



Club Reports.

You're all right —
— How are we?

Reports have been received from the following on behalf of their respective clubs and crews. They are given more fully than hitherto in the belief that the material contained, besides being of general interest, may be helpful to Committees of other clubs in their search for inspiration.

"D.S." of Birmingham University.
Sheila Mant of Bristol University.
Miss A.D. Chrispin of Derby Training College.
Willis Williamson of Trinity College, Dublin.
David Bennell of Leeds University.
Chas. Stephens of Loughborough College.
Pat Lees and John Lee of Nottingham University.
Peter Bradley of Manchester University.

Guild of Undergraduates,
Birmingham University.

The Easter Vac. started off as usual with a trip to the Norfolk Broads. The largest party to date attended, and the week was made even more enjoyable by fine weather! At the end of the vac. a camp was held at the club site to help members to screw up courage for the coming term. The two main activities of the Summer term were a MayDay Barn Dance and a visit to the Stratford Memorial theatre. Despite the mud and rain, post-examination camping was successful. The new session started well with large numbers of freshers turning up to the tea and film show, and the freshers' hike. Meetings this term have included a Presidential address, a heated discussion on "Religion in Youth Groups" and a description of an expedition to Antarctica. Other activities have been varied, amongst them being a night-hike, a hockey match, a visit to a live broadcast and a tour round a large toy factory.

D.S.

The Union,
Bristol University.

We have a grand crowd of freshers this year, and the opening social was a great success. Rain caused us to hold the camp-fire in our Hon. Pres.'s drawing room, where many old and new songs were sung and only one mug of cocoa upset. Owing to confusion about bookings our next meeting, an "Any Questions" session had to be held in a room about the size of a patrol hut. There were some excellent discussions, in particular, one on the question of whether as Scouts and Guides we are doing enough about our Duty to God, and how we may best help the children in this. We have had a club weekend at Stowey Scout Hall attended by twenty members. also a day hike in very good weather. We are now hoping to improve our folk dancing in preparation for the Rally.

SHEILA MANT

Derby Training College,
Derby.

Here in Derby, we have a membership of twenty. The main activities this term have been the Christmas Good Turn, for which we raised money and gave a party to forty children from the poorer districts of Derby, and a hike. For this we joined some members of Loughborough College Scout Club in a tramp through the Manifold Valley and Dovedale. We try to keep in touch with Guiding in Derby, but unfortunately time does not allow us to participate in many activities in the town.

A.D. CHRISPIN.

Trinity College,
Dublin.

The crew, here in Dublin has just about managed to keep going this term. The vagaries of the Irish climate have prevented us from getting any further with the hut at Powerscourt, but we still meet on Tuesday evenings to discuss Scouting and to put the world in order.

J. WILLIS WILLIAMSON.

Loughborough College,
Loughborough.

Loughborough College have found that regular meetings of the Club do not work at all well, so they have been abandoned. Meetings this term have been about once a fortnight for a talk or hike, and we plan social evenings. We hope to organise a weekend rally next November.

CHAS. STEPHENS.

The University,
Leeds.

The year has started quite successfully, although the usual "attractions" of work have kept numbers down to about twenty per meeting. (Number of members at the beginning of term was forty five). The club has adopted as its theme for the year the subject of International Scouting and Guiding, and speakers have been selected accordingly.

The annual holiday was spent at the University mountain hut in the Duddon valley. The club had a very enjoyable time, despite the rain.

The club helped recently with the United Nations' Children's Fund campaign in West Leeds. This involved house to house collection in which twenty five of our members participated. Their success is apparent from the results obtained. Scout members of the club with the Patternewton handicapped troop, one member attending their meeting each week for this purpose. The Guide Company, with whom we had a similar arrangement was disbanded during the Summer vac. A number of members attended a Rover-Ranger Conference at the end of October, and they seem to have enjoyed the social part at least!

DAVID. W. BENNELL.

The University,
Manchester.

During the last twelve months the club has once again been a flourishing concern. We have had a very varied programme, with a good balance between indoor and outdoor activities, and have tried to suit the interests of all members. Last Christmas a party of members were youth-hostelling in the Lake District, and during the Summer a standing camp was held in Wales, near Capel Curig, at the foot of Tryfan. This latter proved a great success, members coming and going at their convenience. Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed the camp, even the Scout who stayed for the full duration of the camp, and climbed Snowdon four times. This session we have been very pleased to see quite a number of new faces. We started the term with our usual freshers' reception and social, and other activities included a visit to the Daily Express, a weekend youth-hostelling, an Scouts' and Guides' Own, a lesson in Scottish Country Dancing and a talk. We have also continued to hold weekly informal discussion meetings on Monday evenings.

PETER BRADLEY

The University,
Nottingham.

The Scout and Guide Club at Nottingham is still in its infancy, it has been difficult previously, owing to Pom's joint leadership, to differentiate between the two societies.

At present the club meets every fortnight for joint Scout and Guide activities and Rover meetings are held in the intervening weeks.

At our pre-session conference we challenged the Exploration society and mountaineers by displaying our equipment, and we attracted a considerable number of freshers to fill the large gap made by the loss of Pom, Gus, Shirley and others.

The year's programme started with informal gatherings and a ramble. We have had two discussions on aspects of Scouting, led by our vice-presidents, and a talk on fire prevention. A lantern lecture on Stonewall Jackson is planned, as is a camp fire at which Aunty Brin will be our guest.

Next term we look forward to a Rover Crew dinner and a club weekend. We also hope to start folk dancing independently of the Folk Dance Society.

PAT LEES and JOHN LEE.

And here, to complete the picture, the Editor has set down a report of Liverpool's activities.

It seems that overnight we have lost from Liverpool everyone who was ever old and wise - those people, well known in Inter-Varsity circles, and sometimes too well known to us, who were our pillars of strength. They have gone, and we are left building a new club on a scaffolding of unseasoned timbers. But like Bristol we have a grand crowd of freshers, the emphasis being on grand and crowd, so the structure promises to endure. First, Crew news, for three years discussion at last begins to blossom into a working policy. The Rover Crew in Liverpool is an integral part of the Club and does not have separate meetings other than once a term. Members find their Rovering in the weekly activities of the club, in weekends spent working together on local campsites, and in a Scouter Training Scheme which has lately been inaugurated. In common with other crews, we now provide one or two Assistant Scouters at every meeting of one of the local troops. Valuable training is thus gained, service is rendered, and no obligation is entailed. This Christmas the crew has been hiking for three days in the Ingleton district.

The club, meeting every wee has, for the main part, listened to speakers on the usual range of topics. It may be of interest that we succeeded in obtaining two speakers from a well-known firm of rope manufacturers, who brought along their own cine films to show us (we had to provide the projector). Such firms are only too ready to oblige with speakers, and take a keen interest in their "customers". Informal meetings we have had too - we even tried a wide game. Otherwise our outdoor activities have been restricted by the fact that we live on Merseyside.....

C.R.S.