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NUS vow to smash ultra right

The most heated debate at the recent National Union of Students Conference in Liverpool ended with a decision to deny freedom of speech on campuses to extreme right wing groups like the National Front and the Conservative Monday club.

One of the colleges tabling the motion was Leeds University where a National Front candidate stood in a Union election last term. The motion which was passed by 204,619 votes to 182,760 with over 50,000 abstentions instructed individual Union's to refuse any assistance to openly racist or fascist organisations or individuals.

They were also called upon to prevent any racist or fascist propaganda being displayed, sold, distributed or propagated through meetings "by whatever means may be necessary."

Many people outside of

NUS have spoken out against the decision. The Director of Leeds Polytechnic, Dr Patrick Nuttgens said that the move was deplorable: "Nobody should be stopped from putting forward a point of view," he said.

The National Council of Civil Liberties has already mounted a campaign to force NUS to reverse its decision. NCCL General Secretary Martin Looney said: "We do not condone racism but we feel that anyone has the right to speak. If they say anything against the law it is a matter for the Race Relations Act."

Speaking in favour of the NUS motion the Union's National Secretary Steve Parry said: "It is all very well to talk about principles of freedom and democracy. I want to put one question to you? If we knew in the 1930's what we know now about

Hitler would we have stopped him then?"

Before he sat down to tumultuous roars of applause he said that fascism must be smashed and meetings held by right wing and racist speakers in colleges must be disrupted not by one or two students but by mass action.

The motion passed by the conference which dealt with racism and overseas students does not have to be adhered to by individual student unions unless they make similar policies at their general meetings.

Ironically the proposal to silence fascists was only a very small part of the motion. Among the other decisions made in it was the creation of a campaign for overseas students in an attempt to improve the situation they face in this country.

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COLLEGE TO ACT AGAINST DEBTORS

Enquiries this week have revealed that discussions are going on in the University about ways to recover money from student Rent Strike debtors.

At a recent meeting of the Senate Business Committee the possibility of court action was discussed and active consideration is being given to a suggestion that student debtors should not be allowed to register at the start of next session.

The latter proposal was put to the Standing Committee of Halls Council on Monday by Deputy Registrar Anne McClurkin. It is a new measure which, if implemented, will considerably strengthen the University's position against debtors.

At present the University can refuse to confer a degree

by Nick Witchell

on somebody who is in debt to the University. This has been standard policy for many years.

Despite initially denying that measures such as these had been discussed by the Senate Business Committee, University Registrar Dr MacGregor later admitted that they had been considered. He said that in the face of a continued Rent Strike the University would have to take decision about how to recover any money owed to it!

"At the moment the University is considering what steps to take," he said: "I think there is a possibility that the University will have to take action which would be most regrettable. By this I mean action in the courts."

Dr MacGregor went on to say he thought it probable that he would be instructed by Senate to devise regulations preventing debtors from registering at the start of next session.

New ents man plans film shows

Paul Loasby, a second year Economics student was elected as the University Union's new Entertainments Secretary by Union Council on Monday.

Mr Loasby, who succeeds Pete Smith in the post, defeated Rag Chairman Phil Ludlow on a show of hands. Mr Smith resigned at the end of last term after "personality conflicts" with other Ents officials.

Outlining some of his ideas Mr Loasby said: "Apart from a wide spread of music like jazz, rock and folk, we shall also be putting on theatre shows and films such as 'Clockwork Orange'."

Marathon medic makes £2,000

Back in Leeds after walking 600 miles and gaining over £2,000 for charity is David Miller, 19, a second year medical student of Hyde Park Road, Leeds.

But he says he's not foot-sore!

"We had some problems with blisters and stiffness at first but we soon got over it. After that we had a good look at Scotland at its pubs," he said.

Mr Miller, along with an old school colleague, David Hennah, walked from John O'Groats to Leeds for the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. The money will be used for cataract operations in India.

Starting on March 15th, they reached Leeds on April

£50 for Williams' cartoon

Leeds Student cartoonist Chris Williams has won a £50 prize for his work.

Chris came first in the cartoon section of a student journalist competition run jointly by the weekly political magazine the New Statesman and the National Union of Students.

His winning piece of work is published in today's New Statesman.

Tories choose Leeds girl

Rhiannon Griffiths, a first year University law student, has been elected Chairman of the Yorkshire Region of the Federation of Conservative students.

Miss Griffiths was elected at a meeting of the organisation just before Easter.

OU given use of union

Students of the Open University are to be allowed to use the facilities of the University Union. This was decided by Union Council on Monday which also resolved to send a letter to the local organisation of the Open University inviting them to make use of the Union.

Games people play



Pictured left are John Doyle and Ian Bottomly demonstrating the ancient Japanese sport of Kendo.

Twenty four year old John is a keen Kendo exponent and plans to set up a club in Leeds to promote the sport. He is currently studying Environmental Health at the Polytechnic. Ian is a chemistry lecturer at Kitson College.

Poly expansion grinds to halt

by the News Staff

Leading members of the Polytechnic administration have again attacked the drastic cuts that have had to be made in the college's budget for next session and which will halt expansion almost completely.

The total reduction which has now risen by £40,000 to £403,000 was described as deplorable by the Chairman of the college Board of Governors, Mr C. G. Robinson. In a statement issued this week

he said that work on building new teaching space for the Polytechnic will have to be postponed: "This will have a direct impact on the new faculty being built near the Merriam Centre," he added.

Mr Robinson continued by saying that there would be a considerable reduction in real terms, of supplies and services, fewer additional students can be admitted in the year 1974/75 and some new courses will have to be postponed.

Dr Patrick Nuttgens, the college director, addressing a recent meeting of the Board of Governors said: "We have suffered a very swinging cut and are in for a serious time in the coming year."

"A great deal of ground has been cut from under our feet and we are very close to the edge. Many more cuts and we will just topple over."

University will employ defence lecturer

The University has accepted a grant of over £30,000 from the Ministry of Defence to sponsor a lecturer in defence studies.

Last term the Sociology Department rejected the idea

of such a lecturer after a strike threat from the department's sixteen postgraduate students and some full-time lecturers. Now, after consultations between the Ministry and various other University departments, the School of History has accepted the offer of more than £6,000 a year for five years to finance a lecturer in defence studies.

Head of the School of His-

tory, Professor P. H. Sawyer, this week stressed that there are "no strings attached" to the Ministry's offer: "The successful applicant will be researching into the history of defence and will also do some teaching," he said.

He added that the school was very glad to accept the offer, which had been welcomed by the overwhelming majority of the school's staff.

He declined to comment on whether the Sociology Department's decision to reject a Ministry of Defence lecturer had influenced their own decision in any way: "I do not intend to comment on the goings on in other departments, some of which can be rather strange at times," he said.

The offer will be formally accepted by the Vice Chancellor Lord Boyle.

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Former varsity student on explosives charge

Senate poll low

After a very low poll in the end of last term's election of students onto Senate the following candidates were returned, subject to their registration on a course in October: Andrew Johnson (Faculty of Arts), Peter Hendy (Economics and Social Studies and Law), Michael Killeen (Science) and Liam McGrogan who was elected unopposed as the Medical Faculty's representative.

A former University student who is now a Leeds Councillor was arrested in Southampton two weeks ago and has been charged with the illegal possession of explosives.

Roy Roger Forbes, 26, of Derwentwater Terrace, Leeds, studied law at the University two session ago but left after he failed his first year exams.

He was arrested with another Leeds man after police searched a boat in Southampton harbour. They are currently on remand charged with having in their possession explosives in such circumstances as to give rise to suspicion and not for a lawful object.

Last year Mr Forbes was elected the youngest member of the Conservative group on the Metropolitan Council when he stood for the Burley Ward.

Whilst at the University Mr Forbes was a member of the Officers Training Corps and is now a member of the

right-wing Monday Club. It is believed that he also had connections with an organisation called the Yorkshire Association for British Ulster.

Poly to stage music contest

The Leeds Area heat of the Melody Maker Folk/Rock contest is to be held in the Poly Tech Hall this weekend. Leeds musicians can compete in either the soloist acoustic group, or amplified sections for the £1,000 worth of equipment that is the first prize in each category.

Among the judges will be the Poly Cultural Affairs Vice President Andy Murray.

ARMSTRONG RETURNS TO OLD JOB

Two old faces in the Poly Union will be back on its Executive next session as sab-batical officers.

Ex-Cultural Affairs Vice-President Rob Armstrong won back his old job, which is now called Vice-President for Recreation, when he defeated Billy Cummings by 382 votes to 295. The current Treasurer, Buzz Windley, gained an overall majority of 145 votes in a four cornered fight to become the first Vice-President for Administration.

The third paid post went to Board of Reps member Ted Boyce who defeated fellow Board member Pete Phillips by 312 to 230 to become Deputy President.

Clare Watson and Chris Jones will join the new Executive as officers without portfolio.

USA

It was in May, 1970 that four students were killed and nine wounded in a student demonstration on Kent State University campus.

Only now have charges been brought against the Ohio National Guardsmen who fired the bullets.

The parents of the dead students and sympathisers had to fight for three years before a Federal grand jury even looked into the case. Up to the end of last year no investigation was thought necessary by the Attorney General, but now eight guardsmen have been charged with wilfully assaulting and intimidating the demonstrators.

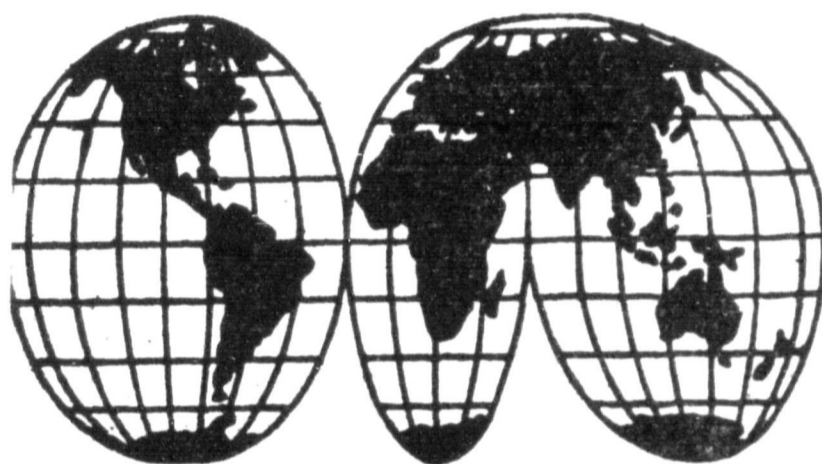
If found guilty they will face a year in prison and a \$1000 fine; if their shots were the fatal ones the sentence could be life imprisonment.

London

The girl who was expelled from her college after being charged with drug offences has not given up the fight to continue her studies.

Gloria George tried pleading with the college's director to regain her place in the School of African and Oriental Studies London, but she has now had to resort to issuing a High Court writ against him.

The writ asks for the college's action to be declared in breach of contract and therefore null and void.



STUDENT WORLD

Liverpool

Lectures on the dangers of spiking drinks with laboratory alcohol may be started at Liverpool and other universities next year.

A bio-chemist is due to appear in court in connection with a spiked drink that killed a nurse in Wigan last year. It would not be long, said Prof Bamford of Liverpool University before another accident occurred unless students were made aware of the dangers of using alcohol saved from experiments.

Lebanon

Paramilitary troops with sub-machine guns were used against students in Beirut to break up demonstrations and the fighting which followed resulted in one student shot dead and many casualties.

The students from the American University of

Beirut had called the march because of their resentment of government in the running of the university. They want a say in the life of university and a halt to the rise in tuition fees.

The Easter vacation had to be cancelled for staff and students so that time lost through the demonstration could be caught up.

Oxford

Eighteen students have been barred from the University for a year for their part in the sit-in at the University's Indian Institute. The students are appealing against the disciplinary court's ruling and a Fellow of All Souls College will be in the chair to hear their case.

Criticisms of the disciplinary court have split the academics at Oxford into two

camps; some wishing to see a completely independent chairman agreed upon by both sides, but others say the hearings were very fair. The continual disruption of the court by the defendants and student demonstrators has caused some dons to draw up plans punishing contempt.

Chelsea

Profits from Chelsea College's bar are to be used for helping the student housing shortage. An equal amount will be spent on subsidising food in the refectory to stall price rises. The bar will still be left with £1000 a year for its equipment and improvements.

The £1500 allocated to student housing will go towards buying houses for students, two are already owned by the Students Union. The Union President expects the union to be able to afford a new house every one and a half or two years.

Cambridge

The £10 million gift college has got the go ahead after a ballot among the University's 2000 resident dons.

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Massive losses may force up union nursery prices

Drugs man led astray by students - Court told

A man who was arrested in the University Union in November was sent to jail for four months by Leeds Crown Court earlier this month.

Michael Byrne (24), unemployed, of Melville Road, Woodhouse, Leeds, pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing cannabis but was found not guilty of assaulting a police officer.

Byrne was arrested after police were called to the Union by the President, Andy Jarosz.

"When the police arrived," said Mr. N. J. C. McLusky, prosecuting, "Byrne went berserk and was screaming and shouting. There was a prolonged struggle."

Commune

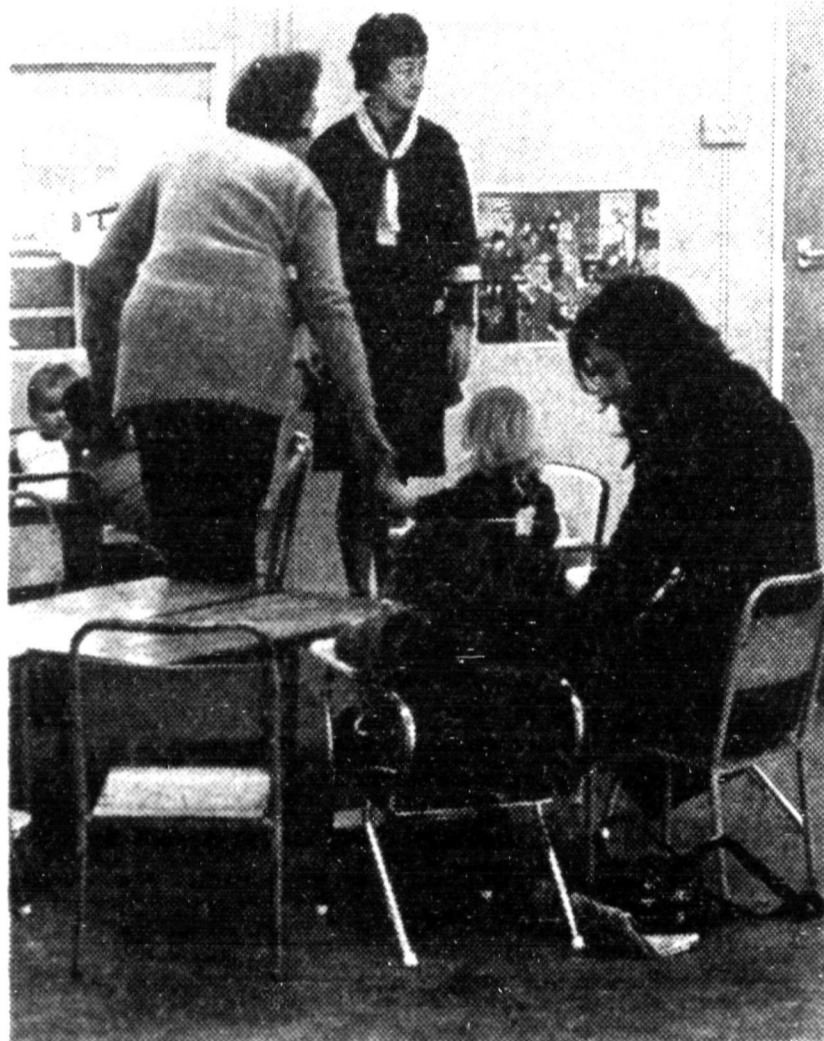
In defence Mr Edward Lyons QC said that Byrne had been living in a commune and had been exposed to temptation by the students he had mixed with. He planned to go and work on a farm and get away from the unhealthy atmosphere in which he had been living.

Passing sentence the Judge said he was taking into account the fact that Byrne was in breach of a probation order made after a drug offence committed in 1972.

The University Union Nursery will make a deficit of over £10,000 next session unless substantial price rises are made.

by Nick Witchell

loss for this session of £8,764.



The nursery that costs the University Union over £8,000 a year

When the accounts were considered by Monday's meeting of Union Council they were referred back to the Nursery Management Committee pending the announcement of the new student grants expected within the next month.

Increases of up to 15 per cent are proposed for next session's fees plus an increase of 33 per cent on meal prices. These increases will only be implemented if the revised grant is considered adequate to cover them.

Trouble

However Union Deputy President for Services John Bisbrowne hinted at UC that increases are inevitable whatever the grant position. "We are really going to be in trouble next year with the nursery unless the fees are put up," he said.

His view was backed up by the Education and Welfare Officer, Chris Pike, who agreed that faced with a deficit of such magnitude some increases would have to be made.

Opposition to the idea of price increases came from Accommodation Secretary Alan Lenton who said he felt the Union should cover the deficit from its funds. "In fact, ideally I think we should provide a free service," he added.

Council censures silent Jim

The University Union's Deputy President for Communications, Jim Bewsher, was censured by Union Council on Monday for his failure to do his job properly.

Proposing the motion, President-elect Neil Taggart

criticised Mr Bewsher for his failure to produce an Events Sheet or the Union information sheet "Feedback" and said: "He has had it coming to him all year."

Mr Bewsher, who was absent from the meeting due to

illness, commented: "The Events sheet seemed a complete waste of time. I asked for contributions to it and only received one and so there didn't seem any point in going on with it."

Degrees not accepted by CNA

The Council for National Academic Awards has refused to validate three degree courses which the Polytechnic wanted to create next session. College Director Dr Patrick Nuttgens commented: "We clearly need to examine courses more stringently before we put the up for validation."

The degrees were to be in Town Planning, International

Law, and one in Public Policy to replace the existing London University External Economics degree.

However the CNA, the degree awarding body of the Polytechnics, has allowed the creation of an MA in Librarianship which is believed to be the first of its kind.

PAID REST FOR POLY TV MAN

Polytechnic Director Patrick Nuttgens who was given a term off to write a series of programmes on architecture for the BBC will be taking a paid holiday instead.

The series which he was due to start work on this month has been scrapped but Leeds Corporation are letting him take a terms leave on full pay instead.

Poly Union President elect Ian Steele believes that the Director will spend his free

time earning more money by giving talks and writing so he intends to press Dr Nuttgens to pay his salary for this term into the college hardship fund.

Dr Nuttgens denies that he will earn extra money saying that he will spend his time thinking about the future of the Polytechnic.

Around Town



SIXTH FORM SUBVERSIVES

An angry Leeds parent has complained to the City's Chief Education Officer about inflammatory leaflets which have been circulating in upper schools in the Seacroft area. The leaflets aim to encourage 5th and 6th form pupils to set up a school union.

"This is a disgraceful business and wants stamping out," said Mr C. H. Baker, of Park Avenue, Cross Gates.

The leaflets allege that denim clothing is forbidden for pupils up to the 5th form at Foxwood School; that a boy was threatened with suspension at John Smeaton School when he attempted to sell copies of a political paper; and that boys at St. Kevin's school were sent home if their hair was growing over their collars.

"We should be aiming at getting the right to sit in on staff meetings", claim the writers of the leaflet.

The leaflets are full of spelling mistakes such as invertation (invitation), properly (probably), illegle (illegal) and bellow (below).

"The writer apparently benefitted very little from his own education," said Mr Baker.

FRONT RUNNER

The Leeds branch of the National Front is to contest at least one Leeds constituency in the next general election.

The Branch executive also decided to field candidates in other Yorkshire constituencies, including Harrogate and Huddersfield.

They will fight for British withdrawal from the Common Market, an end to immigration, and a clamp down on lawlessness and terrorism.

NO PAY TODAY

Pay day at Morley Town Hall was reduced to chaos last week when Leeds Council ran out of money. Over 100 Council workers had to queue for two hours in order to collect their pay.

One refuse collector who queued for almost three hours in the rain had to settle for a "sub". Other workers claimed that they had received no money at all. Some women broke down in tears as they went home with reduced wages.

DIGGING UP THE PAST

The Leeds Centre, a shopping centre planned for Boar Lane may have to be abandoned.

The scheme involves demolishing several buildings on Boar Lane, but since the plan was proposed many of the buildings have been listed as being of architectural or historical interest.

It is expected that the Leeds Centre would include a 23-storey block with shopping arcades on seven levels car parking, and a pedestrian walkway which would span Boar Lane.

ORANGE REPEAL?

Stanley Kubrick's "Clockwork Orange" may be shown in Leeds after all. The film was banned in Leeds last year but Associated Tower Cinemas have now reapplied for permission to show it.

Five reasons were listed in the original ban: it would injure morality; it would encourage and incite crime; it would cause disorder; it was offensive to public feeling and it was thought to contain offensive representations of living people.

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Disaster struck Leeds last weekend. On a sunny weekend when many thirsty beer drinkers would have appreciated a cool pint, a strike left many Tetley's pubs without beer. Distribution crews are on strike because they are dissatisfied with the method of distributing the beer.

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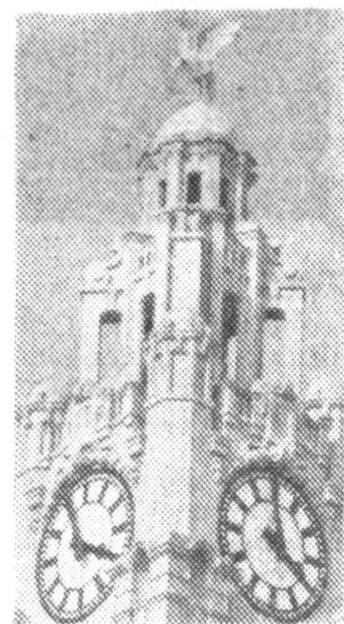
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Report from
this month's
NUS
Conference at
Liverpool



Conference Diary

After failing to get himself elected to the NUS Executive Leeds University Union President Andy Jarosz landed up in Leeds Crown Court.

He was called away from the Conference at Liverpool to give evidence in the case against Michael Byrne who was later sent to jail for possessing cannabis while in the University Union last November.

Amid the debates on the plight of students in Britain, conference gave a warm welcome to a speech from Gunhild Kusters a representative of VDS, the national union of students in the Federal Republic of Germany. Her description of the problems facing students in Germany sounded similar to those which crop up in this country:

"Students are suffering from inflation and rising prices. The grants system does not satisfy even the fundamental needs. The situation on the field of student housing is extremely bad," she said.

But then she went on to describe the biggest student demonstration ever held in her country. Apparently more than 40,000 students turned out last January to demand grants of £85 per month.

No one can deny that the National Union of Students likes to present itself as a democratic organisation. On two occasions film crews from the BBC were unable to record proceedings at the conference for the nine o'clock news until they received the go ahead from the delegates on the floor.

But a delegate who wanted the Daily Express reporter ejected from the conference was not so lucky. The only story which appeared in the Friday edition of the paper was one sympathising with members of the Federation of Conservative Students who claimed they had been 'roughed up and intimidated' by left wing extremists.

The angry delegate was told by the conference chairman to raise the matter with the steering committee which plans the order of debate. However the matter was not taken any further but the most worried and bemused man on the conference floor was the man from the Daily Express. It was his first day at the conference and he had come to replace reporter Bruce Kemble who had written the story in question.

The Executive Elections

RANDALL BACK

But Broad Left win eleven places on new executive

John Randall the current President of the National Union of Students managed to get re-elected to serve a second term of office but he will only have one definite supporter when the new executive takes over in August.

Broad left candidate and this year's Deputy President, Stuart Paul, fell 21 votes short in his bid to become leader of Britain's 660,000 strong student movement. But eleven of the other 14 Executive posts were won by Broad Left candidates.

by Ian Coxon

Mr Randall, 26, an Independent Socialist, who was the first choice of the delegates from Carnegie and Park Lane, was losing to Mr Paul until the final transfer of votes.

After the second transfer International Socialist Mike Hill stood third with 131 votes while Mr Paul had 287 and was 21 votes ahead of the second placed Mr Randall. However, by gaining more of the votes transferred from Mr Hill, Mr Randall retained the presidency by 335 votes to Mr Paul's 314.



Stuart Paul: his bid for leadership failed

The unsuccessful bid to oust Mr Randall is the first faced by an NUS President running for a second term of office since former Leeds University Union President Jack Straw successfully defeated Trevor Fiske in 1969. It is traditionally accepted that the President is re-elected for a second year.

Despite his successful re-election Mr Randall faces an uneasy second year. The three other paid Executive posts went to members of the Broad Left party who were fighting their campaigns on the same ticket as Stuart Paul and against Mr Randall and his supporters. The only Randallite to be elected was Peter Gates from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology who becomes one of the three Executive Officers.

Parry back

Alistair Stewart, 21, the first choice of Carnegie romped home in the Deputy Presidential election gaining an overall majority of 264 votes in a four cornered fight. His Broad Left colleague Charles Clarke was elected as National Treasurer with an overall majority and Steve Parry managed to hold on to the post of National Secretary for a second year.

Mr Parry's victory was not as clear cut as those of his other two Left colleagues. After three transfers he gained 352 votes against the 300 polled for Randallite Colin Burke.

In the Vice-Presidential elections all four posts went to Broad Left candidates. Bristol University student Hugh Bayley and Sue Slipman from Leeds University gained easy victories in their respective contests for VP Regions and VP Education but Neil Robertson, who will become VP Services and John Carr, VP without portfolio did not gain success so easily.



New Vice-President for Education Sue Slipman

Leeds girl on Exec

Leeds University Postgraduate Sue Slipman is the only girl on the new NUS Executive. Twenty four year old Sue will take over from Charles Clarke as Vice-President for Education.

Miss Slipman, who is a member of the Communist Party, is the first person from the University to be elected onto the NUS Executive since ex-University Union President Jack Straw who led the National Union between 1969 and 1971. In a three cornered fight she gained 370 votes. Her opponents Jerry Fitzpatrick from Middlesex Poly and Leonardo Brown, Mid-Essex Technical College polled 226 and 98 respectively.

Two other Leeds students came second in their bids for places on the Executive. Ex-Poly External Vice-President Ed Waller, 25, was second to Alistair Stewart in the Deputy President election but he only gained 148 votes compared with the 430 for Mr Stewart.

University Union President Andy Jarosz lost the VP Services Election to Neil Robertson by 109 votes. Mr Jarosz was also pipped at the post in the Executive Committee Members election.

Park Lane sackings threaten us all

Labour sympathetic over grants

The recent expulsion of seven students at Park Lane College, Leeds, was singled out by the NUS President John Randall as an example of the way university and college authorities are challenging the right of students to organise.

Mr Randall hit out at the action taken by Park Lane Principal George Hume in singling out certain members of the students union and taking disciplinary action against them.

"The overt denial of the right to organise that has characterised the disputes at Oxford, Essex and Kent Universities should not blind us to the insidious erosion of that same right in many smaller colleges," said Mr Randall in his opening address at the conference.

"At Dacorum College, Hemel Hempstead, the authorities are attempting to

expel a union officer for his role in organising the NUS 'week of action' on grants. As with Park Lane the reason given is inadequate attendance at lectures.

"Again, as with Park Lane, attempts are being made to by-pass proper procedures to secure a rapid eviction; and again these moves are being made in a college that has consistently denied its union sufficient funds to employ a sabbatical officer.

"Whenever and wherever one person is singled out and punished for putting into practice the collective decisions of the Union, be that person a union officer or an individual student, we must be unflinching in our defence, for such an attack on one is an attack on us all," said Mr Randall.

Of the continuing events at Essex University he said that the action of the university authorities was grossly

unfair: "The authorities at Essex, as at Oxford, have made a fundamental mistake in their handling of disputes. They have attempted to use disciplinary procedures as a means of resolving differences in a community.

"It is inconsistent and unjust to claim on the one hand that a university must be place where reason prevails, and on the other hand to insist upon a monopoly of that reason.

"If disciplinary procedures are employed they must relate to occurrences that all sections of the community accept as offences. If they are to be employed in respect of occurrences that one section of the community regard as legitimate but which another section regard as illegitimate, then the tribunals become little more than kangaroo courts with the university authorities categorised in the roles of judge and jury.

"Such differences can only be resolved by reason, not by retribution," Mr Randall said.

He went on to say that victimisation must not overshadow the campaign for higher grants. The new Labour Government had already showed "a sympathy and willingness to listen" which had been notably absent from discussions with the Conservatives, stated Mr Randall.

Warning

But he warned delegates not to be complacent: "The education cuts are still in force, and even now local authorities in Devon, Hampshire, and Suffolk are using their powers of discretion to reduce grant values and thus curb expenditure. Our determination, be it in negotiations or in campaigning must not slacken. There is a long way to go yet and we cannot afford to be complacent."

Bob Rae and Ian Coxon report on the main motions

Free contraceptives in new Welfare package

Gillard leads censure over Russia

Leeds University student Pete Gillard was instrumental in censuring ten members of the NUS Executive over a report on dissidents in the Soviet Union.

The report prepared by Exec member John Cushmanhan was referred back by the Conference. Defending his report Mr Cushmanhan said that he had found it virtually impossible to obtain any unbiased information on events in the Soviet Union.

Whitewash

After the report had been referred back Mr Gillard, an International Socialist, proposed a motion of censure in those Executive members who had given their support to the report. Introducing the motion which was overwhelmingly accepted Mr Gillard said that he was opposed to all political repression in Russia and criticised the report for making no mention of workers who were suffering under the Soviet Government: "The conference has shown clearly that it does not accept



Pete Gillard - proposer of the censure motion

this report and is not prepared to accept a whitewash attempt by the executive," he added.

Sections of the Executive report on the Sunday Times Student Drama Festival, part-time students, Greece and Czechoslovakia were also referred back.

Drastic improvements in the Welfare Service provided by NUS were accepted by the Liverpool Conference.

Support for victimised

An emergency motion to give support to victimised students was passed with a massive majority.

Conference called upon the NUS Executive to blacklist Essex University until it drops charges against students and to set up a fight fund for victimised students there and at Oxford and Kent.

Two Leeds colleges join NUS

Two more Leeds colleges joined those already affiliated to the National Union of Students.

Airedale and Wharfedale College of Further Education and Thomas Danby College were accepted by the conference as constituent organisations of the union.

Voice for FE colleges

The Easter conference saw the Colleges of Further Education emerge as a major force in the national decision making.

They will now have their own annual specialist conference and the demands will be made known to the Executive by the Further Education Action Group which has been created within NUS and will be chaired by an Executive member.

Postgrads get involved

Plans were passed to ensure that postgraduates become more involved in NUS and individual students' unions.

Local unions have been instructed to finance postgraduate associations and help create joint committees between postgrads and campus Trade Unions. They are also asked to work for the unification of post and undergraduates on items of common interest.

Moves to stop apartheid tours

Attempts are to be made to stop trips to Southern Africa by the British Lions and Cambridge University Rugby teams this summer.

In an emergency motion delegates mandated the NUS Executive to mount a campaign against the tours and called for support from student sportsmen. The Cambridge students union is to demand that the University disassociate itself from the tour to Rhodesia being organised by the University Rugby side.

Mike Gapes, a representative of the Cambridge Union said: "The tour will be seen in Rhodesia as one from Britain, representing Britain, therefore it must be stopped."

NUS National Secretary Steve Parry said: "We want to see the Government intervene and stop the tours from going ahead."

Power to part-timers

Conference resolved to encourage part-time students to participate in the national union and give them more power in decision making.

The Executive were asked to press for the same travel concessions for part-timers that are available to full-time students.

Major campaign against education cuts planned

More grants demos

There will be more grants demonstrations as the campaign for a drastic improvement in the standard of living of students continues.

A national demonstration will be held in London on Sunday, March 12th and individual colleges have been called upon to organise demonstrations and generally publicise the campaign.

In Leeds students will join local Trade Unions in the traditional May Day march through the city which will take place a week tomorrow.

The Government's announcement of their review of student grants is expected to be made soon after the London demonstration. NUS is to hold an extraordinary conference afterwards to discuss the Government's decision.

Occupations, marches and a one-day conference are included in a campaign to oppose the £250 million cuts in educational spending made by the last Conservative Government.

As well as hitting out at the Tories in the debate on education cuts NUS President John Randall was highly critical of the Labour Government.

"We want a far better education system than that viciously knifed by the Conservative Government. But Labour seem content not only to leave the knife in but to twist it in the wound," Mr Randall said.

A motion calling for the Labour Government to revoke all cuts in education expenditure was accepted by a huge majority. Calls are to be made on local authorities asking them not to implement the cuts and support will be given to those who are refusing to do so.

A one-day conference on

the cuts is to be organised as soon as possible and a national demonstration is to be planned for the beginning of next session.

Occupy

An amendment to the motion which included proposals to occupy local education authority offices was also passed overwhelmingly. Demands were made too, for an urgent meeting with Reg Prentice, the new Secretary of State for Education and Science, to discuss the adverse effects of the cuts and the need for their immediate reversal.

NUS area organisations are asked to press for reconsideration of higher education reorganisation that has already been planned.

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- 1, 5 Lost one's head, commonly, in tricky two-step with awkward daughter of a brother (4, 2, 6).
- 8 Dog made a tear in the cables, it seems (7).
- 9 Generally regarded as being in here, put edge-ways (7).
- 11 Ceremonies opposed to wrongs, we hear (5).
- 12 Prose composition causes a problem (5).
- 13 Scold the old horse (3).
- 14 The accountant taking US currency stresses . . . (7).
- 15 . . . recent pound fluctuations. Read the Bible on this (7).
- 16 Strange tale about doctor with nothing but dancer's garb (7).
- 20 Counsellor said vicar is wrong (7).
- 23 Short measure from the French girl, almost (3).
- 24 Friend without many faults to deduce (5).
- 25 Show feelings about performance (5).
- 26 Do so to one's belt to get thin, perhaps! (7).
- 27 Get word back to Edward: it's underwater (7).
- 28 Worships, in the year of our Lord, Eros fitfully (6).
- 29 Make certain to see runaround (6).

CLUES DOWN

- 2 Unpredictable to make a mistake over a nervous complaint (7).
- 3 Tiptoe motive for crime against the state (7).
- 4 Cephalopod takes half a month to work (7).
- 5 It unfolds to keep the sun off (7).
- 6 Prime cut, see, based upon experience (7).
- 7 Friendly understanding coming from patient enterprise (7).
- 8 Making short cut around ramshackle terminal (11).
- 10 Got worse, so needed great improvement (11).
- 17 Compelled to dole out big portions (7).
- 18 A Roman road over the hill for the flier (7).
- 19 Argues in favour of being fed up to the limits (7).
- 20 Cut short across the river (7).
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personal column

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The proposal that Leeds Polytechnic and the City of Leeds and Carnegie Colleges of Education should be amalgamated was approved by Leeds Education Committee at the end of 1973. The decision led to a considerable outcry from the Colleges. A working group composed of representatives of the Polytechnic, the Colleges and the James Graham College of Education was set up to consider alternatives and modifications to the original proposal. The work of that working group has ground almost to a halt. It is therefore necessary for the new Education Authority to make a decision fairly soon. There are arguments on both sides and it is by no means clear which direction the Committee will take.

A crucial factor is the almost total opposition to such an amalgamation expressed by the Colleges of Education. It is impossible for an organisation to work full and creatively if a significant part of its members are totally opposed to any form of collaboration. But something has to happen all the same. There is now no doubt that the number of teachers needed in schools in the late 70's and 80's will be less than was earlier expected. A declining birth rate in this country since 1964 has affected all plans and predictions. It follows that the number of places in colleges for potential teachers has also to be reduced. Some colleges will even have to close.

Benefit

The proposed Leeds merger was to some extent based upon earlier proposals made informally by me. They involved a merging of the two major institutions, in particular the merging of their academic control and their allocation of resources. The reason for this was simply that it seemed to be of benefit to future students. The amalgamation of two of the major institutions in the country, largely com-

One way ahead for the colleges in Leeds

Polytechnic Director Patrick Nuttgens puts the case for an amalgamation of his college with Carnegie



plementary and both under the control of the local authority, would make available to students a range of courses, especially vocational and professional courses, on a scale hitherto impossible. In particular, the proposal to set up a new Diploma in Higher Education meant that students who would otherwise take a teacher training course would now have the possibility of starting such a course through the DipHE and transferring to other professional areas of work if they decided not to become teachers, while others transferred in the other direction if they decided to do so. Evidence from students in Colleges of Education — and my own experience in talking to them — suggested that many students would welcome such possibilities.

Obviously the simplest answer to the reduced numbers problem would be to limit the number of teacher-training students in the colleges and fill the resulting vacant places with students taking other courses. But this is not just a question of laying on some soft options, usually in the General Arts and Social Studies field, for those who are not to become

teachers. It is a question of developing serious subjects and activities, especially professional ones, taught at the higher level and acquiring a status comparable to that of a university degree. The merging of the facilities of the higher education institutions belonging to the local authority in Leeds is therefore a unique opportunity to provide students with an unparalleled range of studies of direct relevance to their future lives and careers.

To this there are, of course, disadvantages. The most important are the distance between the two institutions — the Polytechnic being in the centre of the city and the Colleges of Education at Beckett Park some three miles away — and the scale and size of the new body. The answer to the first seems to me to consist in rationalising the location of studies so that the minimum number of students will have to travel between the two places each day but the maximum number of students will have to travel between them occasionally, for example for a whole term. This presents difficulties but would, I believe, be very interesting and a useful stimulus.

An answer to the second problem — size — was put forward by me in a paper submitted to the Local Authority, the Academic Board of the Polytechnic and the Academic Board of the City of Leeds and Carnegie Colleges. This was a proposal to reorganise the total institution into a series of "centres", each of which would have some kind of academic and social as well as geographical validity — on one site a group of subjects with strong academic links would work together. On the basis of a preliminary study I concluded that there were potentially seven or eight such centres in Leeds — five in what is at present the Polytechnic, two at Beckett Park and one at James Graham College. Unfortunately, this proposal, when put by the Principal of the Colleges to its Academic Board, was considered by it — in his words — as "not suitable for study." Ahem!

In fact there are some real disadvantages, in particular for the Polytechnic. After nearly five years of existence the Polytechnic is getting somewhere. It was formed by the amalgamation of four colleges, each with its own history and traditions. The amalgamation was not just accidental; what binds them together is a devotion to vocational teaching and to courses of study leading to action. The Polytechnics have still to prove that their work can be complementary to that of the Universities and of equal importance and stature. In that, they have had less than five years to change a cultural tradition that has existed for 150 years, since the Industrial Revolution. The ancestors of the Polytechnics were the Mechanics' Institutes and Evening Centres founded to provide an education for the new urban community.

Inevitability

Following that tradition, the Polytechnic has already proved that it can run professional studies with a pronounced emphasis on inter-servicing between departments, which are themselves not just disciplines but professional groups of activity. An amalgamation with the colleges means that the Polytechnic will have to get involved in some relatively useless studies. But I suppose that was bound to happen sooner or later in any case, if only because a lot of people prefer to be useless if they possibly can.

Some kind of merger is possible, and I believe that — despite the colleges' failure to study it — the idea of centres is still valid. The position of the University is also a major factor. But neither the University nor the Polytechnic needs a merger or amalgamation of any kind. The problem is that of the Colleges. In my view, amalgamation with the Polytechnic is not only logical; it is also inevitable.

UNIVERSITY CHIEF FAILS IN BID TO CRUSH STUDENT UNION

For the first time in the history of the student movement a Student Union has maintained an active campaign through a vacation. Students at Essex University have maintained a round the clock picket to prevent supplies entering the university for the whole period of the Easter vacation and bring college life to a standstill.

The dispute at Essex started last November when the Students' Union decided to hold an occupation of the administration building in support of the National Union of Students Grants Campaign day of action. The response of the University was to take disciplinary action against 37 individual students. Charges slapped on them ranged from disrupting a lecture to refusing to give a name to a University official.

Expulsions

It rapidly became clear to the Union that the Vice Chancellor, Dr Albert Sloman, was attempting to weaken the Union's campaigning activities by victimising individuals for taking part. The first results from the disciplinary proceedings which began last month showed how right the Union were. Three students were expelled including

one member of the Union Executive. Other sentences included suspended expulsions and heavy fines.

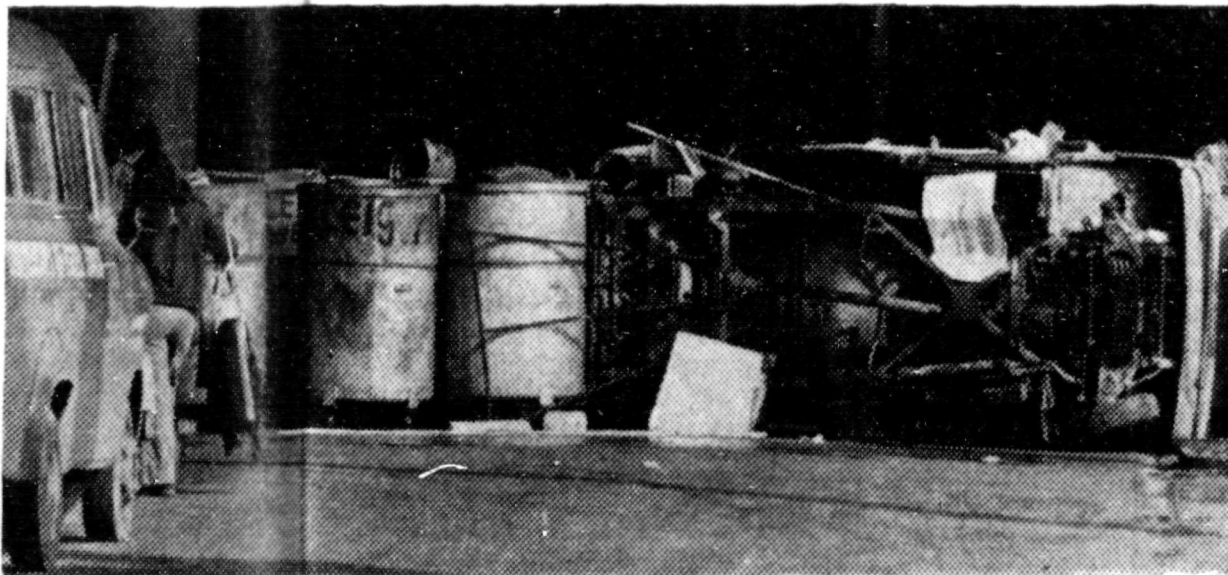
The union response was immediate. It put forward three demands — to reinstate the expelled students, to cancel the disciplinary hearings, and to call for an independent enquiry into the actions of the University authorities — and decided to attempt to close the University if the demands were not agreed upon by the administration.

A picket was mounted on the service road to the university and attempts were made to persuade lorry drivers not to deliver supplies. This action met with immediate success and most drivers refused to cross the picket line. Then Dr Sloman decided to bring the police on the campus to break it.

On two separate days during the last week of last term the police arrested a total of 150 students on the picket line. Charges laid against them range from "unlawful assembly" to "obstructing the police in the course of their duty". After being held in custody for up to 36 hours, all were released on bail but with the condition that they took no further part in the picketing.

Dr Sloman has denied that the police were brought onto campus at his instigation. He has also denied that the usual reticence which police show to becoming involved in student disturbances was overcome because of his personal friendship with the Chief Constable of Essex. Certain evidence has, however, come to light over the vacation which would tend to show that this is not necessarily correct.

Drivers have been arriving at the University with delivery notes from the university authorities stating that if they deliver at specified times on specific dates they will be provided with a police escort. Either the University has tremendous insight or collusion exists.



The Essex barricades

The bringing in of the police has hardened attitudes in the University. Student support for the picket has strengthened even though its effectiveness now means that there is no hot water, heating or clean linen for the 2,000 students in the five campus halls of residence. Amongst academic staff too there is disquiet at the attitude of the administration. An ad-hoc meeting of the academic assembly last month, which was attended by many members of the academic staff passed a motion of no confidence in the Administration. This was confirmed in a postal ballot held soon afterwards. Even on the University Senate there is a substantial minority calling for the dropping of disciplinary proceedings.

Support for the Students' Union and their picket has come too from the trade union movement. The Trades Councils at nearby Colchester, Chelmsford and Ipswich have declared their support, as have many trade unions — ranging from the Bakers' Union to the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. The Derbyshire Area of the National Union of Mineworkers recognising the help given by Essex Students during the miners' strike, sent a blank cheque to cover bail for the arrested students.

Blacked

The picket continued over the Easter vacation even though 105 Essex students were prohibited from taking part in it. It was strengthened by students from a number of other universities and colleges, including representatives from Leeds University and Polytechnic, who were prepared to give up part of their holiday to help.

Drivers from many firms have now blacked the university and do not even bother to attempt to deliver to the University. In particular, support has come from all the British Road Service depots in East Anglia.

The response of the Administration has been to seek other methods of ensuring the delivery of supplies. Senior members of the Administration are now driving hired vans through the picket lines — on two occasions injuring people manning the barricades. They had even been using their private cars until one day the picketers physically pushed one backwards causing a certain amount of damage to its clutch.

In order to ensure speedy unloading of delivery vehicles all sorts of University Staff have been forced to take part. One cleaner who refused to help was immediately threatened with the sack.

Now the University feel it necessary to bring 60-100 police onto campus simply to ensure the delivery of two dozen loaves by the baker.

Support

The delegates at NUS Conference in Liverpool this Easter passed an emergency motion of support for the Essex Students' Union and calling the national picket last Wednesday. It was recognised that the victimisations at Essex, if unchallenged, will lead to a situation where students are unable to take an active part in their Union for fear of further victimisation, not just at Essex but in every other college as well.

by
Pete Gillard



Students carrying an effigy of Vice Chancellor Albert Sloman during the national demonstration in Colchester last March

It takes up to 100 police to ensure the safe delivery of two dozen bread buns



Some of the police who were responsible for the mass arrests at Essex

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Leeds Musical Festival

Fine finale

Dream of Gerontius

It was appropriate that the Festival's final concert should be musically the most satisfying. Thanks to three fine soloists and the beautifully shaped conducting of Sir Charles Groves, Saturday's performance of Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius" was something to remember.

Having admired Richard Lewis's recorded performances of the title role for some years, I felt some trepidation about hearing him live. Indeed his voice no longer has the power or body that it once had but his understanding of the text and his purity and intensity of expression is superb. The sheer authority of his interpretation invests the music with tremendous emotion.

In contrast Katherine Pring is rather a stranger to oratorio. Anyone who has seen her Waltraute in the Coliseum "Ring" cycle will know that as well as having a fine voice she is a very intelligent singer: just the attributes for the Angel. On this performance she is already very good; in time she will become great.

Norman Bailey was simply splendid as the Priest and the Angel of the Agony; I only wish he had more to do.

The choir were, as always, unsteady at the start and the demons chorus was much too polite. However the semi-chorus were good and Groves guided the whole choir to the best of their form by the end. He did the same with the Liverpool orchestra; the tone may have been a bit undernourished at the start but not when it really mattered. What I shall remember though is Lewis; it would be impossible to forget him.



Elgar Howarth, Professional Musical Advisor to the Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Unbalanced Berlioz

Pierre Boulez opened the Town Hall part of the Festival a week last Saturday and introduced himself to Leeds with one of the most spectacular of all choral works, Berlioz's Requiem.

It is an uneven work and it received an uneven performance. The work started well with the opening Requiem and Kyrie well controlled before the massive outbursts of the Dies Irae and Tuba Mirum. The four extra brass groups demanded by Berlioz were placed at the top corners of the platform and the front corners of the balcony; the sheer volume of sound in the Tuba Mirum was quite shattering. The Festival Chorus were impressive in this movement but then in this music and

Pierre Boulez and the BBC Symphony Orchestra

these acoustics any choir of 200 should be.

Things were not so satisfying in the quieter Quid Sum Miser and the unaccompanied Quarens Me. Many of the choral entries were rather untidy and the woodwind chording was frequently ragged; both seemed to stem from M. Boulez's ill-defined beat.

M. Boulez took the Lacrymosa at much too fast a pace for the big Verdian tune to make its full effect and from then on the performance seemed to lack the essential mystery and almost pagan awe of Berlioz's setting.

The incredible final chords played pianissimo on 10 timpani (!) seemed positively prosaic.

The following night's programme could hardly have been better chosen to demonstrate M. Boulez's strengths and weaknesses.

Webern's Six Orchestral Pieces Opus six, given in the rare larger original orchestration, were outstanding. Boulez drew from his players both the power and precision necessary to give the proper intensity to the often momentary and fragmentary effects.

The Three Fragments from Alban Berg's opera "Wozzeck"

Beautiful brass

Elgar Howarth and the Grimethorpe Colliery Band

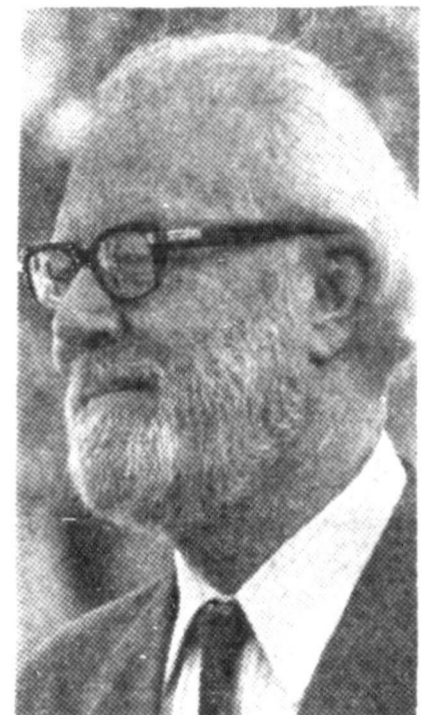
All the members of Grimethorpe Colliery Band work at the local pit except for their conductor Elgar Howarth. With a name like Elgar he couldn't possibly be a pitman anyway.

Under the conductorship of Howarth, a professional musician, the Grimethorpe abandoned the traditional image of brass band and last week took up its rightful place in the Leeds Festival. The concert was enthusiastically received by an audience packed with connoisseurs of brass but the programme was unbalanced and at times became tedious.

The two opening pieces, Wiggins' Under the Greenwood Tree and a "John Bull Suite" were a good introduction to the Grimethorpe's style.

However, Howarth's own Trombone Concerto featuring Stan Priestly and Birtwhistle's "Grimethorpe Aria" which followed did not prove so satisfying. Howarth could have profited by introducing something more lighthearted into the first half of the concert.

After the interval the band pandered to pop in lively mood with even a tambourine being introduced in a swinging version of Lear's Pop goes the Posthorn. The Two Little Preludes by Eric Ball produced sounds more synonymous with brass bands and for me the most stirring piece of the evening was the finale, when the Grimethorpe presented the traditional brass piece Wagner's Prelude to Act III of 'Lohengrin'.



Sir Charles Groves, Musical Director of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

were also commendable in their way. For myself I prefer a more romantic and lyrical approach to Berg but Boulez's toughness is a perfectly acceptable interpretation. Also, it was more suited to the rather harsh and tight voice of the soprano soloist, Wendy Fine.

However M. Boulez's inability to relax with the music was fatal to Mahler's Fourth Symphony. After a reasonable opening movement the performance began to run out of steam in the scherzo which seemed overlong. In the great slow movement the orchestra never played really softly (and the final violin harmonics were very flat) while M. Boulez seemed determined to remain uncommitted.

Risen from the dead

Groves and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

When a new commissioned work from Wilfred Mellers was not ready in time for the festival, Peter Racine Fricker's "A Vision of Judgement" was revived. This setting of lines from the Anglo-Saxon poem "Christ" by Cynewulf was commissioned for the 1958 festival and has been largely neglected since.

There are obvious similarities with Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast" including extra brass players but the centre of the work is a setting for unaccompanied choir of the Libera Me from the dead mass.

Fricker's work is not as imaginative as the Walton but it would be interesting to hear it a little more often. Sir Charles Groves drew fine playing from the Liverpool players and good singing from the

Festival Chorus. Jane Manning and Robert Tear were the soprano and tenor soloists with Tear especially good.

The concert began with Dvorak's "Te Deum"; hardly the most profound setting of that text but still very enjoyable. The same forces except for Norman Welsby, baritone, replacing Robert Tear, gave a sound performance of the piece.

The two choral works framed a performance of Schubert's B minor symphony, the Unfinished, notable for a beautifully shaped second movement with fine orchestral playing. The first movement was not so successful with the playing a little less sure and the conductor not moulding the music so well.

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Rock music is full of comers, poseurs, and downright fakers, but Sour Grapes and Traffic proved that it can be otherwise and that when it is, it's good.

Richard Thompson's "Sour Grapes" played a very fine set of songs all executed with unerring taste. Thompson himself played some of the most convincing guitar since I last saw Steve Miller. For all their excellence, however, they failed to hold my attention for the full length of the performance for two reasons; firstly a tendency to rely too heavily on four-square percussion which was rather confined to medium-to-slow tempi, and secondly, the general lack of presence of the band: Linda Thompson is unable to carry all of them.

Traffic suffered no such defects; their range is wide, and Winwood provides a commanding focus of attention. They are also blessed with an excellent rhythm section which moved into its stride on the second number and drove the band for the full two-hour set. Arguments as to whether Winwood's strength is in his guitar or keyboards playing seem fruitless when he sings; his voice is Traffic's biggest asset controlled and assured. Winwood is every inch the natural musician. The whole evening, in fact was natural, and honest.

by Mike Allen



The four main members of Casablanca; left to right, Janita Franklin, Barry Clarke, Ailiki Ashman and David Costa

Pure melodrama

I've always had the feeling that television actors taking to the stage are invariably out of place, like fish out of water. They seem to be trying to shrug off the slightly unrespectable air of the box in order to do something 'worthwhile'. So it was nice to see Coronation Street's star-crossed lovers, Pat Phoenix and Alan Browning completely relaxed and at home in this production of Patrick Hamilton's famous thriller, Gaslight.

Although the majority of the audience were doubtless devotees of the Street, and there only to see the stars in the flesh, the play was good enough to keep them from reaching for the knitting.

"Gaslight" is a thriller in the old-fashioned mould. Brown-

Gaslight
GRAND

ing is the villain, a past murderer and now all-round nasty person, who is carefully and deliberately trying to drive his wife (Phoenix) out of her mind, to further his dastardly ends; namely to find the rubies for which he committed the murder so many years before. The timely arrival of ex-policeman Inspector Rough on the scene throws a spanner into the works, and culminates in a red-faced struggling Browning being dragged unceremoniously off stage by two burly policemen. It's pure melodrama, no 'meaningful' action or psychological frills.

Norman Wooland turns in a superb performance as the gruff, ageing inspector, who knows all but isn't telling just yet. He is more polished than either Browning or Phoenix, full of interesting quirks and throwing in the occasional ad-lib.

Browning took the chance of deciding to direct this play himself, and it works. He manages to get good performances from everybody, particularly Phoenix, who seemed a little nervous in the first act but relaxed in the second, and outdid herself in the third.

If you're like me, and enjoy a no-complications, straightforward plot being thwarted, it's worth two and a half hours of your time.

Just about justified

Casablanca
ROCKET RECORDS

Casablanca are Rocket's latest discovery, and publicity in *Sounds* and *Melody Maker* won't let you forget it. Thankfully their first album goes a long way towards justifying this saturation coverage.

The LP was recorded around the nucleus of Barry Clarke and David Costa, late of Trees, and chick singers par excellence Juanita Franklin and Ailiki Ashman.

The songs have good enough choruses to be memorable and

allow Barry Clarke's arrangements and solos to give them depth. But I would quibble with the lyrics, which can be self-conscious at times. "Saying goodbye to the freaks and the posers", for instance, may be an admirable sentiment but it's hard to sing with a straight face.

Starry suspense

Tales of Mystery
PLAZA

Three tales of mystery and imagination from Edgar Allan Poe's book of the same name. Directors and stars include Fellini, Roger Vadim, Jane Fonda, Peter Fonda, Terence Stamp, Brigitte Bardot, and Alain Delon. It should be good. But...

"Metzengerstein" has Jane Fonda cavorting around a pseudo-Gothic castle in clothes that look suspiciously like remnants from the costumes department of Barbarella. She kills Peter Fonda (the mysterious Baron Wilhelm) but falls in love with his horse. This film is bad, and it is trivial. It must have been made before Jane took the conscience of America upon her shoulders.

The second offering, "William Wilson" finds Bardot about to be used as a live specimen for a dissection. She is the victim of William Wil-

son. But Wilson's scheme is foiled by a stranger — also called William Wilson! A vast improvement on the first film. I can recommend it to anatomy students for they are unlikely to be able to practice on such a delightful specimen as B.B.

"Don't Wager Your Head With The Devil" begins with Fellini at his best. It is fast, bizarre, macabre, burlesque. A bewildered Toby (Terry Stamp), in Italy to film a spaghetti Western, is troubled by the devil — a little girl with a ball. The first fifteen minutes were delightful. It's probably worth paying your pennies for this alone.

The overall impression created was favourable but I couldn't help thinking that "Wilson" and "Wager" would have benefited from a slower development with more attention paid to a controlled build up of suspense.

Screen failure

The Great Gatsby
ABC 2

After the recent plethora of criticism on "The Great Gatsby", it is difficult to say anything new about this cult film.

Scott Fitzgerald's books make excellent reading but are miserable failures on the screen. This applies no less to the most recent version of "The Great Gatsby" than to the one which appeared about 30 years ago which starred Alan Ladd.

The main problem (there are others) is Gatsby himself. In the book Gatsby is an elusive figure enveloped in beautiful prose, which cannot be transposed onto the screen. When Robert Redford appears half an hour after the film starts (having previously been built up by other characters) our expectations are sadly dis-

appointed. Gatsby is too solid, too wooden and too sordid, which is hardly surprising since any cinema characterisation of him has an inbuilt disadvantage. That Gatsby is not "Great" is not Robert Redford's fault.

Superfluous, suggestive love scenes do not enhance this film; they carry the specious love affair between the flimsy, materialistic Daisy (Mia Farrow) and Gatsby too far; something Fitzgerald never intended.

Have a good night's sleep before you see this one, as you will need to conserve all your energy to stay awake during it — better still curl up with the book and forget about the film.

by Jill Connick

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IT'S GERMAN WEEKEND!

The Dortmund Theatre Company, from Leeds' twin-city in West Germany, are at the Playhouse all weekend. Tonight and tomorrow (Saturday) at 7.30 p.m. they will present MARIA STUART by Schiller. Seats 44p to £1.10, or for students 44p to 50p.

And on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. they will present Bertolt Brecht's THE ANTIGONE OF SOPHOCLES. All seats 30p. The bar and snack bar will be open at lunchtime on both Saturday and Sunday.

BOTH PRODUCTIONS GIVEN IN GERMAN!

From Wednesday, 1st May for three weeks, Alan Ayckbourn's comedy HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES.

Film: Sunday, 28th April, 7.30 p.m. — THEMROC

DATELINE . . .

cinema

ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: The Sting
@. Paul Newman, Robert Redford.
1.55, 5.00, 8.10, LCP 7.25.
Same next week.

ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow, the much talked about Great Gatsby @.
Robert Redford, Mia Farrow.
12.50, 7.00.
Maybe Next Week.

ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: The Legend of Frenchie King @.
starring Brigitte Bardot. 1.40, 5.10, 8.50.; also Not Now Darling @
a Leslie Phillips farce, 3.20, 7.00.
Next week: Not Available Yet.

ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Papillon @.
Steve McQueen, Dustin Hoffman. 1.45, 4.45, LCP 7.30.
Next week: Probably the same.

ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Walt Disney's Herbie Rides Again @.
2.35, 5.45, 8.55; plus Run Sougar Run @. 1.00, 4.10, LCP 7.20.

ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad @. 3.30, 8.30; plus Los in Desert @. 1.45, 6.45.

Next week: Graduate @. Sun. 7.40, Weekdays 8.35; also Midnight Cowboy. Sunday 5.30. Weekdays 6.30.

PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: Run Angel Run @. 3.30, 6.55; also Threesome @. 2.00, 5.25, 8.50.

Next week: Tales of Mystery @ (see review); plus The Sinners @.

CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: The World's Greatest Athlete @. 5.30, 8.35; plus Diamond on Wheels @. 7.10.

Next week: The Way We Were @. Sun. 5.00, LCP 7.00. Weekdays 6.00, LCP 8.00.

COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: Magnum Force @ with Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry. 6.00, 8.25, LCP 8.00.
Next week: Lady Sings the Blues @.

TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: Stone Killers @ starring Charles Bronson. 1.45, 5.15, 8.45; plus Santee @ @. 3.25, 7.00.

Next week: Shaft @. Sunday 4.30, 8.15, Weekdays 1.15, 5.00, 8.45; plus Shaft's Big Score @. Sunday 2.30, 6.15, Weekdays 3.00, 6.50.

LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: Mary Poppins @. 1.50, 5.30, 8.10.
Sunday for 4 Days: Charlie Varrick @. Sunday 5.30, LCP 6.20.
Weekdays 5.20, 7.10. Plus Don Segal's Dual @ @.

Thurs., Fri., Sat.: Airport @. Sat. 4.30, 8.45, Weekdays 8.25, 4.15; plus Two Mules for Sister Sara @. 6.15, Sat. 6.30.

HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: Woody Allen's Take the Money and Run @. 7.50; and Solzhenitsyn's A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich 8.35.

Next week: Chastity @ and State of Siege @.

BRADFORD
FILM THEATRE
(At the Playhouse)

Tonight and tomorrow at 7 pm: A Lesson in Love @ (Sweden 1954); and Cries and Whispers @ (Sweden 1972).

LEEDS

FILM THEATRE
(AT THE PLAYHOUSE)

Sunday, April 28th at 7.30 pm: Themroc @ (France 1972).
Friday, May 3rd at 11.15 pm: A Day in the Death of Joe Egg @ (GB 1970).

theatre

GRAND

Tonight at 7.30 pm and tomorrow at 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm: Gaslight by Patrick Hamilton with Pat Phoenix, Alan Browning and Norman Wooland.

From April 29th: The Yogi Berra Show with guests The Flintstones and Huckleberry Hound. Monday to Friday at 6.30 pm; Saturday 11.30, 2.30 and 6.30 pm.

LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

The Dortmund Theatre Company present tonight at 7.30 pm: Maria Stuart by Friedrich Schiller (English Synopsis at Theatre).

Tomorrow at 2.00 pm: Die Antigone Des Sophokles by Bertolt Brecht, and at 7.30 pm: Maria Stuart.

Sunday, April 28th at 2.00 pm: Die Antigone Des Sophokles.

Wednesday, May 1st to Saturday May 18th: How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn. Evenings at 7.30 pm except Tuesdays at 8 pm.

CITY VARIETIES

Big Hits of the Music Hall. Monday to Friday Evenings at 7.30 pm, Saturdays 5.30 pm and 8 pm. Matinees Tuesday at 2.30 pm.

UNIVERSITY
WORKSHOP
THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow at 7.30 pm: Boesman and Lena by Athol Fugard.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 1st, 2nd and 3rd May at 8.00 pm in the Riley Smith Hall: Old Times, Harold Pinter's latest stage play. Tickets 20p.

CIVIC THEATRE

Tuesday, April 30th to May 4th at 7.30 pm: Vivat! Vivat Regina by Robert Bolt presented by Leeds Arts Centre.

SWARTHMORE
STUDIO

Tonight at 7.00: Workshop as usual. Dress rehearsal open to anyone.

Tomorrow at 3.00: Outside Morrisons — St. George and the Dragon (an old English mummies play), or 3.30 outside Bistro 5.

concerts

EMMANUEL
CHURCH

Tonight and tomorrow at 7.30 pm: Monteverdi's L'Orfeo: Pavola in Musica staged by Alexander Viner. Dept of Music Ensemble with soloists conducted by Alexander Gohar (27th) and Richard Rastall (26th).

UNIVERSITY
GREAT HALL

Thursday, 2nd May at 1.30 pm: West Riding String Quartet. Prokofiev Quartet No. 2. Alan Bush Dialectic.

ST GEORGE'S HALL
BRADFORD

Tonight at 7.30 pm: Halle Orchestra. Conductor James Loughran, Solo Tenor Robert Tear.

TOWN HALL

Tomorrow at 7.30 pm: Northern Sinfonia Orchestra, Vladimir Ashkenazy Director and Soloist. Symphony No 1 by Prokofiev, Serenade for strings by Dvorak, Piano Concerto in D minor K466 by Mozart.

LEEDS INSTITUTE
GALLERY

Sunday, April 28th at 7.30 pm: Impact a new jazz group. Line up includes four national stars Don Rendell (Tenor Saxophone), Paul Lytton (Percussion), Derek Bailey (Guitar) and Lindsay Cooper (Double Bass).

exhibitions

LEEDS
CITY ART GALLERY

April 4th to May 12th: Early Days. Victorian and Edwardian paintings.

EXHIBITION HALL
CITY SQUARE

From tomorrow: 19th Century Domestic Appliances from the Abbey House Museum.

NORTHERN ARTISTS
GALLERY

Until May 1st: Derek Wilkinson visits Yorkshire. Paintings, drawings, prints.

PARK SQUARE
GALLERY

Today and tomorrow: Dorothy Bradfords: paintings and drawings of musicians and Dick Ward: paintings and drawings.

PLAYHOUSE
GALLERY

Till tomorrow: Tricia Gilman.

UNIVERSITY
GALLERY

April 18th to May 24th: Rouault Etchings: Tiepolo, Canaletto Etchings.

PARKINSON COURT

April 25th to May 9th: The New Medical Centre.

Leeds Student

Friday, April 26th, 1974

your weekly newspaper

Bird falters in Spanish heat

University Cross Country star Tony Bird helped Britain to gain third place in the International Students Cross Country Championships in Madrid last month.

Tony who was fourth man home for his country was placed 19th overall in the gruelling event. After holding 10th place for much of the race the Leeds runner fell back to 19th when the heat and humidity in the Spanish stadium began to slow him down on the last lap of the 10km race.

Two weeks later Bird was beaten by one of his college colleagues when the University club took part in the Isle of Man Easter Athletic Festival. This is the first time since October that the University's number one runner has been overtaken by one of his teammates. It was Leeds runner John Fox who came home sixth, nine places ahead of Bird in the first race of the tournament.

But Bird was back on form in the next day's relay race clocking the fastest time by a Leeds man. He completed his three and a half mile lap in

15 mins 26 secs which was six seconds quicker than Fox who on the fourth and final lap gained seventh place for Leeds.

In the tiring 3½ mile fell race the following day the best performance by a Leeds man came from Fox who finished 23rd.

Leeds were placed third overall of the student teams taking part in the event. Ahead of them were Durham Colleges and Oxford.

Varsity duo in relay win

University runners Bird and Fox were in action again last Saturday helping Aire-dale and Spen Valley AC to victory in the Egerton Road relay at Bolton.

Bird finished fifth on the first leg and Fox running the fourth leg managed to hold onto the lead gained by Aire-dale's third man May.

CUP TRIUMPH

Ten days after the Poly Rugby Union club defeated Welsh opposition to carry off the British Polytechnics cup, Carnegie overcame a strong Cardiff side in the final of the British Colleges Cup.

Played at Burton-on-Trent last month the game was hard but the Yorkshire college boys who won by 12 points to 10 had the measure of the Welsh attack. Cardiff, the Cup favourites, winners of the competition for the last two years and fielding a side containing nine college internationals, were consistently outplayed in the set pieces, although their backs had the edge over their Carnegie counterparts.

Scrum half Norman Roddom opened Carnegie's account with a try which was converted by Lilly. C. Griffiths crossed to pull back four points for Cardiff and the scoreline still stood at 6-4 when the players went off at half-time.

The Welshmen pressed hard when proceedings recommenced and a penalty by Hopkins gave them a one point lead. Another mistake by the Yorkshiremen allowed Hopkins to put his side further ahead with a well taken penalty.

But Carnegie full back Lilly came to the rescue with two penalties to give Leeds the cup.

Carnegie team: Lilly, Ellis, Chin-neck, Poole, Latham, Griffiths (R), Roddom, Horton, Seddon, Hall, Jones, Marshall, Jenkinson, Keay, Evans (Capt.).

Carnegie Rugby Union team gained a creditable 12 points to seven victory against local club side Harrogate last Saturday.

Despite being reduced to 14 men in the first half when Evans went off the field with an injury the college side

showed much more enterprise than their opponents and made good use of all the chances that came their way.

Carnegie's points came from tries by Latham, Pool and Sant.

Carnegie footballers Kennedy and Trelease were instrumental in the British Colleges victories over the national Polytechnic and University sides in a soccer tournament held at Birmingham last week.

Both the Carnegie men scored two goals in the Colleges 5-1 win over the British Universities. In the match between the Colleges and the Polytechnics Kennedy and Trelease each scored a goal to help their team to a 3-1 victory.

In the final match of the event the Universities beat the Polytechnics by four goals to nil.

Polytechnics Volleyball Championships

Bulman's boys show great promise

Although the Poly Volleyball team only managed fourth place in this year's national championships held at Birkenhead the experience and confidence that the Leeds squad gained from the tournament will make them a force to be reckoned with next season.

The team was only formed this season.

But their trainer, the Poly's new sports administrator George Bulman, who is one of the country's top volleyball coaches, is confident that they will be challenging this year's champions Liverpool for their title in twelve

by Ian Coxon

month's time. Ironically it was Bulman who helped Liverpool to their second successive title. Prior to taking up his job at Leeds he was coach to Liverpool and built up a powerful squad which

now boasts four English Junior Internationals.

Leeds tied on points with Leicester and North East London Polys who took second and third places respectively but the Yorkshire team did not win as many sets as the two sides above them.

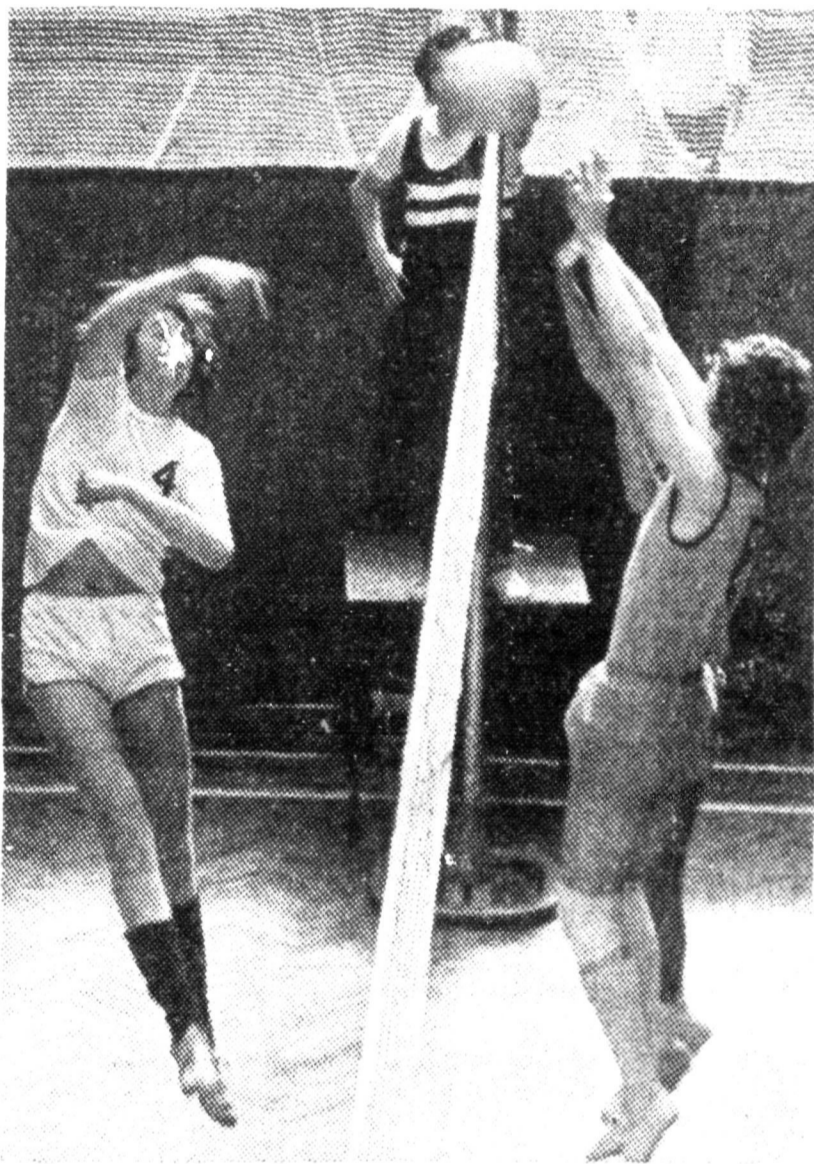
Liverpool the favourites proved unbeatable and did not drop a single set despite an impressive attempt by Leeds to stop them sweeping the board. As in all their five matches the Leeds men started badly going down 15-1 in the first set. But the Yorkshire side regained their confidence in the second set and bled to worry the Liverpool boys in a manner that no other of the six teams in the tournament had done. At one stage Leeds were nine points to one up but they lost concentration as they did so many times and allowed Liverpool to win by 15-11 and take the match.

Leeds won three of their four other games beating Sheffield, Leicester and Plymouth and losing to North East London Poly.

In the final play off between Liverpool and Leicester the reigning champions were never unduly worried by their opponents and won the match in straight sets 15-4, 15-2.

Final placings and points:

1—Liverpool	10
2—Leicester	6
3—NE London	6
4—Leeds	6
5—Plymouth	2
6—Sheffield	0



Leeds man Martin Nelson, number four, in action against Sheffield

NATIONAL SPORTS NEWS

The Yorkshire soccer side Sheffield University will share this year's UAU Cup with Bath University.

In the match played at Birmingham last month the two sides proved to be very evenly matched and after extra time the score remained at 0-0 so match officials decided that the trophy should be shared.

The British colleges reaffirmed their superiority over the Universities Rugby Union side in beating them by 18 points to 16 in a game played at Bristol during the Easter vacation.

Leeds University stand-off Alistair Tindle was the only Yorkshire representative on

either side. The British Colleges team included eleven players from Cardiff the team Carnegie beat to win the British Colleges Championship.

It is only the second time that the two teams have met and it was a second defeat for the UAU who could only manage a goal a try and two penalty goals against the two goals and two penalty goals scored by the Colleges.

Tindle was also in the Universities side which drew 7-7 with the French Universities in an international played at Edinburgh University.

Sheffield University carried off the UAU Rugby League

Championship in a hard fought match against Liverpool last month after being losing finalists for the past two years.

The Yorkshire side playing the match in the opposition's territory at Oldham scored first with a penalty goal taken by stand-off half Roberts. Liverpool equalised with a penalty by Birchall and were the more enterprising side in the first half.

Sheffield relied heavily on their strong defence but in the closing minutes of the game substitute Bell managed to cross the Liverpool try-line and Roberts converted to give Sheffield the championship by 7 points to 2.

U WIN

Percy's tips for this week are:

Friday, 2.30 Sandown TRIBAL FEAST (nap)

Friday, 3.00 Sandown OLYMPIC CASINO

Friday, 3.45 Newcastle PREBIHAS

Saturday, 2.15 Sandown FUNNY FELLOW

Saturday, 2.55 Sandown CUCKHOLD

Saturday 3.30 Newcastle BEAUFORT SEA (nap)

Saturday, 2.30 Leicester VOSTIZZA

Cup hopes dashed

Carnegie soccer team lost their bid for a place in the final of the West Riding County Cup after a 2-0 semi-final defeat by Yorkshire League club Farsley Celtic.

The college side after managing to force a replay visited Farsley's ground hoping for victory. Carnegie built up a number of good chances in the first half and went off at half-time drawing 0-0 with the home side but two goals by Farsley in the second half ended the students cup hopes.

A further semi-final cup defeat was suffered by Carnegie when they lost 4-0 to Thackley in the Senior Cup Competition of the Red Triangle League.

SCORELINE

SOCCER

York Old Boys League
Thornesians 5, Leeds Poly 3
Leeds Univ Staff 10, St Blaise 0
Yorkshire League
Hallam 3, Carnegie 1
Carnegie 1, Winterton Rovers 2
Carnegie 1, Lincoln Utd. 3
Red Triangle Senior Cup
Thackley 4, Carnegie 0
St Theresa's 3, Carnegie 0
West Riding County Cup
Farsley Celtic 2, Carnegie 0
UAU Championship
Sheffield 0, Bath 0

RUGBY UNION

Leeds Univ. 0, Moortown 20
Halifax 32, Carnegie 3
Harrogate 7, Carnegie 12
Carnegie 2nd 7, Leeds Poly 1st 40
Colleges Cup
Carnegie 12, Cardiff 10

RUGBY LEAGUE

UAU Championship
Sheffield 7, Liverpool 2

SQUASH

Leeds Univ 2nd 1, Headingley 4
Crossleyans 3, Leeds Univ 2nd 2

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