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THIS WEEK saw the release of the James Report, the most significant education report since Robbins (1963) which caused the great universities expansion of the 60's.

The report puts forward proposals for the re-organisation of teacher training.

At the moment, there are two main ways of becoming a teacher — a three year College of Education course leading to a teacher's certificate, or a degree course followed by a year's postgraduate course. At present, therefore, there is a two-tier system in which the College of Education

New third tier in higher education

teacher is considered a second class graduate.

The report proposes to change the system and add another inferior tier. It proposes a general two year course in higher education which would be open to non-teachers. There would then be another two year course one year of which would be entirely teaching practice supervised by a special 'tutor'. University students would take this second course only. Non-

university students training to be teachers will take both courses but not all students who take the first course will go on into the second course and so there will effectively be another lower form of higher education — a higher education diploma.

The report also stresses the need for more refresher courses for teachers. It suggests once every five years as the ideal.

Reactions to the report

are not, on the whole, very favourable. The Association of University Teachers said, "If adopted, the recommendations will distort and worsen the equality of higher education. It will be a second rate form of higher education for students who would otherwise have gone to a polytechnic or a university."

The NUS do not approve of a system "which has first, second and third class higher education leading to different employment opportunities." They will be mounting a campaign against these proposals with the backing of teaching colleges.

World record for James Bond?

THE Poly Drama Society is challenging the whole world to read Ian Fleming's James Bond books more quickly than they can. The Society intend to invite the countries best-known fast-talkers, such as Patrick Moore, Fanny Craddock and Peter O'Sullivan, to form a team to oppose them.

The Society are the present world record holders for the fastest reading of the complete works of Shakespeare and are in the Guinness Book of Records for this. They are contacting all the national daily papers, and two of their members have appeared on BBC TV's Look North and Radio Leeds, in order to publicize the challenge.

The reading will probably be performed by teams of three people, each team reading for a total of three hours, and each person for a quarter of an hour on a rota system. "This is not primarily intended as a money making effort," explained Denise Marcantonio, one of the team, "but it would be nice if it could be run on a sponsorship basis and the money given to Rag, for example."

AGM: FOUR NEW SABBATICALS

THE University Union now has 5 sabbatical offices.

4 new posts were created at yesterday's University Union AGM.

by Andrew Baldwin

All Union facilities were closed for the afternoon and the Refectory was crammed, giving the meeting well over its quorum of 500. A guillotine was in operation in an effort to get through the agenda and a complicated set of "traffic lights" aided this.

From next year EVP & IVP will be abolished and replaced with a sabbatical Deputy President for Services.

Cultural Affairs Secretary will also become a sabbatical post, along with the Leeds Student editor (in conjunction with the Poly).

Academic work

Main reason for these proposals was trouble with academic work.

Andy Jarosz, Union Secretary, proposing the DPC and DPS said: "For 2 years we have toyed with the idea of more sabbatical officers. The amount of work has more than doubled and this has become disastrous for Exec. members' academic work.

"At the moment the President is spending 50% of his time

attending University committees and the other 50% on Union committees and welfare matters. It has become impossible to expect one member to fill these adequately. We are faced with a backlog of work that has not been done."

Abdul Hai, House Secretary, speaking for a Cultural Affairs Sec. said he had seen the Union before and after the creation of a CAS. The number of societies has increased, at great cost to the secretary's academic work.

Standing orders were suspended to hear the motion for a sabbatical editor for Leeds Student. There was then a procedural wrangle over an addition to the amendment. Ken Hind said he was being asked to bend the rules and he said it could be added to the bye-laws later. There were hardly any objections to the proposal for a sabbatical editor and it was passed with only a few dissenters. The Poly had reaffirmed their wish for a sabbatical editor a few days previously.

Boyle's about face

Lord Boyle has decided to reconsider his original decision banning the People's Food Service from selling their goods in the University Union precinct, after a meeting with Abdul Hai, the organiser.

The Vice Chancellor's original decision, taken only last week, was to ban the Service's food stall on the grounds that it would make a mess and would compete with the University/Union Supermarket.

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TWINS

Students may find it easier to get jobs and accommodation abroad if the University Union goes ahead with proposals for closer links with foreign universities.

Jim Bewsher, EVP, is at present investigating the possibility of making such contacts. He wants links with "the sort of places students pass through." He envisages a twinning with a Continental university, with a cultural exchange if finances permit.

He is particularly keen to build up an association with American colleges, which he feels would be particularly useful for job links in the summer for people in organisations like BUNAC.

No Parking

The University Union is still waiting for its promised enquiry over last month's decision by Leeds City Council to issue a No Parking Order prohibiting parking of any type between Blackman Lane and the Houldsworth School, including the top end of Clarendon Road.

The decision is expected to eliminate parking facilities for up to 200 students.

S. African shares cause Hull sit-in

OVER 200 students have occupied the admin. block at Hull University.

They are protesting against the amount of money which the University has indirectly invested in South Africa.

The union mandated the University to sell its 600,000 shares in Rekkitts and Colman who have large interests in South African

firms. But the university refused to do so and the vice-chancellor even refused to speak to a meeting called by the Anti-Apartheid Society and the International Socialists. He would speak to 20 students and no more was the message the meeting received.

The meeting immediately adjourned and reconvened in the admin. block, which they

occupied turning out 30 professors who were in a board meeting of the Faculty of Arts.

200 students still occupied the building at the time of going to press. The sit-in is unofficial and no Exec. members are present but the union meeting is to be called on Monday to discuss the situation.

Univ AGM in brief

- * Minutes taken as read.
- * The Secretary's report for 1970 which was rejected was accepted.
- * This year's Secretary's Report was accepted.
- * Treasurer said that some people were abusing the student loan and cheque-cashing schemes.
- * Decided to keep the CAS election a closed one.
- * Did not change the position of the Hon. Treasurer.
- * The Publicity Secretary did not become a member of Exec.
- * Set up a Union Elections Committee consisting of President, both DP's, Union Secretary, Treasurer, House Secretary and five student ordinary members.
- * Disciplinary Tribunal not abolished.

New Showers

New showers are being opened in the basement of the University Union next Tuesday. The scheme has been held up until lockers and fabric for the surround could be obtained.

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"Medics neglected by Union"

MANY University medical students have been complaining about the lack of publicity of Union events at their end of the campus.

A motion at Monday's UC that all Union publicity and notices of all sub-committee meetings be sent to the Medical School, Dental School and the Lipman School was defeated.

Malcolm Eve, Union Liaison Officer of the Medical Students' Representative Council, who proposed the motion, registered his disgust at the decision.

"Union politicians have from time immemorial been complaining about apathy in the Medical School. We ask for this and they throw it out. It's a smack in the eye."

Steve Ade, Union Publicity Secretary, spoke against the motion at the meeting and he later defended his action. He said that he would continue sending publicity, as he had always done, to the Lipman Building, because this was a Union annexe. But he felt it

was unfair to give the Medical School and the Dental School priority over other departments.

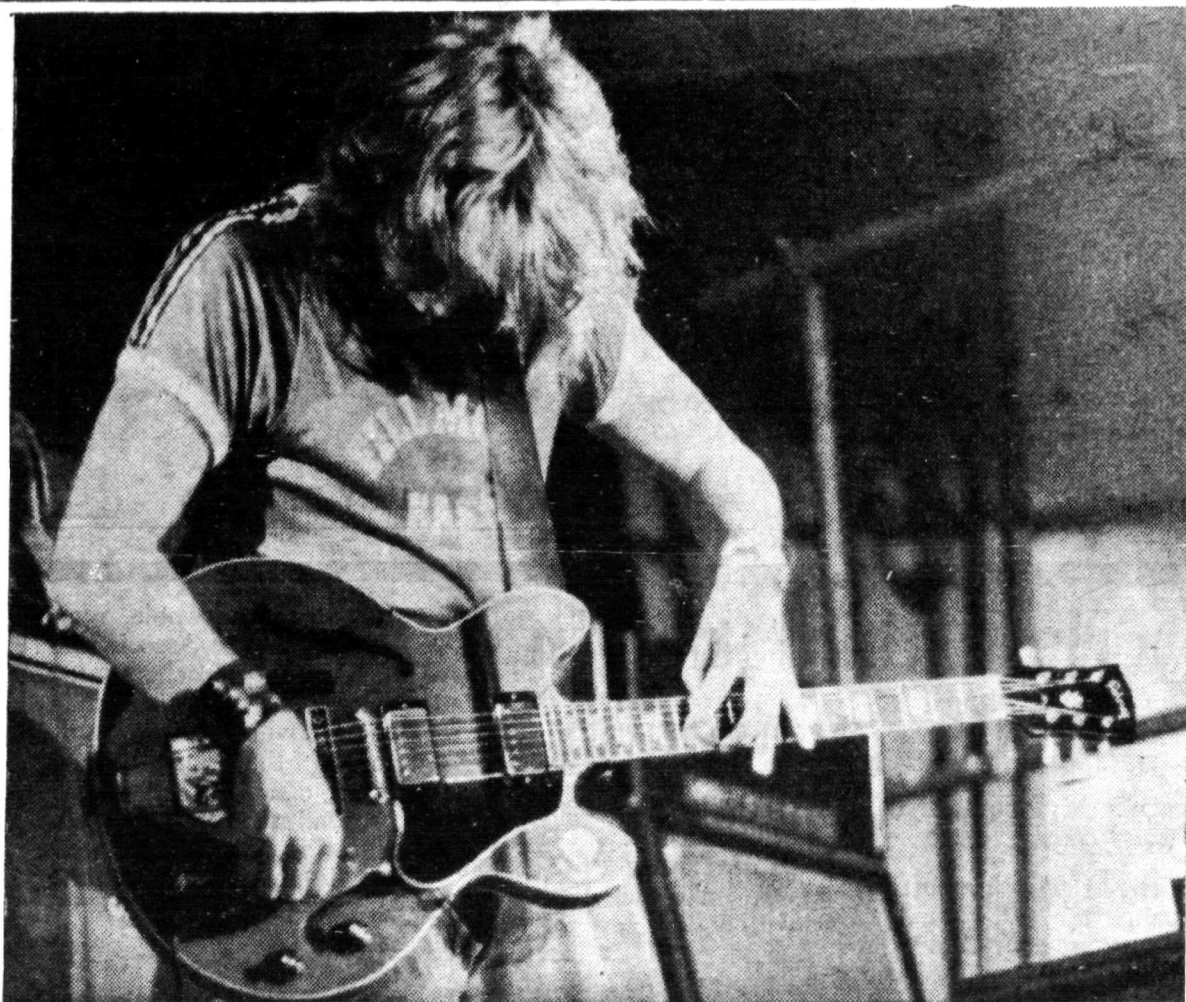
They would, however, probably be receiving publicity in the future. He has drawn up a rota for Union Council members to distribute posters to all departments.

Africa week

Next week the African Society is having its "Africa Week", organised jointly by the University and the Polytechnic. The idea is to provide a platform for promoting a greater understanding of issues concerning the "Third World".

The discussions will be held in the Riley Smith Hall and the Polytechnic Common Room.

During the week there will be an exhibition of African Art, Carvings and literature at the main Concourse of the Polytechnic.



UNIVENTS GIVE FREE HOP TICKETS

University Ents. Committee announced this week that free hop tickets, LP's and singles are going to be given away every week for the rest of term. They are doing this in an effort to increase the numbers attending Saturday hops.

...New hop tickets have a detachable slip which is retained by the purchaser. These must be handed in to the porters office by Monday for inclusion in the draw. Results will be announced on Tuesday.

This week the prizes are 2 double tickets for the Humble Pie concert and the group's double LP.

University opts out of graduate careers service

LEEDS University has refused to take part in a Careers and Appointments service for graduate students, which is being set up at the University of Manchester. It is the only university in the country not to take part in the scheme.

by the News Staff

The University Careers and Appointments Committee decided on Monday that they could not scrape together the £700 it would have cost.

The total cost of the scheme will be £25,700, and the service will act as a clearing house for the exchange of information between member universities on jobs for graduates and on new techniques in the careers advisory field. It will also distribute careers material, including work being undertaken by individual university appointments officers.

In an official statement to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (who set up the scheme), the University objected to the "wide ranging and not very clearly defined functions of the proposed Service" and continued:

"It is difficult to see how

FRESHERS CONFERENCE

Malcolm Eve, a Medic and member of UC, has been voted to the post of Freshers' Conference Secretary in succession to Alan Baker. He has appealed to all those interested in helping next year to come to a meeting in Committee Room A next Friday at 5.00 p.m.

the staff proposed could carry out the wide range of duties described in the report."

The University vetoed the project on the grounds that it would cost too much. "The University has to husband its resources carefully and it is quite clear that the University would be committed to additional and increasing support for the Central Services Unit."

New Univ. Department

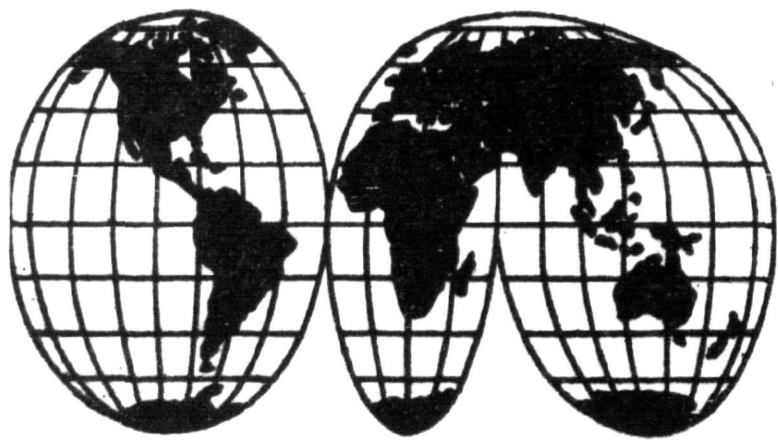
A new Department and two enlarged departments have been formed out of the former School of Agricultural Sciences at the University.

A new Department of Animal Physiology and Nutrition incorporates the animal nutrition element of Agricultural Chemistry and the Agricultural Animal Research Laboratories, in Kirkstall.

The enlarged Departments are in Pure and Applied Zoology and Plant Sciences.

Basic research will be carried out alongside research more closely associated with the needs of agriculture.

STUDENT WORLD



York

A miner has been invited to talk to students at York University and will be given a £250 speaker's fee on condition that the money is given to the miners on strike.

The decision to pay the fee was taken at a general

meeting of students.

Giving student funds to outside bodies by members of York University has already been criticised in the House of Commons. One councillor has described this latest action as being, "positive proof of the need for a revision of student finances."

Philadelphia

A student, arrested after a 145 dollar hold-up, told the police that he needed the money to return to college — to study criminology.

Warwick

Students at Warwick University returned this session to be confronted with the horror of having to drink beer out of plastic mugs.

Last term, an average of ten to a dozen glasses were smashed every evening. On the first day of this term, fifty two of the plastic mugs were destroyed.

Eric Thorpe, the catering officer said, "If this continues, then the anti-plastic campaign will soon be able to chalk up a victory and beer will once again be sold in good old glass mugs. But beer will definitely go up in price by 1p per pint if the new mugs are rejected."

Edinburgh

Blunder of the month in the student newspaper business was Omega's feature on contraception.

Set down in tabular form, the article listed several contraceptive techniques with details of efficiency, cost, side effects etc.

Many people were some-

what surprised to read that the withdrawal method was considered to be "very effective".

A very embarrassed Jim Dunning, director of publications, said, "... it should have read "not recommended."

Since Omega, the newspaper of Heriot Watt University, comes out fortnightly, posters were instantly displayed throughout the educational establishments of Edinburgh — lest the publications staff became accused of causing pregnancy by proxy.

"We don't want to be blamed for anything like that," said Dunning.

Sheffield

Colin Foreman, a first year dentist, is cashing in on the fact that he has an uncle in an influential position in British Railways.

He is taking 128 students to Fort William for the weekend—all as his 'guests'. The trip will cost the students 30p instead of the normal £12.50 fare. In other words, British Rail are subsidising the excursion to the tune of over £1500.

None of the railway departments contacted knew anything about Rail passes which included reduced fares for guests — certainly not 128 guests.

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U.C. ends civil war squabble

Abolish Stormont says Hume

Mr. John Hume, a Northern Ireland MP to Stormont, called for the overthrow of the Faulkner regime in a speech at University House on Monday night.

"Abolish Stormont," he shouted. "Change within is not possible. I have withdrawn my consent to it in order to smash it, and make no apologies" he continued.

The MP accused London of "patent nonsense" in identifying the real problem in Northern Ireland as violence. "Stormont is the essence of lawlessness," he said. "The real problem is the British Army putting its boots through your door late at night."

Mr. Hume called for an immediate end to internment as a precondition to solving the crisis and thought the root of the trouble lay in the original separation of Ireland.



Mr. Rahman, President of the Bangla Desh Association.

DR. W.H.O.

Dr. Roy Ellis, who has worked for the World Health Organisation and the United Nations on radiation research, has been appointed Head of the University Department of Medical Physics.

The appointment will take effect from 1st October.

PAKISTAN Society and Bangla Desh Association were dissolved by Union Council on Monday night.

A petition submitted to Norman Kay, Cultural Affairs Secretary, by West Pakistani members of the Pakistan Society had accused the Bengali-controlled executive of preventing the society from functioning during the civil war in Bangla Desh. The Executive retaliated by accusing the West Pakistan members of distributing anti-Bangla Desh literature.

Council decided that the only way to solve the squabble was to dissolve both societies. Norman Kay commented, "Unless the societies were dissolved there seemed to be no way of getting the equipment back. The action wasn't intended as a punishment for Bangla Desh Association."

Mr. Rahman, President of the Bangla Desh Society and Secretary of Pakistan Society,

by Cath Garner

does not accept the Council decision. He is alleged to have said, "I don't trust Ken Hind. I don't trust Norman Kay. They just want to use their power. They can't do anything. We will challenge them in court."

In an interview with Leeds Student he did not deny that Bengalis effectively controlled the executive of Pakistan Society as well as their own Bangla Desh Society. "It was a fact," he said. "It served its purpose."

He continued, "We did not want to bring politics into the Union." Their aim, he said, was to enforce the neutrality of Pakistan Society during the civil war, but he claimed the neutrality was broken by a minority of West Pakistanis distributing pro-Pakistan literature.

Told of Mr. Rahman's statement, however, Mr. Syed, a West Pakistani and former secretary of the Pakistan Society, said, "This is all lies. The truth of the matter is that Rahman was determined that the Pakistan Society would not function ever again. He told me so. He said, 'There is nothing you can do. We will see to it that Bangla Desh Society will run, but not Pakistan Society'."

In a statement to both groups, Norman Kay said, he "would very much like to see active and alive (Pakistan and Bangla Desh) societies in operation as soon as possible."

Dirty Film monopoly ends

The screening of late night film shows aimed specifically at a student audience, is being planned at the Tatler Cinema Club.

"Whilst the 280 seat cinema will be open to the public, the films will be the type of classic currently popular amongst students," explained the manager, Mr. Ellerby.

He intends to canvas the opinions of students in order to select the most suitable night to show the films and he is also interested in finding out from students which specific films they would like to see.

The price of admission is expected to be about 40p.

Hind beaten in bar brawl

A motion of no confidence in University Union President, Ken Hind was passed at Union Council on Monday night after a row about the redesigning of the old bar.

Plans were made some time ago to redecorate and redesign the Old Bar and Shaw Bar. Designers who work for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries have produced a design for a mock Tudor Bar.

Another demo

The NUS has agreed to participate in an anti-apartheid demonstration called by the Rhodesian Emergency Campaign Committee for February 13th at Trafalgar Square. The demonstration will be preceded by a march from Speakers' Corner. All Union officials have been requested by NUS to assist in the establishment of local Campaign Committees.

by the News Staff

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries have offered the Union a loan of £5,200 which will be written off after 7 years on condition that the Union sell their beers for that length of time.

John Bisbrowne, IVP, expressed concern about the plans at an Exec. meeting, because no other designers had been asked to produce a design for the bar, especially Lancashire Bar Fitters who produced the design for the bars in the extension.

When the matter arose at Monday's UC, Pete Jennings proposed that further designs should be obtained from other breweries. The motion was defeated after Ken Hind, Union President, pointed out

that the bar could not then be decorated during the Easter Vac.

Several members of UC then said that they thought the plans were "a load of rubbish".

The matter was discussed with Les Taylor, the Bar Manager, who assured UC that if more designs were drawn up within the next week, the bar could still be redecorated over Easter.

Mr. Jennings then proposed a motion that new designs be sought. Mr. Hind rejected this motion on the grounds that the matter had already been discussed.

A heated argument then ensued during which Mr. Jennings proposed a motion of no confidence in Ken Hind. As soon as Mr. Hind vacated the chair Mr. Jennings moved that the previous question be re-voted. The motion was accepted and new designs are now being sought.

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Editorial

THAT Lord Boyle has been forced to reconsider his banning of the People's Food Service from the campus is surely a victory for the students of the University and an example of what can be achieved even in the face of opposition from the University.

It may also be an indication that Lord Boyle's authority was given to the ban by some petty bureaucrat who had no right to do so.

The grounds upon which the ban was made were certainly ridiculous ones; that the Service left a mess on the precinct and that it set up unfair competition to the University/Union grocery shop. It would seem that someone in the University administration has got it in for the People's Food Service.

It appears that Lord Boyle has been astute enough to see this. Now the Vice-Chancellor should lift this stupid ban immediately.

The members of the Board of Reps are abusing their position as representatives of the students of the Polytechnic.

On Wednesday they passed a motion allowing themselves to be admitted free of charge to the Wednesday night discos. It is a dangerous precedent to establish; they will be passing themselves a weekly wage next!

The next OGM could hardly be blamed for censoring them for using their position for personal gain.

Union Council manifestos were a little different this year.

Instead of the usual "I am apolitical and only wish to serve the Union . . ." line a new one appeared: "I want to defend the Union against the Thatcher Consultative Document."

In fact, several people stood on this platform. Of those who did there were seven who did not attend the demonstration in London last Sunday as representatives of the Union. They were Malcolm Eve, Rose-Maria Greaves, Mike Jennings, Steve Meyer, Pete Reader, and Andy Zielinski.

In many cases a candidate's manifesto is all the voter has to go on in choosing whom to vote for.

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DEBATES HIT ROCK BOTTOM

IN the second round of the Observer Mace Debating Competition, Leeds came last of the three teams.

Leeds was represented by Steve Meyer, who was at great odds to deny any connection with the Israeli Prime Minister and Chris Webb, who was indirectly criticised by the judges headed by Arthur Blenkinsop M.P. for South Shields, on the format of his summing up.

The motion was "This house would go into Europe". This was defeated by 24 votes to 18 with eight abstentions.

Both sides produced unconvincing arguments which clearly failed to keep the interest of the small audience. Manchester presenting "a two pronged attack," spoke against the motion with the Leeds team whilst Durham and a dummy team spoke for it.

Manchester was placed first by the judges after a half hour recess in which the Newcastle audience provided a series of stupid and amusing speeches including a speech from a clearly inebriated Newcastle President.

Union Council in breif

Monday's UC:—

* Defeated a motion calling for withdrawal from the University Loan Finance Housing Committee.

* Rejected the designs for a Tudor Bar for a redecorated Old Bar.

* Heard that the launderette will be open as soon as the ventilation is installed.

* Decided to institute a rota system of UC members to take the chair.

* Dissolved Pakistan Society and Bangla Desh Society after complaints of a Bengali takeover of the former.

* Announced that the showers are to be opened today.

* Refused to accept the accounts of the People's Food Service as they were not distributed before the meeting.

* Decided to close all Union facilities for the duration of the AGM.

* Rejected a motion of disgust in those members of UC that did not attend the National Rally on Sunday.



The University Challenge team played three games when they went to the studios in Manchester. They won two and lost one. Unfortunately the game in which they were heavily defeated — against Wadham College, Oxford — was the televised one which was shown on Wednesday evening.

Cheaper London weekends

WALLACE ARNOLD have received permission to run a weekend express coach service to London despite the opposition of the other bus companies and British Rail.

The licence to run the coach service was granted at a re-convened Traffic Commissioners meeting last week.

They will charge £1.50, 25p cheaper than the coach service previously run by the University Jaycees. Single fares will not be available.

A spokesman for Wallace Arnold said that they were very disappointed about the restrictions that had been placed on the operation of the service.

No more than five buses will be allowed to operate on the service and only at term time, whereas the firm had believed

that they would be able to operate a year-round service. Students will have to return to Yorkshire on the weekend on which they travel to London.

The service, which is to start today, will leave from the Calls, between Leeds Bridge and the Parish Church, at 6 p.m. on Friday returning at the same time on Sunday from London King's Cross. Coaches will also be run to and from York, Huddersfield, Bradford and Wakefield.

New Screen Scene

The University Film Society has transferred all its film shows from the Riley Smith Hall to the New Lecture Block, for a trial period of a term.

One of the reasons for the change is that there is 35mm. as well as 16mm equipment in the new venue (the Riley Smith is restricted to 16mm.), so that certain films available only on 35mm. can now be obtained.

Theatre 21 is used for all shows (7.00 p.m. Tuesdays, 8.00 p.m. Fridays), although for certain programmes Theatre 22 will be used as well, with the same film running simultaneously in both places.

Clean Aire

The University Union Conservative Society, which was only formed last term, is to hold an exhibition in the city centre at the end of the month to show the public just how badly the River Aire is polluted.

The idea is to compare the river below Leeds with that above Bradford by collecting samples of water, washing white sheets in the river, collecting material from the bottom and any other methods that will put the message over in a non-technical visual display.

personal column

The Union's top ball this term — Engineers Ball, 11th February. Weetwood Disco Tomorrow.

Like the hills and dales? Why not do your Post-Grad teaching year at the Matlock College of Education in Derbyshire?

Bodington Bar Folk Night — Saturday, January 29th.

Light Opera Society needs your help. Dr. Colin has got a job at last then.

Sadler Hall Ceilidh tonight. Late Bar.

It's not a myth — it's for real — Engineers Ball, 11th February.

Rent-a-Noise — 51 Ganton Mount.

Devon Disco Tonight 8 p.m.

Light Opera Needs Singers.

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GOSH!!!! It's Mr. Timothy and his phonograph.

Devon Disco Tonight 8 p.m.

Thanks to all who supported Sunday's Demo against Thatcher's Proposals. Deferral is not withdrawal. Jim Bewsher.

Folk Singing and dancing tonight at Sadler Ceilidh.

Don't forget — Engineers formal rave — 11th February.

Weetwood Disco tomorrow.

Light opera needs stagehands.

Who's got wandering hands then, Pete?

Devon Disco tonight 8 p.m.

Bodington Bar. Folk night. Saturday, January 29th.

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Engineers Ball, February 11th — 8-2.

Folk night at Bodington BAR. Sat. 29th.

WEETWOOD DISCO TOMORROW.

Come to LIGHT OPERA — 5.15 p.m. Friday (Paxton Hall), 2.15 p.m. Sunday (RSH/Paxton).

Jock Young (Author of 'The Drug Takers, Paladin Paperbacks) talks on 'The Sociology of Drugs', Thursday 3rd February, 7.30 p.m. New Lecture Block, Room 7. ALL WELCOME

Shy? Frustrated? Find the girl of your dreams through Engineers Ball Coupling scheme. Union Foyer ticket desk.

DEVON DISCO TONIGHT 8 p.m.

Come and laugh at Ken at Sadler Ceilidh.

Join Light Opera.

The Ball of '72 February 11th 8-2.

Whose car is ill then MacDuck?

DEVON DISCO TONIGHT 8 p.m.

The Price of Fame is mythology. Who's got a Quirk then Lesley?

Engineering Society Ball, February 11th.

Bodington Folk night Tomorrow. FREE.

Rent-aCar. Chief Executive MacDuck. Cinderella Complex? Use Ball dating scheme to get yourself a fella. Apply ticket desk, Union foyer.

Who needs an audience Lesley?

Around Town



SOCKS

After stealing a pair of socks in a Leeds store a thief put them on in the store's men's lavatory and walked out. The man admitted stealing a pair of socks valued at 35p and was fined £15.

OBJECTIONS

The controversial £1,000,000 district centre for Moortown is being sent to the Department of the Environment with a Corporation recommendation that it should be approved. It will then be up to the Minister to decide whether to hold another public inquiry into the 482 objections to the plans.

PHALLUS

A bronze phallus, found in the sea off Spain by a Yorkshire skindiver has been put on display in the entrance to the Yorkshire Museum. Such things were common in Roman times and were regarded as good luck symbols.

POOL

Work has begun on re-tiling and waterproofing the ceilings of the changing rooms and on the replacement of the controversial copper-skinned roof of the International Pool, Westgate. This work is likely to cost over £70,000 and comes only four years after the pool was opened.

PRIDE

When Alderman Watson became Mayor last week he said that it was his aim that Leeds should be a city to enjoy living in. "That means a well painted and decorative city with some art about it, sculptures or trees, where it is possible to walk around with pride. I think Leeds is becoming that sort of city", he said.

GAMES

The prospects of the Commonwealth Games being held in Leeds in 1978 are much brighter since support has been received from most of the surrounding councils. The Labour group on the City Council, which had previously decided to oppose the plan because of the expense, has also now decided to support the scheme.

LITTER

A Leeds anti-litter campaign will be held in spring or early summer. Because of this the Corporation's Utilities Committee has decided to take no action on a letter from the 'Keep Britain Tidy Group' about litter prevention this year.

ADVENTURE

Over £640 has been raised so far by 13 schools in Leeds to provide an adventure playground for mentally-handicapped patients at Meanwood Park Hospital.

SHOOTING

A £3,250,000 reservoir to serve an area near Leeds has been given the go ahead by the Minister of the Environment. Special protection for private shooting interests who claim they would be disturbed by unlimited public access has been turned down.

CHECK

A Headingley woman got a shock when she received a cheque from the Corporation for her old house which has been demolished. The amount she received was a mere £5. She had spent over £30 in fees changing over the ownership and had expected at least £500 for the two bedroomed terraced house which had been boarded up for four years.

BUTTONS

A Leeds man went to a Manchester auction to buy men's and children's coats and finished up as the country's biggest button stockist. He bought 40,000,000 buttons 10,000,000 belt buckles and two tons of cotton.

MOTORWAY

The City Traffic Committee has approved a 25 mile way coach tour of the road developments south of Leeds and the M1 as far as the interchange with the M62.

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WHAT WAS THE POINT

THIS Sunday in London really belonged to the police. They watched, controlled and led the demonstration and against their radio-controlled efficiency, the poor amateur didn't stand a chance.

And amateurs most of the demonstrators were. The Leeds contingent were almost all rank and file Union members whose interest was in Thatcher, nothing else.

This was all much to the distaste of the various left-wing groups at the demonstration. The Jason Liason Committee, a group which claim to represent 40 colleges and universities, in the London area, wanted to co-opt the entire demonstration and march on the headquarters of the NCB.

They expressed their dissatisfaction with the NUS executive by dragging a member of NUS Executive off the back of the PA lorry. A few bloody noses resulted, but as usual the establishment won, and the Jason Committee were persuaded to take their place in the column—out of sight.

The column of demonstrators set off from Hyde Park down Oxford Street heading for Trafalgar Square. It was well over a mile long, but neatly cut into little portions, and wrapped in Blue Paper for the delectation of Londoners. None of them seemed to be interested though. London is the last place a Londoner goes on a Sunday.

Leader Jacks ?

A few brave souls ran down the column trying to persuade it to speed up and join together, but they were forced to retire without lighting the touch paper.

Down Regent Street, the LSE delegation moved up to the front and called on Digby Jacks to create a "line of solidarity" across the street. He peered from the safety of his body guard, the NUS staff delegation, and made vaguely worried gestures.

The police were in control. "The LSE militants have moved up to the front," they announced to their radios, and by the time the march reached Piccadilly Circus the road was blocked with a meat wagon and a line of heavy-weights. One arrest later everything was sorted out, and the student at the front with his puppy put it down again.

The left-wing groups may have lost the first battle, but they certainly hadn't lost the war. They lined the barrier around the speaker's platform and made sure that nobody else could hear a thing.

NEWSIGHT

by Nick Clarke

Most of the speakers were Trade Union leaders who announced in turn that the fight with Margaret Thatcher was the same as the fight with Robert Carr and that the students had the support of their Union. It was all highly approved, but once would have been enough.

Jack Dunn, the District Secretary of the Kent area of the NUM, announced that the miners were in the vanguard of the fight for the average workman, but they realised their fight was for everybody. The whole labour movement was behind the students. He was loudly cheered.

Digby Jacks thundered out "We are not going to be fooled . . . We have shown that we have not been fooled."

Sadly he had been.

The demonstrators who couldn't hear a word, were getting restless, and ripe to be led out of Trafalgar Square, by the Jason Committee who dutifully followed the police control man in a crocodile down to NCB Headquarters.

Once there, they were completely surrounded by a solid double line of five hundred policemen and faced and flanked by police horses who unnervingly set up a storm of sparks every time they hit a curb stone.

Speeches were made, but everyone was getting very bored and soon started drifting away escorted by policemen. As they wandered up to Hyde Park, the only speeches made were "Hey, where shall we eat?"

Digby Jacks had finished his speech by announcing "We are going to carry on fighting. We are going to get the support of the Trade Union movement. We are going to win". His was a fiery speech aimed at whipping up a fighting spirited, warning against changes to come. But the only slogan shouted and the only enthusiasm felt was for the miners.

The question remains who was right. Bob Dent berated the crowd "What are we going to do tomorrow? It is always the same old story — out on Sunday, back in the classroom on Monday."

It is always the same old story. So far it hasn't mattered.



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AN INTERVIEW OF BARRY MCCARTHY — Arts Festival Secretary by J. A. Whenk

J.W. Tell me about the Festival.

B.M. Well, it's a Festival, well, most of it, some isn't.

J.W. I wish you'd make more sense.

B.M. I'll drink to that. Well all the Big Events, mainly music, the experimental events and the ordinary events are in the main fortnight — preceded by the Film Week and exceeded by a week of Theatre; which are experimental and not small. Don't go rigid.

J.W. Couldn't you be more specific?

B.M. Give us a kiss.

J.W. Tell me what's the best event to visit?

B.M. The bar. It's behind you. The Ideal! event would be: Mrs. Thatcher getting gang-banged by the Monday Club in lovely drag, lullabies by Marsha Muggeridge the Palm Court Orchestra and Apple Chores — conductor Frank Zappa (dressed up as Ringo Starr). Meanwhile The Parkinson Phallus would be greased, sheathed and unleashed into the Brotherton causing its members amazement, wonder and of course pleasure.

B.M. I'd drink to that.

J.W. Surely the Festival should concern itself with the esoteric, the rarely performed gems of Art, the rare Old and the classic New?

B.M. D'you see that mark on the floor very like a camel? Well it's Guinness. Keep on Truckin'. Keep off the grass.

MANKIND'S SLOW SUICIDE

Magistrates at Lindsey, Lincolnshire, were told that a "holocaust of fish deaths" was caused by a chemical which leaked from a packaging plant and into a drain, eventually reaching a river. The chemical was dim-sep, used in making a farming herbicide, and was lethal to fish at a strength of 0.5 mg a litre.

Mr. Raymond Rogers, prosecuting, said

cousin, he was;
we weren't all that close but ...
you know how it is with relations,
tragic, sort of brings you together
in a way,
tragic; it's not as if he was in the main stream
of traffic ...
just a backwater,
they're saying it was that nerve-gas stuff
same as before,
but you feel so helpless, eh? don't you,
keeping the kids in now, don't you worry,
... it's happening all the time,
well, it certainly dispelled certain
myths about heaven being up there.
The poison's coming from brown tubes:
i saw one once; like an enormous cannon
built into the bank — course that area's been evacuated
— nothing could survive there. It's funny,
the Hooks seem no bother anymore,
yes it's hard to get over, doesn't sink in;
and to think he was engaged
to that cute little minnow down by the rapids ...

... Britpak Ltd. of Ingham, Lincolnshire, admitted causing polluting matter to enter a stream, bringing into use a new outlet without permission, discharging an effluent which

the fish
once shimmering chatoyant silver
in the veins of the countryside
now writhing
in a submissive glimmering release of death;
for the rivers' lifeblood
is transmuted into the terrible strength of poison
for the streams
are requisitioned for man's sewage.
Man like a stupid infant
continually deluging his nappy
with his mind on plastic brick towers.
look to the Earth — bludgeoned into an ironic leer by
hamfisted plastic surgery
in memory of its lost face
before the accident of man's ambition ...

and man,
heavybooted upstanding homo sapiens
knowingly
has built his brick utopia —
has placed it right above the forest of eden.

that a Lincolnshire River Authority official found the chemical dripping into the drain at a strength of 200 mg a litre. Two miles downstream of the tributary's merger with the river Till, it was found at a strength three times the lethal dose.

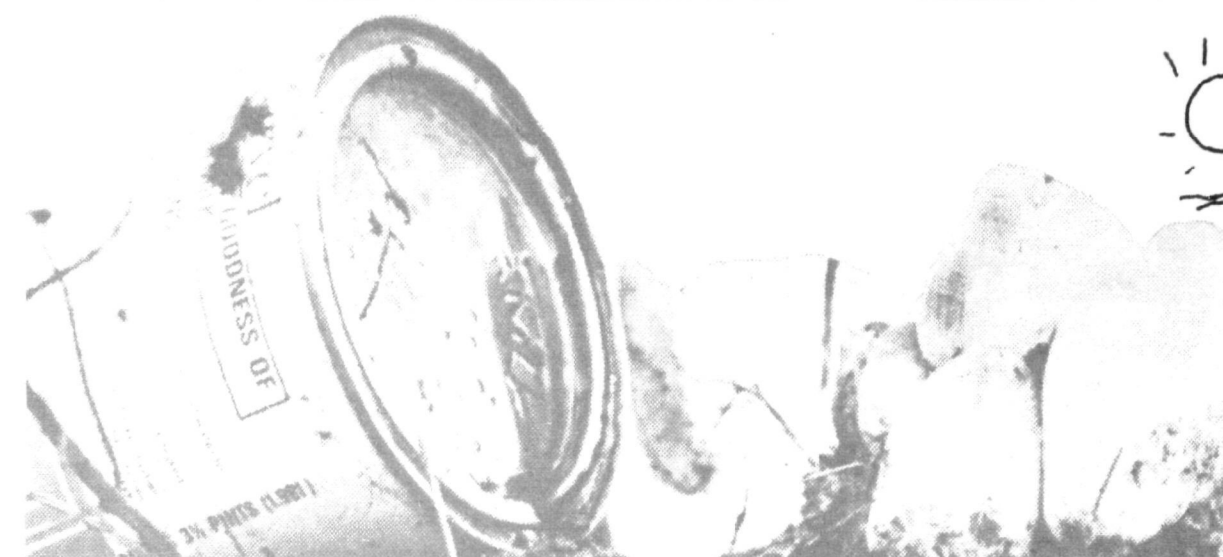
The result was the instant death of fish from the fry stage to three or four pounds in weight.



An adaptation from "Dearth," a poetic
discourse by Gray Green

Graphics by Chris Williams

Pictures by Nick Clarke



Over the years the bees had adapted to survive the DDT that was sprayed on Arizona's cotton and alfalfa crops. True, some bees died, but not enough to wipe out entire hives or colonies.

But when the pink bollworm invaded the area in the middle 1960's, farmers started using stronger chemical sprays and, by 1968, 75,000 colonies of bees were destroyed.

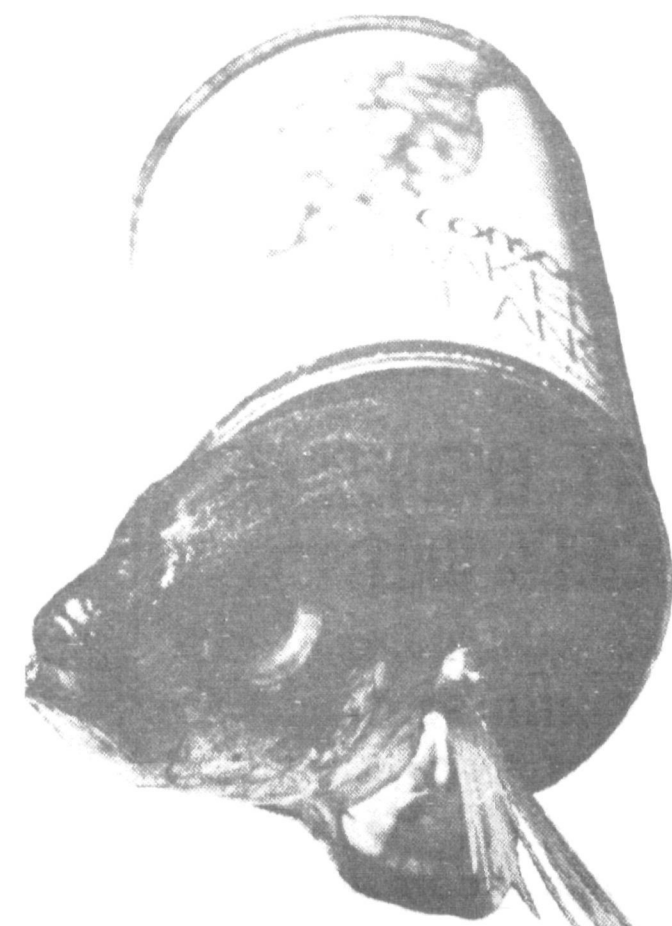
With the 1969 ban on DDT in America and the complete substitution of more poisonous

insecticides, only 20,000 colonies are alive today of the 108,000 that were in the state in 1960. Over that nation, more than half a million hives of domestic bees have succumbed to insecticides in the past few years.

Since bees are necessary to pollinate alfalfa, melons, and hundreds of kinds of wild plants, it has come to the point where beekeepers are renting hives to farmers for crop pollination purposes — perhaps the same farmers who spray their fields with parathion and kill the bees.

Man
Stand up;
let's see what you really are,
expose the elements of your composition —
water earth air and fire,
the timeless elements, the practical natural elements.
From these venerable four
can be made the necessities of a natural life,
and man
was composed of these:—
water, its attributes cold and moisture; phlegmatic
in the coldsweat of death in our time,
earth is cold and dry, melancholic, predictably depressed
from being too far from sun and rain:
entombed by edifice cankered by chemicals
lying cold and dry like a premature corpse,
air; hot and moist, the sanguine humour, emotively
moist from the tears of men clambering on men,
hot from the friction of jets,
and man
remain standing
you're also composed of fire, hot and dry, spirited ... choleric;
the ambiguous element — life-giving polluter —
warmer and scorcher — enveloping but unconfined —
fire the traitor — polluter of water earth and air.
And man when you named the 4 elements
you breathed air
drank water
tilled earth and lit fire.
Now by your guilty stance
i see a new element in your make-up;
reclining smugly in your blood, your lungs —
the insolent compounds of poisons

for you breathe fog sip stagnance build on rubbish
and light holocausts.



London, December, 1952. A heavy fog settled over England while chimneys discharged their winter quota of smoke laden with sulphur dioxide and other pollutants from burning coal.

Sulphur dioxide is a poisonous gas that can cause a variety of symptoms in humans; irritation of the skin, eyes, nose and throat; fluid in the lungs; emphysema; bronchitis; constriction of the bronchial tubes; hoarseness; loss of speech ... and whatever undetectable effects we may be suffering.

Result: smog A choking combination of a natural and normally harmless phenomenon contaminated with man-made waste.

The poisonous blanket persisted for five days while thousands of Londoners came down with respiratory illnesses. The deaths due to respiratory causes in excess of the same period in other years was about 4,000.

reviews

Sci-fi thriller

THE Andromeda Strain is supposed to be a science-fiction thriller and most people will probably watch it as such.

I was more impressed, however, by one particular aspect of the film — namely the way it presented science. This will probably be seen as mostly jargonistic by non-indoctrinated viewers and purely science-fiction by many, but the portrayal of the scientific community in this film is all too hauntingly accurate.

It pinpoints the limitation of the scientific approach as so far evolved. Besides showing the human frailty factors, it also demonstrates that science is able to create a system no more comprehensive than a biologically-isolated hole-in-the-ground.

Tower

by Ian Steele

This hole in the ground brings me to the story. A life-free laboratory has been created in the bowels of the Arizona desert. Its mastermind brings in his colleagues to suffer the rigours of complete disinfection when a space satellite returns with an alien life form and infects all but two of the inhabitants of the village at which it lands. There is some debate about whether the satellite was sent up to scoop up alien material.

Anyway, that which does come back causes instant death with blood turning to powder and spurring out of cut wrists. Much of the film is taken up by analysing the two people who survive — to find out why they did, but as soon as they do the alien life form suddenly changes radically to a more fatal time.



Frankenstein v Basil Brush

Television

by Cath Garner

then wishes he hadn't.

'Muppets', the distinctive comic

puppets created by American Jim Henson, star in a two-part musical version of 'The Frog Prince' which begins on Wednesday.

This version of the well-known Grimms' Fairytale introduces life-size Muppets in the characters of Sweetums, the ogre, the King and the Old Witch, as well as frog-sized Muppets as the frogs. The story of this 'tale from Muppetland' follows the original — but in this version, the Princess is also under the spell of the Old Witch, a spell which makes her talk backwards.

The second part of 'The Frog Prince' will be shown the following Wednesday.

Reggae and calypso music by leading West Indian composers are featured in 'In The Beautiful Caribbean', an unusual 'Play for Today' on Thursday.

It is written by Barry Reckord whose plays 'Skyvers', 'You In Your Small Corner' and 'Flesh To A Tiger' were presented at the Royal Court Theatre.

In his new play, Reckord looks at the situation in Jamaica where he was born and at the poverty and unemployment that drives people to emigrate.

One son is a simple working man desperate for employment. He is given a job by Zikky, a wealthy entrepreneur who has interests in the Bauxite industry run by the Americans in Jamaica and also has a fishing fleet. One son is overjoyed at becoming captain of a fishing boat and with the prospect of a good wage moves his parents, Mercina and Rufus, from their shanty dwelling into a better room. But his joy is short-lived and he falls in with a Black Power group led by Bredda Ordinance. Jonathan, a wealthy and sophisticated lawyer, is spurred into setting off a wave of revolution with disastrous results.

Politics & sex

TRY to imagine Edward Heath discussing the employment situation in Britain today as a scene in a film slotted between a scene in which a couple simulate the sex act on the walls of Buckingham Palace, and 'real' copulation in a more appropriate place.

In Vilgot Sjöman's *I am Curious - Yellow* made in 1967, there is screwing, simulated screwing and other delights for the voyeur (though how much detail you will see depends on whether we get the cut or complete version). BUT, there are also interviews with the present Prime Minister of Sweden (when he was a Minister), a real/imaginary(?) interview with the King and much polemic discussion about the state of Sweden, the U.S., Vietnam, etc.

The film is one of contrasts — perhaps it could be described as a truly dialectical film. It is difficult at times to distinguish the fictional from the documentary (the director himself appears to

Univ. Film Society

by Derek G. Wilson

be a lover of the main girl Lena — or was that just a bit of fiction?).

Sex is so frequently juxtaposed in a way which is unusual to British eyes, even in 1972. A few months after receiving an award in Sweden for its 'high moral content' the film was seized by U.S. customs and was only allowed to reach U.S. audiences after a year of court cases.

Basically, the story revolves around the life of a revolutionary girl — who falls in love with a bourgeois car salesman — and the inner searchings she goes through — a reflection of the concerns of a supposedly Socialist but very bourgeois state.

The mixture of sex and politics may not be everyone's cup of tea, but I am sure the voyeurs can forget the politics, and those interested in polemics will not mind a bit of sex thrown in. Whatever your taste go and see for yourself.

A gun or a woman?

A.B.C.

by Jane Ranson

THE exchange of Honor Blackman for a quick-fire Gatling gun sounds fair enough — if you're on the right end of the deal.

Joe Baker, a leader of a band of Mexican renegades and suitably played by Dean Martin, surprisingly does not want the woman but instead the gun — so that he can carry out *Something Big*. Johnny Cobb's (Albert Salmi) one desire is a woman and Mary Anna Morgan — alias unaging Miss Blackman — is chosen from a stage coach by Joe Baker to trade in for the gun.

Meanwhile, the colonel, out searching for his wife, stumbles across two frustrated female prospectors and is reluctantly persuaded to stay the night. He meets up with Cobb and the

gun and claims it as Federal property.

A confrontation occurs at Cobb's base, involving Cobb, the colonel plus wife and Baker, now being pursued by his fiancée (Carol White) from back home in Pennsylvania. Mary Morgan persuades the colonel to give Baker the gun, thus enabling him to obtain his goal of a rival bandit's booty.

Cobb, having lost his gun, gains compensation in the form of the two sex-starved prospectors — recommended by the colonel; and the inevitable happy ending occurs with all three men obtaining their women.

Possibly, director Andrew V. McLaglen tried to give us a sequel to 'Butch Cassidy' but he failed miserably. He managed to produce a Saturday 6.30 p.m. TV cowboy and nothing more — not even John Wayne could have improved it.

Untried foursome

IN these days of 'superstars' on the campus circuit you might be forgiven for asking what the hell 'Univents' are doing presenting Plainsong, a new and untried band, at tomorrow's hop.

However, do not let the absence of publicity blind you to the fact that this act is potentially one of the best on the soft rock scene. The band is a four-piece, with all the members singing, and consists of little-known but very good musicians: Bob Ronga (bass) and Dave Dave Richards (piano) together with Ian Mathews and Andy Roberts (guitars).

Ian Mathews sang with Fairport Convention in the early days before electric fiddling began to make its mark on their music. He left them three years ago, and after a few months in the wilderness formed his own group, Mathews' Southern Comfort, who had a number one

Univ. Hop Preview

by Mystery Man

single and made three albums before he moved on again, this time as a solo act. He toured America (with Roberts), brought out an album, *If you saw thro' my eyes*, and possibly the best totally-ignored single of last year, *Hearts*.

Andy Roberts first made an impression on the rock scene as a member of the Liverpool Scene, who in their early days were one of the more interesting groups, with their combination of poetry, songs and fine instrumental playing.

Eventually they fell into a rut and split up, since when the appearances of Roberts have been disappointingly few. He worked on the Ian Mathews album and also made a solo album of his own — *Nina and the Dream Tree*.

Last summer he formed a band to tour with Steeleye Span, but sadly the effort of being the 'front man' seemed to prevent him from playing up to his capabilities. Working with Mathews should relieve him of this load and allow his talent to flourish.

Don't miss this band — you may regret it.

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Tango of absurd

Civic

by Carol Marcus

"TANGO" is a fine play. It is both funny and intelligent. It is well directed and capably performed. It is playing to a near empty house.

The play is about the chaos that is wrought by militant idealism. In a typical generation gap, the hero, Arthur, is rebelling against the social anarchy of his family. Driven to near-mania by the permissiveness which his father has instituted as a substitute for life, he has retreated to the refuge of formalism.

He is a pompous bore and proud of it. Pristine in his pin-stripe suit, he invokes the deities of discipline and order to try to compensate for the emptiness of his own personality. He longs to create something, but in the end all he can produce is death.

The play is extremely philosophical, and also highly enter-

taining. The characters of Arthur's family range from an uncle who runs around in Bermuda shorts to a grandmother who spends a great deal of time in her husband's coffin. The dialogue is witty and quick, and there is even room for a few belly laughs. It is theatre of the absurd and it is very well done.

The acting is uniformly good, particularly in some of the smaller roles. Joan Abbott as Arthur's cousin is engagingly natural, Gerald Cowen as the uncle parades around the stage, stealing each scene he is in. The only sour note is struck by Marjorie Dent, who plays Arthur's mother and who is relatively inoffensive.

Martin Banham's direction is particularly good. The scenes moved with fine pacing to an effective and satisfying climax. There is a lot of stage business which adds immeasurably to the humour of the play. The set, designed by Trevor Faulker, is also worthy of mention.



Roger Spears with his Giant Kinetic Wardrobe

Extremely silly absurd robots

STILL on the theme of something completely different (see last week's issue)

this week's group at the Poly is especially for those who like living in the age of technology.

The group consists of Robots (commonly known as machines that light up), featuring the unusually progressive trouser leg, the 'Blenkinsop' auto trombone. However, they are not completely self-controlled, having been trained to perform by Roger Spear, one member of the Bonzo Dog Band who keeps on going.

Poly Hop Preview

by Pauline Whyte

Roger Spear and the Giant Kinetic Wardrobe provide the worst jokes available with the best entertainment available, leaving the stage covered with piles of feathers and other household objects (including tomatoes thrown during audience participation).

Another type of comedy is provided on the same night with Wild Wally's Silly Circus. The night should prove a good change from the usual type of hop.

The Bacchae

Playhouse

by Paul Valley

DID Leibnitz succeed in establishing a clear distinction between hypothetical and absolute necessity?

"The male perversion of violence is an essential condition of the degradation of women. The penis is conceived as a weapon and its action on women is understood to be somehow destructive and hurtful... Women must humanize the penis, take the steel out of it and make it flesh again."

This extract from Germaine Greer's "The Female Eunuch" was quoted as part of the programme notes of the Prospect Theatre's production of *The Bacchae* by Euripides. It highlights the relevance of the themes of this play to the current vogue of Women's Lib.

Happily, the explicit parallel was left there, and any further attempts at making the classic "relevant" were far more subtle. The play was specially adapted for the company by Ian Brown and explored the subject of intolerance, outlining the rejection by a society of a new current of thought which it cannot understand. Its relevance to Women's Lib was limited to references about women being tied between the bed and the kitchen, but it was written with what the author describes as "containing attitudes and conflicts I had been thinking about

in relation to other quite different plays."

"What was then impertinent is now pertinent" a member of the chorus explains.

In fact it was in the use of the chorus that the adaptation departed furthest from Euripides — not only in the technique of scripted improvisation employed but also in the attitude of the chorus which was more active and more biased than in the original.

The performance was preceded by a showing of *Calley and Manson*, which was written by Andrew Dallmeyer, a member of the Playhouse company. It showed a confrontation between Lieutenant Calley, the My Lai mass-murderer, and Charles Manson, of Sharon Tate murder fame, who meet in a cell while awaiting sentence. The dialogue was sometimes amusing but on the whole the two characters were stereotyped and the outcome was rather predictable.

Both plays were well directed by Kenny McBain and in both the acting far outclassed what we have come to expect from the Playhouse regulars. More of these touring companies in the Playhouse schedule would certainly be a good thing.

records by john bisbrowne

WELL, Record Review this year starts off with a bang or, more precisely, a series of bangs. The first album that came my way for review after the Christmas vacation was that by the Electric Light Orchestra on Harvest SHUL 797.

The album, described as a brand new concept in pop, is recorded by a group of musicians led by ex-Move member Roy Wood. The range of instruments is impressive and features a string quartet, oboe, cello, bassoon, piano, guitars and drums.

However, the overall impression one gets, having endured two sides of this material, is not unreminiscent of that which might be produced by a skeleton masturbating in a biscuit tin. If you would rather enjoy a 'Victor Sylvester plays T. Rex' album and could stand a typewriter accompaniment then this is the album for you.

Luckily, things improve substantially with new albums from the Byrds, Jeff Beck and Kevin Ayers. The Byrds' album, *Farther Along* (CBS 64676), is especially enjoyable. Though under no circumstances could the music be described as "a new concept," it is, entertainment-wise, full value for money.

The group seem more confident of playing together than they did on the 'Untitled' album, and the guitar work of Clarence White comes through with far greater authority. The old Byrds style, formulated and for years maintained by McGuinn, has now almost given way to a country-rock style, which seems to have been collectively evolved by the group as a whole.

McGuinn wrote 'Tiffany Queen,' the opening track — but the remainder of the material is written by the various members of the remainder of the group. Bass guitarist Skip Battin writes some of the best music now performed by the band. His one contribution on this particular album is 'Precious Kate' — perhaps the best track.

Whatever she brings, the Kevin Ayers L.P. on Harvest SHVL 800, is very unusual. I cannot yet make up my

mind whether I like it or not. The album will never be a fast seller (it could never be intended to be one). The music creates an impression similar to that of the album cover: initially startling but fascinating.

The cover depicts an overturned basket of eggs, out of which babies are hatching at an alarming rate. Most peculiar. In sections the music is brilliant, but there is an excessive amount of padding — most of which seems to originate from the electric violin of Gerry Fields.

David Bedford, who arranged all or most of the tracks, is outstanding on keyboards — as is Ayers himself. Ayers, Bedford and Robert Wyatt (the latter covering some of the vocals on the album) are all members of the original Soft Machine, and one cannot help making some comparisons between the musical presentation on this album and that of the best of the old Soft Machine material.

The three friends are at present engaged throughout Britain in the new band Gong. I would advise anyone interested in the record to first go and see the group. The music does take a little getting used to. If you cannot manage to see them ask your record dealer to play you the title track and 'Lullaby,' which are representative of the album as a whole.

Rough and Ready, the Jeff Beck Group album (Probe EPC 64619), is an above-average production with some excellent blues vocals from Bob Tench. Beck's guitar is competently played, but fails to create any real atmosphere. The material is basically uninspiring and relies for its effectiveness on the thumping backing.

I enjoyed the album but, having listened to it immediately after undergoing the ELO torment, this is hardly surprising. It was refreshing in the same sense as leaving the dentist's surgery is refreshing. The album is uncomplicated and entirely professional, but there are better albums of similar material on which your money might be more profitably spent.

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ABC 1

This week:
The new Ken Loach film
"Family Life" @ @
At 3.10, 5.50, 8.30 p.m.

Next week:
Programme not yet available

ABC 2

This week:
"Shafte" @
At 1.20, 4.55, 8.40 p.m.

Next week:
Programme not yet available

ODEON 1

This week:
"Bedknobs and Broomsticks" @
Walt Disney musical
At 2.30, 7.30 p.m. weekdays
1.30, 4.30, 7.45 p.m. Saturday.
Next week:
Sam Peckinpah's
"Straw Dogs" @
(See Review)
No times available

ODEON 2

This week:
"The Anderson Tapes" @ @
starring Sean Connery
At 1.34, 5.14, L.C.P. 6.53 p.m.

Next week:
Dustin Hoffman in
John Schlesinger's
"Midnight Cowboy" @
No times available

COTTAGE ROAD

This week:
Rod Steiger & Christopher Plumber
in "Waterloo" @
Once nightly at 7.05 p.m.

Next week:
Sunday, January 30th at 6.45 p.m.
Elizabeth Schwarzkopf and
Annelise Rothenberger in
"Der Rosenkavalier" @
From Monday:
Sean Connery & Honor Blackman
in "Goldfinger" @
also Peter Sellers in
"The Party" @
At 5.00, 8.50 p.m. L.C.P. 6.50 p.m.

LOUNGE

This week:
Ali McGraw & Ryan O'Neil in
"Love Story" @ @
L.C.P. 8.15 p.m.
From Monday:
Candice Bergen and
Donald Pleasance in
"Soldier Blue" @
No times available

HYDE PARK

This week:
"2001 A Space Odyssey" @
Sunday, January 30th
James Garner in
"The Hour of the Gun" @
At 6.45 p.m.
also Basil Rathbone in
"St. George and the Seven Curses" @
At 8.35 p.m.
Monday, January 30th for 3 days
Alain Delon in
Jean-Pierre Melville's
"The Samourai" @
At 7.10 p.m.
also Robert Shaw and
Ella Stephens in
"A Town Called Bastard" @
At 8.40 p.m.
Thursday, February 3rd
Michael Sarrazin and
Jacqueline Bisset in
"The Sweet Ride" @
At 6.55 p.m.
also Omar Sharif & Jack Palance in
"Chel" @
At 8.45 p.m.

ODEON MERRION

This week:
Michael Jayston & Janet Suzman in
"Nicholas and Alexandra" @
At 2.00, 7.00 p.m.
Next week: The same

PLAZA

This week:
"Daughters of Darkness" @
also "Erotic Fantasies" @
L.C.P. 7.55 p.m.

Next week:
"Guess what we learned at
School today!" @
starring Richard Carballo
Warning—
This film is somewhat kinky!!!

TOWER

This week:
"The Andromeda Strain" @ @
also "House of Cards" @
At 1.40 p.m. L.C.P. 6.10 p.m.
Next week:
Robert Milligan's
"Summer of 42" @
with Jennifer O'Neill and
Gary Grimes
"You can't win 'Em all" @
At 1.05 p.m. L.C.P. 6.45 p.m.

Theatre

THE PLAYHOUSE

Friday, Saturday, January 28th, 29th
"Waiting for Godot"
At 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, January 29th

Pop film
"Festival!" At 11 p.m.
Murray Lerner (U.S.A. 1963-66)
also "Lambert & Co." and
Pennabaker's
"Ladies and Gentlemen —
Mr. Leonard Cohen"
Sunday, January 30th at 7.30 p.m.
"The Girls" — Mai Zetterling
(Sweden 1967)
Tuesday, February 1st
"Romeo and Juliet"
Student Preview
February 2nd, 3rd, 4th at 7.30 p.m.
"Romeo and Juliet"

CIVIC

Next week:
"Katrinka"

University

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FILM SOCIETY

All films in Theatre 21,
New Lecture Block
Tonight (8.00 p.m.)
"I am Curious — Yellow"
Vilgot — Sjoman (Sweden 1967)
Tuesday (7.00 p.m.)
"Un Chien Andalou"
Luis Bunuel (France 1928)
and "The War Game"
Peter Watkins (G.B. B.B.C. T.V.
1965)

Next Friday (8.00 p.m.)
"Invitation to a Gunfight"
Richard Wilson (U.S.A. 1964)

Polytechnic

POLY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
Illustrated lecture February 3rd
Room C 807 at 7.30 p.m. by
Graham Clark on Climbing in the
Kulu Himalaya and 2nd Ascent of
Ali Ratni Tibba
Price 15p at the door. All welcome

POLY ENTS

"Roger Ruskin Spear and his Giant
Kinetic Wardrobe"
plus "Wild Wally's Silly Circus"
Tech Hall 8.00 p.m. Price 35p
Next week: Osibisa

FOLK CLUB

"Ian Anderson" 20p Monday night

FREE EVENTS

Tuesday, February 1st
"H.114 Polytechnic"
At 4.15 p.m. John Law lectures on
"The Ideas of Charles Biederman"
At 6.00 p.m. "Yojimbo"
Fantastic film
At 7.30 p.m. February 3rd
Room 7 in the New Lecture Theatre
Jock Young (author of "The Drug
Takers") talks about
"The Sociology of Drugs"
ALL WELCOME

Letters to the Editor

SCAFFOLD AT HOP

Dear Editor,

We found at last Saturday's hop, (Ten Years After) a structure of scaffolding had been built, in the midst of the hop-goers in a 'front circle' position in the refectory.

We were informed that this was for the improvement of audio-synchronisation (i.e. a purer sound). Due to its prominence, it left a wide empty channel behind it, since nobody seemed to have X-ray vision to see through it. This led to many sitting and standing much further back than was otherwise necessary.

Noting from last week's Leeds Student (January 21st) that we have a new Ents Sec. (Paul "Publicity" Hurst); could we have confirmation that he is blind?

May we suggest for those 500, towards the back, paying 70p for sound only, that in future:—

- (i) 500 opera glasses be purchased.
- or (ii) 100 opera glasses, 399 ex-War Department binoculars and one seat at Jodrell Bank be offered, via a competition in Leeds Student (instead of LP's?).

or it might even be possible to move the structure:—

- (i) a little further back
- (ii) sideways
- (iii) to one side of the refectory
- (iv) relegate it to the "front stalls".

or finally, where it belongs, back up in the balcony.

Yours frustrated,

Peter Clark (Food Science).
Brian Wood (Textile Management)

(on behalf of the other 498 hop-goers, without X-ray vision or binoculars).

P.S. If this is not printed could you please bring this letter to the attention of the new Ents Sec. — use Brail if necessary.

GAY POSTERS

Dear Sir,

At the beginning of last week several of our Polytechnic members placed posters in their building in the hope of making Polytechnic students aware of the existence of the Gay Liberation Fund.

Unfortunately by Friday evening only 17 of the original 40 posters remained, of which 12 had been removed within two hours of their being put up.

We should like to protest most strongly about the treatment that these posters received and we hope that this is an example of general destructiveness rather than an expression of illiberal thinking from within the Polytechnic.

We hope also that our future posters will receive more favourable treatment.

Yours faithfully,
The Secretary, GAY LIBERATION FRONT.

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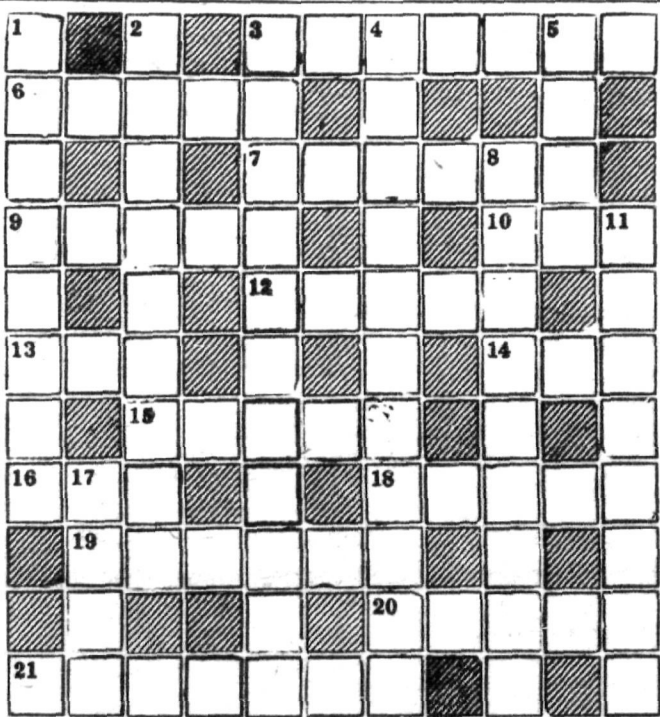
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CLUES ACROSS

- 3 Over 50% of woman is in small furry creatures (7).
- 6 It's uncanny, but it sounds as if the bird's home (5).
- 7 Take it easy as there's nothing to thrust around (6).
- 9 Vessel with the Spanish on board (5).
- 10 The coloured part (3).
- 12 Rubber, perhaps, is fashionable for reverse support (5).
- 13 14 Herbs taken socially, possibly in China (3, 3).
- 15 How to keep things together, some might swear (2, 3).
- 16 A friend without whom a jewel would mean nothing (3).
- 18 Mostly do as is required in the desert (5).
- 19 Reputation no Wren can achieve (6).
- 20 To call up the night before is about right (5).
- 21 Jams yet to be treated for a sovereign's worth (7).

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Task for doormen or soldiers? (4, 4).
- 2 Careless lip banter can be re-produced (9).
- 3 Boots which may be got with £5 notes? (11).
- 4 Royal alms distributed by you and my men (6, 5).
- 5 Rubber, perhaps, and some nitre extract (4).
- 8 Ammunition used in vineyards? (9).
- 11 Hated the trial indeed (8).
- 17 Write articles about the right number to be sung (4).



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a disease of the American student; but then, because he is so often (especially in the private universities) a mirror reflection of the culture of his parents, to call such a man Apathetic (that is, Ordinary) is not realistically inaccurate.

Since Kent, campus politics has settled down to a dull round of cat and mouse with Mr. Nixon. No more Moratoriums; no more killing of students: a balance of power, if you like. The old American ideal of a body of students united in the preservation of American cultural values has been shattered beyond repair; and the atmosphere is rather like living in Imperial Russia between 1905 and 1917 — a twilight, unrealistic world of uneasy calm, superficially dominated by the Silent Majority and VD.

If we compare that with an overwhelming homogeneity of viewpoint obtainable from most British students; the genuine evidence of toleration for student views (in spite of unfriendly press and Margaret Thatcher); the freedom to march on London without the Army in hot pursuit or your campus being occupied; if there is any significant body of British doing a slow burn over morality other than the White-houseniks, it is difficult to see

how brother will turn against brother over here.

For that is the sad truth of the matter Over There; the Americans have done with talking over their problems quietly in committee. Of course, nothing really happened with these committees anyway; at least there is a White Paper here or a Bill or something to show that someone has muddled through to a Solution. And if you take your hotheads seriously, you have retained the ability to converse with them below the level of a bel-

Reputation

The American first-year is dangerously close to having to choose between becoming a Dropout or a Convert; which means that rational conversation is impossible, and little things, like the advancement of civilisation and the enlargement of philosophy suffer in proportion. It is not a country, after all, that has a reputation for encouraging honest difference of opinion; the fact that most of its students are no different from the rest of that pack of barbarians and have become polarised in proportional ferocity is the single outstanding difference between them and Tommy Atkins off-spring.

Political societies — without politics?

by Terry Lloyd

"Ooo, Sandra, have you heard the latest T. REX single? Isn't it good? What about the way Marc Bolan shakes his hair . . . and those stars . . ."

"Yeah. Look there's Roger. He asked me to go to the dance with him on Saturday. Think I ought to go?"

"Hello, girls, want to play table-tennis?"

"Course we do, don't we Cynthia?"

Did this conversation take place in a Young Conservative club. Or was it a Young Liberal club or, perhaps United Marxist?

There's very little difference anyway.

Political party members are all either obnoxious, narrow-minded, bigoted propagandists (bless them) or, far more likely, they are in one particular party because it has better social facilities than its geographically nearest rival.

It is only when we realize, in fact, that the latter category forms the overwhelming majority that the junior branches of political parties take on a favourable appearance.

If everyone knows that the term 'Young Conservatives' is just elitist code for cocktail parties, horseriding and a quick bang with the M.P.'s voluptuous daughter in the barn after the aptly-called "party" meeting we have nothing to worry about.

If everyone knows that the term 'Young Socialists' is not-quite-so-elitist code for a few jars of mild, a game of bar-billiards and a fish and chip supper with Mavis in the bus-station it's as it should be.

However there exist in these clubs certain "people" who actually have so-called political convictions.

Not content with enjoying the social life of university political societies these pseudo-Marxists or Pseudo-fascists attempt to convert us ordinary people to political . . . awareness?

The majority of the party members just out for a good time like their fun-loving counterparts, become branded with ridiculous party policy concerning equally ridiculous topics such as unemployment, apartheid and Vietnam.

Thus gradually, through pressure (or perhaps the feeling that "one ought to be political at university oughtn't one?") this originally quite likeable majority become just as ridiculous as their idiotic but genuinely idiotic policy-makers.

At a University such as Leeds the Left (in its thousand-odd disunited splinter groups) is usually the most vociferous.

When they shout on the Union steps trying to sell their comics or when they mess a justifiable demo with nonsensical jargon-ridden slogans do they honestly expect people to take them seriously?

"Support the UCS workers, brothers", could just

about be tolerable from a Glasgow housewife but any self-respecting Upper Clyde shipbuilder would laugh is well-fed head off at such naive and ultimately patronizing phraseology coming from the mouths of students.

Unemployment and Northern Ireland and Black Power is where they are at, man.

At least until they get a degree and settle down in some nice cushy job somewhere.

And while these lot play at being socialists the real, unconscious socialists, not tied to any restricting party are getting down to practical socialism by helping the old woman next door or by talking naturally and unselfconsciously to the Indian shopkeeper over the road.

I suppose the unconscious fascist spits at a few black men in the street but at least he's not just playing at being a fascist to be trendily anti-trendy (get it?).

So all you members of political societies who only joined because you fancied some bird or other rebel against the 'keen' types with their cliches of idealism and get out the record-players and the pots of tea.

"Ooo, Sandra I've heard that Peter has joined the Young Liberals."

"Oh you poor thing. Come on then, let's go down there . . . never did like this lot anyway, always talking about boring politics."



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SPORT

Double success

Belle Vue O.B. 3 Leeds Poly 7
LEEDS POLY forwards began the New Year in fine style with a decisive and easy win over Belle Vue Old Boys, to stay top of their league.

Right from the kick-off, the Leeds Poly forwards were in rampant mood forcing the opposing goalkeeper to make several fine saves. Two goals each from Thornton and Souter who had a fine game throughout, enabled the Poly to establish a 4-1 lead at the interval.

In the second half Belle Vue put up a much stronger fight, when Poly appeared to take things rather easy. They allowed Belle Vue to add some respectability to the scoreline with two further goals before adding an additional three three goals themselves. Thornton completed his hat-trick and Glover maintained his goal tally by adding a further two, one of which was a solo effort from the half-way line.

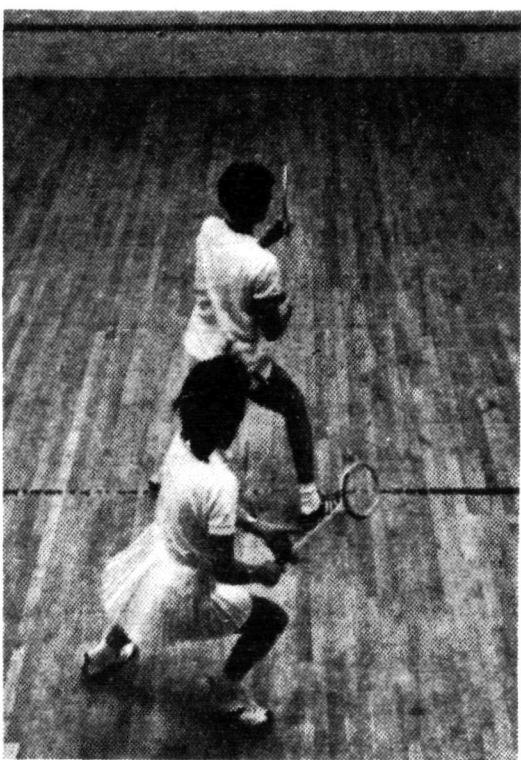
Leeds Poly 3rds 4
Old Centralians 3

In the opening ten minutes, Centralians were in control and established a 1-0 lead. However, the home side began to match the opposition in midfield and equalised when Lethard headed home. Unfortunately Centralians soon took the lead again.

In the second half, Poly soon stamped their authority on the game and after some determined attacking play, Moran scored a glorious goal.

Nevertheless, Poly again found themselves in arrears when Centralians took advantage of a slack defence to go ahead once more but Poly equalised through Fenton and eventually snatched the winner, when the goalkeeper missed a Dawson cross.

Lacrosse team into W.I.V.A.B. final



The University Women's Lacrosse team were defeated in their W.I.V.A.B. quarter-final on Saturday by Manchester by four games to one.

The picture shows Hilary Grainger (front) in action during her match.

THE University Women's Lacrosse team maintained their unbeaten record on Saturday beating Manchester University in a W.I.V.A.B. fixture 14-2. Since Leeds is the only team in the Northern Region not to have lost a match they now go through to the W.I.V.A.B. final to be played on February 26th, possibly in London.

After an uncertain start, Leeds soon settled down and took control with some positive attacking moves with the result that Leeds were ahead 7-0 at half time.

In the second half however, Manchester attempted a comeback, with a few dangerous moves which took the defence by surprise. The defence was well in control of the situation and Manchester were only able to find the goal twice.

Meanwhile at the other end, the Leeds attack continued to overwhelm the Manchester defence. As in the first half the attack made some good moves and for the first time this season played as a team rather than as individuals.

Overall, however, the game was dull because the Leeds team were so much in control for such long periods.

Soccer

University out of UAV

Leeds were knocked out of the U.A.U. Championship in the Northern play-off match at Hull. It was a hard game in which Hull proved themselves to be the fitter and more skillful side.

Hull opened the scoring after 25 minutes with a quick break from defence. In the second half Leeds came more into the game, gaining supremacy in midfield, and scoring in the 70th minute.

The game was now wide open, but it was Hull who took the lead when Main dropped a long throw-in. Hull increased their lead five minutes later.

Leeds then came back and Hunt took the opportunity to drive the ball home. However, they were unable to score the equaliser they deserved, and so made their exit from the U.A.U. championship.

Rugby Union

Christie defeat

THE University Rugby Team were defeated 17-7 by Manchester University in a Christie Shield match at Weetwood on Wednesday.

by Terry Lee

Conditions prevented running, fluent rugby making it a forward based game. It seemed that Leeds would take advantage of this when the Manchester scrum-half left the field with a suspected broken arm and Manchester reduced their pack to seven.

At half-time the score was seven points each, with a try by Sidwell and a penalty by Lewis for Leeds.

However, during the second half a forced positional change to the Leeds team due to John Foster, full back, being injured just after half time weakened the Leeds team and Manchester went on to score a further ten

points with no reply from Leeds.

Manchester clearly used Foster's injury to advantage, but Joe Duthie who swapped positions with Foster played well in the circumstances. Devine and Newman were the men of the match for Leeds with very enterprising loose play, following the ball all over the field and tackling and covering well.

Golf

New Leader

Leeds University golf club went to the top of the North-West division of the U.A.U. league by beating Lancaster, away on Wednesday.

Despite atrocious and very wet conditions, good wins were recorded by Carman, Neild, Astin, Ogilvy, Jameson, with Crinson the only loser. Only singles were played and the final result with foursomes shared was 6½-2½.

Cycling

Turnbull Triumphs

Leeds won the B.U.S.F. Best All Rounder competition for the first time with Fionn Turnbull taking first place, to top a very successful season.

Turnbull won the award with a total of 38 points for his seven events, these being time trials at distances of 25, 50 and 100 miles, Hill climb, Cyclo cross and Road race events. Another member of the Leeds team, Jim Nobbs, was placed

third after battling for the first position for most of the season.

However the men have not monopolised the success. The only female cycling member Margaret Biggs turned her hand to racing with great success. She won the Clifton '50' mile time trial at York, and came second in the North Midland '100' to international star, Beryl Burton.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

SOCCER:

Belle Vue O.B. 3, Leeds Poly 7.
Hull 3, Univ. 2.
Leeds Poly 2nds 2,
Old Centralians 2nds 2.
Univ. 2nds 1, Belle Vue O.B. 1.

Inter Mural (University)

Division 1:

History 1, Clapham 9.
M. & D. O. Barbier 3
French 2, Grant 3.
Sadler 2, Seton 1.
Maths 1, Houlsworth 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

Leeds Poly 14, Bramley Wasps 18.

RUGBY UNION:

Widnes 9, Univ. 3.
Univ. 2nds 7, Widnes 15.

HOCKEY (MEN):

Univ. 2nds 1, Wakefield 2.

NETBALL:

Univ. 2nds 26,
Manchester 2nds 19.

TOMORROW:

SOCCER:

Tottenham v Leeds United.
Salford v Univ.
County v Univ. 2nds

RUGBY UNION:

Univ. v Roundhay.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

Ossett v Univ.

HOCKEY (MEN):

Hull Welton v Univ.

HOCKEY (WOMEN):

York Ladies v Univ.

LACROSSE (MEN):

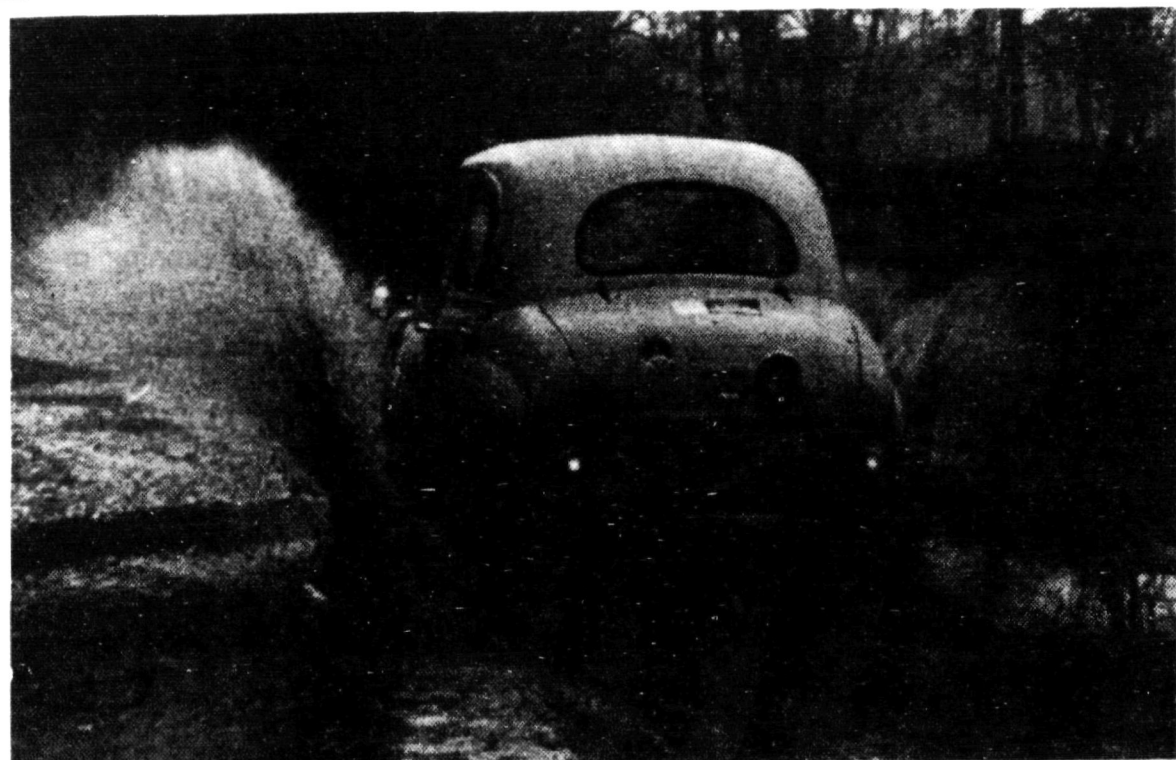
Univ. v Stockport B.

LACROSSE (WOMEN):

Univ. v Leeds Penguins.

CYCLING:

Daily Telegraph National
Cyclo-Cross Championships,
Temple Newsham Park, Leeds.
2.15 p.m.



Rallying

Tight field for Escafelf

Men's Squash

Vital game lost

The University Men's Squash team lost a vital Yorkshire League match against Heaton last week, thereby losing their chance of promotion.

The match though was possibly the best played this season. The standard of play was good, and, surprisingly enough, the members of the side, seemed to have managed to maintain a reasonable standard of fitness, despite the lay off over the vacation.

Dave Allsupp and Martin Jauch both played very well and deserved to win. Dave Allsupp has been going through a bad phase recently, so the victory should restore his confidence.

LEEDS achieved a good set of results in the Closed Co-promoted 3rd Rallye Escafelf on January 22nd and 23rd, organised by Sheffield Students' Motor Club.

After the start from Crabtree and Nichol Ltd., the cars went west out of Sheffield towards Baslow for the first competitive section of 7 miles in fog.

Steve Rathbone/Ian Gurney were first out when the dynamo on their Mini cut out only five miles from the start.

A selective stage through a quarry saw many Minis losing all traction and having great difficulty getting going again.

At the first petrol halt north of Buxton Graham Frary/Tansy Potts (Cooper) were doing very well at 17th overall. The second section of 80 miles consisted of tight road sections interspersed with very loose competitive sections.

Mayer/Cashman (1293 Cooper S) lost the alternator

by Hugh Edwards

lead and had to drive one section on only headlights. Taylor/Edwards (A30) were having problems with only one light out of 6 working. Ian Wilson/ J. M. Cantrill (Imp) bent a king pin carrier and finding the steering somewhat odd decided to retire.

The last section started with a selective by a coal mine in Sherwood Forest, where the pickets were waving the cars on! This was followed by a selective on the Duberies Tank testing ground, which was rough and fast with an 80 m.p.h. average from the first car. The final selective was smooth tarmac on a disused airfield, which was a great advantage to the faster cars.

17th-No. 17 Meyer/Cashman
24th-No. 102 Parsons/Woolhouse.
27th-No. 49 Friary/Potts
37th-No. 118 Taylor/Edwards

Women's Hockey

WIVAB triumph

On Saturday, the University Women's Hockey team gained a place in the W.I.V.A.B. semi-final by beating Birmingham University 3-2.

Leeds were hard pressed for the whole of the match, and at first Birmingham dominated the game. However in the second half Leeds improved but Birmingham managed to equalise after Powell had opened the scoring for Leeds.

As the score at the end of ordinary time was 1-1, twenty minutes extra time was played. Powell was able to complete her hat-trick with two more good goals. The Leeds team then conceded another goal, but the team held out until the final whistle and so won the match.

Sit-in outside Director's office

Catering staff demand representation

Catering staff want representation on the University Catering Committee.

This was the outcome of a staff meeting on Wednesday. University authorities had been very dubious about allowing this meeting and permission came from the Vice Chancellor himself only on Monday night. The meeting had been called by Pete Jennings, Catering Secretary of the Union.

It was said that Mr. T. Greenhalgh, Chief Catering Officer, who is on the committee, was concerned, only with overall management. The catering staff were working at first-hand and might have many suggestions to make.

It was generally recognised that they needed representation for their point of view, especially in times of rising unemployment.

Reps in brief

* Decided to install food and drink machine in Architects Department for four month trial period. If this proves economically viable, such machines to be installed in place of departmental coffee bars and also in Poly common room.

* Agreed to convene a SGM on Tuesday the 1st of February to discuss the policy of Poly Social and Events with reference to NUS policy.

* Elected delegates to go to forthcoming conferences; Polytechnics Conference, Assessment Conference, Further Education Conference and Higher Technical Education Conference. (Nominations to be received for the last).

* Noted that departmental nominations had not been received for post of Freshers' Conference Chairman; nominations to be opened in Union.

* Passed motion that members of Board of Reps. should be allowed into Wednesday discos free, providing they be responsible for any trouble that may arise while they are there.



Dr. Nuttgens
Polytechnic Director

Not a power cut

The lights in the University Union and some departments were switched off on Wednesday afternoon.

The Yorkshire Electricity Board had some cable faults and asked the University to ease down loading if possible.

AN SGM is to be held outside the office of the Polytechnic Director, Dr. Patrick Nuttgens, this afternoon.

Last Friday's OGM passed a motion protesting against the apparent reluctance with which the Director cancels lectures to allow students to attend Union General Meetings.

Astounded

At the beginning of the academic year the Academic Board agreed that lectures should be cancelled for the duration of the meetings. Before the OGM on the 30th of November last year, some students had not been told that lectures were cancelled. The Union President, John Josephs, contacted the Director who sent out a memo to all departmental heads, reminding them that all lectures should be cancelled, but only until three o'clock.

Addressing last Friday's meeting, Mr. Josephs said that the position was still not clear

and that again some students had complained that they had not been told of the cancellation of their lectures. The Director was then contacted but refused to notify the Departmental heads concerned, saying that the previous memo should be sufficient. In fact, this memo was being ignored by many heads.

After the meeting Mr. Josephs said: "I am astounded at the lack of good faith shown to the Union by the Director. One does not expect such underhand dealings from a man in his position."

NUS Conference on Thatcher & Ulster

A call for the withdrawal of British troops in Northern Ireland, an end to internment and a plan to combat the recently deferred Thatcher proposals will be among the important resolutions to be debated tomorrow by an extraordinary meeting of the NUS in London.

The object of the Ireland debate is to update the 1969 NUS policy. "The 1969 decision welcomed the presence of British troops", commented Pete Jennings, a member of the Leeds delegation at last November's NUS Margate conference. "It's time the policy was more realistic."

Included in the resolution are demands for the release of all political prisoners, repeal of the Special Powers Act, the secularisation of the constitution of Eire and the abolition of the 1922 Ireland Act. The Margate conference considered the resolution but rejected it,

partly through procedural manoeuvring but also because two of its supporters, both from Belfast, were badly divided on the issue and did not make up their minds in time for a proper debate.

The 12 man delegation will also carry with them proposals from the Union to defeat the postponed Consultative Document on Student Unions. Among them are a call for a Second Day of Action in late October if the Thatcher report is not dropped.

They also suggest a case against voluntary membership of the Union, the imposition of a Registrar of Student Unions and a loan system to replace the present grant system.

All of these are said to be under consideration by the DES in view of the overwhelming rejection of their earlier report by most segments of the education system.

Better Service from a changed Book Exchange

Student speakers for Union

Paul Worthington has been elected as the new University Union Lectures Secretary.

He intends to get speakers of general, cultural and political interest, especially those concerned with student affairs.

On February 16th, a talk will be given by exiled leaders of the SDEE, (the Spanish Students Democratic Syndicate) and also possibly by a member of the Spanish Workers' Commission.

Mr. Worthington also plans to bring in a variety of Trade Unionists to talk in the Union.

Sports Chairman

Ron Needham, General Athletics Committee chairman has announced his resignation owing to pressure of academic work.

Retiring he suggested that rather than having a General Athletics Chairman, who is also a member of the Exec., the Poly Union should have an independent sports administrator.

A radical change is being made in the running of the University Union Book Exchange.

Instead of books and records being deposited, the Exchange will buy goods immediately. £2,000 is being made available at the start of each term to cover this.

Paul Worthington, secretary of Book Exchange, who initiated the scheme, said he hoped this would mean a more effective, useful and better service for students. They would no longer have to wait for 10-15 weeks to queue for their money.

80% of the original price will be paid for a book considered to be in "mint" condition. The exchange will then resell the books with a 10% profit margin, to cover administrative costs and stolen books (estimated at 200 last term). The books will be classed at the discretion of the staff.

The new scheme has been criticised by Jim Bewsher, EVP. He felt that the exchange would be inundated with unsaleable books. The volunteer staff would not have the expertise to sort them out.

Mr. Worthington has said that the exchange needs a part-time, paid secretary anyway. He is shortly to resign from the position because of other commitments.

Robot Takeover

Coffee bars in outlying departments of the Poly may be closed and replaced with vending machines if the Board of Reps has its way.

The majority of students in the Departments of Librarianship, Architectural Studies, and Town Planning do not want "impersonal machines" according to Julian Stevenson who is organising a petition. He hopes to call an SGM of the Union to discuss the matter.

mitments and he fears that it is in danger of closing down due to lack of staff. He appealed for volunteers.

Twin censure on Exec.

Two motions of censure against the Poly. Union Executive Committee were passed at the OGM on Friday.

The first concerned the Exec's failure to implement an inventory of equipment and furnishings, as they were mandated to do at the last OGM. Nick Williams, in proposing the motion said: "What is the good of having an OGM if its decisions are not implemented by the Exec?"

The second censure came during a heated debate over the failure of the Union Action Committee for the Demonstration on the Day of Action last Sunday.

Mr. Anderson proposed that the Action Committee and the Executive be censured for the poor organization which led to the necessity of charging a one pound fee for the trip to London to join the demonstration, and for failing to publish adequate information as to the reasons for this charge.

Mr. Anderson said that he expected adequate replies from Exec. and did not want them to treat the censure as a joke, as they had the previous one.

In reply, Mr. Ron Needham, General Athletics Committee Chairman, said that the last OGM had mandated an Action Committee to deal with the organization, and not Exec., but Mr. Anderson said that Exec. should have stepped in when things were not going according to plan.

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