

FRESHERS FAINT IN CONFERENCE QUEUES

Editorial

The Student Newspaper welcomes Lord Boyle and the other Freshers to Leeds.

We welcome, also, his policy of active participation and willingness to face up to the difficulties of running a university. He has set himself a challenge which will test all his previous knowledge and experience. We wish him every success in his venture.

Lord Boyle mentioned in his speech "don't confine your horizons only to your studies, but use all that the University and the Union has to offer."

This is just as much a part of educating oneself as the academic side of a university.

Make full use of the facilities in the Polytech, University and Unions, they're cheaper than anywhere else, and become a useful member of the community in which we live.

Dyed pool

Blue dye and a chemical which causes irritation to the skin have been put in the pool outside the new Lecture Block.

According to the Resident Architect, Mr. Wilson, the chemicals are necessary for the water cooling treatment plant in the lecture block.

The chemicals deter the canoe club from demonstrating canoeing techniques to Freshers. Mr. Wilson refused to name the chemicals in the pool.

Student loans

A proposed new committee to deal with applications for student loans at the Poly Union was announced last Thursday. The new committee will consist of the President, the Treasurer, and the Finance and Administration officer, and will meet each week.

The job of approving loans was previously in the hands of the exec, and some concern has recently been expressed at the number of loans outstanding. In future a contract will be signed by the person receiving the loan and it will be made clear to them that the repayment of the loan is legally enforceable.

News-sheet

The University Union is to have a weekly internal events news sheet, starting this term. The sheet will contain events of clubs and societies.

Dave Rolfe, Union Publicity Secretary, said, "I circularised clubs and societies and asked them to co-operate. The response has been pretty good."



The queues of Freshers waiting to collect their handbooks on Monday.

'I cannot be an autocrat' says Boyle to Freshers

The new Vice-Chancellor, stressed his desire to meet as many students as possible at the University Freshers' Conference last Monday. "I intend to be as accessible as my work allows," he said. Speaking to Freshers at the opening of Freshers' Conference, Lord Boyle also spoke of in his view, the purpose of a University. "Work hard," he said, "but don't confine your horizons only to your studies, but use all that the University and the Union have to offer." He went on, "A University is a ferment of ideas. This time in your life is one of important self-examination. Ask questions of yourself, and develop your personality."

Speaking of accommodation, Lord Boyle said, "Student living accommodation is the greatest problem that this University and its administrators have to solve."

Lord Boyle then went on to speak of the Union. "You have

Ctte. collapses

Following the resignation of Maureen Castens as External Vice-President of the Poly Union at the end of last term, the External Affairs Committee has collapsed.

As a result, the Polytechnic has missed the deadline to submit motions for this year's National Union of Students' Conference at Margate.

Two members from the Board of Reps., will be co-opted onto the Union Executive Committee, today, one being responsible for external affairs. No nominations for the vacant executive post have been received so far.

a first class Student Union tradition", he said. He also congratulated the officers and others helping in Freshers' conference.

Finally, he said, "Few, if any, other universities in Britain do a finer job than Leeds in view of the tasks which a University should perform."

Money

Later, at a Press conference, Lord Boyle outlined more clearly how he saw the role of a vice-chancellor. The biggest problem ahead of me is money and student accommodation. A vice-chancellor has to be aware of changes in learning. I cannot be an autocrat or an umpire. A vice-chancellor has to be involved.

Lord Boyle concluded, "The only promises that I make are to work within the University, not outside it, and to solve the problems of accommodation and race relations. I have cut myself adrift from politics and shall concentrate on my job within the University."



The Right Honourable the Lord Boyle of Handsworth addressing the Freshers on Monday.

Students face flats rent scandal

Students in Leeds are being faced with a serious dilemma, according to Mike Edwards, University Union Accommodation Secretary, because a group of landlords and landladies have grouped together and raised their rents by twenty to thirty per cent — since the end of last term. The rents have risen up to £3 a week for a single room.

"There are remarkably easy ways," says Edwards, "by which students can have their rents lowered. The first step is to file an appeal with the Rent Tribunal Board at the Town Hall, stating the present rate and other information about the house. A Rent Of-

ficer then assesses the property value of the house, and an appeal form is sent to the landlady."

"The student has every conceivable right in such a case. During the appeal which usually takes about a month, the student does not have to pay any rent and notice cannot be given. The student has a very good chance once he brings his case before the Rent Tribunal."

The Accommodation Office in the Union envisages a serious problem with the mass

arrival of Freshers looking for places to live once term begins.

"Charles Morris Hall is already full of overseas students seeking accommodation" added Edwards "and there'll be a lot more people coming soon. The Accommodation Office can't do anything; we can only find places. The students have to help themselves".

New Prof.

Dr. Norman A. Jepson has been appointed Professor of Adult Education at the University.

He will head the University's Department of Adult Education and Extra Mural Studies which provides specialised and general courses for mature students.

by The News Staff

THE queues at the University Freshers' Conference were worse than ever before and several people fainted whilst waiting to collect their handbooks.

Because of late delivery of the handbooks by the printers, they were unable to be sent out by post, and Freshers had to queue for them on Monday morning. This year's conference had over 2,100 Freshers and 450 group leaders taking part.

At one time the queue stretched from Committee Rooms A & B to the R. H. Evans Lounge in the West Wing and back again, and down the stairs, Freshers' Conference Steward Andrew Jarosz said, "The crush was tremendous. One girl fainted at my feet." Vice-Chairman Pete Hart said, "We had to run a first aid post for those who fainted."

However, the queue was over by about 2 o'clock, and the conference settled into its usual routine. Conference Secretary Alan Baker said, "Things in general are going very well. Apart from the handbook difficulties which have now been passed, we anticipate no further major troubles." Pete Hart agreed, "We have had a good first day," he said, "Things could have been worse. We have had no major hassles." Another steward Mike Tedd, said, "The freshers are more confident than the officials are."

No problems

Not many problems have arisen over accommodation, though many freshers arrived in Leeds without places to sleep. More than 60 of these were put up in Charles Morris Hall. Others, arriving later in the week, stayed in beds, and on settees and floors of Union Council members, Freshers Conference and Union News Staff and other returning students with room to spare.

Telephone smashed

One of the telephones outside the 'old' bar in the University Union was broken into on Saturday night.

The front of the telephone above the cash box was ripped off, although the cash box itself was untouched. It seems someone tried for the cash box but broke off the wrong piece.

Bar proposals

The Poly exec approved the setting up of a bar committee and an increase in the bar manager's salary last Thursday. The recommendation, submitted by Paul Gauntlett, President, has to be approved by the Board of Reps. today.

Accident

The van belonging to the University Action Society, the student body for social and welfare work, collided with a car near Woodhouse Lane last week.

The car was driven by Dr. Curry, a lecturer in the University.

John Doyle, secretary of Action Society and driver of the van, said, "This is very unfortunate for Action because we are without transport for the next week or so."

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RAG REP. RESIGNS OVER DISCO DISPUTE

MO WEIR, a Student Nurse Association Rag representative, said she had resigned from the S.N.A. committee following an argument concerning who should run the disco at St. James' during a rag week dance.

by Richard Denyer

Hotsnot, the Poly-based disco, who have been playing at the S.N.A. on a regular fortnightly basis have been told that they are "not wanted" at the St. James' dance.

Misinformed

Trouble began for Hotsnot when Pete Mace, one of the disco operators, was misinformed that the S.N.A. had the final word on who was playing at the dance.

However, when Pete Mace went to Rag ents. chairman Pete Hart who had previously booked Hotsnot, to sign the

contract for the dance, he was informed that Pete Hart had heard from the matron at St. James that Hotsnot were not wanted at this dance.

Miss Weir says that the S.N.A. have no right to book a disco during rag week without consulting her first. She also claims that the nurses are "fed up" with Hotsnot because they insist on playing non-dance records, 'particularly 'God Save The Queen'.

According to a survey conducted by Miss Weir amongst the nurses at St. James', half of them want to retain Hotsnot

for this date and half want 'Gosh', a disco run by two ex-University students. Further to this, the half that wanted Hotsnot also added that it would be good to have a change of disco for this event.

This situation has led to a reshuffling on the distribution of available discos for rag. Last Saturday night both Gosh and Hotsnot arrived at a Beckett's Park rag dance. Hotsnot eventually departed and played their regular date at the Poly.

'Bogside Meeting' brightens gents



Handbook Delayed

Thousands of University Freshers and Freshers Conference group leaders did not receive their handbooks in the "Freshers mail" because the University sent the corrected Proofs of the Registration booklet to the wrong printers.

The Registration booklet and Freshers Conference handbook were printed by the same firm, and the delay caused an overload of work. The printers could not meet their deadline and duplicated sheets had to be sent out with the "Freshers mail," delayed by over a week, asking the Freshers and group leaders to collect their handbooks when they arrived in Leeds.

A further delay was caused at the printers when a workman trapped his hand in one of the machines, and many handbooks had to be reprinted.

The Freshers Conference committee received hundreds of letters and phone calls from Freshers and group leaders last week because information had not arrived. Enough handbooks to cater for 2,600 Freshers were printed.

Regular clients of one of the Gents toilets in the University Union were surprised when they returned at the beginning of term. During the vacation a brand new set of stainless-steel urinals had been installed. Each has its own individual "stall" number, tastefully engraved on plates of various cheerful colours. The complete system has been christened "Bogside Meeting", and boasts a Starting and a Finishing Post.

Mr. Reg Graveling, the Union House Manager, whose idea the horse-racing motif was, said it had been his intention to bring a bit of interest to an otherwise tiresome necessity.

FAULTY DIARIES FOUND

A student returned one of the new University Diaries to the printers office last week complaining that it was falling apart.

The fault was due to lack of glue in the binding. One of the packets was found to contain several faulty diaries so Pete Walsh, Union Secretary, sent all the diaries back to the printers for checking.

The diaries have now been returned and are on sale for 5/-.

Danube trip success for Leeds Students

by Mike Tedd

Three students from Lyddon Hall, a University Hall of Residence, successfully travelled the whole length of the river Danube this summer using only a rubber dingy.

They were George Johnson, Steve Brown and Mike Balfour, last year's General Athletics Secretary for the Union.

The students had hoped to continue further than the end of the Danube but rough weather prevented them from crossing the Black Sea. A great

deal of training had gone into the trip to insure fitness for the whole journey, and it paid off for none of them had any illness whatsoever.

The Trip was partly sponsored by Lyddon Students Fund who paid £300 towards the total of £695. The boat, an Avon Redshank dingy was supplied by Mr. Johnson's father and £215 was budgeted for incidental expenses.

The only trouble encountered by the students was at the various country borders along the river. At the Czech border a patrol boat helping them slow down in the current with a rope accidentally pulled them all into the water. At the Rumanian border they were held for six hours for questioning and at the Bulgarian border they had communications problems due to the fact that nodding your head for yes or no had the opposite meaning.

The whole journey from the Black Forest to the Black Sea took nine weeks and all three came back pleased that the trip ran so smoothly.



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'Gas Leak' reports in Mount Preston

FOLLOWING the demolition of properties in the Mount Preston area, complaints were received during the vacation of a gas leak in the vicinity. One university student commented, "The smell has been absolutely diabolical ever since last term."

by John Josephs

It was originally thought that the gas was the non-poisonous natural gas, but a spokesman for the North-Eastern Gas Board said, "It is not natural gas. There is no natural gas in Leeds."

The spokesman, commenting on the leak, said, "Leaks of this kind are frequently reported in demolition areas. The pipes are fractured by heavy vehicles." He went on, "There is difficulty in pinpointing fractures as the place where the gas comes to the surface is not necessarily above the leak." He added that there was very little danger either of an explosion, or of poisoning and concluded, "We intend to have another look at it."

A spokesman for the Corporation Works department said, "It is our responsibility to tidy the site and if there are any leaks of gas we re-

port them to the gas board." He added that there had been no reports about the leak at Mount Preston but said that with old property, leaks of this nature were fairly frequent.

The land in question has been acquired by the University but a representative of the Fabric department commented: "Our department deals with existing buildings. When new ones are built, they too come under our supervision. We have received no reports of this leak, but we will investigate it."

Digger

Mr. K. Everett, the University safety officer said, "We received a report of the leak, and we contacted the Gas Board. They sent round a digger to search for the leak, but until they find out where it is, we will have to keep pressing them until it is sealed off."

Computers speed Planning

World-wide Physicists at Universtty

Seventy physicists from thirteen countries attended a European Symposium on Cosmic Rays in the Physics Department of Leeds University during the vacation. They also visited the British cosmic ray shower detector at Haverah Park, near Leeds.

This was the second of a series of meetings, the first of which was held in Lodz, Poland in 1968. The main subjects of discussion were the nature and number of the very highest energy cosmic ray particles.

These particles, many million times more energetic than those produced by man-made accelerators, are studied to obtain important information about the astrophysical processes going on in our own neighbouring galaxies.

World-wide Physicists at Universtty

Research workers at Leeds University have demonstrated that the computer can take the headache out of bus service planning. They have shown that bus timetabling can be speeded up so successfully that bus companies in Bristol and Birmingham want to put it into practice.

£7,000 has been granted to the Operational Research Unit for this.

Readership

A Readership has been awarded to Dr. H. E. Nursten, lecturer since 1955 in the Department of Food and Leather Science at Leeds University.

Voter Registration moves in Union

The University Union is running a voter registration campaign for the second year running. However, time is short since registration forms must be sent in by Saturday, October 10th.

External Vice-President Chris Greenfield has produced some orange leaflets explaining the registration procedure, and has sent these out through the Freshers' Conference mail.

Some orange posters have also been printed and displayed

All students who will be 18 years of age on or before 15th February 1972 are entitled to be registered as electors both at home and in Leeds. They may vote in both places in local elections but only in one place in Parliamentary elections.

Mr. Greenfield told Union News, "I think it is important for the future of the University in the City to have the students in a position where they can hit the politicians where it hurts most — in the ballot box. If anyone has any problems they should contact me or Dave Rolfe in Exec. Office."

New Prof. in Sociology Department

around the Union and the University.

Next April the Department of Sociology at the University is to get a new professor. He is Prof. Zygmunt Bauman, born in Poland, and coming to Leeds from the University of Tel-Aviv.

Professor Bauman left Warsaw in 1968, having been purged from his position as Head of the University's Sociology Department on account of "revisionist tendencies."

Aged 45, the professor will succeed Prof. Eugene Grebenik, who held the Chair for sixteen years before he left for the new Civil Service College near London at the beginning of this year.

Union Card Mix-up in Poly

Many students were turned away from the Poly discos last week because they had not been given their Union Cards.

Cards were originally to be given out by the Departments, but when some failed to do this, students demanded their cards from the Union Shop. After some discussion students were given their cards.

Last Friday, one department realised they had cards to give out. This resulted in some students having two cards.

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2 Student members (one man and one woman).

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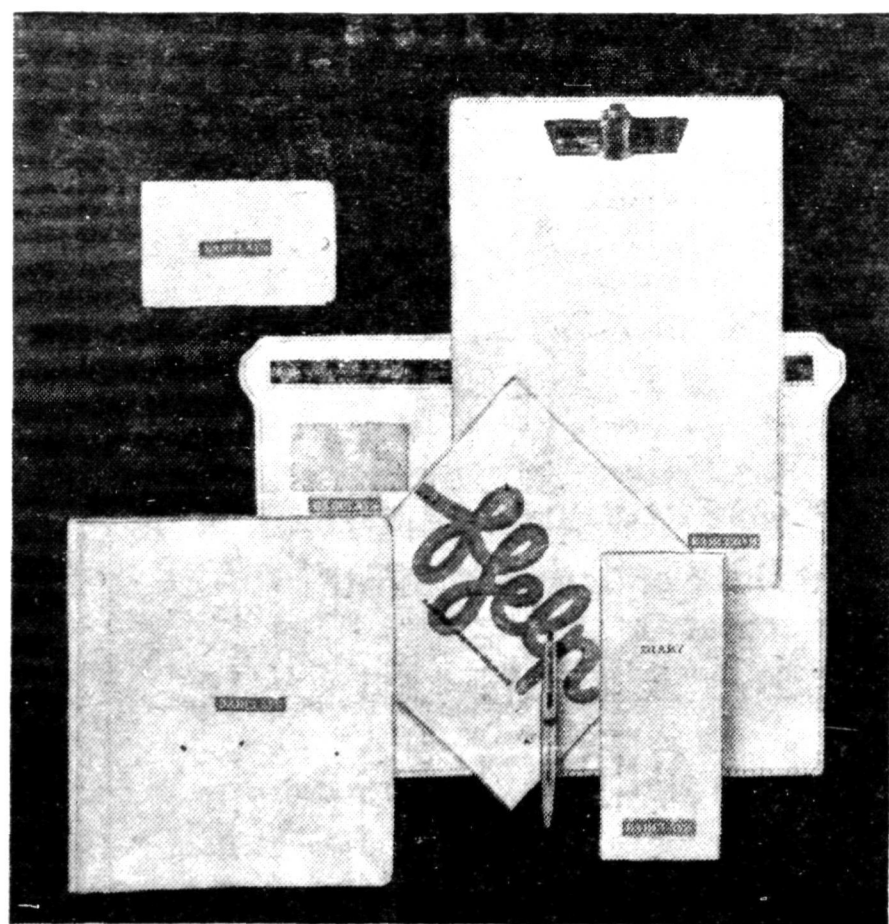
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Neither washing nor dry cleaning can destroy their waterproof quality — thanks to Leeds University leather scientist, Mr Stanley Briggs, 69, who discovered the process.

The first boots and shoes in the new leather could reach the shops in limited quantity by this winter; coats and jackets in the next two years.

Greenfield speaks at Poly

"We in the Young Liberals have a vision of a future Britain based on tolerance, humanity and understanding", said Chris Greenfield, External Vice-President of the University Union, speaking at the Polytechnic last Friday week on 'Why I am a Young Liberal'.

Negative

Mr. Greenfield said that the main reason why he was a Young Liberal was a negative one, springing from the failure of the two main parties to tackle the problems of today, notably housing, education, racial prejudice and increasing bureaucracy.

Speaking next on the problems within industry, Mr. Greenfield said that the way to solve the present unrest was to introduce a system of co-ownership. "The workers ought to share in the profits of their firm, not a set of shareholders." However, in reply to a questioner, he admitted that this would cause problems regarding expansion, although he added that this was the fault of the capitalist system.

Broken windows

Strong winds caused a window adjacent to the Polytechnic Union Bar to shatter on Thursday evening.

Another window was broken by the affect of the wind in the Pud. school on Friday lunchtime. No one was injured on both occasions.

He also spoke strongly in favour of more decisions being made at local level by the people they affected. "Why should things that affect one street be dealt with in Whitehall?" He went on. "There is no sense of national purpose at present. We want a full democracy where people participate fully in decisions that affect them." He added, "We want to leave the world a little better than we found it."

Finally, Mr. Greenfield commented on the activities of social workers. He said, "Action Society etc. treats the symptoms, not the cause. Building a house doesn't stop the housing shortage." He concluded, "The Young Liberals have a definite aim ahead. The social do-gooders do welfare work without a long-term aim."

John Bradley

**Our international
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writes a
series of
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unrest in
the U.S.A.**



"It makes me so damn mad I can't stand it. I want you (the Arkansas Gazette) to crucify Fulbright (Senator Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas) and that's it." (Mrs. John N. Mitchell, wife of the United States Attorney General, 10 4 70).

The cause of this particular outburst was the rejection of President Nixon's second nominee for the Supreme Court chair vacated a year before by Justice Abraham Fortas.

The President had chosen a rather ordinary man for the job, a Southerner and a strict constructionist, about whose character there appeared to be racial overtones and odours of corruption. Senator Fulbright had helped lead forces opposed to the President's nominee, who was defeated 53-47.

Only a few months before, the President's first candidate for the job, Judge Clement Haynsworth, had been defeated 55-45, largely because of similar reasons.

Conflict

It was an essentially minor conflict, as American politics goes. But it serves to underscore the chaotic, impassioned nature of American politics, and openly demonstrates the atmosphere of fear and illiteracy which shrouds the Government of President Nixon, and for which he is both to be held responsible, and to be pitied as a victim.

Mrs. Mitchell is not alone. Vice-President Agnew is internationally infamous for his Thesaurus mind. President Nixon openly referred to dissenting students as "bums" on national television.

With the exception of the former Secretary of the In-

terior — he has since been fired — the other cabinet members have followed the party line that all student demonstrations are Communist inspired, financed from Moscow, and deserve to be crushed by the greatest possible force. Hence Kent State, Memphis State and Orangeburg State, colleges where at least half a dozen students have been slaughtered by the local police or National Guard.

Violence

All this quite naturally engages even the most mild of reformers. The morning after Kent State, at least 10,000 students from four major University centres in the city of Buffalo, New York, poured out of their campuses in violent, slogan-screaming tirades, surged down the city streets, smashing windows and erecting barricades. The police replied with tear gas and shot-gun blasts, night-sticks and police dogs.

Since then, dozens — I believe the number now stands at 32 — of police have been ambushed and killed. Over 500 Universities throughout the country suspended classes in protest over Kent State, an utterly unprecedented reaction in American collegiate history. At most of these, there was some sort of violent outburst, ultimately involving Army or police.

It will be much worse as the new university year starts. Unfortunately, a large majority of the older American generations continue to cling to the outrageous fallacy that You Can't Fight City Hall. As long as they continue to pursue this ostrich-like approach, their State will continue to come crashing down about their ears.

CLAPTON BOOKED FOR HOP

performed in Yorkshire with the Dominoes.

Eric Clapton, rated as the best guitarist in the world is appearing at the Saturday night hop, in the Union on October 10th.

Clapton brings with him his new group, called the Dominoes. The gig is part of a tour which Clapton is making all over the country at the moment. He made his first appearance with his new group at the Marquee Club in London. Performances followed in Manchester, Torquay and other towns but this is the first time Clapton has

Billed as Derek and the Dominoes, Clapton has not played at the Union since his days with Cream and both Roger Simpson, the Leeds University agent and Stigwoods who are organising the tour have high hopes of his performance.

Tickets will be on sale at the porters office in the Union from 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon and only two per Union card will be issued. Brett Marvin and the Thunderbolts are the support band.

M.P.'s to visit Union

The controversial Liberal M.P. for Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, Mr. David Steel, is to visit the University Union. He will be taking part in a debate on October 14th.

The motion under discussion will be "This House would support a Liberal Government". Among the speakers against this motion will be the Labour M.P. for Rother Valley, Mr. Peter Hardy.

COMMENT

Are you a Poly-Fresher or a Poly-Filla?

THE first full academic year of Leeds Polytechnic has started with an intake of approximately 1500 new students. In other words, about half the students in the Poly are newcomers. What will this mean for them, the old lags of the Union and the Poly itself?

For the freshers it will mean that more than ever, what they get out of the Poly will be directly related to what they are willing to put in. They are going to have to be responsible

for directing the progress of the Poly and for what it is when they leave. Their environment is in their hands.

by Paul Wetherall

The old-timers — both those groups in influential positions and those who are not — must realise this and help the Freshers discover their identity. Resentment of their enthusiasm and, perhaps, the apparent wish for immediate take-over may be expected, but should be repressed.

The leaders of the Union must remember that they are there to represent the members, a large proportion of which will be Freshers.

On their part, it is to be hoped that the Freshers, whether experienced in student life or not, will appreciate that

those who go before them do know a little more about the Poly, and will be willing to accept helpful advice, not criticising what they don't understand.

As for the Poly itself, it is of course a structure as well as an institution. The intake of students at the increased rate, expected for the future means that the building will have to be changed drastically, but this will take time. As time passes, resolution weakens, and so the Union Exec. must be in a position to review thoroughly student requirements and to set them down on paper.

During the Freshers' Conference the Pud School problem

was raised. Promises of help were given. Well, we've had promises, promises. What we want know is fulfillment, fulfillment. Relationships between Freshers and the Union Exec. may well depend on how this issue is handled.

So this year is a time of change in the saga of Leeds Poly, and as change occurs those ideas that prove fruitful will consolidate to emerge later as its identity. How this identity is regarded by those within the Poly and by the outside world will depend as much on how the staff and students work together as on what individual ideas are proposed. The Poly Fresher should live up to his or her name and bring a freshness into Poly life.

Don't be content as a Poly-Filler.

by Martin Evans,
ex-Catering Secretary
of the
University Union

IT'S the dream of all professional caterers to provide tempting food in opulent surrounds; the glittering banquet, wine and food blending into a gourmet's delight. It would appear that our University catering services are no exception. The problem we face is that their minute care and loving affection is directed to food preparation for outside functions and for staff. Students are forgotten people. The word function appears to drive the inmates of University House into a frenzy. All thoughts of feeding the students disappear. The whole place is turned over to providing for outsiders rather than for ourselves.

We retain staff far in excess of student requirements over the vacations solely to provide for functions. The cost is set against the catering deficit. The greater the deficit the greater the pressure to put up prices. Not only do students get the cold-shoulder to provide functions to a function-crazy catering service.

The control of policy in catering is supposedly in the hands of catering committee. Policy is laid down eventually after years of arguing in circles only to be disregarded if it happens to clash with the whims of the catering service.

The Union has made countless suggestions of dishes, settings and prices only to find the bland assurance of "yes" which means "yes, of course, we will do nothing." It is a pleasure to see Bar catering provide sandwiches of types requested by the Union; types also proving very popular.

The catering services as they stand lack leadership both at the top and middle levels. How can they hope to run an essentially business-like service, if the prices paid for the meals bear no relation to their cost? The idea of cost seems quite an anathema to the catering services. The price you pay is a guess; an informed guess we are told, backed by years of experience. Can we then assume that our £40,000 deficit is backed by years of experience?

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Our columnist this week let's you know the unknown facts about the University Executive

THIS year's University Union Exec is a refreshing change from the usual string of political hacks whose fat backsides tend to occupy the chairs in Exec office. There is only one political type but his party is on the verge of disintegration. The rest consist of two ego-centred power maniacs (one successful, the other jammy enough to get elected unopposed), one incompetent 'good guy' who has become a semi-competent 'good guy', one deposed table football king, and two unknowns.

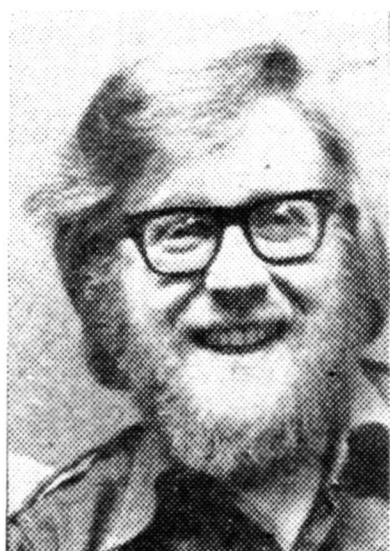


Chris Swann

Christopher William Langshaw Swann is this year's president. He actually admits to being 25. He is a moustachioed trendy, but tries to disguise the fact. He used to detest undergraduates calling them "silly little children" or silly little kiddies when feeling in a good mood. As an ex-post-grad, he no doubts detests them too.

Politically he is more reactionary than the Vice-Chancellor being in support of South Africa in private merely not anti in public. He was always considered to be the power behind the scenes, largely because he has never held an Executive post from which he could be purged.

Loved by the University as a 'sensible' student and having the longest, dirtiest and most used tongue, he disapproves of sit-ins, direct action, general meetings, democracy. He approves of C. W. L. Swann. Was reputed to have 'sold out' the Union on the question of flat rents.



Chris Greenfield

Chris Greenfield is the External Vice-President. He is the only politician on Exec. Calls himself a Young Liberal, despite the fact that Lib. Soc. threw him out. Ex-student treasurer. He has never won a union election in his life, as no one has ever stood against him. He is immensely popular, largely because his face is hidden behind a huge beard and curtain-type hair.

by **Claude Warbeck**

Chris has a reputation for picking on policemen, being involved with them three times last session, all on apparently trumped-up charges, according to himself. Fancies himself as next year's president, and will probably win, although it's likely that he'll have to fight this time.

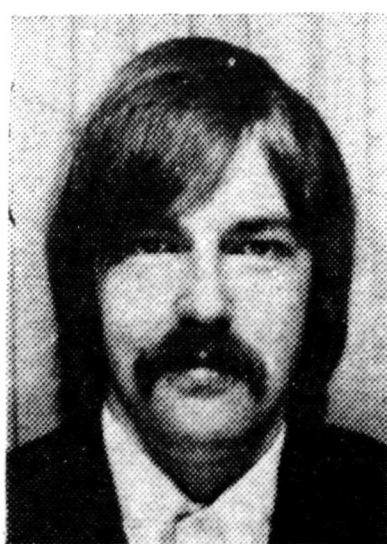


Pete Walsh

Pete Walsh, 20, is Union Secretary, and being an engineer with a body like a dog he is well suited to his post. He won his seat, jammy by 20 votes and hasn't been incompetent enough to remove. Calls himself a moderate student, which is probably right. Ex-Network Four.

He probably wastes more money than anyone with his reams of minutes and unnecessary blurb, including a memo forbidding the use of memos. He's one of the few Union Secretaries who hasn't actually been caught inventing the minutes. Has a 'cosy' relationship with Secretariat and the like.

There is no Internal Vice-President. The outgoing one was Keith Pepperell, the laughing boy who discovered that the joke was himself. Purged at the second attempt.



John Bisbrowne

House Secretary is **John Bisbrowne**. Got elected to Union Council on a Bodington ticket vote. There is no truth in the rumour that he was the stand in for a nanny-goat, also from Bodington. He is responsible for re-designing the re-designed bars, and has made a good job of it.

John, being House Secretary, takes the rap for the day-to-day running of the Union, and so far he hasn't yet been caught out. He occasionally gets caught out by his own inefficiency. He is a table football addict, but often finds the change machines, for which he is responsible, empty. Says "what coot has forgotten to fill these," and then remembers.



Ken Hind

Treasurer is Ken Hind. Had a dramatic rise to power, via Union News. He is 21 and a lawyer. Has a fantastic sense of his own importance and prowess, which isn't shared by many people. He has a knack of telling people that he isn't interested in Union Politics and then sneaking in unopposed. Has designs of the Presidency. An ex-Swann lackey of the first water and has similar meglomaniac tendencies. Has few fingers left, they've been in so many pies. Tends to use people and things for his own ends.

General Athletics Secretary and Cultural Affairs Secretary are Ali-stair Crinson and Abdul Hai respectively. Nothing is known about either, which is as it should be, except that Al plays a good game of bridge.

This, then is your Exec for the year. Being all (bar Swann (Ultra-right) and Greenfield (wishy-washy left) non-political they tend to get on with the job in hand without wasting time on trivialities. Instead of being concerned with power outside the Union, they spend their time contemplating their own power inside. In fact, they're a reasonably efficient bunch, and are all better than expectations.

'It's only when one comes to the Poly that you learn different' -

An Ex-University view of the Poly

TO the average University student, the Polytechnic is that vast complex of buildings he passes on the bus up from the City. He may set foot on the Poly campus once or twice in his career as a student—more probably he will never cross its portals.

This, of course, does not apply to those students whose activities cause them to mingle with Poly students. These may be sportsmen, members of Rag, Action or Union News, or those who have friends at the Poly, either from their pre-student days, or those whom they have met subsequently.

Of course, the fact that there is so little interest in the Poly among University students is not surprising. After all, to the average sixth-former, the goal is University. The Poly is somewhere where you go if you get rotten 'A' Levels. And why should we bother to go down to the Poly, when we have everything here?

So, with this background, although I had set foot in the Poly a few times before, it gave me an odd feeling after a three year course at the University, to start all over again as a fresher, but at the Polytechnic.

First impression

One's first impression of the Poly from the inside is its compactness. That vast complex of buildings seen from the bus seems to take on a minute proportion when compared with the University, one's home for the past three years. All the buildings seem alike; there seem to be so many people in such a small amount of space; none of whom know you. This is particularly true of the Union building, compared with which the once-thought crowded University Union seems like Woodhouse Moor on a wet day.

The first reaction of the ex-University student is to criticise his new surroundings. The cramped conditions, the long queues, the small bar, and even the cliquey people who refuse to recognise his existence. But, when he realises that the Poly as such is only a year old and is still finding its feet, he begins to treat it with a new respect. Of course the Union is too small; but this is not the fault of the Union. After all, a central Union is a new venture here. Eventually, one should hope it will expand.

All the same, there are some valid comments one can make. The refectory is reasonably good providing you

never want to eat in it. At least not at meal-times. If your lectures finish at one and start at two, and you like to take time over your meal, forget the Poly refec. The queue seems to be never-ending as it plods its weary way towards the out-of-sight services. It is for this reason that the student in a rush either starves or hurries back to Uncle Greenhalgh's eating parlour back in the University.

Laughable

To a reasonably active "Union hack" the organisation in the Poly is laughable. The Executive are more of a clique in the Poly than they are in the University. At least in the University, everyone knows where they are even if they don't care, and let's face it, very few do. But in the Poly, the Exec. are content to sit snugly behind an anonymous door in an anonymous corridor, complacent in their security that no-one will ever find them in their hideaway. I presume that they have meetings sometimes, but they don't publicise the fact. Or are they in secret? I don't know. I've not succeeded in finding their office yet.

Other points that one notices include the fact that there seems to be no provision for incoming phone calls for students, no post box and no place where one can buy an evening paper.

This then is the Poly. At first there is a natural tendency to return to the home ground of the University, and to make it one's centre of activity. But as one's awareness of the new surroundings grows on you, the urge to get back to the old bar disappears, and it is the Poly that becomes the new base from which to work.

Merging

Eventually, I suppose, the two campuses will become one. As the departments merge, there will be no need for duplication of courses, but both the University and the Poly will widen their outlook and spheres. Until that time comes, no doubt the University student will continue to look on his Poly counterpart as a sort of poor relation. It is only when one actually comes to the Poly that you learn different.

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Student loses Appeal

A Leeds Polytechnic student, Julian Gurden (20) lost his appeal at Leeds Quarter Sessions last week against conviction for assaulting two police constables. The magistrate's sentence was varied from three months imprisonment to a three months suspended sentence, and Gurden was ordered to pay £50 towards prosecution costs and a £50 fine.

At the end of last term Gurden had been in the 'Skyrack' with some friends, and had two pints of beer before leaving for a staff/student party in Rochester Terrace. At the party he had a further pint of beer when he came down the stairs. At the bottom of the stairs were two policemen, one with his back to the stairs. "I flicked his helmet off with my finger and he (the policeman) said "Right we'll have this one", he said.

'Arms behind my back'

When asked to relate what happened then, Gurden said: "With my arms behind my back the carried me out through the front doorway with my feet off the ground, down the steps and into the garden. I told them that they were hurting me, and asked them to let go. They took me to the car and, with my arms still behind my back they bent me double and tried to push me into the car. Being rather tall it was a bit awkward getting into the car, so I asked them to let me go and let me stand up straight.

"I found myself on the floor. I don't really know what happened but a witness said the police were kicking my feet from under me. I told them I was civilised and I didn't want to brawl with them. Then one of them sat on my chest and the other was pulling my hair. I yelled out and swore at them, called them Fascists and things like that." Some people from the party were on the scene by this time, and one asked the policemen what they were doing. He was told to shut up and go in the house or he would 'go' as well. Another told them to act like policemen and let me go."

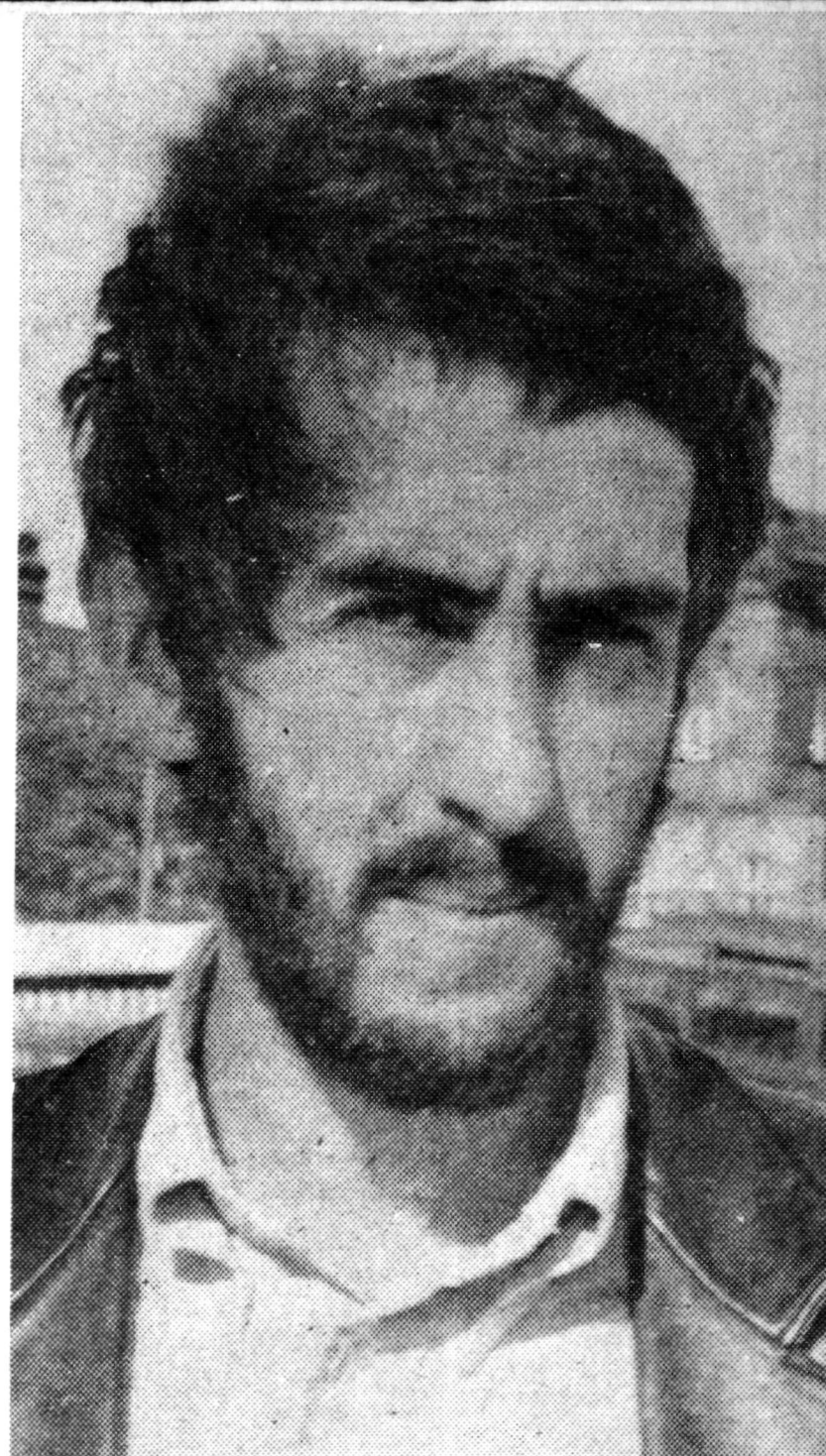
Reports of excessive noise

The Prosecution alleged that P.C. Potts and P.C. Williams were called to a house in Rochester Terrace after reports of excessive noise. When the officers entered the hallway, Gurden came down stairs and kicked P.C. Potts in the back, and knocked off his helmet. He struggled with the police and shouted "I will fix you, you Fascist pigs!" He kicked the second constable in the stomach and deliberately stamped on his wrist.

Gurden denied kicking the two officers, although he pleaded guilty to the assault of removing a police helmet.

When Paul Gauntlett, Polytechnic Union President was asked to comment on the situation, he said "This case poses several questions which we must resolve. The most important factor with which I am concerned is that Gurden denied kicking the policemen in the back, and that the evidence of the police officer involved in the assault was accepted in preference to the evidence of FOUR student witnesses."

The matter is being carried further. Already the M.P. for Gurden's home constituency has been approached, the National Council for Civil Liberties is being approached and the Polytechnic Union is being circularised with a petition to call an S.G.M. mandating the executive to cover the fine.



Julian Gurden, the convicted student

A freshers' guide to Leeds

LOCAL PUBS

Fenton Hotel. (Between Poly and University).

Tetley's Ale (takes a bit of getting used to) Lounge has antique stained glass mirrors. (Tetley family heirlooms) show-biz and sporting pictures. Good batches and snacks. This is the place to come for a drink if you're at a Poly disco and the bar is packed out (as it generally is).

Eldon. (Opposite University Engineering block).

Haunt of Engineers. Good sandwiches.

Packhorse. (Next to Eldon).

Decorated distastefully in the summer — good beer (Tetley's) and snacks.

Hyde Park. (Hyde Park Corner)

Spacious and bright — plastic flowers and a water fountain. Panoramic pictures of Hyde Park, London. Juke-box. Good Tetley's ale.

Skyrack. (Headingley Lane).

Whitbread's. Very popular; a friendly landlord.

Original Oak. (Opposite Skyrack).

Extensive gin-palace. Like the 'Rack it is extremely popular with students although the landlord hates them. Oak Room for the trendies. Plymouth Lounge for the dolly teenyboppers. Garden and bowling green open in the summer. Average beer, but poor service.

New Inn. (Otley Road, near bus garage).

Comparatively expensive and civilised. Haunt of Bodingtonians, Carnegieites and (if you're lucky) gin-sippers from Tetley Hall.

Lawnwood Arms.

Some way past Bodington. Transport a must. (Car or West Yorkshire. Suave. Good food and beer.

Royal Park.

Situated at foot of Royal Park Road. 56 bus route. A real Leeds pub. There's a music room with a woman at the piano, plus mike for clients with voices (?). Ideal for a 21st party or just for a good night out. But arrive early as it fills quickly.

TOWN PUBS

Whitlocks. (Up an alley off Briggate. Left-hand side going up).

The oldest pub in Leeds. Only one bar. Very popular. Excellent food.

Picadilly. (The Headrow).

Part of the famous City Varieties. 200 years old. National trust property. Music Hall atmosphere.

Yate's Wine Lodge. (Bond St. Near City Square).

Huge room with draught wine. A boozers' paradise. Cheapest wines and spirits in Leeds. Unusual clientele.

WHERE TO EAT

Alpha Grill. (Opposite Parkinson).

Grills, Curries. Milky coffee. Juke-box and impossible pin-ball.

Soup 'n' Steak. (Opposite Parkinson).

Open late (11.30) Cheap and poor steaks. Take-away curries.

Barbecue. (Opposite Parkinson)

The earliest established and still the best of the cafes opposite the University. Quick service. Good, cheap food, although there could be more of it. Wide choice.

Sandwich Bar. (Opposite Engineering block).

Wide variety of snacks.

Playhouse restaurant. (Behind Poly. Next to Sports Hall).

Trendy new place for theatre lovers. Dine, wine or booze in moderate surroundings.

Get Stuffed. (Park Cross Street — off Westgate).

Frequented by Poly Exec. and journalists. Excellent cuisine; not too pricy. (Advisable to book first).

Jacomelli's. (Boar Lane, City Square).

The best steak in Leeds at a price you can afford. (Try the Chicken and Steak bor).

CHINESE RESTAURANTS

Peony. (Commercial Street, off Briggate). Easily the best chinese restaurant in Leeds, with good, generous portions.

The Mee Kee (Merrion Centre). Average food. Horribly noisy pop music with your food. Not recommended.

Chopsticks. (Boar Lane). Chef cooks the best Yorkshire pud in the North.

Indian Restaurants.

Ashoka & Koh-I-Noor in Boar Lane. Curries range from hot to very hot.

CHIPPIES

English

"Sweats". (Opposite Engineering block). Popular. Sit down in the backroom. F. & C., peas, bread and butter and a cuppa tea for 2/9. Greasy chips.

Bryans. (Weetwood Lane. Behind New Inn).

Unusual for a Leeds chippy, the chips aren't greasy. Pricy but excellent. Huge restaurant or take away. Patent family batter recipe.

"Upsteps Fish Bar". (Brudenell Road, Nr. Hyde Park Cinema). Never seems to be open. Good F. & C. when it is.

Queens Road. (Near Royal Park). Open late. Greasy but good.

Others.

Norwood Road (Off Victoria Road), St. Michael's Lane (Behind Skyrack), North Lane (Opposite Lounge Cinema).

Chinese (in take-away cartons) (Both open Sundays). **Corner of King's Road and Edwin Road.** (Known as 'the old', being the oldest). Every evening till 11.30. The better of the two. 30 dishes all about 4/- - 5/-. Chop Suey rolls at 1/6. Try the chicken chow mein.

'The New' (Brudenell Grove). Serves boiled instead of fried rice. Sticks to paper. Tasty food. Smaller portions than the old chippy. Closed Tuesdays.

LAUNDERETTES

All open 7 days a week. Range 2/- - 3/-.

New Pin. (2/-). Brudenell Road. Recommended.

Hyde Park Corner (3/-).

Brudenell Avenue (2/-). Good machines. Coffee service.

Corner of Cardigan Road and Walmsley Road.

SHOPS

Scythrop. (Lower Woodhouse Lane. Opposite Kitson).

Second-hand and antique clothes. Pinstripes and blazers. Edwardian scarves and Gran-nies nighties.

Boodle-Am. (Opposite Poly).

Expensive but good little shop for things hung up on trendy things. Silks, jackets, etc.

It's Paper. (Hyde Park Corner). Paper furniture, red lampshades, posters and some beautiful indian silk dresses.

Bookshops.

Austicks. Have 'n' shops. Opposite University and Cookridge Street are the main ones. Very inefficient for text-books as they have a monopoly in Leeds.

Paperback Shop. Albion Place.

W. H. Smith's. Commercial St.

Mile's Second-hand Books. (Opposite Poly).

Hyde Park second hand shop. Books and records, posters and so-called trendy underground papers.

University Book Exchange.

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Brian Leahey — President of Sussex

“... correlation between ‘O’ level grades and university performance is negative.”

SUSSEX LEADS IN U.C.C.A. BREAKDOWN

by Teresa Williams

HE worked in the sewers and is now reading for a degree in Sociology at the University of Sussex, and standing for the N.U.S. Presidency this year.

Thirty-one year old Brian Leahey left school at fifteen. After nine years in the army, he worked as a lorry driver, then progressed from a year with a travelling fair, through the sewers to officialdom with the National Union of Public Employees, thence back to lorry driving.

In a transport cafe, Brian first noticed an advertisement for the Early Leavers' Scheme at Sussex. He applied, wrote two essays, attended an interview, and was admitted to the University in October, 1968.

Since that time he has been President of the Union for a year, and will stand for presidency of the N.U.S. "purely on the grounds that I want to inject some realism into the University politics."

Brian is one example of those who have benefited from a scheme which has been experimental up to this year at Sussex, through which, students without 'O' and 'A' level qualifications can be admitted to read for a degree course.

For a number of years, British Universities have admitted undergraduates "of mature years" who do not satisfy the general entrance requirements; these students are usually over the age of twenty three.

In 1959 the Crowther Report reviewed the position of the early school leavers. It confirmed that leaving school at 15 or 16 was normal in working class families, as opposed to the practice in the middle class bracket. It was noticed that the University intake from 1961 was more predominantly middle class than even that of other provincial universities.

Michael Lipton, lecturer in Economics and a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies, presented a paper to the Admissions Committee in 1963. Part of it reads as follows:

"There are several reasons for trying hard to find a way for Sussex to do something about this.

"First, we shall, if we pick carefully, raise our own intellectual standards.

"Second, the social composition and hence 'life educative' qualities of the university will be broadened.

"Third, some people who can benefit from a University education will replace some who are less qualified.

"Fourth, we shall focus attention on the problem of premature rejection in education, and may stimulate others to do something about it.

"Of course, the most important reason is that really good graduate material is being wasted by social rejection at ages eleven to seventeen, and that we should help to lessen this waste and improve our own standards in the process."

This was the birth of the scheme.

Every year from 1964, the University of Sussex has admitted a limited number of students under 23 — the 'Early Leavers.' In 1968, the upper age limit was removed to cover older unqualified candidates. The current attitude of the University is to assume that there are two categories of applicant, qualified and unqualified and each application is treated accordingly.

The unqualified applicant is assessed primarily on the strength of short essays, his references, his motivation and the general nature of his home background.

Tutors often expect of undergraduates a pattern of study imposed by the exam system.

Applicants are then invited to write longer essays on the subject they wish to study, and their interviews are usually based on this work. There are also reasoning and psychometric tests administered by the Socio-Educational Research Office to contend with.

The final decisions are taken by the University's Admissions Committee.

Sixty two students were admitted to the University under the scheme during the years 1964-69, of which only eight were science entrants.

There are obvious difficulties in the application of the scheme with regard to science. It was found in the experiment that students often lacked essential background knowledge for the courses to which they were admitted. As a result, the University is now reluctant to accept unqualified science students.

The degree course itself is rigorous and leaves tutors little time to devote to the remedial teaching and additional attention which unqualified students need in such courses.

For all unqualified students, there are particular difficulties. Some of these are common to all students; such as disillusion with course, with University, or with society generally. The main problem peculiar to the unqualified student is that of difficulty in habitual regular study.

"Other Universities lack the central initiative necessary to enforce this plan. The system of admissions as it stands in British Universities is chronic, and we are progressing minutely with this step.

We have found that the correlation between 'O' level grades and university performance is negative. At present, far too much attention is paid to these and to 'A' level grades, and the present U.C.C.A. system of conditional offers ties on the U.C.C.A. form as a means to cut out of the situation.

"I feel that many British universities are at an earlier stage in development than Sussex when it comes to selection procedure. Some are still using the order of preference of universities on the U.C.C.A. form as a means to cut down applicants; for instance, Bristol states that in some subjects applicants who have not placed them in the top three of the six will not be considered.

"Sussex wants as many applicants as possible."

Is there hope that the scheme of unqualified admissions will spread to other universities?

Mr. Kiloh answers, "Some universities have shown interest in the scheme; Kent, Birmingham and Surrey have made inquiries. I am not

particularly optimistic about it being instituted elsewhere in the near future.

"There are numerous other changes to be made in the selection at the more traditional universities before this one can be introduced."

In a report of the scheme, the following conclusions were drawn: "In arts and social studies, the scheme has been successful in producing graduates from what most universities would regard as unpromising material, in slightly varying the social composition of the University, and in including some very small amends for rejection at an earlier age.

"Within the highly selected group of fifty-four arts students, Secondary Modern products do as well as Grammar School ones; and early leavers are in academic terms more or less indistinguishable from those selected under conventional entrance requirements.

"Most early leavers (and some other independent students) are in an unusual position with regard to grant regulations, a position that can cause difficulty. (Awards are discretionary without the possession of two 'A' levels.)

"Most unqualified students (and many qualified ones too) need special assistance in making the transition from employment to study.

"The virtual abolition of the entrance requirement, effective in 1970, has not produced an unmanageable flood of candidates."

Other universities may see reasons why they should not begin similar schemes.

The Open University will offer degree courses to almost any applicant over 21; with or without qualifications. If the school-leaving age is raised in 1972, the number of sixth-formers staying on to obtain qualifications will increase.

There will still, however, be students who leave school as soon as possible for financial, personal, family, or medical reasons. Higher Education should acknowledge that these may wish to pursue courses for which they are suited, without first spending one or two years over an 'A' level course.

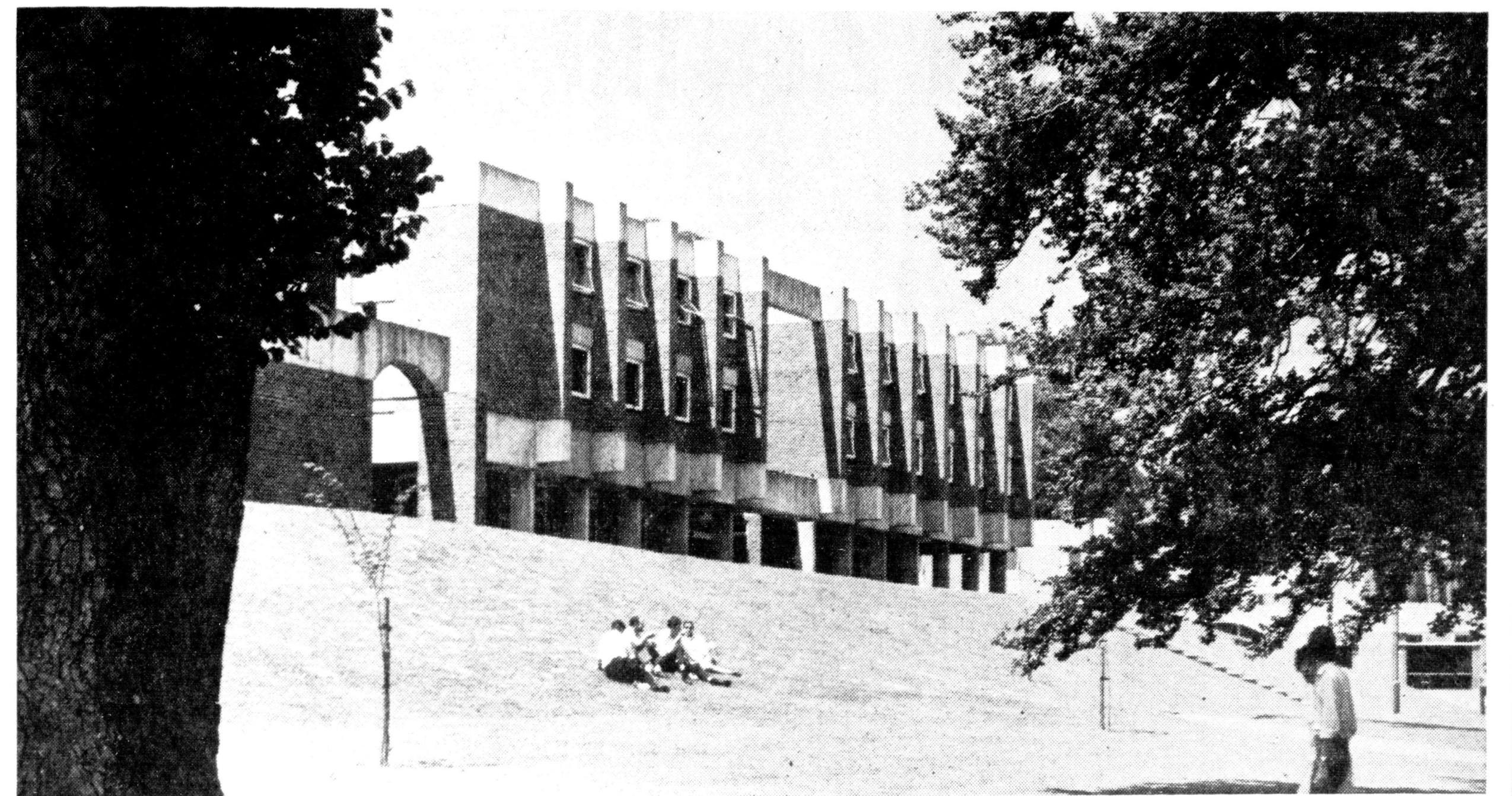
At present the range of choice for these students is very small — Sussex or the Open University. One applicant, asked for his reasons for coming to Sussex, replied,

"School leavers at 18 normally have some choice between different course structures, environments and various teaching methods (though they cannot always take advantage of it).

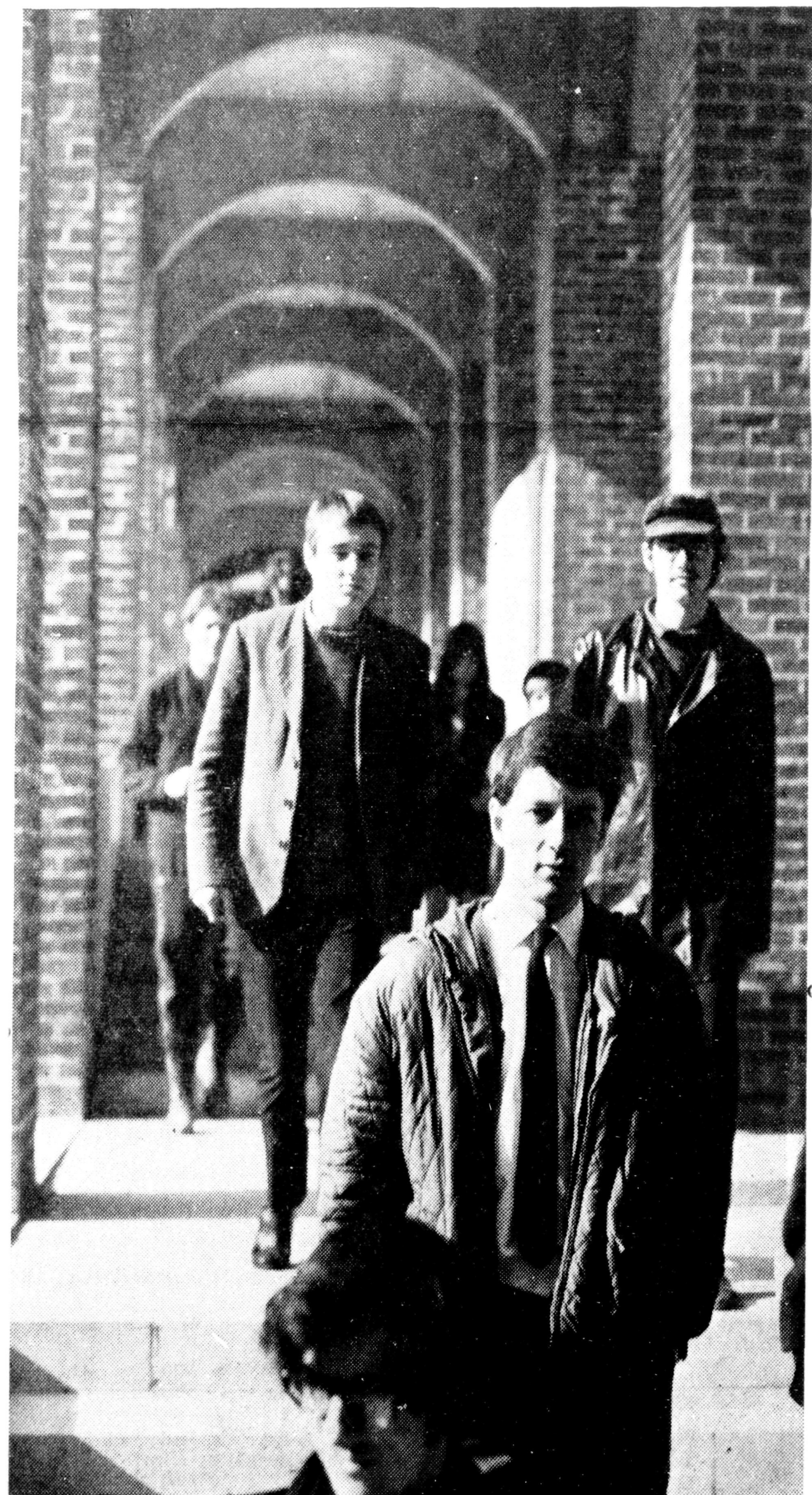
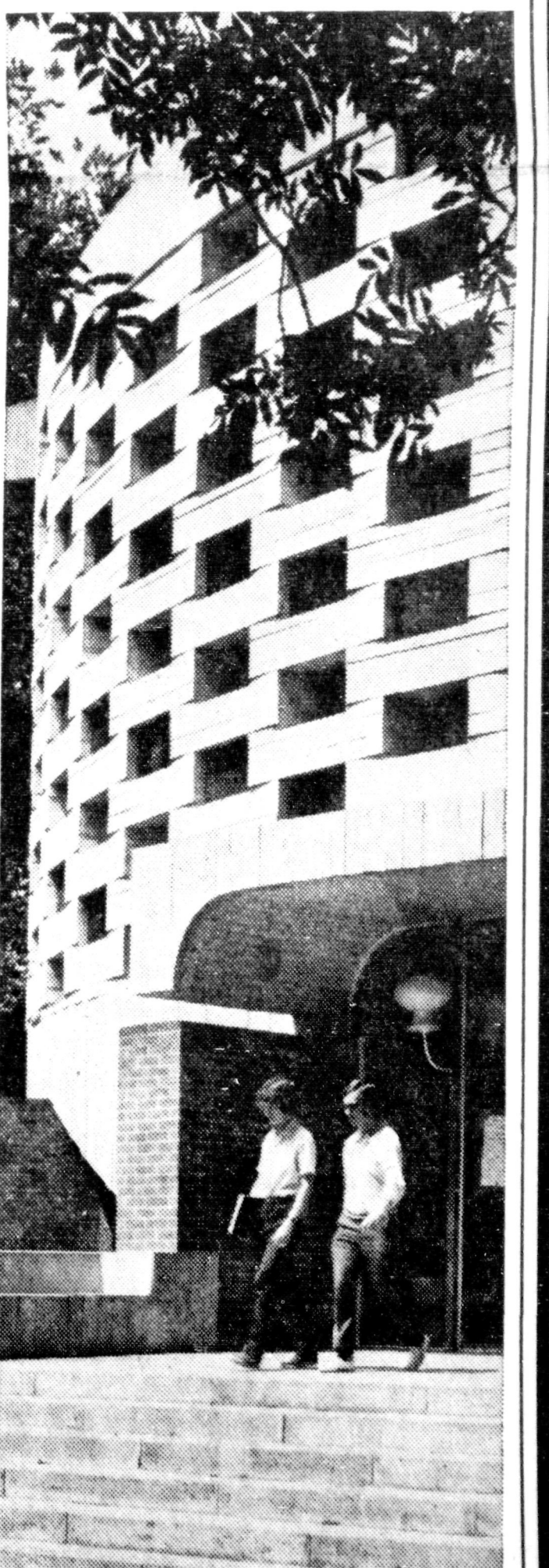
In the words of Brian Leahey, "A full education should be the right of everybody in Britain, and it is possible to obtain this right. More workers coming to University can not only improve their own knowledge but can make a positive contribution toward changing universities from middle-class finishing schools to places of learning that are truly open to all."

We must hope that more universities will soon begin to live up to that last description.

Above and below: The university grounds and buildings showing the spacious and progressive architectural design.



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Students leaving lectures at Sussex

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by Mike Yates

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The Merrion is the largest new development shopping area in Leeds, and it seems to be the only one in the city centre. Already, it is quite a large complex, but plans are afoot to

make it even bigger. The site itself is at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane, just before you reach the city at the Headrow.

The Centre was opened on the 26th May, 1964. There was all the usual noise made about "This most modern development", but, in fact, it is unusual in a number of ways. For instance, it has Britain's first moving pavement, which was designed to cope with 7,500 pedestrians an hour. But unfortunately, someone seems to have forgotten to turn it on!

Bowling

However, it is rather unfair to say that this is indicative of the Centre as a whole. For its type, it is certainly an excellent example. There is a 27-lane bowling alley, one of the best cinemas in Leeds, a super-market, boutiques, nightclubs, a top-class ballroom for all those interested, and the established

selection of shops. There is also a 120 bedroom hotel, but I doubt that many students can afford those sort of digs!

For those of our readers who are intrigued by numerical facts, I have compiled a short list. The main building weighs 42,000 tons, give or take a few, and cost around £6m. To walk the perimeter would take about 7 minutes and 850 medium-length paces. There is a 14 storey office block, with underground access for shops. The car park can accommodate 1,000 cars, there are 100 shop units, and even an 80 stall indoor market beneath the whole lot! Apparently, the moving pavement cost £10,000, and moves (?) at 140 feet per minute.

The next phase, stage 5, will cost a further £2m and will include more office space, more car space, and, of course, more shops. Work commenced on this phase last term. Secret sources tell me that the new extension will also include two new pubs!

In any case, it is said that you can buy nearly everything that you will need from the Merrion, some things at discount rates for students. Sooner or later, we all seem to go down there, if only to Woolworth's. By the way, all of you with revolutionary tendencies, beware! The Radio Leeds offices are also down there, and they, like us, are always after new stories.



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'I don't think the theatre should be a citadel', says Bill Hays

FOR a century and a half Leeds has become increasingly conscious that it has been outdistanced by its cosmopolitan neighbour Bradford. Theatre in the town has been limited to the staid and stuffy "Grand" whose drama and architecture remain characteristically Victorian.

Now a purpose-built theatre, seating 750, costing only £145,000 and looking like an orange-box has sprouted rapidly on the edge of the University campus.

The story of how Leeds got its new Playhouse goes back six years — a tale of a relentless struggle in which a brilliant architect (Bill Houghton Evans) and his staff, a local team of experts, technicians, actors and producers, the good will of Leeds University and assistance from the Arts Council fought an uphill and finally successful battle with city councillors and "other influential people."

With this background it is not surprising that the artistic director Bill Hays should open his repertory with Alan Plater's anti-establishment play 'Simon Says...' a knock-about pantomime incorporating Personality TV, the Big Five Banks, the Stock Exchange parodied in a fantasy about the MCC and its chairman Lord Thing (Tim Bateson) assisted by his son General Thing and his grandson A. Thing (Andrew Dallmeyer) "a scarecrow of the Right".

For Bill Hays the only drama worth playing was the committed and educative; he wants his audience to identify, react and respond.

He wanted to dispel from people's minds their conception of a theatre:

"I don't think the theatre should be a citadel — remote and reverend — but a meeting place, an open circus. That's why Playhouse is open to the public almost all the time. We want people to come in and look round. You can have breakfast, a three-course meal, a pint or a snack. That's why we're rehearsing in the old Gaumont — to leave the stage free for other entertainments — films, recitals, exhibitions and children's drama for instance," he said.

Wasn't Leeds too much of a cultural backwater; wouldn't the average townsfolk be too unfamiliar with the theatre?

"Probably, but we're going to get them here. We succeeded at Newcastle with 'Close the Coalhouse Door' (a mining town comedy). We played to packed houses of miners who came in coach-loads from the villages — probably the first time they'd been to the theatre in their lives. We're going to do things that appeal to the Yorkshireman — 'Mother Courage' with, we hope, Thora Hird, and 'Grup' — a new musical actually set in Leeds."

"Grup" by Henry Livings, looted from Gogol's "The Government Inspector," contains a few surprises about big business and the money that makes the wheels go round. A show that no-one on either side of the boardroom door, above or on the factory floor can afford to miss.



Bill Hays

The theatre is based on a scaled-down version of the 4th century theatre at Epidauros. Bill Houghton Evans, the architect spoke about the design; He didn't want box seating arrangements "where the audience looks through a hole in a wall at a make-believe world in another room."

"What we wanted was a theatre of involvement, one where audience and actors meet eyeball to eyeball; one where active participation takes over from passive contemplation, where the real drama of life is intensified and lived again. We wanted, in fact, a Greek theatre."

Inside, the theatre is bright and warm; steeply banked seats — each row 18 inches above the next — are wrapped around a semi-circular stage. There's room for disabled playgoers, and radiation panels designed to throw back sound to all parts of the auditorium. The sight lines, acoustics and stage machinery are some of the most advanced in the country.

The bar/restaurant is as you would expect — modern and unorthodox, with purple and orange walls, white furniture and Swedish stainless steel.

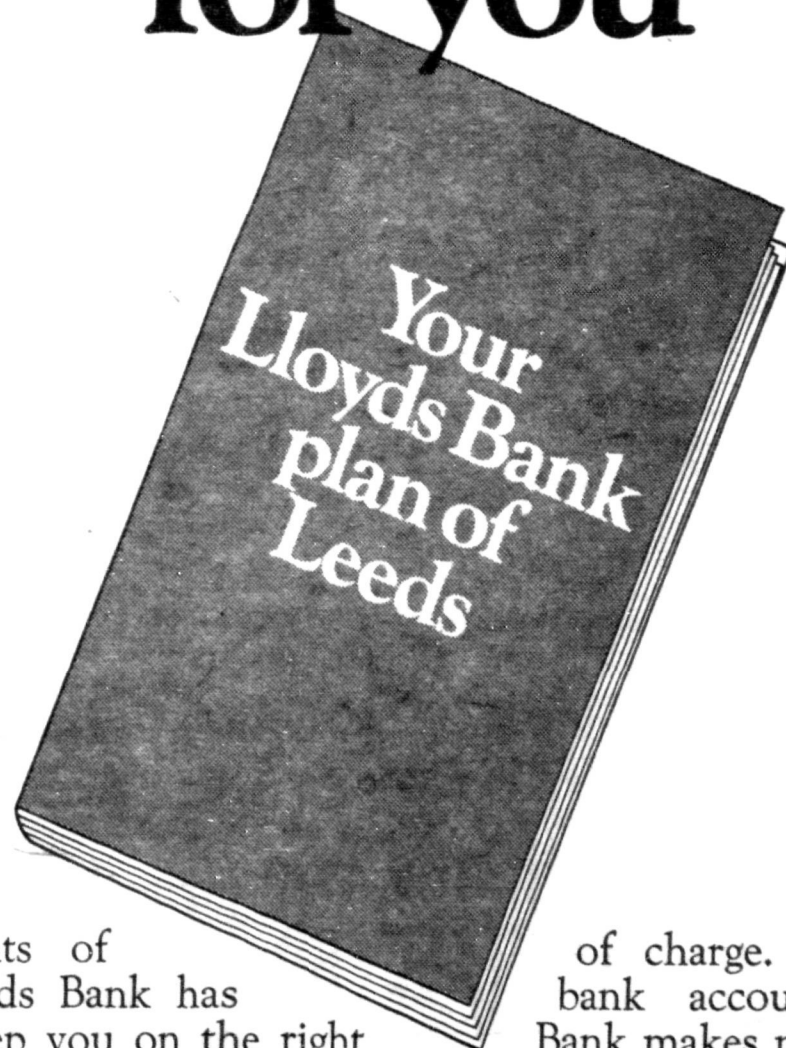
The siting of the theatre, its colourful and exciting architecture, its dynamic and vigorous young company and their unconventional and radical intentions, combined with its ambitious programme of plays and late-night films make it a unique asset to the city — an artistic centre to be enjoyed by everyone.

by Steven Stubble



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reviews

"Henry IV" — Moving essay in insanity

THE second production to be staged at Leeds Playhouse opened on Monday, 21st September and, unlike "Simon Says", received a tremendous ovation from the first night audience. "Henry IV", written by Luigi Pirandello, is directed by Bill Hays, and designed by Brian Currah.

Essentially the play concerns madness. Set in the Twentieth Century, and yet continually enacted in period costume, the play centres round the 'main character, played by Alfred Burke. He is an Italian count who, following a fall from his horse during a fancy dress parade, becomes the character he was portraying in the parade

Theatre

by Phil Swerdlow

—Henry IV of Germany.

He lives completely in a world of fantasy, believing all the time in the reality of his situation. At the time of the play, he is visited by past friends, who are forced to appear before him in period costume, in order to prevent a violent outburst by the madman. Unknown to them, the Count has recovered and is in fact, merely acting out his part for their benefit.

The climax is reached when, realising his sanity, his friends react violently, and the count murders the husband of one of his own former lovers. He can now no longer remain sane, for to do so will only result in his

arrest for the murder, so forced by circumstances, he slides back into his world of fantasy.

The play is a moving and powerful exploration of the world of the insane, and Alfred Burke brilliantly explores the part of Henry IV with understanding and force. He completely inposes himself on the whole company, directing them as he would puppets on a string, controlling the way they act, speak and dress. His strength of character never diminishes throughout the play. The supporting act as all play their roles well, as the characters from the count's past who are caught inextricably in the web of insanity.

The production is first-class, has a well-designed set, and is extremely well-acted. It is a well-deserved success for the Playhouse.

Antonioni's America: The Sick Society

Cinema 1

by Richard Munro

THE portrayal of contemporary America as a violent, perverse society is perhaps one of the more popular themes of the recent cinema. But until now this subject has not been presented with such forcefulness and competence as Antonioni manages in "Zabriskie Point."

Part of the film is concerned with what is euphemistically called "Campus Unrest". But it is about much more than student revolution: it is a love story.

After a "confrontation" between students and police, in

which a policeman is shot, Mark, one of the protesters, flees Los Angeles in a stolen plane and makes off into the Arizona desert. There he meets Daria (Daria Halprin).

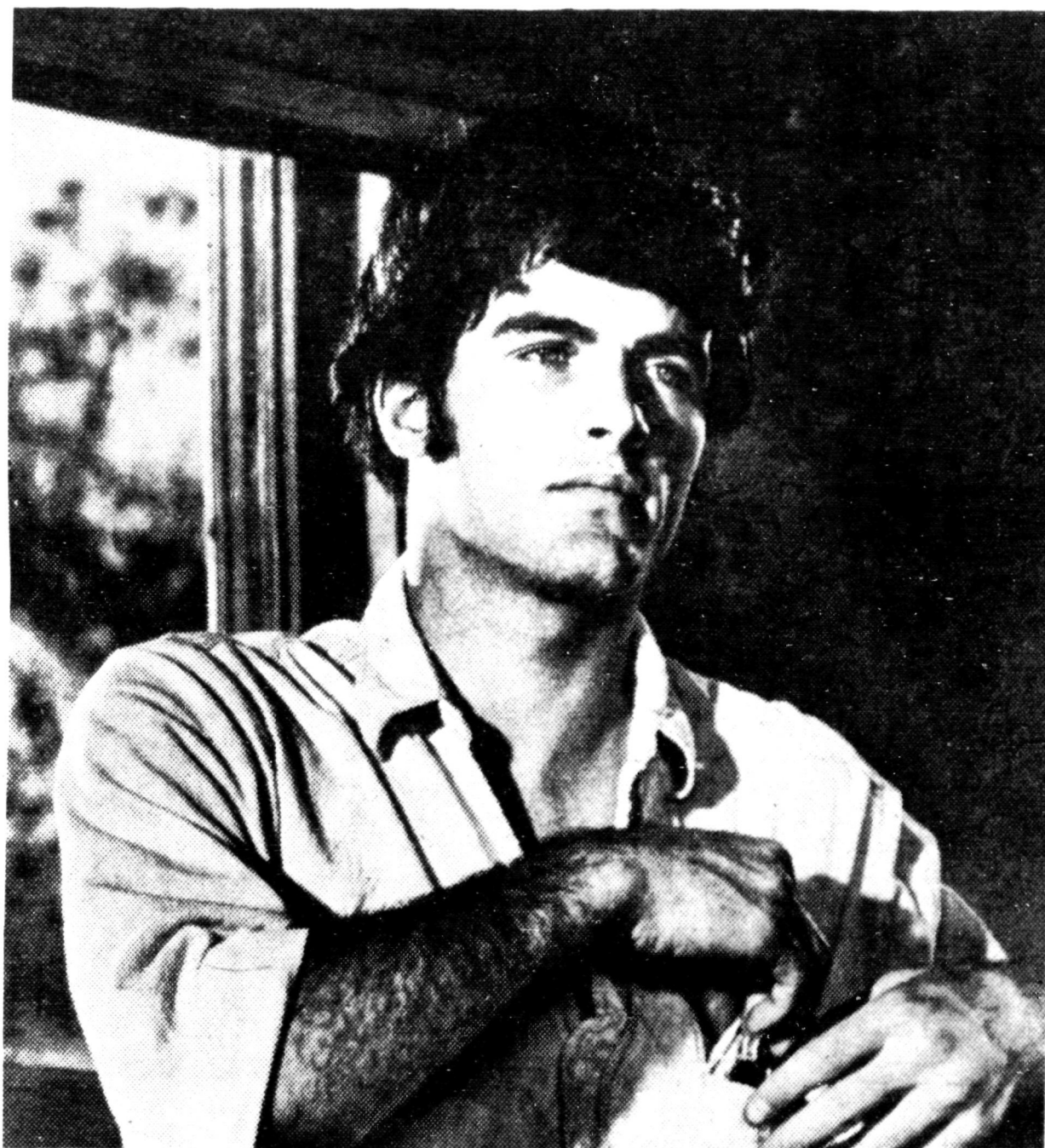
Against the strikingly beautiful desolation of Death Valley, we witness the flourishing of the doomed love of two young people, sharing a common aversion for a violent and restrictive society.

But, of course, their idylls and their ideals stand no chance against that society.

Antonioni and his Director of Photography, Alfio Contini, deserve special praise for the camera-work which is magnificent throughout, and which achieves a particular beauty in the closing sequences, blending excellently with the music of Pink Floyd.

Mark Frechette and Daria Halprin as the young lovers fulfil their roles proficiently. They are two unknowns of whom we may or may not hear more. Rod Taylor plays an undemanding role as Daria's employer.

The film is guaranteed to make a lasting impression, I should like to think, on almost anyone.



Mark Frechette — Star of 'Zabriskie Point'

Free Tea and No Soggy

Chips

Chinese Nosh

by Gourmet

AFTER a week of home cooked food and monotonous Union meals, freshers will undoubtedly begin to scout town for a good place to eat. A fine place to try is the Jumbo Restaurant which offers a comprehensive range of GENUINE Chinese (Cantonese) food at a reasonable price.

A very filling meal of Chinese roast duck and barbecued pork with rice can be had for only 8s. A pot of Chinese tea is provided without charge. If you have a bit more 'bread' (about

four dishes to share. This will work out at roughly 15s. each.

A special feature is the availability of a typical Chinese mid-day meal of steamed dumplings, made from a variety of meat and are served in bamboo baskets costing only 2/6d. per basket.

£1) the Chef's recommendation of Peking Duck, Satay Beef (sliced beef seasoned with spices from the Far East), Blossom Prawn Meat and Ham Roll (deep ham wrapped in bread) or Chicken in paper bag (spiced chicken deep fried in individual paper bags) can be sampled.

For economy, a group of four students could order rice and

This restaurant serves genuine Chinese food (mainly Cantonese) and is therefore not a place where you can have your sweet and sour pork with soggy chips. It is more of an exotic experience into an Oriental, transcendental feast which is enhanced by infinite supplies of real Chinese tea — served free of charge!

"Goodbye Gemini": a sad waste of promising potential

Cinema 2

by Eric Parker

DESPITE the fact that "Goodbye Gemini" has potential in its sometimes horrifying contrasts, it fails as a piece of worthwhile entertainment because of its lack of, or rather lack of development of, story line.

The portrayal of a brother and sister living in a cushioned fantasy world of ideals and becoming involved in the depraved London 'scene' which finally leads to their own destruction, was at most only worthy of momentary consideration.

It is a film in the same vein as 'Twinky' and 'Mumsy, Nanny, parties on a Chelsea house-

boat; but all this, added to the thin story line, leads one to feel that such artists as Michael Redgrave and Judy Geeson are out of place in these conditions.

It seems that actors of such high qualities (and there is certainly quality in depth even in the smallest roles) are wasted, but had there not been such a strong cast one feels that more weaknesses might have been highlighted.

So a film of contrasts results where the change in the mood of the main characters is equalled, if not in fact surpassed, by the change in subject-matter from briefly good to almost continually less-than-average.

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Sandy Denny— A well deserved honour

ANYONE who thought that all roadies were a set of brawny, brainless equipment-luggers soon had their ideals altered when Alan Lee, one of Fotheringay's roadies did a fine job of filling in at the Fresher's concert on Monday night at the Polytechnic.

Playing songs by Tom Paxton, Dylan and Mike Chapman, amongst others, plus some of his own melodic compositions, he kept the audience entertained for a good half-hour, until Roy Harper arrived at 9 p.m.

Roy, not only battling against an attack of 'flu, but also making his first public appearance for quite a while, treated us to his own form of political comment. His songs are often wrapped in a cloak of humour with lyrics of the form:

"Hey Mr. Nixon, hey Mr. Heath
Won't you pull your pants
up?
I'm standing underneath."

But still there is the personal hatred of certain aspects of our society. If you like your music with a message



Roy Harper

then there's few can match Roy Harper's delivery.



Sandy Denny of Fotheringay

He received justifiable appreciation for a good set and finished at 10 p.m.

Fotheringay wasted no time in taking the stage and were greeted with warm applause mostly for Sandy Denny, recently voted top female vocalist.

Talent

It wasn't long before she showed just how much she deserved this belated honour. Her voice featured prominently on the ballads "The Sea", "Silver Threads and Golden Needles" and "Nothing More", the latter also showing her far from meagre talent on the piano.

Trevor Lucas, ex-Election, took the lead on the more traditional material like "The

ballad of Ned Kelly" and "Jack Donahue".

The Group, consisting of Sandy Denny (lead vocals, piano), Trevor Lucas (lead vocals, guitar), Jerry Donahue (lead guitar), Pat Donaldson (bass) and Gerry Conway (percussion) defied a present-day theory that you must be loud to be good. Although the array of speakers was rather awe-inspiring the power of the system was only 400 watts. (Compare with the Who's 2,000 watts.)

A well-deserved encore had the audience joining Sandy in the familiar "All around the blooming heather".

And here a word of praise for the audience, nearly a thousand of them, who sat uncomplaining for nearly four hours on a hard floor in stifling heat. I can only say it was worth every minute.

Cinema

ABC 1

This week: Zabriskie Point ② stunning new film from Antonioni, with young stars Mark Frechette and Daria Halprin. See review.

Next week: "Z" — Costas Gravas' stark comment on the Greek situation. Coming shortly: Strawberry Statement

ABC 2

This week: two horrors— Christopher Lee in The Oblong Box supported by The Dunwich Horror. Both X's and both guaranteed to bring a tingle to the spine.

Next week: Jim Brown & Lee Van Cleef in El Condor ④⑤

COTTAGE ROAD

This week: The Night Of The Generals Adventure and romance with Peter O'Toole and Omar Sharif. Next week: The return of Where Eagles Dare ④. 2½ hours of Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood doing their thing.

HYDE PARK

This week: You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant ② starring Arlo Guthrie and, among others, your friend and mine, Police Officer Obie. Also: You Don't Need Pajamas at Rosie's ② LCP 6.55

Next week: "Pig Sty" ② the latest film from Pasolini "a second Bergman". This is one of its first showings outside London. Also: Greetings... Bizarre yet beautiful.

This Sunday: Alec Guinness in The Quiller Memorandum ④ Spies, etc. Also: I Saw What You Did

ODEON MERRION

This week and next: D. H. Lawrence's The Virgin and the Gypsy ④⑤ Joanna Shimkus and Franco Nero in "a film to equal, if not quite to surpass, 'Women in Love'". LCP 8.00; Sun. 8.30

PLAZA

This week: Les Biches ② Chabrol's "sensitive examination of the claustrophobic relationship between two lesbians and a man who disrupts their affairs". Also: Roseanna ② Swedish murder LCP 6.50. Sun. 6.30

Next week: Joseph Strick's "Ulysses" out of Joyce. First uncensored showing in Leeds.

TATLER

This week: Nine Ages of Nakedness and Babysitter Not for prudes or non-members. LCP 7.20. Sun. 7.26

Next week: Divorcee and Black Snow As uncensored as ever. LCP 7.40. Sun. 7.06

TOWER

This week: John Wayne in Chisum ④ Cowboys!

Also: Peking Medallion ④ starring Robert Stack LCP 6.50. Sun. 6.30

Next week: George Peppard in The Executioner ④ and James Garner in A Man Called Sledge (not Horse, Sledge) LCP 6.50. Sun. 6.30

Theatre

PLAYHOUSE

Today and tomorrow: Alan Plater's Simon Says... Songs, jokes, men with funny walks. Fri. and Sat.: Pirandello's Henry IV.

Tuesday to Friday: See Review.

The Merry Wives Of Windsor Shakespearean farce. All performances start at 7.30. Saturday matinee at 3.00. Reductions for students.

FILMS

Saturday: Late-Night (11.0) Lola ② French.

Sunday:

Orson Welles The Immortal Story ② starring Jeanne Moreau. Playing God is a dangerous game. Also: Bunuel's brilliant short "Simon Of The Desert" ②

GRAND

Hair — reviewed last week Monday to Friday at 7.30. Saturday at 5.00 and 8.00

Union

HOP

Hop (Saturday): Derek and the Dominoes — Eric Clapton and friends.

Saturday, 17th: Chicken Shack and Writing On The Wall

What's On

LOUNGE

This week Airport ④ Some well-known stars and a few aeroplanes LCP 8.10

Next week: The Wild Bunch ② LCP 8.00

ODEON 1

This week: Richard Harris as Cromwell ④ Last chance to see it LCP 7.30

Next week: Peter O'Toole, some camels and a lot of sand in Lawrence of Arabia LCP 7.00. Sun 6.30

ODEON 2

This week M.A.S.H. Three unorthodox army surgeons Korean War and a lot of red tape, romping their way through the

Next week: Goodbye Gemini Kinky brother and sister in swinging London. See review

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A student in the first flush of his grant can buy himself a lampshade, a rug, some posters to impose his individuality on his surroundings, but for people who have to live on social security permanently such luxuries are impossible. The loneliness and insecurity of being a sole parent are inten-

by
Stella McClellan

sified by the necessity of people having to live in an alien atmosphere.

Having one's own possessions around makes an enormous difference, so UNICORN (association of fatherless families) tries to have in stock a selection of furniture and household articles which UNICORN mothers can buy at low prices. The most important thing, of course, is to have a home to put things in so UNICORN is trying to provide unfurnished accommodation for fatherless families by taking over houses in poor condition and renovating them, but this means quite a lot of hard practical work—decorating, minor carpentry, and plumbing.

This is where students can help. UNICORN has been given the tenancy of a somewhat dilapidated house near the University; it needs some enthusiastic helpers to turn it into a welcoming home for two young mothers and their children. Confidence and self-respect can be restored to Susan, Andrea, Chris, and to Kery and her baby, by helping them to escape from their miserable furnished rooms.

New University Appointments

Dr. D. S. Robinson

Dr. D. S. Robinson is appointed to a newly created second Chair of Biochemistry at the University from April 1971.

Dr. Robinson, whose appointment is likely to strengthen links between the Department and the University Medical School, has worked for the US Public Health Service, Bethesda, Maryland and for the Medical Research Council at Oxford University.

His main research has been into the mechanisms which control the transport of fats to and from body tissues. Disturbances of this fat transport is known to occur in certain metabolic diseases such as diabetes and are also thought to be a predisposing factor in coronary thrombosis.

Dr. Robinson was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Kirkby Lonsdale, and Christ's College, Cambridge.

Mr. Harold P. Rooksby

A top industrial scientist is appointed External Professor within the Department of Ceramics at the University.

Mr. Harold P. Rooksby, now a Senior Scientist with GEC who pioneered the industrial application of X-Ray diffraction techniques, was one of three authors of the first published paper to describe the structure of glass as revealed by X-Rays.

Mr. Rooksby, becomes the University's third External Professor to be appointed since the scheme for industry-based members of staff was inaugurated in 1967. He will give guidance on the Ceramics Department's future research programme and will give lecture courses to both undergraduate and post-graduate groups at Leeds.

Since 1967 he has been British Co-Editor of the Journal of Applied Crystallography and, last year, was awarded the C. V. Boys Prize of the Institute of Physics and Physical Society for his work on X-Ray Crystallography.

Birds Eye View

I apologise for the benality of writing about freshers but I feel our newly arrived fresher dollys should be warned about the Union and the men who inhabit it.

During the next few weeks in particular, you will be pounced upon and devoured by the men who might fancy you but certainly fancy themselves. Their haunts are numerous but for those who want to avoid (or chase) them I provide a brief resume.

First by far the most important, is the bar. The bar is that large cheerless room down stairs in the old part of the Union, painted a lured shade of lime green, now faded to a less lured shade of lime green. Attempts have been made to make the place more attractive by the addition of pictures, the success of this venture is in doubt.

So this seven stone weakling, fondly envisaging himself in the role of the handsome hunk offers you a drink. If you fancy him have half a cider, if you don't have a bacardi and coke. The expense of that is guaranteed to put him off you for life.

Then we have M.J. This looks like the enclosure at a rodeo, although I am assured by certain male friends that the racing is held downstairs somewhere, and in many ways the cattle market starts here. If you can't talk about football or play bridge don't bother going to M.J.

By now you will have survived — or otherwise one of the most amazing experiences of your life, namely the Freshers Hop. Second and third year men have even been known to buy tickets for this from unsuspecting 1st years, purely to eye up the new female talent. Their antics are repeated every Saturday in the Union, courtesy of Ents. The groups are usually pretty good but, the main entertainment is undoubtedly provided by the ranchers, trying to lasso the dolliest fillies around.

So you've been warned. Best of British luck.

by **Judy**

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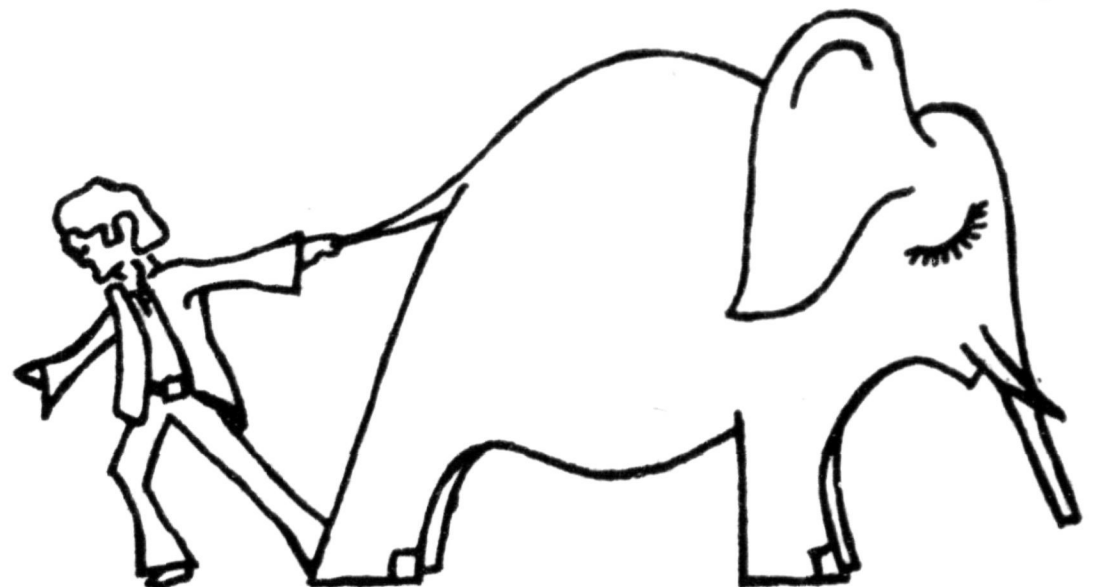
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N.U.S. grants campaign to be launched

The National Union of Students is to launch a massive campaign to raise the level of student grants. It held a preliminary conference in London ten days ago aimed at collecting ideas from member Unions on the form the campaign should take. Leeds University sent three delegates to this conference.

The conference, held at International Student House, Great Portland Street, was opened by Mr. Jack Straw.

by Dave Rolfe

In his address, the NUS President emphasised that students were living in a good deal of poverty.

He said that the rise in the cost of living in the past few years had not been matched by an equal rise in grants. Further and that student living standards had declined.

Mr. Straw, a former President of Leeds University Union, recalled the "dingy

"Poverty is the rule for many members of N.U.S." —

Jack Straw

slums and damp cellars" that were home for some students. "Poverty is the rule for many members of NUS", he said.

Mr. Straw claimed that direct action at the local level was an effective way of putting the student case. But he warned: "we have to involve our membership. This is the most important campaign by the NUS for three years and our aim must be to win. This conference was the first step in involving the rank and file in the campaign."

Mr. Morris of the National Union of Teachers expressed sympathy with the student case but would not commit himself or the NUT unconditionally to support the Grants Campaign. The NUT,

he said, would wait to see how students proposed to conduct their campaign.

The other guest speaker, Mr. Denis Winard of the Trades Union Congress, said he was worried about the under-representation of the working-class in higher education. He too, would not commit himself on the NUS Grants Campaign.

The conference then broke up into groups to discuss the detailed strategy and tactics of the Campaign.

Commenting on the Conference, External Vice-President Chris Greenfield said, "The priorities for the Grants Campaign were thrashed out. The pressing thing is to get student grants up to a reasonable level — they have fallen 12½% in seven years."

New Library Fire System

The new fire detection system of the Brotherton Library was tested by setting fire to an incinerator of cardboard in the main reading room on Friday. The first three attempts failed to set off the alarms, the dense smoke from the cardboard failing to reach the detectors suspended from the roof.

This was due to a pool of dense air in the roof which caused the smoke to spread out and dissipate before it reached the level of the detectors.

On the fourth attempt the 'infra red' detector set the alarms off, although one reader commented, "it needed a fair old blaze to set it off."

The system, installed by Minerva fire appliances, is more sensitive, involving detection for smoke (carbon) particles and infra red, and replaces the old system which had been in the library since it was built in 1936.

When it is finished it will be connected directly to the security office, although it will not be connected to the Fire Brigade.

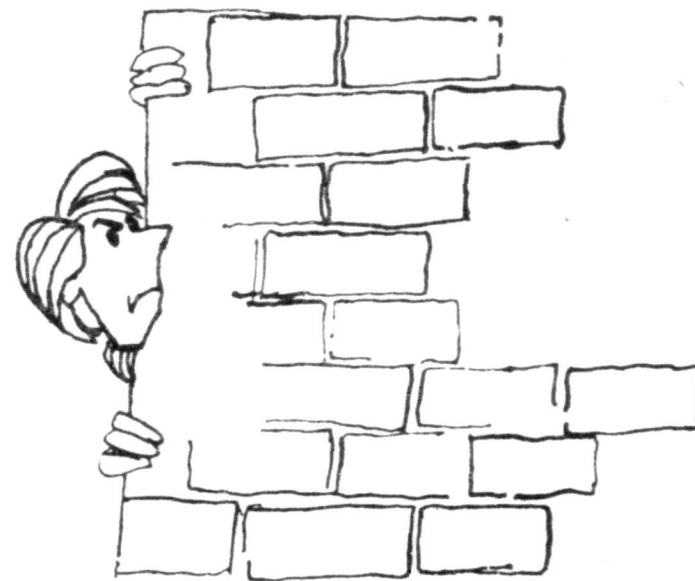
"Although clean water did not do irreparable damage to books it has been decided", said Mr. Morrish, "not to install sprinklers as this would cause undue inconvenience. However, there are numerous CO2 extinguishers throughout the building and 'we are sure any reader detecting a fire would take reasonable steps and help to control any fire that broke out'."



Lodgings Complaints

Several parents of Freshers were not satisfied with the lodgings accommodation provided by the University.

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2. You don't like banks. Banks are a symbol of Capitalism and the tyranny of money and anyway you've got a friend who was a Red Guard and he wouldn't approve.

Peking need never know.

3. You opened an account at Coutts four days ago.

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Union Card checks started

A mandatory University Union card check imposed under powers given by U.C. last term was imposed on students entering the Union building on Saturday night.

Mr. Chris Swann, President of the Union, said, "five out of ten people entering the building were not members". In view of the overcrowding in the bar he thought the check would help matters.

Apart from mumblings of

discontent, most people accepted the check, some being turned away but more being able to show their cards. Those who could not were being allowed to be signed in.

A member of Freshers conf. said that all freshers were sent their cards by the University before arriving in Leeds.

Sunday was the first night back for many University freshers, but most of them had their cards with them.

A member of the Socialist Society said that if this continued through the term, a rota of members might be arranged to sign people in.

The Canadian Double pair, Parker and Gaunt in some "hairy" water at a national canoe slalom at Llangollen. They gained second place in the slalom of the Yorkshire Championships last weekend and are challenging for a place in the international team.

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Chaos in Polytech. Refec.

FOLLOWING a fortnight of long queues and numerous complaints, there have been some proposals put forward to make the 'free flow' refectory system at the Polytechnic more efficient.

by Joanne Buckley

Mr. McCleese, the catering manager, is considering re-arranging the entrance to the service area so that customers will enter from the centre and fan out to the particular points at which they want to be served.

Paul Gauntlett, president of the Polytechnic, commented, "The free flow system is the main cause of concern."

"Since the lecture periods, and dinner hours for students are not staggered, there is a very great demand just after 12 o'clock and again after 1 p.m. It is impossible to cater for this demand, because the service area is not large enough and the cash-out points are not situated far enough away from the counter."

To lessen the queues and give more service space, the cash-outs are to be put on castors and moved out a yard further at peak periods.

Mr. Gauntlett said that the main faults were the inadequacy of publicity indicating the 'free flow system' and the queues blocking the conveyor belt clearing hatch.

A refectory committee is being set up under Mr. McCleese, onto which two students will be elected, to act as a permanent consultative body.

Exhibition

A photographic exhibition by Julian Binks, ex-Union News and now freelance photographer, will take place in the Coffee Bar of the New Extension, starting today.

The exhibition includes a photographic essay of Leeds 4, and other aspects of life in Leeds.



Les Dawson, the Bar Manager, pulling the first pint in the re-designed bar.

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Redesigned Bars Opened

ing very healthy," said Judy, serving behind the bar.

The redesigned new lower bar of the University Union opened last Monday. It was packed with freshers and others within minutes of opening, and the first pint glass was broken after 5 minutes.

Comments on the new bar, designed by John Bisbrowne, varied. Most people thought it pleasant, especially those students who remembered the old ones. "The Tartan is look-

However, not all the reactions were favourable. There were criticisms of the fact that Tartan was the only draught beer being served. There were also comments about the bar itself. Mr. Topley, an architect from the Playhouse said, "It is bloody horrible. It has destroyed the bar, and messed the space up."

A fresher, Paul Richards, said briefly, "It's a bit cold." Third year Economics/Geography student Helen Baird commented, "Isn't it horrible. Isn't there any more round the corner?"

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Smelly toilets in Commerce

Complaints have been received concerning conditions existing in the toilets at the old Faculty of Commerce. Students state that the toilets smell, owing to the bad ventilation, cramped conditions, and the crumbling decor.

One student suggested that the toilet facilities were a health hazard. He went on to criticise the common room, saying that many students preferred to stand in the corridor than use the existing common room, which, owing to its position was without any form of ventilation.

Brotherton Lighting

A new emergency lighting system has been installed in the Brotherton Library.

Following power failures which blacked out the Brotherton Library last year, an automatic emergency lighting system, working off batteries, has been put in.

Mr. P. Morrish, for the Library, said that the system had been needed for some time as the darkness made the stairs in the 'stack' dangerous.

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