

AGM THROWS OUT MEDICS' UDI BID





Picture by Paul Gibbs

The Sadler Hall folk dancers are to aban- to carry off the silver trophy for the best perdon wintry Leeds for the sun next month.

formance.

One of the dancers said the morris men had The University's very own cloggies are off raised the money for the trip themselves. on the 11th February for a week's tour of "We've all been practising for a long time Sicily, to take part in the international Festi- to go in for this," he said, "and I don't see

MORE TEACHER CUTS

The University health students bid for autonomy failed when the Union AGM overwhelmingly rejected their demands yesterday. afternoon.

John Harvey, a member of the Medical Students Representative Council, put forward a motion which would have made health students completely independant of the rest of the union body.

Mr Harvey proposed the creation of a Health Students Representative Council which would not be responsible to the existing Union Council. The HSRC would take over control of the Lipman building which is the social centre for medics, and have a final say in other matters of po!

Mr Harvey said: "Contrary to popular belief we are not trying to hive off one part of the union from another. We want to give people in the Lipman building the responsibility of running it themselves.

Tom Burke speaking against the health students plans said: "Whatever they say the medics proposals do mean disaffiliation from the

union. "The bar staff and porters in the Lipman are all Union by Chris Elliott and **Paul Gibbs**

The post of General Athletics Chairman has been removed from the Executive. Proposing the change, Pete Gillard said that the person who filled the post always got unnecessarily involved in Union politics as a member oi Executive.

A move to replace the GAC's position on Exec with an officer without portfolio was not supported.

Dr J. W. Belton, the Union's Honorary Treasurer, has also been taken off the Executive. But he will still attend meetings to advise on financial matters

An atempt by UC member Steve Bullock and Christoph Schliack to make the National Union of Students' Policy Committee a closed body narrowly failed. Membership of NUSP will thus remain open to all students who will continue to have equal voting rights.

The meeting became inquorate at 4.30 pm. It will reconvene today at 1 pm in the Riley Smith Hall.

Poly plans to contact internees

Leeds Area NUS Committee are to recommend to all local colleges that they "adopt an internee" from Northern Ireland.

The move follows the announcement from NUS headquarters in London last week that they are to launch a campaign on Ulster, the demands of which include the immediate ending of internment.

The NUS has been calling for all colleges and universities to support the campaign by adopting an internee. The decision by the Leeds committee is the first step locally to put the policy into practice.

The Poly union has already responded to the call. On Wednesday the Board of Reps passed a proposal recommending that local students should correspond with an internee.

Vice President for Recreation Rob Armstrong, who

cal of the Almond Blossom, where they hope any reason why we shouldn't win it."

Anger over visit by Wilson

The news that Premier Harold Wilson is to visit Leeds next month to talk at a dinner given by the Labour Friends of Israel group has caused widespread anger this week.

Mr Wilson and Israeli officials are to speak at the Dragonara Hotel on February 9th.

Students from the University and other colleges, as well as Leeds trades unionists plan to picket the hotel as a means of showing their support for "the Palestinian people in their struggle against Zionism.'

Building plans may go ahead

The Leeds Education Authority announced this week that it is prepared to go-ahead with Polytechnic and college building projects which have been deferred.

Recommendations 'for new buildings at the Polytechnic, Park Lane and Thomas Danby have been sent to the Government.

by lan Coxon

More drastic cuts in teaching training places will be announced by the government soon.

- Sources close to the Department of Education and Science hinted this week that the Education Minister Reg Prentice has been advised to make further reductions in teaching courses in light of the falling birth rate.
- Mr Prentice has already stated that the number of places for teacher training students in Leeds should be reduced from the present 2,200 to 1,200 by 1981. It is understood that the new cuts will put the number below 1,000.
- This week, a Leeds headmaster criticised the Government cuts. Bernard Scott, head of Foxwood School, Seacroft, said that birth-rate forecasts were not a reasonable guide for making teacher reductions. Linda Vaughan, President

Elect of the Poly Union, said yesterday: "The cuts mean that school classes will never have less than 40 pupils in them.



Miss Vaughan deplored the Government's method of basing its figures on the falling birthrate which she described as insignificant.

staff and presumably the new HSRC would want to employ its own people. This would involve many legal difficulties. The medics don't seem to have considered this properly at all," Mr Burke said.

The meeting earlier accepted a number of changes in the Union Executive.

The posts of Deputy President for Communications and Deputy President for Servi-. ces are to be replaced with a Deputy President and a Treasurer. These changes wil take effect from August 1st.

LEEDS STUD The price of Leeds Student

goes up to 4p today. We very much regret having to take this step. However, our production costs have risen by nearly 20 per cent since this time last year and it has, therefore, become necessary to pass on some of this increase.

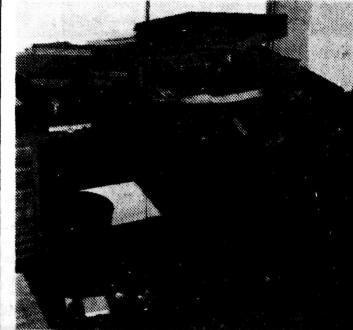
It will also be necessary to exercise economy over the size of the newspaper in weeks to come. Today, for instance, the paper only contains 10 pages.

made the proposal, later said that he hoped the scheme would bring the Northern Ireland situation home to the students of Leeds.

He went on to say that they would not correspond with a loyalist detainee. "Ideally we would like to contact a student who is interned," he said, "Personally I would not mind if the person we select is a member of the Provisional IRA."



Campus Crime-wave



- A minor crime wave hit the University campus this week with a series of break-ins and petty thefts. In the past few days four incidents have occurred involving theft and damage to University property.
- Last weekend the Institute of Education, The School of English and Combined Studies were broken into and coffee machines vandalised and robbed.

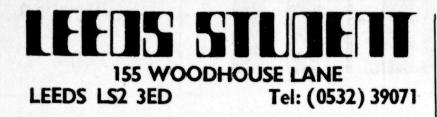
On Wednesday night thieves smashed the glass door of the University Post Office, opened several parcels and broke into an empty cash box. "Fortunately there is no cash kept on the premises," said Mr Bull of the Mailing Service, "but the thieves left the mailroom in a shambles."

spokesman for the University Security Office said they believed all the break-ins were related. "We are joining with the police in a combined effort to catch the criminals," he added.

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Use your head

Election fever is with us again. The time of the year when all of us can see, albeit briefly, the force of Union democracy at work.

Over the next few weeks the question of who is to run the Unions on our behalf will be resolved.

Too often in the past we have witnessed how our elected representatives have sold us short. Too often we have seen them not doing their jobs, or misrepresenting our views.

This year as always, the onus of making sure the mistakes which have happened in previous years do not occur again lies with us, and solely with us.

Earlier in the session the student body showed that it CAN make its opinions heard. The dismissal of nine members of University Union Council over the Ireland issue is one which will stand in the history of the Union.

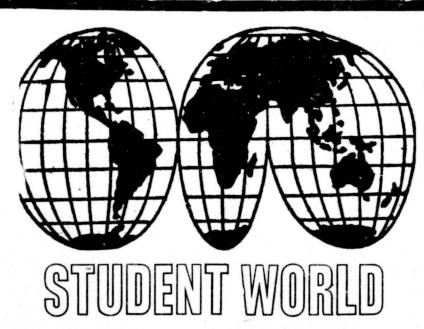
It is vital now that YOU USE YOUR VOTE. Let us hear no more of the kind of charges about student apathy made earlier in the session by Mr Stephen Rippon and others.

Let us ensure that those people we elect to serve our Unions this year are those who are best suited to do the job, and not secondraters who are elected only because we cannot be bothered to vote for the better candidates.

Bristol

An ex-Polytechnic student managed to spend the whole of last term living in a university flat before he was discovered by the authorities.

Apparently the man works or the North Avon Dist-



Network 4 reprieved

The University Union television service, Network Four, was given a reprieve this week after proposals that it should be scrapped were defeated at Union Council.

More than 20 members of the group crowded into the meeting of Council on Monday to hear the debate on the future of the television network.

UC Member Steve Bullock had proposed cutting off most of the £570 grant the society recives yearly from the Union. "The deficit the television service makes every year will be much more than usual next session," he said. "It's a luxury the Union just can't afford.'

However, Council members were virtually unanimous on a vote that Network Four should continue in its present format.

Cultural Affairs Secretary, Dave Smith, speaking against Mr Bullock's motion said that the programmes produced by Network Four were performing a valuable service to the considerable number of people who watched them. It was unfair, he went on, to penalize the society just because it was a minority interest.

"wasting time University Union President Neil Taggart was censured by UC this week for "wasting Council's time".

Taggart censured for

After a bitter hour-long debate on Monday night Union Council voted by a narrow margin to censure the President as a member of the Bar Board, the were too small. He did not say sub-committee which preanything about this at Bar sides over the Union's Board or Exec, he said, bebars. cause he thought the consen-The row was centred asus of opinion there was in favour of the increases as

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"It's incredible that almost

half of UC agreed with what

I said at Council but thought

that I shouldn't have said it",

The President intends to

raise the question of the cen-

sure at the next OGM. Mr

Rae said he hoped a full dis-

cussion would occur over Mr

Taggart's "unprincipled ac-

be referred back to Bar Board

for reconsideration.

The wage proposals are to

The decision was taken at

an Executive meeting of the

Union earlier this week af-

ter a letter had been received

from an organisation called

the "Campaign for the relief

of Rhodesian political priso-

Four stand

for **President**

Four candidates are stand-

ing for the Presidency of

round proposed increases in the wages of casual workers in the bars. The proposals, which were submitted to Council by Bar Board, recommended rises in the hourly rates for glass collectors, food preparers and casuals.

Mr Taggart was censured because he failed to give his opinion on the suggested increases at the appropriate meetings of Bar Board and Executive. UC member Bob Rae said that by choosing to say nothing and leaving the matter to be discussed by UC the President had been "devious and underhand."

"We have already seen the mistakes that UC can make when they are illinformed over an issue. It was the President's duty to point out any objections he had at Bar Board and Exec. Instead he chose to say nothing," he commented.

Mr Taggart had previously said at Union Council that he felt the proposed increases

example of cuts in London so far and ULIESA will do all possible against the cuts overall."

Edinburgh

Sir Michael Swann, Vice Chancellor of Edinburgh University between 1965 and

Raising the roof

The library in the Polytechnic's Town Planning department is still closed after being damaged by strong gales at the beginning of term.

The city engineer said the roof was in a dangerous condition but the council who are responsible for the building said they could not afford to repair it.

The Poly, who rent the building from the council, have therefore decided to take over the responsibility for maintenance and hope to start repairs as soon as possible.

Carnegie plans aid for **Rhodesian** prisoners

A campaign to raise money for political prisoners in Rhodesia is to be launched at Carnegie College.

> Money collected from the nationwide appeal will enable political detainees to leave Rhodesia and will provide their relatives with food and other essential commodities.

The President of Carnegie Union, Chris Pratt said that, in his opinion, students in this country should use every opportunity to make positive attacks on the apartheid system. "This is a very worthwhile campaign and I hope students here will support it," he added.



rict Council, and earns over £2,000 per year, and has not been a student of the polytechnic since 1973. He lett atter being unable to take an important external exam because his application was late.

No further action was taken against him. He was given a list of alternative accommodation by the Poly Office, and allowed to live in the flat over Christmas until he found another home.

Sheffield

The University Arts Tower is balanced on a fault in the earth's crust.

The discovery was made by Professor J. K. Schmedlich of the University of Koblenz, West Germany. In a report published recently, the professor claims that the tower was built on an unstable geological fault and that any appreciable movement of the earth's crust would knock it out of alignment with the ground.

There have been previous complaints that the building sways in high winds, and large cracks have appeared on the upper surfaces of the structure.

The buildng is not likely to collapse, however, but will probably fall into a rapid state of dilapidation. What the professor doesn't understand is how the fault was overlooked in the first place.

The Student Union will probably call for a full investigation of the report; in the meantime the building will continue in use.

Newcastle

University and Polytechnic students were reprimanded by workers when they joined scaffolders on a local building site in support of their unofficial strike.

The scaffolders' strike is completely unofficial and now its organisers have shown resentment of the student interference.

A local bricklayer said: "It is nothing to do with the students, they shouldn't interfere. If they want to give their support, one person could have done that."

London

The arts students have decided to initiate a campaign involving lobbies of parliament, constituency headquarters, and the prolonged picketing of the In-ner London Education Authority in an attempt to prevent the closure of Furzenbank College of Education.

The students, representatives of the National Union of Students and of the colleges involved, see the proposed merger of the college with Phillipa Fawcett College as part of the government education cuts.

Plans for the amalgamation involve a cut in the total number of students from 1400 to 600 and the students intend to fight the cuts "tooth and nail".

Rob Murphy, President of the University of London Institute of Education Students' Association said: "This is the most concrete

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1972, has renewed his criticism of universities. Five months ago, in a scathing attack on student communities Sir Michael called students "pampered darlings."

His latest criticisms came in a London speech when he claimed that lecturers were highly paid, students did little work, and that universities were desirable havens. He also said that Student Union's behave in "totally unbelievable ways, that no real Union would countenance for one moment" and that in the universities "neither staff nor students know the meaning of work."

Strathclyde

The University Union may be totally without catering facilities by 1976.

Rising prices have made it impossible to continue the subsidy of Union catering at Strathclyde, and the Presi-dent of the Union, Douglas Rowan plans to phase out Union catering as the only way to bring the association back from the verge of bankruptcy.

The University will open a catering complex next year, by which most of the Union staff will be employed, so it looks as if the Union will decide to cut its losses in the catering field.

Leeds University Union for next session.

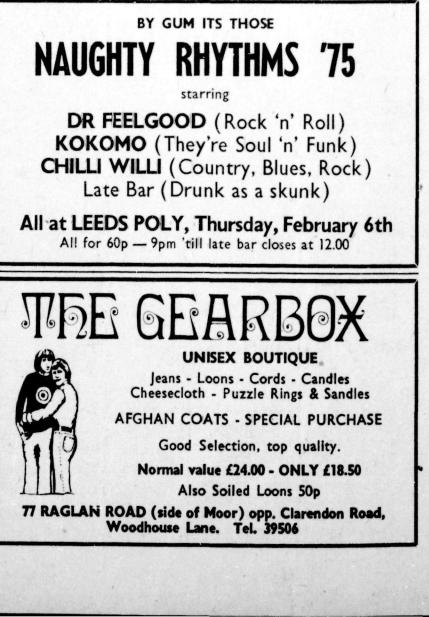
When nominations closed earlier this week the following people had put themselves forward for election:

Kevin Devaney, Peter Gillard, Robert Mason and Roger Seddon.

Hustings take place next week and polling will be on Monday and Tuesday, 10th and 11th February.

Lord Boyle, the University Vice-Chancellor, will be available for consultation by students tomorrow morning from 10.00 am onwards.

Any students wishing for a private discussion with the Vice-Chancellor on any subject will find him in his office on Level 11 of the Physics/ Administration building.



Clark favoured for NUS Presidency

Charles Clark, the Treasurer of the National Union of Students, has this week emerged as the most likely successor to the Union's current President John Randall when Executive elec-

tions ar held in April.

Mr Clark, 24, a graduate in maths from King's College, Cambridge, is the official nominee for the Presidency by the Broad Left, the powerful socialist alliance between left-wing Labour party and Communist party students.

The Broad Left has also nominated former Leeds University student and Union NUS Secretary, Sue Slipman, to stand for the post of national secretary of the NUS. Miss Slipman, a member of the Communist party, left Leeds at the end of last session and now studies at the Institute of Education in London. She currently holds the Executive post of Vice-President for Education.

The elections will take place at the NUS's Easter Conference which is to be held in Aberystwyth from April 7-11th. The current President, John Randall, who has held office since 1973, will then hand over to his successor, who will be elected by the conference's delegates.

The nomination of Mr Clark by the Broad Left comes as something of a surprise. Many observers had tipped the present deputy president, Alistair Stewart, 22 year old Bristol University graduate, for the nomination. However, Mr Stewart

Alternative

by Nick Witchell

was narrowly beaten in the ballot of 103 student leaders from all over Britain and now goes forward as the Broad Left's official nomination for his old post of deputy president.

Although Mr Clark is now regarded as the favourite in the election, a strong challenge will come from the nomination of the International Socialists party, who have yet to make an official choice of candidate. In addition, it is possible that other contenders will follow the example of John Randall who, after losing the official Broad Left "ticket" in his own election, went on to stand as an independent and win.

Linda to be Poly's first lady

Linda Vaughan will become the Poly Union's first woman President when she takes office in August.

In the election held last week, Linda, a second year Teacher Education student, polled almost five times as many votes as her only opponent Paul Simmonds.

Mr Simonds, a member of the Workers Revolutionary Party and a regional organiser for the Young Socialists who studies 3D Design, received 103 votes against the 484 polled for Miss Vaughan. Linda, 21, from Guildford, Surrey was Union Deputy President last year. She is not the first woman president

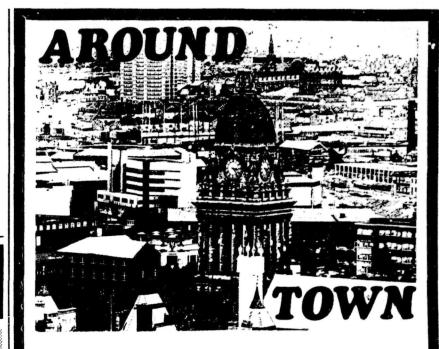
in Leeds, Daphne Wilde



(1941-42) and Seonaid Falconer (1968-69) both held the office of President at the University Union and Cheryl Birkin was President of Carnegie Union two years ago. Miss Vaughan will succeed Ian Steele.



Pictured above in thoughtful deliberation are contestants in the heats to find Leeds



BOMBS IN THE BOGSIDE

The discovery of two fire-bombs in the men's lavatories of two city centre stores led to a massive security drive by Leeds police last week.

They searched all the main stores in Leeds and are now looking for a softly spoken man who phoned a warning to Lewis' and Woolworths demanding £50,000 The search follows directly on the discovery of an incendiary bomb in Woolworth's. It was defused by the head of Leeds CID, Chief Supt. Dennis Hoban, twenty minutes before it was due to go off.

CROWD PULLER

Leeds United Football Club expect more fans after the completion of the city's new South-West urban motorway. Work on the motorway has just started and is expected to provide a large number of jobs for local men.

The club's public relations officer, Peter Fay said: "The motorway would make the ground one of the most accessible in the country".

MARKET SEXPLOIT

A man who described British housewives as 'clueless' ended up having a slanging match in Leeds market earlier this week. He took up the challenge of a shopping duel with the Leeds branch chairman of the National Housewives' Association, but found he got more than he bargained for.

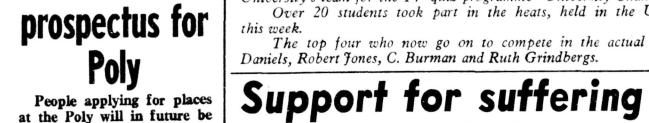
George Semper agreed to Pat Rowieson's challenge of shopping in the market for a specified list of groceries with a total price limit of £6. He was unable to do it while Mrs Howieson had 30p to spare.

An angry Mr Semper claimed she had 'hoodwinked' him by buying inferior items. He claimed that she bought 'pigeon' eggs for 26p while he bought Grade A for 34p. "You have exploited me. You are the type of woman I detest."

CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN

'Watch your mouth!' Leeds United fans have been told. If they don't they could find themselves in trouble with the police.

Foul language and obscene chanting are not approved of by the club's directors who feel the situation is so bad that a campaign is neded to clear the air over the terraces. The secretary-general manager, Mr Keith Archer commented, "With the help of everyone Leeds United can again lead the way in setting new standards



People applying for places at the Poly will in future be able to read impartial accounts about the facilities and teaching standards provided on the courses.

This is the aim of the Union executive who are currently working on an Alternative Prospectus to balance the one issued by the Poly.

They have invited students to submit reports on their courses describing the syllabuses, teaching methods and any other points which might be of interest to potential students.

Gordon Wright, assistant director at the Poly said he welcomed the idea and hoped that any criticism would be constructive.

University's team for the TV quiz programme "University Challenge.

college students

Students from Leeds

and York are expected

to descend en masse on

Harrogate this afternoon

to support a demonstra-

tion against the bad liv-

ing and working condi-

tions of college students

Claims by two Harrogate

colleges, that students are hav-

ing to cram into already over-

crowded teaching space, and

that there are negligible

Union facilities, have led to

York Area NUS group orga-

nising the demo.

there.

Over 20 students took part in the heats, held in the Union's debating chamber earlier this week.

The top four who now go on to compete in the actual contest in the spring are: Mike Daniels, Robert Jones, C. Burman and Ruth Grindbergs.

University Union Coun-

cil and Executive members

will be among those travel-

ling to Harrogate on two

coaches which leave from the

NUS Secretary Kevin De-

vaney said that it was impor-

tant for all students in Leeds

to lend their weight to the

demonstration. "Over 2,000

students at Harrogate FE

College are forced to use a

dining room which can ac-

commodate only forty people.

Both the library and teaching

rooms are hoplessly over-

crowded," he commented.

Parkinson steps at 1 pm.

Pratt makes amends

Carnegie College Union is to make a donation of £10 to Leeds Charity Rag from union funds and is to hold a special fund raising event to collect more money for the charity.

The move comes after the attack on their inactivity last week from ex-Rag Chairman Clive Hemsley. He said that Carnegie's contribution to last term's Rag events had been "disgusting."

Union President Chris Pratt said that the union acknowledge its failure and was anxious to make amends.

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of crowd behaviour.'

As part of the new policy, 100,000 leaflets urging fans to support the team without using foul language are to be distributed at United's next three home games.

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Has Billy been on Network 4? JULIA: I think you're OK! Yours

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ANDREW HOLTON, a physiology student at the University, weighs up the pros and cons of legalising the use of marijuana.

LAST DECEMBER the National Union of Students conference at Margate decided to press for legalisation of the possession and use of marijuana. Outside (and even within) student circles this has been misconstrued as support for the introduction of marijuana into society.

It's too late for that. Marijuana is here and looks like staying, regardless of the threat of legal proceedings and the risks to health. A decision now has to be reached on the balance between the advantages of legal discouragement and the disadvantages consequent on punishing those the law fails to discourage.

whose access to the facts is faster than mine, there are a variety of criticisms which can be levelled at the operation of the present ban on cannabis: the law is widely disregarded and thus helps to bring other laws into disrespect; it can only be enforced selectively, because of the large number of people who use the drug at home; it can lead to unnecessary (and possibly illegal) police searches: and it increases friction between the police and minority groups, such as students.

American research

To what extent do we need an antimarijuana law in the first place? Much of the medical and social research on the drug has been conducted in the USA. Across the Atlantic, the 'problem' is rather more pervasive than over here, with 420,000 arrests for possession last year alone, and it is there that attitudes are now beginning to change.

Quite apart from social or moral implications, it has become advantages for various administators to somewhat 'decriminalize' marijuana. Two years ago, President Nixon appointed a commission on marijuana which subsequently came down heavily in favour Department of Health, Education and of decriminalization. The conclusions Welfare, comes to some worrying con-

As has been pointed out by people were ignored at the time but, more recently, Dr Dupont, the president's chief adviser and spokesman on drug abuse, has begun to publicise his support for removing the criminal penalties for the possession and use of small quantities of marijuana.

> In Oregan last year, a law was introduced which reduced the possession of small amounts of marijuana to a civil offence, like bad driving. It operates with a maximum fine of \$100 and apparently it has already led to a slight decrease in the drug's use. In the last month, Senators Javits and Hughes have been conducting hearings with the hope of introducing legislation to remove criminal sanctions where small quantities of the drug are involved. vantageous to the government in quietening down civil disturbances, particularly among students. Whether or not there is any truth in these allegations, an estimated 20 million Americans have smoked marijuana at some time, suggestng that the criminal penalties have not acted as much of a deterrent.

> In recent years, the effect of mariiuana have been fairly intensively vestigated and, so far, the drug appears to have come out of it with a slate not much dirtier than either tobacco or alcohol. All the same, a recent report "Marijuana and Health", from the US

More or less harmful than an ordinary cigarette?

clusions. Tests suggests that marijuana, if used habitually, depresses cell-mediated imunity and the levels of testosterene in the body.

The implications are that chronic use of the drug would lower resistance to disease, including cancer; would affect the development of young boys and would damage male foetuses. However, it is stressed that these findings are preliminary and their controversial nature is underlined by the almost synchronous publication of papers in 'Science' and 'The New England Journal of Medicine' which report that marijuana does not, after all, decrease cell-mediated immunity or testosterone

Addictive dangers

Addiction to anything produces its special problems and marijuana can, in some circumstances, become addictive. To make matters worse, all predictions made concerning its effect on public health are weakened by the difficulties of projecting what would be the average and maximum usage should it become legitimate.

The drugs scene is not everybody's idea of healthful, but it is difficult to know how much the use of marijuana is cause rather than effect. The acute behavioral effects from marijuana are considerable but many would argue that they are less socially destructive than those of alcohol. It is quite possible that legitimate means of getting high would reduce the level of alcoholism without necessarily replacing it with any other addiction. Many of our daily activities smoking, drinking, contraception, over -eating, living in a city - to name but a few) involve significant risks to health and reduce our life expectancy. But we continue to indulge in them - sometimes out of ignorance, sometimes because we must, but usually because we feel they provide us with a quick means of staying sane while refusing to contract out of the rat race.

Marijuana provokes euphoria and seems to induce improved awareness of sensation. Food, art and music all take on new dimensions under the drug's influence. Among students in the West, it is probable that the smoking of pot continues beyond the satisfaction of curiosity and the desire to challenge authority mainly because it allows momentary escape from what can become an oppressive and depressing life-style. The need for all of us to escape, from time to time, lies behind our attitudes to recreation. While the student suicide rate continues to mount, there may be an argument for improving access to temporary and infinitely less harmful escape routes

It should not be inferred that heroin or LSD may be included in the category of acceptable escape routes. They are far more powerful and more harm-

The pot smoker's do-it-yourself kit

ful drugs than marijuana and it is probable that stiff penalties for their sale and possession are still desirable. However, for the experimental tripper who enjoyed marijuana, the access to more harmful drugs is probably made easier by legally lumping them altogether Civil restrictions bring soft and hard drugs into commercial association, the same pipeline often being used for all them - not only in sales but also of in promotion.

On the other hand, increased 'permissiveness might lead to an increased use of hallucinogens which remained illegal. There exists among certain individuals an incentive to try and experiment just because it is illegal. Maybe it would be wiser to leave the first exercise in rejecting authority as a soft buffer. such as marijuana, in the hope that it will fully gratify the desire to take illegal drugs. The counter argument proposes that the kind of people who move on to heroin or LSD will do so irrespective of whether or not marijuana is allowed

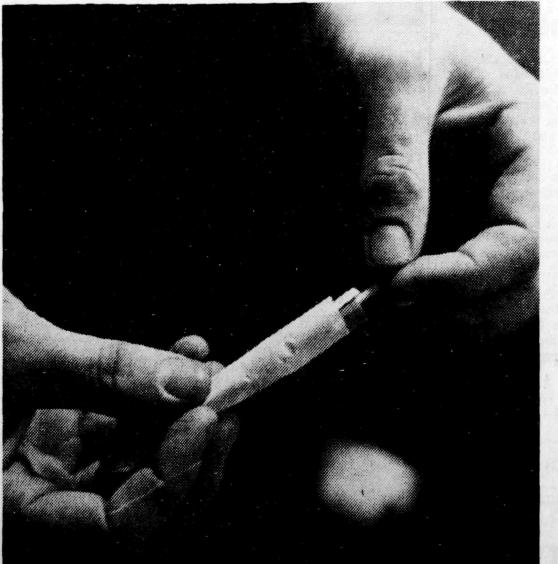
In Britain, the use of marijuana has to decline, though it is difficul to claim that this is attributable to government policy rather than a more independent change in consumer taste. It would seem irresponsible of a government to legitimize (and thereby risk increasing) its use when there remain ample grounds for doubt about its harmful effects. It is suggested that reforms need not involve legitimizing pot so much as a change in the mode punishment.

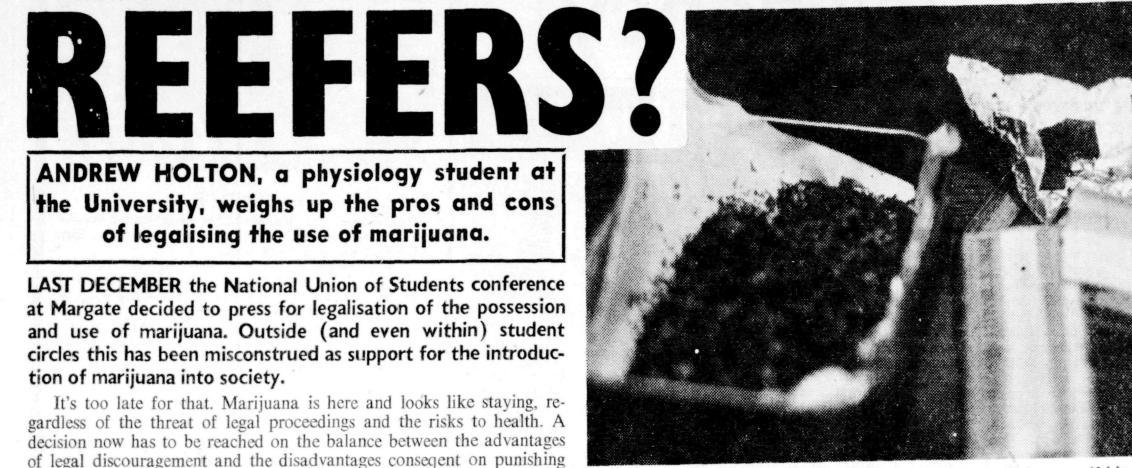
Prison deterrent

Over 700 people in Britain went to prison in 1972, merely for using the drug. At present, the maximum sentence six months for users and twelve months for pushers. It may be that sentencing with fines (or some kind of compulsory service to the community) would carry similar powers of deterrence without inflicting the damage which often occurs when serving time in prison. The trouble about using this argument is that it may apply to a large number of criminal activities besides those involving drugs. Drug taking is a peculiarly bourgeois crime. There are strong arguments for a drastic scaling down of our prison population but to apply this policy to selected crimes might precipitate acusations of reforming in a socially selective manner.

How much should the state be allowed to decide what is or is not best for its citizens? The answer probably depends on the comparative awareness of governed and governing.

In America and Britain, governments have reacted to increasing evidence that cigarette smoking is harmful by sharing that knowledge and leaving much of the choice of action up to the individual.





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ARE YOU READY FOR Warbeck

"I SAY MY MAN"

My spies tel me that lan 'The Invisible Man' Hickson is not the only member of the University Union Executive to be suffering from a case of mistaken identity.

It seems that when the ever-satorial 'Baron' Christoph Schliack was first elected to Union Council he mistook another of those present to be, "either an observer from the University Administration or a hired minute taker."

Who was the person the Baron was referring to? Why none other than the Union's colourful 'General' Secretary, David 'lailer' Boothby!

Far be it from me to poke fun at the Baron for his mistake, for as the year progresses it seems that the devious failer is becoming more and more close with his 'acquaintances' in the Iniversity Administration.

A word of warning to the Jailer's closest 'acquaintance', Jimmy tudent Lover' MacGregor, Mr Boothby will be looking for a Njob at the end of the year, make sure it's not yours!

I'M ANYBODY'S

It seems that my suggestion in the first issue of this series that Poly President, Ian Steele, wished to become the Peter Pan of student life has been totally justified.

Since the inimitable Steele heard that Linda 'Backache' Vaughan had been elected as next year's President he has been submitting nominations for posts on the Poly Exec - right, left and centre - which is also an apt description of Mr Steele's political stance.

To date Mr Steele is standing for Ents Chairman -- presumably to further his disco activities - NUS. Accommodation and Catering Secretaries.

ON THE HOUSE

An inordinately large amount of lager seems to be drunk by the bands who play at the University Union these days, if the crates leaving the bar on a Saturday night are anything to go by.

is it that Newcastle Brown has fallen from favour with the modern music purveyors, or can it be that their frequent foreign tours have given them a taste for the fizzy overseas muck?

The answer would seem to lie nearer to home. I have discovered that bands frequently refrain from drinking any appreciable amount of the free lager which Ents Sec Paul Loasby provides for them from Union funds.

Why buy it then? Suffice it to say that the less lager the band drink, the more inebriate Mr Loasby becomes. No prizes for guessing his favourite alcoholic refreshment!

> the democracy, control by cliques and lack of participation etc., were standard fodder both for manifestos and Leeds Student. At that time there were no CP members, ultraleft or sympathisers on UC. Clearly the problems Roger raises are not new or even directly attributable to the left.

Last year, Sue Slipman (ex NUS Sec.), Till Wright (ex-DPS), and myself spent many hours attempting to formulate proposals to change the structure of the Union to an SRC basis. After juggling with the hundreds of departments we found that an SRC structure creates more problems than it solves. However, our approach was fundamentaly different from Roger's in that we aimed to create democratic bodies in the departments, thus increasing grass-roots participation. Roger's approach of "Ballot Box roullette" is of little value, as the last Senate elections proved. Voting in the departments was no higher than that normally found in the Union. And how many people know their faculty Senate rep? I think Roger's big mistake is to assume that structural changes are the panacea for the Union. Structural changes are necessary, but they are only part of the answer. Democracy means participation, not seeing more ballot boxes or having to ignore less OGMs.



THE UNBALANCED HEALEYS

Bad balance must be one of the characteristics of the Healey family

Pictured above is Cressida Healey, a second year University economics student and daughter of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was having a certain amount of difficulty avoiding a disastrous collapse earlier this week.

It is accepted that the police do not always bother to follow up intelligence when it involves simply marijuana. This gives marijuana use a semilegality, the immediate flexibility of which is decided not by the public but at police headquarters. While the law prohibits marijuana, the police will continue to use it as a convenient weapon of arrest. provides a route for the removal o those politically undesirable (of which there are plenty on campus) who, one suspects, were charged quite incidentally with marijuana offences.

Even if marijuana is never found to be

more harmful than tobacco, it would be

a false argument to suggest that con-

tinued government permission to smoke

cigarettes would undercut the rationale

for deterring the smoking of reefers. Two

wrongs are not better than one. But a

decision to inform (and even advise)

while leaving the choice of activity to

the individual would not necessarily

imply its endorsement. It could be ar-

gued that, like cigarettes, the use of

marijuana should be tolerated until

concrete evidence of its undesirability

is brought forward. However, the ex-

ample of cigarettes shows all too clearly

how much more difficult it is to dis-

courage an activity recognized as stu-

pid once it has become legitimate.

Repressive weapon

Students tend to smoke pot at rates slightly higher than the national average - so that anti-marijuana laws could be interpreted as providing the police with additional power if and when they wish to victimise students. It is widely believed among students that members of the Drug Squad are accepted into university and polytechnic courses with the administration's full understanding that they will operate as undercover agents. A law which allows education authorities to hide behind further excuses for spying on their students would appear to need adjustment

Few people would maintain that marijuana is totally harmless. The tragedy of the past anti-marijuana laws s that they stigmatize as criminals hundreds of ordinary people every year. The obvious harm done by society to these people must be balanced against the possible harm that a few very heavy smokers may be doing to themselves and their children. Can the benefits of deterrence be bought at a lower social cost than the current criminal sanctions? Or must we go all the way and claim that we are informed enough, as individuals, to decide for and control our-

Whether you like it or not, the recent NUS conference at Margate has, by implication if not by intention, claimed that we are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

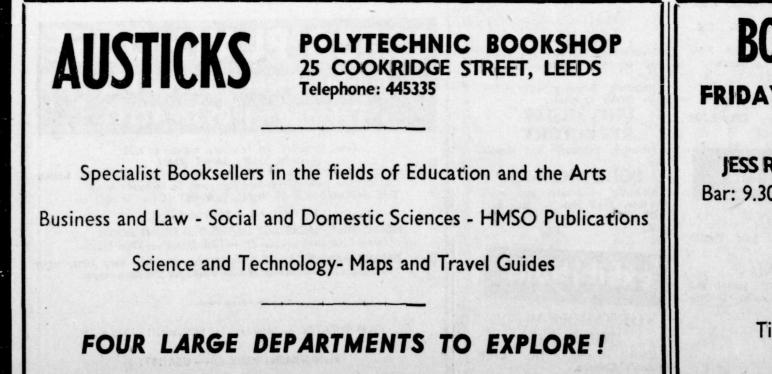
I feel I must reply to the letters from Roger don and C. Clapson

Roger claims that 'in October, over half the members of UC were IS, IMG, CP and sympathisers." In fact there were no IMG on UC and the rest did not constitute 50 per cent. At that time there were only two CP members and five IS members, all democratically elected - a ratio of 5-1.

As for the charge of not caring what the student body thinks. Roger attempts to deny the fact that it is the left who have regularly visited Halls and Flats, held discussion forums, and are responsible for the increase of publicity re meetings etc., in attempts to both involve students and to discuss with them the various campaigns. He seems to be making the whole of the left a scapegoat for all the ills of the Union, because of the IS policy on Northern Ireland. I myself have participated in all these activities, including a visit to Devonshire Hall where a bucket of water was thrown over me! (Mr Clapton please note).

When I came to Leeds in 1971, questions of 13 Broomfield Road, Leeds 6.

Yours, Kevin Devaney.



BOWES Whilst the temperamental nature of the weather makes even a trip to the local hazardous, if you do

happen on a dry spell, try an excursion into Teesdale and the extreme north-west of Yorkshire for a glimpse of Northern life that is still off the beaten track. "

Since April, technically, Bowes has been transferred from North Yorks to Durham, but you will find no change of character in this last outpost in the Pennines. Frequented by the Romans, the town gained publicity as the site of Dickens's Dotheboys Hall. cation stone AD 204. Like By popular consent Bowes

FRIDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

Bodington Presidents and Social Secretaries

ANAL RAMBLING

That particularly aptly named local body, L'Anus (Leeds Area NUS), once again figures prominently as a revealing expositor of the true thoughts of our chosen leaders.

Take, for instance the chance remark of Linda Vaughan, newly elected Poly President, at this week's meeting. Linda (or "Foghorn' as she is known to her more intimate friends) suggested that the only way to get more students involved in militant action was to make them personally aware of the financial crises: "Cut the clubs and societies budgets - that'll soon bring them out."

This original suggestion followed hard on the heels of a debate over whether L'Anus would qualify as a charitable organisation. "Because," said Rob 'Black Spot' Armstrong, "if it does I know a band who would play at our discos free of charge."

Mr Armstrong went on to recommend that L'Anus might wish to avail itself of the facilities of the "Pause" club, the new place opened by ex-Poly student Billy Cummings - who just happens to be a close personal friend of Rob's.

The tinal revealing comment for which there is room here, should serve as a warning to all student parents who trust their ottspring to a union nursery.

In a debate on ways to improve nursery facilities, several L'Anus members suggested that an occupation of various city centre buildings would be most effective. "Of course", chimed in the redoutable local is guru, Pete Gillard, "We'd have to take the kids with us."

So, mums and dads, if little Jennifer returns from the nursery one day with a policeman's heimet as a potty, you'll know what has been going on.

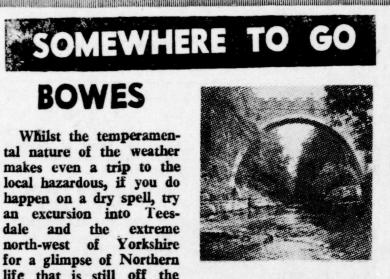
MORE PLEASE LEO AT THE NOSHER

Is it that my eyesight is deteriorating, or does one really need a magnifying glass to locate the portions on the plate in the University eatinghouses these days?

I fear that the latter is the case and that, to paraphrase Churchill's words, never has so little been given to so many for so much.

It seems that the Union is totally powerless in the matter, whilst Mr Steve Cass maintains his position as Catering Secretary.

It is rumoured amongst his colleagues in the International Socialists that 'Nosher' Cass actually likes refectory food.



school, run by Shaw was taken as the model and soon closed -The Hall is now a cafe. Numerous ancient buildings remain astride the Roman road, including St Giles, a medieval church with two fonts (one Norman) and a Roman dedithe church Bowes Castle CROSSROADS

Wherever Leo Connell, the paternalitic Principal of Carnegie College, goes, he insists on his nightly dose of televi-

On Wednesday evening during a 48 hour meeting of the Carnegie Poly Interim Academic Council, Leo was to be found in the televeision room watching his favourite football team in action, while other Council members debated the future of Higher Education in the bar.

When the overnight meeting was proposed Leo imme-diately inquired whether there was a television at the venue: "I suppose you want to watch 'Crossroads' - Leo?" was the sharp reply from John Evans Director of the Carnegie School of Physical Education.

also used Koman stone lor ouilding. The Norman keep was completed in 1187 and the thick walls are still 50 toot high.

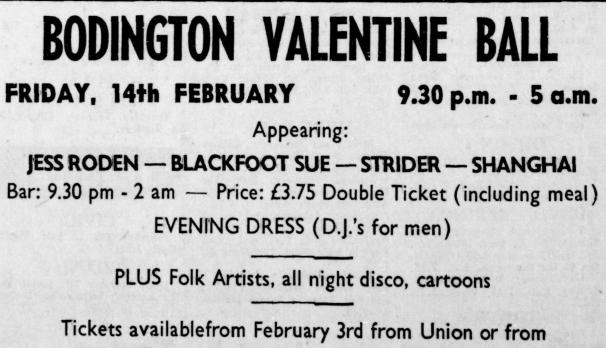
But if you tire of the old grey buildings, or can't find a pub (I could only find one) take the opportunity to explore the area. To the west you have the bleak Bowes Moor, to the south — the Greta valley and Stainmore Forest. To the north-east you enter the upper reaches of the Tees, the Bowes museum and Barnards Castle and that's worth a visit on its

by ANDY JAROSZ

How to get there: Road: A58 to Wetherby B & Al to Scotch Corner, then A68.

By Rail and Bus: City Station to Darlington

then G.N.E. service bus.



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Ginger Baker and the Big Yin

Ginger Baker has changed forces now but the opening bars of this album reveal no change of tactics. He is still an advocate of the bludgeoning, overpowering assault. A kind of nerve warfare, I suppose.

Arts

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The same brutally powerful animated and brilliantly rythmns emerge from Mr Baker's apparatus, but this time he doesn't have the musical and song writing abilities of the likes of Messrs Bruce, Bond and Windwood to back him up. The guitar of Adrian Gurvitz resurrects many of the old Cream riffs and much of the rest sounds rather cliched.

As for the vocals, they are uniformly dismal. Take for instance 'Mad Jack', an exhumation of 'Pressed Rat and Warthog'. Baker sounds extremely Baker Gurntz Army VERTIGO "Cop yer whack for this" Billy Connolly POLYDOR

bored while narrating this epic which is just about the worst thing of its kind since Twinkle recorded 'Terry'.

So the album is rather disappointing. But Baker playing live is another matter. I've seen him many times now with the Graham Bond Organisation, with Cream, with Air Force, and I've yet to be disappointed. The pace, the power, the sheer maniacal frenzy, have always been there. Baker in the Refec next week should be one of

the highlights of this terms Ents.

And now 'Cop Ye Whack For This. In Scotland Billy Connelly is referred to as "The Big Yin" (The Big One). Bearing in mind that the other two Big Yins are Jock Stein and Jesus Christ, and that Connolly's last album "Solo Concert" sold enough copies in Scotland alone to make the national charts, we have an interesting phenomenon here - a star in the North, a nobody in England.

His forte is making people laugh - and he's excellent. He doesn't tell jokes, preferring songs or rambling monologues, and the laughs come from observations on the Scottish way of life.

You should enjoy this -- if you can understand the Scottish references.

tine was also included to good

effect as the cast began to

make maximum use of the

stage. Two of the principals

from the Playhouse produc-

tion are also in this touring

version - Richard Fox, doub-

ling as Jacob and a narrator,

who demonstrated the most

versitility; and Lewis Barber

who provided a suitably comic

portrayal of the French onion

seller in the Canaan Days

The most prominent weak-

ness of this production is the

star's inability to sing. Leon-

ard Whiting, the poor girl's

David Essex, who plays Joseph,

has sufficient presence to carry

the part but has clearly been

scene.



Billy Connolly - big in Scotland, small in England

Cockney tyke

Set in Sheffield in the 1860's, this play uses a format similar to that of "O What A Lovely War" to portray the comedy of the coming of gaslight to the city, and the more serious "Sheffield Outrages" following the grinders strike in 1866.

The standard of acting was uniformly high, apart from a few teething troubles, and the comedy sketches were excellent. I felt, however, that the female lead was a little miscast, as her attempts to bring off a Cockney music hall star seemed inappropriate for Sheffield. However, Val Gallagher as Broadmead, the trade

Stirrings in Sheffield on Saturday Night Proscenium Players CIVIC

cessful and convincing performance.

If there is any criticism to be made, it lies, not in the production but rather that I left the theatre with no idea of what the author was trying to say. As with "O What A Lovely War," I felt there was something serious in there trying to get out, but it could have done with a heftier shove.

Tasteless

Bring me the head of Alfredo Garcia ODEON

It has been said of "Bring Me the Head of of Alfredo Garcia" that it is final proof that Sam Pekinpah has gone mad. I don't know whether I altogether agre with that but 1 certainly believe that on the evidence of this film his artistic judgement is seriously wark ped.

The idea of making a film about greed and the effect on a poor man of the possibility of obtaining wealth is a perfectly feasible one. To make it like "Alfredo Garcia" destroys the whole value of the idea. The number of killings in it is simply sickening; they cannot even be regarded as realistic. The shootings come straight from the world of John Wayne without the compensatory factor of being purely escapist entertainment.

This is not the only inconsistency in the film. The first part is full of annoying little interludes which either hold up the plot or stridently announce themselves as cinematic cliches. The love scenes are incongruous as well as existing in an all-too-familiar 'B' picture dream world. I defy anyone to believe in the hotch-potch of a character, Elita (Isela Vega).

The plot is of the hunt for the head of Garcia, is the father of an illegitimate child born to the daughter of El Jefe, a sort of Mexican Don Corleone, It is pathetic that Pekinpah should abuse his genuine talent with this tasteles concoction.

John McMurray

Cast of 'Joseph' overwhelmed

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat GRAND

The company assembled to take this production of 'loseph' on tour will find difficulty in doing justice to Webber and Rice's excellent material.

There are some good individual performances but the overall result was not as encouraging as that achieved at Leeds Playhouse last year. However, because of the dissimilarities of the auditoriums at the Grand Theatre and the Playhouse, the two productions are not directly comparable. The new production is also aimed at a broader audience than just those people who patronise repertory theatres. Hence the appearance of four buxom maidens at the Grand.

At the Playhouse the actors were able to enjoy much

closer contact with the audience than is possible at the Grand, where, in the first act, the cast was overwhelmed by the vastness of the ill-lit stage. The resulting lack of atmosphere was not enhanced by the group of ineffectual musicians squeezed into one of the wings.

But surprisingly, as soon as the curtain rose for the second act, the show came alive. Kevin Williams, who had been particularly unimpressive as the Pharoah, stole the show with his Elvis impersonation for the Song of the King. He delighted the audience with his entrance, and, with this initial encouragement and much improved musical backing, went from strength to strength.

The old hat and cane rou-

chosen for his appearance rather than his vocal range. unionist, put in a very suc-Ian Coxon



ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: David Essex in Stardust @@, 2.40, 5.35, 8.35; and Our Cassy @, 1.50, 4.40, 7.40.

Next week: Not yet available.

ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Charlton Heston in Airport 1975 @, 3.05, 5.50, 8.40; and The Waiters (U), 2.15, 4.55, 7.45.

Next week: Not yet available. ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: Murder on The Oreint Express (a), 2.10, 5.10, 8.15; and Snow Children 0, 4.20, 7.25.

Next week: Not yet available.

ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Open Season (8, 1.25, 5.05, 8.50; and Thomasine and Bushrod (2), 3.10, 6.55.

Next week: Not yet available.

ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: The Man With The Golden Gun @, 12.05, 2.45, 5.35, 8.20, LCP 7.50. Next week: Not yet available.

ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: The Odessa File (a), mats, Wed., Fri., Sat. 3.00, evening 8.00: and Listen to the Sunrise @, 2.15, 7.15. Next week: Soldier Blue (8), Sunday 3.40, 7.35, Week 3.25, 8.25.

TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: Jugger-mught @. 2.20, 5.25, 8.30; and The Bearded Ones @, 1.10, 4.15, 7.20.

Next week: Newman's Law @@ Sunday 4.35, 8.10; Week 1.20, 8.40; and High Plains 5.05. Drifter (8), Sunday 2.45, 6.20; Week 3.10, 6.50.

PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: Swedish Love Games (2), 3.00, 5.55, 8.50; and Virgin Wives (2), 1.35, 4.30, 7.25.

Next week: Swinging Models (8) Sunday 4.20, 9.05; Week 2.15, 4.55, 7.40; and The Adultress (8) Sunday 3.10, 5.50, 8.30; Week 1.00, 3.45, 6.25, 9.05.

CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (8), 6.05, 8.15.

Next week: The Odessa File (A) Sunday cont. 5.00; week 5.50, 8.05.

COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: The Marseille Contract (a), 5.30, 9.00; Class of '44 @@, 7.00. Next week: Murder on the

Orient Express (a), Sunday 4.40, 7.25, LCP 7.00, Week 5.20, 8.15, LCP 7.40.

HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: Chicago Chicago (2), 6.45; and Pasolini's Canterbury Tales (2), 8.35. Sunday, February 2nd: The Name of the Game is Kill (8), 6.50; and Hell's Belles (8 8.20. Monday, February 3rd for 3 days: Woody Allen in Play it Again Sam @@, 6.45; and Diana Ross in Lady Sings The Blues (2), 8.15.

Thursday, February 6th for 3 days: Wicqed Wicked (), 7.00; and Ken Russell's Savage Messiah 3, 8.40.

LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: Escape from the Planet of the Apes () 5.20, 9.00; and Planet of the Apes (A), 7.00.

LEEDS FILM THEA'TRE

(AT THE PLAYHOUSE)

Saturday, February 1st at 11.15: Punishment Park. Sunday, February 2nd at 7.30: Leeds Film Society Den Rode Kappe and The Lindsay Kemp Circus.

BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow: Nada (8) (France).

YORK FILM THEATRE

Sunday, February 2nd, 7.45: Save The Tiger and The Wedding. Thursday, February 6th, 7.45: O LUCKY MAN (8.

UNIVERSITY FILM SOCIETY

Tonight: The Third Man, 7.00; RBLT. Tuesday, February 4th: Cal. cutta, 7.00, LTB. Wednesday, February 5th, 7.00 L/T 21: Chabrol's Le Boucher.

POLY FILM SOCIETY Thursday, February 6th, 7.30:

La Rupture.



CIVIC February 4th _ 8th: Tweith Night 7.30:

GRAND Until February 8th: Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dream-coat, 7.30 Wed., mat. 2.00.



PLAYHOUSE Until February 8th: Shaw's Saint ojan 7.30, mat. Feb. 4th,

2.00. BRADFORD ALHAMBRA Jack and the Beanstalk, 7.00, Mats., Tues., Wed., Sat., 2.00.

HARROGATE

THEATRE Tonight and tomorrow: Dial M For Murder.

Commencing, February 5th, 7.30: All for Mary.

YORK THEATRE ROYAL

February 3-8th, 7.30: Dracula, Wednesday 7.00.

SHEFFIELD CRUCIBLE

Glorious Miles, 7.30.



EMMANUEL CHURCH

Wednesday, February 5th, 7.30: Dept. of Music Singers and Ensemble. Thursday, February 6th, 1.20: Leeds Wind Quartest. UNIVERSITY REFECTORY Saturday, February 1st: Hawkwind. POLYTECHNIC

Thursday, February 6th, 9.00 till late, Tech Hall - late bar: Chilli Willi, Kokomo, Dr Feelgood.



Lil' ol' audience

Sue Willan

There could hardly have been a worse night for starting a series of H. Samuel International concerts than last Thursday. The dreadful weather and poor publicity meant that only a small audience heard John Lill give the first recital of the series. This was a shame for Mr Lill lived up to his reputation as one of the best of British pianists. His account of Schumann's C Major Fantas was splendidly played, and revealed those qualities in the music which suggest that it may be in Schumann rather than in Chopin or Liszt that the true centre of Romantic piano music is to be found. Moreover, for a pianist who has

John Lill TOWN HALL

sometimes seemed to cope less well with rather withdrawn music, Mr Lill handled the final slow movement beautifully.

In the second half of the concert Mr Lill replaced the advertised Rachmaninov preludes with Beethoven's "Appassionate' 'sonata. It was competently played and in the variations of the slow movement Mr Lill revealed some interesting foreshadowings of Schumann.

John McMurray



Until Saturday, 8th February, nightly at 7.30: Bernard Shaw's SAINT JOAN Directed by John Harrison with Linda Gardner as Joan. The fiftieth production by the Playhouse Company. To be followed by: THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (Oscar Wilde) on

12th February - 8th March, and:

MEANWHILE, BACKSTAGE IN THE OLD FRONT ROOM (Donald Howarth premiere) — 12th March — 22nd March

Then, BALLET RAMBERT _ 25-29th March, with the very first, prior to London, performances of new works for the open stage.

FILM THEATRE ---- Saturday, 1st February, 11.15 p.m.

PUNISHMENT PARK @ --- USA 1971



Ace

Ace and Tim Rose RILEY SMITH HALL

After all the glamour/glitter and self-indulgent pyrotechnics I've had to endure in the crop of new bands surfacing in recent months, it's extremely refreshing to come across a group like Ace. They epitomize the pub band, trim, unselfish professional. Despite being thrust unwittingly into the glaring lights of chart success, they still have their feet planted firmly on the ground. And they were planted more than firmly on the stage of the Riley Smith last Saturday. After 90 minutes of self-effacing, confident playing, it looked as if they were staying the night. Tim Rose had earlier strolled

off after a successful set, and it was left to Ace to pick up the threads. It took the audience quite a while to let themselves go, but when they did, they did.

Tex Comer's cultured bass and ex-'Bees Make Honey' drummer Fran Byrne's thoughtful playing carried the band through a couple of rather weak tracks from their album "Five-a-Side", and a shaky version of "How Long." Then they were away. They have really worked hard at getting the harmony just right, and it was possibly this that swept away any doubts about their collectiveness as musicians.

They didn't throw themselves about the stage, and none of them looks even remotely like David Essex, yet they were dragged back for two encores. I wouldn't have minded another. Chris Elliott



asks our hero and this isn't an electricity board instructional film though his performance is certainly electric. The hero is without doubt have blown a circuit, amongst girls whose only question is "my bed or yours?"

It would be unfair to say that the film didn't have a message; it was full of sexual exploration.

Ionathan Forster

Still struggling

May Hobbs first made the headlines in 1972, when she organized a strike of the night cleaners at the Ministry of Defence. She has now written 'Born to Struggle', a picaresque tale about her childhood in the East End of London.

It's all tower blocks now, but when May Hobbs was there, Hoxton was a close-knit working-class community, the sort of place where a lot of people made a living 'one way or another' and you were always on the look-out for the law; a world of pie-and-mashshops, and street corner bookies.

the 1950's very different from the official one, in which poverty was abolished by fiat.



Plugging into the fuse box

Old Harvest

Barclay James Harvest backpedal for a while after the relative failure of their last album "Everyone is Everybody. "In the fashion of live --' albums these days, "BJH Live" plugs material from the groups earlier LPs to give the new fan a chance to catch up, and features long versions of previously concise numbers.

Unfortunately, Barclay James Harvest's numbers don't lend themselves to drawn-out arrangements, and their worship of the mellotron results in songs being swamped with strings as a substitute for emotion. Occasionally the approach does work - the live version of "Mockingbird"

Barclay James Harvest Live POLYDOR

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proves the song has stood the test of time - but four sides of proselytising Barclay james Harvest is more than I can stand.

"BJH Live" is a re-affirmation of what B.J.H. are about but it shows no indications of the band breaking into the mass market, or making hosts of new fans.

Andy Murray

May Hobbs has an idea of

Born to Struggle May Hobbs QUARTET

Hers is a story of punch-ups and dead-end jobs, marriage, kids and struggling to survive .

What makes her story different is that she isn't a successful academic or union bureaucrat putting a sentimental gloss on early deprivation; she's still there, in the struggle.

Whether she's leading a strike, or planning how to do a moonlight without losing her furniture, the language is good earthy stuff, and remarkably free of textbook Leftist jargon.

Pete Littlechild

Larry Graham's express release

If, like me, you missed the recent WEA package tour, then, like me, you missed out on a chance to see Graham Central Station. I don't have any time for The Doobies, but it wouldn't have been on their account that I'd have gone -I'm just sore about passing up the chance to see Larry Graham's band. Their first album, released last year, was roughly 75 per cent knockout. This one is better; nearer 90 per cent.

Between the first release and this one, Graham Central Station have acquired a new element of depth which more adequately balances the lateral drive of rhythmic energy. The whole group functions as

Release Yourself Graham Central Station W.E.A.

rhythm section, and they all sound far too excited and enthusiastic to drag their feet. The arrangements have been expanded with the inclusion of bass Moog, without losing the beautiful spareness which graced the first album, and which Graham seems to have learned from Sly Stone.

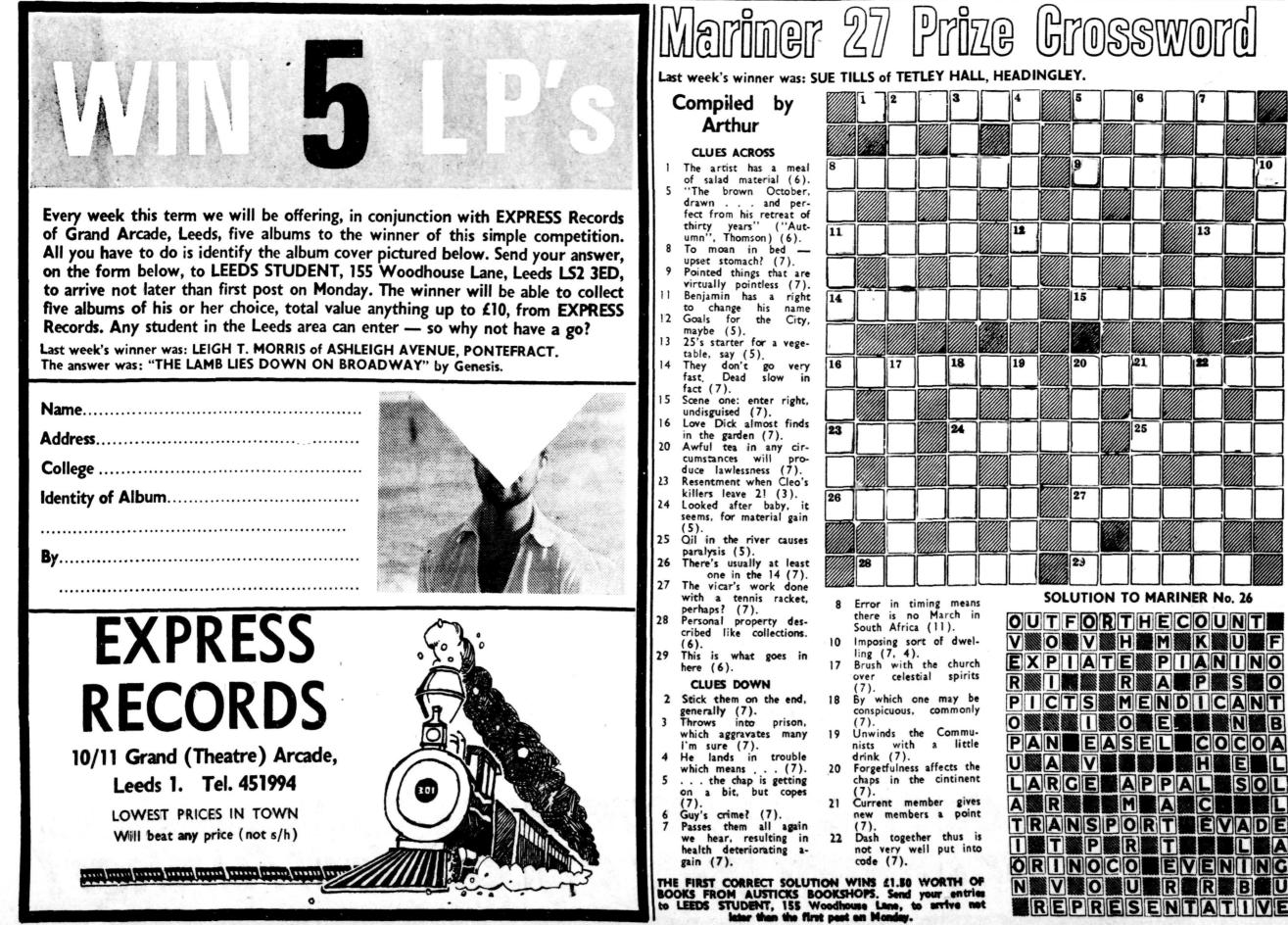
Vocally, the whole thing is now more ambitious than before, with a few bursts of very strong unaccompanied singing. Graham's voice dominates with a new-found maturity of phrasing, and finds an

duets with Patryce "Chocolate" wanks.

a few qualifications must needs be made. What is slightly worrying is a sense of deja vu, notably the repetition of identical bass and brass figures. I wouldn't like to think that we're going to hear them on the next album as well.

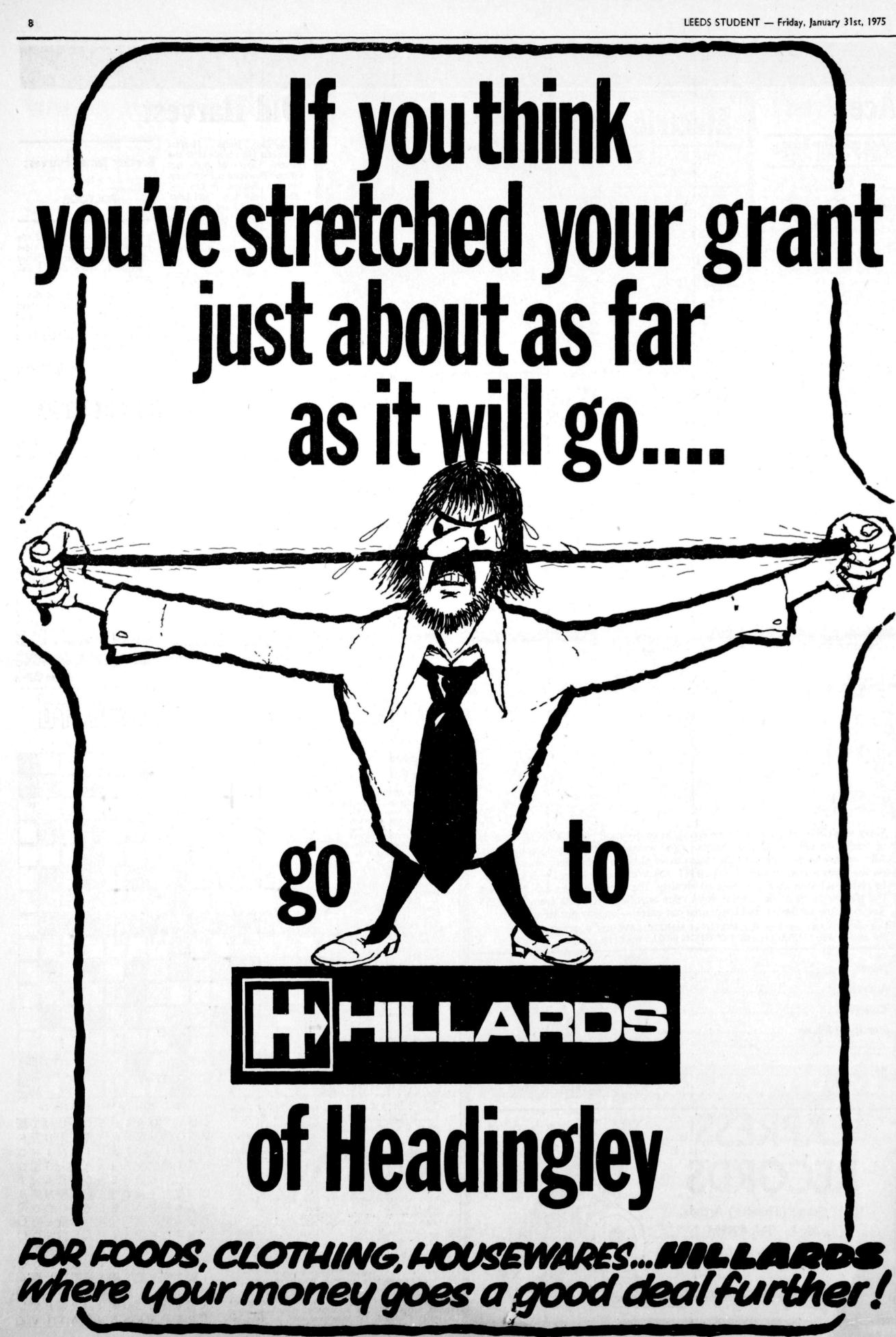
For now, though, Graham Central Station are close to being my favourite band, and "Release Yourself" is worth having just for its stunning version of "Feel The Need In Me". If they could make up that missing ten per cent next time round, their next album will be one hell of a record.



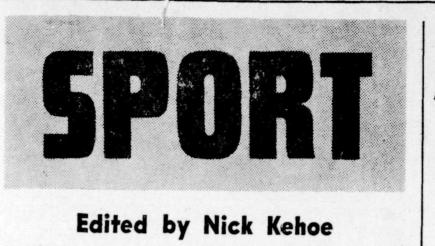


almost perfect partner in

For all the praise, however,



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Carnegie triumph in local derby

In a hard fought local derby game Carnegie volleyball team won 8-15, 15-12, 15-11 against the Poly last

The Poly began the game in fine form with Todd and Koszler serving well and Taruslugil putting in some brilliant smashes. They took the opening set 15-8 and at this stage looked as though they would go on to win the Poly and Speers of Carnegie game comfortably.

Carnegie raised their game in the second set, however, and after some strange deci-

Short hero

with four

goals

Selby last Saturday.

Short opened the scoring for

Leeds continued to pre

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sions by the referee the Poly began to lose their concentration allowing Carnegie to take the set 15-12.

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ing much of the game and

creating some good chances.

They were unlucky not to go

into the lead when Dew failed

to score from the penalty

In the second half the Uni-

versity side played much bet-

ter with Taylor and Hughes

In the final set both sides played some brilliant volleyball with Taruslugil of the particularly outstanding.

Carnegie proved the better side on the day, however, playing with just a little more composure and skill, winning the third set by 15 points to 11 to give them the match.

Hockey men through on penalty decision

UNIVERSITY 4 LEEDS CORINTHIANS 3 The University hockey team scraped through to the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Cup in a sudden death play-off against Leeds Corinthians.

The game ended in a goalless draw after extra time and had to be decided on penalty flicks with the University coming out

University winners by four goals to reach The Corinthians played well in the first half dominatsemi-finals

of Yorks Cup

working industriously in mid field creating some good chances. They put a lot of pressure on the Corinthians defence but were unable to score the winning goal and the game went to extra time.

The extra time produced the same pattern as the rest of the game with both sides playing well but unable to score a goal to clinch victory.

This meant that five players from each side had to take a penalty to decide the issue.

With the score at 3-3 captain Rogers scored the last penalty to give the University the game.

One basket separates top college sides

A huge tally of 29 points from Jones helped Carnegie basketball team to their 57-55 win over arch-rivals Loughborough last Wednesday.

Loughborough looked the stronger team at the start of the game and were leading by six points at half time. In the second half Carne-

gie drew level and from then on to the end of the game the teams were neck and neck. before the final Just whistle the Leeds team edged ahead to win by a mere two

points.

In the first few minutes of the Christy Shield game between Manchester and Leeds University rugby union teams it was obvious that Leeds were going to win — the only question was by how nanv.

In the end the scoreline of 23 points to nil hardly did ustice to Leeds supremacy.

After weathering an initial onslaught from Manchester, Leeds began to move forward and took the lead from a try by Fitton.

He crashed over the line to touch down after some strong

eased off the pressure a little allowing Selby to come back into the game and level the scores at 2-2. Leeds came back in the final ten minutes with two more goals from Short to give them a well earned 4-2 vic-

In the second half the Poly

Fencers find their feet

Leaving their poor record behind, the University fencers gained a well-earned draw against York University on Saturday.

The score, 9-9, was due to the sabre squad's 6-3 win. They showed great speed and accuracy in placing the blade.

But the foil team played badly and lost 3-6. Their at-tacks were too wild to pierce the disciplined defences of the York side. Only Sheppard, who won two of his bouts, stopped the foil match from being a complete rout.

In a women's friendly at the same venue Leeds lost 5-4.



Leeds put pressure on the Welsh net

Welsh girls conquered A brilliant 34-24 win over Aberystwith last Satur-

day puts the University netball team through to the semi-finals of the British University's Netball Tournament.

Aberystwith dominated the

game in the first half putt-

ing the Leeds side under a

lot of pressure. Pam Mothers-

dale and Gay Hobon were

outstanding in defence, how-

ever, and the scores remained

In the third quarter Leeds

played a strong attacking

game and soon began to build up an invincible lead of

28-16 at the beginning of the

Aberystwith tried hard to

come back into the game but

by now Leeds were in com-

final quarter.

plete control

level at 12-12 at half time.

Semi-finalists

After a disappointing performance in the National Championships last week the University Table Tennis team did much to restore their confidence with a convincing 6-3 win over Kent last Saturday.

Leeds now go forward to play Nottingham in the semifinals of the WIVAB cup competition.



Fay volleys the ball into the Old Almondburians net

POLY BACK ON TOP

A fine 2-1 win over Old Almondburians last Saturday puts the Poly soccer team back among the leaders on the premier division of the Yorkshire Old Boys' League.

Playing in atrocious conditions both teams began very slowly with no real chances being made.

Old Almondburians took the lead after about twenty minutes. A mix up in the Poly defence left the goalkeeper stranded off his ine with no chance of saving a well placed shot to the corner of the net from the

The Leeds team fought back strongly and scored the equaliser just on the half

Phil Jay volleyed the ball home from the six yard line after a good cross from Straker on the left.

the second half with the wind in their favour the Poly began to pressure the Almondburian defence and created a number of good chances before Souter eventually scored the winner, with ten minutes to go.

Foreman's tips for today

Friday, 1.45 Ayr KINGS HUSSAR Friday, 2.15 Avr

SCOUT

Friday, 2.45 Ayr LIDO LIGHT

Friday, 3.15 Ayr PAN-MAN

Friday, 3.45 Ayr LORD OF THE HILLS

Friday, 4.15 Ayr **EBORNEEZERS DOUBLE** (nap)



Rugby Union

running and tackling from Bainton and Thompson resulted in a break down the

A penalty goal by Hocka-day after an infringement in front of the posts, gave Leeds a commanding 7-0 lead at half time.

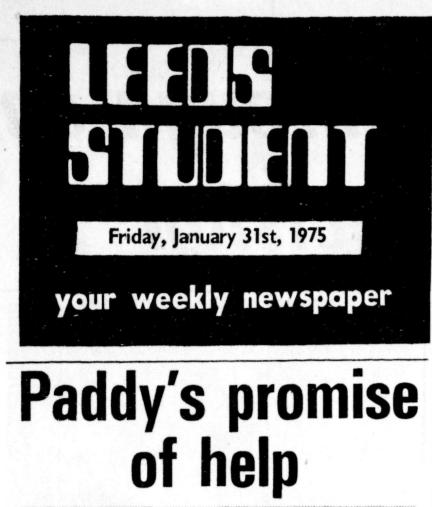
In the second half with the wind in their favour Leeds took complete control of the pinning Manchester game back in their own half for virtually the rest of the game. The second try came after the pack pushed there way

over the line from five yards Scrum half Olney dived between the Manchester prop's legs to touch down.

Almost immediately afterwards a break by Olney resulted in a try for Robinson which was converted by Hockaday from the touch-

Manchester were unable to make any reply to this onslaught from Leeds but defended stubbornly to keep the score down as much as pos-

In the last quarter a further two tries from Robinson and Onley, and two more penalties from Hockaday completed the Leeds scoreline.





A pledge of help came from Polytechnic Director Patrick Nuttgens this week after 20 year old Stanley Cohen from Leeds was forced to give up a Librarian-

ship course because of his haemophilia.

Dr Nuttgens has promised to 'Do what he can' to help Stanley, who was unable to cope with stairs and doorways in the Polyechnic buildings, because of this rare blood disease in which any movement can cause serious uncontrolled internal bleeding.

Stanley's condition has menat that he has had to spend time away from school and therefore could not achieve sufficiently high exam results to take a degree in English at the Uni-

by Paul Gibbs

ses in other buildings would have been alright as many objects could be removed," he said.

But despite Dr Nuttgens offer Stanley has still to decide on which course to take up. 'There are few courses that interest me', he said, 'I cannot indulge in any outdoor activity! In fact I have to consider the number of stairs I have to climb, the size of doorways and whether I can travel to a lecture in a wheelchair. These are no criteria for choosing a degree course.'

Boyle adds weight to LGI protests

The University has this week expressed its "grave concern" at the proposal to suspend development of the new Leeds General Infirmary.

In a six-point resolution drawn up by the Board of the Faculty of Medicine and now officially endorsed by Vice Chancelor Lord Boyle on behalf of the University,

the serious consequences of the decision for medical teaching in the city are pointed out to the Secretary of State, Barbara Castle.

It is understod that Lord Boyle is likely to press the case for the redevelopment scheme personally with Mrs Castle at a meeting in London.

The resolution states that clinical teaching facilities expected to be available at the new Infirmary were to have been fundamental to the continued expansion of the Universiy Medical School.

Security for elections

The University Union are to tighten up elections security in a bid to prevent students from voting twice,

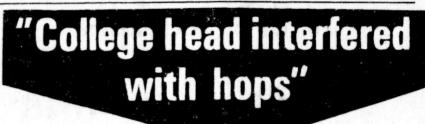
In a report submitted to Union Council this week, Permanent Secretary Arthur Izatt says that students are often issued with duplicate Union cards to replace lost ones, which makes it a simple matter for them to vote twice. "Hundreds of duplicate cards are issued per session," he says, "and since some important posts are sometimes decided by narrow margins, we alternative have must methods of security."

A possible solution to the problem, suggests Mr Izatt, might be to keep an electoral roll, a system already ployed in some Union elections.

by Nick Witchell

It goes on: "An early start on building to provide additional facilities to improve the crowded and insufficient resources at the LGI is very important, not only for the community health services of the Leeds Western District, but also for the additional teaching commitment which it is expected to take."

If the new LGI does not go ahead, the target student intakes for coming years will have to be revised. It was planned to increase the present figure of 130 to 216 by 1980 but without the facilities of the new hospital this will be impossible.



The principal of Kitson College has been accused by the students union of trying to prevent concerts being held at the college.

The dispute arose last week when Saturday's concert featuring Prelude had to be staged at the Poly when the police said it could not be held at Kitson as they did not have a music licence.

Ali Sheibani, the ents secretary at Kitson said he was amazed by the news. The police phoned up on Friday and said they would raid the concert if we put it on at Kitson."

We thought the college had a music licence for the hall but it expired before Christmas and the college authorities did not bother to tell us," he said.

"It is typical of the attitude that Mr Cooper, the principle has towards students, He made it obvious that he did not want us to hold the concert."

He tried to tell us we could not use the hal las we had not booked it officially from the local authority and tried to stop us using the refectory as a bar. We may now have to cancel the Cozy Powell concert nextm onth because Mr Cooper has said he will not let us use the refectory," he said.

Mr Cooper denied that he was against students holding concerts at the college.

The union are holding a meeting on Tuesday to decide what action can be taken.



"My first alternative was a course in librarianship at the Polytechnic but the buildings are so old and archaic that it was quite impossible for me to attend lectures in safety," he said.

Dr Nuttgens said it was unfortunate that Stanley had chosen the Librarianship course as lectures were held in buildings with many stairs and narrow doorways.' Cour-

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 A survey on the problems facing disabled students is being carried out by the Polytechnic's department of Social Studies.

John Haggert, head of the department who is organising the survey said that at the moment there were hardly any facilities for handicapped students at the Poly.

"The main problem they face is one of access; some progress has been made to help them such as putting handrails on the stairs but there is still a great deal to be done," he said.

Dr Tony Hamblin, assistant director of the Poly said they were hoping to offer more places to handicapped students and so would be very interested to read the survey. We are prepared to consider any recommendations as long as they are practicable and financially viable," he said.

Help for **Free School**

A plan to help pull Leeds Free School out of the red is to be put into operation by the University Union.

The Union is to donate half of the weekly franchise fee paid by the hot-dog stall outside the building to the school.

The Free School is at present liable to be taken to court over bills owed to the Yorkshire Electricity Board.

Picture by Ian Mitchel

Mick Jones (in white) a Leeds United first team player, rises to head the ball home, but misses

CARNEGIE BEAT -U

significance on Wednesday when their selected side took on Carnegie and were thrashed three nil.

The much-vaunted United side, which included first team striker Mick Jones never looked likely to assert their authority in this match, writes Dave Fowler.

Brogan hammered in the first for Carnegie after 20 minutes to dispirit the professionals for the rest of the first half. After

The stars of Leeds United paled into in- the interval Brogan made it two after nimbly side-stepping the United keeper.

Carnegie's Green was always on top in midfield, and full back Riddington proved more than a match for Scottish schoolboy International Boyd.

Bowden completed the route for the college men with 15 minutes to go, slipping in between the United backs to fire in a superb volley.

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