

NETBALL CLUB

Hon. President : Miss M. E. Marston. *Captain* : Miss J. Hill. *Secretary* : Miss A. Hoxey.

The standard of play has been greatly improved this season, despite rather unconvincing results. Enthusiasm has also increased, and we hope that this will continue next season.

The most exciting match was that against Nottingham University played at Sutton Bonington, in which we were very narrowly beaten 13-12.

Matches played : Lost 6 ; Won 1 ; Drawn 1.

Unfortunately 4 matches were cancelled.

A.H.

BADMINTON CLUB

Hon. President : O. D. Maguire, A.I.A.S., M.R.San.I. *Chairman* : D. Beard. *Secretary* : Miss J. M. Pugh. *Treasurer* : D. Baker.

This club is now in its 3rd season. Although we were unable to arrange any matches this year, the club has provided facilities for all those who enjoy the game. Numbers and faces have varied throughout the season but nonetheless, we extend thanks to all supporters.

J.M.P.

FENCING CLUB

Hon. President : Professor H. G. Robinson. *Captain* : Mr. C. D. Sutton. *Vice-Captain* : Miss J. Wright. *Secretary-Treasurer* : Mr. R. F. Dickinson. *First Year Representative* : Miss J. Altham.

All honours this year go to our Ladies' Team who have been responsible for the only two successes of the season. Considering they were only able to fight three matches owing to cancellations by opposing teams, this was quite a creditable performance.

The men, however, have so far not won any of their matches. This lack of success indicates the dire necessity of adequate coaching which might possibly be remedied, given sufficient support, next year.

Although the standard of fencing has not been very high, which is only to be expected considering all newcomers are complete novices, nevertheless the initiation into this noble art has proved a very enjoyable and worthwhile activity.

RIFLE CLUB

Hon. President : Lt.-Col. B. D. Shaw, M.M. *Hon. Vice-Presidents* : Capt. O. D. Maguire, Capt. E. W. Nightall. *Captain* : A. Loughton. *Vice-Captain* : P. Lamin. *Secretary/Treasurer* : P. R. Adam. *2nd Year Representative* : P. Wix. *1st Year Representative* : Miss M. A. Parsonage.

At the beginning of the session the club found itself in the position of having plenty of support but only one rifle. Although a capital grant was swiftly forthcoming, it was not until towards the end of the first term that two second-hand rifles were acquired, thanks to the interest of our President. Another match rifle was purchased early in February, bringing the total equipment of the club to four good rifles and accessories.

Our thanks are extended to the President and Vice-Presidents who once again have helped us during the year and have watched the progress of the club with interest and encouragement as they have done since its infancy three years ago.

Being unable to compete against other clubs, due to our initial lack of equipment, until near the end of the Autumn term, matches were arranged for the latter half of that term and for the new year. Eight friendly matches were arranged, either Postal or Shoulder to Shoulder, of which two were won. Considering that well-established clubs were challenged, and that there were rarely many points difference in the results, this is a very creditable performance.

For the final term, the club has entered the Notts. Summer League, which is run on Postal lines. This competition is open to all Notts. Rifle Clubs and continues into September but, because of our short summer term, the club has been given permission to shoot off its cards before going down. The success in this competition has yet to be seen although the start was encouraging. It is hoped that in future both the Winter and Summer Leagues will find the School of Agriculture Rifle Club competing.

Membership fell away at the beginning of the year because of lack of equipment. This has now been rectified but membership is still not as high as it might be and herein lies a danger. With a few more members the club will be able to thrive and become very successful, without them it will mean no competitions with other clubs which is the essence of a successful club.

For all those interested in Rifle Shooting, whether experienced or not, Wednesday evenings at the Range can be very instructive and equally enjoyable.

P.R.A.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER CLUB

Chairman : G. E. Abey. *Secretary* : B. J. Machin. *Committee Members* : M. G. Race, F. N. Graham-Yooll, J. Cowburn.

The table has been in great demand throughout the year as one of the chief sources of relaxation for all types of student. Due to this enthusiasm for the game, the table has had to be re-covered after only three years' wear, but all will agree that this has been money well spent.

The annual knockout competition was again won by B. J. Machin, who beat J. M. Shaw at Snooker and G. B. Tew at Billiards ; both were close matches. Many thanks to all supporters and may the club continue to flourish.

B.J.M.

ROWING CLUB

Hon. President : J. P. Hudson, Esq. *Hon. Vice-Presidents* : Mr. O. D. Maguire, Mr. D. E. R. James and Miss P. Arman. *Captain* : I. P. Scarborough. *Secretary/Treasurer* : R. J. A. Exley. *Committee Member* : P. H. Lamin.

This year has seen the formation of a Rowing Club at Sutton Bonington. Rowing began in late October on the River Soar, at Normanton, and since then, with the exception of about a week when the river was frozen over, two crews, at least, have been in regular training. In February, a fixture with the University 5 IV, on the Trent, resulted in a narrow win for Sutton Bonington. Later in February a match with the Nottingham and Union Rowing Club, also on the Trent—resulted in our second win—this time by about a length. The same afternoon we were beaten by a Loughborough B.C. crew. Revenge of this defeat was reaped the following week when we beat both Nottingham Boat Club and the Loughborough Crew.

Rowing as Loughborough B.C. 'C' crew we began in the second division of clinker fours in the Head of the Trent—a time race over a distance of 3½ miles. The distance—twice as far as one can row in a stretch at Normanton—and the very rough water, put grave doubts of our finishing into our minds. Two crews did actually sink—we managed to complete the course in 18 mins. 38.6 secs. and were placed 15th, which was considered to be satisfactory.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff, the Union Executive and the students for their kind support, and especially Miss P. Arman for her patient coaching.

R.J.A.E.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Hon. President : Alec D. Brook. *Hon. Vice-Presidents* : N. Davy, M.M., D.Sc., P. G. Longhurst, B.A. *Chairman* : A. Broome. *Treasurer* : J. Whittaker. *Secretary* : R. Wyss. *Assistant Secretary* : B. Smith. *Committee Member* : Miss M. Parsonage.

Again the table tennis room has provided a very pleasant pastime for the majority of students, the table seldom being vacant.

The men's team did quite well to win the majority of their matches, the only losses being to Boots' and Player's. The team included A. Broome, B. Duncan, B. Smith and R. Wyss.

The women's team gave some very courageous displays against Boots' and Player's, in each case being narrowly beaten, S. Brooks, M. Parsonage, S. Hoyland and S. Gair playing for the College.

In the men's knock-out tournament B. Duncan was successful, while S. Hoyland won the women's American tournament.

Finally, I would like to invite all freshers, who are interested in table tennis, to join the club, and I trust that next season will be as successful as this one has been.

B.S.

DEBATES AND LECTURES COMMITTEE

This standing committee has, I feel, understood its duties to the Union during the past session in providing for the expression of thought in a medium other than that Agricultural. The obligation to provide such a medium is not easy to fulfill, as there is a tendency to fall back on the rather unhappy newly born tradition of inviting visiting speakers of popular standing in the industry. This trend was brought about by two factors, the first, that these names are well-known by the inmates of the Agricultural College and secondly that they draw but little from the Union coffers. The relatively puny Union grant offered to this combined Discussion Group and Lectures Committee only serves to accentuate the trouble. The fact that it is easier to listen to a man than read his book has served to justify, it is sad to say, the policies of this committee in the past few seasons.

One only has to stop and think for a moment, and it becomes obvious that Union activities such as this committee provide, are the only link between a one-track academic career and the rest of a very full cup of knowledge and expression. Full advantage should thus be taken of this opportunity to steer right away from Agriculture, and listen to pearls of wisdom—such as were provided this year by the Vice-Chancellor, or justify the training of the mind acquired here to master the art of getting on ones hind legs.

The past year has seen the appearance at Sutton Bonington of Professor Sanders, from Reading, Mrs. Frances Perry, our first lady speaker, a farmer, a gentleman farmer, and representatives from Pest Control, and the Agricultural co-operative association. All these speakers were well heard, perhaps because we thoroughly agreed with what they said, and knew plenty about it into the bargain.

Mr. Hudson's talk on Education at the University gave us something new however, and set the tongues wagging away from Agriculture as such, while Mr. Hallward's foxes and hedgehogs really pricked the bubble of our intellectual snobbery. Mr. Barkhus gave us a good line on banking, and it is this sort of thing we wish to promote. An effort is therefore being made to provide in the future a mixture of speakers on pressing agricultural problems, and on subjects completely alien to agriculture, and to encourage them and their audiences to enter into open discussion after an address, rather than to endure a formal question time.

This should also serve to improve the general standard of public speaking, which is abominably low at Sutton Bonington. However, the multitude is rather put into obscurity by the high standard reached by the practiced few, as was displayed at the B.O.C.M. Public Speaking competition, so ably won by Mr. R. W. Jones.

To cater for more aspirants to oratory it will be arranged in the future to hold more debates on diverse topics, serious and frivolous. Response from the floor in fact improved numerically this year, but it is a mute point as to whether it improved in quality—it might have done, but more debates are needed.

The accidental policy of holding fewer meetings in the second than in the first, or "social" term seems to be preferable. These and many other points, it is hoped, will be seriously considered by future committees.

J.M.S.

ARTS SOCIETY

Catering for the fast-diminishing leisure hours has continued to be the charge of this Society. That the value of our projects is well appreciated may be assessed by attendance figures at the weekly gramophone record programmes and two films selected for the session. Visual arts have received increased interest created by the Picture Loan Scheme, the response to which has been most encouraging. Add to this a successful Theatre party visit to Nottingham and some idea of the range of Arts covered will be apparent. All supporters of the Society are warmly thanked for their co-operation.

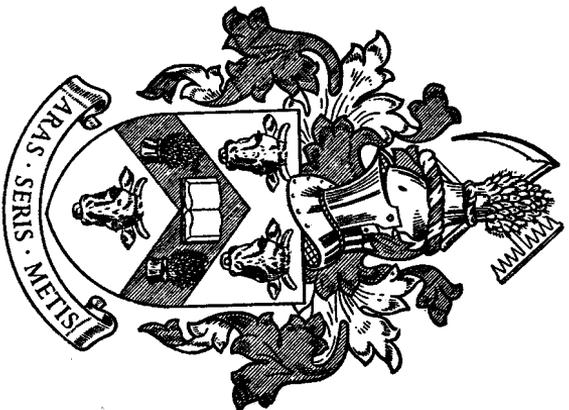
R.E.E.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Hon. President : Professor H. G. Robinson. *Hon. Vice-President* : Mr. D. V. Crawford. *Chairman* : B. Bardgett. *Secretary* : Miss V. Booker. *Treasurer* : T. Lewis. *Prayer Secretary* : S. Ridgeway. *1st Year Representative* : D. Hurst.

A significant change has been apparent in some of the S.C.M. meetings this session. A series of topics of unusually wide interest have been discussed during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

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We lost the first two against Nottingham and The Wyggeston Grammar School but won the last one which was played at home against Kegworth Ladies.

There have been no colours awarded this time, but we hope that with the support of any new members who will be very welcome, to have an even more successful season next year.

E.F.

ROWING CLUB

Patron : Lord Crawshaw. *President* : Boris Brown. *Vice-Presidents* : O. D. Maguire, P. H. Lamin, B. M. Jukes.

The 1954/55 session has been mainly one of administration although the Club has taken part in no fewer than eleven events.

The Club was very fortunate to secure the use of a boathouse belonging to the Patron in the Spring term. This has been suitably modified to house the three boats which were purchased a little later. Since that time all but four members have been withdrawn from Loughborough Boat Club.

Affiliation to the Amateur Rowing Association was approved, and members rowing in Regattas held under the rules of the A.R.A. now represent the Nottingham University School of Agriculture Rowing Club. The first set of blades bearing the Club's colours arrived in the Summer term.

The Club's rowing record has suffered somewhat in spite of all the good coaching and advice from its new president, J. B. Brown, Esq.

Three crews went to Nottingham in the Michaelmas term to row against the University Boat Club. Two crews won and one lost. One member, Colin Small, represented the Club in the winning crew of the Yules Fours a week later at Nottingham.

A friendly fixture was held with Hull University Boat Club in the Spring term at Normanton in which the 1st crew was beaten by $\frac{2}{3}$ length. Shortly afterwards two crews were entered in the Inter-varsities Regattas at Chester. The 1st crew were beaten by 3 feet against Leeds in the second heat. The 2nd crew rowed excellently winning three heats easily and entered the final which was rowed off at Nottingham the following week. The different conditions upset them and they lost to a very good Leeds crew of Norwegians who have since won their maiden regatta.

A large entry was made in the Loughborough Spring Races. John Storry won a pot in the open pairs and Ian Herbert likewise in the fours. It was here that we were reminded of the tragic loss of David James, Vice-President of the School of Agriculture Club and Vice-Captain of Loughborough Boat Club. A trophy was presented in memory of his superb sportsmanship.

The Summer term saw little success until the last Regatta at Boston where the 1st crew, still recovering from a drunken stupor after celebrating their graduation the previous night, reached the semi-finals in the Maiden IV's event.

An unlucky start lost them $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, which was reduced to 1 length over the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course against Leeds 'A' crew. King's School, Peterborough beat Leeds in the final. The 2nd crew won their first heat, beating Gainsborough easily but lost in the next race to Leeds 'B'.

The other regattas entered were Burton-on-Trent, Nottingham and Worcester, where Tony Barber was also entered in the Maiden Sculls.

The Faculty Cup was regained from us by the Pure Science IV in a very hard race in the final. They were deserving winners.

The Club held its own Summer Races at Kegworth after the examinations. The event was attended by the University Boat Club and Loughborough Boat Club. The proceedings opened with a spectacular row past of the Women's IV. Rain, however, prevented the event from being completed and the tankards were not awarded.

B.M.J.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Sports Day this year was Wednesday, May 11th, and although the weather left much to be desired we must be thankful for small mercies, in that it was a dry day, in a very wet week.

The weather too, was equally inclement in the Spring term, when Len Gurnett ploughed through snow drifts to beat Mike Phillipson in the gruelling Cross-Country. Mike, however, had his revenge a little later, when he won the $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles Road Race. The Ladies' Mile had to be postponed because of very bad conditions, but when it was finally held, Miss C. Fletcher sprinted round, in the record time of 5 min. 39 secs., a very creditable performance.

Undoubtedly the hero of Sports Day itself was Mike Nichols. Not only did he set up a new High Jump record of 5ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. but also he carried off the Victor Ludorum shield, with the amazing points total of forty-five. He excelled in so many events that the distribution of cups afterwards, by Mrs. Hallsforth, became almost a monotonous routine; particularly as he also captained the East Region, who carried off both the Relay event and the Robinson Trophy for the winning region, with a total of 147 points, a clear 49 points ahead of North.

Miss Diana Seal alternated with Mike, in their procession of 'Cup-collecting'. She was a very worthy Victrix Ludorum, gaining 25 points during the afternoon. Miss M. Hall was runner-up with 18 points. Other fine performances worthy of note, were by Mike Phillipson in the 880 yards, and the Mile; Dave Newell in the 440 yards; and the very popular win of Arthur Brown in the 220 yards.

The Tug-of-War again vied with the Staff Race, with regard to popularity. Mike Shaw's coaxing of the North's team, was a joy to watch, and earned them a relatively easy victory; while Miss Auden in the Staff 100 yards Handicap, defied all attempts at catching her, despite valiant efforts by Mr. Whittington.

Although it was cold, and there were not so many records broken as last year, the performances and times were remarkably good and the afternoon's sport was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

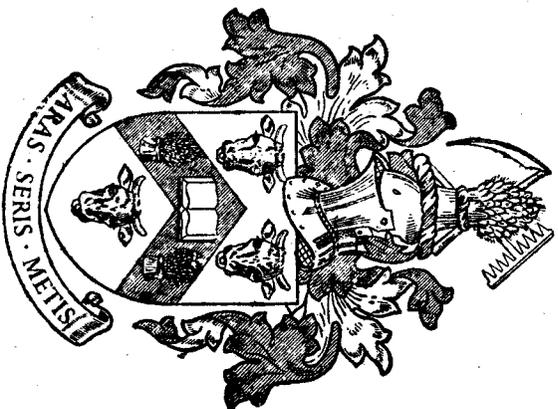
C.D.S.

MEN'S TENNIS CLUB

Hon. President : O. D. Maguire, A.I.A.S., M.R., San.I. *Vice-Presidents* : Miss A. Dickinson, B.Sc., Miss J. Auden, B.Sc., W. J. Whittington, B.Sc. *Captain* : D. Wheatcroft. *Secretary* : B. Smith.

Last season proved very enjoyable, and fairly successful, interest remaining high all through the season.

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Vice-Presidents :

Miss A. Dickinson, Miss J. Auden, Dr. W. J. Whittington, F. C. Johnson,
Dr. H. Robertson, R. Mortimer

Captain : B. Smith

Secretary : E. W. Bean

The peculiarity of tennis as an outdoor sport in requiring but two participants, and providing copious exercise in a small period of time has made it a favourite relaxation from work for many students during the term. Much pleasure has been obtained from the game without many matches being played : it has, in fact, proved difficult to play many inter-college matches as examinations have caused cancellations.

Of the matches that were played those against Harper Adams and the University 2nd VI ended in victory, and of equal merit were two narrow defeats at the hands of Loughborough College 2nd VI.

The mixed matches played have all resulted in victory, and a generous share of the credit for these successes can be given to the ladies, who have shown unusual skill this season.

The surface of the courts has made distance and direction of travel more of an unknown variable than some would wish it, and the perennial cry for new courts is often echoed by those recumbent on the uncomfortable gravel.

B. Smith has captained the team in his last season, and he deserves thanks for the interest he has taken in the club and his keenness on the courts.

Full Colours : A. W. J. Broome, B. F. Smith.

Half Colours : I. V. Herbert.

Club Awards : J. D. Fort, S. Sur, E. W. Bean.

THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

By R. Hewson, Secretary

The results this season indicate just how difficult it is to maintain a high standard once it has been set, but it can be truly said that we have never ceased to consolidate these achievements. Play perhaps, in the Winter Sports Clubs, was not of the fine standard shown last season, but enthusiasm and good spirit ensured that more matches were won than lost. Once again a mixed Hockey team reached the final of the Loughborough Open Tournament, only to be defeated by a strong Loughborough College team. For the Summer Clubs, play has been of a lower level than last year, except perhaps for the Ladies' Tennis team, which appears to have a very strong nucleus of players. Once again, however, more matches were won than lost.

With the inevitable changes in the composition of teams, the standard of play is bound to vary greatly from year to year. It reflects great credit upon this Union that teams are always ready to do battle, and the wonderful spirit which is manifested in these games is a proud possession of the School of Agriculture.

Our thanks are due to Tom Buxton for the interest and time he has given to the sports grounds ; likewise to Miss Berry and her staff for providing meals for visiting teams.

Well done, everybody . . . !!

SPORTS DAY

By R. Hewson

Once again this annual event was blessed with fine weather and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended.

The most notable performance of the day was that of D. Newell, who ran the 440 yards in a time of 53.3 seconds, that is 1.3 seconds faster than the previous record. His running in the 100 yards and 220 yards proved what a fine sprinter he really is. The consistent performances of R. A. Brown, however, ensured him of the Victor Ludorum Shield. In the Ladies' events, Mary Owen was a consistent winner and deservedly received the Victrix Ludorum Shield for the best Ladies' performance of the afternoon. The true brawn of the Sutton Bonington males manifested itself in the Tug-of-War, which, after great expenditure of energy, was won by the West, a very strong team.

After tea, Mrs. Hallsworth kindly presented the prizes in the Main Hall, after which the usual Students versus Staff Cricket match was played. The smooth running of the whole afternoon's activities reflected great credit upon the organisers and all who helped and congratulations are to be offered to all concerned.

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Captain : C. A. Small

Secretary : G. L. Jones

Ladies' Representative : Miss P. Howe

1st Year Representative : J. Davidson

At the beginning of the year the club had a very depleted membership, owing to the large number who left at the end of the last Session. The enthusiastic support of the first year, however, soon made the numbers up and with the inauguration of a Ladies' Section to the club, a point which has long been pressed for, membership soon reached a record peak.

None of the first year had any rowing experience and the first term was spent in training. The club suffered a big set-back with the loss of Mr. Lindley as Captain, but after some re-organisation, training resumed.

The Spring Term saw two crews at Chester in the Universities Regatta where "A" crew reached the semi-final. "B" crew, unfortunately were prevented from rowing by a combination of unforeseeable climatic and managerial mishaps. The club entered one crew in the "Head of the Trent" where success was once more ours and we finished in 6th place, having risen 21 positions.

The Summer Term was rather disappointing in that the crews never appeared to recapture the form of the previous year, and no progress was made at Burton, Worcester and Nottingham. In the "faculty fours" this year the "A" crew once more reached the final only to be beaten by a good crew from the Pure Science Faculty. Boston Regatta remains, and we still hope to make our mark before the Academic year comes to an end.

The Boathouse has progressed well, and the building of the landing stage has proved invaluable. Much of the progress is a direct result of the keenness of club members.

Half Colours : C. A. Small, R. G. Suggett, J. B. Hardaker, R. Squires, G. L. Jones.

Club Awards : J. Alford, E. W. Black, M. Durrant, A. E. Smith, J. G. Davidson, Miss P. Howe.