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Book Machine to stop selling text books

The University Union bookshop is to discontinue its selling of textbooks and cut-backs are to be made in the size of the shop staff.

This follows another highly unprofitable trading year. The manager of the "Book-machine" Derek Perry said: "We are unable to compete with Austick's, the University booksellers, in the sale of textbooks and we will be concentrating on paperback sales."

He said that the "Book-machine" will cater for the fringe reading not stocked by Austicks.

On the question of staff Mr Perry said that the venture had started off over staffed because no one knew how many staff would be needed. There will, however, be no redundancies, one member of staff wishes to work part-time only and another will be transferred to the Union stationery shop.

Poly students prepare for celebrations

Over £2,000 is to be spent in the Polytechnic on celebrations to mark the centenary of the Yorkshire College.

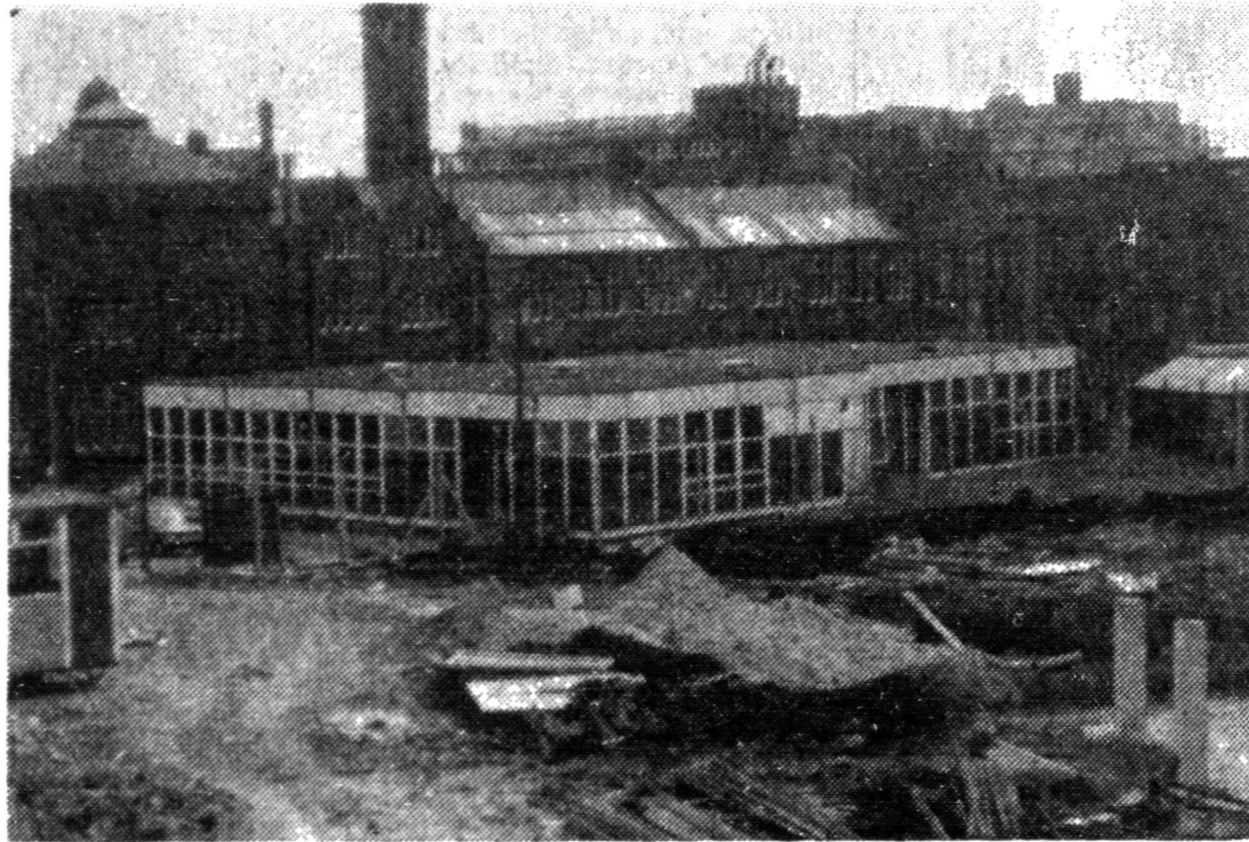
They are being held by the Department of Educational Studies which was part of the original college. Students in the department have been given two weeks off lectures to prepare for the events which are being centred around the academic work of the college.

The celebrations start on June 25th and last for three days. There will be plays, fashion shows and exhibitions. On June 26th a dinner will be held costing £2.50 per head.

Demands for autonomy

Ways of making Park Lane Students Union more autonomous will be debated at a Union meeting at the college today.

The meeting which takes place at 3 p.m. will propose the abolition of the staff/student liaison officer in the Union.



The new Medical School developments encroach on the Lipman building.

Editor refuses to speak in Union as protest

Harold Evans, the editor of "The Sunday Times" newspaper has refused to speak at a University Union Debate on the freedom of the press as a protest against National Union of Students policy of not allowing right wing speakers to speak to Union meetings.

In his reply to the Union Debates Committee Mr. Evans states: "I am very uneasy about speaking in Universities while the NUS attitude to free speech is what it is."

Mr. Evans continues: "I don't happen myself to share the view of the speakers on the right that NUS wants to stop, but I think that the principle is vital and hope that people in the Universities will fight against it."

The University Union itself has an unwritten policy of not allowing racist and fascist speakers to address meetings held in the Union and it was as a consequence of this that Union Council passed a motion stopping the Debating Society from inviting Prof. Shockley to speak

Beer boy's bike stolen

A bicycle owned by one of the University Union beer glass collectors was stolen from outside the Union building last Friday evening. The bicycle, a Raleigh Chopper, belonging to fourteen year old Stephen Pennington, was chained to the 'Portacabin' at the back of the Bierkelier Bar.

Stephen, whose mother and father are both employed by the University, told "Leeds Student", "I was upset when I found that the bike had gone, I'd just spent five pounds on a new saddle and brake cables for it."

by Bob Rae

in a debate in May of last year.

The policy of no platform for fascists which was passed at the NUS conference in Liverpool last month is not binding on student unions and so far the unions of City University, London and the University of Ulster have rejected the policy. Brendan Barber, President of City University Students Union, has stated his intention to call an extraordinary conference to reverse the policy.

To do this Mr. Barber needs the support of 10 student unions, so far he has gained the support of Queen Mary College, London and Aberdeen Universities, UMIST and Worcester Colleges of Education. If Mr. Barber gets the support he requires it is likely that the motion to reverse the policy will be discussed at the emergency conference on grants, just after the Government announces the new grant levels.

Union NUS Secretary, said of Kevin Devaney, University Mr. Barber's intentions: "The motion was well discussed at Liverpool Conference, it is now up to people at a local level to decide whether or not they should follow it."

Book budget slashed

The Polytechnic Library has had its book budget cut by a further £6,000 because there are not enough staff to catalogue new books.

The money has been reallocated to be spent on equipment for other departments. Considerable cuts had already been made in the library budget on books and staff.

Adequate

The University's position was put by Mr D. Horner, Senior Assistant Bursar for Planning. He said he felt the planned common room would be adequate for day time requirements: "However," he added, "I sympathise with the students at the loss of their bar facilities and their ability to put on dances and other social events in the evenings. At this stage the University

Kevin barred from Poly Union

A thirteen year old boy has been thrown out on to the streets following a decision taken by the Poly Union Exec. last Monday.

The move to ban young Kevin Lamfeur from the Union was taken following several complaints about his behaviour.

Andy Murray, Cultural Affairs Vice-President, said that the Union Executive had a responsibility to Union members, and that the case of one boy should not be held above their interests. Board of Reps. member Rob Armstrong, who asked unsuccessfully that the ban be lifted, called for a reasonable attitude to be taken.

Kevin, who comes from Chapletown, is registered as a pupil at Leeds Free School, was barred from the University Union last term for being a nuisance. Later in the term he was arrested in the Poly Union and sent to a Remand Home.



Kevin Lamfeur

He refuses to attend the Free School but efforts made by Union Deputy President Linda Vaughn, to persuade his mother to register him at another school failed.

The opening shots in a campaign to preserve the social facilities provided for University health students have been fired this week.

The Lipman building, the health students' common room, is to be demolished in 1977 when the new Medical School opens. It will leave health students, who by then will number about 1300, with a day-time common room in the School which will not have any bar facilities.

by Nick Witchell

is not in a position to make a commitment about any extra social facilities."

No such commitment will be made, according to Mr G. Wilson, Planning Officer, until the Union has decided whether it wishes to make a special case out of its medical students. "The new Medical school will bring medical students closer to the central building than students in the Houldsworth School and elsewhere. If the Union decides that money which is earmarked for the development of its own facilities should be diverted to improve the facilities of medical students then I don't think the University Grants committee will object," he said.

The case for prioritising medical students is based on their heavier timetable than most other students. In addition, their courses do not, in their later stages include long vacations.

Union House Secretary Tom Burke said he felt the Medics were in a special position. "They are here during the vacation when the Union building is sometimes shut. It is all a matter of priorities which will have to be thrashed out by the Union Building Advisory Committee."

Our policy

For the first time Leeds Student will be published weekly during the summer term. As many of our staff will be tied up with exams the paper will only be half the normal size of 12 pages. But the price will be cut by one third, to a penny.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GET YOUR FINGER OUT

Sir, One sees from your issue dated April 26th that the NUS Exec. will once again be dominated by the Left wing minority. This is very sad, and a commentary on the majority of students, who, like myself, let it happen.

It means another year of irresponsible activity on the behalf of people like me another year of infantile, arrogant demands from quarters of society who owe absolutely nothing to students.

It means another year of student money being given to wealthy trade unions who certainly don't need it, and no doubt snigger to themselves at our naiveté. It means another year of student sympathy being offered to such desperate, violent groups as the IRA and Black September, for whom most of us have only disgust and horror.

Our leaders have set the trend by this ludicrous attempt to smother the activities of their right-wing brothers. Do these people honestly believe that students are innocent and stupid enough not to see through them that we need Big Brother to point the way first? But more important, do they really think we cannot see through Big Brother as well?

Democracy is a fragile thing, and it does not require much to crush it. Conference have crushed democracy within the Union and committed students to who knows what rocky roads. Most of us, I am sure, are sickened by this decision. Maybe it's about time we got our fingers out.

Yours, N. Rawlings Combined Studies, Leeds University

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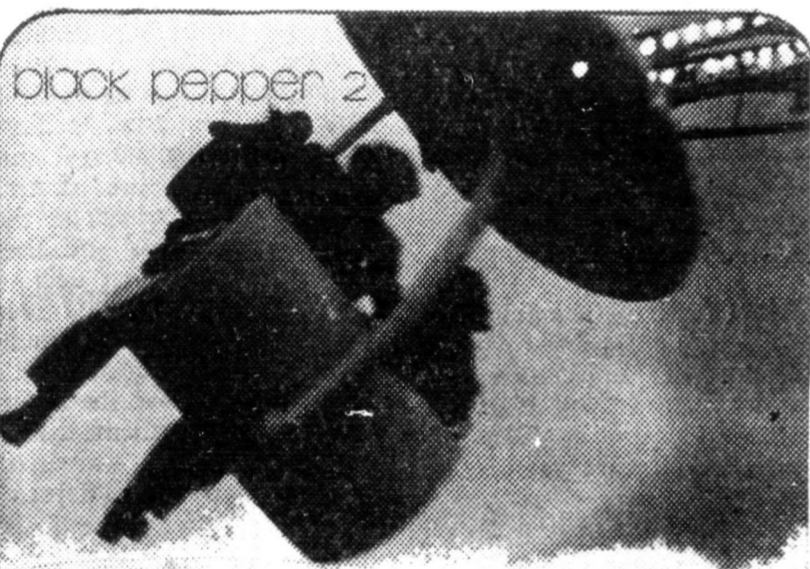
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Rent strikers await grant statement

The University Union Rent Strike is to continue, at least until the new grant level is announced later this month.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of Rent Strikers last week. The position will be reconsidered both at national and local levels after the Government announces the results of its review of student grants. If their decision is felt to be fair the money paid to the Rent Strike Fund will be paid over to the University.

Weekend of Brecht

Next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th, will be a special Brecht weekend at the Swarthmore centre.

The workshop on the life and work of Bertholt Brecht will include on the Saturday readings of the major plays by various groups and then rehearsed readings from them.

On Saturday evening there will be a special performance of the University Workshop Theatre's production of "The Threepenny Opera" for those on the course.

On the Sunday there will be a survey of Brecht's life and times with films, tapes, and records. These include the original Berlin production of "The Threepenny Opera" and Brecht's appearance before the Committee on Un-American activities.

University Vice-Chancellor Lord Boyle this week gave an assurance that no action would be taken against rent strikers until after the new grant is known. Similarly, decisions about next session's hall fees have also been postponed until then.

University Union NUS Secretary Kevin Devaney said he welcomed the decision by the University not to take action against student Rent Strike debtors but warned students who have not paid their fees to either the University or the Rent Strike fund that they can expect to be chased by the University for the money they owe.

Many people are withdrawing their money from the union rent strike fund which now stands at £9,866 compared with over £13,000 in February.

Night Passes

Anyone wishing to be in the Poly Union after midnight will now require a special late night pass. The passes will be issued by the Executive officer on duty.



UNION BED FOR PORTER NORMAN

The man in the University Union's bed at Leeds General Infirmary is Union porter Norman Barrett.

A friend to many University students, Norman, 53, has rarely been seen around the Union this year because of his ill health. He is being

treated at the Infirmary for a stomach ulcer.

Despite having to give up smoking and drinking Norman is still cheerful but it is unlikely that he will be back at work before the end of this session.

Mozambique

Since the military coup in Portugal, left-wing students in Mozambique have been leafletting the capital city calling on the Portuguese junta to immediately demobilise students doing national service.

The white settlers have viewed the students' activities with growing anger but their fears of liberal rule coming to Mozambique are unfounded if, as it is speculated a hard-line general is appointed by General Spínola, the head of the junta, to crush the frelimo liberation movement.

York

Communications between academic staff seem to have broken down at York University, because they have resorted to writing letters to newspapers to express opinions.

The letters are the result of the decision to allow five students, who had failed their exams three times, to stay on at York, a decision taken by the academic staff on the social sciences Board of Studies.

The Board had excused the exam failure of the students "for compassionate reasons" but other professors and lecturers expressed their strong dissent from this view in a letter to the 'Telegraph'. The Vice-Chancellor remained non-committal in his letter to the 'Times' and confined himself to "clarifying" the situation of the re-sit.

The dissenting dons felt the Board's decision would lower the image of York University in the eyes of prospective employers of students.



STUDENT WORLD

Ulster

Despite general gloom about the Government's huge cuts in education expenditure the library at Ulster University has been able to spend twice its allocated budget, and all because the university's intake of students has dropped dramatically.

Surprisingly, the failure to meet its quota of 2,200 new students by 500 has not been blamed on the terrorism and violence in Northern Ireland, but on a national decline in applicants for university places.

Not just the library has done well because of this, the university as a whole has been showing a profit and has been able to assist in community projects, such as entertaining groups of children from Londonderry for weekends.

Cambridge

The executive of Cambridge University Union are refusing to accept the resignation of their caretaker President, Jill Lewis.

She had been elected to the post mid-term, after the

resignation of the sabbatical President last November. For this reason Jill Lewis was not given a sabbatical.

In her letter of resignation she explained that she had been able to do the job only because she had the backing of a left-wing executive. The recent union elections had wiped out this group, replacing it with moderates, and Miss Lewis felt her radical policies might be continually blocked by the new executive.

She did emphasise that she wanted to resign only because the possible political battles would detract from her research, but the executive have said she must soften her line and sit out the remaining few weeks of this term.

Manchester

In common with Leeds, Manchester Polytechnic is going to have to cut its planned number of students by at least 3000.

Previously it had been planned for the Poly to expand from 4000 students to 12,000 but now the limit is set at a maximum of 9000

full and part-time students.

The reason for the cuts is not simply money but the fear that the larger an institution becomes the more impersonal it is. The larger numbers might sacrifice quality for quantity, it was said, besides the difficulty of finding land for new buildings.

Cambridge

Sexist attitudes at Cambridge University are the main focus of an "alternative prospectus", written by undergraduates there, which will be distributed to 1,800 schools around the country.

The prospectus says that women are discriminated against once they apply to the university and have to continually prove their ability by working harder than anyone else.

Women make up only 16 per cent of the students and, continues the report, have to get used to living in a male dominated society, but the situation will improve if female applicants stop thinking of Cambridge as a male preserve.

Essex

A "cram-in" last week put an end to disciplinary hearings against students who had taken part in a grants campaign sit-in last term.

The disruption of the hearings was effected by 400 students pouring into the building where they were to take place, and jamming into all the rooms and corridors.

The occupiers discovered the notes of the prosecution and carried them off when they vacated the building on the announcement of the hearing's postponement.

RAG LOSES £17 ON POLY UNION EVENTS



National Coal Board Chairman Derek Ezra (left) talking with the Head of the Dept. of Mining and Mineral Sciences, Professor P. A. Young and Mr. Robert Stevenson, grandson of the department's first student, before the Centenary dinner.

Shadrach's grandson comes to dinner

Leading members of the mining industry, including National Coal Board Chairman Derek Ezra, joined University staff and mining students at the Centenary dinner of the Department of Mining and Mineral Sciences on Wednesday.

The Department was one of the first to be set up by the Yorkshire College of Sciences at its inception in 1874. Amongst the guests at the dinner was the grandson of the department's first student, Shadrach Stevenson, who entrolled on the day of its opening. Speaking after the dinner Professor P. A. Young, Head of the Mining and Mineral Sciences Department, criticised the inadequacy of

research grants and suggested an amalgamation of the Mining Department with the Earth Sciences Department.

He also hinted at dissatisfaction at the money being provided by the University to improve facilities within the department: "Just as a new Medical School is being provided we require new facilities to provide the bones and sinews to keep industry alive," he said.

Replying to Professor Young's toast to the mining industry Mr. Ezra praised the University for its contribution to mining, "the views of people from this department on the new Yorkshire coal field at Selby have been proved right," he said, and went on to express his pleasure at the revival of interest in the mining industry both amongst students and at government level.

36 hour week for students

Students should not work more than 36 hours a week argues the deputy librarian of Edinburgh University.

Mr. V. E. Knight said: "Students who consistently worked more than 36 hours a week would suffer reduced efficiency and might become ill. Professional people in jobs outside the university put in 36 hours a week and those who worked much longer were generally thought over-worked."

"Students' choice of working hours may seem bizarre, but their possible weekly total cannot by any important amount exceed 36 hours a week, for concentrating in lectures, seminars or tutorials, practicals, writing essays and reading books."

The Rag events held at the Poly Union last term made a loss of £17 it was revealed last week.

Overall Rag has only netted about £1,500 after one of the worst years in its history. About £3,500 was lost on unsold copies of 'Tyke' the Rag magazine which was banned from the University Union.

Jon Silsby, Acting Student Treasurer of the Union, said that Rag may be suing the printers of Tyke for delivering the magazine five weeks late. He said: "The main activity of Rag is selling rag magazines and this year was bad because we could not sell them in the University and they came from the printers late."

Mr. Silsby said he was not unduly worried about the loss made on the Poly events because they were for publicity.

Poly Union Rag Chairman Keith Weymer said that he could not explain the loss on the Poly events. Mr. Silsby said that next year's Rag will

be much better because it is being held in December.

Medics go to the polls

Elections are to be held this term to select students to sit on the Board of the Faculty of Medicine.

Provision for this representation has been made by the revised constitution of the University which comes into operation at the beginning of the next academic year.

Five Medical students and two Dental students plus the two Presidents of the Medical and Dental Student representative councils are to be elected by postal ballot held in June.

University runs up huge cleaning bill

The University is at present spending £19,200 on cleaning eight buildings on the campus and on planting shrubs at the front of Charles Horris Halls of Residence.

Amongst the buildings which will benefit from the facelift are the Parkinson, Education and the Mining buildings.

GRANT DAY

It is believed that the Government will make an announcement on student grants on May 15th.

Meanwhile the national demonstration in London will go ahead on May 12th.

The University Bursar told 'Leeds Student' that the plans for cleaning the buildings were first made after the Clean Air Act was passed.

The University authorities only decided to put the plan into action this year as they considered it appropriate that the clean-up should be made in the Centenary year of the Yorkshire College of Science from which the present University developed.

Union men's action illegal

Several University Union officials are condemned in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry set up to investigate the alleged "Vacation Pay Scandal" revealed by 'Leeds Student' last year.

The Commission was set up to investigate an advance payment to the then House Secretary, John Bisbrowne, remainder of his Executive of vacation expenses and the

honorary in July 1972. A contract authorising the payment was drawn up between Mr. Bisbrowne, Martin Scicluna, at that time Student Treasurer, Dr. Belton, the Union's Honorary Treasurer and Mr. Arthur Izart, the Permanent Secretary.

The Report states that the payments were both illegal in that they were in breach of the Union's byelaws and con-

tinues to say that "all the signatories acted outside their authority in signing the contract."

Introducing the Report to Monday's General Meeting the Commission was disturbed by the attitude of those involved in the illegal payment. "We felt their reluctance to answer indicated that they had something to hide," he said.

Around Town



DIRECTORS FRIEND PLAYS LEAD

Paul Schofield is to appear at Leeds Playhouse, playing Prospero in Shakespeare's "The Tempest". It will be Schofield's first stage appearance in this role.

The play, which will be produced by the Leeds Playhouse Company's resident Director, John Harrison, will form part of the Fifth Anniversary celebrations of the Playhouse. Harrison and Schofield have been close friends since they worked together as young actors at the Stratford Memorial Theatre.

HOGAN'S HOTOUSE

Eileen Hogan has a rather unconventional gas-fired central heating system in her flat. The wall above the gas fire in her Seacroft home reaches a temperature of 120 degrees—and 43 visits by the gas board and Leeds Housing Department have failed to cool things down.

Now, Leeds Fire Brigade, following a visit to her home, are writing to the housing department and the gas board, recommending speedy action as the high temperatures are a fire risk.

"The heat from the fire goes up the wall, and when the fire is on, it is not heating the room," explained Miss Hogan.

Other residents also have the same problem. It began when their fires were converted to North Sea gas in January.

ALL OVER A DOG END

Shaun Beer's mother thought her son had been smoking. Because of this 10-year-old Shaun thought he would be "in the doghouse" if he went home. So he did the obvious thing and slept in a dog kennel in Hall Park Avenue, Horsforth, for a night.

When he crawled out in the morning, safe but cold, a police search with dogs, horses and loudspeakers was called off.

CLASSROOM CRIMINALS

Crime is so rampant in an area of Leeds that people go to bed in fear and arm themselves with batons, bayonets, double-headed hatchets and Gurkha knives during the day, claims County Councillor Ernest Kavanagh. Speaking of Osmondthorpe and Halton Moor he said, "there appears to be a complete breakdown of law and order".

The Chief Constable of West Yorkshire suggested that children were responsible for much of the crime. He said that at one Leeds school 250 pupils who registered at the start of the day had "gone missing" later and were going around the area committing crime.

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HITTING THE HEADLINES

Community associations are fast becoming a feature of urban life in the seventies with a number already active in Leeds and tomorrow marks the opening of the South Headingley Community Association's shop in Queens Road, Hyde Park.

The South Headingley CA already produces its own monthly newsheet which is called "Headline" and promotes the campaigns being organised by the association. The aim of the community campaigners is to improve the quality of life in their area which is centred on the streets off Cardigan Road and Victoria Road.

South Headingley Community Association celebrates its first anniversary

"We banded together to fight the Council's plans and preserve our perfectly good existing homes. That was early in 1973; the pressure exerted by the association on that occasion helped to persuade the Council to shelve their plans to demolish scores of streets including the Harolds, Mayvilles, Norwoods, Hessles and Richmonds in South Headingley."

This initial success encouraged people to form an organisation on a more permanent basis. In June last year a constitution was formally adopted and after much discussion the boundaries of South Headingley were defined. The association now includes the area bounded by Headingley Lane, North Lane, Cardigan Road, St. Michael's Lane to the railway, Alexandra Road and Hyde Park Road, an

area encompassing over 4,000 houses. There is much room for improvement in this area as there is in the whole of the city and it is the aim of the association to join forces with other community organisations to gain a say in city government.

The big community campaign of the moment in South Headingley has been over Brudenell School. Regarded as one of the most progressive in Leeds, it was closed by the Council last winter when there was found to be dry rot in the roof. The children were moved to schools in other parts of the city but their parents were angry. They said they had known about the dry rot for over two years, denied the school was unsafe and demanded that the council take steps to reopen it. The parents ran their campaign



through the community association. A public meeting was called attended by council officials responsible for the school; the Brudenell Parents Action Group was inaugurated and everything was reported in "Headline". The people of South Headingley again met with success. A promise was made by the council to have the school open again in September and repair work on the roof costing £37,000 is being carried out.

The association is not always fighting the council; time is spent organising Christmas parties for the kids and recycling newspaper and metal foil. A great deal of voluntary help is needed too, to distribute the 1,500 copies of "Headline" printed every month. "Headline" runs competitions for the kids, explains the associations cam-

paigns and includes anything people want to contribute: "Our broad aim is to make South Headingley a better place in which to live by looking after the interests of the people in our area, providing information, and pressing for the improvement of conditions, amenities and services," says association secretary Kathy O'Carroll. "Our association and community comprises of people from many vastly different cultural and social backgrounds and it is one of our hopes that by working closely together we will be able to increase mutual understanding and tolerance. This of course includes students, many of whom come from very different backgrounds from those they experience in Leeds. We already have many students who are active in our association and we welcome all who want to join us."

Focal point

As well as the opening of the shop tomorrow the association celebrates another first next Tuesday when its Annual General Meeting in Royal Park School marks its first anniversary. The shop which will be a focal point for the association will be an advice centre and second-hand goods will be sold to raise funds.

The association's next target is a community centre.

by Rob Jackson

Preservation

Members of the group are of all ages and the many students living in the area are welcome to help in the fight against the council. "Our organisation came into being because of the danger that many houses would be demolished in a Redevelopment Plan," says William Sheridan, the Association's chairman.

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I have to admit that the hardest work of the day for me is getting up. While I am producing this paper I go to bed and rise at all odd hours of the day and night and although when I am up I can stay awake for well over 36 hours at a time, once I am in bed I just don't want to get up again ever.

What's more over the last few months I have been feeling permanently worn out. Then last Thursday evening, after I had finished writing Leeds Student for another week, I read a letter in the Yorkshire Evening Post that changed my whole life!

Well it did for half an hour.

A lady had written to the EP advocating compulsory morning PT for students.

I was inspired. On the following morning I was the first person in our house to reach for the chest expanders.

I became a new man in no time and hungered for plain wholesome porridge and fried bread. Unfortunately this new image did not fit in with the lifestyle of a student journalist and I have to admit—I gave up my exercises and the plain wholesome porridge.

No sooner had I returned to normality than a college official called to tell me that my college days were over. I asked him for an explanation. He told me the rules "no PT, no college place". Then I reminded him that I was sabbatical and therefore the rules did not apply to me.

But thousands of weak willed "ordinary" students are now on the way to lengthen the dole queues.

Delighted by my cunning avoidance of PT I popped into the bar to celebrate and bugger me (a quaint old student expression) if it hadn't been turned into a cafeteria. Where will I go for news stories now I thought.

by Ian Coxon

The PT lady's letter

Below is the letter advocating compulsory PT for students which appeared in the Yorkshire Evening Post newspaper on Thursday of last week.

Few students in Leeds seem to be in favour with Mrs. Ward's proposals. "I

can't see them coming about," said John Dickinson, a University Economics student.

Paddy O'Ryan, the President of Carnegie Students' Union said: "I don't think they would go down well here even though is a PT college."

If I were a person of importance I would demand that no college or university offers a place to a student without a room of his/her own, even if it is just a cubicle with a bed, sink and means to cook, where they can be on their own when they want privacy.

Some of the slums they have to live in surely affect their outlook and they fall easy prey to the seamy side of life.

I would also demand that there was compulsory morning PT. Miss so many mornings, unless for genuine medical reasons, then lose the place at college. The PT should be followed by a plain wholesome break-

fast like real porridge or milk and fried bread or toast—it's been good enough for many capitalists' sons and even our future King.

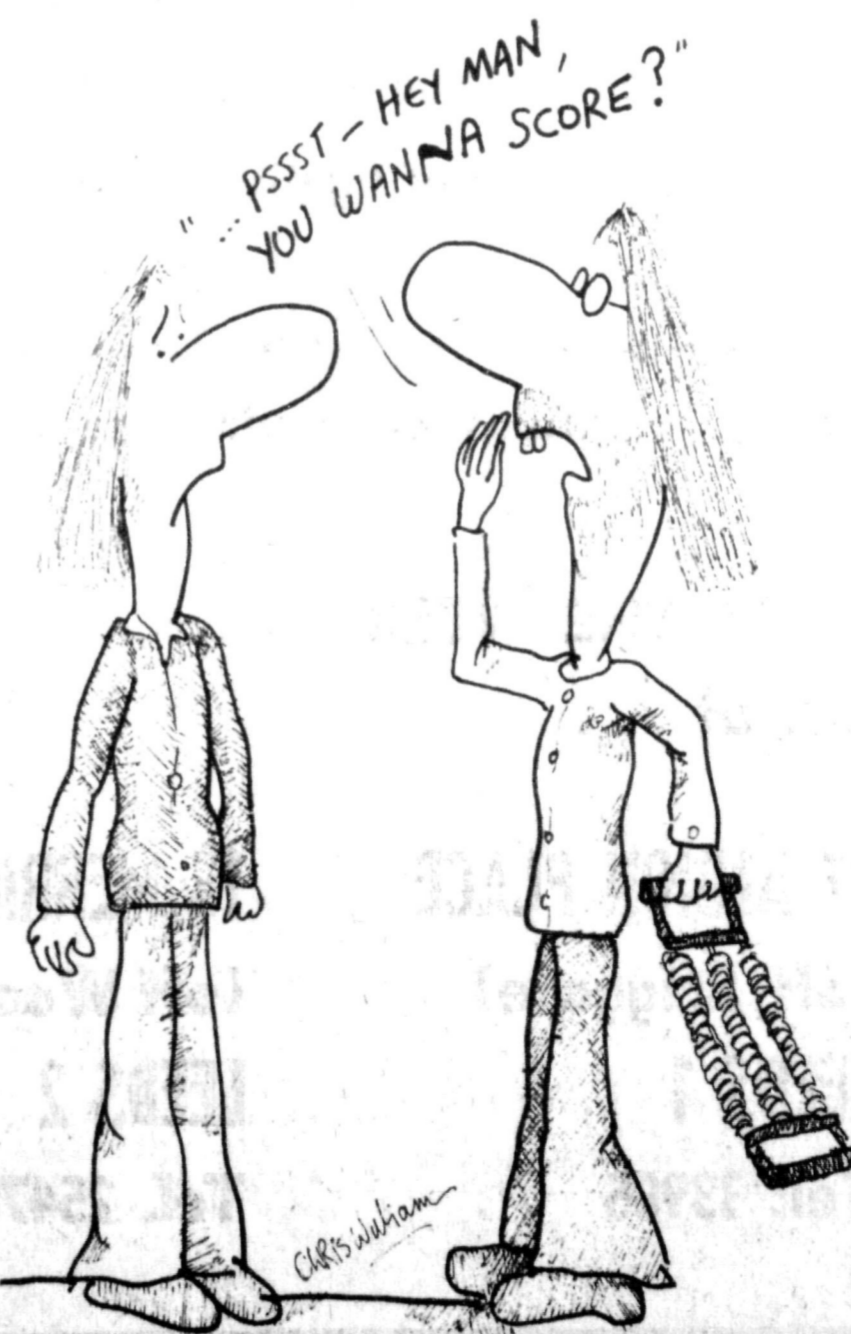
I would also demand that all the bars be turned into cafeterias, for most of them have become dens of iniquity. Then they'd have to mix with ordinary mortals for their pleasures and maybe this would alter their and our opinions of each other.

I believe this system would clear out a few of the layabouts and the "eternal students". Make it too much like work, then our colleges will be more acceptable because only genuine people will want to enter them.

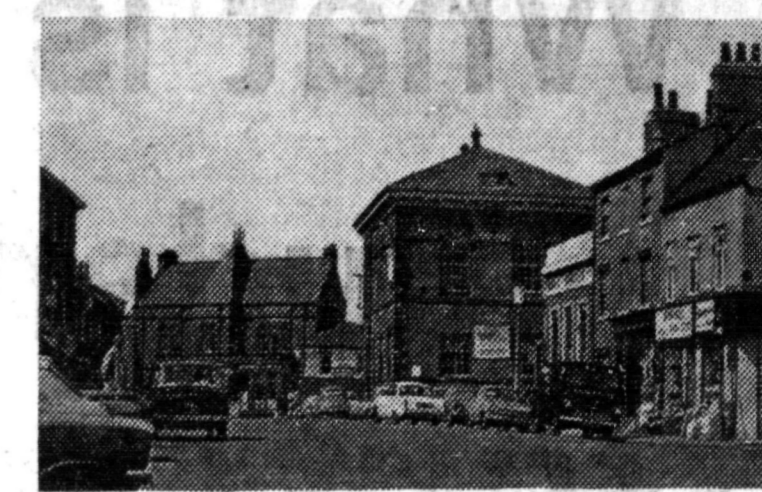
Our lads and lasses in H.M. Forces can pass their exams without resorting to some of the supports some students do, plus the fact that they have people to discipline them whereas students, where they have no self-discipline, get none. That's why so many can't handle it all.

Most of the people who are writing about students are concerned about you all and are trying to find solutions to some of the dreadful problems. Give us our pride back in our students, it will pay dividends.

Mrs. Dorothy Ward, Stainburn Avenue, Leeds 17.



SOMEWHERE TO GO



WETHERBY

Or rather, what you can find around Wetherby. This week we are catering for those who like beer and battlefields. The beer is supplied by nearby Tadcaster, and the battlefields are supplied by our ancestors' predilection for scrimmaging in Yorkshire in general and around Wetherby in particular.

Wetherby itself is a pleasant, reasonably quiet, comparatively ancient place. The Romans were here, there may well have been a Norman castle, and there is still a race-course. There is a beautiful stone bridge over the Wharfe, and for sheer nostalgia, old coaching inns abound. And, of course, there are markets, one for cattle, on Mondays, and one for provisions on Thursdays, where you may probably meet the cattle again. A couple of miles away is Boston Spa, where genteel ladies and gentlemen once drank the waters for their rheumatism, and which, like Harrogate, Buxton, Leamington and Bath, will rarely let you forget it.

However, go four miles southeast, and you come to Tadcaster. Tadcaster is famous for two things. There is the white limestone church of St. Mary, where you may do your cultural duty. And there are the Breweries, and the Ark Museum, which deals with beer. The latter is quite unique, and therefore ought to be visited.

Now for the battlefields. There's Marston Moor (2 July, 1644), where the Roundheads (Right but Re-

could cavort round France in later days. Battlefields may not look much—fields are fields are fields—but they are redolent with as much of what has gone to make this country what it is now as any house, or cathedral, or fine piece of architecture. And anyway, if you don't like them, there's always Tadcaster, and the Swan and the Talbot and Angel at Wetherby, and if you go on a fine afternoon, you might just enjoy the walk.

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by Andy Jarosz

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Arts

Passionate celebration

Northern Sinfonia
TOWN HALL

A short though nicely balanced programme was chosen to celebrate the combined talents of Vladimir Ashkenazy and the Northern Sinfonia at the Town Hall last Saturday. The mock seriousness of Prokofiev's 'Classical' Symphony and the happy familiarity of Mozart's Piano Concerto K488 provided the gentle introduction for a passionate rendering of his Piano Concerto in D Minor (K466).

The baroque pomposity of the Town Hall provides an over-awesome setting for polite classical works of this scale. There were practical problems arising from direction at the keyboard, as the clarity of the piano with no sounding board was lost in the soaring vault of the building. Another acoustic problem in the second piano concerto was a prolonged percussive accompaniment on cups and saucers by the Town Hall staff (off-stage, gallery right)—an insult to the eminent soloist and an injury to this reviewer's enjoyment.

Conducting the 1st Symphony of Prokofiev, Ashkenazy's youthful and unimposing figure had the orchestra superbly under control to produce a suitably light-hearted, but not flippant interpretation of the work. The director's deep familiarity with the music of his own country perhaps contributed to the respectful sprightliness of his interpretation, though the pace of the Larghetto might have been more gentle. A deliberate updating of the classical symphonic pattern, it is overlaid with conscious irony in its themes and the finale bursts into a truly virtuoso display for the strings through which the orchestra plucked and bowed with breathtaking skill.

The fundamental problem of the director/soloist is maintaining such control and the slow movement of the Piano Concerto in A began to reveal a weakness. The Andante became something of a plodding movement when soloist and orchestra joined in canon.

But the climax was the Piano Concerto in D Minor, a show-piece for Ashkenazy, who produced a brilliant as well as a deeply moving performance. Playing his own cadenza to the final movement he suspended his audience in rapt attention which dissolved into the tumultuous applause he so deserved.

by Peter Cunningham

Inventive comedy

It is not often that a publicity epithet is accurate but the tag "Hilarious" which Leeds Playhouse have given to their new play is a fitting one.

"How the Other Half Loves" is an inventive comedy which contains the inevitable slapstick, cross-talk, and double entendres but without seeming strained or patronising.

The set is central. It consists of two homes: a middle class flat and upper middle class house; but the well-worn device of a dual mis-en-scene is rejuvenated here by having the different parts of each setting intermingled — the comic possibilities are obvious



A tense moment at the German frontier in a scene from the Serpent.

Ready for the big time

There are guitar songs and there are piano songs. Steely Dan play piano songs. They don't flow like Elton John, they roll like Ben Sidran. None of your Steinways here; it's the Fender Rhodes electric piano all the way.

Steely Dan, named after Burroughs' chronicled dildo, would appear to be a hard bunch. Not so. More sophisticated than dissipated, they perform short intricate numbers typified by insistent rhythms,

Pretzel Logic STEELY DAN

jazzy keyboards and stabbing electric guitars. Clean white college kid vocals, too.

They remain relatively unknown in Britain, but they are the next Big Thing (which means mass adulation, uncritical acceptance and a lowering of standards). Pretzel Logic still has the features that made the first two albums

classics—the songs of pianist Donald Fagen and bassist Walter Becker, plus the great Jeff 'Skunk' Baxter's guitar work, but the playing is slightly more bridled than before, throwing more emphasis on the songs than they can bear. Dan albums always take a bit of listening to before the songs work into your system, but this time around they're a little obscured by Becker & Fagen's penchant for complexity.

Sensational Sellars

An optimist of Leeds saw "The Optimists of Nine Elms" earlier this week. "Sometimes, it wasn't 'arf as bad as all that, sometimes," croaks Peter Sellers in immaculate Cockney. "Nowt can be as bad as t' crop o' new films what 'as arrived i' Leeds lately," muttered I in pidgin Tyke.

Peter Sellers gives an unforgettable performance as Sam, a sad-eyed ex-music hall star turned street busker. Thanks to a large false nose he

The Optimist of Nine Elms ODEON TWO

succeeds in suggesting a vaudeville caricature of Cyrano de Bergerac.

Sam, and his canine companion, Bella, are befriended by two South London urchins. The film follows these four through a bleak, harsh world softened by fantasy and

dreams, as Sam struggles to scrape a living by singing, dancing and clowning on London's streets.

Although undeniably sentimental the film has a certain whimsical beauty. It occasionally betrays its origins as a children's novel but, thanks largely to a sparkling script and Sellers' portrayal of the tragic clown, it should appeal widely. It certainly deserves to

by Roger Yelland

Rare delight

A chance to see such an operatic rarity as Monteverdi's "L'Orfeo" is especially welcome when the performance overcomes its difficulties as well as the University Music Department's production last week.

Musically the performances succeeded because the twin limitations of the inexperience of student singers and the deficiencies of original instruments of the period (the orchestra was very close to what Monteverdi would have had) were accepted and worked within. Ornamentation was never too complex but the

overall pace of the work might have been faster.

The production by Alexander Viner had to be accommodated to the structure of the church but was especially effective in the later acts.

As Orfeo, James Griffett, the one professional, was pleasing while Michael Sykes was perhaps the best of the amateurs.

ters to be in two places at once.

The production is not without its finer points; jibes at the Guardian, and touches of the absurd; "making social contact is essential" and a half-naked man exchanges pleasantries about the weather.

The play has enabled Mr. Parkinson to prune away the deadwood in the company for this production and although all performances are good that of William Whympers as the lovable old duffer Frank Foster must be singled out.

by Paul Valley

A slow climax

The Serpent
ABC

The Serpent tempted Eve to disobey God, and in the film of the same name, it is also a symbol of treachery. The type of treachery is at top government level—them and US—the East/West diplomatic war, with the naturally anti-Soviet message.

Yul Brynner plays an important Soviet official who claims he wants to defect to the West and who goes to the CIA headquarters for political asylum. The remainder of the film is concerned with his motives for defecting and whether he is genuine or not.

This thriller could have been a lot more gripping if it had been more substantially edited. The beginning is very muddled indeed—it is not quite clear what is going on and who is going where; and this only becomes apparent about a quarter of the way through.

The plot has a lot of potential, but becomes tedious because firstly, the position is not clearly established at the start, and secondly here is a lot of irrelevant padding which slows the whole thing down.

The film moves to a very slow climax which takes 2½ hours to unravel. A couple of nice touches: the Germans speak German (none of your 'Gott in Himmel' variety) and the French speak French (no grunting Maurice Chevalier's). The photography is very good also.

As spy films go, this one is fairly average, but one point of interest is the detailed information given about the complex of the massive CIA network; with Henry Fonda playing the autonomous head of the whole show.

by Jill Connick

Germanic style

The stylised performance is out of fashion in Britain nowadays and so the formality of the Dortmund Playhouse production of Schiller's Maria Stuart was interesting as well as aesthetically pleasing.

Whether or not it derived from a specifically Germanic style of acting or whether it was adopted to fit the classical temper of Schiller's drama is hard to assess, especially as I was unable to see their production of Brecht's Antigone which was cancelled at the last minute.

The restraint and control which admirably characterised most of the acting, in particular Ruth Kessler as Queen Elizabeth, was well suited to the balance of this play which deals

Maria Stuart
by Schiller
PLAYHOUSE

with the position of Mary Queen of Scots as the thorn in the side of Elizabeth I. The symbolism was at times a little heavy-handed especially at the moment of decision over the death warrant Elizabeth moves her wig to symbolise the inner conflict between the person and the monarch within her.

Nonetheless the production which was in German, was a fairly impressive reminder of a dramatic tradition which is very much in the background in modern British theatre.

DATELINE . . .

cinema

ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Paul Newman and Robert Redford in *The Sting* @. LCP 7.25.
Next week: Not available.

ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Robert Redford and Mia Farrow in *The Great Gatsby* @. LCP 7.30.
Next week: Not available.

ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: Brigitte Bardot and Claudia Cardinale in *The Legend of French King* @, plus Leslie Phillips in *Not Now Darling* @. LCP 7.00.
Next week: not available.

ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman in *Papillon* @. LCP 7.30.
Next week: Not available.

ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Walt Disney's *Herbie Rides Again* @ plus *Run Cougar Run* @. LCP 7.20.
Next week: Peter Sellers in *The Optimist of Nine Elms* (see review).

ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate* @ plus Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight in *Midnight Cowboy* @. LCP 6.30.
Next week: Alex Lung in *King of Kung Fu* @ plus *Those Who Kill* @.

TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: Richard Roundtree and Moses Gunn in *Shaft* @ plus *Shaft's Big Score* @. LCP 6.50.
Next week: Electra Glide in Blue @ plus *Chato's Land* @. LCP 6.40.

LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: Burt Lancaster in *Airport* @ plus Dan Seigel's rarely seen *Two Mules for Sister Sara* @, starring Clint Eastwood.

Next week: Julie Christie and Donald Sutherland in *Don't Look Now* @ plus *The Whicker Man* @.

COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: Diana Ross in *Lady Sings the Blues* @. LCP 8.10.

Next week: Sean Connery in *From Russia with Love* plus *Diamonds are Forever*. LCP 6.15.

CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford in *The Way We Were* @. LCP 8.0.
Next week: Kelly's Heroes @. LCP 7.0.

HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: Barbara London and Cher in *Chastity* @ plus Yves Montand in *Costa-Gamus' State of Siege* @. LCP 6.50.

Next week: Sunday only. Victor Buono in *The Strangler* @ plus Boris Karloff in *Monster of Terror* @. LCP 6.0.

Monday for 6 days: Orson Welles in *The Third Man*, plus Jane Fonda in *A Doll's House* @. LCP 6.45.

PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: Jane Fonda, Brigitte Bardot and Terence Stamp in *Tales of Mystery* @ plus Alain Delon and Romy Schneider in *The Sinners* @. LCP 6.40.

Next week: Decameron Three and 1001 Nights.

Compiled by
Julie Curtis

LYRIC

Tonight and tomorrow: Bruce Lee in *Enter the Dragon* @ plus Cleopatra Jones @. LCP 6.45.
Next week: Don't Look Now @ and *The Wicker Man* @.

BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Not available.

LEEDS FILM THEATRE (AT THE PLAYHOUSE)

Tonight: Alan Bates and Janet Suzman in *Peter Medak's A Day in the Death of Joe Egg* @. 11.15 p.m.

Saturday: Mick Jagger in *Tony Richardson's Ned Kelly* @. 11.15 p.m.

Sunday: Beatles in *George Dunning's classic Yellow Submarine* @ 7.30 plus Eisenstein's classic *Battleship Potemkin* @.

LUU FILM SOCIETY

Tonight: RSH 10.30 p.m. *W.R. Mysteries of the Organism*. Dusan Makavejev (Yugoslavia/West Germany 1971).

Tuesday, May 7: LT 21 7.0 p.m. *Double Suicide (Shinoda)* Japan 1969; also *Yunbogi's Diary (Oshima)* Japan 1965.

Wednesday, May 8: LT17. 7.30 p.m. (Wish Education Society): *Lord of the Flies*, Peter Brook (G.B. 1961-3).

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LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

May 3 to 6, 7.30 p.m. and Tues. 8.0 p.m. *How the Other Half Loves*.

WORKSHOP THEATRE

In Riley Smith Hall. Tonight at 7.30 p.m. First ever student production of *Pinter's Old Times*. See review.

GRAND

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Yogi Berra Show*, 6.30.
Sunday to Friday: Phyllis Calvert in *Crown Matrimonial*, 7.30.

Leeds Student

Friday, May 3rd, 1974

your weekly newspaper



An uncertain shot in the match against Bradford firsts.

Council outscore Varsity

Both the University cricket teams strolled to impressive victories over Bradford University in their first matches of the new season last Saturday.

Although both matches were 40 overs-a-side friendlies and designed as a warm up for the coming UAU championships, there was some fine cricket and entertaining stroke play from both sides.

The first team easily defeated the Bradford firsts, going in to bat confidently after tea and getting the runs with almost six overs to spare. The seconds proved to be even more efficient, winning by 100 runs. Leeds went in to bat first, and despite being 17-4 at one stage, finished after the forty overs with a total of 180. Bradford were well contained and left the field all out for 80.

The Leeds team were not so fortunate, however, in another friendly played at Roundhay Park Oval the following day against the redoubtable Councillor Pursell's XI.

Continual rain cast a shadow of gloom over the proceedings, and the Pursell's side's innings total of 207 gave the Leeds men quite a bit to do. With the light gradually fading, the University found themselves struggling to get the runs, and eventually the last man went with the total at 126.

Poly canoeists take their rightful place in Europe

Leeds throw best arrows at Brunel

Two Leeds lads triumphed in last weekend's Inter-Varsity Darts competition.

Terry Haines and Colin Gee swept the board in the event held at Brunel University, where twenty one teams took part.

Poly canoeing stars John Hooley and Dave Denton proved just how good there are last weekend, when they finished 12th and 13th respectively in the International Long Distance White Water race at Manschau, West Germany.

This was the Leeds men's first ever international, and their achievement is all the more remarkable in the light of the calibre of the other competitors.

Over 30 internationals from England, West Ger-

by the Sports Staff

many, France, Belgium and the Netherlands took part in the Canadian Class singles event of 7½ kilometres, which was won by the 1973 World Champion in a time of 24 minutes.

Hooley and Denton, by no means over-awed by the quality of the opposition, produced excellent times of 28 mins. 40 secs. and 29 mins. 20 secs. respectively.

This performance is the culmination of months of hard work and saving by the Poly men, who were in fact the only British representatives in the race. It looks now as if they are fully capable of doing great things on the international canoeing scene.



Turks trounced

The inaugural intra-mural volleyball tournaments held in the Sports Hall last week produced some fine play from all those who took part.

Our picture shows action from the semi-final of the contest, between the Turks and the Persians, the latter going on to win in the final with some excellent net-work.

Students sign up Yankee star

The newly-formed West Yorkshire Basketball club will be employing the skills of an American basketball star in their game against National 100 cup winners Rochdale KCA at Carnegie tonight.

Stu Baron, of Dwight College, New York, should lend weight to a side drawn principally from the University and Carnegie basketball clubs. West Yorkshire also hope to use him in the forthcoming National Invitation Tournament to be held at Deeside Leisure Centre on May 11/12.

Players in tonight's match include Robison (capt.), Mitchell, Crewe and Hedar from Carnegie, and Hope from the University. The game starts at 8.00 p.m., admission to students is 10p.

The West Yorkshire club was formed with the intention of bring top quality basketball to Leeds, hopefully by entering the National League. It is run by students at the University and at Carnegie, who handle publicity and the organising of games.

Mariner 8

THE WINNER OF THE LAST COMPETITION WAS R. B. McNally Lupton Flats, Alma Road, Leeds LS6 2PG

Compiled by Arthur

CLUES ACROSS

- Confirm in evidence that fellow thief had food, we hear (11).
- The king with a way to acquire knowledge (5).
- Destroyed all traces of boil treated roughly (11).
- Shirk little girl of French connection (5).
- Relative size of a fish, it seems (5).
- "So excellent a king, that was to this, Hyperion to a ..." (Hamlet) (5).
- Take step back to the animals (4).
- Exhaust, or else upset those who are generally regarded as normal (13).
- Cocksuck, but develops cold feet if poles meet (4-9).
- Employer's return from St. Nazaire, sunburned (4).
- Let me have a try at the last letter (5).
- Assert one's ownership of £100 object (5).
- Details of times (5).
- Dieting is no remedy for stomach trouble (11).
- Honours for egghead being extremely fat? (5).
- Communist swimmers inducing one away from the subject? (3, 8).

CLUES DOWN

- Take an irrevocable step, as Caesar did (5, 3, 7).
- Trusting 9 with it, somehow (7).
- Last longer than external garments, it is inferior (7).
- Nasty fellows go back to substitutes (5).
- US President at it, in a way, to neutralize viruses (9).
- Tree more advanced in age (5).
- Cat breaks vase and leaves room (7).
- They deliberately minimize the importance of men students' Orient art work (15).
- To do as Gray's ploughman did? (4).
- Water jug remains in the drains after wise man's departure (4).
- Followed and accomplished one's purpose (9).
- Deserve to have been cut-off ... (7).
- ...the cutter: it's ironic without it around (7).
- Proud delight from headless member of family (7).
- Rosie Twine the basket maker (5).
- Dispute! You rage wildly (5).

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Percy's tips for this week are:

Friday, 3.00 Newmarket
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Friday, 3.30 Newmarket
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Friday, 8.20 Beverley
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Saturday, 1.30 Newmarket
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Saturday, 2.15 Newmarket
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Saturday, 4.20 Newmarket
HYDE PARK

Saturday, 2.45 Beverley
JINNYLYN

Weather hits Bodington's annual cross country race

Four hundred and fifty competitors turned out in pouring rain last Sunday for this year's Bodington Hall Cross Country race.

Although the weather was not as good as it might have been, all eight houses fielded large entries for the three mile course, which stretched from Bodington down the ring road, and back through Adel to Bodington.

Clapham, as was expected, carried off the honours once more, winning the team title with 81 runners and a point total of 15,125. Woodsley were second with 12,886, Vaughan were third with 12,872, and Hey fourth with 11,252. Hey also provided the winner of the individual cup, Booth.

Off course

Two teams from the University Orienteering Club put up a poor performance in the UAU/BUSF Championships at Burnham Beeches last weekend.

The 'A' team finished third in the relay event, but were disqualified on a registration technicality, while the 'B' team slipped to a position half-way down the final placings.

The next day, however, in the individual event, at Woburn Sands, Leeds man Haines clocked an excellent time of 72 minutes for the 10.1 kilometre course, coming twelfth.