rag Chairman and said "Aren't they all beautiful." She meant the men as well.

AT LAST.

The Grants and Welfare Survey of Grants and Accommodation, which has been in great danger of becoming regarded as mythical as the bar used to be, has at last appeared. It is an alarming looking document, full of tables and figures. But there are two points which are of especial importance. First, when the F.E.T.S. and R.S.T. schemes come to an end, about 65 per cent. of all students will be without financial aid; secondly, following from this, if there is no extension of grants, there seems a possibility that the standard of University entrants will be governed more by parents' financial circumstances than by academic merit.

FAME.

We have often been told that we have the best Union building in the country. That this is true now seems to be established beyond all doubt, because of two visitors this week. The first was the President of the Union of University College, London, here to pick up points for his own Union. The second was a student from the Nottingham College of Art, who came to find things out for a thesis he is writing. If this sort of thing is going to go on, perhaps we could start conducted tours at sixpence a head, and use the proceeds to help Union finances.

PETE.

A WORD ON AWARDS *continued from page 1.*

come and see us between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

All personal information will be treated as strictly confidential.

The "Facts and Figures about

Grants," which attracted wide interest when first published in "Student Chronicle" last Nov., have now been reprinted and will shortly be on sale, price 1d.

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GETTING TOGETHER.

The Debates Society's political symposium entitled "The Theory and Practice of Politics," was a hopeful attempt to bring together speakers from the different political societies to discuss the philosophical bases of their political creed, and the title was carefully chosen to try and avoid electioneering speeches. It was too much to hope that this would succeed two days before polling day.

Election Fever.

There was a very small audience to listen to what were for the most part repetitions of the propaganda of the parties contesting the election. Full marks must go to Mr. Scott for sticking to the title more faithfully than any of the other speakers. His enunciation of the principles of Marxism earned him the praise of all the other speakers, including Mr. Jarvis of the Conservative Association.

Mr. Tonks, untrammelled by party affiliations, was able to strike out on very independent lines in his speech on behalf of the Socialist Society. He was against conscription, and he advocated a form of workers control of industry which seemed to derive rather from Kropotkin than from either Marxism or Social Democracy.

Mr. Jarvis spoke up bravely for the Conservatives and their solicitude for Trade Unions. He crossed swords on several occasions with the Liberal speaker, Mr. Walker, both on the usual controversy over vote-splitting, and the more original ground as to who could grow the better grass.

Mr. Walker advocated co-ownership, in industry, world government and proportional representation.

Mr. Fordham defended Labour's "fair shares" policy, but was critical of the Government's Foreign Policy.

Colonial Viewpoint.

The most refreshing and original speech of the evening was by Mr. Errol Barrow, of Barbados, who came to speak on the Colonial issues behind the General Election. He felt that, after careful inspection of the party manifestos, he could hardly say that there were any Colonial issues in this election, and went on to tell us what they should have been. His sincere appeal for justice for the Colonial peoples was well received. In the words of Mr. Fordham, "It made us all feel rather humble."

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REPORTING BACK.

Some thirty students attended the report back meeting on N.U.S. Cardiff Council and the National Youth Parliament. This was attributed by Mr. Kelly to the appalling publicity of the Union and N.U.S., and Mr. Singleton and the President answered these criticisms to the obvious dissatisfaction of the questioner.

National Youth Parliament.

Mr. Singleton gave the report on the National Youth Parliament. He outlined the history of the Youth Parliament from 1948, when the first meeting was held. He also read from messages received by the I.Y.C., sponsors of the Parliament, from the Duke of Edinburgh, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the main political parties in answer to their question: "Are you in favour of the banning of the atom bomb?"

He criticised the procedure of the Parliament, which he felt was responsible for much unnecessary constitutional wrangling. Nevertheless, when the meeting did get down to discussing the main issues of peace, colonial problems, education and the rights and duties of young people there was found to be a large area of agreement. The good sense of delegates in reaching compromises on points of difference was particularly commendable.

Information was given about the type of organisations represented, ranging from the Y.M.C.A. and the Christian Workers' League to the Labour League of Youth and the Young Communist League. In all there was a preponderance of working youth, many representing their Trade Union and Apprentice organisations. Eleven student unions were present, but the N.U.S. was conspicuous by its absence.

Comment.

The meeting seemed to agree with Mr. Singleton's point that Leeds Union should support any youth organisation which was set up in Leeds to further the aims of the Charter of the Parliament. Mr. Kelly strongly criticised the attitude that we should wait until such an organisation was started. We should take the initiative ourselves, and he

characterised Mr. Singleton's attitude as "negative and patronising."

Council.

Miss Cookson read the Grants and Welfare report on the Council. She mentioned that Council had decided to press for an increase in all non-F.E.T. awards to bring them up to the State Scholarship and F.E.T. level. They had also proposed an increase in F.E.T. awards to take into account the rise in the cost of living up to devaluation. It was felt that to press for an increase because of devaluation would be an unjustified attempt to exempt the student population from sacrifices which other sections of the community were asked to bear.

Mr. Singleton then resumed with a report on the rest of the Council. He dealt with Farm Camps, Travel, and Vacation Work in brief outline. He also mentioned the decision of Council to censure the N.U.S. Executive in its attitude to the Youth Parliament, and of the rejection of an Executive motion to affiliate to the World Assembly of Youth. Then came the controversial report on the relations between N.U.S. and I.U.S. (see page one), which carried the meeting on till 2 p.m.

Love's Labour Lost.

The Staff Dramatic Society's production of "Love's Labour's Lost" suffered from over-niceness. The carefully composed recorder music, though excellent in itself, by its leisurely performance detracted from the total effect of the play, making the intervals between the scenes seem almost tedious at times. The same music was also responsible for the partial failure of the scene where the "Russians" are entertained by the princess and her companions. One could hear neither words nor music properly. The lighting of the play, too, was poor. Ugly shadows marred the first scene in the princess' camp, and throughout the whole play a melancholy twilight kept both audience and actors from appreciating the gaiety and frivolity of much of the dialogue.

Apart from this the play was a success. John Boorman's superb Don Armado, lanky limbed, affected and effective, was never anything but excellent. Douglas Jefferson's Costard was all that the play required, and Frederick May's Berowne argued, declaimed, soliloquised and swore with all the wit and passion we could desire.

Other characters were less perfect. The ladies in attendance on the princess were occasionally inaudible. Of the four lovers, only Berowne read his sonnet as if it were a sonnet and not the concluding paragraph of a blue book. Holofernes was delightfully pedantic, but his voice was occasionally a little too restrained, though his magnificent enunciation of Latin tags, and

Bridging the Dinner Gap.

There is a strange transformation of disposition in the J.C.R. Once the retreat of love-birds, it has become a hive of cerebation where stern solid men assemble to play chess or bridge. For the uncorrupted few who are as yet innocent of these vices, there is a simple method of distinguishing between the sects. The stooping figures are playing chess, those sitting upright and looking inscrutable are bitten by the bridge bug.

As bridge appears to be attracting more attention, we will ignore the chess-players, who, in any case are hidden away in corners and are lost to the world of the living.

The types who play bridge are easily recognisable. First, the dark, fathomless character who obviously knows what he is doing, to the consternation of the desperate tyro on his left who is in the process of selling his shirt to him. But let it not be thought that bridge is a matter of life and death. It is merely one of debit and credit — though after all, debit is equivalent to death at a bridge table. The desperate type is subject to supernatural attacks from without. A sepulchral voice is liable to tell him over the tannoy—as happened last week—that "The Future holds no Hope for Man." The psychological effect must not be underestimated, for the victim tends to drown his sorrows in pints of cafeteria opiate.

The type who has missed his true vocation at Monte Carlo deliberately oppresses the weak in a most undemocratic manner. He is sly and utterly despicable because he produces aces and kings to upset a perfectly good contract and seems to exist only to thwart the efforts of his fellow men.

Bridge, however, is not the silent sport it used to be. During

its still growing supremacy over all other J.C.R. activities it is gathering a number of accretions which are becoming indispensable to the game.

Supporters and hecklers are increasing in number and not infrequently operate the game by remote control. The bridge-player can no longer call his mind his own, let alone his purse. There is always a spectator who takes upon himself the task of punctuating the gaps between the hands with moralising sermons. But this is a harmless tendency as the players rarely take any note of their sins, or if they do, only out of deference to a possible partner or opponent in the future.

There are signs that a cigar may become the symbol of the successful bridge player. It enhances the appearance and places the player in the bridge aristocracy. His desperate opponent rests his feet on a carpet of Woodbine remains.

One speculation exciting interest is, "Do they eat?" They have never been seen to leave the J.C.R. between the hours of twelve and two. No doubt bridge is accompanied by the rejection of carnal pleasures. But habitual player or not, many have been seen, when involved in a game, sneaking into the J.C.R. with a couple of meat-paste rolls—an indication that they need nourishment like the rest of us. But after all, it is surely right that even bridge-players should eat. The basis of a University education is an equal balancing of mental and physical stimulus. Perhaps the true student of the future will be a sausage-roll-eating bridge-player.

his woeful Judas Maccabeus were wonderful. Boyet deserves high praise for his agility and intonation, but, like many others, he occasionally spoke too quickly to be intelligible. Dull, Jaquenetta, and A Forester were competently played. The light-heartedness of the whole play, however, only found reflection in the antics of Moth, whose quicksilver spirit and sweet voice were as gay as the meditations of Ferdinand were melancholy.

The Staff Dramatic Society must be congratulated on their competent production of one of Shakespeare's most difficult plays. One hopes that their next production will have as good a cast as this, and that more attention will be paid to the necessities of good lighting and quick scene changes. R.S.

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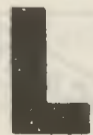
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“ ABOUT IT AND ABOUT ”

Dear Sir,

As a married student with a family of one, I should like to put on record my disgust at the opposition led by Miss Baker, to the second of Mr. Scott's proposals put forward at the A.G.M. —“ that F.E.T.S. grants should be tied to the cost of living.”

What Miss Baker did by her priggish attitude was to veto any chance of future students remaining unembarrassed financially by a rising cost of living. She smugly suggested that it would be unfitting in view of national policy to associate with wage increase demands, quite forgetting that people at work are not, repeat not, condemned to a three or four year period at an absolutely fixed wage or salary. The wage earner, even if his Union is committed to a wage-freezing policy, can always work overtime to supplement his pay packet, and most salaried workers receive yearly increments of salary irrespective of national wage policy.

Yours, etc.,

D. W. ROWBOTHAM.

Dear Sir,

I hope I may be permitted to reply to Mr. D. Kelly's letter in your issue of February 23rd, in which he purports to criticise the article “ working overtime ” of a previous issue. In this he accuses, among other things, the writer of that article of “ confusing ” anti-Fascism and anti-Communism, claiming for Fascism (in itself a very vague term nowadays) all possible vileness, while taking Communism completely at its face-value as a philosophy “ of social change . . . carrying democratic organisation to the greatest heights ever achieved, . . . building a society in which every man or woman regardless of religion, race or background has equal or limitless

opportunities for development.”

To many non-Communists it seems, however, that the things he accuses Fascism of (loss of democratic rights, suppression of Free Trade Unions, loss of artistic, cultural and national freedom, etc., etc.) are equally present in Communism. Furthermore, a movement, which in its initial stage of consolidating power was responsible for the death of over two million people, not to speak of the victims of later “ phases ” which keeps both its members and the peoples it rules under iron control, which barely tolerates religion and certainly discriminates against persons of “ non-proletarian ” origin, unless they are politically active, hardly deserves the panegyrics Mr. Kelly sees fit to lavish on it. Furthermore, Mr. Kelly accuses a certain group, who tried through leaflets to counter I.U.S. news, of “ Fascism ” (whatever that may mean).

Now I.U.S. is at the moment acknowledged by most people in this country of being an openly Communist dominated body carrying out Communist policies. The only controversy seems to be, whether, under these circumstances N.U.S. should sever relationship with I.U.S. or remain as representative of “ the other point of view.” About I.U.S. I think very few people nowadays will have any illusions. Communists have never advocated co-operation with non-Communists except on their own terms, which are: propaganda on their behalf without any reciprocity. It is therefore hardly fair of them to abuse those who want to repay in kind and stop “ co-operation ” of that sort, going so far as giving a “ sinister ” interpretation to the particular group's name (I do not claim, by the way, to speak on behalf of that group).

Finally, by reminding the Union of the “ Fascist ” scare in

1947, Mr. Kelly recalls an incident of which very many members of the Union, who remember it, rather wish it were forgotten. It can only be explained by a belated post-war hysteria, and the less said about it the better. I can assure Mr. Kelly, however, that if the Communists tried to-day, in 1950, to inflate another “ Fascist bogey ” in the Union, the result, for them might be very disappointing.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. HEU.

Dear Sir,

If Socrites and Socritess had spent some of the time taken to compose so scathing a report of the Social Studies Soc. Brains Trust on Tuesday, Feb. 14th, in checking up the facts, a fairer description might have resulted.

The Society wish to point out that the Secretary who was so unfairly criticised booked a smaller and more suitable room in the usual manner, but the Society was compelled to give it up at very short notice in favour of the University Building Exhibition, the R.S.H. being offered as the sole alternative.

The speakers on this occasion made themselves perfectly audible to the audience in the body of the Hall, and can hardly be blamed for failing to recognise that the presence of a tame Mon-goose and Keeper playing innocently with the tip-up seats in the gallery cloaked the identity of two Very Important Persons.

At least this protest may seem to point out the inequality of the room allocation system which is having the effect of putting off outside speakers who rarely recover from the “ Ordeal by Riley-Smith ” when it contains an average sized society audience.

Yours, etc.,

The Committee,
Soc. Stud. Soc.

U.N.S.A.

Anyone who attended the A.G.M. might have heard the comparatively quite discussion about the appointment of a special Peace Sub-committee of U.N.S.A. This was in fact a general criticism of U.N.S.A. in so far as certain people complained that it was not sufficiently concerned with peace. As a body which has such a close affinity with the World Government movement, which is probably our only hope of peace, this criticism is rather invalid, and had U.N.S.A.'S critics attended some of its meetings they would realise this. U.N.S.A. is affiliated to International Society, because it was felt that its work was so closely linked up with this Society's ideals, and anyone attending a meeting of U. N. S. A. or International Society, would realise that they are primarily concerned with the problem of world peace, and moreover, that they have no special political affiliations.

Practical Activities.

On Thursday, February 2nd, a symposium on Peace was held, in which representatives of the five political parties in the Union gave programmes for World Peace. U.N.S.A., however, is concerned not with the party politics of one nation, but with the problems confronting the establishment of a World Government. Our next few meetings will be concerned with information about the workings of U.N.O. and U.N.A. In the near future we hope to hold a symposium on U.N.O. and, in conjunction with the Debates Committee, a debate on the motion “ That World Peace can only be established through U.N.O. ” Naturally, we shall be glad to receive suggestions for meetings from the people who expressed their concern about Peace at the A.G.M., if they are genuinely interested in the U.N.S.A. and not just in their particular political party. U.N.S.A. does not deny the faults of U.N.O. but it does not ignore the great work it is doing, all over the world, to ensure a decent standard of living, which is in itself a way of keeping peace. U.N.O., if it is supported by all, need not be a second League of Nations, but can be a foundation upon which the superstructure of World Government can be built. U.N.S.A. is a means of enabling the students of this University to help practically in a programme of peace.

CAFE NATTER.

“ Somehow I don't see Aye to Aye with Mr. Large.

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SOCIETY NEWS.

FAN MAIL.

As Socrites notches up a second term's existence a self-satisfied smirk covers his hermaproditic physiognomy. The reason? Fan Mail. From whom? From Soc. secretaries, of all people. Admittedly some communications were not very complimentary (though the tickets Socrites receives from the Conservative Association Social definitely were). One irate secretary advised your scribe to use his eyes and the Soc. notice board, and to stop nattering at secretaries for information on Soc. activities. Unfortunately for Socrites, whose vision is quite keen when aided artificially, not all societies advertise. Were it not for a Union Handbook, Socrites would not know of their existence. He still does not know when they meet. No names, no pack drill, but Socrites is sure that the secretaries of these societies must be fully conscious of their guilt.

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HIS SATANIC MAJESTY.

A Swiss church decorator once rendered his bill for renovations after this fashion. "To polishing St. Peter's halo and washing Joseph, 50 francs. To putting new spike in devil's tail, touching up the flames of hell, and scrubbing the damned... 150 francs, etc." On Thursday, February 15th, Father Wilkin, S.J., addressed the Catholic Society on the subject of "The Very Devil," and were he mercenary minded he could present a most substantial bill for tearing off the devil's horns, spiked tail, and red trousers.

Father Wilkin did not doubt that there was a force of evil in the world, a most active force at that. However, it is not an insuperable one. Socrites thought that, since pitch-forks lapsed into disuse after the Middle Ages, a Satanic Majesty may now be tackled on fairer ground. He did not express this thought at the meeting.

There was evidence of deep and painstaking research in Father Wilkin's address, and his comments on the devil's career were always supported by quotations from contemporary sources. After the meeting, Socrites would have liked to have questioned the speaker, but found that he had not time. Nevertheless he considered that the hour had been well-spent, although he was just a tiny bit disappointed at having one of his more lurid childhood illusions shattered.

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SOCRITES DECEIVED.

On Tuesday, February 28th, a blackboard placed on the Union

steps proclaimed that the Economics Soc. were giving a free film show in R.S.H. from 1 to 2 p.m. The word "free" decided your scribe's course. The programme began with a celluloid saga entitled "We of the West Riding." To Socrites' great disappointment this was not We of the West riding horses and rustling cattle, but We of the West riding bicycles and rustling packets of sandwiches. The first scene was a brief interlude between a dog and a lamp-post, and the last the chapel choir singing "T'Allyluyer Chorus." In between was the heart-warming, homely story of the Sykes family, just an ordinary working-class household such as you might find anywhere.

Next followed a documentary cartoon which explained why the coal bill is so high and why it is likely to remain so for years to come. Altogether a cheerful little interlude. To wind up the proceedings "Night Mail" was shown. No, this is not a spy or a gangster film, but merely the thrilling journey made every night by the Northern mail, picking up and dropping mail bags *en route*. The subject matter was interesting enough, but the treatment of it, including the photography and dialogue, were definitely "hammy."

Let charity prevail, however, and let Socrites magnanimously declare, "It was worth the admission." Let him also suggest to the Economics Soc. that they take a tip from the Rhythm Club and charge a nominal admission fee.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

On Wednesday, March 1st, the Soc. Soc. met in the Small Card Room to discuss the place of science in the community. The question appeared to be whether science could flourish more fully in a capitalist society or in a totalitarian one. A gentleman named Chris led the discussion, and a man named Deryk interposed his opinions at great length from time to time.

One member knitted calmly in one corner. Another, at the back of the room was reading the Rag Magazine of one of our Southern contemporaries. Socrites was sure that beneath these outward semblances of nonchalance, fierce animosity towards capitalism was boiling. As time passed, he became less sure, until it dawned on him that the desultory dis-

GAWDELPUS.

(With apologies to Olaf Stapledon).

The last day of the shortest month brought with it to the Union a feeling of frustration. Upstairs in the R.S.H. was "Love's Labours Lost," while downstairs in the Social Room the University and Training College were debating the motion that "The future holds no hope for Man."

Proposing, Mr. Baron of the T.C. denied that his was a philosophy of despair, and pointed out that while Man has controlled Nature he has failed to control himself. Religion and Art have declined and fallen civilisations show that the paths of glory lead only to the grave.

Opposing the motion, Miss D. Smith saw that from a Woman's point of view Man has a great future. She believed that scientists perform other useful tasks besides building bigger bombs (cheers), but it is only by education that progress can be inspired. The Church and U.N.O. are fighting terror and racial discrimination and by faith in the future we shall achieve results.

Don't fence me in.

Miss Thomas, from the chairman's right, felt that Man is suffering from claustrophobia now that geographical exploration is no longer possible. With a rising birth-rate the number of mentally deficient will increase, and unless human nature is changed we are doomed.

From the left Mr. Bampton stated that ignorance nurtured fear. In the Middle Ages one man could know all there was to know. Now we have "experts," but without God's help, hope is futile. It is insidious conceit to think that despair is the prerogative of the 20th century.

cussion now proceeding was due to one thing—general bias. Of course, members of the Soc. Soc. would all be of the same opinion when it came to a clear-cut issue between Socialism and Capitalism. Even at this stage, however, Socrites did not give up hope that some constructive idea would be forthcoming. It didn't. They were still trying to find an opening when Socrites left.

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Despite the fears which may have been in some minds, the floor did not open up and swallow us, so that a number of people were able to speak from it.

Floored.

Mr. Dubas realised that the future has no reference without Man, and Mr. Cass saw it as a contradiction of feelings for a student to say there is no hope in the future. A gentleman who had mislaid his pulpit advocated complete return to religion, but Mr. Wagner, who had been to Paris, felt the Art was not declining.

Mr. Khusro split religion into widely accepted ethics and paraphernalia. If the ethics become universal there is hope. Mr. Nathan Marsh showed that the sterilising effects of the atom bomb would prevent there being any men in the future.

Working on the assumption that variety is the spice of life Mr. Inman unfolded, or better unravelled, a corny joke which had everyone in the aisles except Mr. McMenemy, the chairman, who seemed to be wishing that the world would end there and then. Mr. Ossack, however, assured us that it would not.

Mr. Freund defined the motion à la Joad, and since Man is an individual and every individual has hope, there is hope for men (Q.E.D.).

Mr. Vickers wanted to appoint a cleaner-upper in case we all went out to cut our throats, and Mr. Hoyle refused the post of teller because of mathematical inabilities.

After a few bandied words in summing up, the motion was put to the vote. There appears to be no need for a last will and testament just yet as the motion was defeated by 36 votes to 8, two members abstaining.



ATHLETICS CLUB

1st Meeting at
Weetwood on
Saturday, *
*** March 11th**

ALL ENTHUSIASTS

ARE WELCOME

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

The combination of bad weather and examinations have caused a number of cancellations since our last report, but some good games have been played by all teams.

Our representatives in the Northern Universities team acquitted themselves well at Liverpool last week, and we hope to be represented in the English v. Scottish Universities game to be played at Weetwood on March 11th. Club members are reminded that we are the hostesses for this game, and volunteers are still required for various escort duties.

Members of the Union are asked to support the match in large numbers. Some Scottish International players will be taking part and the game should be worth seeing.

A tournament between Halls and Day Students is being held on Wednesday, 8th March, at Weetwood.

The Club photographs will be taken during the last week of term.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, March 4th.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY v.
SCARBOROUGH.

Result: Won 4-2.

A perfect day for good hockey greeted us at Scarborough when we stepped out of the train. The game was fast and clean, with little to choose between the two sides. Scarborough opened the scoring from a short corner, but even so, the Leeds forwards were taking the ball into their opponents' goal, and were unfortunate not to score several times. At half-time the score was:—

Leeds 0; Scarborough 1.

Directly the second half opened the hockey from the Leeds team became more determined, and a classical movement, splitting the Scarborough defence, ended in a perfect goal. Scarborough then put a lucky goal in, but Leeds soon equalised from a short corner. From then on, the Scarborough team began to tire, and Leeds scored two more goals to finish the game.

The Leeds left wing pair played a very good game, and Mann played very safely in goal. The Leeds scorers were:—

Vincent 1, Meadowcroft 1,
Groom 1, Peniston 1.

SPORTS & GAMES

FOOTBALL

HOCKEY

BADMINTON

SPORTS CLOTHES

and

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SKATES

Thorntons

Briggate, Leeds, 1.

SPORTS NOTES*EDITORIAL.****Another "Christie" at Last.**

Congratulations to the Soccer Club, which is the second Club this year to bring in a "Christie," and, it seems that Leeds will have to be content this year with victories in Soccer and Women's Hockey. Needing only a draw with Liverpool, the Soccer team came out comfortable winners by 5 goals to 3. But, can it be modesty which prevents the Club from sending in a report of their victory?

Rifle Club "Rifled."

Returning from a shooting match with Newcastle last week, the Rifle Club suffered a set-back. Feeling in need of some sustenance after their victory, they went along to the Refreshment Buffet, leaving their compartment to fortune. Alas, dame Fortune was not with them. On their return, they found telescopes and sundry overcoats, gloves, etc., vanished. A search of the train produced no results, but we hear that the telescopes have been found on the railway side. Any student, however, seen wearing a new overcoat should not, repeat not, be asked—"Are you in the Rifle Club"—It's asking for trouble. Perhaps the victory over Birmingham this week will provide the Club with some small consolation for its unfortunate loss.

Summer Sport.

This will be the last *Union News* for the Winter Clubs (whose secretaries have failed so far to send in a resumé of their Club's activities). Fortunately, the second half of my appeal in the last Edition has been answered. We now have an Assistant Sports Editor, and a representative who will report on all cricket matches. Let us be thankful for such small mercies.

Correction from Last Issue.

The date of the first Athletics Meeting, announced in the last Copy as Saturday, March 18th, is corrected. This should read—**Saturday, March 11th** (this coming Saturday).

INTERNATIONAL EVENT.

On Saturday, March 4th, the English U.A.U. Hockey team entertained the Scottish Universities team at Weetwood, and came out comfortable winners by 5 goals to 0.

But perhaps "entertained" is hardly the appropriate word. Several caustic comments have been passed, both by the English University players and by various members of the Union on the disgraceful lack of arrangements made for the match. The Scottish team were too polite to say much, but the general opinion is that they were sadly disappointed at Leeds hospitality. The main grievances seem to have been:—

1. No arrangements were made to meet either of the visiting teams, to conduct them to their hotel, or to show them the way to Weetwood.
2. There were no arrangements for entertaining the teams after the match. They even had difficulty in getting into the "Hop."

If this is the standard of hospitality to teams who have travelled from a great distance, they are advised to keep clear of Leeds in the future. The Men's Hockey Club are not to be blamed, they would have been only too willing to assist as much as possible, had they been asked. The Women's Hockey Club seem more prepared for their event on March 11th, and it is to be hoped that they will take note of this article. The responsibility for this state of affairs can only rest on the shoulders of one person, the General Athletics Secretary, and it is a state of affairs that must not be repeated.

CRICKET CLUB.

Cricket Club members are asked to note that practice nets will be available in the last week of the Easter vacation, and it is hoped that full use will be made of them. In addition, organised practices have been arranged for the first Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of next term. Members are assured that team selection is on merit only and sufficient emphasis can not be placed on the importance of practice if the ability of each member is to be fully assessed. We thus ask for your whole-hearted co-operation in this matter.

Any further information will be posted on the Soccer Club notice board, so please refer to this before going down for the vacation.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Courts at Weetwood will be opened as soon as weather conditions permit. Both the Ladies' and Men's Clubs will hold a practice on the first Wednesday of the Summer Term, April 19th. All members of the Union who hope to play for their University this season are asked to inform the Secretaries, Miss J. Batty and Mr. A. R. Worthington, as early as possible, so that arrangements may be made for early practices.

It is our hope to bring back to Leeds the U.A.U. Championship, last won in 1948. So, if you think you can help, please come along.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

In the one inter-University match played since the last issue, the Leeds team played well to beat Liverpool 13-3. Although Liverpool were playing two reserves, Leeds were also obliged to turn out under strength, so neither side had any great advantage.

At the time of writing the probable finishing positions of the University teams in their respective leagues, is as follows:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams in the 1st Division; the 2nd team is near the bottom of the division, but the 1st team is near the top.

The 4th team is near the bottom of the 2nd Division and the 5th team, in the 3rd Division, holds the mid-way position. The 6th team is in the top half of the 4th Division, and the Ladies' Team are in the lower half of their division, but are slowly gaining ground.

It can be easily seen from this report that for a number of reasons, University Table Tennis, as a whole, is not up to last year's standard. However, all this year's 1st team will be with us again next year, and with one or two promising Freshers, next season should produce a better result.

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.

This term has been spent in training for the racing programme which opens on March 4th. We have been very fortunate in securing the services of four coaches who are exceptionally keen to see their crews do well. The 1st and 2nd crews start the season with races against three London clubs on March 4th and 5th, on the Thames. We hope that they will justify all our hopes.

Our own regatta will take place on April 29th, when we expect to entertain a large number of crews from other Universities. We hope that we shall inscribe the name of Leeds on the Stewart and Tetley cups for the first time. In order to do this we shall need all the support that we can get!

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