

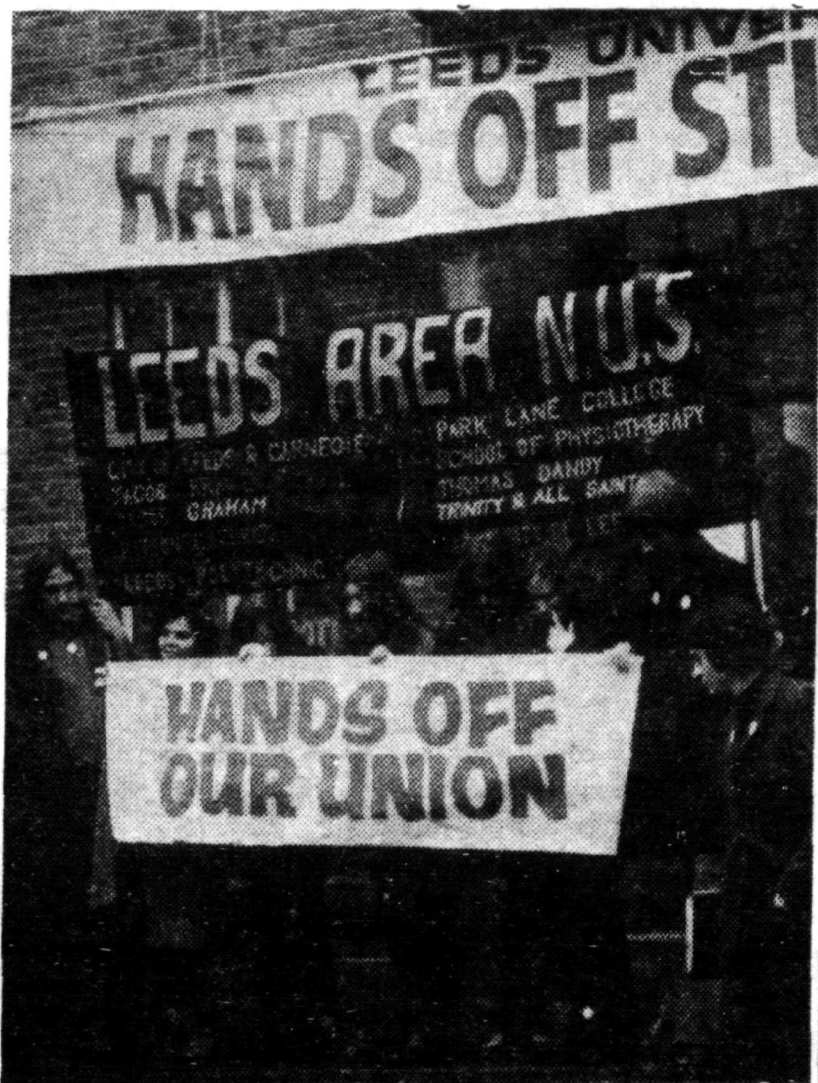
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A DEAD UNION

March puzzles public

Lord Boyle declines

A crowded pre-march discussion meeting last Wednesday heard Lord Boyle state his views on the Government's proposals on student union finances.

He said that he felt "student unions' finance should, in some way or another, be publically supervised," but he did not think that unions should have to compete with academic factions for their funds.

On the principle of the split grant, part of the money being voluntarily paid by individual students to their union, he said, "a split union fund has damaging implications for the future of this union."

He concluded, "I view this consultative document with dismay."

Jim Bewsher, External Vice-President, proposed that a telegram be sent to Whitehall stating:

"We, the students of Leeds Areas N.U.S., totally reject the document on the financing of student unions."

When asked if he would put his name to the statement, Lord Boyle declined, stating that he did not feel that the cause would benefit from this tactical move.

A decision that only banners referring to the Consultative Document should be carried at the demonstration, was also carried.

5,000 STUDENTS from every college in Leeds marched through the main shopping centre in the biggest student demonstration the city has ever seen. So big that one bystander stood for half an hour watching them pass.

All police leave was cancelled for the day and about 250 officers attended the march. There was no trouble from the students.

The only incident was generated by certain anonymous members of the general public. A University Union porter was drenched by a bucket of water thrown from Headrow House which houses the Tax Offices.

Construction workers in the Merrion Centre came down from their scaffolding and shouted at the students to get back to work.

Reaction to the march was mixed. Motorists were irate because traffic was blocked. Shoppers did not seem to understand the reason for the demonstration.

No leaflets

Some effort was made to inform them but the University Union had run out of leaflets after handing them out to its own members.

One businessman said he was not concerned with the reason. "They should be back at work like the rest of us," he grumbled. His companion described students as "a tribe of lunatics."

Many thought that it was a protest against the general policies of the Government.

by Andrew Baldwin

Some chanting students assisted them in this view. One little old lady said, "It's about time somebody stirred things up."

A middle-aged lady thought that she would become a student if they got paid for marching.

Those who did understand the situation were generally sympathetic. One man said that he would like to see the trade unions back the students up. Another said, "If they want something they should fight for it like anybody else".

You might be forgiven for thinking that everybody was satisfied with the way in which Wednesday's Day of Action was conducted.

5,000 peaceful students and 250 friendly policemen took a leisurely stroll through the town, accompanied by the good-humoured comments of Wimpey men and smiling old ladies . . .

Who could ask for more? The Evening Post, that's who.

In Tuesday's edition the EP hopefully predicted a 10,000 turn-out, and posed the happy question: "Why are the students not warned to keep out of the centre of the city?"

"This is what your Union will be like next year!"

Such was the message which greeted students arriving at the University Union on Wednesday, the official Day of Action protesting against the Thatcher report.

by Richard Munro

Inside they found what one student described as "a mere shell of a building."

All Union facilities and activities were suspended in accordance with the decision of last week's OGM. The aim was to impress upon members the serious implication of the Government's proposals.

The student's first indication that all was not as it should be was the closed porters' offices in the foyer. The Union Shop, Services Section, the coffee bars, television lounges and bars were also out of action.

Offices locked

Union societies found all committee rooms and offices locked, and the keys unobtainable. The catering services in the Refectory, the Cafeteria

and the Gryphon Grill remained open as they do not actually form a part of the Union; but many students, assuming that the closure would affect University House, ate elsewhere.

Executive Office stayed open in order to organise and co-ordinate the day's campaign.

By lunchtime, before the pre-Rally meeting, a large number of students had gathered in the Union foyer. "The impact is terrific," commented one young lady. "It really shows just how important the Union is to us." This view was echoed by many others.

"They've even put the cigarette machine out of action," observed one.

When the Union closed at 9 p.m. there were only a dozen students in the building. But within a few minutes some thirty or forty members, who knew nothing of the Day of Action, appeared hoping to use the usual facilities.

All sports fixtures, except WIVAB and UAU, were cancelled.

Bar closed

The Poly Union also suspended services such as the bar, games room and Union Shop. The switchboard was not operating, and one student who was expecting an in-coming call complained bitterly: "I think we're cutting our own throats".

A "Benefit" Disco was held at the Poly in the evening. This struck some people as a little inconsistent with the aim of the Day of Action. A member of the Board of Reps. explained: "It's for publicity."

Our Comment

The reason they decided, was that forbidding the procession would put Leeds City Police "in a bad light" And that, as any reader of the EP will know, would never do.

So, accepting that the march was an unavoidable fact, the EP had to content themselves with a patronising exhortation "not to disrupt the daily life of Britain's seventh biggest city."

Come the day of the demo and the students were all boringly well-behaved. No scuffles with the police, no old gentlemen knocked off

their bicycles, not even much litter dropped . . .

So the merry EP leader writers who had no doubt been sharpening their pencils in anticipation were disappointed.

However there are more ways of slinging muck than relying on facts. Of course it might just be coincidence, but anyone who bought an EP on Wednesday afternoon was confronted with the banner headline: "P.C. SAYS STUDENT WENT BE-SERK". Although this appeared under a picture of demonstrators, it had, of course, nothing to do with

the Day of Action. It just looked like it.

Further inspection revealed that this headline referred to the case of Mr. Dick Speksnyder (see back page). At least it referred to the police's version of the case; the EP didn't find much space for Mr. Speksnyder's account.

So the issue of the day was nicely blurred, and students were the villains after all.

EVENING POST — we love you as much as we know you love us. On the other hand we would suggest that the best way to win friends and influence people would be not to distort facts and STOP PICKING ON STUDENTS.

STUDENT WORLD

**Bradford**

The profits from this year's Rag Week will probably be less than half of last year's. As usual with events of this nature the blame is placed on student apathy. It is estimated that the Rag money collected this year will total between £1,500 and £2,000.

Durham

Police have been called in to investigate the assault of three girl students within the space of twenty-four hours. One girl was taken to hospital after sustaining cuts and bruises.

The rather aptly named Chief Inspector Organ explained that the Police have so far been unable to find any leads and that he is perturbed by the increasing violence of the attacks.

Cambridge

Controversy has arisen over an advertisement for a scholarship restricted to South Africans of European descent. The advert appeared in the Cape Times of 14th October and stated that two scholarships of R2,000 each (approximately £420) tenable at Cambridge University were to be offered under the terms of the will of a Mrs. Ballot.

Antagonism has arisen because one of the joint subsidiaries is Barclays Bank who state that their job is simply to put into practice the terms of the will entrusted to them.

However the whole affair does seem to be rather of a storm in a tea-cup. After all, Mrs. Ballot has been dead since 1931.

Southampton

Disaster has befallen the Southampton Students Union

It is in danger of running out of beer glasses.

Since the beginning of October glasses have been disappearing at the rate of 80 a week. Financially the total loss since then is said to be in the region of £250.

Liverpool

Over £2,000 worth of damage was caused in the Union building by the visiting Manchester University rugby team during the Panto Queen Finals.

A fight ensued after a fire extinguisher was turned on the beauty queen competitors. The Union stereo and P.A. equipment was soaked and is now unusable.

In the general confusion two crates of beer were stolen from the bar, and it was later found that a lamp post had been uprooted outside the Union.

Kent

A row has broken out after reports in the Kent Herald that the new Chancellor of the University is to be Sir Paul Chambers.

Many senior academics are particularly annoyed that they learnt of the appointment like the rest of the university, by reading the newspapers, without having previously been notified of the appointment.

Newcastle

The policy of Newcastle City Council of limiting student housing to specific areas, by restricting the concession of old property in the city to multiple occupier houses has come under strong criticism from the chairman of Jesmond Ratepayers' Association.

He summed up the council's policy as likely to cause the development of "student ghettos."

LECTURES AS USUAL DURING A G M

FOR the first time in many years lectures will not be cancelled on the afternoon of the University Union A.G.M. which is due to be held on Thursday, 27th January. The decision was taken at Saturday's meeting of the University Staff/Student Committee.

Andy Jarosz, Union Secretary, has attacked the decision. "This will lead to quorum trouble. It is very irresponsible to deny us an opportunity once a year to change the Constitution", he complained. The quorum is 500.

Staff representatives at the committee meeting said that as no more than a thousand people ever attended AGM's it was unfair to the other 8,000 to cancel lectures. They did, however, say that lectures would not be compulsory on the day.

They suggested that the AGM be changed to a Wednesday but the students refused as they considered that those taking part in sports would then be disenfranchised.

Pete Jennings, who was at the meeting, said afterwards

by Andrew Baldwin

that the decision put the student in a difficult position. "It is unfair to ask them to miss lectures or important tutorials in order to attend the AGM," he said.

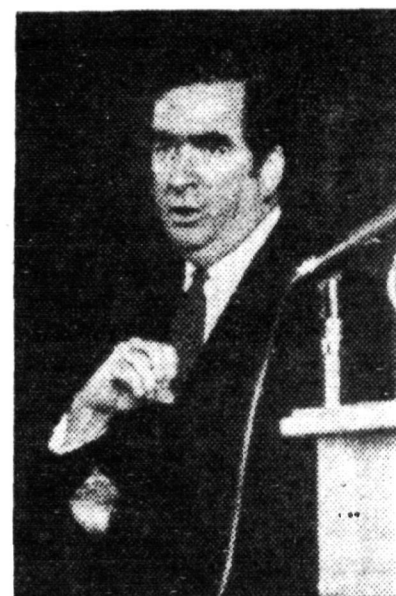
He thought that the staff were unreasonable as they had given no prior notice of their intention. "If they had we could possibly have made alternative arrangements. As it was they just popped it in at the last minute."

He expressed surprise that Lord Boyle was also opposed to calling lectures off.

Council has now been requested to ask Senate to reconsider the issue.

Healey on Rhodesia

Speaking in the University Union on Friday, Denis Healey MP for Leeds East and Shadow Foreign Secretary, accused the Government of "designing a long programme of collaboration" with Rhodesia, South Africa, and the Portuguese colonies. He attacked the Conservatives for "giving a respectability to racist regimes."



Dennis Healey, Shadow Foreign Secretary

He revealed that he would shortly be going to Rhodesia to meet African leaders and make sure they had the opportunity to organise the expression of their views.

Mr. Healey considered the cold war between east and west to be nearly over but the real danger was that the big powers could be dragged into conflict over small countries they did not control. He thought that the answer was in an agreement to neutralise areas of instability. An example of this

was Cuba after the missile crisis.

He ended his speech by saying that the ability of ordinary people to react to foreign affairs diminishes if they are worried by jobs and prices, but if we did not take notice of international problems we could not even succeed in solving domestic affairs.

Fluke win for debates

Leeds University are through to the first round of the Observer Mace Debating Competition.

Late last week the Leeds team of Chris Webb and S. P. Meyer talked their way to victory over four other teams at Bradford.

The motion, "This House believes that socialism should be shot, stuffed and put in the British Museum as a monument to human folly", proved a difficult one, and the debate according to one of the Leeds team "threatened at times to be a low-powered talkathon".

"We won largely by default," said Chris Webb. "We were the only team to keep to the time limit."

Leeds now go on with Durham, the runners-up, into the next round.

Newdigate 26

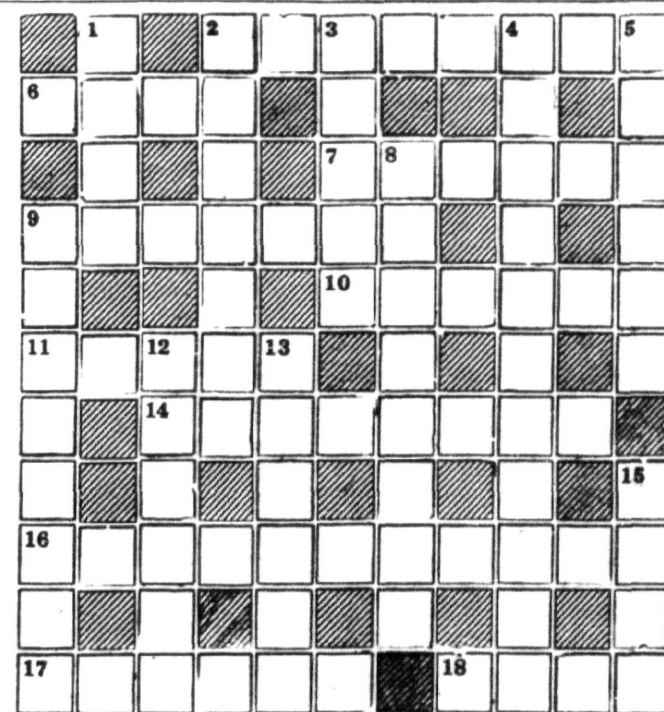
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ACROSS

- 2 Sacred and good day to marry (8).
- 6 Simple lake (4).
- 7 Reproductive organ makes statesmen lose heart (6).
- 9 A fairly brisk mover: 'tis in an inverted vessel (7).
- 10 Was sorry about, in a spoilt sort of way (6).
- 11 Dramatic collection of notes about rare postage stamp secret (5).
- 14 Process of debauchery which must be signed for by UC (8).
- 16 Either errors are to be amended, or concert is to be replanned... (11).
- 17 ... for rattle. Concert is to be replanned (6).
- 18 Engaged to nourish (4).

DOWN

- 1 Support 5 soundly (4).
- 2 100 are on the surface of the land (7).



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- 3 Cutting instrument found in the possession of a villa servant (6).
- 4 Novel that was written half a century ago, and new novel I'm only beginning to work on (5, 2, 4).
- 5 Strip which Richard Baker reads when he's got a cold? (6).
- 8 Stunt can't clumsily disrupt what's genuine (8).
- 9 Climate which is hottest about April and early October (8).
- 12 French spirit distilled from tripe (6).
- 13 Cleave hither (6).
- 15 Employed by a sort of Roman god (4).

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The 5 minute S.G.M.

THE discussion after Monday's University Union SGM ended in uproar and in a dramatic ruling afterwards when the President, Ken Hind, declared the whole meeting unconstitutional.

All the business of the meeting was dealt with in about five minutes.

The original motion noting "with alarm the token representation of Students on Senate" fell after an amendment was accepted.

Proposed by Frank Moore, this mandated all Union representatives to withdraw from all University/Union committees

and any Senate body. It called upon all students to boycott lectures on the Day of Action. A temporary occupation of the Parkinson Court and the New Lecture Theatre Block was also called for.

In a very short speech Mr. Moore said that he was proposing the amendment as Senate's

attitude was "very hard" and they were very unprepared to accept students' proposals.

Mike Dillon then formally opposed the amendment and moved that "the motion be now put." This was accepted by the meeting and the motion was passed.

John Bisbrowne, who was in the chair, adjourned the SGM. A general discussion then ensued.

By the end of this the general feeling of the meeting had clearly turned against the motion. Speakers who were in

favour of the motion were hissed and many spoke against it.

Mik Yates agreed with the condemnation of Senate but was disgusted with the way it had been handled at the SGM. He said that students must be prepared to fight at every committee.

John Finestine said he was absolutely shattered and the motion was "gerrymandered". He called this fascism.

Tim O'Connor said that the students were slitting their own throats and should be ashamed of themselves.

Ken Hind, who had been detained at a meeting of the Presidents of Halls of Residence, arrived late and called the passing of the motion, "one of the biggest abuses of the Constitution I have ever seen". He said that he intended to challenge the decision but he refused to give an on-the-spot ruling.

He issued his ruling on Tuesday morning, after discussion with the Union Solicitor. He declared the whole meeting to be unconstitutional. He said that the meeting was inquorate when it started and therefore it had only the status of a discussion. The withdrawal of representatives from committees was against the Constitutional aim of the Union to provide for representation on University bodies and for full participation in the affairs of the University. The business of the meeting had been clearly defined as a discussion of Senate's decision, therefore, discussion on the Thatcher proposals was out of order.

by Andrew Baldwin

personal column

Did you cop a cold shoulder on the M1 Alan?

Please Ralph, anything but the whip—love George.

Phillip's roming overjoy(ed) him, until he started charlying about!

W.L.F. opens today.

It's not a question of Satie's relevance. He's indispensable.

Alla is God.

Have a marvelous time in June.

Did you go out with your abattoir chymes. Dick or won't you have the guts?

Can An Idiot like Ralph Never Stop (talking) — luv Alan.

Who's a mad hatter?

Jackie, thanks for hitching to Bristol and back — Pete.

Stuart Rose: it's the squeeze that distorts the balls — Alan.

GRITBIN LIVES!

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Who's going grey now Jim?

Beef Curry with half-cooked onions, garden peas and rice.

I'll have to go now or I'll miss my last bus.

GRITBIN.

Clothes opposite the Parkinson — W.J.F.

I can't see Oxley lawn for the wool pulled over my eyes.

Then crochet a smaller hat — Alan.

Merry Christmas everyone — Luv Pete

Katmandu next summer, £50 Andrew

Spence, School of English.

Happiness is a warm KOALA.

Barbier Tuesday here I come.

Debbie says she's ravenous.

We're glad you're not living here too.

Steve's hard up.

Happy Birthday, Steve Kinvig.

It's EASY, are you ABLE.

Yes dear.

For Pete's sake keep your lashes on Alison.

Steele flush the toy let.

Drug's Society: STUDY OF DRUG PHENOMENA, WHAT TAKEN AND WHY.

Isn't she too EVVIE for you, Andy?

Calling 309 — get the teetbreakers ready for 2 a.m.

Congratulations, Joey and Stephanie.

John Parkinson — please come back all is forgiven. I love you — even with the fues. George.

Bristols dont attract at Xmas — Eh Steve.

Girls requires good clean bed-sit from 2nd January. Preferably near University. Reply 'B' for Bedsit at Union.

GET YOUR booze and food at CLAYTON'S, Westfields Crescent, off Woodsley Road. BARRELS to order. OPEN till 10 every night.

The House of Nancy Smells is now vacant.

Bearing up to your triumph (£25)— Geoff.

Defended any good balloons lately Hilary?

The registered Alco Council (RAC) have to inform the drinking world that Uncle Joshua is soon to lose a regular Pack Horse worshipper.

Owing to circumstances beyond our control George "will you marry me" Lamb will be forced to relinquish his Alco title.

Floral tributes to room 71 Clapham House.

It's not secret at all, it's just that you're not getting any!!

Annual Carol Service Anglican Chaplaincy Sunday, December 12th, 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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No con at W.J.F.

Steve was Ruthless on Thursday.

Happy Birthday for yesterday Glynis.

Want to lose something? then try Tricia of 2 Archery Place.

GRIN(a)BIT

Has anyone seen Meister Eckhart lately?

Anything to report this week Booby? CAROLINE — it's not what you write — it's where you write it — Ralph and Bruce.

Have you heard the one about the false teeth, or perhaps you don't qualify?

We'd like to ap-pe-se you booby.

Editorial

This week's S.G.M. was a complete and utter farce.

From the discussion which followed the meetings decision it was obvious that the general feeling was one of anger and disgust. People felt that they had been tricked by the proposers of the motion into voting for something with which they did not agree.

The behaviour of the proposers was within the bounds of the constitution. Their sense of responsibility — in getting someone who was in favour of the motion to formally oppose it when there was someone who wanted to speak against the motion — might perhaps be criticised.

Some fault lies with the chair. John Bisbrowne should have explained to the meeting the details of the motion, which was very long and was never read out. He allowed the vote to be taken before most people had had time to read the first two lines. But how fair is it to expect John Bisbrowne to be fully in control of an SGM so shortly after taking up the office of IVP?

The real fault for this SGM shambles lies with Ken Hind.

He had eight days notice of the SGM and still organized another meeting with the presidents of halls for the same lunchtime.

Mr. Hind's excuse for his late entry into the meeting was "SGMs are always late starting . . . they never start till 1.15 p.m. This has never happened before."

This is just not good enough. He is President of the Union and he should chair a meeting as important as this one.

Mr. Hind understood the full implications of the ammended motion. Had he explained them to the meeting before the vote instead of afterwards then the vote would definitely have been reversed (this could be seen from the reaction of the meeting on hearing Mr. Hind's explanation).

The Left constitutionally outmaneuvered the Right and the Right have no-one to blame but themselves.

The President and other members of the Union heirarchy clearly disagreed with the motion. They may have been right but the sight of them desperately thumbing through the constitution was pathetic. They were determined to find something — anything — wrong with the proceedings.

And of course they have; a presidential ruling has declared the meeting unconstitutional and invalid.

Can all this wrangling be in any way described as democratic?

An S.G.M. says something with which the President disagrees, so he finds a reason for it being unconstitutional. If they had voted against the motion would he still have declared the meeting void?

It would seem that democracy has gone by the board in this whole affair. Certain members of U.C. and Exec, writing before the President's ruling was known (see page 10) refused to accept the decision of the S.G.M.

Martin Scicluna, refused to accept the mandate at all; Mik Yates, John Finestine, John Bisbrowne, Andy Amis and Phil Dolamore all intended to contravene the democratic SGM decision by carrying on in University committees.

If they disagree so strongly they ought to resign instead of carrying on in office and refusing to abide by the wishes of the people. As it happens the S.G.M. was declared invalid but these people did not know that when they wrote.

It would seem that everyone is determined to go their own sweet way and does not give a damn about the ordinary union members.

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People's Food Service

TWO weeks ago, Allan Hubbard and Abdul Hai announced their "Peoples Food Service", as a weekly cheap food delivery-to-the-door service.

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Comparison

To find out how successful the service is at keeping prices down Leeds Student took a survey of food prices last Saturday at Tescos, Fine Fare, Safeway, Benjamins of Brudenell Grove and the markets. The prices where possible, were compared with "P.F.S." food prices.

by Tim Davies

In Tesco, out of 64 items compared 12 were cheaper. cheaper out of 66, Safeway, 16 Fine Fare had 14 items cheaper out of 64 and Benjamins had 9 items out of 37 cheaper. However the People's Food Service was cheaper for Toiletries, Pet Foods, and a number of items which they had specially packed for them.

This is partly balanced by the savings which can be made by buying supermarkets own brands. These items are more expensive makes repacked for supermarkets as own brands. There was an uproar earlier in the year because a "Which?" survey put "Twinings Tea

Bags" near the top and Tesco Tea Bags near the bottom, for quality, although the same tea goes into both.

The markets were also compared. Prices in the market vary a great deal, but by shopping around it was possible to match or go lower than the Food Services on every item except the Vesta Curries.

Safeways — top

On a sample shopping list prepared by a Leeds Doctor, the cheapest prices after the markets were to be had at Safeways, followed by the Peoples Food Service, then Tesco, Benjamins and lastly Fine Fare.

The major benefit of the Food Service is the delivery. If you have a car, then there is no problem. But, for most students, lugging home a week's supplies of baked beans

for a household is no fun. The People's Food Service does not stock perishable goods so some visits to the shops would still be necessary.

It is also a problem for many students to predict a week in advance when they will be in to receive delivery and how much food they will need.

At present, if you have the time and patience to shop around most food items can be obtained more cheaply in the shops. But, if you know what food you need every week, then the People's Food Service may be able to save you some time and effort and with more usage they may be able to extend their service.

But, if the new Union shop has prices that compare favourably with the supermarkets will there be, as Mr. Hubbard thinks, room for both?

John Bradley



A negative answer to a negative problem

"Your columns seem so negative," a University student told me last week. "Isn't there anything positive you can say about America? It sounds so one-sided."

Which is a very fair comment. Because, almost without exception, I comment on the perversities of my country, not because they headline themselves weekly, but because they have decisive influences on the American civilisation.

And unless one regards the short-hair — I'm-all-right-Jack ethos as the only positive contribution to one's culture, then the direction the American society is being forced toward by the Jesus Freaks or Nixon/Agnew or black revolutionaries must be considered.

Obvious

Now, it is obvious what the positive aspects of movements from the Right and Left can mean to the American culture. Ultimately, the various life-styles now developing in the Republic may in the course of a century or so, lead the country away from its almost paranoid preoccupation with levelling to a real, lasting toleration of all minority groupings, of whatever colour shade or economic strength. And if it takes violence to do this, then

Luther King do have meaning for the country in the only permanent sense I know of: a fundamental re-direction of the society itself, whether according to the law or no.

The New Rome

But that is precisely where the consideration of positive or negative writing lies. Nixon/Agnew, Kent State and the forthcoming Presidential election have told the world that politics, idealism and the possibility of change (in that order) are not dead yet in the New Rome. But they have not told how this is to take place, or in what framework, or who will be stepped on in the process.

And that is the columnist's job: to comment on the nature of the change in question, and to evaluate it from a personal point of view. We try to state the points of every particular; but why Agnew has a filthy mouth or the reasons behind Gay Liberation are not ultimately as important as what their continuing existence is doing to the culture and who is being hurt by their actions.

And right now, and virtually without exception, the Americans on the Right or Left (who make the culture and define it) are in a hurting hunting get - the - bastards mood.

Which is about as negative as you can get.

Real Pornography

DID YOU KNOW — that homosexual guys "thrive on danger," that they "rarely know the names of those they love," that "random and reckless selection of partners" is their trademark and that "mutilation, castration and deaths are sadly all part of the homosexual game"?

by Nick Clarke

DID YOU KNOW — that all homosexual girls are prostitutes and that, if they find someone to love, they will "betray and deceive each other with monotonous regularity"?

DID YOU KNOW — that a pregnant woman can abort herself? She "spreads her carefully shaved and powdered legs, and with the aid of her cherished magnifying mirror, guides her abortion stick towards its final goal. Only, she uses a coat hanger."

If you didn't know the answers to all these questions, then Pan books believe you should buy "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex," written by "Dr." David Reuben.

Perhaps you know a thalidomide child? "Dr." Reuben believes that "the sight of a dozen or so bright, healthy youngsters playing in a schoolyard, cheerfully flipping their flippers, totally unaware that all children aren't that way, is hard to take. Some day they will have to leave their special school and face a world full of arms and legs." Maybe they could earn a living balancing balls on their noses?

Trash

This sort of trash is true pornography and yet many of its beliefs are those enshrined by Mary Whitehouse and her fellow devotees of the "Festival of Light" in their attacks on homosexuals and others.

Read by someone lonely, frightened and depressed by a

sexual problem — a girl with an unwanted pregnancy and nobody she dares approach or a youth discovering he is homosexual, the gory heartless lying details in this book could lead to suicide.

Is this what Macmillan, Collins and Heinemann, all part owners of Pan books, want?

V.D. Cure ? !

They know that "Dr." Reuben is not a Doctor of Medicine. They have been informed that Reuben's advice that VD can be cured by "a single injection of penicillin" is wrong and potentially dangerous. Their reply to this piece of information was, "we have no time to answer letters or to see people who come to talk about factual inaccuracies."

They must realise that the book's views are archaic, not "up-to-date", and hideous, not showing "unique warmth."

The original Dutch publishers have confessed that they should never have published the book, and have withdrawn it.

Is their profit so important to Pan that they would happily risk being responsible for even one suicide?

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The Americans are using electronic sensors and computer controlled bombers to fight.

A WAR WITHOUT AN ARMY

"All that we know is that something is out there. It could be wind, an elephant or an enemy soldier. We really have almost no idea what we are shooting at."
(Member of United States Special Forces).

"The sensors cannot tell the difference between soldiers, women or children . . . whole villages may be wiped out by seeding wide areas with air-dropping explosive devices designed to kill anyone who ventures into their neighbourhood."

(Senator William Proxmire, Dem., Wisconsin)

It has become increasingly apparent to those people concerned about the situation in Indochina that American GIs have developed a habit of causing acute embarrassment to the powers that rule their country. Primary causes of this condition include a widely-held opinion that they are liable to be killed in what they regard as a useless and horrible war.

The experts have come to the rescue. A system has been established which does away with the need for human beings, and human feelings. Devices have been invented which massacre automatically on the instructions of a computer, removing the need to put more American lives at risk than is absolutely necessary and incidentally, the chances of another Lieutenant Calley being brought to trial. Furthermore, electronic sensors are not designed to smoke pot and toss hand grenades at officers.

Sensors

For every GI brought home from Vietnam, innumerable sensors are dropped from planes. These sensors, activated by either seismic or acoustic disturbance, transmit signals to a relay platform, normally an EC 211 R, which cruises overhead at every hour of day and night. The problem of Vietnamese soldiers walking too softly has been solved: the Pentagon has had dropped millions of tiny button-sized bomblets, designed to look like animal droppings, which explode on contact. Their reports can easily be picked up, although they do little damage directly.

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by Dick Wilcocks

The computer in the relay aircraft processes the data it receives. Sometimes, an air strike is called in directly. Usually, processed information is sent to the Air Force's Infiltration Surveillance Center in Nakhon Phanom, Thailand.

The dropping of so many tons of mine-bugs over large areas of South East Asia is part of the Air Force operation Igloo White over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. It involves no ground troops.

The computer in Thailand, supplied by International Business Machines, feeds all new information into its data banks. The activation patterns of sensors in the field are immediately reproduced by high speed print-out. Constantly revised target sketches of the "seeded" area can be called up on TV screens. Analysts watch the movement of men, bicycles or trucks. Numbers, speed and positions are determined very quickly.

This central brain (cost of operations in 1969-70 625 million dollars) sends out strike orders to B52s, gunships, or fighter bombers based in Thailand, Vietnam, or on carriers safely positioned far out at sea in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Strike orders are processed by computers on board attack aircraft. There is then no need for further navigation. The pilot need never even see his target. Night or overcast conditions present no problems: weapons are released automati-



cally at just the right predetermined moment.

"Using area-type ordinance, excellent results have been attained with this blind bombing method" (General Evans)

Anti-personnel

By "area-type ordinance", the General means anti-personnel and fragmentation bombs.

"On each side of the road (one of the roads on the Ho Chi Minh Trail) there are heaps of scrap metal, pieces of aircraft, the containers of anti-personnel bombs, empty munitions casings, 37mm cannon shells, detonated anti-personnel mines . . . At certain points it is impossible to walk on the sides of the roads. You sink up to your knees in an impalpable dust, the earth having become dust under the impact of the bombs and incendiary weapons. When the monsoon comes that dust turns to mud and slides on to the roads . . . Nothing lives in this dust, not even crickets. Only man is resisting it."

(North Vietnamese journalist)

Automated warfare has closed no frontiers against supplies. No updated Maginot line has been created which really works. Despite the understandably extravagant claims of the Air Force Journal, the 1971 Spring offensives in Cambodia and Laos were failures. Men, arms and supplies were moved on a large scale despite sensors. By the end of 1969, nearly 2 billion dollars had been spent on methods of electronic warfare, according to the American magazine Motive.

Automation

In addition to Air Force measures, the US Army has developed what it calls ASDAF (Automatic Data System to the Army in the Field) and which was described by Brigadier General Wilson R. Reid in an article called "Battlefield Data Automation" as an:

" . . . integrated battlefield control system which will tie electronically the sensors to the reaction means — the 'beep' to the 'boom' as it were — and leave the soldiers free to do what they do best: think, co-ordinate, control. The potential seems limitless."

As part of the Army's fantasy projection called IBCS (Integrated Battlefield Control System) many subsystems like STANO (Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Night Observation) and TACFIRE (Tactical Fire Directional System) have been developed. There are many other connected clusters of initials.

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Naturally it is necessary to kill after detection. Between 1967 and 1971, 500 million dollars was budgeted for sensor-related munitions. The vast majority are fragmentation bombs which are classified as "area denial weapons". There are bombs with delayed action fuses, bombs to kill anything moving near them, bombs which go off at predetermined intervals. These have been "sown" across extensive areas of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

Cluster bombs

At a cost of 863 million dollars, the Pentagon had the WAAPM cluster-bomb unit developed. The WAAPM consists of a large "mother bomb" canister containing hundreds of smaller pellet bombs. It is designed to puncture humans. Resultant wounds are difficult to correct through surgery.

The BLU 31 land mine is dropped from an aircraft. Weighing 750 pounds, it digs itself out of sight into the ground on impact. It is designed for heavy targets.

The list seems endless: The Gravel, described as a small anti-personnel mine which looks like a large teabag; the BLU 52 chemical bomb, described as a "standard fire bomb case . . . filled with 270 pounds of CS2 riot control agent", designed to drive people from places of refuge into the open where they can be machine gunned from gunships; the Grasshopper, yet another anti-personnel weapon still being developed.

These are a line of bombs which are generally conventional heavy bombs fitted with laser guidance systems or TV nose cameras. They were developed in response to a situation in which almost all life in many areas of Laos and North Vietnam has moved deep into limestone caves in surrounding mountainsides in order to escape the ceaseless bombing.

It is therefore now possible for the war in Indochina to be continued by a small number of experts long after the last ordinary American soldier has been pulled out. Sensors will continue to feed data to computers, bombers will continue to pour death and destruction upon those ungrateful Indochinese who do not wish to be embraced by US-backed governments or have their economies made subservient to that of America.

Depersonalised

It will be ultimately a depersonalised war of electronic machines against men and women. Very few Americans will die. Peace Movement protests will become less harsh. They are already softening. It will be a Public Relations Man's dream.

At which universities are these wonders of the Age of Technology developed? Do British universities help out? What is the extent of American involvement in Science departments here? Can anyone in Leeds answer that question?

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DIRECT ACTION: JUST WHAT SENATE NEEDS

"THE only way to be heard is to organize action which disrupts the smooth running of the administration. Force Senate to take notice . . ." This was the advice of a feature in a recent issue of Leeds Student on how to secure student representation on the Senate. But is this the only way — or even a likely way — for unfranchised members of the University (and this means nine-tenths of the teaching staff, as well as the students) to obtain a just representation on its governing bodies? From the behaviour of some university governing bodies, it seems at times that this is the lesson they want to convey.

Ancient History

The Leeds Senate is a striking example. In 1964 (over seven years ago!) it set up five committees to consider reform of the university's constitution; four of them were concerned with special aspects of the question, and the idea was that their reports should be sent to the fifth committee, on the Constitution of the University, which would then draw up proposals to submit to the Senate. The four preliminary committees had still not all reported by the end of the 1967-68 session, but in October 1968 they suddenly came to life, and early in 1969 the remaining reports were circulated.

by Timothy C. Potts

There can be little doubt that the catalyst in this process was the sit-in at the end of the 1967-68 session, when students occupied the Parkinson building (which then housed the administration) for the last few days of term. That sit-in was not about constitutional reform, but about alleged misbehaviour of the security staff; nor did it greatly inconvenience the administration, which had plenty of warning and was able to make alternative arrangements for carrying on its work. But 1968 was the year of student protest in Europe and America, and even if only as a portent, the sit-in shook up the whole University. When, subsequently, the 'political files' issue brought sit-ins at many other British universities, the Leeds Senate reacted positively within 24 hours to a stormy Union O.G.M. with a declaration and measures which forestalled any 'direct action'.

The two most important of the constitutional reports issued in 1969 were circulated to all the teaching staff and were discussed by the Faculty Boards, whose comments were passed to the committee on the Constitution. One of these reports dealt at some length with the composition of the Senate, basing its recommendations on the view that:

"the distinction for purposes of administration and university government, between professorial and non-professorial staff has become inappropriate at the present time. The real distinction for this purpose is between those members of the academic staff who carry responsibility as administrative heads of departments — either temporarily or permanently — and those who do not exercise this responsibility."

Consequently the report proposed a Senate (of the same size as the present one) the bulk of whose membership was to consist of 69 departmental representatives together with some 38-46 members of the academic staff elected for 3-year terms. Instead of the present plethora of Senate committees, there were to be just four standing committees, and on two of these it was recommended that there should be student representatives:

"we would regard a figure of approximately 10% of the total membership as being appropriate for students."

There was no comment upon whether there should be students on the Senate itself, because this question had been reserved to the committee on the Constitution.

Committee

That committee finally reported in October 1970. It suggested a slightly larger Senate (143

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Committee on the inter-relationships of various University bodies (on two proposed Senate Committees).

as against 119), but now included 13 student members, 3 Union officers and 10 elected on a Faculty basis, i.e. about 9% of the total membership. As before, the great majority of the members were either departmental representatives (74) or elected members from each Faculty (41), and it was again stated that:

"in relation to the government of the University the distinction between professor and non-professor has no place."

But in addition, the committee recommended that:

"the principle of student participation should be extended to all parts of the central government of the University subject to the important exception that students should not take part in discussions which concern individual cases, whether of staff or students."

It went on to give five reasons in support of this recommendation, and applied it in detail by proposing various numbers of student members on all the major standing committees of the Senate (now increased to a General Purposes committee and six others), with the sole exception of the Academic Staff committee. There was no explicit proposal that the Faculty Boards should admit student members; the committee on the Constitution had asked the Boards to consider this at an earlier stage, and they voted against. Even so, the report recommended that the constitutions of the Boards should provide for "suitable arrangements . . . for periodic review of the question of student membership."

Parochialism

In the light of subsequent developments here, the proposals of the committee on the Constitution may now seem fairly radical; but it is as well to remember that in comparison with changes introduced in many European and American universities they are highly conservative. Take, for instance, the exclusion of students from discussions of individual members (which includes prospective members) of the University. In one German university which I know, a university which remains among the most traditional in the Federal Republic, the first stage in appointing a new professor is for a list of three names, in order of preference, to be drawn up by a committee of 7 staff and 7 students of the department concerned; whereas in Leeds not only are there no students on chair committees, but sometimes no members of staff from the department concerned nor anyone from a corresponding department in another university. Again, in one of the best private universities in the United States, the committee of the graduate students in a department has a veto on staff appointments to that department and interviews the candidates. These examples give some indication of the level of student participation in university government elsewhere, and they are not untypical of their respective countries; yet they would still be considered beyond the pale of discussion by University bodies in Leeds.



Students lobbying Senate Members

tion should be kept to a minimum. I would not object to token representation on Senate but would not wish to see more."

The proposal for a much larger Senate than had been envisaged by either of the committee reports cited is a quite separate issue from that of representation, and must not be confused with it. If the Senate is conceived as a legislative body, there is much to be said for making it large, but if as an executive body, much against. In either case, however, the proportion of seats to be allocated to different categories of members of the University (e.g. academic staff, students) is an independent issue. Quantified, the Senate's final view is that the opinion of each professor should carry as much weight in the councils of the University as those of 17 non-professorial staff or 1,300 students.

Irrationalism

It taxes one's wits to invent a rational explanation of this history and its conclusion, but we have often been told that rational discussion is the hall-mark of universities and that this is why violence is repugnant to them. So perhaps it is our duty to concoct one. Perhaps our Senators said to themselves long ago: "How can we preserve our power in these dangerous times? Only by pretending that we want reform, by setting up committees and endlessly discussing reports and comments upon them. If we can but drag it out long enough (say a decade), we'll raise everyone's hopes (without, of course, having any changes meanwhile), the better to disappoint them. When everyone else has agreed on the changes we can decide to keep everything much the same as before. With consultation discredited and everyone thoroughly frustrated, we may well be able to provoke the students to direct action. They will almost certainly make the administration their target, not realizing that it has been quietly pushing non-professorial and student representation all along. This will bring the administration round to our side, as well as the lay members; a little public relations, and we can count on the general public; probably quite a lot of the non-professorial staff

Since then, as we all know, the Council has asked the Senate to think again. The result has been minimal: we now have a proposal for a Senate of some 200 members, including all the professors (about 120), some 60 elected members of the non-professorial staff, and a token student membership of seven (just over 3%). The Senate's final word is not a modified version of the recommendations of the committee on the Constitution; it is, more precisely, an endorsement of the view of one dissenting member of that committee, who wrote:

"... I am radically critical of the entire Report . . . In my opinion student participa-

"in relation to the government of the University the distinction between professor and non-professor has no place . . .

the principle of student participation should be extended to all parts of the central government."

The Committee on the Constitution.

will rally behind us too — and so we'll be safe for a few years more". A nice calculation — and one to which the piece of advice quoted at the beginning is a foreseen, and intended, contribution.

The technique of provocation to violence is ancient, and well understood. The person or persons provoked can conveniently be labelled as an aggressor, the other an innocent victim (the provocation being quietly forgotten); when the provoker is also the judge in the case, the situation is ideal. However, the strategy won't work if the other party undercuts the payoff by refusing to be provoked, if he simply won't resort to direct action. But isn't this to expect superhuman patience? A student's life is but three years, the average life of a member of the teaching staff at one university probably not much more than ten. This Senate has already asked the latter to wait almost a lifetime and the former nearly three lifetimes: can anyone reasonably expect them to contain themselves in patience still longer?

My answer to this is that the rewards of patience accrue at compound interest and that its payoff is now at last in sight. Everything would now be lost by direct action. The time granted to the Senate to think about its constitution has now expired, and since it has no power to decide the matter (a point which we should not overlook), the decision now rests with Council and Court. We do not have to argue with the Senate any longer; it can now be ignored, so far as this matter is concerned. Before deciding about the Senate's proposals, the Council will consult the Faculty Boards and probably other bodies; it would be unjust to assume that it will treat consultation with the same contempt as the Senate. About four-fifths of the members of the Council come from outside the University; if only they will turn up to the meeting (and this is a big 'if', because only about a quarter of them come to the regular meetings), the Senate cannot be confident that Council will dance to its tune.

Convocation

This is why tomorrow's meeting of Convocation is important. Convocation consists of the graduates of the University plus the academic staff; constitutionally, it is the only body in which resident members of the University other than professors can express a view about general University questions and communicate that view to Council and Court. Many non-resident graduates feel that Convocation should be the barometer of non-resident graduate opinion, on the ground that the non-resident membership greatly outweighs the resident membership; but they might reflect that the constitution provides no other means of expression for non-professorial resident members, and try to get that situation changed.

The resolution before tomorrow's meeting is addressed to the Council and specifically re-iterates the two themes of the reports cited above, that there should be no distinction between professorial and non-professorial members of the academic staff in the government of the University, and that student participation should consist of more than a token representation. More important, it asks the Council to ensure that any constitutional changes which are approved enjoy wide support among all the resident members of the University. So far as this resolution is concerned, the non-resident members of Convocation would have grounds for complaint if resident members do not come to the meeting to show where they stand, and far from 'packing' the meeting, the presence of academic staff and graduate students will give other members an assurance that the constitutional issue is

taken seriously by resident members of the University.

After the Council, the Court. Although in theory the Court is the supreme governing body of the University, it is normally of no importance. But there are two exceptions. First, constitutional changes, which must be passed by a three-quarters majority of the Court at two separate meetings held within one and three months of each other. Second, when there is a conflict between different sections of opinion within the University; as one of the reports sent to the committee on the Constitution put it:

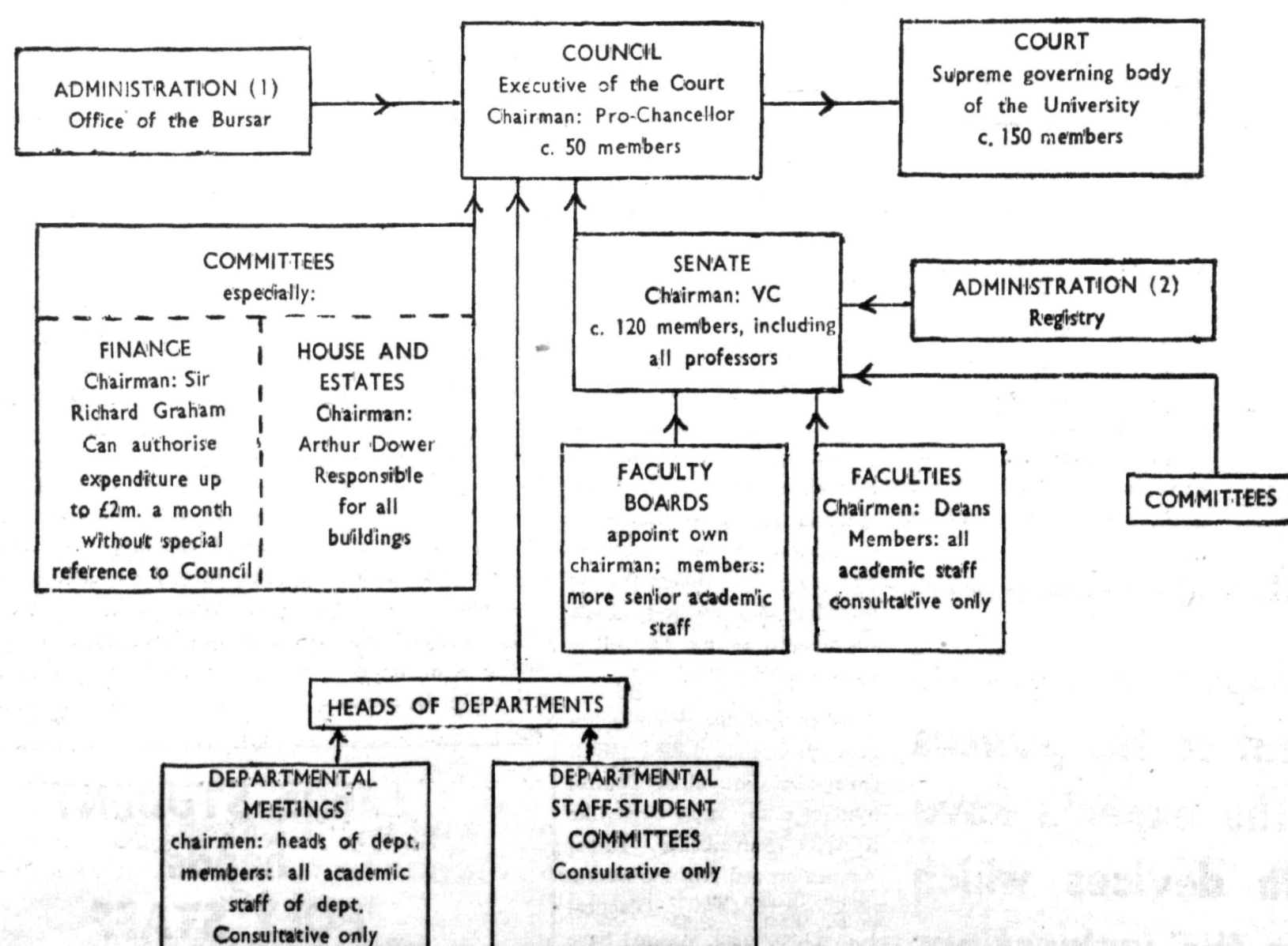
Court v Senate

"While it has delegated the majority of its powers to the Council and the Senate, the Court could, if the need arose, act as a body to which members of staff could appeal for support in opposing major decisions of Council and Senate . . ."

In the present case, should the Council approve the Senate's proposals, both of these exceptional circumstances will coincide, and the Court will come into its own. It has about 140 members, including all the members of the Faculties, of Convocation, and some past presidents of the Union. The quorum is only 15, so again it is a question of attendance; but if a good number of the other members turn up and it becomes clear that University opinion is not in favour of the Senate's proposals, they are unlikely to obtain a smooth passage to the Queen's Privy Council, whose approval is finally required.

Both the Council and the Court have a strong motive for not accepting proposals which do not command general assent in the University. The motion "That all professors be members of Senate" was carried only by 57 votes to 51 at the postal ballot; more recently, the motion to have 13 student members of Senate, as proposed by the committee on the Constitution, was lost by a fairly narrow margin too. Thus even the present Senate is divided on these lines. We can, then, confidently predict that if the present proposals are put into effect, one of the first items on the new Senate's agenda will be constitutional reform: and this time it will be much more difficult to block. A second application to the Privy Council within a very short time of the first will, apart from the expense, make the Council and Court look rather foolish. It is, I think, quite unrealistic to suppose that any constitutional reforms which would command general support now will last for sixty or seventy years like the old constitution. We are clearly in a period of transition and successive reforms are likely to continue for a generation. But the frequency of changes can be reduced by ensuring that each at the time satisfies enough people for several years to elapse before the pressure builds up for further changes — a point which is not likely to be lost on either Council or Court. The Senate's position is therefore very weak; only a sit-in or other direct action by students can now be guaranteed to save it.

THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY (Simplified)



In practice, the Council decides financial questions and the Senate academic questions. The departments and their heads are nowhere mentioned in the University's constitution.

reviews

New approach should be a real Family treat

SATURDAY'S Hop in the University Union sees the hardy annual appearance of Family who seem to have a new line-up for each visit.

Hop Preview by Pete, Paul & Mike

The latest change is the replacement of Will Weider by John Whetton on bass. This change

has resulted in something of a rethink in the band's musical approach, for although Weider's violin is no longer available Whetton is a singer. So, for the

first time since the departure of Jim King in 1969 the band are using harmony and twin lead vocals as variety from Roger Chapman's infamous vocal style.

Solid work on a variety of guitars is contributed by John Whitney, as always, and Poli Palmer plays everything in sight, with special emphasis on vibes, piano and flute. The overall sound is supported and complemented by the fine drumming of Rob Townsend.

The band's most recent work is well represented by their latest album "Fearless", material from which will undoubtedly form a major part of their set on Saturday.

Supporting Family are Patto, regular visitors to Leeds in recent years and sadly under-rated, although they are thought of very highly in the music business.

The band takes their name from Mike Patto, a really excellent vocalist, who is a regular member of Keith Tippett's ensemble Centipede. Guitarist Peter "Ollie" Halsall has also worked with this unit. As well as guitar he plays vibes. Clive Griffiths (bass) and John Halsey (drums) provide a more than adequate rhythm section.

A strong jazz influence is becoming more apparent in their recent work, including "Hold your Fire" their current L.P.

Valiant Italian attempt

THE opening shot of "Battle Squadron" shows American, supposedly German, tanks symmetrically blown up by Italian, supposedly British, soldiers in France.

The plot of this Italian mock-up centres on the exploits of German infiltrators into British radar installations. It takes a long time for the excessively bungling Italian-sorry British forces to win through — just in time to save the Battle of Britain.

But it is well padded out by 'action shots' and loud explosions especially the thunder claps during the hand-to-hand combat.

The film lacks atmosphere and comprehension because of the unauthenticity of the action. This is particularly evident in the aerial fighting which is by courtesy of Airfix. Some of the 'planes' cannot move, let alone get airborne. But those that do fly are either Messerschmitt 109's flown by Italian/English pilots, or Spitfires with Italian/German aircrew with Nazi markings.

The exaggerated R.A.F. camaraderie and the Post Office Tower in the Blitz did not add

Plaza by Simon A. Carter

to the realism of the situation. The clean cut, obviously Italian "non-acting" extras playing the English army and citizens walked about dumbfounded in an insipid, half-baked attitude.

The script was a rather clumsy translation allowing such blunders as "Marinelion" for "Sealion".

The Hungarian/British officer, a cross between Sacha Distel and Omar Sharif, is the only main character to last. He finally wins the girl and they kiss on a mock English station with Spanish trains. The sound of a patriotic theme become louder and louder as the credits appear over a background of the Union Jack whilst Churchill spouts "Never before has so much been owed etc. . ."

This film is really a "Battle of Britain", "The Longest Day" and every other war film rolled into one for mass audience appeal.

However, putting all these defects aside — if one can — the film makes a shattering impact if only because of its sheer visual and sonic extravagance.



Before the revolution

Bernardo Bertolucci's 'Before The Revolution' tells the story of a young man, Fabrizio, who decides to renounce his family and class and all they stand for.

To prove the sincerity of this new dedication to the struggle of the working classes, he breaks off his engagement to a wealthy fiancée and joins the Communist Party.

He tries to persuade his friend Agostino to join also, but, unable to join in Fabrizio's political enthusiasm, he commits suicide in utter desperation. Agostino's widow and Fabrizio become lovers, but he is unable to satisfy her complex emotional needs.

He gradually comes to realise

Italian Society by Monica Cappuccini

that he too is bound by the rules of his bourgeois background, and for him, as for all children of the bourgeoisie, it must always be the years before the revolution.

The film is distinguished by a style perfectly suited to its purpose, especially when impressions are fragmented to heighten the emotional effect without breaking completely with a fundamental visual realism.

What Bertolucci possesses is an innate sense of theatre to give the film a novel-like richness of texture. Idea and emotion are fused with image and sound with such judgement that the film always seems to have the proper weight.

Pointed story

Hyde Park

by Dick Wilcocks

PONTECORVO'S brilliant and disturbing film 'The Battle of Algiers' is showing at the Hyde Park. Somebody's surrealist sense of humour has caused it to be coupled with an old Abbott and Costello film.

The film attempts to reconstruct the events leading to the defeat of French colonialism in Algeria by concentrating largely on the story of pimp-turned-patriot, Ali La Pointe.

None of the horrors are glossed over or treated lightly, although there is none of the fashionable obsession with gaping, bloody bullet holes, as manifested in certain American films like 'Bonnie and Clyde' and 'Doc'.

Certain images from the film remain seared in the mind: the look on the young French conscripts' faces as FLN suspects

are tortured with electrodes; the well-fed Frenchman driving off from a garden barbeque in a wealthy white suburb to plant a bomb in the crowded Casbah; an FLN girl leaving a basket of explosives in a crowded European cafe.

The film remains banned in France. It is left to General Jacques Massu to give his version of the struggle; in his recent book "La vraie bataille d'Alger" he actually defends the use of torture to extract information.

It was with such people ruling their country that the FLN distributed a tract headed "Only with a knife to its throat will colonialism surrender".

The consequences of such an attitude can be seen in the film.

Sex on the right lines

Film Society

by Peter Smith

'Closely Observed Trains' is one of those rare films for which all the pre-publicity blurbs, reviews et al are right, for once.

Briefly, the film is not about trains as such but about a young man's first experiences with sex, in occupied war-time Czechoslovakia.

Cliche, cliche, cliche, — yet the beauty of the film is the fresh way in which Jiri Menzel, the director, tackles the subject

and tells (as all great films should) a sequence of different stories at once.

For the throbbers amongst you, 'Trains' contains one of the finest erotic sequences in the history of cinema — concerning the local railway station stud, the switchboard operator and a rubber stamp (need I say more?).

'Closely Observed Trains' — not so much a story/film in the ordinary sense, but a set of superb and funny sequences which people return to see wherever the film is shown.

records

by John Bisbrowne

At last an album from Traffic comprising completely new material. Even the most ardent Traffic fans must be getting a little tired of "40,000 Headmen", "Medicated Goo" and "Dear Mr. Fantasy".

This album, "The Low Spark of High Heeled Boys", released by Island, features the same group of musicians who recorded the live "Welcome to the Canteen" album.

The material is good if less exciting than the older Traffic recordings, and the title track, which lasts over twelve minutes is without doubt the best on the album. A very pleasant overall sound with some particularly good work from bassist Ric Grech and leader Winwood.

The "Collector's Colosseum" on the Bronze label is likely to be the best from this sadly now dissolved band. It ought to be a very big seller.

There are only eight tracks, but each is brilliant. "Those about to Die", "Walking in the Park", "Beware the Ides of March" and "I can't Live without You" have all been featured on previous British recordings. The others containing the questionable vocal asset of Chris Farlowe may or may not be known to you — they are all vintage Colosseum. An excellent album.

C.B.S. have released (with the help of Kinney Records) an album of Fleetwood Mac's Greatest Hits. With 50 many well-known tracks, no comment on the album is needed.

Suffice to say that this is truly a 'Greatest Hits' album, unlike some of the padded collections we have been used to seeing as 'The Best of . . . on some labels, "Albatross", "Man of the World", "The Green Manalishi", "Black Magic Woman", "Oh Well" "Need your Love so Bad" are all featured amongst the tracks.

I had visions of Family going the same sad way as Colosseum: they had reached a plateau which for a long time they have seemed unable to rise above. "Fearless", released by Kinney records, on Reprise has, thank Goodness, done a lot to reassert the band as a viable influence in the contemporary British music scene. The album is the best from Family for a long time with tracks like 'Crinkly Grin' and 'Between Blue and Me' outstanding.

'Brain Capers', Mott the Hoople's latest offering on Island, like Fleetwood Mac's album needs no comment; but for different reasons. Whereas 'Fleetwood Mac's' L.P. is consistently good, Mott the Hoople have yet again produced a collection of loud and averagely performed tracks which must have been designed for impact rather than entertainment.

It is unfortunate that their impact on record is nowhere near as impressive as their live performances. Even so, this should sell in considerable quantities to the large number of Hoople followers.

I was told that the best thing about the new Wild Turkey album, 'Battle Hymn' was the cover. Having heard the album, I am bound to disagree.

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Give us a Kiss, ducks! A scene from "Guess Who's Coming For Breakfast."

A bit of the other

AT LAST, the full story can be told. For decades the allegedly highly erotic content of Guy de Maupassant's novel, 'The Nieces of Madame Colonel' rendered it unfit for public consumption.

But now, thanks to the daring of a small team of progressive, forward-thinking German filmmakers (such as Michael Thomas and Erwin C. Dietrich), this classic story of sisterly lust and incipient bestiality has been

Plaza

by Richard Munro

brought to your cinema screen under the title of 'Guess Who's coming for Breakfast'. (Any resemblance between this title and that of any other recent film is probably entirely deliberate, but totally unjustified.)

The plot is perhaps a little obscure, but it goes something like this:

There are two sisters. One wants it the other doesn't. Mother (who should be Auntie,

but isn't) thinks they should both have it, but only after she's tested the goods first.

The one who wants it can't have it, as her husband suddenly finds himself impotent, in spite of various medicaments, paddling in a fish-pond, and the encouragements of a lady with a pitch fork.

The other succeeds in frustrating the advances of her intended, only to succumb to a much more picturesque downfall, while giving her horse its oats. Meanwhile the one who wants it, gets it elsewhere.

Then there's Auntie (a bona fide one this time) and her illegitimate daughter, who ends up getting the fellow who couldn't get it from the sister who didn't want it.

And there's Sebastian and the elephants.

I hope this doesn't give too much away.

The music's nice, though.

Slovak skill

ON SATURDAY EVENING the Slovak Chamber Orchestra, under the enthusiastic direction of Bohdan Warchal, gave a performance which thrilled the Town Hall audience.

The first half of the concert was devoted to early twentieth century concertos. Corelli was the first great figure to dominate concerto grosso composition and his Concerto Grosso No. 4 in D opened the concert.

In its six movement structure and with its dance rhythms this work shows influence by the suite, but in its continued dialogue between two groups of players it reveals a basic concerto principle.

The rich string tone produced was superb and the tempi were particularly exciting.

This was followed by Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso in A Minor (op. 3 no. 8) with its outer movements providing a vigorous contrast to the beautiful slow movement, which is scored as a violin duet over a ground bass.

Bach's Harpsichord Concerto in F Minor provides a step into the sphere of the early solo concerto. Harpsichordist Alexander Caltarino handled the intricacies of baroque ornamentation extremely well, but one felt that the beautiful slow movement with its pizzicato accompaniment sounded a little laboured, and could have been taken a shade faster.

The second half of the concert consisted of more contemporary works. Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances revealed the composer's interest in sixteenth and seventeenth century lute books, and at several points in this characteristic work the scoring was followed by a performance of

Town Hall

by Wyn Jones

Alan Bush's Dialectic a fascinating work originally composed as a string quartet.

The concert ended with a performance of Britten's Simple Symphony. Composed in 1925 and revised in 1934, this work is superbly scored, and the Playful Pizzicato was brilliantly executed. Even the more restrained members of the audience could not resist applauding at this point.

The playing throughout the concert was virtuosic, and the performers never failed to enter competently into the spirit of each work.

Two in one

LOVERS of fine music, lilting lyrics and a dialogue of pure poetry, this is a must for you — get out of the Riley Smith before 'Trial By Jury' and 'H.M.S. Pinafore' hit the stage.

For in true Gilbert and Sullivan style, a cacophony of corny music, lyrics and dialogue will be the reward for those who attend a performance.

'Trial By Jury' was the first operetta written by G. and S., and has no dialogue whatever. Don't let this deceive you though; if Corruption in High Places is your hobby horse, then the judicial system you'll see in the 'Trial' will add fuel to your fire.

The plot is straightforward: the rotten evil defendant is being sued for "Breach of Promise of Marriage" by the sweet thing he's jilted. But it's the way the judge winds things up: he pro-

Black Camus

CONNOISSEURS of the image arts readily accept that a lack of colour is by no means symptomatic of a "lack of colour" in the metaphorical sense of the phrase.

Blackness lends itself to the morbid. With comedy superimposed we get a rare insight into the futility of existence.

Workshop Theatre

by Ross English

"Men die and they are not happy" is the conclusion that Albert Camus' "Caligula" inevitably reaches.

In David Plowright's production we are continually reminded of this absurd state of affairs.

The actors are dressed in black. The costumes are modern. The action takes place against a black, abstractly designed set. The walls of the theatre are covered with black drapes. We are not meant to forget that to some, life holds no meaning apart from the fact that we are born to die.

A good number of those who see this play will more than likely disagree with the director's interpretation. But one of the most pleasing things about this production is the way in which the element of comedy so cleverly takes us by surprise.

It will be a relief to see something in the Workshop Theatre which is not under-rehearsed. No pains have been spared, even the smallest details have been adequately taken care of.

We are made to feel genuinely sorry for the glibly, immature Scipio convincingly portrayed by Nigel Sunnily; and we cannot help but admire Gerry Shelton's Cherea.

"Caligula" will be performed next week in the Workshop Theatre.

Riley Smith Hall

by Kevin A. Street

mises a different position on the bench every night!

'H.M.S. Pinafore' is in true G. and S. style — growing chaos, until at the last minute, when as storm clouds brood over the darkening stage, sweet little Buttercup tells all — the ultimate in 'deus ex machina'.

Basically, it is a sad story of class barriers coming between true lovers, the captain's daughter Josephine and Able Seaman Ralph Rackstraw. Add the enraged captain, aided by the villain Dick Deadeye, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Joseph Porter (who also dodders after Josephine), a bunch of noble patriotic able seamen, a clutch of sweet willing cousins, sisters and aunts, one Unable Seaman and a special guest appearance . . . oh! the mind boggles.

A straight send up!

Grand

by Jonathan S. Bailsham

ALTHOUGH paraded as a "side-splitting comedy", 'Straight Up' fails to live up to such a heady description.

However, even though sides were not seen to be split, the humour of the situation reached a high level, just falling short of the optimistic claims.

Ned, played by Doug Fisher, is a bank-robber by profession who is out on probation, and is brought to the house of Father Holigan played by Robert Keegan (more familiar for his long stint in 'Z Cars' as Blackie).

sides of her character; acting off as a schoolgirl then going off her fantasies at home by slinking around in true Marlene Dietrich fashion.

Mick, played by Tim Wylton, is a nutcase who has also been taken into the family, wandering around clutching 'Teddy', yet ready to brandish his knife when he does not comprehend (which is often).

The Smedleys' marriage has reached the stage of being one

in name only, but through a series of farcical situations created by Ned or the hand of fate, the two become reconciled. Ned elopes with Sandra, both swearing everlasting hate but some sort of affection has developed.

The denouement is rounded off with the traditional happy ending; the Smedleys striding out, hand in hand into the setting sun, towards a new relationship as they make for the study to reconsecrate their marriage.

Dateline

Cinema

ABC 1

This week:
Sad and very moving
Jennifer O'Neil, Gary Grimes in
Robert Milligan's "Summer of '42"
Sunday 4.25, 7.40 p.m.
Week 2.00, 5.10 & 8.30 p.m.
also "Anything for Laughs"
Sunday 3.00, 6.15
Week 3.45, 7.05 p.m.
Next week:
"Dr. Jekyll and Sister Hyde" @
and "Blood from the Mummy's Tomb" @
Sunday LCP 5.50 p.m.
Week LCP 6.45 p.m.

ABC 2

This week and probably next:
Oliver Reed, Vanessa Redgrave in
Ken Russell's "The Devils" @
Separate Performances
Sunday, 3.30 and 7.20 p.m.
Week 3.45 and 7.05 p.m.

ODEON 1

Friday & Saturday:
the immortal (!)
"Gone With The Wind"
2.00 and 7.00 p.m.
Next week:
Richard Burton in
"Where Eagles Dare" @
Sunday 3.00 and 7.00 p.m.

ODEON 2

This week and next:
"Carry on at your Convenience"
(yes, still!)
Continuous performances
2.00 p.m. LCP 7.00 p.m.

HYDE PARK

Friday and Saturday:
"The World of Abbot and Costello"
@ 7.00 p.m.
also
"The Battle of Algiers" @ 8.20 p.m.
Sunday, December 12th:
Robert Stack in "Borderlines" @
6.40 p.m.
Vincent Price in
"Diary of a Madman" @ 8.15 p.m.
Monday, December 13th for 3 days:
"Hotel" @ 6.50 p.m.
Anne Heyward, Sandy Dennis in
D. H. Lawrence's "The Fox" @
8.30 p.m.
Thursday for 3 days:
"Legend of the Witches" @
7.15 p.m.
"Do You Want To Remain a Virgin Forever?" @ 8.45 p.m.

COTTAGE ROAD

Friday & Saturday:
Dean Jagger in
"Vanishing Point" @
5.10 and 8.50 p.m.
also Gregory Peck, Anne Heyward in
"The Most Dangerous Man in the World" @
8.55 p.m.
Next week:
Albert Finney, Susannah York in
"Tom Jones" @ Brilliantly funny
Sunday 7.20. Week 8.10 p.m.
also Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway in
"The Thomas Crown Affair" @
Sunday 5.30. Week 6.15

LOUNGE

Friday and Saturday:
Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway in
"Little Big Man" @
5.30 and 8.00 p.m.
Next week:
Sean Connery in
"You Only Live Twice" @
also Clint Eastwood in
"A Fistful of Dollars" @
Sun. Continuous 4.45 LCP 6.20
Week 7.00 Saturday 4.45 & 7.15

PLAZA

Friday and Saturday:
"Hands off Gretel" @
"utterly banal" @
and "Sextroverts" @
Next week:
"Guess Who's Coming for Breakfast" @ (See Review)
also "Mafia Mob" @
LCP Sun. 8.20. Week 8.55 p.m.

ODEON MERRION

Friday and Saturday:
"Wife Swappers" @ and
"Groupie Girl" @
LCP 7.15 p.m.
Next week:
"The Marriage of a Young Stockbroker" @
and "Making It" @
LCP Sunday 6.00 Week 7.00

TOWER

Friday and Saturday:
"Willard" @
and "The Statue" @
LCP 7.10 p.m.
Next week: Raquel Welch in
"Hannie Caulder" @
and "The Day of the War" @
LCP Sunday 6.30 Week 7.10 p.m.

Theatre

THE PLAYHOUSE

Friday and Saturday:
"Waiting for Godot"
7.30 p.m.
Saturday Matinee 3.00 p.m.
Friday Morning 10.00:
"The Rose and the Ring"
Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th:
"Waiting for Godot" 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
"Lulu" 7.30 p.m.
Mon. 2 p.m. "The Rose & The Ring"
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10 - 2 p.m.:
"The Rose and the Ring"
SATURDAY CINEMA
"Accident" (Losey) 11 p.m.

GRAND THEATRE

Tonight:
"Straight Up" by Sidney Cheate
7.30 p.m. Theatre closed next week

University

HOP: Dec. 11 Family plus Panto
7.5p

FILM SOCIETY

Tonight, 10.30 p.m. Riley Smith
Hall:
"Duck Soup" — Leo McCarey
(with Marx Brothers) (USA 1933)
Tuesday 7 p.m. New Lecture Block,
Theatre 21:
"Closely Observed Trains" — Menzel
(Czechoslovakia 1966)

ITALIAN SOCIETY

Monday (New Lecture Block,
Theatre 21)
"Before the Revolution" —
Bertolucci (Italy 1964)

LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY

Monday - Friday 7.30 p.m.
Riley Smith Hall:
Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial by Jury"
and "H.M.S. Pinafore"

TELEVISION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 15th:
Showing on T. elevations in the
Union. live discussion
"Teaching and Learning in the
University" 1.05-1.55

THEATRE GROUP

"Caligula" by Albert Camus
Dec. 15th, 16th, 17th, 7.30 p.m.
Workshop Theatre "Caligula"
Admission Free - See Preview

Polytechnic

Tonight:
L.P.U. Christmas Party
Slade, Skid Row and Hotnot Disco
Tech. Hall — 40p
Saturday & Wednesday Disco as
usual

COLLEGE OF FINE ART & DESIGN

Tuesday, December 14th
4.15 p.m. (H114):
Concert of Music by students and
staff of the Faculty of Art and
Design, Leeds Polytechnic.
Organised by Alan Cuckston.
6.00 p.m. "The Day The Fish
Came Out" (Cacoyanni) 10PM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO COMMENT

Dear Sir,

I hesitate to take up pen to write to you, for fear of the treatment my letter may receive at your hands. I suspect that this fear may well be deterring some other would-be contributors to your "Letters" page. And that would be a pity, I'm sure you'll agree.

In the past two issues there has been a decided tendency on the part of you and your staff to reply to readers' letters in terms bordering on, and, in one case, surpassing, the abusive.

One assumes that the people who write to you do so in good faith. If you receive a letter which you believe to be "stupid", you have a simple solution: don't publish it.

Your reply to Nick Williams' letter two weeks ago was an example of gross misuse of your power as editor and Very Rude. Mr. Williams may be Drag Queen 1971, but surely he has feelings like any human being.

Last week I was dismayed to see that your bad example was being followed by both the Reviews Editor and the News Editor.

Obviously you and your staff reserve the right of replying to and commenting on the opinions expressed by your correspondents; but are you so sensitive to criticism that you have to be so savage and offensive in defending yourselves?

Merry Christmas,

Richard Munro.

P.S. If you must reply, say something nice.

No comment — Ed.

S.G.M. SHAMBLES

Sir,

We should like to register our complete and utter disgust with the proposer's treatment of the S.G.M. motion on Student Representation on Senate. Procedurally, there seem to be few or no complaints. But the motion was bull-dozed through by people who masquerade behind a pretence of left wing principles. Democracy? Ha! Hardly one word of explanation was given. No one was allowed to speak against the motion. An apparent fix. An abuse of the constitution and a total disgrace to the Union. ...Those involved must surely lose all credibility at future O.G.M.'s. Their supposed democratic principles seem to be infused with Fascist Autocracy. After all, a free discussion could have resulted in a different decision. Is that what they were afraid of?

...This term the Union has been solidly for Student Representation, solidly against Mrs. Thatcher's document.

...The motion, which called for a boycott of lectures, a sit-in and the withdrawal of all Student representation on University Committees has opened not a crack in the Union, but a crevasse. The University must be laughing at us. Mrs. Thatcher will lap it up. They don't need to push us off Senate. This motion would do it for them.

...The S.G.M. was a shambles. Our solidarity was shattered. We could lose our fight before we start. Say 'thank you' to these individuals, say 'thank you' when three people sit-in in the Parkinson. Say 'thank you' as the Senate laughs at us.

...The constitutional validity of the motion was in doubt, but we intend to go to University Committees, to fight for our Union and our rights, those people who believe in direct action take it. Let them resign whatever offices they hold or else let them use constructive arguments to put their case.

Yours sincerely,

Mik Yates
John Finestein
John Bisbrowne
Andy Amis
Phil Dolamore.

INSANE MANDATE

Dear Sir,

For a change many students of this Union stopped being apathetic when it came to deal with the Thatcher Report and Student Representation on Senate. General meetings were quorate most of the times, the subjects were well debated, your paper gave adequate information about the very important topics and in general people were fairly interested in what was going on. I couldn't agree more that we should fight to save our Unions and get better representation on Senate.

But unfortunately, the S.G.M. today just went insane and mandated that all student representatives should withdraw from all University/Union Committees and any Senate body except Staff/Student Committees and Nursery Committees. I am very sure that this is such a brilliant plan that we are bound to get better representation on Senate within days, no to say hours. After all, when the University members do not hear the Union's side of the story and have less arguments on committees, they are bound to give in. They will miss us so much since we attend these committees only for their benefit that victory is ours comrades!

This ingenious crowd also mandated Executive and Union Council to organise a picket on the campus and a temporary occupation of the Parkinson Court and New Lecture Block for December 8th. Again this brilliant plan will not only make Senate change its mind, but Mrs. Thatcher will be so impressed by our adult and responsible action that I am quite sure she will withdraw her Report.

1. As a member of Union Council, I refuse categorically to accept such a harmful mandate — I was elected to protect the Union and not to kill it.

2. As president of Charles Morris Hall I was asked to publicize December 8th. The policy for that day is the policy as set out in today's S.G.M. and therefore I will not in any way help such a disastrous activity.

3. As President of the Economics Society I was asked to call a meeting of students and urge them to write to their M.P.'s etc., but I would also have to say that a motion was passed in favour of a sit-in. Never!

I am very sad to have to do this, but I felt I couldn't accept the motion passed in the S.G.M.

Dear proposers — well done! You wanted a split Union and you have succeeded very well.

Yours faithfully,

Martin A. Scicluna.

P.S. Should the S.G.M. be ruled out of order, let it be a lesson to all of us how dangerous politics is in our Union and how we nearly committed suicide!

MINOR POINTS

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your coverage of the Balloon Debate in which you drew attention to my eloquence.

I must, however, criticize you on two minor points: firstly, you state that I fell asleep, which is not true. I may have seemed that way, but I was merely pondering the issue deeply with my eyes closed, in the time-honoured tradition of such ancient institutions as the Houses of Parliament and Union Council.

...Secondly, my age is not, as you stated, eighteen months, but six months.

Sincerely,

Ewan Wilcocks.

O.G.M.'S ARE BORING

Dear Sir,

In last week's edition of Leeds Student, under the heading of 'Apathy kills club', Mr. John Josephs, Poly Union President, is quoted as saying, "If people can't be bothered to attend meetings, they don't deserve to have clubs." He was referring to lack of student attendance at club S.G.M.'s.

On Tuesday (30th November) I went along to the Poly Union's O.G.M., the Margate conference being the main item on the agenda. After two and a half hours I left the meeting. I was bored stiff. We were constantly referred to Mr. X's remarks in some previous meeting, or to some obscure point in the constitution, and even to points that were or seemed to be, completely irrelevant.

If Mrs. Thatcher had invented the Union O.G.M., I could understand the reasoning behind its present presentation. If S.G.M.'s or O.G.M.'s are like this, is it surprising that students show a lack of interest in them?

Union Hacks — most of us are interested in our Union, but how much do we have to suffer to show it?

Yours sincerely,

Les Garland,

Poly Mountaineering Club Chairman.

RIGHT TO WORK

Dear Sir,

Mr. N. Sunley's attack on the 'Young Socialist's Right to work' demonstration in last week's Letters to the Editor consisted solely of an accumulation of misrepresentations, distortions and downright lies, aimed at confusing any student who may read it.

The march was not a "student" demonstration, only 10-15 of the 150 who marched were students. The YSSS banner was the only 'student' banner on the demonstration, the others being from Young Socialist Branches, the Right to Work Committee, and Moorhouse's Jam Factory. Nor was it a 'stunt' or just a 'demo', it was organised as part of a campaign, including a meeting afterwards, which I'm sure Mr. Sunley did not attend, the aim of which is to organise the unemployed in Trades Unions and launch the fight to build a revolutionary party.

The call of "bloody students" must therefore have come only from Mr. Sunley, and people as shortsighted and politically cretinous as he evidently is; as the antagonism of the Leeds "general public" showed itself in the sale of 250 "Workers Press" and "Keep Left" on the demonstration.

His extreme naiveté becomes evident when he considers that "public opinion" can convince the Tory government to drop the consultative document. If the Tories were the slightest bit bothered about public opinion, they would have resigned long ago. The last by-election results and the fight against the Common Market gave this government a mandate to get out of office. The only fight today is to kick them out as soon as possible — and the only way to do that is by a General Strike.

Yours fraternally,

J. Cassidy,

Young Socialist 'Right to Work' Committee (unemployed).

COMPLIMENTARY?

Sir,

Reviewers Szwed and Steele are of course entitled to their opinions about the current Playhouse production of "Waiting for Godot" (though I disagree and found the production unsatisfactory in many ways) but I think they might at least bring a certain amount of intelligence to bear in their review. May I just draw attention to two points out of several which disturbed me in the review.

1. Beckett, they say, has a totally nihilistic view of life, and they go on to adduce Satre and Eliot in support. Now Satre and Eliot are strange bedfellows, and linking them together in this way immediately arouses suspicions about the capabilities of the reviewers. With the possible exception of "The Hollow Men" and parts of "The Waste Land" Eliot can hardly be said to speak of "the doomed human conditions", and Eliot himself said of "The Waste Land": "To me it was only the relief of a personal and wholly insignificant grouse against life." With the last of the Quartets, we have quotations from Mother Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

As for Sartre, anyone who is arrested for distributing pamphlets must ultimately believe in something, and not nothing.

2. The whole clichéd tone of the review ("These two interdependent characters represent conflicting aspects of man's nature" etc. etc.) reminded me of those manifestos for U.C. we read in the Union a couple of weeks ago—devoid of original thought, a mere pandering to other people's deas: in a word, meaningless.

If you gave your reviewers complimentary tickets, I hope they spend the 40p they will have saved on the works of the writers, whose names they so carelessly dropped, and find out what they're really saying.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Halsall.

TO BE CONTINUED . . .

Dear Sir,

Re: Article "Josephs dupes Poly Secretary"

Leeds Student, Friday, 3rd December, 1971

I am extremely distressed by your accusation that I 'duped' the 'Poly Secretary' over the question of his resignation.

I feel obliged to consider my position and to take legal advice.

Yours faithfully,

John H. Josephs, President.

The Editor reserves the right to shorten letters unless the writer stipulates that his letter is to be published in full or not at all.

While a writer may request his name to be withheld at the Editor's discretion, he may only do so if he signs the letter. Anonymous letters cannot be published.

Letters to the editor should be submitted by 6 p.m. on Monday.

Tiresias

Why asks the young embittered officer

made sensitive and humane

despite his old school

Why are their young faces

convulsed with grinning?

Patriotism? Perhaps

Substandard rum? Unlikely

Beef tea?

A joke about death?

WHY ARE WE STILL HERE, SIR?

WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO?

Rats nipped the skin from

that smiling homely ace

His ghost, no longer earthbound

but cramped still in subterranean slums

eerily plays on for more time

Sounds like the inevitable mouthorgan

in the foisty darkness

IT'S USELESS STAYING ON HERE

WE NEVER DO ANYTHING NEW

Rats and mud again

Passchendaele I believe

Clutched close in khaki

fluid slops in hidden bowels

as banshee shrieks claw the sky to slivers

Mouthorgans common as mud

CAN I GO TO THE BOG, SIR?

He holds in his hands a plastic skull

the size of a large walnut

which serves to sharpen pencils

and to claim attention

from those nudging and sniggering

in the cruel throes of puberty

Dick Wilcocks

SPORTS SPECIAL

Tables Soccer

INTER-MURAL SOCCER

Division 1. — Wednesday League

League Tables at 2nd December '71

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sadler	8	7	0	1	27	8	14
M & D	8	5	2	1	14	6	12
Devon	8	3	4	1	12	9	10
Law	8	3	3	2	18	16	9
Clapham	8	4	0	4	20	18	8
Engineers	8	3	2	3	14	15	8
Seton	8	2	4	2	14	15	8
Grant	8	2	2	4	11	16	6
Geography	8	2	1	5	15	20	5
Chemistry	8	0	0	8	4	26	0

INTER-MURAL SOCCER

Division — Wednesday League

League Tables at 2nd December '71

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Textiles	8	8	0	0	43	6	16
Hey	8	6	0	2	21	19	12
Lyddon	8	5	1	2	31	17	11
Woodsley	8	4	1	3	23	28	9
C. Morris	8	3	1	4	22	17	7
Houldsworth	8	2	2	4	14	19	6
Econs.	8	3	0	5	15	22	6
Club 5	8	2	2	4	12	21	6
Agrics	8	2	0	6	11	26	4
Meths	8	1	1	6	6	23	3

Four receive marching orders



The Sadler Hall Soccer team, winners of the Wednesday Intra-Mural League.

B. JOHN of the Poly and three Harehills players received marching orders on Sunday as the Poly defeated Harehills Labour Club 25-16.

by the Sports Staff

Harehills were quick to capitalise on a spreadeagled Poly defence lacking the usual crispness of tackling, going 11-5 in to the lead by half-time.

Tempers flared after half-time and John was dismissed along with the Harehills right wing three quarters after retaliating to a punch in a tackle. Almost immediately, the Harehills centre was sent off for kicking Poly skipper Francis; and Gribben put the Poly only four points behind with a penalty kick.

The kick at goal failed however, and from the restart Moss scored his second try, to which Gribbens once more added the points.

In the dying minutes, Gribbens touched down to make the final score 25-16.

Even Match

Kitson Col...1 Leeds Poly 3

The Poly beat Kitson, the League holders, in driving rain, after an extremely entertaining match. The one Kitson goal came in the first half after a Poly defensive error, minutes after a Poly goal was disallowed.

The teams were evenly matched in the first half but the Poly gradually gained the upper hand and in the second half were by far the superior side.

The first goal came from Scouter who intercepted an ineffective Kitson clearance. Couter made the second Poly goal for Glover from a piece of well set-up passing.

The Poly goalkeeper, Ablitt, played an exceptionally good game, saving many good shots including a penalty from the Kitson forwards.

INEPT DISPLAY

Leicester U. 2 ... Leeds U. 0

Leeds suffered defeat at Leicester on Saturday after a rather inept performance. The general attitude of the Leeds team seemed to be one of half-heartedness, and Leicester opened the scoring after twenty minutes.

In the second half, Leeds showed a bit more interest and enterprise. Hunt was unlucky to see one of his shots hit the post and Walsh drove the rebound into the side netting.

Sawyer had a good shot well-saved, but it was Leicester who scored again. Leeds' hopes of recovering the two goal deficit faded when Strong had to leave the field with a rib injury.

It was a disappointing display and the team's consistent poor performance is a cause of some concern.

TERRIBLE TARGA

W.I.V.A.B. Successes

ALL the Leeds University teams in the Women's Inter-University Athletics Board North-East divisional leagues this season have done well.

BADMINTON: Second in N.E. league — through to a play-off v runner-up in N.W. for a place in the quarter-final.

FENCING: Third in N.E. league.

HOCKEY I: First in N.E. — through to quarter-final v Birmingham I.

HOCKEY II: First in N.E. — also through to quarter-final v Birmingham II.

NETBALL I, Third tied with Hull.

NETBALL II, Second in N.E. — through to a play-off v runner-up in N.W. for a place in the quarter-final.

SQUASH: First in N.E. — through to the quarter-final v (guess who!) Birmingham.

TABLE TENNIS: Second in N.E. — through to a play-off v runner-up in N.W.

LACROSSE: First in the North region. Through to the semi-final.

ON Saturday, three University crews travelled 200 miles to Brecon for the annual attempt to destroy car, mind and body — and all but succeeded.

The event was the Oxford University Motor Driver's Club '17th Targa Rusticana', the final event in Britain's foremost rally championship — the Castrol/Motoring News.

The event was tough right from the beginning with the scrutineers checking every car thoroughly. Mayer/Cashman in a Cooper 'S' only managed to get an entry due to the non-arrival of a Bradford University Crew.

Taylor/Edwards (A30) started in fine form by leaving the road only five miles from the start, somewhat surprising the speculators who were standing behind the hedge through which the car travelled at some 40 m.p.h.

Frary/Cantrill (Cooper) lost their clutch before control 11 and spent the rest of the rally repairing. At the first petrol halt, Taylor/Edwards had missed 10 controls but managed to regain time.

The second section was even worse although Mayer/Cash-

by Hugh Edwards

man only had to cut 9 controls, Taylor/Edwards were behind time after only 4 and then got stuck in a ford for an hour, so they had to go straight to the second petrol halt to get back on time. They had managed to visit only five controls out of 25.

On the last section, the A30 and its crew suddenly got into their stride and started to go really well although they had to 'cut' any fords en route to avoid previous problems. In fact, they were 8th car through at one point after starting at 89.

Unfortunately the Cooper 'S' lost its gearbox — but due to some quick thinking managed to get a tow to the finish, giving Motor Club 2 out of only some 30 finishers.

Results:
1st M. Gibbs/R. Morgan (Brecon MC)
2nd H. Morley/M. Mancey (BTRDA)
3rd W. Sparrow/N. Raeburn (BTRDA).
University Awards:
1st S. Cooper/D. Chennels (London/Cambridge).
2nd T. C. Taylor/ H. M. Edwards (Leeds).

Agrics. Double

This session's Intra-Mural Swimming Championships were held at Leeds Grammar School Baths last week and after some close finishes Agrics brought off a 'double' win by taking both the Men's and the Women's Championships. A total of 13 teams took part in the 19 events. Results Men's: 1st Agrics 20pts (winner of final event).

2nd Clapham 20pts.
3rd Mortain 14pts.
Norwegian "A" 14 pts.
Results Women's:
1st Agrics 10pts. 2nd Tetley 8
3rd Oxley 2 pts.

Run away success

TAKING only six runners (the bare minimum) for the 1st team Christie Championship at Liverpool last Saturday, Leeds easily took the honours for the third consecutive year from Manchester and Liverpool.

Running as a determined pack, Leeds struck out from the gun. Once early resistance from Manchester had been disposed of, Leeds leading four had little to do but chat amongst themselves. By the end of the first of three two mile laps, Leeds leading quartet of John Fox, Ian Graham, Tony Bird and Tim Gregory had opened up a 50 yard gap which was soon to extend.

Behind these four Mike Lambert was engrossed in a grim battle against Phil Pape (Manchester) and Jeff Wiltshire (Liverpool). The second lap of

undulating grassland finished any attempts by the bunch to regain contact and the race as a contest was over.

In the ensuing closing stages Lambert finally shook off his pursuers to give the final result the appearance of a procession.

Results:
Team:
1st Leeds 23 pts.
2nd Manchester 73 points.
3rd Liverpool 75 points.
Individual:
1st I. Graham (Leeds) 31.25 mins.
2nd J. Fox (Leeds)
3rd T. Bird (Leeds)
4th T. Gregory (Leeds).
5th M. Lambert (Leeds) 31.39 mins.
6th P. Pape (Manch.) 31.45 mins.

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Salmonella Enteritis

A recent outbreak of food poisoning among the students of Devonshire Hall resulted in eight of them spending several days in Seacroft Hospital.

According to Student Health in a statement issued on Wednesday, the disease affected eleven students altogether, "but most had only mild symptoms."

However the students taken to hospital were detained in isolation for several days.

The Public Health Authorities have been investigating the outbreak, but the cause has not yet been traced.

The warden of Devonshire Hall last week denied that the disease was food poisoning.

One-sided effort

The Poly Board of Reps last week gave 'Leeds Student' two weeks to increase the number of Poly staff, otherwise moves would be made to dissolve the joint newspaper—leaving Leeds Student as a purely University-based newspaper.

The number of Polytechnic staff has fallen to four which is in sharp contrast to the University's 25.

Graham Isley, Polytechnic Editor, has launched an as yet unsuccessful publicity campaign in an effort to increase the size of the Poly staff.

Ken Hind, University Union President, commented at last Thursday's "Leeds Student" Editorial Board meeting that if the Poly Board of Reps. realised the cost of their proposal, they would think again.

A HEATED discussion took place this week about the status and voting powers of a third of a person.

The Poly Board of Reps spent half an hour on Wednesday in a complex procedural wrangle over just what constitutes a "two-thirds plus one" majority.

When Paul Weatherall proposed that an Exec motion concerning the Common Room be overruled a proposal which, according to the Constitution, needs a "two-thirds plus one majority" to be passed—twelve of the seventeen members voted for.

Chairman Dave Barker declared that Mr. Weatherall's motion was passed; but then someone pointed out that, as two-thirds of 17 is 11½, the required majority was in fact 12½. They were therefore a third of a person short.

However it was suggested that "in such cases it is reasonable to suppose that the required number should be rounded off to the nearest whole number". This would mean that they did not need the third of a person's vote.

A lively argument resulted in President John Josephs being asked to give a ruling.

Mr. Josephs proposed a re-vote, saying he would solve the problem by voting for, instead of against, the motion. He explained that he had no strong convictions on the matter, but had cast his vote deliberately

to raise this constitutional question and "see what discussion would ensue".

A re-vote was taken, and the safe majority of thirteen obtained. Mr. Weatherall then tried to get Mr. Josephs censured for "messing about with the Union". This proposal was not seconded.

The problem of the third of a person, however, remained unsolved.

Election Results

Brian Macdonald is the new University Student Treasurer. He beat Michael Slack by 610 votes to 208 in a 9.7% pole.

The following were elected to Union Council—Cathy Dunlop, Malcolm Eve, Rosa-Maria Greaves, Michael Jennings, S. P. Meyer, Pete Reader and Andy Zielinski. There was a 10% poll.

Lost and found

"No glaring omissions" have been discovered in Andy Jarosz's intensive investigation of the bye-laws. He is undertaking this after the missing bye-law controversy following the postponement of the Union Council elections.

The only bye-law which has been found to be completely missing from this year's handbook is the one concerning elections. This states that nobody can propose or second more candidates than there are vacancies.

Other mistakes in the current Handbook are described by Mr. Jarosz as "odd little things." As a result of some discrepancies the University is disputing Union membership of certain committees.

Student alleges police frame-up

A STUDENT at Carnegie College has brought charges against three police officers, alleging assault.

The student, Dirk Speksnyder, is himself charged with acting in a manner likely to blemish the peace, disorderly conduct and assaulting P.C. Anderson in the execution of his duty.

P.C. Anderson and Sergeant Nunns stated in court that they observed Speksnyder by the men's toilets in Ash Road, Headingley on 30th September. Sergeant Nunns said, "We realised there was something

wrong with him as soon as we set eyes on him."

They approached him and told him they had seen him peering under the wooden partition into the urinals whilst someone was in the toilets. The police allege that Speksnyder then went "beserk", Speksnyder alleges that the police dragged him into the road and deliberately swayed with him when entering the Police Station to give the impression that he was resisting arrest.

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