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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS



★ S. J. BERWIN



★ D. W. BEAL



★ A. R. JOHNSON

Mr. Stanley Berwin, second year law student, Chairman of Rag Committee, Secretary of Debates, and Debates representative on the U.C., wishes the Union to become to the Leeds student what his college is to the student at Oxford and Cambridge. He wants re-organisation of catering, with earlier opening and later closing of Caf.; better facilities for Societies, including a full-time typist to help secretaries; and a general improvement in Union amenities.

N.U.S.

He believes that N.U.S. has a very important part to play in student life, and wants more information disseminated about N.U.S. so that delegates to Council may go with a mandate from the whole Union and not from a few members only. Politics in I.U.S. is a bad thing; but N.U.S. should not disaffiliate, but try to induce other countries to join because of the useful work I.U.S. does in such matters as student relief.

Staff-Student Relations.

Mr. Berwin wishes to encourage the growth of staff-student relationships; to see the staff visit the Union more often than they do at the moment; and to provide facilities for professors to get to know their students personally.

President's Job.

He feels that many members of the U.C. are not doing their job properly. It is most important that the President and the U.C. be in constant touch with general student feeling and act accordingly. The duty of the President is "to co-ordinate student activities; to give a lead in taking an interest in Union affairs and remedying wrongs; and to be available to hear any ideas and suggestions that students might have." He is willing to answer any questions that anyone might have, and considers it essential that there be a good turn out when candidates address the Union to-day.

Mr. David Beal, third year agricultural student and ex-president of Lyddon Hall, has been a member of the Ten Open Seats for the last two years. One of the most important points in his policy if he is elected President will be to encourage more people to take an active part in all Union affairs, especially in games. To increase interest in this direction he wants to see an extension of the inter-mural games league so that other games may be included.

More Hostels.

He wishes to see Leeds become more like a University and less like a technical college. An important step in this direction would be taken if more hostel accommodation was made available.

Leeds Must Lead.

Mr. Beal believes that greater efforts should be made to put Leeds in a more prominent position both academically and in sports. The University should also try to attain a more influential position in national student activities, and have a bigger influence on N.U.S. policy.

Questionnaire

Just over sixty of the *Union News* questionnaires have been returned out of the thousand distributed. A report of the results will be published in the next issue of the *Union News*, and anyone who has not returned their questionnaire, and still has it in their possession, is asked to complete it and return it as soon as possible.

Mr. Allan Johnson, fourth year bio-chemistry honours student, House Sec., member of the staff-student committee, and representative on the Leeds Scientific Film Society, believes that the University is in danger of turning into a technical college, mainly due to the big increase in the number of students and the lack of space to cater for their needs. To remedy this, he would like to see provision of evening meals; more help given to Union Societies; and an increase in facilities such as Caf., "hops" and games.

Athletics.

Many people complain that too much is spent on athletics. Mr. Johnson feels that to decrease the allocation would mean a lowering of the standard in games. He would also like to see more spectators up at Weetwood.

N.U.S.

Mr. Johnson thinks that there is a dangerous tendency for N.U.S. to turn into a Trade Union, with Leeds as a minor factor. He believes that the impetus behind N.U.S. policy should come from Leeds, and not from N.U.S. Executive. But Council should not be made the reason for disaffiliation from I.U.S.; as long as N.U.S. can keep a voice on I.U.S., it should remain affiliated and help in the many practical activities carried on.

President's Policy.

Mr. Johnson's idea of a policy for the President is that "he is elected for and by the students of Leeds, and all his actions should be governed by the fact that he is representing these students and not any political or sectarian group. This policy should also be followed by members of U.C." Anyone standing for President should have at least a year's experience on the Exec., and all U.C. members should work actively on a sub-committee.

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EDITORIAL.

We know exams. and finals are only fifteen weeks off—that you haven't started working yet—but really must to-morrow. We understand and heartily sympathise. Even so we have two urgent demands to make on your time, neither of them will take long but both are important—Your blood and your vote!

Next Tuesday is polling day for the Presidential Elections—you are entitled to a vote and should use it. The President occupies an important position in the Union and in many indirect ways his actions will affect you. He (or she) represents you on outside bodies and in many cases to "those across the road." Why not use your vote then to elect the person you want. A brief summary of each of the candidates appears on the front page of this *Union News* and you can find more about them from posters in the Union and at the election speeches at lunch-time to-day in the Riley-Smith Hall.

We also need your blood. The Regional Blood Transfusion Unit is visiting the Union next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They are in urgent need of blood—can you spare a pint? Our target is five hundred donors, but with over three thousand students we should be able to double that number. Please give your blood early; its quick and painless—we speak from experience.

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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

STAFF-STUDENT TEA— TO-DAY.

With the desire of strengthening the already cordial relations which exist between the Union and the University (I take the liberty of thus segregating them)—the Joint-Staff Student Entertainment Committee has arranged this function. It is the first of its kind ever to be held. The Union will be represented through Societies and Clubs and the U.C. It is hoped that this will lead to more contacts between both sections of the University community, perhaps especially for the sake of the Ordinary Degree student who may sit with a hundred or more others in one more lecture each week for a year and then secure one point out of his nine for a degree merely by his response to a three-hour paper at the end of the year.

OVERSEAS RECEPTION ; TO-MORROW.

This will be followed by the I.S.S. Social, which will be free to those overseas students who would like to stay on after the reception by the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Morris.

BARS AT SOCIALS.

It was rumoured at the last U.C. Meeting that the Union Bar may be along soon. In the meantime, applications for bars at two Saturday night socials have been granted. Whether this will remove some of the surplus population from the dance-floor and enable more to attend the Saturday "hops" will have to be seen. Certainly it will seem strange to view non-stiff-fronted males knocking back alcohol within the portals of our maidenly and dignified Union. Perhaps the lack of a permanent bar gives us that aura of dignity.

CATERING.

Would you like a hot evening meal before you go to swot in the Brotherton? Or before you go to the Society Meetings, or

plays or recitals? This may be practicable but will require a sufficiently constant number of students patronising the Refec. Extension from 4-45-6-0 p.m. for it to be at all worth while. Students would probably buy their meal-tickets (as is done in the Medical School) the day before, or at lunch-time on the same day. Any ideas please, on this matter, to be sent to the Hon. Sec., who is exploring the subject.

STAFF-STUDENT BALL.

In place of the Arts Ball the idea of which has had to be withdrawn, a combined function will take place to further intramural relations. Tickets will probably be 7/6 double (the cheapest Ball of the year!) and there will be 150 for sale on each side of the road. This is another idea of the joint Entertainment Committee which deserves every encouragement in its work.

CONCLUSION.

Yours truly was honoured to be the first 1,000th diner in the Extension Refec. two weeks ago and consequently was treated to a free meal. That was a Tuesday! (Black day for the staff there!) However, this will give students some idea of the popularity of the meals there and the efficiency developed in the last few months. Never before had they reached that high figure. The following week, again on a Tuesday, they reached 1,050.

SAVOIR.

CLOSED SHOP.

Another closed shop has shown itself in the Union. The six finalists in the audition in the Social Room for the B.B.C. quiz were all chosen by the Exec. Reason—lack of time for more auditions. The President judged the competitors, who were in two teams of three under Question-master Harold Parker.

No decision has yet been reached, though this would seem to be very much in the minds of the Exec. already.

ANCHORS AWEIGH

Although the sailing of R.M.S. Lewitt from the Union Grounds last Friday was not an event of national interest it was noted at some length in the local press.

The gang plank was lowered at 8-0 p.m. and by 9-30 p.m. when the anchors aweigh ceremony commenced, around seven hundred students had gingerly "walked the plank" to get aboard.

Immediately on leaving territorial waters the well deck emptied and a noticeable list appeared as the saloon bar rapidly filled, the advent of a sea lion in our midst was, we are assured, an event not anticipated by the captain or crew.

Leaving the fog and darkness behind R.M.S. Lewitt sailed through bright lights, cigarette haze and sweet music for four and a half hours. As midnight approached the temperature rapidly increased and on the stroke of twelve Father Neptune and his court scrambled aboard, over the bows—we were "crossing the line." With only a five day week and the high cost of overtime Neptune dispensed with the ceremony of shaving all... and contented himself with one victim. Your reporter achieved a bird's eye view of the proceedings from the crow's nest (complete with crow) at the top of the thirty-foot mast stepped in the centre of the well deck.

By two in the morning most passengers had completed a tour of the ship with long delays on the promenade deck and longer ones in the saloon bar. We were privileged to visit the bridge and even took a turn at the wheel. The intricacies of the engine-room amazed us—especially the fuel consumed by an elaborate machine—barrels and bottles of beer.

Congratulations Engineers on THE MOST ORIGINAL BALL EVER. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

STOP PRESS

The result of the referendum held at the beginning of the week was announced yesterday: For the motion 565

Against 709

Leeds delegates will therefore be mandated to vote against the discussion of politics in N.U.S. at the next council.

Note: 41-1% of the electorate vote.

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RETIREMENT of Professor BRODETSKY

Many members of the University Staff and friends from the town gathered in the Social Room on January 26th, for the presentation of a testimonial to Professor Brodetsky, who retired last July after 24 years in the Mathematics Department, the last few of which he spent as head of the Department.

The Pro-Chancellor (Dr. Harold Veale) presented him with a cheque and a book of signatures; Professor Brodetsky returned the former for the benefit of students in his own Department.

Professors J. B. Speakman and J. H. Harvey then paid their tributes to him, recalling his many activities both in the University and the town, and mentioning how he added interest to his lectures, on one occasion even bringing in a Canadian boy champion Yoyo player to illustrate a point. Mr. W. Fisher, President of the Leeds Astronomical Society then offered him the good wishes from the town.

In reply Professor Brodetsky said that although it is often maintained that happiest years of our lives are when we are students, he considered that his academic career here had been his happiest. He had just returned from U.S.A. and Israel, the formation of this latter state having been the fulfilment of one of the wishes of his life. Last Saturday he set off again for U.S.A., and on February 20th leaves for Australia and New Zealand.

R.J.C.

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Or have you developed an acquisitive instinct and count your blood corpuscles as you count your Woodbines? If you get rid of your complex, you can give resounding things like Thrombin, Fibrinogen, Fibrin foam and Gamma Globulin, a separate identity. (Can't you feel them throbbing in your veins, just waiting to get out?)

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On the other hand, you may have a closer affinity with the monkey tribe than you think, and can contribute Rhesus negative blood—in 1948 in Leeds they used 3,367 bottles of it—for the treatment of mothers and newly-born babies. This year they want twice that number.

The Leeds Blood Transfusion Service wants 30,000 new blood donors in addition to last year's total of 37,000. They only take about 3/4-pint of blood away from you. If they ask you to come again in six months time—and blood corpuscles multiply in record time—you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your blood is good. M.R.

ACTIVE OR NOMINAL?

Should the International Society be affiliated to U.N.S.A.? Whether the Union Executive agrees or not, and the final decision rests in its hands, the International Society has declared that it wishes to accept U.N.S.A. responsibilities as part of its work.

Unknown to the mass of students, each person, by being

a member of the Union has for the past year automatically become a member of U.N.S.A.

At the S.G.M. of the International Society on Jan. 25th, it was unanimously decided that 206 active participants (the present membership of the International Society) would be better than 3,000 nominal members.

MUSIC

The Visitors...

The "Intimate Opera" Coy. visited us a fortnight ago. And how brilliant they were! Three singers and a pianist form the basis of this Company; they performed miniature operas by Pergolesi, Dibdin and Offenbach for the Wednesday night Chamber Concert audience and two short works for the Mid-day Recital on Thursday. Tympanum went to Wednesday night's concert and came away rhapsodizing. Well-nigh flawless performances from the singers (in spite of Miss Sorrell's severe cold) were matched by neat accompaniment by the (scratch) orchestra.

The Resident...

The Music Society's weekly lunch-time Recitals began with a programme of Piano Music played by Mr. F. S. Mumby.

He started with a Mozart Sonata (more anon.), followed this with six of the Debussy Preludes, and ended in a blaze of glory with a Poulenc Sonata. For the Debussy and the Poulenc Tympanum, and in fact the audience generally, had nothing but praise. But Mozart—well, the row is still on! There is a School of Thought within the University which holds that Mozart should not be sentimentalised, dramatised, eroticised or lily-gilded in any way. Mr. Mumby got it in the neck from the School aforesaid—including, we fear, some of his own students. Tympanum himself, being the soul of discretion and compromise, hastily perched himself on his fence....

The Quiz...

Is 1-20 p.m. the best time for a lunch-time Recital or Lecture, under present circumstances? This question cropped up in connection with the Music Society's Thursday series, but seems widely applicable.

Suggested new time is 1 p.m. Theory: that people with 12 o'clock lectures can't have lunch at 1-0 and reach a Recital at 1-20; whereas they could come to a Recital at 1-0 and have lunch at 1-40. TYMPANUM.

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UNION COMMITTEE.

FOOD.

The meeting began with a report from Dr. Belton, Staff Treasurer and Chairman of the Catering Committee. The two Refectories have both run at a loss in the last year (£600 on the Old and £100 on the New). This is due to increases in wages and cost of food. It was felt that the only way to overcome this would be to increase the price of meals.

The possibility of serving evening meals was discussed in great detail; it was generally agreed that there was a need for such a service, but the time and number caused considerable argument. Five o'clock Society meetings, evening film shows, and those Brotherton bound, all had to be taken into consideration. A questionnaire to be issued by the G. and W. Committee early this month should provide some reasonable idea; meanwhile the scheme will be started experimentally.

An extension to the present temporary refectory is soon to be built, increasing both seating accommodation and serving space. Plans are proceeding for a new "super refec." to be built between the Union and the gym. Investigation into the speediest method of service has been thorough, and a conveyor belt-cum-escalator system seems to be the most probably. The refec. will provide accommodation for official luncheons and dinners as well as the usual student needs.

ENERGY.

Plans for the extensive Physical Education Department include the provision of squash, badminton and fives courts, accommodation for judo and table tennis, and eventually a swimming pool! The G.A.S. also announced that there would soon be more changing accommodation up at Weetwood.

AT LAST.

It was also whispered that a Bar MIGHT appear in the Union during the Easter vac.

A.G.M.

It was agreed that the Agenda of the A.G.M. be kept as short as possible including the usual reports and any business raised by private members which is submitted to the Union Office by to-day.

BRIDGE CLUB

It is to be regretted very much that the attendance at the Bridge Club "doos" has been falling off lately and an appeal is made to all the members to try to be present at the meetings fairly frequently. It is also emphasised that the membership is absolutely free and unqualified and facilities are provided for learning the game.

In an attempt to make the programme still more popular, we have arranged to hold Whist Drives at regular intervals—

Mr. Mahabir, after referring to the good behaviour at the last S.G.M., said with insuperable optimism, "I feel the meeting will be reasonably orderly."

The resolution that the Secretary's terminal reports to students should be discontinued and incorporated in an annual report was passed unanimously.

N.U.S. and "Gryphon."

Resignations from Miss Mollie Herbert, Editor of *The Gryphon*, and Mr. Simpson, N.U.S. Secretary, were accepted. Messrs. Skelton and Moody were approved as joint Editors of *The Gryphon*, and Mr. Inman as the new N.U.S. Secretary.

Mr. Inman, in the N.U.S. report, told the committee that students had been engaged in vacation work. There had been no complaints, and schemes for work in the Easter vacation are going ahead. He also gave the dates of Congress — April 5th-15th—to be held at Bangor this year. The only study outline available to students will be included in the next edition of *Student Chronicle*. Congress will be limited to 700, and students wishing to attend are advised to apply as soon as forms arrive.

FILMS.

A film committee has been appointed, with Mr. Gibson as secretary, whose function will be the selection of films for weekly film shows. The day on which the show should take place caused much discussion, but it was finally agreed that Tuesdays and Thursdays should be tried, and Sundays only as a last resort.

ODD ITEMS.

The Union Committee approved: the purchase of a new piano for the Union; that a regulation be made that any one leaving the Union library for more than 15 minutes should remove their books, etc.; that the Leeds Inter-Varsity Debate should be held on March 8th, the motion being that "International Peace is Impossible"; and that G. and W. questionnaire to be issued, dealing mainly with housing and expenditure, in which students are asked to co-operate and supply the information required.

probably once a month; the first one will be held in the Social Room between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., on Monday, February 7th. Incidentally we learn that we are the first to hold a Whist Drive in our Union and we expect a good reception. We also hope that attendance at the Whist Drive will encourage people to attend our regular meetings.

Our target is to see that every Union member is able to unravel the mysteries of bridge, and we need your support to achieve it.
S.P.S.

Is There a Comedian in the House.

Such was the cry of Stan Berwin, Chairman of the Rag Committee, after the auditions for Rag Revue had been held in the Riley-Smith Hall on Wednesday, January 26th. However, Mr. Berwin said that the prospects for the revue are good, for we have talent. But if this important part of Rag Week is to be a success we must have the co-operation and help of all members of the University. Artists are still needed, and anybody who would like to try for an audition should come forward now.

In the three hours of the audition fifteen acts were seen, and although the standard for the most part was high, the lack of individual comic acts was particularly noticeable. Among the artists, the "Vernon Street Late Night Jazz Hounds" from the Art School, and the delightful singing and dancing of Miss Joyce Pocklington from the Yorkshire Training College of Housecraft were outstanding. Other items included Mr. Gerry Rich, Miss M. Heatherington, Mr. Frank Abelson (with impressions of Hutch and Al Jolson), and Miss Gorga.

One of the most interesting items in the revue promises to be Mr. Pengelly's high dive act from the roof of the theatre. In the absence of a suitable tank and water Mr. Pengelly was persuaded, in the interests of Rugby football not to give a rough idea of his amazing feat. T.A.

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On Monday, January 17th, Professor Watson opened a series of five lectures on "The use of Grassland and its Products in the Feeding of Livestock."

In this lecture he started with a comparison of the feeding values of grass and other crops which could be grown on the same land, clearly demonstrating the advantages of grass. He followed this by a comparison of the feeding value of different grasses at the same stage of growth. After pointing out the advantages, in both yield and food value, of cutting grass fortnightly instead of monthly, he showed how this was connected with the ratio leaf-stem, which in turn depends on the season. The lecture ended with a series of slides demonstrating mineral deficiency and excess diseases of animals.

Judging by the attendance and the comments that were heard after the lecture there will be no lack of people at the future ones; which will be held in the General Lecture Theatre at 5-15 p.m., on February 7th, 14th, 28th, and March 14th. The lectures are open to all, not merely members of the University, and admission is free.

R.J.C.

WANTED.

Applications are invited for the following posts on *The Gryphon* Staff:

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Assistant Business Manager.

Assistant Sales Manager.

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Variations on Modern Theme.

I will arise and go now, for she awaiteth me,
With a small coffee laid there, in chipped but charming cup.
Her lips, wild woodbine-scented, scattering poetry
which only I may gather up.
And I shall have some peace there, for there is none in here,
Where every bay is blighted by strong-lunged whispering things.
But she will soothe her comfort into my wearied ear,
And soothe my soul with aerial rings.
I will arise and go now, for always night and day,
She chideth me for lingering, and tells me of her dreams.
Of satyr-gods of science who spirit her away—
And I'm a mortal still, it seems.

H.M.T.

“ . . . about it and about ”

No Comment (Ed.).

Dear Madam,

Some few days ago a member of our most honoured Faculty had occasion to purchase some fish-and-chips. Having consumed his frugal repast, he happened to glance at the wrapping, which he found to be a journal dignified by the title of **Union News**. To his surprise he found himself addressed as a member of the Leeds University Union. After lengthy consultations with several of his confrères, it was decided to appoint a select committee to enquire into the nature and functions of this organisation. A sub-committee was appointed to visit and report on the above-mentioned institution.

Herewith we beg to submit the report :—

“After an exhaustive toil up a most unsalubrious hill and with the help of a policeman, several small boys and a dog with a keen sense of smell—we arrived!!!

Upon the internal conditions we would say :—

1. No Bar.
2. Queues.
3. Noisy crowds.
4. Individuals who persist in offending our sartorial sensibilities by dressing in a fashion which we find too painful to describe.
5. An unhealthy lack of sanitary facilities.
6. No Bar.
7. Political infantilism.
8. Insufficient seating accommodation.
9. That an annual levy of £4 is extracted from unsuspecting and financially embarrassed members.
10. No Bar.”

The Committee recommended that it would be foolish to aggravate the congestion of this lesser Bloomsbury by mixing with this conglomeration of intellectual spivs.

Therefore, Madam,
We remain,

“At the Medical School.”

(Signed by 11 Croft Hall medical students).

Sundries for Sundarem !

Dear Madam,

The one amenity that is left lacking in our Union is the establishment of a combined barber's shop and co-operative stall which would make available to the student the sale of such articles as stationery, newspapers, combs, tooth pastes, hair creams, razor blades, sweets, and a host of other such sundries. It can be run on a non-profit basis, but with maximum benefits to the student, who, at present, has to run to town or Sadler's and pay a penny extra on a penny's-worth; it is needless, however, to point the time-factor.

This idea should be welcome to the Union authorities, especially now when the question of the sale of newspapers inside the Union grounds is engaging their attention.

Yours, etc.,

S.P. SUNDARAM.

Challenge ?

Madam,

At the S.G.M. to-day the Secretary of the U.C., justifying the legislation forbidding the sale of newspapers in the Union grounds, suggested that it had been enacted partly to protect the sales of the **Union News**. Since everyone is aware of the nature and intentions of the motion, the implication of the Secretary's remark is clear.

Is he to remain unchallenged ?
Are you afraid of competition from the *Daily Worker* ?

In any case the defeat of the motion to-day was perhaps the most hypocritical expression of student opinion as a whole as was ever witnessed in the Riley-Smith Hall. Members who do not want the *Daily Worker* in the Union can express their opinion forcibly enough by refusing to buy it. What more restriction is needed ?

As a speaker pointed out, we are using against the Communists party methods for which we condemn them. If we must have an S.G.M. why not a straight forward motion to achieve a straight forward purpose ?

Yours, etc.,

D. A. FURNESS.

NO WORKERS IN THIS UNION

In a statement to the **Union News**, after an S.G.M. had supported the Union Committee in banning the sale of newspapers within the Union, Mr. Scott, local Communist big shot, and proposer of the motion, commented on the result (391 to 129 against allowing the sale of newspapers in the Union). He felt that the voting had been greatly influenced by political motives. With a rueful smile he admitted that nothing further could be done to promote the sales of the *Daily Worker* in the Union until the bookstall was started.

At the meeting, though the President said he wanted to avoid a battle of Communists

versus the rest, Mr. Scott had made it so from the start. But his approach was somewhat modified by Mr. Braham, seconding the motion, whose lucid and unbiased speech brought the meeting back to the subject in hand.

There were four other speakers and Mr. Berwin, who helped the President once or twice.

But the Communists were doomed from the start. Mr. Scott's warning that once Anti-Communist crusaders start, its amazing where they end, was substantiated. For the time being this one had ended back in Beech Grove Terrace.

P.A.T.F.

SOCIETIES ROUND-UP

Scout and Guide Group.

Our second year as a joint group began successfully: last term's Freshers' Social saw the arrival of several new members, and we were rather glad to welcome rather more Scouts than last year. Mr. Grist gave one of his inimitable bird talks, there was a camp fire at Weetwood (on Mischief Night!), a talk on the Service of Youth, a "Cadet Training" meeting and, of course, a Christmas party complete with Santa and circus. Already this term we have had a discussion on Scout-Guide co-operation, a hike on Ilkley Moor and a talk on Youth Clubs.

Future plans for the term include a demonstration on "The Use of Games" (as a method of instruction), a "Scout Troop" meeting, a rather early Easter Party—and two special meetings in commemoration of Lord Baden-Powell: The Thinking Day Service on February 20th and the Group Dinner on the 22nd.

There will be other week-end activities, and in the summer term we plan a bird-watching Hostel week-end (led by Mr. Grist), hikes, and another visit to Rose Cottage in the North Riding.

We extend an invitation to anyone interested in Scouting and Guiding—our notice board is opposite W.C.R.

English Society.

The English Society wanted to be more versatile, so on January 17th it invited Mr. George Hankin, B.Mus., F.R.C.O., to give a talk on "Music after the Restoration." The experiment was welcomed but it was launched with dubious success.

The subject had its possibilities, ranging from John Dowland, Henry Lawes, Matthew Locke and Henry Purcell; through the days of unaccompanied music, spinets, lutes and harpsichords, masques and madrigals. But its fascination was considerably diluted by a colourless and unanimated presentation.

The assistance of Mr. Doyle-Davidson was called upon to operate a gramophone borrowed from the English Language Phonetics Laboratory. Apart from some alarming distractions when one record crashed to the floor and another refused to play, the choice of music may be said to have been satisfactory. Those present received a foretaste of Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," which is to be performed this term by the Music Society.

C. of E. Society—

“ Christian Convictions.”

The first Christian conviction is not anything so profound as an intellectual certainty that God exists; but rather this, that we are entirely without resources of our own to cope successfully with the stubborn facts of existence. And what we need is not good advice or a blueprint; but a Saviour who can deliver us out of the appalling mess into which we have sunk.

Many substitutes are offered in place of Christian faith: serious ones like psychotherapy or educational and political programmes; less serious, like Fleet Street astrology and the refrains of popular songs—"When I'm feeling blue, I'll think of you." But they are all equally futile in the face of two intensely practical facts, death and evil.

Only the Christian Church has persistently had the effrontery to proclaim that it can deliver everyone from fear of death and the consequences of evil. Unless this claim—beyond the most ambitious claims of Aristotle, Napoleon and Marx—can be substantiated, the Christian Gospel is irrelevant nonsense.

This was Fr. Graham's challenge in the first of a series of lectures entitled "Christian Convictions"; and in succeeding lectures he will attempt to substantiate his claims for Christianity. These lectures are open to all—questions welcomed—and will take place on Thursdays, 3rd Feb., 17th Feb., 3rd March at 5-0 p.m., in the Large Card Room.

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★ SPORT ★

" IN GENERAL."

First the "Laurels":—Congratulations to **W. A. ("Bill") Bale**, of the University Soccer Club, on his selection as centre-half in the English Universities XI to play against the Welsh Universities on February 5th. Congratulations also to **W. Mills** on his selection as reserve centre-forward for the same team.

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the inter-departmental competition is proving a great success. The competition is a very keen one,—witness the number of Hockey, Rugby and Soccer games played every Wednesday—and the enthusiasm of some departments is truly amazing. Efforts are being made to increase and improve the changing facilities, which are obviously inadequate at present. While on the subject of inter-departmental games we might add a word of praise for the groundsmen at Weetwood. This new branch of University sport has greatly increased the amount of work they have to do.

It is quite possible that in the near future a Christie Athletics Club will be formed, which will incorporate all students, past and present, of the Universities of Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester. The aim of the Club is to hold one or two important meetings per year, against some of the well-known Athletic Clubs in Britain.

The information has reached us that a sub-committee of the Physical Education Committee is at present examining the architect's plans for a new Physical Health Centre, which is to be constructed behind the Union. The buildings will include, among other things, a new gymnasium, a swimming pool and facilities for Squash and Fives. There is a possibility that the swimming pool will be under the new Refectory. For the majority of students, the question is probably not "Where?" so much as "When?"

Rugger Club.

So far this term the performances of all teams have been mediocre—the hopes expressed at the end of last term have not been fulfilled.

The 1st XV—on which, rightly or wrongly, the reputation of the Club rests—has only managed one rather fortunate draw in four home games. This is not primarily due to the heavy crop of injuries, for good reserves are available. Handicapped by the non-availability of **K. Meredith**, the Gloucestershire hooker, the light pack is no longer able to give the backs a liberal supply of the ball from the set scrums, and consequently, this term the type of game has been decided by the opposition. The 1st XV's problem therefore, is to reform its pack.

The most disturbing fact, however, is that on at least two occasions this term, teams have turned out deficient of one or two players. To those of you who have "fallen by the wayside" here is another invitation to turn out again, and if you feel that you have been overlooked, then by all means let the committee know.

Boat Club.

The University Crews have now been selected and are in training for their fixtures at the end of the term and during the Regatta season.

The first fixture of the year is on March 5th, when the Maiden Crews will race against St. John's College, York, Manchester University and Nottingham University Boat Clubs.

The first "four" will not have any races this term, but the "eight," which is composed as follows: **J. V. Smith** (Bow), **P. Gregson**, **B. Spencer**, **W. Moscovici**, **I. A. Hillary**, **N. M. T. Haigh**, **B. J. Gisbourne**, **A. Horsefield** (Str.), **J. A. Beal** (Cox), is in hard training for the Chester Head of the River Race to be held on Saturday, March 19th.

RESULTS.

	1st.	2nd.
Men's Hockey.		
Tues. 18 Jan. v. Belfast	L 0—2	
Wed. 19 „ v. Nottingham	W 7—4	v. Nottingham W 3—0
Sat. 22 „ v. Sandal	W 4—1	v. Sandal W 5—1
Wed. 26 „ v. Liverpool	L 1—2	v. Liverpool D 0—0
Sat. 29 „ v. York	W 4—0	v. 8 R.T.R. L 3—4
Rugby Club.		
Sat. 15 Jan. v. O. Hymerians	L 3—8	v. Draxonians L 3—6
Wed. 19 „ v. Medicals	D 14—14	v. Medicals "A" W 35—3
Sat. 22 „ v. Keighlians	L 5—9	v. Keighlians "A" L 5—9
Wed. 26 „ v. King's College	L 8—11	
Sat. 29 „ v. Selby	W 19—5	v. Selby W 28—
Medicals Rugby Club.		
v. O. Brodleians	W 6—3	v. O. Brodleians L 5—21
v. Harrogate	L 0—15	v. Harrogate L 6—11
Soccer.		
Sat. 22 „ v. Meltham	W 3—0	v. W.R.O.B. XI L 3—6
Wed. 26 „ v. Sheffield Univ.	L 2—7	v. Sheffield Univ. L 5—7
Sat. 29 „ v. Thackley	L 1—3	v. White Lee W 0

Medicals Rugby Club

v. **University**. In this annual "derby" the Medics. were held to a draw. A fast hard-working pack harried their more experienced and heavier opponents, and often, when the ball ran loose, they took it almost to the University line. Keen tackling and clean handling by the "threes" gave their opposite numbers a poor day.

v. **Old Brodleians**. The feature of this game was the fine heeling in the loose, which gave the three-quarters plenty of chances to pile up a good score. Bad handling alone prevented this happening.

v. **Harrogate**. A fine open game was enjoyed by a number of spectators. The "threes" didn't get much of the ball, but tackled well. **King**, the Harrogate full-back, played an outstanding game; frequently turning defence into attack with his well-placed kicks.

Men's Hockey.

Perhaps the most outstanding news from the Hockey Club is that the 2nd XI were beaten last Saturday by 8 R.T.R., Catterick. This was the 2nd's first defeat in 15 games! The score, 4—3, sums up what was by all accounts a very hard game.

The 1st XI had a first-rate game when they entertained the touring BELFAST team. A little more speed on the ball and a little extra beef carried the visitors home to a 2—0 victory, but they admitted to being rather worn when the final whistle blew. Since then the 1sts have scored 16 goals in four games—which illustrates the effectiveness of the more open game they have adopted recently.

The "A" XI are at last having a chance to mould themselves into a team. We are hoping they will have a run of victories to complete the season.

Fixtures at Weetwood.

Wednesday, 9th March:

Leeds University v.
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Soccer.

After a somewhat ragged display against Sheffield last Wednesday, the cup match against White Lee was a tonic to both players and team selectors. At last the 2nd XI appeared to have regained its form. The forwards gave their best display of the season with Howorth and Jones especially thrustful on the wings. The defence, too, were always masters of the situation. **Keskin**, brought in at the last minute, gave a very satisfactory display at wing-half. **Howorth** and **Jones** scored for the University.

The 2nd Round of the West Yorks. League Cup will be played on Saturday, February 19th.

Important dates in the near future are:

Saturday, February 5th. The 1st XI play Christ Church O.B. at Harrogate in the 5th Round of the West Riding County Challenge Cup. It is hoped to run a coach for this important fixture. All those who wish to support the 1st XI on this occasion are asked to sign the list on the Soccer Club notice board. We need your support—it will be a welcome tonic to our players to hear a friendly word of encouragement from the touch line.

Wednesday, February 9th. Both teams travel to Manchester University for a U.A.U. and Christie fixture. We still have a chance in the U.A.U. if we win the remainder of our games. But, Manchester are a very strong side this year—they were unlucky to draw with Bury, 3—3, last week—and our chances of victory are not too bright.

Cross-Country Club.

Despite the unconvincing start to this season's races, hopes run high for the U.A.U. Championship at Reading next month. With Haw running below his accustomed form, Birch provided Leeds with the second man home at Birmingham on Saturday, in spite of the fact that he had lost a shoe during the race. The 1st and 2nd teams both lost by narrow margins, but some consolation can be gained from the resounding victory of the 2nd team over Leeds Training College on January 22nd, when the Club provided eight of the first ten men home.

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