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N.U.S. UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY

Meeting to discuss this today

A serious situation may arise in the relations of the College with the National Union of Students as a result of the extraordinary general meeting called for today.

The meeting, to be held in the Gymnasium at 1.30 p.m., has been called by two individual groups using the special machinery provided by the Union Constitution to enable pressing matters to be considered by the Union members.

The motion, of which notice has been given, states:—

(a) That this meeting considers the position of this Union with regards to the National Union of Students.

(b) That this meeting decide whether a referendum be held to determine the future relationship between this Union and the National Union of Students.

you will find printed inside. Try to go armed with the facts and with open minds so that you can give a fair decision on this problem.

Heavy Losses

After the announcement in PI that the N.U.S. lost £12,500 on its Pratings last year, several members of the Union decided that as a result of this, and because of the N.U.S. policy and actions in the past, the Union should really consider whether the National Union acts in the interests of the students of University College or whether, in fact, the N.U.S. is really a financial burden on the Union which is not worth the expense.

Several prominent members of the Union Council have shown themselves to be against the N.U.S. although the College takes a big part in its affairs, especially as it is the closest college, geographically speaking. Members of U.C. are always found at events arranged by the N.U.S. and it is certain that individual members do benefit from the N.U.S. to some extent. The Grants and Welfare department of the N.U.S. has certainly done a lot to help the students who derive their grants from the 'black' counties and authorities in the country.

Yet there is no doubt that the National Union has a lot to answer for, and many feel that a very great deal that could have been done by the N.U.S. was not given due attention.

Big Decision

It will be a big step to take if the general meeting decides to take action against the N.U.S. and it would be a good thing if a large number of Union members armed with ample knowledge of the facts, would attend this meeting. To try to help students to obtain these facts, quickly and easily, we have arranged a forum on the N.U.S. which

Hold Up in the Bar!

On the last two Saturdays of the winter term a determined attempt was made to prevent the general public from using the Union Bar. Only members of the Union and holders of hop tickets were allowed in. Members of the College were allowed to take in one guest. Members only were allowed in the Bar, this last rule being carried into force, pleasantly and efficiently by the beadles. The hop was run as usual by the Entertainments Committee who had no longer to cope with so many gate-crashers.

The Bar itself was not very full but its occupants all seemed to know each other. Outside beyond the barrier, life was very dull on the first Saturday, but on the second it was as lively as it had been earlier in the term.

This attempt to prevent the entry of undesirables has so far been admirably successful.

B.C.R. ELECTIONS

Bentham Hall Common Room held its Annual Meeting for this term on Tuesday evening. Stephen Usher, post-graduate classics student, was elected to the position of Chairman in place of the retiring Mr. Blackler. Mr. Keith Clough, after competing with Mr. Usher for chairmanship, was later elected as Secretary. Members were informed about the Hall's future acquisitions, which will include a radiogram and probably a grand piano.

X-RAY FOR ALL

On the 15th of February the mobile mass chest X-ray unit pays its annual visit to the College, and during its stay until the 9th of March the majority of students will visit it. Attendance is semi-compulsory for students and the domestic staff, while it is optional for the academic staff. The latter are, however, encouraged to attend. It is estimated that thirty people will be examined every fifteen minutes while the unit is operating, and the amount of the students' time taken up, should be negligible; it is nowadays unnecessary to undress for the examination to be made.

Among the number who attend only very few cases of T.B. are usually detected. Between eight and twelve is about the average and most of these are only very minor cases. It is sometimes necessary for a further X-ray to be taken on a larger plate, as, owing to the small size of the picture from the mass X-ray,

cases of doubt occasionally arise. In other instances a further check some months later will be suggested. The age group, 18 to 25, is more prone to T.B. than are the others, and for that reason the incidence of the disease is found to be slightly higher in colleges than it is on an average throughout the country.

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ON GUARD!

Union To Get New Premises

Before the last meeting of Council in the Christmas term, the Provost, Dr. Ifor Evans, addressed the members of Council on "College Accommodation". In his talk, plans for the future development of the college building were explained together with the effect this would have on Union and refectory premises.

The building work being carried out in the college is part of an overall plan for London University and from the financial point of view, war damage work and development work are being managed together. Dr. Evans explained that although the work appeared to be progressing slowly, in fact much had been done since the war. The intricacies of building plans were explained to show that the college authorities were rebuilding as fast as is possible under the present circumstances.

It was the hope of the college authorities that the Union would have its own building in the future but as this seems to be in the very distant future, the authorities were going to make temporary arrangements. The plan was to acquire the Seaman's hospital, which is being vacated by the Ministry of Pensions, and to put the lower floors at the disposal of Physics department, the top floors at the disposal of the Mathematics department, and the other three middle floors at the disposal of the Union.

This accommodation would provide plenty of room for all Union purposes, excluding dances, etc., which require a large hall. The refectory, meanwhile, would move to a new site being prepared on the east side of the octagon in the main block. The present refectory, with the kitchens cleared away, would provide a large hall for the use of the Union.

Although the Union would, in all probability, retain the lounge, the temporary huts in the main quadrangle would be dismantled. All temporary accommodation behind the main block will be removed in time to allow the erection of permanent buildings. The Provost then answered a lot of questions on the details involved in the changes. At the conclusion of the talk, the President, Mr. Morris, thanked him for the trouble he had taken to inform Council of the building committee's plans.

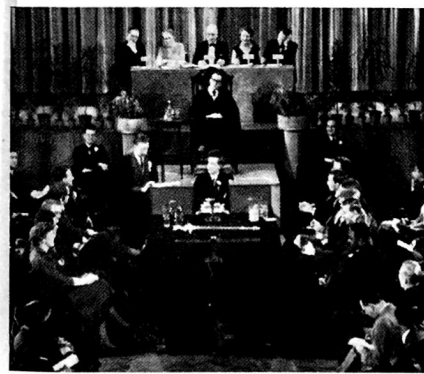


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The scene at the South-West Essex Technical College: seen by millions on B.B.C. Television.

SOCIETY SECRETARIES—

Send Reports of ALL Meetings to PI

SIX PAGES TODAY

Today sees a change in PI—six pages for the price of four! At the last meeting of Council, a resolution from the finance committee was accepted which would cover the paper against losses to be incurred in a general expansion of the paper. The expansion in question is to increase the number of pages to six and to make a regular fortnightly issue. A new statement of editorial policy has emerged which will make PI into a College paper to carry the news and views of the staff as well as the students.

This idea has had a very good reception from the staff and students alike, and we have had many messages of goodwill. The Provost kindly agreed to let us have his views on this expansion and these we print below.

The enlarged issue of PI can fulfil a very important function in the life of the College, particularly at the present time and under present conditions.

For instance, in buildings such as ours there is no focal point where notices can be displayed with the assurance that they will be seen by all members of the College in the normal course of their daily life. In spite of the various noticeboards, therefore, and of blackboards erected in the South Quadrangle, the activities of a number of societies are inadequately advertised and it is difficult to bring many events sufficiently before the attention of the whole College.

I hope, therefore, that PI will make itself above all the agency by which the varied life of the College is brought to the attention of the College as a whole. Nothing else that it can do could be of greater importance.

There are, however, other possibilities. An increased PI will mean an increased account of student activities. That can be taken for granted and needs no emphasis here. I hope, though, that with the increased space fuller reporting of College activities will be possible. Our life

is a very varied one, and there do come to Gower Street a more diverse and more distinguished collection of visitors than perhaps to any other University institution of this kind. PI could perform a great service in giving adequate accounts of their visits.

I know that many of the most forward thinking minds in the Union are anxious to increase the relationships between academic staff and the undergraduate body. They were in the pre-war days one of the distinctive and most rewarding sides of life in the College.

We all know how in the post-war period a number of factors have made this easy contact between the senior and the undergraduate side of the College more difficult. I am hopeful that an enlarged PI will make an important contribution to the re-establishment of those relationships that would make the College a single society.

I know that my colleagues on the academic staff will be very willing to co-operate with the Editor and his colleagues in seeing that the new PI is a success, and on their behalf and my own I send it all good wishes.

B. IFOR EVANS

DEBATING TOURNAMENT

The National Student Debating Tournament, sponsored by the Observer, was won by a debating team from Ruskin College, Oxford, in a final round noteworthy for the brilliance, not of its speeches but of the arc lights used during the Television show. A panel of five distinguished people, namely Frank Byers, Dame Edith Evans, Lady Pakenham, Mr. Hugh Gaiskell and Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, sat, rather like a "What's My Line" panel, to determine the winning team.

The proceedings were started by T. Megahy, of Oxford, who proposed the motion, "That in the opinion of this House, the emancipation of Woman

inequality women cannot take the place of men. He illustrated the different attitude of the sexes to life by using the example of marriage. In this situation the sexes cannot change places although some women did try to wear the trousers.

The second of the proposition, W. McCarthy of Oxford, in a witty speech, tried to warn the male members of the audience against the fair but alas cunning sex. He showed that in countries where women are superior everything is done in the dark, both literally and metaphorically. A man picks a wife in a light in which he would not choose a suit, whereas in the countries where the men have the whip-hand a man not only picks a wife in the light but gets a collection of wives to ensure peace.

To wind up the opposition's case, P. Maloney of Liverpool summed up the proposition's case with a withering attack of sarcasm that unfortunately was not to the liking of the judges. Nevertheless, his wit was quite remarkable even though it was not equal to the high quality of his speech in the semi-finals. His logic was difficult to follow and the points he made were lost in the mass of his amusing remarks.

The judges' decision was announced by the Home Secretary, who gave a lecture on the importance of debating in a democratic community. "Debating," he said, "was the best means of getting a balanced view of a problem."

The silver mace, offered by the Observer Trust, to be contested for each year, was presented to the winning team by Mr. Dingle Foot. Individual prizes were given to the members of the winning team as well as to the best individual speaker of the tournament, Mr. Elmo-Hall, of Sheffield University.

On the previous evening, at the semi-finals, the audience were treated to a far better and more numerous selection of speeches. The motion was "That in the opinion of this House, politics were dull and getting duller all the time!" Eight teams were represented, including one from King's College, London.

Congratulations

Congratulations to A. B. C. Cobban, M.A., Ph.D., of the History Department, and to R. C. Fitzgerald, LL.B., F.R.S.A., of the Law Faculty, upon their promotions to the positions of professors.

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING TODAY

1.30 p.m. in the Gymnasium

has led to the enslavement of Man". His case rested on the statement that if women were made equal to men, then they would soon become even superior to them. This he proved by showing that our wise forefathers had made laws, to keep women in their places so that there would be no chance of their attaining equal status. In this day and age, when men are weakening, women are using scientific aids to complete the enslavement of man, i.e. cosmetics. The fact that the B.B.C. is putting out cookery programmes for men shows that the overthrow of the stronger sex is imminent, if not already effected.

Dr. V. Lishman, of Liverpool University, said that because women are becoming more educated it does not mean that they are becoming more attractive! After all, men are more equal than women and on this score of

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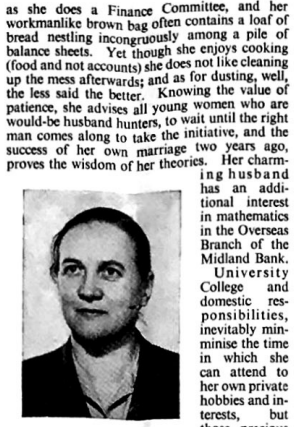
PROFILE:—

DR. CONSTANCE RIGBY

—Union Senior Treasurer

When a potential Freshman gazes through our Union Handbook with that intense curiosity born of fresh enthusiasm, and sees the name of Dr. Rigby our Senior Treasurer, it is doubtful if he can realise at the time how important and how essential a personage that lady really is. For, indeed, few people in the whole history of University College have been so long and so intimately connected with Union activities, as she; and though originally an Oxford undergraduate, by now having resided for twenty-five years in Gower Street she is regarded as an integral part of our own college life and as one of its pillars, without which it would inevitably crumble.

Coming here in 1928, with a first class Honours degree in Mathematics gained at Somerville, she soon distinguished herself not only as a very able lecturer on that subject but also as a very active member of the Union and a veritable fiend for committee work. The list of committees on which she has served during her college career, is a long and imposing one and is inevitably headed by her work on the Union Executive. Having been for sixteen years Senior Treasurer of the Women's Union Society, in 1945, upon the amalgamation of that body with the Men's Union Society, she graduated to the position of full Senior Treasurer, and has been this, ever since.



However, not being content with her academic and collegiate work, Constance Rigby as if to prove her great versatility, controls and presides over a domestic household, ably and as graciously as she does a Finance Committee, and her workmanlike brown bag often contains a loaf of bread nestling inconspicuously among a pile of balance sheets. Yet though she enjoys cooking (food and not accounts) she does not like cleaning up the mess afterwards; and as for dusting, well, the less said the better. Knowing the value of patience, she advises all young women who are would-be husband hunters, to wait until the right man comes along to take the initiative, and the success of her own marriage two years ago, proves the wisdom of her theories. Her charming husband has an additional interest in mathematics in the Overseas Branch of the Midland Bank.

University College and domestic responsibilities, inevitably minimise the time in which she can attend to her own private hobbies and interests, but those precious few hours are spent in varied ways. Her favourite pastime is Philately, which she pursues to an even more fascinating though unfortunately more expensive hobby, collecting silver. She aims to bring forming a collection of silver spoons, and then graduating to larger and more varied articles whenever one is available. Her love of the countryside is one which she finds insatiable and even the joy of buying new curtains for her house in Chiswick, cannot compensate for the lack of fresh air which she suffers in London. Ever since the war years when the College was evacuated to Bangor, she has tried to satisfy this delight in the countryside, by extensive foreign travel. But perhaps most strenuous of her interests is ballroom dancing, a recreation in which her husband shares, and students at the Christmas Ball last December were surprised but extremely pleased, to see them both enjoying a hot and hectic Latin-American number. Incidentally, although Dr. Rigby has never been seen plying a needle in College, it is reported on good authority that she can sew a fine seam.

However, we are indeed fortunate that her recreational interests have never yet dragged Dr. Rigby away from her Union work, and it is to be hoped with fervour, that they never will. Her mind for business is astute as anyone who has tried to prise money from the Union well knows. Yet the cost of Pi, though a constant and well-aided grievance, is one which she does not challenge seriously, for she maintains that a newspaper is one of the most essential parts of our College life. To try to estimate the amount of service which she has performed for us, or indeed the value of this service, would be impossible. We can only hope and pray that for many years to come, she will continue to give to both Executive and Council, the benefit of her accumulated experience and wisdom, and stand among the College authorities as a representative of student interests.

COMMENT

Casual visitors to the College are very surprised to find that our noble edifice houses an Art School, which they seem to think is to the advantage of everyone. The views of the art student are not often heard in the universities of this country because art colleges are usually placed in separate buildings. It is an unfortunate fact that in this College the students of the Slade keep themselves to themselves and generally take little part in Union affairs. It is because they think that they are superior to the other students or is it that they know no better?

For those who complain about the speed of the service in the refectory, a talk with "George", the head cook, would certainly prove enlightening. Besides being hampered by the shortage and rapid changing of the serving staff, service is slowed down by the policy of the refectory to serve meals as fresh and as hot as possible. Every egg and omelette in the refectory is made only a few minutes before it is served. Next time you sit down to an egg think of the rubbery portion you might get if the refectory staff were not looking after your interests.

Mr. Wood, the careers adviser is worried, and no wonder! At the last three talks on careers that he has arranged, the attendance has been negligible. When the editor asked him to write an article on the prospects of arts graduates in obtaining employment, Mr. Wood said that one would think that the students were not interested in their own future. As the post of careers adviser is a provisional one and is subject to a report from Mr. Woods to the University Authorities, no one can be surprised if this most helpful post is abolished at the end of the session. There is no doubt that a careers adviser is of help to us all, so let us show him that we appreciate his services in this new term.

Fresher election hustings, held last term, proved that most of the candidates have no inkling of Union affairs and are standing for no other reason than they want to get on Council for a variety of odd reasons. Some seemed to think that it is necessary to get on Council to find out its functions! As there are too many passengers on Council as it is, is it not time that these Freshers' elections were abolished?

Grievous Loss

The recent death of Viscount Simon has not only been a grievous loss to the whole English nation; it has also obliged the U.C.L. Law Society to invite another guest to its annual dinner, for the late lord was to have been its principal speaker. As yet no decision has been made.

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EDITORIAL

A word that is often heard in University Unions is *apathy* and this rather unknown quantity is often blamed for the failure of ideas that just don't work out in practice. A very good example of this would be, to our minds, the N.U.S. Bookshop scheme that was a good but impracticable idea. Does this mean that there is nothing in the word after all but that it is a general scapegoat? We of Pi think that apathy is a very real thing but that the phenomenon is very much misunderstood. This state of apathy is breeding in all student unions in this age and must therefore be a product of our times. The root of this problem then, must be found in contemporary life.

What is it that was common in previous times and is not abundant today? Surely one of the most seriously lacking things is original thinking! The college student of today does not really have to think for himself if he does not so desire. The idea that because a person joins in Union affairs he is necessarily not apathetic, is just a bit of muddled thinking.

One of the aims of the new editorial policy of Pi is to get people really to think about some things by presenting articles in a controversial manner. To bring a touch of scholarship into our discussions we are making Pi into a college paper so that the staff can help us to think—and indeed we the students can help to make the staff think. For the staff is not devoid of apathy. How many of us can recall lecturers who are content to deliver a lecture by reading from their notes?

We ask you then to make Pi an intellectual battle-field where all members of this College can throw out their ideas and put forward their views. Above all remember to say what you think!

Journals

Every week Pi office receives journals from most of the universities and colleges in the country as well as a certain amount of literature from abroad. These are sent for various reasons including exchange of information between the colleges. In future these journals will be put in the bar, so that anyone interested in student affairs elsewhere will be able to read them.

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Serious Position!

Dear Sir,
I should like to draw attention to the talks on careers in various industries and business organisations given from time to time in the lecture hall, Malet Place (Ford's Warehouse) on various afternoons (Mondays or Tuesdays) at 4.30 p.m.

Last session the attendance at these talks encouraged me in the belief that first hand information of the kind which was provided was welcomed by both men and women students, even though many of the former would have to perform their National Service before being free to take up an appointment. Last term, however, the attendances were very small, and by mid-term it became clear that it would not be wise to arrange for a full programme of talks to be given in the new year. By that time the talks had been arranged, and believing as I do that they can be useful, I decided not to cancel them, but to retain at least the first in the hope that a reasonable number of students would attend.

It will, I am sure, be realised that the speakers—the Personnel or Staff Managers of the firms concerned—go to some considerable trouble in visiting us, and the places on which the talks are given must fit in with their engagements.

The talks which have been arranged are:

February 1st: Mr. E. L. Archer—Assistant Personnel Manager of Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd.

February 8th: Mr. C. Lovatt—Staff Manager of Messrs. Selfridges and, on a date not fixed, Mr. James of Messrs. Hoover Ltd.

The first two talks will deal with the opportunities of careers for men and women. However, as I know at present, are concerned only with men.

I have reason to believe that some of those who spoke to us last year will be willing to visit us again, for example Mr. Garforth of Ferodo Ltd. (who offered one of two posts available for graduates in his firm to a U.C. student last year), Mr. Goldbloom of Marks & Spencer, and one of the Senior Staff Executives from the Railway Commission. It would be easy also to obtain a speaker from one of the big Banks, but in view of the fact that no one at all turned up to hear Mr. Howarth of the Midland Bank in December, it must be assumed that no one is interested in a Banking career, excellent as the prospects are under present conditions.

The talks mentioned above are intended primarily for students whose courses at College are wholly or mainly non-vocational. In addition Dr. C. P. Snow (a Civil Service Commissioner) will visit us, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 21st January to talk about the Scientific Civil Service, and Colonel Ewbank of Joseph Lucas is expected on 28th January to speak to Engineers, Physicists and possibly also Chemists.

I should like to add that my part-time appointment as Careers Adviser terminates at the end of the session. The appointment was intended as an experiment to discover whether such an Office should become a permanent part of the College arrangements, and I have to report on this point at the end of the term. A few weeks' experience in 1952 made it clear that it would not be expedient at present for the College to attempt to duplicate the work of the University Appointments Board, but it seemed that in several other ways useful help could be given by an Adviser, who could make himself known to the industrial world, and, in so doing, obtain some specialised knowledge of its requirements and the opportunities it offers. The arrangement of Careers Talks is not a major item in this programme, but their relative failure may indicate that there is no great need for any help other than that which can be given by the Tutors and the members of the departmental staffs. Opinions of this matter would be welcomed by

THROUGH THE LETTER-BOX

Home Talent Enlightened?
Dear Sir,
In past years the College Music Society has relied largely on home talent for concerts and opera, often with creditable results. The performers, and even the audiences, have generally enjoyed themselves; the performers because they were making music for pleasure alone, and the audiences because they knew performers personally and caught their enthusiasm. The musical standard would have benefited by more professional help, but the personal interest of audience in performers would then have been lost.

The Christmas Concert last term was hardly representative of the Society; the soloists in the choral work were hired for the occasion, while most of the orchestra came from over the road. A guest clarinetist will perform at the Foundation Concert, presumably because an annual concerto is now deemed traditional. The eminent conductor and producer engaged for the opera this term are naturally anxious to show that, even with amateurs, they can put on a good show; they are therefore insisting on most professional support for the orchestra.

Let us, in fact, ensure that every concert or opera put on in the name of the Music Society is really representative of the Society.

Pi Appreciated
Dear Sir,
You may be interested to know that a former editor of Pi has pioneered the wilds of the North, for Queen and County, and the opportunity once again of reading that illustrious journal, through the courtesy of Charlie the Beadle. It is during times like these that a College newspaper is really appreciated, bringing a breath of fresh air into the static atmosphere of the barrack room. The latter, by the way, boasts 10 or so graduates, including George, a former of the German department, who is now entangled in the intricacies of radio.

Catterick has provided a home for others, who used to inhabit the Union Lounge. Prominent are Andrew Kneen, learning to be a keyboard operator; Eastham from the Slade, on the thorny path to becoming an officer, accompanied by Grover and Goldsmith from the Physics department, and Burbridge from the Chemistry corner.

To any of you who would like to know more about life here we can only suggest you sample it for yourselves. However, remember the Army prefer volunteers, so come in with enthusiasm and the intention of enjoying Army life, otherwise stay out. We tried to.

Happy as King's
Dear Sir,
It was my good fortune last night to attend the King's College Dining Club at the invitation of Mr. Hugh Pierce, the President of King's Student Union. The impression left upon me was one of envy; envy for the excellent relationship which exists between the staff and the students at King's.

It is certainly traditional that U.C. be in competition with King's on all matters; often we are the victors, but it is my ruling that in the matter of staff-student relationship we are very much the losers.

As President of U.C.L.U., Sir, while never for one moment admitting that it would be a greater honour to be President of King's, I must admit to having experienced the desire to spend my college days in a similar atmosphere. I suggest that University College has much to learn from their chief rivals, and while I am about it may I express my thanks to them for their deep concern and support in the matter of our Union accommodation problems where they have shown themselves to be not rivals but allies.

Yours sincerely,
G. E. MORRIS.

Engineered?

Dear Sir,
I read with concern that implications of vested interests are re-echoed in a letter from Miss Pannell, referring to Council elections.

We're not for the ardent and continued enthusiasm shown by one particular section of the College, Miss Pannell would find herself with five vacancies on Council, and apathy I am sure would once again have reared its ugly head.

International Circle
The Editor,
Dear Sir,
Mr. Yehya has been at some lengths to explain the joint activities of the International Circle and Socialist Society, but I am still not quite clear on a number of points.

No-one, I think, has the right to object to any Socialist, Communist, or anything else serving on the committee of the I.C. But if such persons are going to use their position to give hand-outs to their own particular factions in the College, they should not be surprised if protests are made.

Mr. Yehya claims that the I.C. has been prepared for temporary co-operation with other societies; but he must admit that the information was kept pretty dark. I do not know who first obtained Joseph Murumbi as guest speaker: if it was Soc. Soc., and the advances were made by the I.C., why were similar approaches never made to Labour Society, when was organising meetings of this type? If the I.C. originally invited Murumbi to speak, why was Soc. Soc. alone asked to participate?

Incidentally, Mr. Yehya used the Chairman's introduction to mis-state the nature of the Labour Society, as confined to Labour Party members. Whether the I.C. wishes to co-operate with other organisations is its own affair, but it should be careful how it goes about such activities, or the Mr. Stevens' of this world will talk. And such criticisms will not be satisfactory answers by exposing them as 'Reds' or 'Blues'.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BECKETT,
Chairman, Labour Society.

Home Talent Enlightened?

Dear Sir,
The speaker at my School's Commemoration Day service last June warned us that we were going out "into an apathetic world—that is, a couldn't-care-less world." To my surprise I have found his words borne out even at U.C.L.

Earlier this term a Union General Meeting was advertised prominently. The business was to examine the accounts for the year, which involved many thousands of pounds of money contributed by students of the College and used on their behalf. It was impossible to get a quorum of 100 even after 30 minutes and in point of fact only 60, or 1 in 50 of those eligible to attend, were present.

A few weeks ago an election was held to fill the post of Secretary to the Union. Although this was fully publicised and voting lasted for three days less than 400 voted, or about 1 in 8 of those entitled to a vote.

It is not necessary to point out a moral—the figures speak for themselves. It is surprising that University students should appear to take such little interest in matters affecting their pocket, their organisation and their well-being.

Yours, etc.,
P. J. PRYOR.

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"It was not until she glanced at Mr. Myburg's card in the candlelight of her own room that she discovered that his name was not Myburg, but Meyerburg, and that he lived in Charlotte Street, two facts which were not calculated to raise her spirits."

Flora Poste, the heroine of *Cold Comfort Farm*, with her strictly feminine commonsense attitude to life, might well be expected to show a prejudice against Charlotte Street. It is the Latin Quarter of London, exotic and romantic to English eyes, where half a dozen nationalities have established colonies and have so far held their own against the commercialism which is encroaching on Soho. Before the first World War it harboured the Germans; then came Greeks, Italians, Cypriots, Frenchmen, the odd Russian émigré fleeing the Revolution and now the latest invaders are American negroes, spilling over from their favourite haunt, the Tottenham Court Road.

The foreigners have brought with them their practice of foregather in the local café, and this combined with the Englishman's love of rare and outlandish food, his culinary wanderlust away from the dullness of the national kitchen, has made Charlotte Street a street of restaurants. Schmidt's, the Scala, the Barba Yanny, Au Savarin, A L'Etoile with two orange trees in pots at the front, Bertorelli Brothers, every other house seems to be a restaurant on the ground floor. The 91, with the inevitable Luigi bases in the background with a pan of spaghetti, is a well-known refuge of students from U.C. and the local art schools. There is a narrow, mysterious passage with the promise of unsavoury goings-on somewhere upstairs, then a narrow and twisty staircase which descends precipitously to a windowless room in the corner regions. There you see at all times an assortment of exhibitionists and outcasts from society who might have come to flaunt their beads and boots and eccentricities specially for you.

But these are merely among the superficial attractions; upstairs the interest is real and the atmosphere is genuine. The upstairs café is at all times of the day a meeting-place for Italians, mostly male and fairly young, who always seem to be able to find time off from whatever it is that they are not doing for a cup of tea, a game of draughts, and an excited discussion in an incomprehensible dialect. The draughts go on interminably—so soon as one game is finished there are two more players setting up the pieces again on the battered board, half-a-dozen more cluster round and provide a lively and apparently uncommensurate commentary as the pieces are loudly slapped down or rudely brushed away, and relay the progress of the game in ejaculatory shouts to the groups clustered round the other tables. Don Camillo and Peppone could not have generated more argument. This is an exclusively male society—no woman would ever dare to interfere and the occasional woman one sees, looks either as if she were married or if she wanted to be.

Directly opposite a blue plaque on the front of a tall, dirty early nineteenth century house tells us that Constable once lived and worked there. Presumably there were no Italians there then to disturb him as he composed his quiet English landscapes.

Another fascinating feature of Charlotte Street is its Delicatessen stores, their windows crammed with provisions of every kind, which you may stand and gaze at for hours.

Students Elsewhere

At Bristol University the response to a recent request for blood donors was "overwhelming". The queue at one time was so great that several students had to be turned away!

At the University of Sofia, Bulgaria, 180 scholarships have been granted to Turkish students. It is stated that after graduation these students will return to their homeland to teach in country secondary schools.

At King's College, Newcastle, the Engineers beat the Agriculturists in a ploughing contest by 150 points to 136.

Apparently a certain West Country University Union suffers from bickering at meetings. Recently a large number of the culprits visited, *en bloc*, a local theatre noted for the nature of its turns. Insensitive to the delicacy and quality of the show, they made a series of loud observations which had a profound effect on the performance. And when the grand finale came—why, the cast gave them a round of applause.

After being closed to students for the last two years, Caracas (Venezuela) University is now functioning again. It is hoped that work will shortly be resumed in the Faculty of Economy...

Following the theft of 1,100 bicycles in Cambridge last year, the Police have circulated the undergraduates, urging them not to leave their machines in the street at night, and to lock them up when unattended during the day.

Students were recently accused of illiteracy by the lecturer in spoken English at Nottingham University. He said that thirty teachers' training colleges had reported "fundamental errors in speech" among students entering them. One of the most common of these errors was an inability to make verbs agree with their subjects causing such remarks as "We was", and "Was you?"

Commonwealth and Empire

Mr. Enoch Powell, M.B.E., M.P., whose views on Imperial questions are well known, was the guest speaker at the first debate of the term, on the motion "That this House regrets the decline of the British Empire".

The House was well filled when Mr. Powell rose to propose the motion. It is incontestable, he said, that the British Empire was, speaking generally, on the decline. It had grown smaller, and many parts of it were now bound together by more tenuous links than in the past. He personally was convinced that this was deplorable. All over the world, and especially in Europe, there were large-scale movements for the Federation of separate countries, to gain a fuller and more peaceful existence together. Yet the tendency in the colonies was in the opposite direction—dominion status had been granted, and regaining its decline. The British Empire, he maintained, had had an inevitable and orderly growth; its dissolution went against the grain of the prevailing world trend in favour of unification of states. Finally, the Empire still had the opportunity to face up to reality and satisfy this longing for unity.

Mr. David Barker, L.B., Secretary of the United Provinces Parliamentary Candidate for Runcorn, led the opposition to the motion. The whole principle of the Empire, he said, was to get something for nothing, even when the dominant status had been granted. This was only in all-white communities. In all other cases, such as in Kenya, repression was the result of Empire, and he looked forward with extreme distaste to the continuance of this. But he

Bentham News

It is not too late to cast a retrospective glance at the events which went to make Bentham Hall's history last term as placid and as peaceful as ever. General meetings presided over then by the newly-elected chairman, Mr. Antonio Blackler, effervesced with Common Room wit and customary humour. An extraordinary meeting was called to decide whether Hall should be represented at the Race or not. When declared unofficial, the few volunteers had to scrap their plans for a "Hall" float.

It may be irrelevant to record the arrival of a 6½-ton Bentley of 1922 vintage, which has frequent appearance in the Main Quad has attracted practically everybody with a flare for cars or admiration for brute force.

On Friday, 11th, Hall held its traditional end-of-term function, comprising a Christmas dinner and a bibulous evening. Considerable trouble had been taken to decorate the Common Room lastingly. Mr. Glynn Smith was responsible for some rather striking murals executed on newspaper, one of a pub interior, another, satirical, of a motorist in a driving cap. The evening for the blissful, musical hours which followed the dinner.

Meanwhile, the Benbury Club, to show that its ideals had not faded, arranged a series of dancing classes which began last evening, held at Canterbury Hall. These classes, needless to say, were well attended. Several members appear to have got off on the right foot.

The fact that Campbell Hall, the new hall of residence, is palatially furnished and, furthermore, possesses a washing machine, has filled many Benthamites with envy. But they need not mope for long since there has been a promise of both bedside lamps and new furniture for the Lounge.

It was rumoured that Bentham Hall was the only hall of residence to show a profit at the end of the past session.

ELECTION

The elections committee have given notice that the vacant seat on Council for a representative of the Law Faculty is to be filled by election. All nominations for this position should be handed to the secretary of the committee by Monday, 25th January.

UNION COUNCIL MEETING

The last meeting of Council on 8th December was presided by the Vice-Chancellor. The agenda was set by the Provost (reported on the front page).

After the minutes of the previous council had been read, amended and approved, the meeting turned to the committee reports and recommendations. Finance Committee tabled two resolutions, one of which concerned C.A.B. and the other our own paper PI. The first recommendation—that the Central Athletic Board be given a supplementary grant of £300 to enable five clubs to go on tour—was discussed after the case for C.A.B. had been stated by Mr. Ilbert. A lot of discussion on the details of the expenditure took place and finally an amended motion in the name of Mr. Kennedy—that council accept Finance Committee's recommendation that C.A.B. should receive a supplementary grant of up to £300 for tours—was approved by the meeting.

The other recommendation—that PI should be granted up to £150 to guarantee their against loss, as it is proposed to increase both the size and number of issues per year—was discussed in detail and finally approved after an amendment was tabled to ensure that council got details of the change.

A further memorandum from the finance committee about the help in the Union Bar resulted in the increase of their wages by 1s. 6d. per week.

Under the heading of Special Business were various elections. Mr. Clive Jersey was elected to Finance Committee but further elections were impossible as the large quorum required for special business was not present.

There followed the discussion of a note verbis agreed with the Students' Union and concerning the shortage of notices in the Union Lounge. It was

pointed out that there is now no available space in the Lounge for more notice boards and that the Union was seeking to clear the passage running parallel to the Lounge so that a lot of notice-boards could be hung there. The motion was allowed to remain on the table until this had been done or until a report on the position had been presented to council.

Council received various reports from election committees. The next item on the agenda was the presentation of reports to Council. Elections committee recommended that Beade's be on duty by the ballot boxes at all future elections so that the boxes would not be tampered with.

Reports of the N.U.S. Council at Bristol, the U.L.U. Social Committee, the Refectory Committee and the plans for Constitution Week were presented and discussed.

The correspondence discussed consisted of a memorandum from the Careers Adviser on the lack of attendance at a meeting arranged on the previous term, an increase in the amount paid to the Union, by the College, of £700, and a letter from the College Secretary about relieving the President of some of his onerous duties. On the latter topic, Council resolved that a committee of five be set up to enquire into the question.

Under 'Any Other Business', a private motion to the effect that the Union should help and support the Samuel Lithgow Club, without using any Union money, was discussed. The executive were asked to have a look into the matter. The resignation of Mr. Nicholas Cottis, the retiring editor of PI, was accepted and Mr. Cottis was thanked for his services to the paper.

After two or two minor matters had been attended to the meeting was closed by the President.

Jeremy's Diary

Let me first wish all readers a very happy and prosperous New Year and then get down to things that matter in some way or another.

The difficulties of writing such a thing as this Diary ought to be, are much increased at this time of the year when all those fine people who usually supply the material for it are just returning to safety after the festive season and have left all their interesting activities at home.

Burnt Offering

A friend of mine informs me that, after inspecting the cards of other colleges and universities, he considers that the Christmas card offered by our Ent's last year seemed more like an advertisement for cremations than messages of good will.

Roman Rarebit

The conversation overheard in the Refectory sometimes makes good copy, especially if taken out of context. Here's one: "... unless plus an equal sex, which shows that the Romans were no good at addition but outstanding at multiplication..."

Danger Money

I hear that one of our students who took part in the tallowing survey during the vacation was almost made bankrupt by the high powered salesman who came close to selling him a suit!

Goody Goodwood

Early last term a storm hit the College in the shape of a beetling M.G. which almost violated the ban on fireworks in the Quad. Its owner, though much respected and applauded for his sense of humour and goodwill, would himself admit to being rather a forceful individual. All of which came to his assistance on his journey home to the remoter parts of Wales in the aforementioned "firework" as he was

obliged to push the thing himself the last half mile or so. It is also noticed with some concern that he arrived back this term on foot!

Light Compensation

The cares of office seem to have their compensations. Not only is the Student Body considering the adoption of the Samuel Lithgow Youth Club, but its Head and Shoulders have become resting places for the Shoulders and Head of Bedford and Westfield respectively.

Uplifting?

At last the Campbells have come. So also, it appears have the complaints from those living in the hotels across the way who seem to take objection to sitting down to supper with a new form of T.V. Could it be that there are no curtains or that the windows have not been frosted. The "screens" usually show the inmates enjoying the luxuries of plenty of bath-water supplied by that delayed "tank" so that the lasses can change for dinner. But alas and slack it is unfortunate that the ban on house slippers will cause discomfort to one and all by the clapping up and down of high heels on the stairs because they have forgotten to put the lifts in!

Extra-Mural Studies

For those unfortunate, not admitted to the departments of Genetics or Biology it would appear that informal arrangements have been made for study in these subjects at the Orange Tree or The Marlborough on certain evenings where learned and complex lectures can be heard in due form of coloratur and bass.

Fresh!

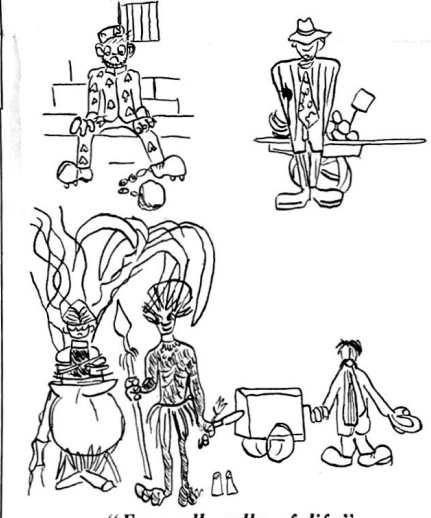
In the opinion of one who should know, the performers in the last Freshers' "Victorious Circle", revealed an innocence not present among the professionals. Perhaps our players are merely the better deceivers.

BLOTS ON LONDON LANDSCAPE (I) KING'S COLLEGE

To anyone who has explored the less salubrious areas of W.C.1, which includes within its boundaries such famous haunts as Frascati's Joe Lyons and Piccolino's, the crumbling edifice at the Aldwych end of the Strand shocks only in a way that a final blow below the belt in the fourteenth round of a Chinese wrestling tournament might do.

The building, within gunshot range of U.C., is built mainly in the Emmett railway sleeper style, propped up on one side by Somerset House and on the other by the British Railways Lost Property Sale Rooms; sundry other curiosities in the immediate vicinity include Emily's, boneyard and Father Thames. The College's origins are a matter for surmise, but a famous Sunday paper (Late Edition) of April 1st, 1922, stated that its founder was Ebel-fred XI (otherwise known as Fred the Feaster). In later days a take-over bid by the Savoy group succeeded in converting it to an all-night café and bed-and-breakfast public house; finally insanity prevailed and the place became what it is today—the intellectual nursery of such figures as Greer Garson and Boris Karloff; its smog-bound walls boast inscriptions "with the evocativeness and romance" found elsewhere only in Saint Pancras Gardens, such as "Go home Ike", "Boris loves Greer", and "Dahn wiv the walkers" (the progressive tendencies of King's students are notorious).

King's is well known for its curious fauna. Besides Reggie (with which U.C. plays football in Commem. Week) there are the students who are drawn from all walks of life, most returning to it only after a prolonged absence. Among King's more successful products scattered round the globe are parsons, capitalists and shop-stewards. But we must give honour where honour is due—were it not for King's, Wormwood Scrubs would be an empty monument supported by the Ministry of Works, and Dartmoor would no longer resound with the good old English tune of hammers breaking stone.



"From all walks of life"

L'Elisir d'Amore

Work in Progress

After a few initial delays and scares this term, work on the production side is now going on apace. No. 104, Gower Street rings every evening to the singing of soloists and chorus at rehearsals; individual soloists use the piano for most of the day; and we hope that notes and words will be perfect by the 2nd February. The Producer raises laughs at movement rehearsals, when trying to open up 'reserved notes'. Backstage, things go smoothly, and the set should be excellent. We hope that publicity sowed abroad before and during Christmas will take root and produce a golden harvest. Much of the delay which we have had was due to lack of tenors for the chorus—a lack which seems curiously prevalent in all Music Society's spheres of activity. Let us hope that MANY more of the College-budding Caruso's and Gigli's will gain to come into the limelight next year.

Who Was Donizetti? Gaetano Donizetti was born in Bergamo, Italy, in 1797, the son of a

weaver who wished him to become a teacher.

Gaetano wanted to compose, and joined the army rather than teach. While stationed at Venice he produced his first opera in 1818. Zornida di Granata in 1822 was such a success in Rome, that the composer was carried in triumph and crowned at the Capitol, and exempted from further military service. Donizetti was a contemporary and rival of Bellini and Rossini, who, however, did not compose anything after 'William Tell' (1829), where Donizetti's first important work was 'Anna Bolena' in 1830. On Bellini's death in 1835, Donizetti was left in unrivalled possession of the field. His most important works apart from 'L'Elisir' (1832) are 'Lucia di Lammermoor' (1835), 'La Fille du Regiment' (1840), 'La Favorita' (1840) and 'Don Pasquale' (1843). He died in 1848.

Since the last issue of Pi, our conductor has changed, and we are now blessed with the assistance of Marcus Dods, Chorus Master at St. Mary's, and Producer, Douglas Craig, is producer for the Glyndebourne Opera.

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STUDENT FORUM: The National Union of Students

In order to give Union members a chance to make a careful decision on this important question of relations with N.U.S. the editor has invited three members of the Union to give their own personal views on this matter. Below are printed articles by Mr. George Morris, the President of the Union, Mr. Derek Stevens, the N.U.S. Secretary, and Mr. J. Coultis, a member of Council.

Mr. J. A. Coultis

Students who are members of N.U.S. through their College's affiliation fall into three classes: 1. Includes the type who is prepared to help with the administrative work and consequently is reasonably informed of the activities of the Union. 2. Which forms the vast majority consists of students who are not well acquainted with the N.U.S. machinery (they may not receive any payments) and consider it mainly as a possible source of a job for the summer vacation.

3. Is made up of individuals who are opposed to N.U.S.—perhaps they consider it 'futile'; perhaps they disagree with some basic policy such as the new link-up with the Communist I.U.S. The transitory nature of student life forces a complete annual change over of the executives and officials.

When it is realised that there is little continuity in the student administration and that the main body have no real understanding of the N.U.S. it is surprising that the inability of N.U.S. to cater for student's needs is not more apparent. The magnitude of last year's losses emphasises these shortcomings. Do you realise that the Union has recently employed your subscriptions as capital to float a limited liability company to provide travel facilities—a rival to Thos. Cook Ltd. no less! Surely this money would be better employed in financing the promotion of bigger and better festivals and, say, Inter-University Athletic contests organised on a national scale?

A system of individual membership might reduce the general apathy, and although this is impossible under the present constitution, it is not so impracticable. At any rate we think it unethical of N.U.S. to claim as members people who are violently opposed to it because of some minor principle and to think these people should have the right to 'contract out'.

The autocratic constitution of the N.U.S. Committee which is based upon lines suggested by N.U.S., itself, is largely responsible for the apathy in this College. Once a year an elected body, in effect, chooses its own committee, which is then elected by Council—a Council which only too frequently considers it his important anti things to discuss. As a result, the average student knows neither who is on this Committee nor its precise functions. Not only is this an undesirable state of affairs but it is dangerous, for should an incompetent secretary be returned, serious mistakes might be made and pass unnoticed.

We suggest that a committee consisting of the N.U.S. secretary (an *ex-officio* member of Council), and a single elected representative from each faculty would help to clear up the present difficulties. The inevitable publicity of the elections would ensure that the members were known and the hustings (we would like those too) would aid a better understanding of N.U.S. matters.

As an elected body, this committee would be able to take over all N.U.S. business, relieving an increasingly serious bottle-neck on Council, and to deal with the somewhat controversial problem of the present mandate system.

It is undeniable that the concept of a national union of students is excellent. We do think, however, that if this College is to remain a member of N.U.S., we must be treated on an equal basis to better advantage than we do at present, and if the feeling of this Union is that this cannot be done, we should not hesitate to withdraw.

JOSEPH A. COULTIS.

Mr. D. F. Stevens

There have always been some who criticized U.C.'s membership of the National Union of Students. Just recently however matters have come to a head with the news of the £12,500 loss incurred by N.U. last year and announced in one of last term's issues of Pi. I do not intend to be an official apologist for N.U.S. I am merely the link with the central organisation in Endsleigh Street and I do not propose to try to explain away last year's financial losses in this article. Members must be allowed to have documentary details of that and the proposals to prevent a recurrence passed at the Bristol Council last term. I shall endeavour for the benefit of the Union to outline these on Thursday at the general meeting. In my term of office however I have been convinced both the necessity and usefulness of the N.U.S. to the College and it is this I wish to refer.

Let us first be certain what it does. It represents you and it serves you. It is recognised as your spokesman; it voices your views and needs to all who are concerned with the problems outside the College. M.P.s are constantly being briefed and consulted so that they may take up points concerned with your welfare and problems. Instantly being approached with grants problems and in their turn through the Association of Education Committees the problems of students L.E.A. awards

are raised and dealt with. On problems of student self-government N.U.S. is often called in to negotiate with University and College authorities. Again it represents the student community on many public bodies, including the British Council (Committee of Control), Office Student Welfare Committee, Expansion of Higher Education Committee, World University Service, the English Speaking Union, etc.

Let us bring these activities down to our individual cases. Do we need them? Firstly let me say very little of the good achieved by N.U.S. in these fields is ever spectacular. We do not expect to have a Sheila Davis incident here, most of us have achieved since the war by N.U.S. Commission now direct, and they do include prompt payment of awards; end of deduction of vacation work earnings from State grants; increase in number of State scholarships; special allowance for protective clothing, instruments and higher travel costs; Ministry recommendations to L.E.A.s to abolish loans and minor awards; and to adopt a common co-ordinated scale for awards; virtual abolition of the pledge to teach and many more. Is there anyone in U.C. who has any objection to any of these concessions? Is there anyone who believes that U.C. Union Council would have obtained any one of them? Similarly with regard to public bodies a private letter is one among thousands; an approach through N.U.S. means that the U.C. representative on the executive body can broach the matter directly.

Let me state here and now that when we can do for us as we can and has been able to achieve very much more for us say the technical colleges where quite frequently grants are applied for and granted on a national, and self-government nil. I am not proposing to don the white sheet and carry the candle of self-righteousness but whatever we can do to lend strength to the N.U.S. cause by our very weight of numbers we should do and this we can do by maintaining the unity of the organisation.

As regards the services N.U.S. provides, there is less intrusion but even less need for us to be involved in membership to be worthwhile absolutely everyone should benefit. I point out everyone can benefit to this body of opinion. They could contribute an argument that since they don't, the wrong kind of benefits must be provided. This is a fallacious argument to see how fallacious it really is. Firstly, in what corporate organisation that we know of does everyone take part in the trade union? Do we in U.C.—do we even in our own union? I have only to ask you what would happen if everyone decided to play the trade union game on Saturday to expose the fallacy of that argument surely and do you know how many voted in the presidential elections. No it was over 3,000, it was more like 800. What is more more to the point however is whether a fair proportion of people take part in N.U.S. activities. I think they do although I should like to see the number increased. Take one department only—Vac Work—of our 2,300 members last year only 100 after all, the only people likely to make use of this department, nearly 300 took a vacation work vacation during the summer of last year. I am judging by the way application cards disappeared from the board just before Christmas that there must be very similar figures for the other departments are not available, but I would just mention the existence of the Festival of N.U.S., the National Debate Tournament, the International Summer University, the 175 Cheap Travel and Fair programmes, the Travel Scholarships, hostel, health, insurance correspondence and exchange schemes in existence to show you what the organisation offers.

No one is going to tell me that these facilities are outside student needs and interests surely? That, then, is the N.U.S. It is not a perfect organisation with a loss of £12,500 in one year, far from it, but as I have said, measures have been taken to prevent it ever recurring. Certainly it is better to reform from inside than to disintegrate after a few years. If the N.U.S. is imperfect perhaps so too is our relation to it. This has caused me some considerable thought and five of my predecessors there place at University! Perhaps some useful ideas will be put forward on Thursday. I do not hope so over it N.U.S. is important to us I believe we are no less important to them.

D. F. STEVENS.

Mr. G. E. Morris

At 1.30 p.m. today in the Gym there will be a General Meeting of the Union called at the request of at least 60 members to discuss the problems of our membership in N.U.S. May I here appeal to all members of the Union to make the effort to attend this meeting and to bring to the attention of our membership some serious consideration. It is quite true that, as far as the internal life of University College Union is concerned, the N.U.S. can be very

At Last! CAMPBELL HALL

With the opening of Campbell Hall, the new U.C. hostel for 120 women students, it has been proved that it really is possible for a block of Bloomsbury houses to be converted into a hostel and an agreeable place to live in at the same time.

It seems that the only amenity not available is a television set, and included in an abundance of mod. cons. is even a washing machine. The first impression almost of plushness in the entrance hall is borne out in the other public rooms. Common rooms and reading rooms are cheerful and well-furnished and so is the dining room. Chromium hygiene and efficiency reign in the kitchens which are producing ample, and even tasty, food.

The double and single study bedrooms are fitted for comfort as well as practicability, and bedsprags, rugs and curtains in various contemporary designs, if not always harmonious, and each other, go well with the light wood furniture which is mostly new. The groom prevalent in most hostel corridors is being brought into the dining room, lighting, and the central heating throughout the building is almost as overwhelming as the infallible hot water system.

Few complaints, and those minor ones, have been voiced so far. Several people are feeling the total absence of full-length mirrors, and others dislike the idea of only being allowed three pictures hanging on their bedroom walls. Fortunately, the chief snags are temporary. Telephones have not yet been fully installed, and it is a guessing whether they will be fitted for one, lined, or simply cleaned. The already familiar smells of paint and wood shavings suggest that workmen will still be at it for a week or two to add the finishing touches.

Miss Lewton-Brain aims at an informal and friendly atmosphere, and her few rules are not too far from her own personality is the greatest asset to such an atmosphere, and in any case most of the inmates are acquainted. We feel, with confidence, that we are happy and certainly comfortable future.

Success!

Philip Penney, a U.C. student, has been chosen to represent Britain, in some of the swimming events at the Empire Games to be held at Vancouver this summer.

little service—unless it be considered that what happened at Bangor Normal College could ever happen here. N.U.S. benefits to students who are not members of the College Union and any person who happens to be a student in some way or another. It is believed that the main problem peculiar to this 'student as such' and it is with these problems in mind that the N.U.S. goes to work. 'Vacation work' holidays are granted to students and so on are the main concern of the N.U.S.—or should it?

There would appear to be two ways of looking at the N.U.S. First, it has performed any function in the past for which the individual student has an obligation to be grateful? Second, can the individual student expect and receive any benefit in the future as a return for his membership fee and his time and interest? There is no reason to think that there is another view to take, namely: can the individual student, by being a member of the N.U.S. bring some benefit to other students at home or abroad whose conditions are less fortunate than their own? This last I should rule out on the ground that there is no other organisation which can subscribe directly with far better results and with far less expenditure and machinery.

If it is agreed that this is so, then from the remaining two ways—there may, of course be other ways—of looking at this N.U.S. problem it is clear that it is a matter of personal benefit to the individual student. This is something that the individual student must decide personally. However, it is quite possible that, to be of any value in this world of economic struggles, personal membership of the N.U.S. would be quite impracticable and that only by the co-operation of the member Unions can sufficient machinery be obtained to perform any useful function. But, as in all external and internal organisational matters there is a danger of a few keenly interested sections taking the lead and working in their own interest—although they may well believe that they are working in the interest of the majority—merely because those who form the 'majority' have become inactive passengers.

The Union at University College may quite as well cease membership of the N.U.S. if it intends to keep its present status here at University College look to the N.U.S. as an organisation which will supply us with something without our help and efforts. After all, they do pay our subscription. I say that we should remain in the N.U.S. only so long as we can send our delegation with clear and definite policy in mind on matters of the agenda and with motions to table at N.U.S. Councils so that we can explain to Council the feelings of this Union and try to bring the N.U.S. to a form more to our liking. We must TAKE PART IN N.U.S. BUSINESS, or cease to be members.

G. E. MORRIS.

IT TAKES ALL TYPES TO MAKE A WORD

Last week some members of Pi staff had a new experience—doing our own printing!!! Not, it must be admitted, printing Pi itself, but only some of the posters that we hope you have seen around the college.

Of course, with the financial state of the paper as it is, we did think of printing Pi in full, but with expert advice and a simple calculation involving nearly all the fingers of Pi staff—we found it would take approximately fourteen days, ten hours, four and a quarter minutes. Of course, we could come out once every three weeks!

The press we used is a reconstruction of an Elizabethan press that was erected from old pictures and woodcuts found in divers publications. The chief engineer on this project was Professor Smith of the English department under whose roof this interesting mechanism is housed. This main use in this modern age is the teaching of bibliography, which gives the Student of English a background to the literature he reads.

We first became aware of the presence of this press in the College by tracing the source of small cards bearing the words—From ye president of Ye Olde Alcehouse, Gower Street, London. Of course, we were not to be fooled by the fact that not been printed on this machine but their proud owner knew a great deal

been shifted innumerable times, the forme is deemed ready to be locked up and this job is done with quoins—the most inexpensive ones we know. Usually after the forme is thought to be ready some impertinent piece of type finds that it has got quite a bit of leg-room and the whole thing has to be reassembled. At this stage an examination of hands takes place and he who has the cleanest hands is required to wash them and become the devil of the piece! He is the Lily of the Field whose job it is to handle the paper. Meanwhile, the person with the dirty hands gets them even more dirty by inking the type. For this a roller is used and at the end of this stage appears to be to get the



Drawing—M. Beardall.

Our Artist's impression of the Editor at work?

about the wilds of Foster Court and was able to enlighten us!

The method of printing on this machine is very similar to that used on the modern flatbed printing machine. Basically a forme, that is a frame of type, is set up and placed on the bed of the machine. A sheet of paper is set in a special platen over the type and after inking, an even pressure is applied to the paper by a simple mechanism. That is the process in a nutshell but what a nut-shell it proved to be.

The type is set by making individual letters from the cases of type and arranging them in a special holder so that the spacing can be arranged. The rows are spaced using a mixture of about five different spacing pieces that to the layman look alarmingly alike. We soon learnt that a 'foul case' was not a case in a Sunday newspaper! When a few rows of type have been assembled, the next job is to transfer them on to the bed of the machine. This deft art seems to require the co-operation of at least fifteen fingers and proved to be quite tricky. When this is completed, the type is locked in its position in the forme and for this, furniture is required. The furniture is of the Utility type and consists of pieces of wood of various sizes, which are set to certain lengths according to the type being used. When the furniture has

optimum amount on the paper and the minimum on the devil. The next stage is to pull the press to get an impression on the paper. This requires a skilful heave on the operating bar, not too little and not too much. If on examination, the sheet seems to be all correct and that means the absence of innumerable errors—it is put away to dry. The process of inking and pulling goes on until a sufficient number of copies have been obtained. We now know why some set books at school were not printed in more than one edition!

We must admit that this is not the sort of printing we are used to—type being set with the complicated mechanism of the monotype machine—but it was far more interesting than anything we have seen elsewhere and of course very much better. It is horrible to think what we might have produced without the guiding hand of Mr. Chapple of the English department, but his credit where credit is due. I distinctly remember setting the word, "Pi".

It would like to thank Professor Smith who allowed the newcomers to use this wonderful machine and we hope that one or two of the students will have looked at the article with interest. P.S.—Does anyone know how to clean printing ink from the digests?

very strange and unusual places and atmospheres!

More than ever now am I convinced that the surroundings in which the student works are of the highest importance. In the Tuke Hall at Bedford, where the Union holds all its meetings, the feeling is one of respect and sincerity. There was no lack of humour in the proceedings but at all times it was in the best of good taste. The candidates were "quizzed" for just over 45 minutes under the polished chairmanship of Miss Procter. (I found myself wondering how well she might have done in the Gym at U.C. with bagpipes and horns blowing, cat-calls and embarrassing remarks being hurled at all those on the platform. I must have felt it ashamed to think that there at Bedford the student takes her affairs seriously and helps her executive, not hinders. I am being generous when I put down to the fact that Bedford has a building that not only looks like a college but feels like one, too.)

Digests was the main characteristic of the hustings at Bedford. The capable way in which the vice-president, Miss Julie Barron, before an intent host of some 40 to 400 members, moved a compound amendment to the voting procedure could never have been attempted at what are called hustings at University College.

I left Bedford feeling rather ashamed of the Gym and its limitations and with the wish in my heart that I could afford to build a Union for this College, and somewhere lurking in the depths of consciousness the thought that there are about 100 members of the number of students at University College as the student can healthily hold.

G. MORRIS, President.

Inter-Varsity Club

The Inter-Varsity Club provides activities of a widely varying character, and therefore, appeal, for students in London.

Originally the Inter-Varsity Vacation Club, the "vacation" has now been dropped from the title, and the Club entertains students throughout the year. Their activities range from dances, which are well attended, although not as crowded as U.C.'s, to a car rally, which was attempted for the first time early in December last.

However, the I.V.C.'s activities are numerous than the Club. The clubs are divided into various sub-clubs, covering play-reading, drama (these are kept separate to avoid conflict between the enthusiasts of the two breeds), and squash, swimming and ballet. There are two walking clubs, catering for those who like the country, and those who prefer the mountains, and a skating club meets on Sundays at Queens (under the letter "G"). There are many students in college who have, in recent months, shown a desire to start societies for one of these objects; the I.V.C., whose activities are generally organised with experience and enthusiasm, might well fill the need.

Theatre Parties

So far this term, two parties have been arranged, on 29th January to see "Someone Waiting" at the Globe, and "Pygmalion" at the St. James Theatre on 5th February. Lists are up on the Ent. Board in the Lounge, and there is still time to apply for a seat, for those so wishing. Should the demand be great enough, the plays good enough, and pockets deep enough, it is proposed to run a party every Friday night during this term, which, apart from special occasions, will be limited to 20 persons. Every student is advised to make good use of these arrangements, especially as at many theatres, we are permitted very considerable reductions. It should be stress-also, that, owing to the comparatively small parties and the usual heavy demand for seats, applicants should be prompt in putting their names to the list.

PI REQUIRES— REPORTERS EDITORIAL STAFF

Apply to
the Editor through
the pigeon-hole

"THEY ALL WANT TO GET INTO THE ACT"

Thirty-seven candidates for eight positions (even if it was at a second attempt) must be a record for a Union election, and we hope it foretells that the first years are not going to abandon.

But 37 presented rather a puzzle to the election committee. What were we to do about hustings? The Gym stage was piled of nine papers wide erected on a mass, it was envisaged that one question to the aspiring Council members would take up all the allotted time. Clearly, normal hustings were out of the question, but what was to replace them?

Suggestions came fast and furious; such as put them behind the bars around the Gym wall, or paraded them across the stage singly with a spotlight trained upon them, an announcer describing them in the manner of a mannequin parade. Finally, it was decided to have the candidates on view eight at a time, each had to stand up and present themselves to the audience. After all, they do pay our subscription. I say that we should remain in the N.U.S. only so long as we can send our delegation with clear and definite policy in mind on matters of the agenda and with motions to table at N.U.S. Councils so that we can explain to Council the feelings of this Union and try to bring the N.U.S. to a form more to our liking. We must TAKE PART IN N.U.S. BUSINESS, or cease to be members.

HUSTINGS AT BEDFORD COLLEGE

On Tuesday, 1st December, by kind permission of Miss R. Procter, President, I was allowed to witness her secretary's ritual of Presidential Hustings at Bedford College for Women. (May I point out that there are times when the duties of the President take him into

N.U.S. FESTIVAL

The National Union of Students' second annual festival, held at the South-West Essex Technical College, lived up to the organisers' claim that it catered for all tastes. The week's programme was filled with a whole variety of events including meetings, dances, socials, plays, films and concerts. The standard of the artistic events was high, excepting the visual art exhibitions which were hampered by a lack of support.

The festival started off with a civic greeting after which Salvador de Madariaga gave a dissertation on "Peace and Liberty". The speaker, a prominent liberal thinker of our times, gave the meeting a lot to think about in an argument which attempted to show that freedom is dependent on control, the point being that democratic institutions must defend themselves because by their basic nature they are very open to abuse.

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge, the editor of *Punch*, who analysed humour in a serious manner. He showed that humorous situations can be worked out using semi-mathematical methods, there being a limited number of situations. The talk was interspersed with examples that were of course very popular with the audience.

The New Year was welcomed in with "Auld Lang Syne" at the climax of a very lively ball. Although the price of drinks at the bar were quite exorbitant, there seemed to be no lack of the right spirit and everything went off in fine style. Two further evenings were taken up by the semi-finals and finals of the National Student Debating Tournament, reported on the front page.

Undoubtedly the most popular events of the festival were the concerts of music,

dancing and general merry-making. In the international concert, students of many countries presented some of their own national cultures whilst later in the week the delegation of Russian students gave a wonderful concert which was received with terrific applause. The latter concert contained a wide variety of items ranging from singing and playing to ballet and even circus acts. All performers were students at university establishments, which in the D.S.S.R. can teach subjects not regarded as academic in this country.

The visual arts exhibition was opened by Mr. R. A. Butler who was quite annoyed at the poor selection of entries and said so in his speech. There were a limited number of paintings on show and what photographs there were seemed to be of very high merit. The number of paintings was small and the job of finding the best was very difficult because of the low standard. Perhaps the exhibit that attracted the most attention was a mobile suspended periodically over the sculptures.

The festival finished with a farewell faces-dress ball which produced an ingenious range of rig-outs. The post-mortem on the festival found nothing to really grumble at except perhaps the building which was very cold and formal for an event of this sort.

INDIAN STUDENTS' HOSTEL

Recent visitors to Fitzroy Square have been interested and intrigued by the new, and strikingly modern structure housing the new Indian Student Union and Hostel. It was by now already become an established feature on the London landscape.

What is probably less well known is the extent that its recent construction and opening represents a combined international effort on the part of both the Y.M.C.A. and Indo-British concerns.

Messages and greetings received on the opening of the new building including those from Sri Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Scarborough, The Lord Chamberlain and Dr. John R. Mott, Hon. President, World Alliance of Y.M.C.A.s.

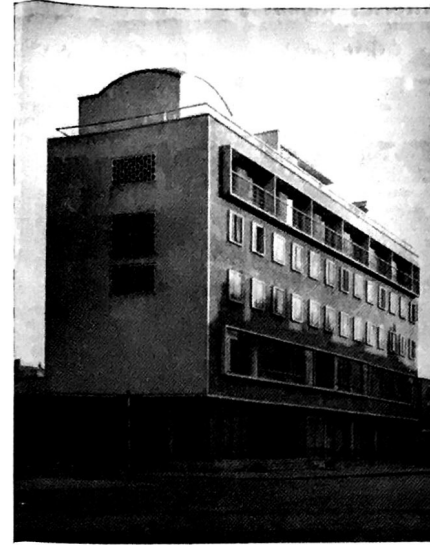
The Institute was started by the Indian National Council of Y.M.C.A.s in 1920, its first home being an old army welfare centre, situated in Keppel Street, Bloomsbury. This Institute was known as the Indian Y.M.C.A. and it soon became a favourite resort of Indian Students in London.

Three years later in 1923 the freehold property of 112, Gower Street, with three adjoining houses, was purchased by the Indian Y.M.C.A. and came into being largely owing to the vision and determination of the late K. T. Paul who was, for many years, General Secretary of the Indian National Council of Y.M.C.A.s. He envisaged the Institute not only as a focal point for Indian students in London, but also as a centre where they would be able to meet English people and to get to know something of English life and tradition.

The new Hostel and Union, with an Indian restaurant and a wide and varied programme of both cultural, social and recreational activities quickly became a focal point of Indian student life in London. Furthermore, in the period between the wars it became a notable centre of goodwill and friendship between the Indian and British student communities.

After nearly twenty years of valuable service, in 1940, at the height of the Battle of Britain, a major portion of the premises was destroyed by bombs. What remained was repaired, thereby enabling the work to be carried on for the duration of the war years, though on a very diminished scale. In 1946 further temporary premises in Woburn Square were acquired to provide hostel accommodation and club facilities.

After August, 1947, when a new era in Indo-British relationship began, many eminent leaders including Cabinet Ministers and educationalists, readily responded to the invitation to meet and address students. The Students Union was also fortunate in



Photo

P. Hooper

welcoming many leaders and visitors from India, though most of the major functions were held in one or other of the University halls.

Even before the end of the war plans were made for the re-building of the hostel and Mr. Ralph Tubbs, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A., was engaged as architect. Meantime an appeal for the Building Fund was launched. It was responded to most generously by Government, Province, State, business and individual contribution. The International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.s of North America donating a gift of \$50,000. At the request of the University of London the committee of management gave up the Gower Street site, which was required for the University extension scheme. In exchange, the court of the University secured for the hostel the present site near Fitzroy Square.

The new building contains hostel accommodation for fifty-six students and special attention has been made to the provision of public rooms so as to enable the hostel to fulfil its function as a meeting place for east and west.

In addition to the Mahatma Gandhi Assembly Hall, there is a spacious dining hall, a lounge and common room, a television and discussion room, a social room and a games room. It is the hope of the committee of management that these new premises will provide a worthy centre for Indian students and their friends in London. Underlying the Institute is the purpose of the Y.M.C.A., to cater for the physical, mental and spiritual welfare of youth. It is to be most cordially congratulated by the community as a whole for this profound step towards the promotion of cordial east-west relationships and the promotion of fellowship, amity and goodwill amongst all men. May it have a fair wind and God's speed in this venture.

On the foundation stone outside the assembly hall are engraved the famous words of Mahatma Gandhi:—"I do not want my house to be walled on all sides nor my windows to be shut. I want the culture of all lands to blow about my house as freely as possible; but I refuse to be blown off my feet by any of them."

W.U.S. NEWS

Reports received up to the time of going to press indicate that over £1,120 was raised by British students during International Students' Week in November, 1953. This is more than twice the average amount raised in the years since the I.S.W. Appeal was inaugurated in 1947. The proceeds of the Appeal are being divided equally between student welfare projects in Greece, Indonesia, Korea, Lebanon and South Africa.

The largest single sum was the £70 7s. 0d. received from Edinburgh University, with Goldsmith's College (London) a close runner-up with £65. Sums were raised in a variety of ways. Great ingenuity was shown, for example, by Philippa Fawcett Training College, London, which raffled a copy of the Kinsey report, and Mona Grey Training College whose women students usefully fried pancakes, cleaned cars and organised auctions and minstrel shows. On the whole the appeal was generously met.

The British Committee of W.U.S. will award a first prize of 15 guineas, a second prize of 5 guineas, and four consolation prizes of 1 guinea each for the six best designs submitted in its Student Poster Competition. Further information about the types of posters needed and the conditions of the competition may be found on posters and leaflets about College.

A ROVING

The Geology Dept. has bought a new Land Rover for use in field work. It is hoped to take it to the North-West Highlands of Scotland later this year.

Four third-year Geology students attended the Second Inter-University Geological Congress held at Nottingham University over the New Year. A series of lectures and discussions on *Groynes, Clinics, Sedimentation and Mountain-Building* was given at the Congress.

The students were Cynthia Bazeley, Gordon Hillier, Michael Hughes-Clark and Michael Furton.

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I.U.J.F. CONFERENCE

From the 25th to the 30th December the Inter-University Jewish Federation of Great Britain and Ireland held its annual conference in Glasgow. The aims of the Federation are to co-ordinate the various activities of Jewish students and to further their interests in Jewish and student affairs. At the conference, the previous year's work of the Federation is assessed, a new Executive is elected, and the latter carry out the wishes of their members by the work of organising the Federation's activities.

Over 120 delegates and observers from 30 universities and university colleges attended, and U.J.C.I., having one of the largest student Jewish societies, sent five delegates (Messrs. Saperstein, Rayner, Barnett, and Cornman, and Miss Elizabeth Leighton).

One of the most important items was Hillier House, which is being opened in London, of several houses for Jewish students proposed to be set up throughout the larger towns in this country. The houses will be most enjoyed by the B'nai B'rith, but the running of them, the conference decided, should be guided by the students through I.U.J.F. The first house has been purchased—in Endinburgh Street—and is being opened in the near future. It was stressed that the Hillier scheme in Great Britain will be entirely different from that in America in that there will be a far greater

measure of student control here.

Financially, the treasurer reported, the Federation is now in a healthy state. The education department reported that it had successfully run week-end schools in various universities on Zionism, Jewish literature, archaeology of Palestine, and great Jewish leaders of the past. A specialised Vacation School is being run for Law students, in which Dr. Powell of U.C.I., gave valuable help. In addition study groups are organised in the constituent colleges.

I.U.J.F., in its foreign activities, arranges travel schemes with the World Union of Jewish Students, and assists W.U.S. and U.N.E.S.C.O. in helping foreign students.

I.U.J.F. at present brings out a termly Bulletin, and is now to publish annually the *Academy* in addition.

Towards the end of the conference, the students were accorded a civic reception by the chief Magistrate, Bailie W. Finlay, at the City Chambers. At the election of the new Executive W.U.S. and U.N.E.S.C.O. were elected Hon. Vice-President, and one of the U.C.L. delegation, H. Saperstein, was elected one of the Education secretaries. A word must be said about the hospitality of the hosts in Glasgow, and the people of Glasgow generally, which surpassed even our expectations, and made the trip to Scotland a pleasant five days.

PLAY REVIEW:

THE MAN WITH A LOAD OF MISCHIEF

It is a pity that so many people missed the opportunity of a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the end of last term when the Colledge Dramatic Society performed Ashley Dukes' romantic comedy "The Man with a Load of Mischief".

Ashley Dukes' plays are rarely performed to-day and this delightful comedy is probably his best known work. He was not a great dramatist but certainly a very good playwright. In the sense of what made good theatre, he could mingle poetry and comedy with uncanny skill, as this play shows. It certainly lives up to the description of romantic comedy; being full of lovers' intrigue, moonlit meetings, and broad country humour. The whole is put together with such a lightness and delicacy of touch as to be quite charming throughout.

This production, in the capable hands of Ron Stannard, was thoroughly competent and of a consistently high standard. It succeeded in capturing the spirit of the play, even if the delicacy and poetic quality might have been more emphasized. Despite some faults the whole cast played with enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment.

Ann Berry exquisitely portrayed the refinement of the Lady. Brian Smedley, in the difficult part of the Man, admirably combined the passages of poetic beauty and servile philosophy. The scenes between these two provided the most moving moments of the play. The Lord (Donald Porteous), though excellent in some scenes, lacked sufficient refinement. As the man portraying the Maid had a great deal of charm, but needed greater definition. The Innkeeper and his wife played by Peter Bridger and Joan Josling were competent although they could both have been broader in character. Much of their comedy was lost because the right words were not sufficiently pointed; more the fault of the production than the script. The setting, whilst excellent in shape, would have caught the spirit of the play more if, in colour, it had been treated more delicately. The lighting provided moments of extreme beauty but was generally unbalanced and suffered from

insufficient front of House lighting at the right angle. Until this is remedied it will be difficult to light any production adequately.

This was a good production of a play that is well inside the capabilities of the society. I'm sure that everyone concerned enjoyed, and learnt a great deal from, the production but venture to suggest that until plays of this calibre are completely mastered it would be inadvisable to attempt them.

"UNSEEN AND UNHEARD"

...and finally, ladies and gentlemen, we must thank those unseen and unheard members of the stage staff, whose names are too numerous to mention, and without whom—, etc.

How often we hear a harassed producer end a long string of credits with these words on the last night of a play—how little it tells us of the organisation and planning, the worry and sweat of the previous weeks before the raising of the curtain on the first night.

Back-stage staff are a curious breed, full of technical jargon, short of temper, nervous in habits and completely lacking in conscience when it comes to begging cigarettes. Drams and stage staff are no exception, backroom boys all, sometimes wishing that people could know of and appreciate their difficulties on a stage, so badly designed that it can be only carried above that it on our stage you could do it anywhere", but, by and large, happy to remain unknown and unsung.

But there's a new spirit abroad this year, a drive to raise the standard of production far above that seen in College for several years, much has

already been done in the last few months, much more is planned. A start was made with the sets and lighting of last term's play "The Man With a Load of Mischief". It is hoped that the opera and the Foundation Play will carry the improvement further.

What has been done and what has been planned? Firstly, major structural alterations to the stage have given increased height and allowed space to fly scenery and allowed the hoisting of a huge plaster cyclorama as a background to outdoor scenes (this will be used in the Opera for the first time). Secondly, considerable new lighting equipment has been brought so that before the end of the year our stage will be better equipped than any amateur and many professional theatres in London. Thirdly, new scenery and cloths are being made to replace old and tattered pieces and to take advantage of the added height now available. Fourthly, telephones and call lights have been installed to allow communication from one part of the stage to another and to the back of the auditorium. So far so good, but much remains to be done.

Returning to the staff themselves, this year's freshers have turned up

trumps. From among those who showed interest at the beginning of the year a fine team has been formed. The stage director and chief electrician are old members and are training the rest so that each member can do every job—electrician, stage manager, carpenter, painter, etc. Members of the Slade who are studying stage design have, with the blessing of the Slade authorities, agreed to take on the design of sets for major productions as part of their course and this will assure a standard of knowledge and artistic skill never previously available to Dram Soc.

It is perhaps this team work which makes one confident that the planned improvements will come about. Whether they do or not, however, depends in part on two sets of people; firstly, next year's freshers, who it is hoped will join the team, share the load, and carry on the good work. Secondly, the audiences who will come and see well designed sets, well planned lighting, smooth production. It is their criticism which will keep up the standard, their applause which will encourage.

All those unseen and unheard members of the backstage staff without whom—

For Your Information

(From Student News Services)

Miss Lee's face, like that of the other students, is devoid of any make-up, and bears a natural, sweet expression.

The Students Union of King's College, Newcastle, has fined six of its members £2 10s. each for gambling on Union premises. (*Varsity*, Cambridge.)

A new Cambridge society has been formed by a number of undergraduates, and will begin its functioning next term. It is the Cambridge University Knife-throwing Club, which has as its object the promotion and advancement of the art of knife-throwing in Cambridge. It is intended to obtain targets of some kind for use by the knife-throwers. (*Varsity*, Cambridge.)
Any suggestions?

Students of the "Mozartium", the Salzburg Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, showed slight voting enthusiasm when, on November 27th they went to the polls for the first time to elect their student government. Of an electorate of 182, a mere 41 voted. With nine ballots being invalid at that, the rest of 32 votes were cast for the unitary list of candidates, who had been put up unopposed. (Special report.)

Sounds Familiar?

Addressing a manifesto to the youth of Brazil, students of Sao Paulo have raised the demand to fight against corruption in public life and for a recovery of morals. To this end, they have invited the people of Sao Paulo to a large public meeting at which these problems are to be discussed. (*Diario Carioca*, Rio de Janeiro.)

No comment!

In the annual Red Cross campaign for blood donations, The University of McGill students set an unofficial Dominion record by donating 645 units of blood, 35.1 per cent. of the students donated blood; the Arts and Sciences department won the intra-faculty competition, with 48.8 per cent. of its members contributing. (*McGill Daily*, Montreal.)

And we could only manage 60 pints!

The students of the University College, Dublin recently protested to the Irish Parliament and to the Director of Radio-television against the dismissal of their favourite radio announcer, (Irish Students' Association, Dublin.)

How is Sylvia—where is she?

In the elections for the Student Council at the University of Pavia, the traditionally non-political student union ASUP, received 68.3 per cent. of the votes; the Christian Democratic Group, "Intesa Universitaria", 24.9 per cent. and the neo-conservative "Associazione di Azione Nazionale", 6 per cent. The Communist university group, "Universita Neova" missed the deadline for the nomination of their candidates because of an evening of drinking arranged on the previous night. (Special report.)

Seeing Red?

A poll among the newly enrolled students at the University of Turin showed that only 30 of 100 students questioned knew what they want to do after having completed their studies. (*Gazzetta del Popolo*, Turin.)

Student Mirth.

Three volumes of a new edition of Shakespeare's works are included in world classics to be published in Hungary next year.

The Literary Publishing House plans 17 new volumes of poetry and 35 novels and stories, including a 25,000 edition of the poems of Petofi to meet complaints that not enough of his work was available.

There will be an eight-volume series of collected works of Zsigmond Moricz, in 100,000 copies.

For young people there will be works by Dickens, Cooper, Daudet, Tolstoy and Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare.

Red any good books lately?
Hungarian Student News Service.

Next Spring Helsinki University will begin courses in journalism designed to train special contributors to newspapers and magazines. The course will be open to 30 or 40 students and will consist of both lectures and practical work.

Try Pi for practical work.

A medical student at Oxford University discovered an ancient regulation which said he was entitled to a pint of beer as a refreshment while cramming for final exams. He persisted in his demand for his "right" until the authorities gave in and provided him with his pint. But they, in turn, looked up some of the ancient regulations, and fined the student five pounds for not wearing a sword. (Student press, "The Gongster".)

The Rev. Professor W. R. Forrester, of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews' lecturing on a trip to America, said of Senator McCarthy, "I'm afraid he won't be very happy in heaven, if he gets there, because every angel has a left wing (Student Press, "The Star").

I.U.S. News Service.

COMMEMORATION GAMES

Editorial Reports:

University College defeated King's College in the annual Commemoration Games at Mitcham on the last Wednesday of last term. This office was represented at Mitcham and, moreover, represented one-fourth of the U.C. supporters present. This state of affairs seems to be typical of the general apathy prevalent in this College at the present time. King's, with about half the population of U.C., managed to take down about 300-400 supporters together with "Reggie", who, alas, paraded unscathed up and down the touchlines. It was considered prudent, to say the least, not to take "Phisec" down to Mitcham simply because one coach-load of supporters—more than half of them women—was surely insufficient to protect him against the might of the King's engineers.

It seems surprising that there was no great representation of our own Engineering Faculty at Mitcham, though it must be admitted that the leading lights of that Faculty were otherwise and unavoidably engaged on that afternoon. All the same it is an awful thought that a College of this size should be unable to provide more than 40 supporters—one-tenth of the King's contingent.

Enough of the preaching, however! Of the matches themselves fairly detailed reports appear elsewhere on this page, but your reporter was particularly impressed by the Rugby match. In fact one ardent King's supporter so far forgot himself as to confide that, disregarding the result, it was the best game of Rugby he had seen for a long time—and he is a Welshman. Praise for Caesar, etc.! Yet one would be forced to agree that for tough, hard tackling, scrappy forward play and general end-to-end excitement, this might have equalled the Varsity Match.

The Soccer, by contrast, was not a very pleasant game to watch—it's one relieving characteristic being suspense. King's played scrappy, spoiling football, and seemed to be hanging on successfully to an early one-goal lead. Late in the game U.C.'s better style eventually produced an equaliser which was very nearly an exact replica of the King's goal.

The women's matches seemed more to our advantage. The hockey was ours, a surprise to gather, after a hard and exciting game; the lacrosse was a shade one-sided—it seemed that nearly every U.C.-player scored. Liz Patten is to be congratulated on scoring some fantastic total in a 13-3 win. Her performance was a triumph of skill over eager endeavour and King's ran out fairly easy winners.

Finally, in the gathering gloom, the cross-country runners, fresh from their University Championship success, strode home to an easy win. Congratulations, you runners, for two fine performances.

Of the President's darts match, suffice it to say that if the field games had been drawn, then the Cup would have gone to King's. We must make darts playing a qualification for standing for President next year!

The figures? U.C. 121, K.C. 81. An editorial bouquet to the players; a large brickbat to the rest.

For the Record

Assoc. Football	Drawn	1-1
Rugby Football	Lost	6-11
Men's Hockey	Won	3-2
Women's Hockey	Won	3-1
Cross Country	Won	3-12
Lawn Tennis	Lost	4-5
Men's Swimming	Lost	16-30
Women's Swimming	Won	30-18
Water Polo	Won	2-1
Men's Table Tennis	Won	6-3
Women's " "	Lost	4-5
Men's Boats	Won	3 yds.
Women's " "	Won	2 lengths
Fencing	Lost	
Lacrosse	Won	13-3
Netball	Lost	7-13
Badminton	Won	
Judo	Won	
Rifle	Won	
Sailing	Won	
Squash	Won	

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Rugby

The largest crowd at the Games saw the Rugby team lose to King's by 11-6. King's won the toss, and played with the slope and wind. After 10 minutes hard play, King's scored a penalty from a wide angle, following an adjudged offside by a U.C. forward. U.C. soon had an opportunity to draw level, but Royce sliced his kick. He made amends, however, a few minutes later by kicking a penalty from near the touch line, and was again successful before half-time. The U.C. interval lead of 6-3 was tightly against the run of the play, for King's had had the better of the first half.

In the second half, U.C. were unable to take advantage of the conditions, but seemed to have the game well in hand until, about ten minutes from the end, Fryer scored a try for King's following a kick ahead. This was not converted. Again, the King's stand-off cut through, and a centre scored. This try was converted from an easy angle, and King's now had a winning lead, which they held till the end of the game. The backs defended stoutly throughout but had few chances in attack. Carter made several breaks and was unlucky not to score on a number of occasions. Whichello, the other centre, did well with the chances he got. Wood, in the line-outs, and D. M. Jones in the loose, were outstanding among the forwards, but the pack as a whole was unable to heel quickly and cleanly. The U.C. defeat can be mainly attributed to this, since the potentially dangerous outside did not get the room they needed.

Women's Hockey

For the first time for some weeks, the 1st XI was at full strength, and had high hopes from a re-shuffled forward line. These were justified early on, when P. Smedley scored a fine goal, and soon afterwards the other inner, C. Sara, netted following a goalmouth scramble. Suddenly, the King's' right winger raced away into a brilliant goal from an acute angle, but although this spurred the home side to even greater efforts, our defence, in which J. Pallett and V. Brooks were outstanding, withstood the onslaught.

The best U.C. forward afield, P. Smedley, added another goal before the end, to make victory certain, in a hard game which could so easily have gone the other way.

Team: B. Brooks; J. Pallett, A. Hamilton; T. Harris, B. Levett, J. P. Robinson, C. Sara, M. Murrant, P. Smedley, J. Williams.

Netball

The College side began very brightly in the Commemoration Games at Mitcham, but as the game progressed it became obvious that the class of the King's side would have telling results. They are in a higher league than U.C., so, as one might expect, they were quicker all round, especially in interception. Another disadvantage suffered by U.C. was the slippery surface of the court; this caused caution in the U.C. side and shade slower than their opponents. However, one must not begrudge King's a very good win—they were the superior side. Individual performances which caught the eye were rare, but Kitty Baker, in centre court played well throughout a good, clean game. For the record the score was King's 13, U.C. 7.

WHAT'S ON

- 22nd JANUARY, FRIDAY.
12.50 Christian Union. Hut A.
1.00 Labour Society. Anatomy Theatre.
1.15 U.C. Boat XI, Foster Court.
1.15 Union General Meeting. Gymnasium.
5.15 Film Society. Chemistry Theatre.
5.00 Zoology. Soc. Talk. Lankester Theatre.
- 23rd SATURDAY.
7.00 Eats. Dance. Main Refectory.
- 25th MONDAY.
5.00 Communist Society Discussion. Foster Court 3.
2.00 Court 3.
3.00 Commonwealth Lecture. E.L.R.
- 26th TUESDAY.
5.00 Shearnan Lecture. Anatomy Theatre.
6.30 Chem. & Physic Society Dinner. Salad Bowl.
- 28th THURSDAY.
5.15 Film Society. Chemistry Theatre.
- 29th FRIDAY.
5.00 Communist Society Discussion. Foster Court 3.
5.00 Maths. & Phys. Society. Physics Theatre.
5.15 Film Society. Chemistry Theatre.
- 30th SATURDAY.
Eats. Hop.
- 1st FEBRUARY, MONDAY.
Talk. Jewish Soc. Programme. Lower Refectory.
Greats Talk. Personnel Manager of Boots. Ford's Warehouse.
- 2nd FEBRUARY, TUESDAY.
1.00 Talk. Christian Movement. Foster Court 1.
5.00 Debate. North Cloisters. Hut A.
7.30 Opera. Gym.
- 3rd FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY.
7.30 Opera. Gymnasium.
- 4th FEBRUARY, THURSDAY.
5.15 Film Society. Anatomy Theatre.
7.30 Opera. Gymnasium.
- 5th FRIDAY.

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Cross-Country

In Commemoration Games, on the last day of term, the College team emphasized the decisive victory of the previous Saturday by crushing King's by 24-125. Yorkie of King's was second to David Richards, in second time, but U.C. had the next five runners to finish with eight in the first eleven home. Tony Millwood ran especially well to finish only six seconds behind Richards, and the first five College runners beat 35 minutes for the six and a half mile course.

Soccer

The game opened with U.C. playing bright attractive football, but it soon became obvious that King's were intent on spoiling tactics and their subsequent kick and rush football took most of the enjoyment out of the game. After 10 minutes a high cross from the King's right winger was headed home by their centre forward. This was Corless's one mistake in what was otherwise a creditable performance in the U.C. goal. What little luck was about was going the way of King's and it seemed that U.C. could do little right. The College left-wing, Holmes and Ibbotson, were dangerous in approach but in front of goal there seemed a distinct aversion from hitting the ball first time. Whenever this did occur to someone, a lucky King's boot or body seemed to be in the way all the time.

Ansell was a robust and hard working centre-forward and it was he who scored the U.C. goal late in the second half. Some credit was due to him for what was not a very encouraging game, for those interested in undergraduate Soccer.

The U.C. side seemed stale and tired and not very willing to go for the ball. From this accusation must be exempted Corless, the right-half who played himself to a standstill in bolstering the defence, and in trying to set up some constructive attacks. Moran and an unhappy game at centre-half, while Pounds was lifeless and completely off-point at inside-right. Fulwell, Taylor, Lake and Mattingly were competent but uninspired. This was a game, it is hoped, that U.C. will want quickly to forget.

Sailing

The day of the King's Commemoration Games yielded far more wind than had been experienced in the previous races. In the first race Robin Spear led all the way to the finish. Bob Morris, lying second, saw that Ruth Leveton, our third member, was being closely covered by a King's boat. He therefore bore away into a reach so that he could "sit on his wind". This he did quite successfully allowing Ruth Leveton to sail free of the King's boat although she was a little slow in doing so. The last race was a complete walk-over. Roger Browne came first, Ken Anthony second, and Ron Prince third.

Lacrosse

King's scored the first goal of the match but after this first lapse, and cheered on by very encouraging supporters, U.C. went on to a resounding victory of 13 goals to 3. The players showed a far higher standard than at any time during the term, and what is more important, played together as a team. Cover Point, Jean Rodgers, and the goalkeeper were especially strong at the defence, but the most notable and careful spacing of the attacks did a great deal towards bringing us victory.

BRIDGE

More people play bridge at this College than at any other game and in fact some people do nothing else but play bridge. Yet surprisingly enough the Bridge Club is one of the most poorly supported in College.

Of course, the reasons for this are two-fold. Students are so widely spread over London that it is difficult to combine rushing for evening meals and spending an evening in College. Secondly, the Bridge Club, for some as yet undisclosed reason, is denied the privilege enjoyed by other Societies of receiving financial support. In fact it actually has to pay for the privilege of affiliation!

Apart from these difficulties the Club is enjoying a not too painful existence. Matches are arranged with other Colleges and the standard of duplicate bridge is relatively high.

Great support however would be welcome.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

On Saturday, against the Surrey Junior County XI, the first team lost a hard game by 3-4. In the face of a very strong wind, the Surrey side showed great speed and stamina, and best footed their victory, in spite of having to start the game before their goalkeeper had arrived.

For U.C. J. Williams beat four opponents before scoring an excellent goal, came from M. Murrant and P. Smedley. Team: J. Honsett; J. Pallett, A. Hamilton; T. Harris, B. Levett, R. Stott; P. Robinson; J. Richards, M. Murrant, P. Smedley, J. Williams.

Blow! Blow! Thou Winter Wind

The two team matches last term demonstrated the strength of the college team.

The match against N.E.C. was postponed owing to fog descending before the race could finish.

The race against the very strong team which the Imperial College was wholly successful. In the first race, Ken Anthony just sailed away from the rest of the fleet followed by Bob Morris. Thus we won first and second place.

I.C. boats managed to gain an overlap round the last buoy and carried him on so that another I.C. boat slipped through as well.

In the second race, Conway Jones of I.C. took his usual lead and in the last lap tried to cover Robin Spear to let another I.C. boat through, but Robin Spear in the "B" Race brought Firecracker, F.141, into first place, thus she now has 223 points out of the possible 225. Jean Sayers was not far behind in second place. The squalls seemed to have increased in force by the time the "A" Race started. Not long after the start, "Firecracker", helmed by R. Leveton, was hit by a squall which made her heel excessively and in doing so started bearing away for another boat, which in trying to keep clear, capsized. Not satisfied with capsizing someone else, Ruth in the second round in the same place, performed the same manœuvre and capsized herself. Roger Browne managed to come seventh after dropping from fourth place.

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Runners University Champions

Limited space prevents the adequate recording of the achievements of the Cross Country Club since the last issue of Pi. True to the sanguine hopes of the last report, however, the team managed to secure the University Championship Cup on December 12th, for the first time since 1939, by the lowest ever score of 39. Imperial College and the London School of Economics tied for second place with 62 points. This highly satisfactory achievement was enabled by a supreme team effort, in which each member of the Club played his part.

Conditions were excellent and the going from the gun was fearfully fast. Each of the first four runners bettered the previous course record, the individual winner being Keegan of L.S.E., the holder, with the fine time for over 5 miles of 26 min 58 sec. David Richards was fourth, and first for College, but he was followed by three runners from Imperial in a row. U.C. applied, however, by having Pat Taylor, Peter Pryor and Mike Orston in eighth, ninth and tenth positions, and with John Spence thirteenth, the result was clinched. Tony Millwood, non-scoring member of the team, was seventeenth.

MUDLARKING

Wed., Jan. 13th. Q.M.C.—I, U.C.L.—6. Instead of being heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, the new term's Soccer came in with an almighty splash. The game was first trotted out at Ditchleys last Wednesday, they were greeted by a stiff breeze, continuous rain and a pitch which looked like a miniature serpentine. Unfortunately U.C. lost the toss, and throughout the whole of a quiet first half their unfortunate goalkeeper was left to stand, disconsolate, in six inches of mud, sawdust and water.

The game itself did much to make amends for the appalling conditions. From the very outset U.C. adopted the right tactics for such a day—long, accurate passing, calculated to catch the opposing backs on the turn. The ball was always brought under control with speed and skill; seldom did a pass go astray. The U.C. wing-halves and inside-forwards dominated midfield play from the start, and Colling and Moran rendered sterling service in both attack and defence, whilst Ibbotson and Pounds plied their wingers with a continuous stream of passes. An excellent outstanding display at centre-half followed. Each of his four goals was well taken and well deserved. Throughout the whole of the first half the Q.M.C. team was so pressed in defence that their forwards were seldom given a chance to test the College defence. U.C. turned with a three-goal lead.

By the beginning of the second half, as the water gradually coalesced with the underlying mud, our miniature Serpentine had degenerated into a veritable morass. Conditions under foot were extremely difficult, but, filled with the joys of spring, the U.C. attackers proceeded to skate, slither and pirouette through the opposing defence with ever increasing verve and skill. Though still valiant in defence, Q.M.C. produced little in the way of a counter-attack. The passing was inaccurate and their kicking erratic. Their only attacks were spasmodic individual efforts, and the U.C. defence had little trouble in checking them. Smiles at centre-half came calm and ubiquitous, whilst Lake and Mattingly always tackled and kicked well. Before the end of the game, a penalty against a U.C. defender resulting in O.M.C. scoring a consolation goal. U.C. scores: Ibbotson (2), Ansell (4).

This was an encouraging game from U.C.'s point of view. For, in spite of the conditions, they played their best footed, producing excellent football throughout. As it was, the sight of twenty-two extremely "muddied oafs" tramping wearily off the field would have warmed even Kipling's heart.

Other Result: U.C. 2, College of St. Mark and St. John, 2.
Results: O.M.C. P. 20, W. 11; D. 5; L. 4 F. 64; A. 25.

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- SOCCER.**
U.C. III 2 - Westminster College II 2
Scorer: Jacobs.
London Hospital II 1 - U.C. IV 4
Scorers: Jaques, Smith, Ovenden, Giles.
Westminster College 2 - U.C. 1st XI 3
Scorers: Taylor, Ansell, Pounds.
- GOLF.**
Guy's Hospital 3 - U.C. 3

RECORD TO GO?

The "A" Team concluded the first half of the season with another victory, thus maintaining its 100 per cent. record and leadership of the London League (2nd Division). This form was continued last Friday (15th January) with a 41-23 victory over Borough Road College.

However, it needs an extreme optimist to foresee a continuance of this record, for on Tuesday next (26th January) we are due to play Regent Street Polytechnic 1st Team in the first round of the English and Wales Open Championships. The Polytechnic is, of course, the home of English Basket Ball and a mere glance at the team's record is sufficient to emphasize their supremacy in the sport. They have won the National Championships for two years running and the Premier Division of the London League for three consecutive years. At the moment they are again heading their division. For us they are very formidable opposition indeed. The line-up for Tuesday's match will include no less than five England internationals! Jackie Gold, who captains the side, also leads England. The College team eagerly awaits its task and we hope that many students will make the short trip to Oxford Circus with U.C. So put down your books for a couple of hours and come along! The jump-ball will take place at 8.55 p.m. The team meeting in the Lounge about 8.0 p.m.

The "B" team lost to Kingston Y.M.C.A. by 34-67 on Wednesday, 13th January.

Up to date records are as follows:—

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
"A" Team	10 0 0 438 279 20
"B" Team	9 2 7 240 391 4

AT THE 19th!

Having completed the first part of the season with an unbeaten record, the Club looks forward to the coming term with confidence. It can scarcely be hoped that the record will be maintained, especially as matches have been arranged against Guy's Hospital and St. Thomas' Hospital, both of which have teams of exceptional strength. But with a little luck we feel that University College will give a good account of itself in both these matches, and should be able to win the other games arranged for this term, against Imperial College, King's College Hospital, University College Hospital and Westminster Hospital. If these hopes prove well founded there can be little doubt that the present season will be the most successful for many years.

Activities at the end of last term were confined to the final of the match-play competition and the annual bogey competition. In the former J. A. Henderson experienced little difficulty in defeating G. Owen. The bogey-competition was won by J. Hodgson, with a return of 3 down, from G. Tullett and A. L. Simons; the standard of play in this competition was frankly disappointing. It is hoped that all members of the Club will attend.

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