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GENEVA — not PRAGUE

The lot of the average person has not been eased by the recent vogue for initials that has swept the world. Any newspaper headline shouts them at him, U.N.O., U.N.E.S.C.O., C.I.G.S., and many more. The student however, on arrival at college, is also confronted with a new set exclusive to the University world, and often he never discovers what they all mean, or what the various bodies do, even when he knows their names. "Oh, yes!" he says, "I.S.S. is that Communist crowd in Prague." And he is quite wrong!

Unfortunately, IUS and ISS are very much alike in initials, and its easy to confuse them on that ground. However, there the resemblance ends, except insofar as both are international.

International Union of Students has its Headquarters in Prague, and that sufficiently explains its activities to most students. International Student Student Service, a much less widely known organisation, has its World Headquarters in Geneva, and its aims are very different from those of IUS.

To start with, its not just confined to students. Any member of a College, past or present, and that includes Staff, can share in its activities. In fact, it is the only international body on which students and staff can meet and work together, which explains why it is the United Nations consultant on University problems. Moreover, there is no membership as such, and so any member of any university anywhere can use its facilities.

The main idea is to encourage friendship and understanding between the universities of the world and to help those which are handicapped by poverty and hardship. Being completely impartial, ISS does not discriminate against students on grounds of Nationality, Colour, Race, Religion, or Political Belief. In fact, all conceivable shades of opinion are held by those on the executive, and they work together completely without friction. An old and outmoded idea, perhaps, but one which it is increasingly difficult to find.

There will be an I.S.S. conference 18th-22nd December, Hoddesdon, Herts.

So much for a short article, but anyone who is interested can obtain further details about ISS from John Herbert, the secretary for Kings.

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A REFLECTION.

After a short but scintillating speech by Bill Weeks at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Union Society on November 21st, in which he declared that the flowers of rhetoric of the previous speakers were about to be gathered up by the harvester (Bill is in the Agric. Dept.), Bill Brough rose to his feet and solemnly declared that despite his agreement with Bill Weeks in the past he felt bound to say that this time he was well and truly up the creek!

All this occurred during the discussion of item two on the agenda which was:—To consider the proposed Bye-Law "That the sale and distribution of all Society Literature, the setting up of Society Stalls and the canvassing for Societies be not permitted in the Foyer and lower long corridor of the Union." This had been put forward by the Union Management Committee after the receipt of a petition, signed by 101 members of the Union Society demanding that an Extra-ordinary General Meeting be held to rescind the resolution that was passed by the General Meeting of 30th Oct., 1950, on the subject of the sale of Literature, etc., in the Union, on the grounds of its absurdity.

MEDS. IN FORCE.

Once more the Meds were there in force and when, after much wrangling, the motion was put to the house, despite their unanimous vote against it, it was defeated by 88 to 71 with 4 abstentions. Discussion over the motion was very heated and in some cases very personal. Dick Fenwick tore U.M.C. to pieces and then proceeded to make a personal attack on John Spain, the President of K.C.S.R.C. and a member of U.M.C. His reason apparently was that Mr. Fenwick was convinced that John Spain was solely responsible for the whole business.

Mel Coates, who is also a member of U.M.C., interrupted at this point to ask the President of the Union if Mr. Fenwick was in order. Ron Normans quick reply of "Only just" was received with applause. Incidentally Mr. Normans hammer was in constant use throughout the evening and was very effective in keeping the meeting in order. At the opening of the meeting the President had stipulated a maximum time of five minutes per speaker and as was expected Chris Bridger was one of the first to take advantage of it. Nobody seemed quite sure of what he said except that he uttered the word hooligan no less than eleven times in less than a minute.

Peter Cadogan, the "King's Comisar," took the view that this was not a fight over congestion in the Union, as some people pretended, but an attack on the Communist Party in general and Mr. Cadogan in particular. The gist of his remarks was that the Medicals in the corner were just a lot of hypocrites. Instead of being perturbed at this the gentlemen referred to seemed to thoroughly enjoy it and ironically cheered the speaker.

ANOTHER RESCINDMENT

Item two being disposed of, a large number of people left the room and item three was brought forward. This somewhat lengthy item read as follows:—

To consider the Proposal:—"That the resolution that was passed by the General Meeting of the 30th Oct., 1950, on the sale of Literature, etc., in the Union be rescinded on the grounds of its absurdity in that it prevents the sale of King's Courier,

The Student Chronicle, Rag Pie, The Northener, King's Tory and the literature of the Political, Religious and Faculty Societies in the Foyer and Corridors of the Union and also prohibits other Society activities (e.g. the organisation of tickets by the Film Societies) in those places."

There was very little discussion and after the proposal had been formally put by Peter Cadogan in the form above John Royle, the Union Secretary, put forward an amendment, which was accepted by the proposer, that the proposal be terminated after the word rescinded. The motion was then carried by 87 to 57 with 4 abstentions.

This of course means that the situation is back where it was a month ago in that there is now no restriction on the sale of literature in the Union.

Congestion in the Union?

Some conclusions from last Thursday's "traffic census" in the Union foyer:—

1. There is no congestion before 1 o'clock.
2. Congestion between 1 and 2 through—
 - a. Movements in and out between 1 and 1-15.
 - b. 'Standing around' between 1-15 and 1-45
 - c. Movement out between 1-45 and 2.
3. Main nuisance is at entrance. Doorway is too narrow.

Other minor points are:—

4. Quietest quarter hour is 12-30 until 12-45.
5. Most women leave at 1-50—men leave five minutes later.
6. Men come and go; women stay.
7. Proportion of men to women 4.2 : 1
8. Most people in Union at 1-10.

Unfortunately, lack of space prevents us publishing the actual figures. May we thank all those who helped.



"BUT DOES HE REALISE THAT THE SALE OF LITERATURE IS BANNED OLD BOY!!"

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APOLOGY.

Reference was made in our last issue to four gentlemen playing dominoes before the K.C.S.R.C. meeting. A complaint has been received from three of them to the effect that they are not gentlemen. "Courier" therefore apologises to these three non-gents and hastens to assure them that the same mistake will not occur again. "But," you are saying, "Who was the fourth one?" He was "Courier" reporter—need we say more?

S.N.E.C.

Since our last issue two more S.N.E.C.'s have passed. The first one on 18th November, although not advertised as such, was apparently a gala S.N.E.C. In addition to the usual hop, debate, music recital and bun-room binge, we were presented with a Music-Hall and a Barn Dance. These two items seemed to be quite popular, especially the former, during the hop interval, when our old friend Barbara Bach performed her celebrated Can-Can. Unfortunately "Courier" reporter missed this exotic act, but from what he heard afterwards the "boys" enjoyed it. It is rumoured that two male freshers had to go to the R.V.I. afterwards to have their eye-balls returned to their original positions.

On the following week, 25th November, S.N.E.C. reverted to its normal self. Gallons of ale were consumed and hundreds of hop tickets sold.

S.N.E. Committee have at long last decided to produce a new edition of their song sheet. Presumably they intend to retain some of the old faithfuls but they also want as many new songs as they can get. Surely some of you must know some good songs. If you do, why don't you jot down the words and drop them into the Porter's Lodge addressed to Martin A. Harris, Secretary of S.N.E.C. Please send the orthodox, not service, versions as it is assumed that everyone will know the latter. Those who don't should apply to the Men's Bar, the Medical School or any ex-service student.

The last S.N.E.C. of term will be on 9th December and will once again be a gala night. As it is so near Xmas S.N.E. Committee have decided that all proceeds shall go towards providing a few little extras for the patients in one of the local hospitals.

Would you like to be waited on by the President of the Union, or the Secretary of S.R.C. or some similar student official (perhaps even the joint editors of "Courier"?) You would!! Well come to Music Hall on the 9th and you will find them there just dying to serve you. When you tire of this you will be able to go to the hop or the debate or the barn dance. In other words it should be a good evening.

As you all know, there is a threepenny surcharge on beer bottles at S.N.E.C. Syd Brandon, the chairman of S.N.E.C., has asked us to say that he hopes that many of you will not redeem your threepences because the money on all those that are left is to be included in the total for the hospital. So be generous boys and girls—it's a fine cause.

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Editorial

They say that five freshers have been lost in the quad this week. Unhappily most of us can swim, which means that the nightmare of terminals still troubles our evening snoozes in the stack. Certainly the hazards of navigating the Dead Sea between the Hatton and the library would test the skill and endurance of the hardest cross channel swimmer. We even thought of calling this edition of the "Courier" the Dolphin but fortunately the weather has improved.

We should have liked an eight page edition this time and we apologise to those whose contributions cannot be published. Unfortunately "Courier" is being strangled for the want of a few pennies. The College is seething with material but two more pages means that we must sell another thousand copies. Last edition sold 1600, which shows that half the students either read someone else's copy or couldn't care less.

This is a rather sad state of affairs.

We should like to wish all our readers a lazy Christmas and a somnolent New Year.

Rilke translator to visit King's

The visit of Mr. J. B. Leishman to King's is something of an event in the College calendar. Mr. Leishman is well known as the translator of the poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke, the 20th. Century German poet, whose position in German letters is analogous to the position of T. S. Eliot or W. B. Yeats in the English canon. Rilke's poetry is obscure and his attitude complex. As is typical of the modern poet, he was a lonely figure, although he was exceptional in the degree to which he accepted his isolation. He was a mystic, trying to express in terms of symbols a world of personal experience. In his sonnets, for example, which have been very competently translated by Mr. Leishman, Rilke employs two major symbols, that of the Orpheus myth and of a young dead girl. Upon these symbols he erects his system and his themes emerge through them. Much of the complexity of thought and feeling, together with something of the unique flavour of Rilke's style have been retained in Leishman's translations and his work in this field has given him a unique insight into Rilke's poetry. Mr. Leishman will be speaking on some of his hitherto unpublished translations of Rilke's later poems. You will see the time and place of the meeting in the Society Calendar, and it is under the joint auspices of the Spenser Club and the German Society.

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MUSICAL SOCIETY— 89th CONCERT

Friday, November 24th.

A glance at the commendably ambitious programme suggests deeply contrasting works, seldom performed, and requiring an intelligent, appreciative audience.

While the choir contented itself with 15th and 16th century works, the orchestra gave itself a hard task in tackling 'moderns.'

The beginning was pitiful. A Bach chorus resulted in strangely competing rhythms of orchestra and choir. Only two movements of Dvorak's "Serenade for Strings" were played. Dr. Chalmers Burns apologising and saying that the audience would not be able to endure the rest. He must have been right; the two were bad enough.

Other orchestral works were by Holst, Walton and Sibelius, of which the suite "Beni Mora" by Holst was the most inspired. Woodwind and brass, backed by resonant bass playing, were consistently good. The remaining strings were always weak and hesitant, and cellos whined in the distance. Occasionally King's Hall shook with violent explosions and thunderous roars from the tympani and percussion.

The choir, although heard less than is usual at these concerts, sang spiritedly with well balanced harmonies. But why do they concentrate on works by early composers? They are so obviously capable of more ambitious things.

BOOKS

Two Novels of Distinction

('A KISS FOR THE LEPER' AND 'GENETRIX' BY FRANCOIS MAURIAC, TRANSLATED BY GERARD HOPKINS—EYRE AND SPOTTISWOODE—9/-).

The comparative regularity with which the translations of M. Mauriac's novels are appearing has the disadvantage of making a fresh, first-hand response to each novel increasingly difficult. Criticism tends to freeze into routine approval and the automatic approval of achievement has the danger of quietly transferring M. Mauriac's work from the pedestal to the shelf. That his novels are in a class apart I have no wish to dispute, and Mr. Raymond Mortimer's comment (to be found at the head of the 'flori legum' on the dust-cover) that Mauriac is 'unrivalled by any living novelist' does not seem to call for serious revision. Nevertheless, it is not easy to escape the fact that the novels which have appeared so far in this translation have been extremely uneven in quality, so that it is gratifying to record that the work at present under review brings reassurance that Mauriac's high reputation is not undeserved. And yet—one finds oneself remarking—even here, in these two distinguished novels 'A Kiss for the Leper' and 'Genetrix', one is made aware of reservations to be made of limitations as well as excellencies in the writing.

I should say, at the outset, that 'Genetrix' seems to me to be much the finer of the two; in fact, with the exception of the 'The Woman of the Pharisees', it is probably the finest piece to appear in this new edition. To describe it as a novel is somewhat misleading; to begin with it is short, being barely a hundred pages in length, but more important it has a tautness and simplicity about its construction which relates it rather to the long short story. The point to be made however, is that though the treatment is naturalistic, the overwhelming impression that the reader receives is one of stylization, of deliberate and continual exclusion of sub-themes, so that the general effect is akin to that of fable, where a single point is remorselessly established and driven home. It is not without significance that 'Genetrix' should recall 'Wuthering Heights', or more accurately, 'Wuthering Heights' stripped of its genealogical complexities. There is the same ruthless exploration of emotion, and emotion, so intensely it is conveyed, seeming almost to exist in and for itself independent of the DRAMATIS PERSONAE; there is a similar use of background to reinforce and intensify the drama. When Mauriac writes:—

"She felt stifled and threw the shutters open. The mid-day sun lay with a molten heat upon the burned up garden. Between the dusty squares of grass, the gravelled path had the colour of ashes. The puffing of a train pulling out of the station reminded her of the struggle for air from congested lungs."

he is revealing that tense interrelation between the dramatic conflict and its setting that helps to make memorable so many of the pages of Emily Bronte. There is the same use of background to give edge and precision to the theme, to render the emotional statement more explicit. The sure economy revealed in the total structure, is practiced in the individual phrase, in the quick evocation of scene:—

"At the other end of the house Marie de Lados was sitting upright in her chair, not leaning her head against the back and casting a strange shadow on the wall. Her toothless mouth moved rap-

INTERNATIONAL BALLET

The mob are back with their usual repertoire together with four more or less new works.

The only one of these novelties not to have proved successful in other companies is "Visions." It is a stinker.

The other works included "Les Sylphides" standby opening item for forty years.

"Gaieté Parisienne" was one of Leonide Massine's gayest creations in the years immediately before the war and the part which he created was given an excellent, if slightly overplayed performance by Errol Addison. Joyce Gearing had a spirited bash at the part of the Glove Selling heroine. Other people wandered around rather vaguely 'The corps de ballet being especially ragged in the Can Can. Still, perhaps it is a bit hopeful to expect Bacchanalian revelry at seven thirty p.m.

The role of Giselle was danced by Gladié Algeranova, and whether or not it was just relief at the change from Swan Lake, her performance was excellent, particularly in the mad scene where according to the synopsis "her head reels, her heart swells, her reason falters—and in agony she pierces herself...." She was ably partnered by Denys Palmer who danced his solos with virility and polish rare in the company.

The others Swan Lake, Sleeping Princess, Coppelia, were danced as usual, i.e. in a somewhat tired fashion and the orchestra committed a considerable series of Mayhems on the music; Offenbach suffered especially.

idly. The beads of her rosary lay in the hollow of her apron like grains of corn and barley."

'A Kiss for the Leper' seems to me much less successful than 'Genetrix' precisely because it aims so much more deliberately at restraint and simplicity. Unlike 'Genetrix', 'A Kiss for the Leper' seems to be shaped from without; its 'meaning' can be found to be concentrated in a single paragraph, whereas in 'Genetrix' the meaning is felt to be present at every point in the narrative. When we quote these phrases, for instance, from 'A Kiss for the Leper' we are aware of satisfactorily stating the 'point' of the novel in a way that would be quite impossible with 'Genetrix':—

"Small she might be as a human being, but she was condemned to greatness.... Do what she might, this rather fat, middle-class woman could not avoid a destiny that was greater than herself. Every path but the path of renunciation was closed to her."

Such a comment comes almost as a gloss on the text of the novel; it is not worked out adequately within the framework of the narrative; the weight of the novel is simply not behind it. This is indicative that the novel for all its apparent severity of outline, its concern with tautness and concentration, is, in reality, too contrived to be a success. Stated as baldly as that such a judgement may appear mere assertion, but given space, I think a careful and varied analysis would yield much the same result.

In spite of these reservations, however, this volume of Mauriac's contains highly distinguished writing; and distinction in contemporary fiction is not so common that we can afford to overlook even the slightest examples of it. In reading Mauriac, perhaps more than any other living novelist, one is continually reminded of D. H. Lawrence's remark about the fundamental value of the novel. "It can inform," he writes, "and lead into new places the flow of our sympathetic consciousness, and it can lead our sympathy in recoil from things gone dead. Therefore the novel, properly handled, can reveal the most secret places of life...." Mauriac's genius is of this vital and disturbing kind.

IAN GREGOR.

FILM

"THE MAN ON THE EIFFEL TOWER."

Director—

BURGESS MEREDITH.

"The Man on the Eiffel Tower" is based on a detective novel by Georges Simenon. Had this been a French film, it would surely have retained some of Simenon's tautness of style and sharp characterisation. So evocative a background as Paris would have been used, not with sentimentality, but with discretion and purpose.

The failure of "The Man on the Eiffel Tower" in these respects results in its lack of conviction. Seduced by the photogenic nature of Paris, the photographers used, willy-nilly, the technique of romantic travelogue. Lingering shots of our favourite views upset the pace of the film without creating any real sense of pictorial drama.

The omniscient detectives of fiction are always somewhat shadowy figures, so Charles Laughton can hardly be blamed for playing Inspector Maigret without any apparent depth. In addition there are Franchot Tone and Burgess Meredith, the latter being curiously wasted. Minor parts are played without much distinction by Robert Hutton, Belita and Patricia Roc.

A disappointing film, though not without interest as a Cook's Tour of Paris—in Technicolor.

(E.C.W. & M.W.)

"WOMAN ON THE RUN"

Director—

NORMAN FOSTER.

Starring ANN SHERIDAN
and DENNIS O'KEEFE
with ROBERT KEITH.

The trouble with "Woman on the Run" is that it tries to do three things simultaneously and does none of them well; much less does it fuse them into a monolithic whole. Murder, Marital Psychology and San Francisco are the elements, in order of original conception and ultimate value.

A man, wanted by the police, as the only witness to a murder, prefers the excitement of being hunted down by a ruthless killer to the safe boredom of protective custody. (anyway, Life does Get Tedious, Don't It, when your wife—especially if she's Ann Sheridan—No longer cares, and mainly uses you for walking the dog at night?)

The wife is tempted by a thousand-dollar reward to join the search, during which she learns what other people think of her husband, is persuaded of her past unfairness and decides that he's REALLY worth looking for, after all. However, the causes and degree of the estrangement are only vaguely hinted at, and the reasons given why hubby deserves a better break appear to be his weak heart and great capacity for telling stories of the romantic places he visited before marriage. ("He never told ME about them"! Wife's eventual change of heart therefore carries little conviction.

As with Paris in "The Man on the Eiffel Tower," the crudely inserted San Francisco backgrounds are no more relevant for their being authentic, and at times positively distract attention from the action of the film; but perhaps many of you will think there's something to be said for that!

In fairness it should be said that the dramatic irony of the situation in which the wife unwittingly leads the murderer closer and closer to her husband, comes out surprisingly well from the encumbrances of the film's treble themes; only this saves it from utter failure.

(J.C.J. & P.W.P.)

MATTERS MOTORING

Listening to the radio the other Saturday afternoon, we heard G. J. Allday talking about veteran motor cars. Mr. Allday had provided himself with some interesting noises off, but unfortunately, most of the recordings only served to show how difficult it is to make recorded motor car noises sound genuine. After his 1908 Mercedes had protested at having its ratios rearranged, it moved off making regrettable Leyland Lorry noises. Mr. Allday's 40/50 Rolls Royce, however, really was silent, and his A.A. Scout's motor cycle was B.S.A. through and through.

From
THE UPSTAIRS REFEC.



Have you been waiting long?

Aunt Penelope's Gossip Column

The first thing that I must do this week is to thank all you kind readers for the many letters that you have sent me. I only wish that they could all be printed but space does not permit. Instead here are just a few of the queries that I have received:—

"Is the lane beside the Mining School the quickest way to get to the Union from the R.V.I. on a dark night?"

No dear it isn't, but I'm sure that it must be a very interesting way. After all we have come here to be educated, haven't we?

Answer to M.S.S.—No, the Appointments Bureau is not something like a Marriage Bureau!

"Why are all freshers warned against going out with Medical Students?"

If you don't know by now why not go out with one and find out for yourself?

Rumour has it that my candidate for Miss Hot Seat 1951 now wears a blue beret and has made her score up to 23!

Spring seems to have come early this year in the Mixed Bar where almost every night there can be found a young man called Bob progressing favourably with part of the Geography Dept.

I understand that the Henderson and Ethel Williams Halls are going to run joint social activities. Oh boy!

Have you heard that a somewhat rotund fourth year Medical in his fifth year at King's is to be hauled up for kidnapping a schoolgirl? From what I see of her when she meets him on the Hot Seat after school I should imagine that she gave herself up!

Rumour has it that the favourite pin-up girl in the Pure Science Faculty is called Ethel. Apparently she isn't so shy now as she was when she first came up a couple of years ago.

Talking of being Shy—what has happened to that young female this term? There are whispers that she has got a new man in the Dental School.

Do you remember the 'Peruvian Bombshell'? It appears that she went to Sweden in the long vac. and has not yet returned. Does anyone know what has happened to her?

On the other hand, we have never been able to understand what it is that certain mirth-provoking personalities find so amusing about elderly vehicles, and in particular, about a venerable institution like the London to Brighton run.

LE SPORT: Last week-end a mild but none the less enjoyable form of trials motoring broke out in your own college when the Motor Club had a map-reading trial at Heddon. Maps of the right sort were actually laid on, and it is a pity that only seven names were entered for the event.

Everybody started together in search of the first map reference, but rapidly became dispersed with the exception of Maddison (Ariel) Rosenberg (Singer) and McCarthy (Ariel) who seemed to have some sort of secret understanding between them. The vicinity of each check was a scene of everybody going in opposite directions, and the first thing "Courier" did was to dash through a brace of water splashes at too many knots which meant cold feet for the rest of the day.

A crafty bit on the moors near Blanchland foxed a few people, and whilst McCarthy sank in the ooze, Maddison thought the main road was quicker and turned back, but soon afterwards was seen on a hillside, surrounded by substantial pieces of his bicycle trying to do things to the transmission.

The Lord Crewe Arms at Blanchland found organisers Bridger and Miller waiting with knowing leers to hear what had happened to everybody. Lunch was taken in the crypt of this charming old hostelry, the crypt being you will have guessed, the place where they keep the beer-engine.

The afternoon section set off at a spanking pace, everybody having sustained themselves with the exception of one unfortunate gentleman who managed to make his morning part last until the afternoon one started, thereby missing his oats. McCarthy whizzed off at high velocity, and looked as if he was going to get there before anyone else, whilst the crew of the Rosenberg barouche were so busy thinking about where to go, they didn't notice a rear wheel was coming adrift until the knock-off nut fell on to the road, and they were left at a check wielding mighty hammers.

Maddison's ministrations of the morning stood him in good stead, as no one else was at the finish when he got there.

The rest of the field arrived fairly quickly with the exception of one gentleman who was missing, presumed lost, until we saw him in the Union two days later.

RESULTS:—

MORNING—

- 1—B. McCarthy (Ariel).
- 2—J. C. Maddison (Ariel).

AFTERNOON—

- 1—J. C. Maddison (Ariel).
- 2—Rosenberg (Singer).

BOOBY PRIZE—

- M. Patterson (B.S.A.)

Winner of each section was awarded two bottles of XX whilst the next best had to be content with a single bottle. **ABOUT TO HAPPEN.**

26 XI 50. Yorkshire Sports Car Club Penine Trophy trial, Ripponden, Yorkshire, 11 a.m.

3 XII 50. The College Club hopes to hold a test trial for standard and special cars at Stannington Aerodrome. Late entries accepted.

10 XII 50. M. G. Car Club B.E. Center trial. Goathland, Yorkshire.

BALLS

MEDICALS' BALL.

According to a Poster in the Union the Med's had a Ball a couple of weeks ago. Can anyone confirm this?

AGRIC'S' BALL.

"Courier" reporter dashed into the Union Bar on the night of the Agric's Ball and found to his dismay that his favourite table had been moved. However, not to be outdone, and refastening his bow tie with his left hand, he procured a glass of Amber and joined some of his pals at another table. Here he found Tom Jobling making passionate love to his (our reporter's) partner. Before he had time to protest however, Tom espied another young lady and dashed away. It is believed that he continued to flit from flower to flower in this way until the Bar closed at eleven.

At 11.5 p.m. "Courier" reporter, somewhat stunned at having seen one young lady consume eleven glasses of beer, might have been seen to enter King's Hall. It was round about this time that the Agric. Dept. started to blow hunting horns and the Engineers departed to show their girl friends the etchings in their drawing offices.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves; even Wor Alice who on this occasion was without her boy friend. In an endeavour to find out whether or not the customers were enjoying themselves "Courier" reporter questioned several people and here are some of the replies that he got:—"Not 'arf," "You bet," "Whakko," three giggles and two sighs. This leads us to believe that the Ball was a well deserved success. The population of the Ethel Williams Hall seemed to think so too, if the noise that they made on their return to Hall is any criterion.

ARTS BALL.

Tomorrow night is your big night at Davy Jones's Locker. Are you all ready with your fancy dress? Who knows—you may win a prize! Even if you don't you are guaranteed a good time at the ARTS BALL, which is being held in the Oxford Galleries.

Have you got your ticket yet? They are still available on production of your Union Card at the Porters Lodge in the Union. They are only 12/6d. to students, for a double ticket, so why don't you roll along whilst there is still time and get one? Just think of what you can get for your money:—Three bands, bags of Tableaux Stunts, BAR until midnight and then late transport laid on at 2 a.m. to take you home after its all over. Its one of the biggest "do's" of the year—you'll be sorry if you miss it!

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DEAR SIR,

I was so inspired by Professor Pitchblende's most admirable review of Dr. Spracyhk's work on the "Aesthetics of Manhole Cover Designing," that I sold my latest "Leaning Post" design to the first passer-by for 4/58 and pushed my barrow to the bookshop to buy the first 49 volumes. Unfortunately I have not been able to afford another penny, which is the price of the final volume, as my last one disappeared down a gutter orifice.

The provision of nesting boxes for rats just under each cover, illustrates the authors humane approach to his profession. However I can find no mention of "Sonic Design" which I think is so important and is indeed practised by all responsible designers these days. Certainly one still hears the old monotonous clanking in some back streets of less enlightened towns but most people have developed a "cover conscience" which must be satisfied by a well orchestrated lay-out of covers in each street.

When I have recovered that penny I earnestly hope to find that this aspect of design is explained in the last volume, as I dread the possibility of this most eminent work influencing current design, so that I shall be robbed of the soothing, syncopated rhythm of the Haymarket Covers which rouses my spirits in the morning and quiets them in the evening.

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SOCIETY PAGE

KING'S COLLEGE LIBERAL SOCIETY

In spite of the present Parliamentary situation this Society is still very active and hopes to become even more so next term.

Several well known Liberals have promised to speak at our future meetings, including Philip Fothergill, Frank Byers and Clement Davies himself.

The next meeting of the Society will be held in the Union Library on Friday, 1st December, at 5 p.m. A tea will be served at this time to anyone who comes along.

The tea will be followed by a short address given by Kingsley Mann (Secretary of the Northern Liberal Federation) concerning the topical question "The Liberal Party—Left or Right?"

It is realised that this meeting is on the same night as the Arts Ball, but it is suggested that those going to the Ball should have tea with us and then proceed to the Oxford Galleries.

(Fancy Dress will be welcomed at our meeting).

AFRICAN SOCIETY.

The 13th October marked the start of many of the activities of the Society for the current session. On this date Freshers from Africa and the West Indies were entertained to tea in the Bun Room.

The Chairman of the Society, Mr. V. Oyenuka, presided and called on the Secretary, Mr. A. Gbajumo to outline the aims and objects of the Society.

The Secretary gave a brief outline of the Society's aims and objects—to foster a spirit of co-operation between the home and colonial students. He concluded by saying that colonial students realised the importance of their mission as ambassadors.

Other Officers outlined the various activities of the Society.

On behalf of the other Societies, Mr. Perryman, Secretary of K.C.S.R.C., welcomed foreign students and hoped the Society would prove a strong link with home.

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JEWISH SOCIETY.

The Durham University Jewish Society, has as its aims the promotion of social and cultural activities and is open to students of all denominations. The Jewish interest is maintained, however, by the study of problems particularly affecting Jewish people as a group. This is done by way of addresses given by eminent speakers both within and without the faith. This of course does not preclude other subjects, in which we range over a wide field. We welcome inter-functions with other College societies and organisations and particularly we welcome any member of King's College. Apart from the usual "tea and bun" which starts off any academic year, we have had, so far this term, two addresses and a Week-end school devoted to various problems facing World Jewry. We plan to have one meeting per fortnight, notice of which can be found just to the left as one enters the portals of the Union.

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K.C. CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY

A New venture this term has been the formation of a joint advisory Committee with Durham Colleges Conservative Society, the object of which is to unite Conservatives throughout the University and co-ordinate their activities.

The weekend of 4th-5th November saw 6 members of the Society in Manchester to attend the Northern Area Regional conference of our National Federation. By all accounts, the weekend went off very successfully, and social activities played a prominent part in the affairs.

On 10th November, at the All Party Brain's Trust, our guest was Miss Irene Ward, M.P. for Tynemouth. This was a most successful evening for all the political parties in King's. We feel that it owed its success especially to our Question-Master Mr. Ron. Norman, President of the Union, to whom many thanks are due.

Mr. C. J. M. Alpat, M.P. for Colchester, addressed the Society on Colonial Affairs, on 17th November. It was a great pity that more people did not turn up to hear a speaker so well abreast of his subject as Mr. Alpat. He emphasised especially the danger of Communism in our Colonies. Finally he handled questions from the floor with tact and understanding.

THE PLANNING SOCIETY

Although our H.Q. is in that remote part of College, the School of Town and Country Planning, Devonshire Terrace, we extend a sincere welcome to all students to join us in our activities. Don't be scared away by the fear that these take the form of very technical discussions—the majority of our meetings are of a wide and general interest. For instance, our next lecture, by Mr. W. M. Ogden, Regional Planning Officer at the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in Newcastle, is on "The United Nations and Planning"—a subject of importance to everyone. By the way, there is no need to face that long trek up the North Road because this meeting will be held in the Men's Writing Room in the Union.

Besides lectures we also organise discussions, film shows and excursions (recent outings have included visits to the Forestry Commission at Kielder, a river trip down the Tyne, and a visit to a coalmine), and, remembering last year, a very good Christmas party.

Oh! we mustn't forget the CAFE. If you are round our way and feel like a cup of coffee or afternoon tea do come in. Our prices are moderate, we have lots of current magazines and everyone is welcome.

COMMUNIST GROUP

On no subject do so many people lay down the law with so little knowledge as they do on the Soviet Union. In our newspapers incredible ignorance is vested with authority everlasting. On no subject is knowledge of simple essentials so overwhelmingly important as it is in the case of the Soviet Union. The difference between knowledge and lack of it may be the difference between peace and war in the next few months. A third world war could only result from American hysteria exploiting the ignorance of their cannon fodder.

The current course in the Soviet Union is therefore of the utmost importance. It is in the transition from Socialism to Communism, the great task of changing the material world and human nature itself in order to create a classless society. This is now being actually undertaken in the Soviet Union. You can't read about it in the Press because our Press Lords are afraid of the truth about Socialism, but you can find out the truth by coming along to the Group.

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If you don't find discussions in the Bun Room unsatisfying or, alternatively if you don't discuss things at all, then you are neglecting the aspect of university life which distinguishes it from a technical college.

KING'S COLLEGE RIDING CLUB.

Although the Riding Club was only formed last term, it may be considered as one of the most active clubs of the College. About twenty members go riding every week and as soon as the necessary arrangements with riding schools are completed, this number can be increased.

The following is a report of our first meeting, written by Miss Barbara Bach, member of the club and a very keen horse rider.

"At the inaugural meet of the Riding Club we mounted 20 members. Some could ride, others thought they could and some had never ridden before. As we filed out of the yard one horse carried its rider back into the stable, but I think he finally managed to persuade it to rejoin us.

"Keep to the edge of the fields" shouted our 'guide'.

"I try, I try" called Panayottis, as his horse hurtled in diagonal line across the centre of the field.

"The weather was perfect, provided all your energy was not concentrated on trying to rise and fall the comfortable way, or in keeping the beast in reasonable proximity to the others, you could watch the beauty of the Northern landscape; you could see over many miles in the clear sunny light of late autumn. The ploughed fields and the bare trees on the skyline; even the pit heaps, from a distance, looked like something that nature had intended.

"Did the horses enjoy it as much as we did? Who would have a Bugatti when he could have a horse? well..."

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You may have missed most of our 'talks' this term, but here is one worth considering for today. The Rev. A. J. Boyd, D.D., Principal of Madras Christian College at Tanbaram will answer the question, "Are missionary Societies moribund in the present world situation?" Details in the Caldern.

The Committee will be glad of suggestions from anyone for next term's programme. What subjects do you want talks on? Is there any particular subject which you personally would like to discuss—with a view to finding an answer which really makes sense in life? Let us have your ideas and we will arrange our study groups accordingly.

Mountaineering

King's College Mountaineering Club made quite a good start to the season, both outdoor meets being well attended.

The first was held at Simonside in good weather. A new climb discovered by one of our members a previous week was tried and declared the best on the crags. Quite a few new members put in an appearance and an attempt was made to initiate them into the sport. Judging by remarks heard afterwards it wasn't so frightening.

The second meet was held at Great Wannie Crags in "rather poor" weather. Indeed by the end of the day only the hardier spirits of the Club were left climbing. Despite the rain, however, most of the climbs on the Crags were accomplished. It was noted that all the newcomers of the previous meet put in an attendance again, so it can't be so frightening after all. An excellent tea at the Armstrong Arms made some amends for the pouring rain.

Fell walkers put in an appearance at both meets, but frankly, numbers were rather disappointing. Judging by the number of Y.H.A. badges seen around there must be plenty of walkers in College.

Our next meeting, a combined climbing and walking one, is at Craglough on Sunday 10th Dec., so if you would like to go walking in the Northumbrian Country watch our notice board in the Union.

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SOCIETY CALENDAR

DATE	SOCIETY	EVENT AND SPEAKER	PLACE	TIME
THURSDAY, 30th NOV.	SOCRATIC	"Existentialism"—Dr. E. L. Allen	UNION COMMITTEE ROOM	5-30
	STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT	St. Andrew's Tide Service—Rev. A. J. Boyd, D.D.	ST. THOMAS' CHURCH	5-30
	CONSERVATIVE	"Hat Night—Short speeches by members"		5-30
FRIDAY, 1st DEC.	ARTS BALL	"Religion in Eastern Europe"—Rev. S. Evans.	GYMNASIUM	5-15
	SOCIALIST MUSIC	Informal Concert— —Jack Pacey (Clarinet) —Margot Wright (Piano)		
	LIBERAL	"The Liberal Party—Left or Right"—Kingsley Mann, Esq.		
MONDAY, 4th DEC.	SOCIAL SCIENCE	"My Personal Impressions of Northern Rhodesia"—Prof. Jack	WOMEN'S WRITING ROOM	5-30
TUESDAY, 5th DEC.	MUSIC	Gramophone Recital	SMALL GYMNASIUM	1-15
	SAILING	"Racing Tactics"—M. C. Eames		
	SPENSER	"Rilke—Comments on unpublished Poems"—J. B. Leishman, M.A.	ENGLISH DEPT., 32, ELDON PLACE	5-30
	GERMANISTENVEREIN	"The United Nations and Planning"—W. M. Ogden, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.P.T.I.	MEN'S WRITING ROOM	
	PLANNING	"East Africa"—Dr. Meinhard	GEOGRAPHY DEPT.	6-0
	GEOGRAPHICAL			
WEDNESDAY, 6th DEC.	FOLK DANCE	"European"—VISIT to Edison Swan Electric Co. (Sunderland)	BUN ROOM	5-0
	RADIO			
THURSDAY, 7th DEC.	JEWISH	"Religion in the University"—Rev. Bennitt, M.A.	UNION LIBRARY	5-30
FRIDAY, 8th DEC.	MUSIC	Informal Concert— —Cyril Perfect (Violin) —Norman Suckling (Piano)	GYMNASIUM	5-15
	PLANNING	Christmas Party	3, DEVONSHIRE TERRACE	
MONDAY, 11th DEC.	MATHEMATICAL	"Training in Science in the Undergraduate and Graduate Schools of the American Colleges"—Prof. Hamilton	ROOM 218	5-15
TUESDAY, 12th DEC.	MUSIC	Gramophone Recital	SMALL GYMNASIUM	1-15
	GEOGRAPHICAL	"Relation of Folk Dancing to Geography"—A. Brown, Esq.	GEOGRAPHY DEPT.	6-0
WEDNESDAY 13th DEC.	FOLK DANCE	"General and Request Night"	BUN ROOM	5-0
	GEOGRAPHICAL	Christmas Party	UNION REFECTORY	7-30

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

DEAR SIR,

At the General Meeting of S.R.C. we voted in favour of the re-inforcement of the College regulation regarding the wearing of Academic dress.

Now, however, a notice informs us that no action is to be taken in the matter.

Might I then enquire if the long discussion and vote at that meeting was to no purpose? Since a majority of those students in King's who were able to shake off the general apathy and attend the meeting did vote in favour of the wearing of gowns being re-enforced, this should in fact be done.

Yours truly,
ELEANOR I. BILTON.

The motion passed by the meeting stated "that the decision of S.R.C. to support the wearing of gowns be accepted." In other words S.R.C. has decided to encourage the wearing of gowns. They do NOT mean to enforce the regulation. In fact this is a College matter and if any enforcing is done the College authorities will be the people to do it.—[ED.].

DEAR SIR,

I should like to point out that your reporter at the S.R.C. Meeting was misled into writing pure nonsense. It was stated that the College Crest is copyright. This is unfortunately not the case and has not been since 1937 and most probably was not before that date.

I myself have frequently abused the crest, without even obtaining permission, notably on Rag Stationery. Another example, by another hand, is to be seen on the Bookshop Notice in the Union. Three Brass Balls instead of St. Cuthbert's Cross and a puerile motto. It seems that S.R.C. were merely trying to close down all competition to the sale of their own cards. Is this because certain other cards are the best designed and most tasteful yet seen in College?

I hope that you will bring this matter before your readers.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM LANE.

Certainly the College coat of arms is registered with the College of Heralds but whether this constitutes a copyright or not is another matter. It is customary, and a matter of common politeness, that anyone desirous of reproducing the coat of arms should first seek the permission of the College Authorities, in the person of the Registrar. We understand that in the case reported this has not been done.—[ED.].

DEAR SIR,

The students of King's College are establishing a fine tradition of level-headedness this term. At the S.R.C. General Meeting they refused to be panicked by Miss Stephenson and Mr. McLoughlin on a motion of disaffiliation from I.U.S. and mandated delegates to vote against the N.U.S. Executive motion at Liverpool. At the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Union Society they refused to be stampeded by certain irresponsible elements in the Medical School, and others, by rescinding the restrictions placed on Society book-stalls. It is to be hoped that when the N.U.S. national referendum on disaffiliation is presented, this tradition will be maintained by a reinforcement of the decision taken at the S.R.C. General Meeting.

At the N.U.S. Council at Liverpool, the Executives' motion was defeated by delegates mandated by Student bodies after thorough discussion at open meetings. This, however, was not enough for the President and six members of the Executive, who sulkily offered their resignations and left the platform like spoilt school-children who cannot get their own way. They would return only by imposing on N.U.S. the condition that a national referendum is held.

Let us hope that the results of the referendum once again defeat the Executive and when these members offer their resignations they are accepted. For surely an Executive which refuses to accept a majority decision of Council democratically arrived at, is not acting in the best interests of British Students.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS EARL.

DEAR SIR,

In your issue of 16th Nov., reference is made in more than one place to the ART'S BALL. I am at a loss to understand why your reporters insert an apostrophe in the word "arts." Have they never heard of the "arts" as opposed to the sciences? Or are they confusing the Faculty of Arts with the Fine Art School? As an arts man, I find such apparent ignorance distressing.

Incidentally, I notice that no readers letters appear. Doubtless this is because "Courier" has been a little slow in getting under way this term. With the possible exception of this one, readers' letters form one of the most interesting sections of any journal, and are worth encouraging.

Yours, etc.,
G. L. LANGLEY
(Faculty of Arts).

We stand corrected.—[ED.].

PRO

To leave I.U.S. now would be to embark upon a policy of defeatism, of cut-and-run, of planned despair. Those who advocate such a policy are, whether they know it or not, the organisers of defeat, of the defeat of all we hope for; Peace, Student friendship between the nations and a better chance of full intellectual life for millions. Disaffiliation is the doctrine of irreconcilability made manifest; and I for one refuse to believe that East and West are finally and utterly irreconcilable. We need not count it treason or daydreaming to persist in this refusal, even in the teeth of international tension and propaganda.

Never was this advocacy of the boycott so evidently an evil counsel. Let me illustrate what I mean by this. The "New Statesman and Nation," a periodical which has consistently thrown doubt upon the genuine nature of the Sheffield-Warshaw Peace Conference, did none the less express its disapproval of the official governmental and Labour Party Policy of this country toward the conference. The "New Statesman" was of the opinion that we should have flooded the Peace Conference with "Western" delegates and put our views fearlessly, in frank and unrestrained discussion. That is what we should be doing in I.U.S., what we could be doing now, if certain student organisations of other countries in Western Europe and the New World had not already done a bunk. And now we are being asked to join these deserters!

Left in the lurch as we have been by those who should have been standing with us, it would be no wonder if we were often voted down at Prague. But, in fact, does this always happen? At the last conference, our N.U.S. delegation criticised the omission of all other weapons except the atomic from the condemnatory clauses of the Stockholm Appeal; and declared themselves ready to adopt a more conciliatory attitude if this were remedied. Their suggestions were fully met in conference's amendments to the earlier Peace resolution; and then what happened? Our delegate made no gesture of acceptance or reconciliation, but sat glued to their seats like a parcel of sulky brats.

Now our N.U.S. Executive, its recommendation of disaffiliation rejected, threatens to resign. And this brings me to the personalities on that same executive. In spite of being elected a Vice-president of I.U.S. for the coming year, our leader, Stan Jenkins, remains intransigent. Isn't it just possible that Jenkins and his mates have represented us so long that they have acquired the "permanent official" mind? What about some new blood?

All this, to my mind, adds up to one thing. When the Student Referendum upon N.U.S.'s future course of action comes off, we must stick to our guns. We must reaffirm the mandate we have previously given our representatives, that N.U.S. should NOT disaffiliate from I.U.S. WE MUST VOTE TO STAY IN!

A. R. B. FENWICK.

DEAR SIR,

The Annual College Carol Service will take place in St. Thomas at 5.30 on Thursday, December 14th. All students are warmly invited to come and sing carols, and there will be a practice beforehand, for details of which see Union notice boards.

Yours sincerely,
JACK BENNITT,
CHAPLIN.

It is understood that several students have been late in receiving their Education Grants from Local Authorities. As it has been suggested that these Authorities should be approached with a view to, in future years, paying their grants earlier in the term, would any student who has encountered such difficulty please forward particulars to Mr. G. A. Rees, Grants and Welfare Secretary, c/o. Porters Lodge, University.

I. U. S. FORUM

DISAFFILIATION DISCUSSED CENTRE

This question of our future relationship with the International Union of Students is by no means a new one. It was seriously debated twelve months ago at the 1949 November Council of the National Union of Students held in London. At this Council the Executive taking office and headed by the present President of N.U.S. strongly advocated in the face of considerable opposition that we should remain in the International Union of Students for at least another year, when after the Prague Conference held last August a further report would be presented to the National Union of Students Council. This delegation of 14 people consisting of the Executive and several normal council members has now returned from Prague and given its recommendations to Council. Of the 14 members 11 voted for leaving I.U.S., 3 voted for staying in. The majority report headed by Stanley Jenkins, President of N.U.S., John MacNab, Vice-President, and Bonny Rust the previous President states "It has become abundantly clear that the I.U.S. is primarily a political and only secondarily a student organisation." N.U.S., they go on to say, which strives after being an a-political organisation can find no place in such a set up. "The unity at which I.U.S. aims is political unity and for us it can only be obtained by a complete sacrifice of many fundamental principles." The I.U.S., they claim, will not shrink from dishonest measures in order to further their own ends and that the minority views are misrepresented and suppressed.

Even if we were able to convince the well indoctrinated delegates at the Council and Congress of the I.U.S. that the views we expressed were sincerely held by the majority of British Students, we know that they would not be able to give a fair report to the students in their own countries. "Under these conditions the essential purpose of our membership in the I.U.S., to secure an exchange of views between students of the world in any fulfilment of our Constitutional aims 'to represent students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland nationally and internationally' is destroyed, and our continued participation means the misuse of the time, money and energy of the National Union." The three of the delegates voting against disaffiliation agree in principle with what has been said in the majority report. However they say "We advocate continued affiliation neither because we are in political sympathy with the I.U.S. majority nor because we are opposed to the criticisms made in the majority report." International understanding can, they claim, only be reached in a world where there is every interchange of ideas among the different countries. "The maintenance of peace depends upon the attempts of the various ideological systems to live side by side and as far as possible to work together."

"How can we reach such an understanding if we are to take up an insular attitude?" "Those who recommend that we should leave I.U.S. should be clear that they are in effect advocating that we break off relations (admittedly unsatisfactory) with a large section of the students of the world and with those students whom it is particularly important that we should try to understand."

I have tried in 20 minutes and as few words as possible to present you with some of the ideas emerging from each side of the argument. Obviously the time has arrived when each one of us should decide once and for all on which side we are to vote. I have tried to present you with an impartial account and very shortly you will have the opportunity of expressing your point of view in the N.U.S. referendum to be circulated amongst individual students. The important thing is that you should endeavour to reach a conclusion so that when the fundamental issue is decided it will be in keeping with the views of the majority of British Students.

J. T. SPAIN.

John Thompson, Student Treasurer of N.U.S. and a Prague delegate, will be visiting King's on December 4th, to address a meeting.

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CON

The most obvious case for disaffiliation is that the I.U.S. is simply the student section of the Cominform. Just that!

It is self evident and accepted by most students as a basic fact. Apart from the student organisations of Britain and South Africa, all the members of I.U.S. are from behind the Iron Curtain, or, Communist minority groups from Western Countries whose national unions are not in I.U.S. The most damning result of this is that the practical activities of I.U.S. have been rendered worthless by political considerations; relief funds have been distributed according to political criteria, not efficiency, while sport must now have its "ideological level" raised!

Even though the Communists have complete control over I.U.S., there are the inevitable idealists who believe, naively, that N.U.S. can do some good in I.U.S. Here are the kinds of arguments they use, and my answers to them.

(1). "We should stay in I.U.S. to put our view"—but our view gets NO publicity in Communist countries and clearly has no effect on the Communist student leaders.

(2). "We shall get other national unions to join or rejoin I.U.S."—but we tried to do this last December. We were condemned by I.U.S. for attempting "to disrupt world student unity!" The other Western Countries have not joined I.U.S.

(3). "If we leave, some unrepresentative British organisation will be admitted in our place"—very probable, but at least we shall cease to lend our name and funds (several hundred pounds) to the Communist side in the cold war.

(4). "N.U.S. membership of I.U.S. is the last bridge between East and West and so a contribution to world peace"—unfortunately the path of history is littered with the graves of those who thought they could co-operate with Communists, only to be rejected when no longer useful to Communism.

That apart, N.U.S. is completely isolated in I.U.S., subjected to vile attacks, misinterpreted and misrepresented in I.U.S. publications.

A nice, friendly, peaceful arrangement!

(5). "Staying in I.U.S. may not do any good, but at least it does no harm"—unless you think it harmful to hand over the control of N.U.S. to a well-organised Communist group. The present N.U.S. executive will certainly resign if the decision on disaffiliation is not reversed by the referendum, and the only people of any stature in N.U.S., who would be willing to hold office and carry out the policy of continued affiliation with I.U.S., would be certain members of the Communist party and certain fellow travellers who would appease I.U.S. in the worst sense.

It has taken five years to kick this crowd out of control and now a vote in favour of affiliation with I.U.S. would be regarded as an invitation for return.

Staying in I.U.S. will do no good and a great deal of harm.

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SPORTS REVIEW

RUGGER ROUND UP

Rugby.—Saturday, 18th November.

King's v. Old Novos.

(at Cochrane Park)

Score : King's (5 tries) 15 pts.,

Novos. (3 gls. 3 p. gls.) 24 pts.

King's managed to keep well ahead on points, throughout all the game except the last ten vital minutes. On paper, the result looks like "just another defeat," but in reality it was quite different.

In the first half, despite a lighter pack, the College forwards and backs worked excellently together as a team, perhaps better than anything seen this season at Cochrane Park, and tries came from Bradbury (2) and Lowe (1) and a substantial lead would have resulted at half-time, but for two penalty goals awarded against Kings.

Up to this point, Novos' scrum had done well, but mishandling in their three-line and quick tackling by the home team kept their score down.

Early in the second half however, Evans, the College hooker, had to leave the field with an injured nose; consequently rather less was seen of the ball from the set scrum by King's backs. On one of the occasions the ball did emerge on Hayton's side, and he scored an unconverted try, with a good run on the blind side of the scrum.

On the only other occasion the ball came back, the whole three-quarter line participated in a movement which ended in Lowe touching down in the corner.

Gradually, however, the loss of weight in the pack told, and in the last ten minutes, the Novos' centre-threes scored two good tries right under the home posts, and both were converted. Desperate trying by King's failed to reduce these arrears, and the final score was as above.

RUGBY.

U.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIP

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
v. R.F.C.
DURHAM UNIVERSITY R.F.C.
AT MANCHESTER, WEDNESDAY,
22nd NOVEMBER.

RESULT :—

DURHAM 8 POINTS,
MANCHESTER 3 POINTS.

In appalling weather conditions, Durham University, with six county players in their side, proved to be too strong for the home team and won by a goal and a penalty goal to a try.

In the first half both sides played the open game with Durham more forceful than their opponents. Repeated attacks on Manchester's line were held only by a strong resolute defence, but from a quick heel, following a loose maul, Boshoff broke through and neatly transferred to Ratcliffe, his centre partner, who cleverly evaded the full back and touched down beneath the posts! Leigh converted. Durham continued to attack but were unable to increase their score before half time.

In the second half the Durham pack wisely adopted new tactics to suit the rapidly deteriorating playing conditions by keeping the ball in the tight, while Manchester persisted in their efforts to play the open game. Dropped passes, and close marking by the Durham defence prevented any serious threat to the Durham line. After prolonged pressure Durham were rewarded with a penalty which Leigh converted. As a result of a forward dribble the Manchester scrum-half scored an unconverted try in the closing stages of the game.

ROWING.

Intercollegiate boat racing is to be held at Durham on Friday and Saturday, December 1st. and 2nd., when the principal event will be a race over the long course for the Senate Cup, open to college first IV's.

Also included in the programme are coxless pair-oar racing, a four-oar race for novice oarsmen and races between Durham Colleges W.B.C. and King's College W.B.C.

This year King's have a Senate crew which has showed great promise in training, and should give a good account of itself on the day of the race. On the Friday, King's meet Medicals, who also have a good four, and the winners are expected to meet Hatfield, reported to be the fastest Durham crew, in the semi-final.

The pair-oar race has attracted only three entries, two from Castle and one from King's. The King's pair have reached a high standard of rowing, and should win if their watermanship can overcome the hazards of the tricky Durham course.

The Novices event is very open: King's have entered two crews, both powerful, but, as is only to be expected of men who have only been rowing since October, rather rough and ready.

It is hoped that many supporters will travel to Durham and give vocal support to King's from the tow-path. Programmes will be on sale in the Union before the races, and a supporters' bus will leave College Road at 12-30 on the Saturday.

KING'S v. NORTH DURHAM
(at Cochrane Park, Sat.
25th November.)

SCORE—King's 9 points.

North Durham 3 points.

Under ideal conditions, King's earned their victory over North Durham by making the most of the excellent service from Bew, hooking in the absence of Evans for the first time this season.

King's attacked from the beginning, keeping North Durham well in their own half, but the opening score very nearly came to the visitors, when a good cross-kick from the Durham right wing had King's defence in trouble. Scratcherd cleared however, and paved the way for the first try when, well inside the Durham 25, Hornby gathered from the loose, and after breaking the line, passed to Bradbury, who touched down. The kick failed.

A chance to equalise was missed when an easy penalty against College was put far wide of the posts. Nevertheless, the next few minutes saw Durham attacking, and their centre three-quarter scored an unconverted try from a very good reverse pass.

Shortly before half time, Hornby put King's ahead once more, with a try so far out that Jones did not have much chance with the kick.

The second half was more of a forwards' game. Lincoln and Hornby were frequently noticed.

The end was settled when Seymour touched down for King's. After this Durham never looked like reducing the arrears, as the home defence was always well on top.

SOCGER.

U.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIP

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY A.F.C.
v.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY A.F.C.
AT LIVERPOOL, WEDNESDAY,
22nd NOVEMBER.

RESULT :—

LIVERPOOL U.A.F.C. 0.
DURHAM U.A.F.C. 6.

Despite the terrible conditions, a muddy surface and blinding rainstorm, some excellent football was served up by both sides. Durham adapted themselves to the conditions straight from the kick-off and kept the ball moving by long sweeping passes and wing-to-wing play. These tactics brought quick goals to Davidson after 8 minutes, and Brown after 14 minutes, the latter being the result of a grand movement started by Hetherington. Six minutes later, Madgewick, receiving a through pass from Davidson, glided past the centre and scored a magnificent goal. Elated by their success, Durham slackened off and had to defend grimly until the interval.

On the resumption exchanges were fairly even and Liverpool fought hard to reduce the deficit until their right winger was hurt and had to leave the field. At this set-back they became disorganised, and three minutes later Brown made an opening for Davidson to score. After a further five minutes Durham's score was increased by a well-taken goal from Golightly. At this stage Durham attacked continuously, but after Conley was carried off through injury Liverpool came back fighting only to find Brown, Hetherington and Westgarth very sound in defence.

The balance of play again swung in Durham's favour when Conley resumed and after 80 minutes Wilson scored with a hard cross shot from the left wing. From that goal to time Durham were never out of the Liverpool penalty area—so much so in fact, that the Durham goalkeeper was seen to be practising penalty kicks into his own net and then retrieving them in order to keep warm.

For Liverpool, the right back, Hall, was outstanding for his positional play and defensive tackling. For Durham, Brown and Conley stood out in a well balanced and constructive team.

GOLF.

King's College Golf Society.

Three matches have been played this term, all of which have been won by the College Golf Team. In a match against Medicals, team of eight, singles only, King's won by 4½ points to 3½, Medicals conceding one match owing to a player's last minute absence. This made the victory less gratifying than it might have been. Venue—Gosforth Golf Club.

Two matches have been played between King's and Durham Colleges, both, by Durham's request, of handicap, team of six, singles. King's won the first match by 5 points to 1, the second, against a vastly improved Durham team, by 3½ points to 2½. Venue—Brancepeth.

University Golf Club (Combined Colleges.)

Mr. McClory, Captain of Medicals, has been elected Captain of D.U.G.C., Mr. Taylor, Captain of Durham Colleges, as Secretary. Mr. McClory has chosen Mr. Evans, Captain of King's College, as Assistant Secretary. Our new captain is a bundle of energy, and a prosperous coming year seems definitely in store for University Golf.

One University Match, of the "hard road to proficiency" type has been held against a strong combined team from Catterick and Richmond Golf Clubs on the former's course.

On a strange course we went down by 16½ points to 1½ points in a 12-a-side, singles and foursomes match; splendid experience for our team. To Mr. Evans, our host (and Dave's father) go our heartiest thanks for his hospitality.

FENCING

EDINBURGH FIRST TO HALT DURHAM.

A strong Edinburgh University side ended Durham's unbeaten record, when the Scotsmen won 19-8 in a match at Newcastle last Saturday.

Durham made a good start and thanks to Spence won the foil 5-4. From then on they were outclassed, Steinhauer scoring Durham's only three victories in eighteen contests. Edinburgh, with Scottish internationals in their team fenced skilfully, especially at sabre and well deserved their victory by 19 to 8.

Team :—Marker, Gossner, Spence, Bell, Steinhauer.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY COMB. COLLEGES, 16.
LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY FENCING CLUB, 11.

After a successful start to the season against Sheffield and Manchester, Durham faced stiff opposition at Liverpool on Wednesday, 22nd October.

Liverpool, trained by Zaaloff (formerly instructor to the Imperial Russian Guards) showed marked technical superiority and led at one time 7-4.

Durham fought back at epee and sabre and once again proved their clan to be more effective than their opponents technique.

Team :—Steinhauer (Capt.), Marker, Scott, Todd.

TABLE TENNIS

The unofficial combined Colleges table tennis team of Durham University travelled to Liverpool on Wednesday, 22nd November, to play their Varsity table tennis team in a friendly match. Although Liverpool fielded their strongest side, they were easily beaten. The score was 11-4 in Durham's favour.

Individual scores were (Durham University names first) :—

K. Snaith (King's)—
beat Linforth 21-12, 21-17,
beat Russell 21-10, 21-17,
beat Wright 21-10, 21-18.
T. Harker (St. Cuthbert's)—
lost to Russell 15-21, 11-21,
beat Linforth 21-18, 18-21, 21-12,
beat Darbyshire 21-10, 25-23.
H. Evans (University College)—
beat Linforth 21-14, 21-16,
beat Wright 21-7, 21-16,
beat Haydock 21-9, 21-12.
G. Thornton (King's)—
lost to Russell 21-16, 18-21, 21-23,
beat Darbyshire 21-14, 21-12,
beat Haydock 21-9, 21-11.
K. Nicholson (King's College)—
lost to Wright 17-21, 18-21,
lost to Darbyshire 14-21, 22-24,
beat Haydock 21-12, 19-21, 21-11.

RESULT—DURHAM 11, LIVERPOOL 4.

KING'S COLLEGE BADMINTON CLUB.

In the match against Dame Allen's Parents Association "A" on November 9th at Dame Allen's court, King's lost by 4 rubbers to 5. This was a close match, the score in games being 10-11 and King's winning 248 aces to Dame Allen's 241. With a little more match experience the club should win most of the coming games.

RESULTS. RUBBERS. GAMES.
J. B. Routledge (Capt.) Lost 0-3 2-6
Miss Chai
S. O. Rafique won 2-1 4-2
Miss Harris
P. G. Chai won 2-1 4-2
Mrs. Lowery

Solution of Crossword

FROM LAST COURIER.

Across—1, Carbonari. 6, Amat. 7, Non. 8, Tammany. 9, At. 11, Rectified. 14, Aural. 15, Da. 16, Crop. 17, Boat. 18, Wet. 19, Ale.

Down—1, Cataract. 2, Amateur. 3, Ram. 4, Any. 5, Inundate. 10, Pedal. 12, Crow. 13, Tape.

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VARSITY HOCKEY

RESULTS to date are as follows :—

28th Oct. Durham University v. Northumberland County, won 5-0.

4th Nov. Durham University v. Durham County, lost 2-5.

11th Nov. Durham University v. Manchester University, drew 2-2.

15th Nov. Durham University v. Leeds University, 4-1.

The following players represented Northumberland against Durham County on 18th November. A. W. Colling, J. M. Harkness, A. E. Riley, D. I. Goulden and R. T. Miller. The same players with the addition of J. C. Clarke and J. J. Burrell represent Northumberland against Lancashire on Nov. 25th.

Congratulations to J. C. Clarke on being chosen for U.A.U. in the match against Oxford University Occasionals on Saturday, 18th November, and also to J. M. Harkness on his selection as Northumberland County Captain.

The Varsity are fielding a strong team this year and due to good combination and hard work are having a good measure of success. They meet Liverpool University at Cochrane Park on Wednesday, 6th December, and should they win this match, will be in the semi-final of the U.A.U. Championship, so come along all you hockey enthusiasts and cheer your team to victory.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Wednesday, November 15th, at Cochrane Park.

DURHAM COLLEGES 4, KING'S 1st 3.

This was a disappointing game in all respects. King's were unable to field a full team and consequently the forward line lacked drive and teamwork was absent. With more practice the team will improve and obvious enthusiasm will bring good results.

Saturday, November 18th, at West Hartlepool.
CALEDONIANS 2, KING'S "A" 0.

Determination rather than skill, on our part, prevented the Caledonians scoring more goals than they did. In the first half especially King's played really hard, and the forward line made some good dashes into the circle, but lacked both the skill and the stamina to finish off the movements. The defence played quite well and prevented a higher score.

Play was much cleaner in this game but still more practice is needed before King's can hold its own as a team. They must learn, not only to shoot when the circle is void of defenders but also to attack against a packing defence.

Stan Seymour

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