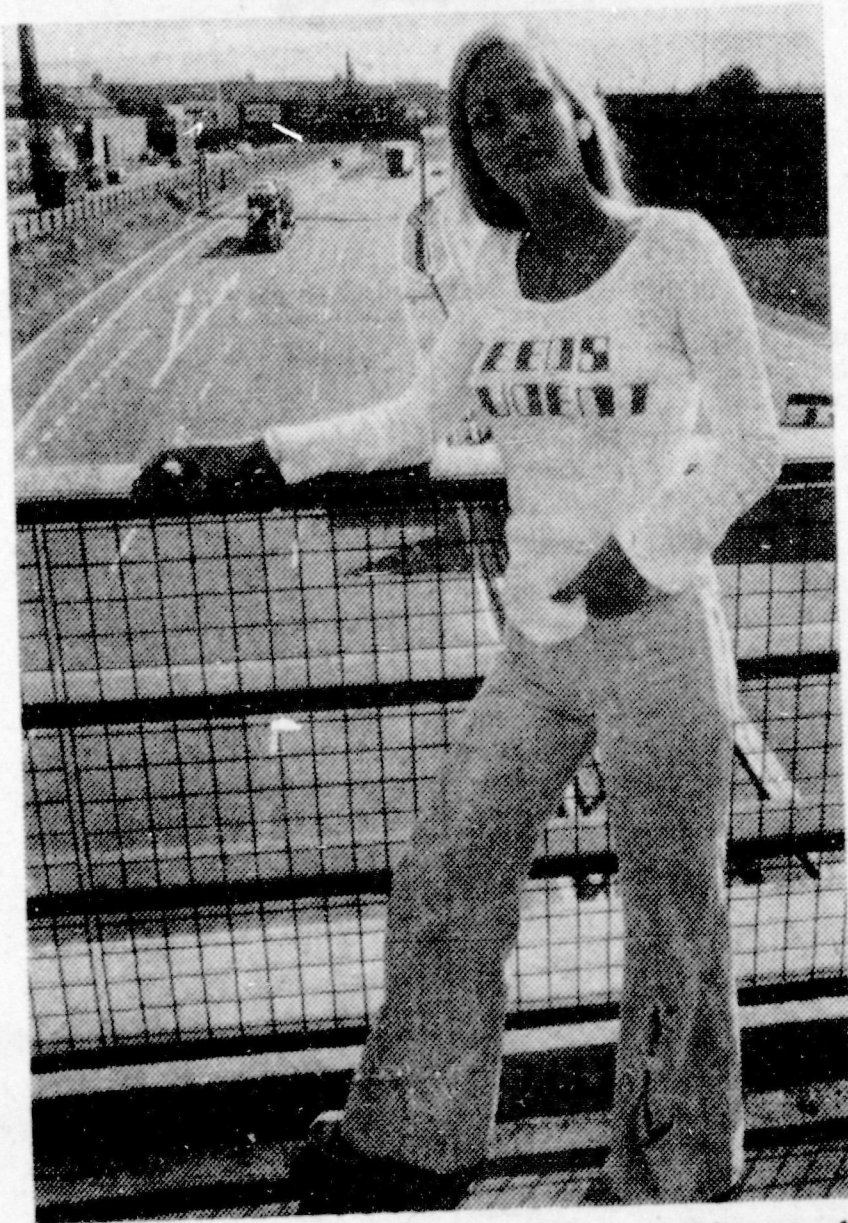


# RAG - FUTURE IN DOUBT AFTER DISPUTE

## Welcome to Leeds



Welcome to Leeds — whether you are an old rag returning or a newly arrived fresher.

Here to greet you to the "motorway city of the seventies" is Robina Sharp, a 19 year old student from Leeds and part-time model who came third in the Miss Yorkshire Television beauty contest held at Harrogate last month.

Robina is quite an old hand in the beauty stakes — she was a finalist in the Miss TV Times contest and was runner-up in "Miss Seacroft" a couple of weeks ago.

Incidentally, if you fancy the "Leeds Student" T shirt Robina is wearing, we have a few large and small ones left (long or small sleeved). Drop into one of our offices if you want one.

## Police hunt Treasurer

Police are searching for ex-Poly Union Treasurer Robert "Buzz" Windley, 36, who left Leeds two months ago for a family holiday on the continent after bouncing cheques worth over £3,000 on the union.

Windley, who took a twelve seater minibus belonging to the Poly Union abroad with him, is alleged to also owe money to a number of students in Leeds. It is believed that these debts run into four figures.

### Barcelona

A member of the union security staff, Martin Dockray, drove the missing minibus on the continent for

by Ian Coxon

Windley and his family. Mr Dockray, who returned to Leeds four weeks ago leaving Windley and the bus in Barcelona said: "When I left him, Buzz was intending to come back to Leeds."

He claimed that he did not know about Windley's financial problems until he returned to Leeds last month.

Windley was due to start his Sabbatical year of office on August 1st as Vice-President for Administration — a new post which includes the responsibilities he had as Treasurer. However, his resignation from the post was demanded by an emergency executive meeting held on August 23rd.

Before starting off on holiday, Windley assured officials in the union that cheques

cashed by him in the bar and union shop totalling £3346.67 which had bounced would be honoured. All the cheques in question had been cashed between April and July. Windley said that they had bounced because money that was owed to him had not been paid into his own account as soon as he hoped it would be.

### Regularly

Windley as Treasurer did not have to get cheques countersigned before he could cash them in the union. Ron Fairburn, the union finance officer, said: "Buzz had been cashing cheques for sums of up to £75 regularly for over two years but only from April 1974 did they fail to be honoured."

See page 7 - "Fairburn should have given full facts"

Leeds Charity Rag is facing serious financial difficulties. So far eight months after rag week, no money has been paid to any of the charities it supports.

The cause of the trouble is a dispute with Miss Jane Beeken, who organised all the Rag concerts last February.

Rag claims that Miss Beeken owes them nearly £1,500, including £600 profit from the Rag "Mud" Concert. So far, despite action by solicitors on behalf of Rag, the dispute remains unresolved and there are fears that it may put the coming session's Rag activities, due to be held this term, in jeopardy.

Miss Beeken, who was formerly the University Union Ents Secretary until she was sacked by Union Council, refused to make any comment on the matter yesterday. All she would say was that various points have yet to be agreed between her and Rag. University Union President Neil Taggart said in a statement that unless Rag is able to resolve the dispute, the union would have to consider asking them to leave their premises in the union annexe in Woodhouse Lane.

"Although Rag is an autonomous body it is closely identified by the public with the union. Unless Rag takes steps to solve its problems, the union may have to consider withdrawing its support for their activities," he said.

The serious discrepancies in Rag accounts came to light following the routine auditors

by Nick Witchell

investigation during the summer vacation. They said in their report that the accounts were, "most unsatisfactory" and recommended further investigation of them.

At present Rag is only just solvent, with only about £200 credit. The Rag Chairman, Clive Hemsley said yesterday that Rag had lost a great deal of prestige as a result of the dispute: "We must now struggle very hard to rebuild Rag and turn it into a viable and worthwhile proposition," he said.

Assuming that the disputed money is paid to Rag, they will only show a profit of £1,000 last year as compared to £6,000 the previous year.

Already, said Mr Hemsley, several local charities have been getting very anxious about the absence of any donation from Rag: "These small charities rely heavily on us and we must make an extra effort to repay them all this coming year," he said.

### STOP PRESS

It was announced last night that Rag accounts had been blocked following a recommendation from the Union's Honorary Treasurer, Dr J. W. Belton.

This means that no money from last year can be used to finance this term's rag events.

Earlier in the afternoon, agreement was reached between Rag and Miss Beeken, whereby she will pay £900 immediately whilst the remaining accounts are re-examined.

## WIN 5 LP's

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### Special Freshers Issue

## Stevas hits out at dissenters

A future Tory government would be hard on student dissenters it was claimed yesterday.

Norman St John Stevas, the Conservative spokesman on education, said that the full weight of the law of the country and the rules of universities should be thrown out against protesting students.

Asked on BBC Radio 4's "Election Call" whether students who involved themselves in demonstrations should be expelled he said: "I am pro student. The majority of students are moderate, out to make their way in life."

Mr Stevas pressed for prosecution at the time when students attacked Prof Eysenck at the London School of Economics.

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## Lord Mayor snubs freshers

The Lord Mayor of Leeds Cllr Mrs Joan de Carteret yesterday criticised the way she had been treated by the organisers of the University's Freshers' Conference.

In an interview in last night's Evening Post she explained why she had decided not to attend the conference.

She said: "In June I agreed to speak at four separate meetings and I cancel-

led all my other engagements. However, I did not receive details of these until a week before the event.

### Prepared

"I decided on the afternoon before the conference that I was not properly prepared because of the lack of information and I decided that it was better that I should not attend."

Cllr de Carteret also said

that she thought the conference organisers had shown a lack of courtesy which the Lord Mayor ought not to tolerate.

Despite this Cllr de Carteret said she held the University in very high esteem: "I look forward to various events which will be shared between the University and the city during this, the University's centenary year," she said.

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## The unwanted election

The election nobody wants was the phrase coined by Harold Wilson to describe next Thursday. More to the point it is the election neither he nor Ted Heath are terribly keen to win.

Why? — Because any government is bound to be unpopular if it is prepared to use realistic measures to deal with the current economic situation.

What are needed are bold, imaginative plans designed for the 1980's. The party that wins next week must be determined not to fall back on philosophies stemming from the Thirties.

A positive approach is particularly important in the field of education. Scathing cuts to provide ready-made economies are not the answer.

The next Government must set out a realistic policy on education which will meet the needs and aspirations of the next decade.

Such a policy will only be achieved by people concerned with education lobbying at local and national levels. And this means you.

## Secrecy on Senate

The University Senate's decision to refuse admission to this newspaper is an illogical one to say the least. Now that students are sitting on Senate, the members of the University have the undeniable, democratic right to know what their elected representatives are saying and doing on their behalf.

It is absurd that the proceedings of the principal governing body of the University should be conducted in secret. There are, of course, certain matters which require confidential discussion but to try and shroud the general proceedings with a cloak of secrecy will only arouse distrust and lead to misunderstanding.

Senate's reason for the ban on reporting is apparently that free discussion would be stifled if members knew they were being recorded. Is one to suppose from this that members of Senate are ashamed of their views and afraid to discuss them in the open? Hopefully not — why then insist on secrecy in Senate?

It is ironic that the Universities, many of whom have voiced their disapproval of the controversial NUS "free speech" policy should themselves continue to reject free reporting of their affairs. Let Leeds once again show that it is in the vanguard of enlightened policy and discard such an outmoded and unnecessary restriction.

## VAC NEWS ROUND UP

# Local neo-Nazi group

## collapses

The Leeds based neo-Nazi organisation, the National Democratic Freedom Movement, has broken up following a demand from an MP for an official inquiry into their activities.

The NDFM was first brought to public attention in an exclusive article in Leeds Student on May 10. We reported then how the NDFM had been set up by extreme members of the right-wing National Front Party and that its publicly avowed aims were the violent destruction of left-wing groups and the incitement of racial unrest. One of its leaders told us how all their members were people prepared to use violence to achieve their objectives.

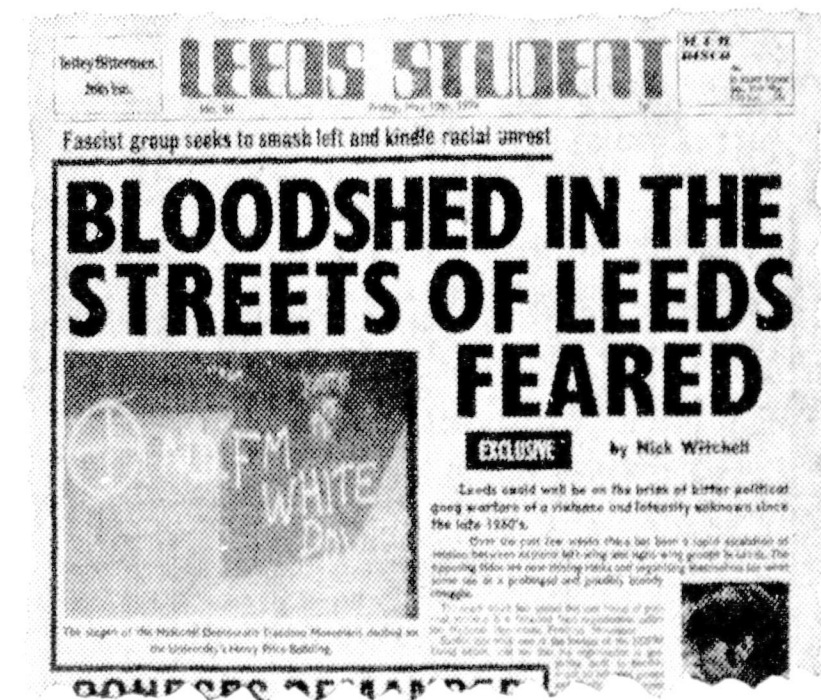
Following a period of tense confrontation between the NDFM and left-wing elements in the city, the Director of Public Prosecutions was asked in August by the Labour MP for Manchester Blackley, Paul Rose, to launch an investigation into the NDFM which, by then, was claiming to have bases in

Manchester, Liverpool and London in addition to Leeds. The request for a DPP investigation came after several outbreaks of violence between the rival groups.

On June 29 nine people were arrested after a clash between the NDFM and members of the left-wing on Leeds Town Hall steps. Several policemen were injured as they tried to separate the rival groups, some of whom



Police confront the NDFM on the Town Hall steps



Flashback — Leeds Student on May 10th

were said to be wearing crash helmets and carrying weapons.

Police concern at the escalating conflict was demonstrated several weeks later when over 200 officers were drafted into the city centre to escort a march by the local Communist party.

Leeds City Council twice refused to let rooms to the NDFM for their meetings for fear of a pitched battle between them and the left-wing. This led to threats from the NDFM that they would occupy the rooms by force if necessary.

Such a confrontation never came and, in mid August, following the request to the DPP and the Town Hall arrests, the leadership of the NDFM split up and the whole organisation collapsed.

A member of one of the left-wing groups threatened by the NDFM said earlier this week that they were pleased the immediate threat of political gang warfare had been removed. "But", he added, "it remains to be seen whether the people behind the NDFM will remain out of sight for long. We will continue to be vigilant and oppose these fascist groups at every opportunity."

## Post grads get £880

Postgraduate grants have been raised to bring them into line with the awards made to first degree students which were increased in May.

The basic grant for post-graduates living away from home is now £880 per year, an increase of £185.

Although married women's postgrad grants have been raised, a husband's income will now be taken into account when determining the level of individual awards.

## Degree Demo

About a hundred members of the University and Union staff staged a two hour strike and demonstrated outside a University degree ceremony on July 19th in support of a claim for higher wages.

The demonstrators, all members of NALGO, picketed the Great Hall and surrounded the University Chancellor, the Duchess of Kent, as she emerged at the end of the ceremony.

## Profs go up Zaire

Four scientists from the University are taking part in the big army-led expedition to explore Africa's River Zaire.



Professor H. W. Woolhouse

## Girl dies at Poly disco

A 17 year old girl collapsed and died at a Poly disco in July.

Jane Whelan from Roundhay, Leeds, was rushed to hospital where doctors fought a vain battle to save her life. She was believed to have suffered an asthmatic attack.

The expedition, mounted to commemorate the centenary of Henry Stanley's journey down the Zaire, will use giant rubber dinghys to travel the whole length of the river, much of which has never before been navigated.

Professor Harold Woolhouse of the Department of Plant Sciences, together with University entomologists Dr Stephen Sutton, Peter Hudson and Stuart Gelder joined an international team of 35 scientists last week who will study the flora and fauna of the dense tropical rain forests through which the Zaire runs. They will be away until January and are expected to bring back a large collection of rare specimens, many of which will go to London's Natural History Museum.

The expedition is being led by Major Peter Blashford Snell and is expected to cost about £100,000. Much of the equipment being used by the scientists, who will work separately from the army team whose main purpose is merely to navigate the river, has been specially designed in the Biophysics Department of the University.

## Kent

The University has instructed its solicitors to send letters to all those students who owe them money as a result of being on rent strike.

Although about 300 students are in debt to the University—most of them have paid their accommodation fees into the Union rent strike fund.

A spokesman for the University said that if the money was not repaid they would have to take out summonses. "We are prepared to consider any method of settlement though," he added.

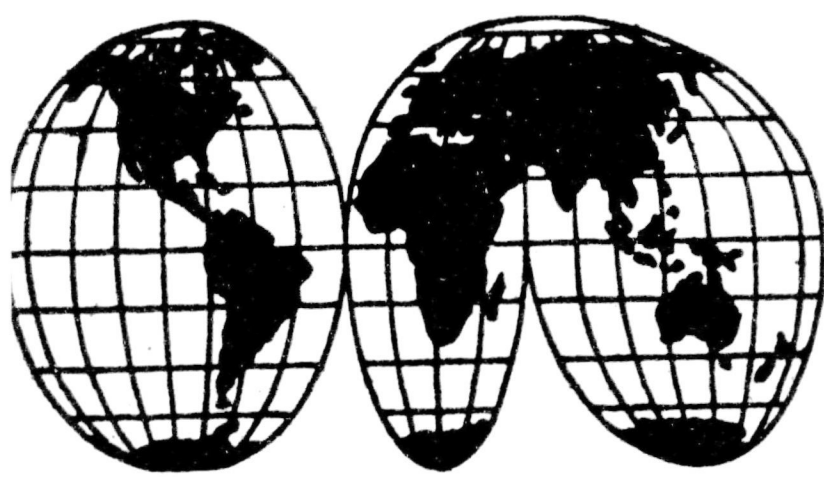
John McGeown, Union President, has advised all rent strikers to ignore the letters. "We will fight any writs in the courts if necessary," he said.

## London

The capital city is to have its first truly transboundary student newspaper.

Following the appointment of a full-time sabbatical executive editor, it was decided to increase the coverage of London University's news paper Sennet to include all colleges in the Greater London area.

The newspaper will have an estimated circulation of 40,000 and a readership of 100,000. Its news editor, Richard Clift, a second year undergraduate at the London School of Economics said the intention of the newspaper was to provide a much needed means of communication



## STUDENT WORLD

tion between the huge student population in London.

Three years ago a similar decision here in Leeds resulted in the amalgamation of the University newspaper "Union News" with the Poly's paper "Pi" to form Leeds Student.

## Independent

The new Independent University, a privately financed institution being set up in Buckinghamshire, has run into problems.

The Council for National Academic Awards, the body which supervises all courses and examinations, has refused to validate the University's projected two-year honours law degree course.

The reason given by the Council was that they doubted whether there were enough full-time trained staff to run the course.

## Open

The most popular course at the Open University this session is "The Age of Revolution."

Last year's favourite: "Personality, growth and learning" has been relegated to second place after 2,252 students plumped to study the period 1775 to 1830, the age of political, industrial and social revolution.

The most unpopular course is "Solids, liquids and gases" with only 180 applicants.

## America

American universities are having to resort to hard-sell advertising campaigns to persuade people to apply for places.

The decline in applications has now become so serious

that many smaller colleges and universities are struggling hard to survive.

One university which is determined not to go under without a fight is Soumi College, Michigan. They are distributing posters showing a busty young woman with the legend: "I'm somebody" emblazoned right across her less academic endowments. Readers are invited to send off a postcard saying: "Yes, I'm somebody too."

Another university offers students the chance to design their own curriculum and at Western Michigan University courses in "Me-ology" are offered where the student can "Get it together" and study himself.

## South Africa

The National Union of South African Students, NUSAS, has been declared an "effected body" by the South African government after a parliamentary commission decided that the union was trying to incite a black revolution in the country.

The decision means that NUSAS is cut off from foreign aid and puts its future in jeopardy. Already the ruling has been rejected by the South African Progressive Party and Opposition newspapers on the grounds that the commissions' findings were reached in secret and without following normal judicial procedures.



# NUS plans week of disruption

## Drury resigns

Kevin Drury, the University Union General Athletics Secretary, has resigned.

Mr Drury, 19, was elected unopposed last February and should have remained in the Executive post for the remainder of the session.

However, Mr Drury says he has found himself unable to continue due to pressure of work. "Also," he added, "being on the Executive means that one can never have a quiet drink in the Union. One is constantly on duty and I really cannot spare the time any more I'm afraid."

A bye-election for the post will be held in several weeks.

## Cheap trains

British Rail are once again offering fare reductions to all students.

Following the success of their summer scheme whereby students could travel half price on many trains it has been extended for another year.

Applications for a British Rail Travel Card should be made through Union travel offices.

There must be no let up in the campaign to rid the grants system of anomalies — this was the message National Union of Students President John Randall drove home to students when he announced plans for a week of disruption which will start on November 11 and which is designed to bring higher education to a standstill.

Mr Randall, who was speaking at the Teacher Education Conference at Carnegie College, Leeds, last month said that the main thrust of the campaign will be directed against discretionary awards: "Most of the students receiving these awards are in further education colleges. But the FE sector is the sector with the least resources so help must come from the polytechnics and universities," he said.

"In the week of November 11 we must ensure that further and higher education in this country comes to a virtual standstill. We will then have created the state of paralysis which will come about anyway if nothing is done

about grants," continued Mr Randall.

He said that many people in universities and polytechnics will probably feel that the 25 per cent grant increase awarded by the Government, last May, is enough: "But the NUS demand was not met in full and with inflation at 17 per cent there can be no time when we can say we will have a rest.

## Abolition

"We have to wage a campaign to maintain a decent living standard. Also we must fight for the abolition of parental contributions to mandatory awards and for the introduction of cash grants for students in colleges of education," Mr Randall told delegates.

He said that he believes that more cuts in spending on education are likely after the General Election because it is an area where economies can be made easily and he urged delegates to force election candidates to commit themselves on their attitudes towards education and public spending.

The week of disruption will be the climax of a term of activity with boycotts and demonstrations culminating in a one day strike on November 13th and a national march two days later.

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## Adopt a granny

For the price of a pint of beer a month, students can now "adopt a granny" in an underdeveloped country.

The scheme is the latest fund-raising idea of "Help the Aged", the country's largest old people's charity.

They want students to get together in groups of ten and for the sum of just £25 per year, they can "adopt" an old person in the developing countries as their own granny or grandad and thereby supply them with many badly needed essentials of life. Dennis Castle, Help the Aged's Northern organiser, said he would like to see every Union society have its own adoption.

"£225 a year is just one penny a day each from a group of ten, or a pint of beer a month. The money will be used to provide people who are living in unbelievable poverty with food and medicine. This is one way that students can help old people who are living without the essentials of life in a very personal way," he said.

## Freshers face chaos

Hundreds of University freshers were left out in the cold on Monday when plans for an introductory talk in the Great Hall had to be switched to the Lecture Theatre block.

The reason for the chaos was that nobody had remembered that a degree ceremony was to be held in the Great Hall at the time scheduled for the talk.

by Bob Rae

There was chaos everywhere during what is considered to be the most badly organised freshers' conference for several years. One group leader commented that in comparison to last year, the conference was "an absolute mess."

Monday's disorganisation came as a climax to a series of mishaps over the planning of the conference one of which resulted in the handbook having to be reprinted because the contents of the original version were inaccurate.

Ian Muir, the Union's Deputy President for Communications, admitted that arrangements had been rather poor this year. "We have had great difficulty contacting the Freshers' Conference Secretary, Dillon Hill, throughout the vacation.

Numerous letters were sent to him but none of them were answered. We even got the police to go round to see if he was there but it seems he was on holiday. It became so critical that the Executive started making contingency plans in case he didn't turn up", he said.

Mr Hill commented that the conference was just about struggling through: "Although there was rather a mess-up on Monday which I still can't quite understand."

Commenting on criticism that he had not made adequate arrangements for the conference, Mr Dillon said that he had told the Union Executive when he would be back in Leeds and he had been here on that date.



Firemen hack at the charred inside of the building

## Free School goes up in flames

Smoke billowed past the University's Parkinson Building last Tuesday as firemen rushed to extinguish a fire in the old chapel in Woodhouse Lane, which used to house Leeds Free School.

The fire was soon brought under control by two members of the brigade who entered the building wearing

breathing apparatus and was extinguished within an hour of the firemen arriving.

The free school recently moved out of the premises but classes are continuing in private homes.

## Security man injured in disco brawl

A Poly Union security officer had to receive hospital treatment for a head injury after a brawl at a disco on Monday night.

A fight broke out at the newly-started Poly soul disco and during the ensuing vio-

lence the security officer was cut on the head.

The Poly's security chief, Arthur Whittaker, said that a group of youths had been annoying people and when one of them was asked to leave he became aggressive. "My man was quite courteous but it became necessary to eject this visitor by force since he had been annoying a lot of people. A free-for-all fight broke out but eventually the trouble maker was removed by one of the dancers who I understand is a boxer," he said.

"If there had been someone else to organise all the advertising then I think we would have been ready on time," he said.

Last session's handbook was also delayed for several weeks and many of its advertisers have never been billed for the space they took in it.

## Rock club

A new rock music club has just opened in Leeds at the Newlands pub, Hyde Park. The club, called the "Spirit of Windsor" after the recent rock festival in Windsor Great Park, will meet every Saturday night. Admission to the club is free.

## Arms man loses seat

Roy Forbes, the former University law student who is under arrest in Winchester on firearms and explosive charges, may soon lose his seat on Leeds Metropolitan Council.

Forbes, 28, of Derwentwater Terrace, Headingley has represented the Burley Ward for the Conservatives since May of last year.

In April he was arrested in Southampton and charged under the Explosives Act. Now, in view of his prolonged absence from Council meetings, there are moves to have him removed from his seat.

A Leeds councillor last week said that if Mr Forbes did not attend a council meeting this week he would no longer be a member.

## Cheques found too late

Cheques worth over £70 have been found in a safe in the University Union's Porters Office where they have lain unnoticed since February.

They were all made out at the time of the big NUS grants demonstration in London. It is believed that

ticket sellers handed in cheques for the amounts they had collected and they were locked in the safe and forgotten.

Since all the cheques are now out of date, the union Finance Office is having to write to the drawers requesting that they make out fresh ones.

Union President Neil Taggart said he did not feel anybody was responsible for the

oversight. "It seems to be rather irregular that ticket sellers used the money as a cheque cashing service in this way but nobody can be held responsible for forgetting about the cheques' existence," he said.

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### The Party Education Policies

Higher Education is not a major election issue, despite pleas from educationalists that the parties should make their policies on the subject clear. However, here is what the various party manifestoes have to say:

#### COMMUNIST

The best possible education for its children is the best investment any nation can make and should be a priority. We need an expansion of all education facilities, not a cut-back.

We stand for:

... expansion of further and higher education, with increased grants for students.

#### CONSERVATIVE

When we review student grants, we will reduce the amount that parents have to contribute and we will end the discrimination against married women students. It is unfair that, while some students can get a grant, as of right from a local authority, other students only get a grant if the local authority chooses to give one. As soon as economic circumstances allow, we will review the present arrangements with the aim of ending these unfairnesses in the provision of grants. We will encourage the formation of student housing associations.

#### LABOUR

The Labour Party believes that full opportunities for the education of our children, our young people and students of all ages are an essential part of a fair society and indispensable to the social contract.

The next Labour Government will:

- Continue to move towards a fairer system of student grants.
- Provide increased opportunities for further education and training, including compulsory paid day release, especially for young people who leave school early.

We will support the further development of the Open University, which was founded by a Labour Government and which has enriched the lives of thousands of people of all ages.

#### LIBERAL

The liberal manifesto makes no reference to education. Their spokesman on education is Clement Freud.

### Unions open all night

Both the Poly and University Unions will be open on Thursday night to enable students to watch the television coverage of the election results.

The Poly Union is staging an "election special night" with TV programmes broadcast on a large screen. Refreshments are to be provided for students who stay up through the night.

No surprises are expected when the people of Leeds go to the polls next week.

Party affiliations have not changed in the city's six seats for over twenty years and in the February election four MP's, one Tory and three Labour, were re-elected with increased majorities.

All the men sent to Westminster eight months ago are seeking re-election and few people on any side see them being denied it. Joe Dean who retained Leeds West for Labour in February has the smallest majority — 3,985. But he was a newcomer at the last election and had to resist a strong challenge from the popular local Liberal leader Michael Meadowcroft.

The Liberals had their chance to change the status quo by gaining Leeds West in February and failed, so this time Dean is widely expected to increase his majority after creating a favourable impression with his constituents since February.

### Little hope for David

David Rolfe, the Liberal Candidate in North West Leeds, has little chance of success if his performance in college elections is anything to go by.

In his student days at Leeds University David had half a dozen tries before he got himself elected onto the Union Executive. But one student who remembers him recalls that he was a very good publicity secretary.

Steven Mayer the Labour candidate in Ripon, a local marginal where David Austick of bookshop fame is the Liberal's man, should have no problems at the hustings. For Steven was once a leading light in University Union Debates.

Two other local Liberal candidates were students at the University. Stephen Cooksey, 30, who is standing in Pudsey, is a former chairman of the Union Liberal Club. Nearer home former Union Treasurer Chris Greenfield is hoping to defeat Sir Keith Joseph in North East Leeds.

Stanley Cohen nearly doubled his majority when he held Leeds South East, the constituency holding the major portion of the student vote. The same four candidates that fought the seat eight months ago are standing this time, including Leeds' only Communist candidate, Bill Innes, a local trade union shop steward. Mr Innes has only been nominated to wave his party's flag. At the last election he polled a meagre 405 votes but that was twice the number managed by his predecessor.

In the other constituency with a large number of student voters, Leeds North West, university lecturer Keith Fenwick (Lab) and David Rolfe (Lib) will be battling for second place



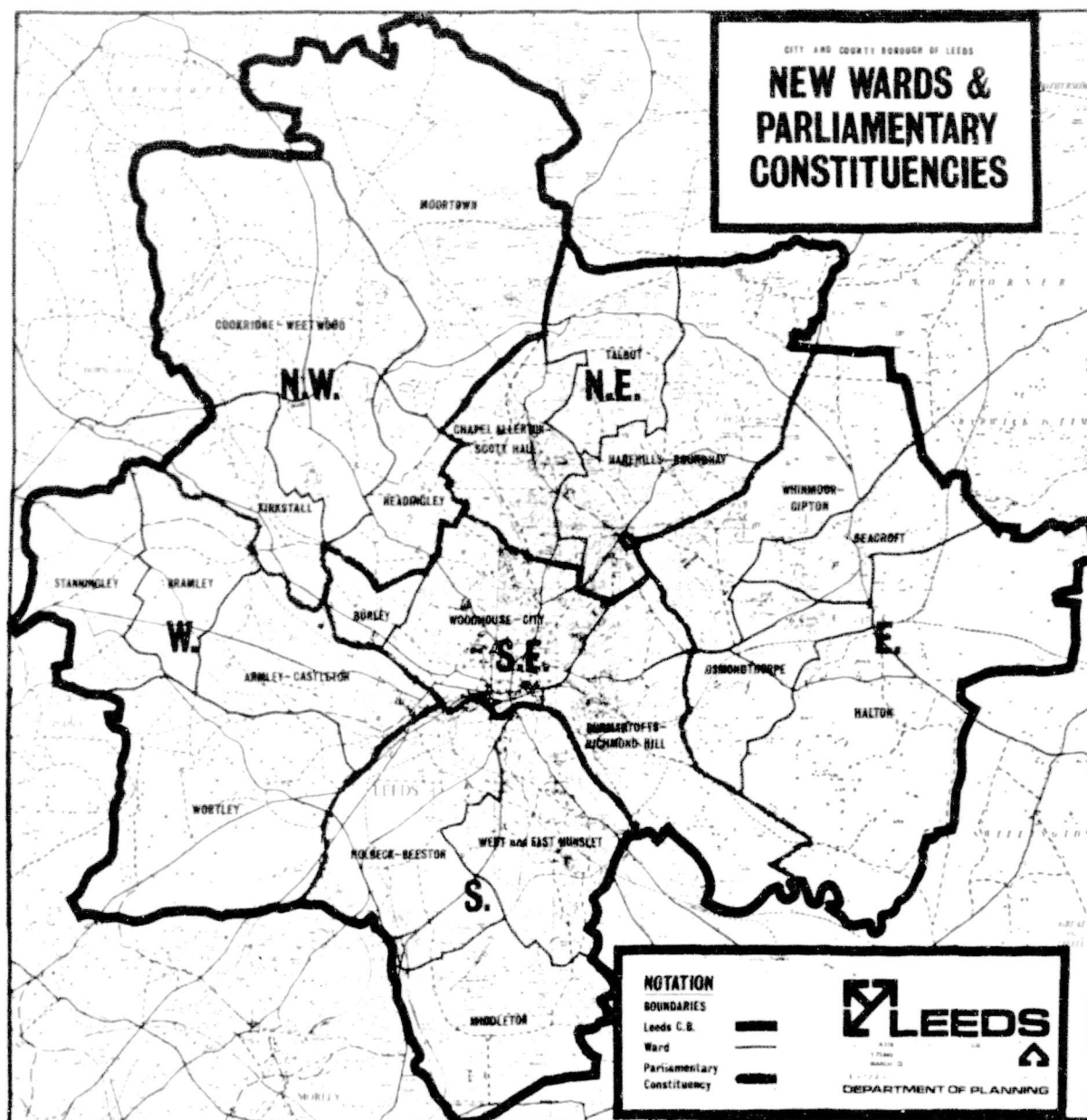
Stanley Cohen (Labour) who held Leeds South East last February

and trying to cut down the majority of longstanding Tory MP Sir Donald Kaberry who has held the seat since 1950. At the 1970 election the Liberals polled 6,048 votes and came third

They were still only third in February but gained nearly 5,000 more votes while Labour lost about the same number and 7,000 fewer Conservative supporters turned up at the polls.

The three other seats are all held by MP's of Ministerial rank. Merlyn Rees, the man in charge of Northern Ireland under the Labour Government, had the largest majority in Leeds in February when he retained the South constituency. In Leeds East Denis Healey, the last Chancellor of the Exchequer and the person strongly tipped to take over the leadership of the Labour Party if Harold Wilson retires, holds sway.

The second Tory stronghold, Leeds North East, is the domain of Shadow Minister Sir Keith Joseph.



### The Leeds Candidates

\*Indicates the MP for the constituency until the dissolution of the last parliament.

#### EAST

\*Denis Healey (Lab)  
J. W. Dawson (Con)  
S. Marsh (Lib)  
Mrs. N. Russell (People's Party)

#### Result in February 1974

Denis Healey (Lab) ... 25,550  
R. A. Nelson (Con) ... 15,036  
S. Marsh (Lib) ... 9,906

Labour majority ... 10,514

#### NO CHANGE

#### NORTH EAST

J. Gunnell (Lab)  
\*Sir Keith Joseph (Con)  
C. J. Greenfield (Lib)

#### Result in February 1974

Sir Keith Joseph (Con) ... 20,822  
W. J. Gunnell (Lab) ... 13,562  
C. J. Greenfield (Lib) ... 8,839  
C. R. Lord (People) ... 300

Conservative majority ... 7,260

#### NO CHANGE

#### NORTH WEST

I. G. K. Fenwick (Lab)  
\*Sir Donald Kaberry (Con)  
D. Rolfe (Lib)

#### Result in February 1974

Sir Donald Kaberry (Con) ... 21,995  
I. G. K. Fenwick (Lab) ... 15,324  
S. Waldenburgh (Lib) ... 11,853

Conservative majority ... 6,671

#### NO CHANGE

#### SOUTH

\*M. Rees (Lab)  
T. Stow (Con)  
J. Adams (Lib)

#### Result in February 1974

M. Rees (Lab) ... 21,365  
D. Pedder (Lib) ... 9,505  
P. D. Harmer (Con) ... 7,810

Labour majority ... 11,860

#### NO CHANGE

#### SOUTH EAST

\*S. Cohen (Lab)  
Mrs. Mrs. M. Sexton (Con.)  
Miss M. G. Clay (Lib)  
W. H. Innes (Comm.)

#### Result in February 1974

S. Cohen (Lab) ... 17,827  
Mrs. M. Sexton (Con) ... 8,373  
Miss M. G. Clay (Lib) ... 6,981  
W. H. Innes (Comm) ... 405

Labour majority ... 9,454

#### NO CHANGE

#### WEST

\*J. Dean (Lab)  
Dr. R. D. Hall (Con)  
M. J. Meadowcroft (Lib)

#### Result in February 1974

J. Dean (Lab) ... 19,436  
M. J. Meadowcroft (Lib) ... 15,451  
R. D. Hall (Con) ... 11,246

Labour majority ... 3,985

#### NO CHANGE

## Vote Labour says NUS

by Ian Coxon

Vote Labour in next week's election is the directive given by the National Union of Students.

A statement issued last week says: "The Executive believes a vote for either the Liberal or the Conservative Party is a vote against the interest of students, their local unions and the NUS."

However a spokesman for the Liberal Party claimed that the largest percentage of the student population voted Liberal at the last election. A Conservative spokesman said that he did not think that the majority of students would be influenced by the NUS call to support Labour.

At a University Union Executive meeting this week, Union President Neil Taggart withdrew a motion asking University students to vote Labour when he was

unable to get enough support for it.

NUS President John Randall making the plea for students to vote Labour at the Teacher Education Conference at Carnegie College, Leeds, last month, said: "Don't think anyone is saying that we should hitch our line to the Labour Party. But we can say that in any particular circumstances one political party is in a position to implement the policies which the union has adopted."

Students are also urged not to vote for the National Front. Last week's NUS statement says: "The growing strength of racist and fascist organisations must be opposed at all points, and anti-racist laws strengthened

and applied. Students must fight to expose racism and fascism wherever they occur."

NUS are demanding that the next Government restores the cuts in educational expenditure made by the last Tory Government and that it gives full grants to all students over the age of 16. Mr Randall also wants to see the present rent freeze continued: "On the day of the election thousands of students will be camping out with inadequate housing."

The next Government must ensure that every person has the right to fair housing with frozen rents," he said.

The Communist Party which has 29 candidates standing in the election is also urging people to vote Labour where there is no Communist standing.

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Report by Ian Coxon

## Pratt demands creation of joint sports council

A call for the creation of a single body to control sport in all colleges and universities received unanimous support.

### Purge on textbooks

Action is to be taken to try and abolish racial prejudice in education.

Steve Parry the National Treasurer of NUS, encouraged conference delegates to inform NUS of textbooks which perpetuate prejudice and to refuse to use them during teaching practice.

"The lack of mandatory courses related to such prejudice both in schools and colleges further aids its perpetuation", he said.

Introducing the motion Carnegie President Chris Pratt said: "We need a national non-sectarian student sports administrative body financed by a grant from the Department of Education and Science."

### Lead

A conference is being held at Leeds Poly Union tomorrow to outline plans for the proposed body.

Poly Union President, Ian Steele, said: "Leeds will be able to lead the way when the Polytechnic merges with Carnegie."

The Government's lack of a "coherent philosophy on higher education" received stern criticism from John Randall, the President of the National Union of Students.



NUS President - John Randall who addressed delegates at the Teacher Education Conference.

In his opening address to the 220 delegates at the NUS teacher education conference at Carnegie College, Leeds, last month, Mr Randall said that clear guidance on the proposed mergers of various colleges and polytechnics must be given by the Government to both civil servants and local government officers.

He went on to urge delegates to take part in decision making: "We cannot afford to stand on the sidelines whilst the nature and structure of higher education in this country is radically changed. But if we are to intervene we have to do so in campaigning terms," added Mr Randall.

He was, however, highly critical of the campaigning methods adopted by students at Essex University earlier this year: "It is no part of

our policy to seek the destruction of higher education. The raison d'être of this union is to fight for improvements in its members conditions of study, to radically reform the curriculum, to democratize the institutions, but not to destroy them."

### White paper

Carnegie President Chris Pratt in his conference address attacked the Conservative Government's White Paper on higher education published in 1972, from which the proposals for college mergers emanate. He said that the policy outlined for teacher education in the Tory document must be replaced by: "clear aims and opportunities to train more teachers".

He told delegates that the matter must be made into an election issue: "The delusion that this country's education system can be run on the cheap will soon be made quite clear to the British people, unless positive steps are taken by the next government."

## Crappy nappies for crusty profs

Babies will take over universities and colleges for one day next term as part of a campaign for more nursery facilities.

NUS Vice-President for education and welfare Sue Slipman, a former member of Leeds University Union Executive, said: "There is talk of equal opportunity for women but this can never be so as long as their education is hampered when they become mothers."

### Picket

The "national baby demo" will include a "pushchair picket" of local education offices.

Commenting on the proposed campaign Miss Slipman said: "I would love to see some of the crustier philosophy professors wading through piles of crappy nappies."

She added that it is the duty of the wealthy university and poly unions to assist in the formation of nurseries in the other colleges.

## Cash flows for left-wing paper

Delegates pledged their support for workers control with pound notes after an address by one of the five hundred redundant newsmen who are hoping to start Scotland's first "left of centre" daily paper.

The collection realised over £80 for the Scottish Daily News, a new daily newspaper

which is being set up to provide employment for some of the 1,800 people made redundant by the closure of the Scottish Daily Express last March.

Nathan Goldberg, a member of the action committee set up to run the paper, told the conference that the Government is loaning the committee fifty per cent of

the money needed to buy the Glasgow premises of the Express from Beaverbrook newspapers: "We are now attempting to raise the other half of the money from our brothers in the trade union movement."

Mr Goldberg was optimistic when he talked of the sales potential of the paper which is expected to appear later

this month and has the full backing of NUS: "Scotland is a country which is absolutely left of centre and during the present economic crisis the press will have to get off the fence and be counted."

"If we can make the venture work, similar papers could be started in England and Wales," he said.

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Ian Coxon looks at the case involving Buzz Windley

# Fairburn should have given full facts

Poly Union Finance Officer Ron Fairburn, has been severely criticised for not exposing the activities of Buzz Windley.

A report on the "dishonoured cheques issue" published yesterday by Union President Ian Steele concluded that: "The Finance Officer should have realised that it was his duty to report the full facts to the Executive."

However on a number of occasions since March when

Mr Fairburn urged the Executive to take tough action against bounced cheques he was ignored. He published a cheques blacklist which he was ordered to take down and an executive resolution was made which said: "People who bounced cheques had the right to have the fact kept confidential and that only the three signatories (President, Treasurer and Finance Officer) should know who they were."

But the report reveals that the past-President Julian Stevenson, had himself bounced £321 worth of cheques on the union including £75 on his last day of office. Mr Stevenson is still in Leeds and says he intends paying off his debt.

Commenting on the report Mr Fairburn said: "I did everything that I could to make people aware of the

problems."

He said that he did not want to blacken the characters of Windley and Stevenson by saying publically how they were involved because "everything might have sorted itself out."

"It has been a nasty business all round," Mr Fairburn said, "I was trying to stop it by introducing the blacklist but exec threw the idea out of the window."

On 20th June Mr Fairburn told executive to stop cashing cheques because the total of bounced cheques was £2,400. The President and Treasurer argued against the proposal and it was dropped. Among the other people who bounced cheques on the union was Windley's wife, Mara, who cashed nearly £100 worth of dishonoured cheques. Windley later wrote out a cheque to cover his wife's debts which also bounced.

## A popular Union man

Buzz Windley was held in great esteem in the Poly Union right up until his resignation was demanded a month ago. Such was his popularity that even though he attended very few meetings as an executive officer hardly anybody minded.

He came to Leeds Polytechnic in 1971. The following year he was elected unopposed as Union Treasurer. He soon became a popular figure and in 1973 was re-elected as Treasurer by 324 votes to 63 in a straight fight against Brian Drummond.

In the election for Vice-President of Administration, held earlier this year, Windley won with a resounding majority. He still hardly ever attended executive or Board of Reps meetings, saying he

was ill or had course work to attend to.

Despite this constant non-attendance at meetings an attempt made in February by Board of Reps member Ted Boyce, who is now Deputy President, to force him to resign failed completely.

### Capable

Windley graduated from the Polytechnic art faculty in June and is a very capable artist. He had received commissions from the United States and was involved in a business which sold reproduction mirrors advertising Coca Cola to America.

But he first became a student in 1969 at the age of 31, when he embarked on a

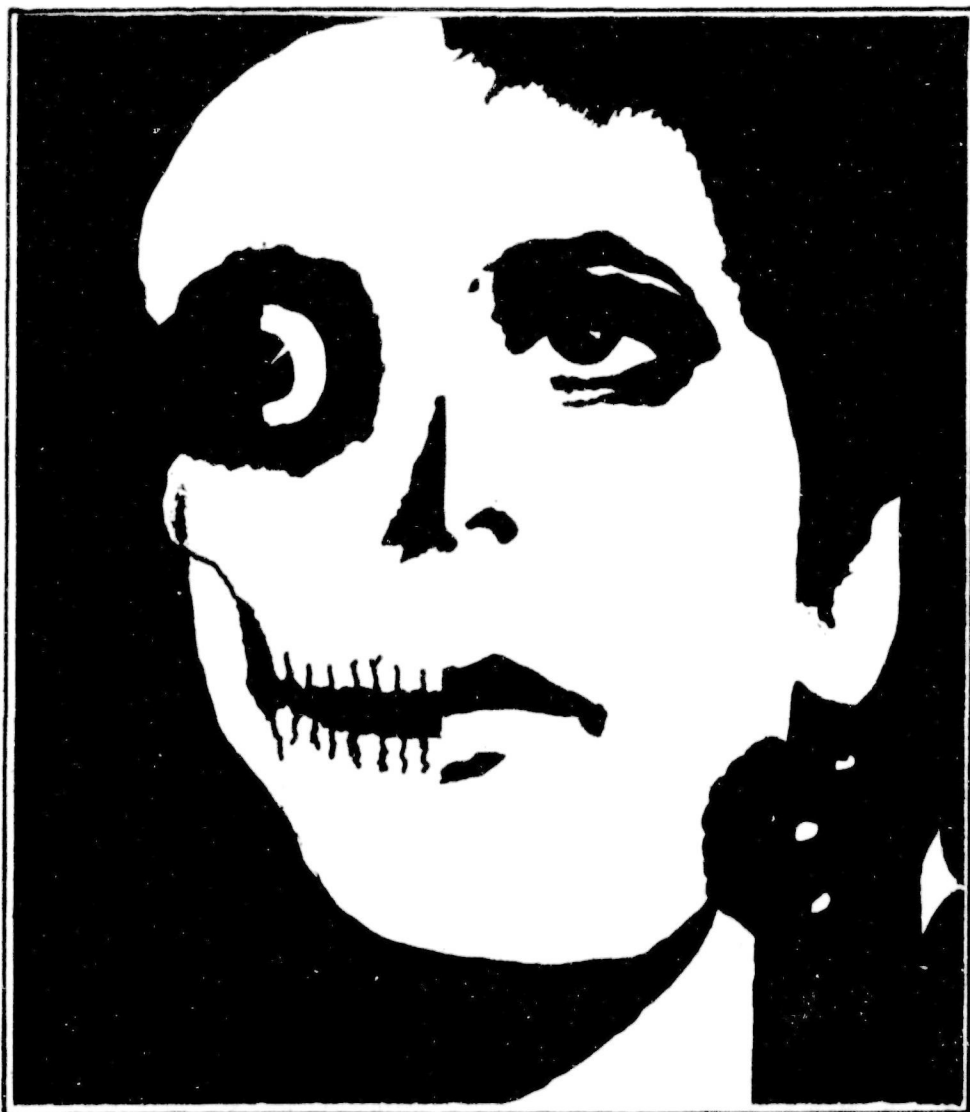
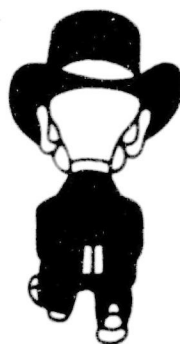
two year art foundation course at the former Newton Abbot School of Art in Devon. While there, he rose to be President of the Students Union and one of his former tutors at the school said this week "Mr Windley was a very good student who put a lot of effort into both his course work and running the students' union."

Before becoming a student Windley, who lives at Park Villas, Roundhay, when he is in Leeds, was once in the military police and held the rank of Lance-corporal.

He is believed to be the heir to some considerable family wealth. Union finance officer Ron Fairburn said: "Buzz once told me that a lot of money was being held for him in a trust."

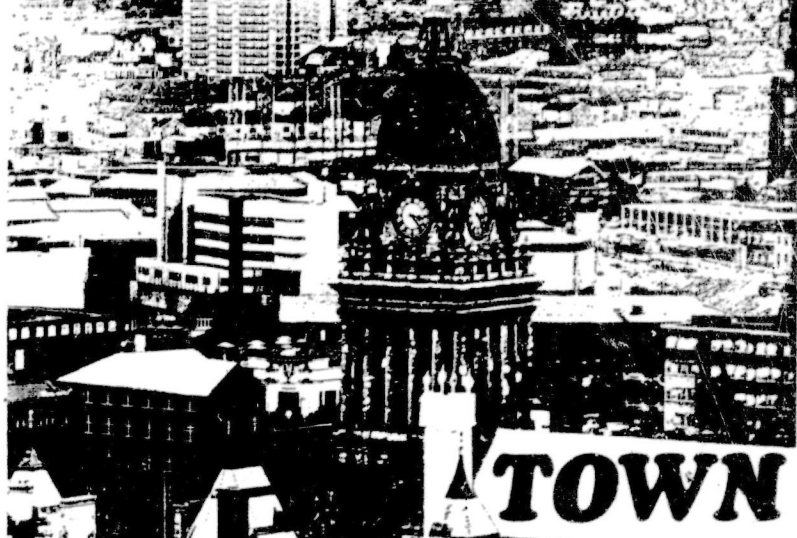
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## AROUND



### SCHOOLKIDS IN A FIX

Fifteen Leeds schools have been closed down following concern arising out of the use of high alumina cement in their construction.

This followed the collapse of part of a school in London built with the special quick drying cement.

In the meantime, 6,000 pupils are being educated at other local schools in a shift system.

### WELL, GUESS WHAT WE FOUND ?

Workmen demolishing a building on Blenheim Terrace, opposite the University Parkinson building, recently discovered a well which is believed to have been used by a French nobleman imprisoned there during the Napoleonic Wars. The Blenheim Terrace area was used as a prison camp during this period.

Inside the well, which is about twenty feet deep and six feet across was evidence of an early system of plumbing, consisting of old lead pipes.

### COME DANCING WITH DOUGGIE

Ballroom dancing is still thriving in Leeds — thanks to the efforts of two Poly Union staff.

Administration Officer John Quinn and his assistant Doug Howgate are both enthusiastic dancers and so when the local Mecca ballroom closed down they decided to hire the dancefloor of the Wellesley Hotel, Wellington Street, for two nights a week.

Their efforts were amply rewarded when about 90 dancers turned up for the first night, when they all chachad to the music from £400 worth of quadrophonic music equipment.

### TRIAL BY FLOODLIGHT

What are said to be the most intense security precautions ever taken for a trial are currently in force in Wakefield where the M62 coach bomb trial started yesterday.

Floodlights have been installed, telephone kiosks near the Crown Courthouse have been padlocked and post-boxes sealed in order to prevent anybody planting bombs in them. All those working near the court-house have been issued with identity cards and extra police and bomb disposal experts have been drafted into the town for the trial, which is expected to last for 6 weeks.

### RED HOT DREAM

A dream led a 16-year-old boy to start fires which caused £36,000 worth of damage, it was alleged in a Leeds Crown Court.

According to the boy's confession, he had a dream in March in which he was the God of Fire and it was his duty to destroy the present world because it is too degraded.

As a result, it was alleged, he went out and set fire to a building store, a grammar school and a cricket club, all in Otley.

Doctors testified that the boy was not mentally disturbed and attributed his crimes to his: "immaturity and tendency to dwell in a world of fantasy." The boy was sent for Borstal training.

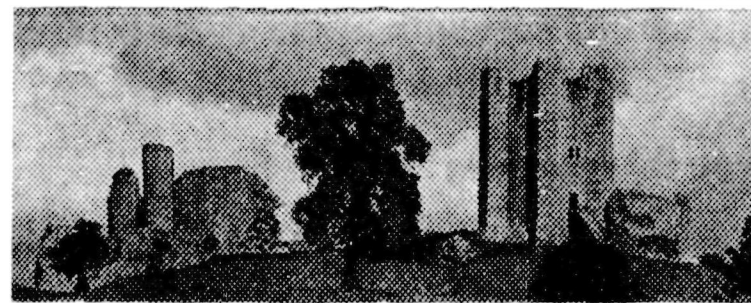
Robert "Buzz" Windley

Also Windley owes the union £315.39 for use of the minibus between May 24th and September 11th. The minibus has now been reported to the police as being stolen.

Following the abuses of the union cheque cashing scheme a limit of £8 has been put on all cheques cashed except where a banker's card is produced. All cheques, even with a banker's card, now have to be countersigned.

The union will now only cash cheques for union card or college staff identity card holders, except with a banker's card.

## SOMEWHERE TO GO



### CONISBROUGH CASTLE

South Yorkshire must be one of the most heavily industrialised counties in the West Riding, the Valley of the River Don from Doncaster to Sheffield must have more coal mines/steel works/heavy industrial plant per square inch than one would care to imagine. Yet bang in the middle, at Conisbrough, stands the finest example of Norman military architecture still in existence in the North of England.

Conisbrough itself is still a mining town. Its name is an altered form of the

Anglo-Saxon Cyningsburh meaning the King's Burh (Burhs were Saxon defended sites built against the Danes) — and at the time of the Conquest, the Manor was held by King Harold.

The Manor fell to the first Norman Earl of Surrey, and a timber fortification was built in the eleventh century. By 1180, the half-brother of Henry II, Hamelin Plantagenet, had built the perpendicular stone keep, and the curtain wall followed very shortly afterwards. For the next three hundred years the Castle passed through

many royal hands, but by 1460, when Richard, Duke of York died at the battle of Wakefield, it had begun to go slowly out of use. By Tudor times, the Castle was ruinous — its gates and bridge had fallen down, as well as 180 feet of curtain wall. Visitors can be grateful for this decline, as it was incapable of defence in the Civil War, and thus the great Keep was saved from the customary bombardment.

The Castle is now an attractive and romantic ruin. Its pale stone contrasts with the green grass that now covers its courtyards, and the mound upon which it stands affords panoramic views over the smoky industrial valley beneath it.

If the name Conisbrough seems familiar to you, it is probably because you have read 'Ivanhoe', in which many scenes were played in this striking Castle. As you peer through the smoky haze onto industry and greenery below, Scott's setting seems somewhat out of date.



# HOUSING — HOW MANY MUST SUFFER ?



A party of Cameroonian students in emergency accommodation last week

Picture by Bob Boddy

The students of Leeds are once again having to tolerate makeshift accommodation at the start of the session. Throughout this week, students arriving at college for the first time are being put up in pavilions, church halls and coffee bars.

Such emergency measures have become customary at the start of a new session. Although nobody would pretend that they are satisfactory, the accommodation problem generally resolves itself within a few days of the beginning of term, and all students are found proper places to live.

But this year the prospect is not so bright. There are fears that there will be students out of a home for many weeks to come.

An already serious problem has been exacerbated by several factors:

**1** The new Rent Act. Although it has not been published yet, the Act is having serious consequences already. Landlords, who in the past have been only too willing to let flats to students, are now frightened to commit themselves to contracts before seeing the full implications of the new legislation. The misdemeanours of a small unrepresentative group of students have prejudiced landlords against students in general. And since under the new Act the security of tenure for unfurnished tenants has been extended to cover furnished tenancies, landlords will find it more difficult to evict troublesome tenants. So students will have to suffer.

**2** Quarry Hill Flats, due for demolition in a few years time, could have housed a large number of students. 22 flats are already being used as student accommodation, but there are a further 300 which, because of protests from the tenants' association and others, it seems

by  
**Chris Elliott**

students will be unable to occupy. Students must again suffer because of the bigoted attitudes of a few people with only their own interests at heart.

**3** Local Authority building has consistently fallen short of its projected targets year after year. Nothing is being done to renovate old properties. The authorities, it seems, would rather let them stand empty than move students in. The housing list grows longer every day, and in the scramble for a place to live, the student usually comes off worst.

An estimated 16,000 students are seeking accommodation in Leeds this year, a figure which may well be swelled by a larger than average influx of overseas students. All Halls of Residence have, despite the increase in fees, been filled to capacity, which for the University amounts to about 1000 beds and for the Poly, some 200. By far the greatest majority of students, however, have to cast themselves on the mercy of the landlords.

Ralph Joiner, director of Unipol, the student accommodation bureau set up last Eas-

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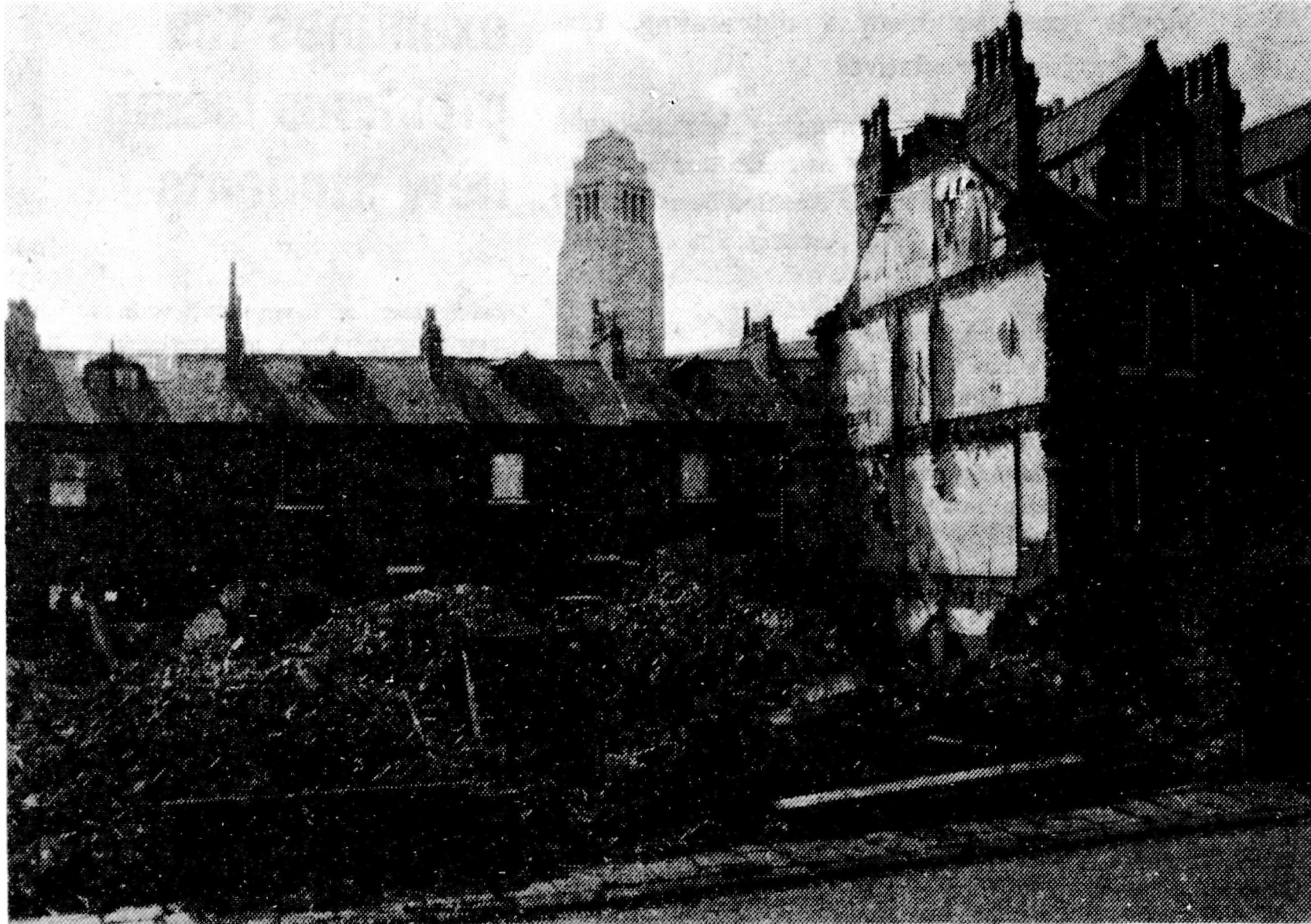
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# Landlords are unwilling to let rooms to students



Former student accommodation near the Parkinson building being demolished

Picture by Ollie Milburn

ter and jointly run by the University and the Polytechnic and their respective unions, would like to see a change in the relationship between students and landlords:

"At the moment, the landlord sees the student as kicking him in the teeth; and the student sees the landlord as a Rachman, squeezing his grant out of him." Unless these attitudes change, and change quickly, it will be impossible to make any progress in securing better living conditions for students who are badly done by, he feels.

Unipol now has over 500 landlords on its books, and has so far found accommodation for over 3,000 students. It is handicapped, however, by its need to rely heavily upon reports from students who have succeeded in getting accommodation.

Alan Taylor, who handles accommodation for the Poly, Park Lane, Kitson and Thomas Danby Colleges, also expresses great hopes for Unipol. He believes the organisation can do a lot to help homeless students, but only if "we can get some sort of security of contract with landlords; otherwise we shall have to scrub along for years in this 'bed for a head' situation."

But Unipol cannot take the whole burden on its back. The college authorities seem

almost foolishly complacent about the situation. At the University, about fifty fresh applicants, mainly postgraduates, will have to be housed with members of staff until alternative accommodation can be found. Mr H. Davies, University accommodation officer, is confident that the James Baillie and Lupton flats still under construction will, when they are completed, house all these postgrads. James Baillie, in North Hill Road, Leeds 6, will provide 124 places, and Lupton, part of the Wood Lane complex near the Armadale Centre, Headingley, about 45 more. They will be in full use, Mr Davies promises, by mid-October to November. But is this good enough? Students coming to Leeds for the first time must wonder what exactly they

## Action

have let themselves in for.

In 1972, the Government, in a rather feeble attempt to do something to alleviate the problem, urged authorities to encourage students to attend their nearest University, and to try and live at home. However, by 1973, no English University had more than 20 per cent of its students living at home. Such a measure is no substitute for direct action in providing more money for more housing.



Quarry Hill Flats — where students are not welcome

A disturbing example of the extent of the problem is afforded by a party of 39 students from the Cameroons. They arrived in Leeds a week before the start of term, and should therefore have missed the rush for homes. However, due to a last-minute hitch, the visitors had to be temporarily housed in two rooms at St. George's Infants School, where they slept on mattresses on the floor.

This serves to illustrate just how chronic the lack of accommodation is. In such an emergency, there was nowhere else for the students to go, which begs the question, why not?

At this very moment, hundreds of students are wandering around looking for places to live. It is a distressing indictment of the authorities responsible for student housing that, once again, Leeds is faced with such an accommodation crisis. Once everyone is housed, and the panic subsides, all will be forgotten — until next year, and we are confronted with a situation which is bound to be worse. NOW is the time for something to be done. If the authorities don't do their job, then they don't deserve to be in the position they are in. The students of Leeds have suffered quite enough.

## BAD HOUSING — THE REMEDIES

Student tenants frequently encounter serious deficiencies in their accommodation but because of ignorance of the correct channels through which to complain, they remain unremedied.

The following are the functions of the Department of Environmental Health in Leeds. If any of the faults apply to your premises, get in touch with them.

1. Under the Housing Acts 1957 to 1974 to monitor conditions in houses in multiple occupation, to issue notices relating to the management of such houses, to require execution of necessary works to ensure adequate standards of facilities and amenity and to prevent the overcrowding of such properties.
2. To issue notices under the Housing and Public Health Acts requiring the repair of individual unfit houses, or houses requiring repair and maintenance to ensure minimal sanitary conditions or abatement of nuisance.
3. To enforce the legislation which requires certain information to be provided in rent books.
4. The issue and cancellation of certificates of disrepair relating to houses.
5. To issue notices requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet for any house.
6. To carry out works of improvement to houses by agreement with and at the expense of owners.
7. To operate any scheme made by the Council for registration of houses in multiple occupation.
8. To ensure the proper cleansing, disinfection and disinfection of verminous premises and the control of pests.
9. The monitoring of all drainage in the area to the point where it reaches the main sewers to ensure no danger to health.
10. To exercise the powers and duties of the City Council relating to caravans and movable dwellings within the area.

Students requiring further information about any of the above functions or wishing to make complaints regarding their housing conditions should contact the Area Environmental Health Officer at the following address:

Merriam House, Merion Centre, 9th Floor West,  
Telephone Leeds 443255.

The Department of Environmental Health does not enforce Rent Act legislation, such as the fixing of fair rents and the protection of tenants from eviction. Enquiries on such matters should be made to the Rent Officer at 31 Eastgate, Leeds 1. Tel. 443625.

Complaints about verminous premises and advice on pest infestations should be sought from the Pest Control Centre, Stanley Road, Leeds 9. Tel. 493781.

All complaints are investigated by professional or technical staff, usually the District Public Health Inspector or the Area Environmental Health Officer. Where necessary, legal action will be taken under the Housing or Public Health Acts. Where legal powers do not exist, Health Inspectors are often able to effect some improvements by negotiations with the landlords.

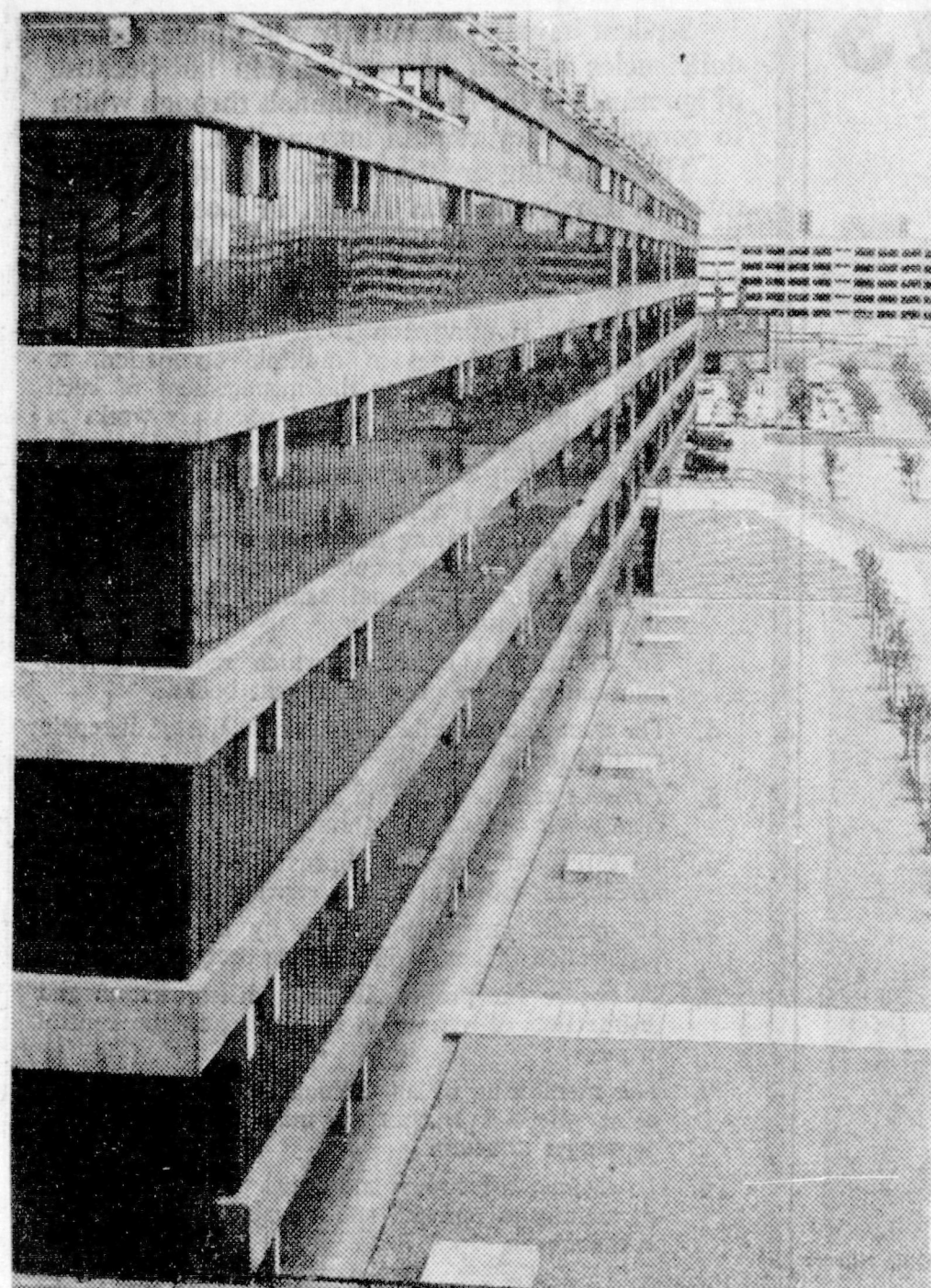
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# COPING WITH COLLEGE LIFE



The impersonal concrete and glass facade of the University's new Physics/Administration Complex

"So now you're a student" — How many of us have been through the humiliating experience of having to admit to this identity, under pressure from a deprecating, tax-paying friend or relative?

A good many I should imagine. The humiliation affected one person I knew so much that he would immediately retort to such a question, in as arrogant a tone as possible: "No. Actually I'm an under-graduate."

Students, undergraduates — whatever description is used, Leeds is now full of them. Over the past few weeks about 30,000 students have streamed into the city bringing renewed life to her various educational establishments.

For the majority who are returning, it is a relatively simple transition back into the well assimilated routine of student life. But for many of the several thousand new students, the coming days and weeks will be a period of unsettled trauma.

Student life can be a bewildering vortex, into which you plunge waving hard-won qualifications and from which you can emerge feeling disillusioned and bitter or simply lost and overwhelmed.

Such reactions are exceptional. For most newcomers the experience of student life will be a rewarding one. Once the initial break with home has been made and the new student becomes accustomed to the new faces, surroundings and life style, he or she can take advantage of the many opportunities unique to college life.

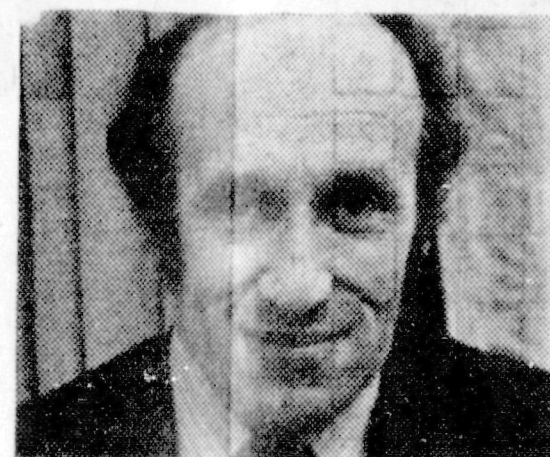
It is unlikely that you will ever again be part of such a cosmopolitan community, where ideas and attitudes are freely discussed without the inhibitions and social restrictions imposed by life in an ordinary community. This sense of belonging to a cohesive, living community offers comfort protection and inspiration to most students.

## Safety nets

There are, however those for whom the strain of adjustment to existing in such an atmosphere becomes an intolerable burden.

For those students who find themselves unable to cope, a variety of carefully conceived safety nets have been established at all the main colleges in Leeds. One such facility is the student counselling service at the Poly run by an affable middle-aged character called Monty Quate, a qualified psychologist with 14 years experience of analysing people's problems and finding solutions for them. He explained the main difficulties facing the new student: "Most students come to university or college with very faulty preconceptions of the nature of student life. The popular image of the student is as over represented as it is misconceived and consequently the new

## Nick Witchell examines the problems facing new students



Monty Quate — student counsellor

student may be disappointed when it doesn't live up to his or her expectations."

Such a disappointment may lead the new student to feel that he or she is missing out on all the fun with the result that they try to over subscribe to the apocryphal image of student excess. This is where the danger lies. Once a student sets out to prove to himself and to others that he is capable of over indulgence he becomes vulnerable to emotional disturbance. "If a person deliberately sets out to emulate their mental image of a free living student they will find they are faced with a deep psychological conflict with the life they have been used to. The process of integration into the student sub-culture should be a gradual one — it is not something many people can jump straight in to."

be of mutual assistance and they will soon feel settled in their new life. It is to those who do not make friends easily that the various counselling services can be of the greatest assistance. Monty is currently setting up a prototype scheme at the Poly's Highfield Hall of Residence where lonely students can go and take part in informal group discussions and other activities designed to alleviate the feelings of isolation.

## Agrophobic

Known as the "Highfield Hive", Monty hopes it will attract those students who have found themselves unable to continue with their courses because of emotional distress: "It will be a bridging area to encourage and maintain contact with students who are missing from their normal pattern of studies. Experience has indicated that these students are either agrophobic in which case they have



The big city — lonely for some

The most immediate problems facing the new student are generally physical. Where to live — how to cook, wash clothes and find one's way around the campus, plus the many small difficulties precipitated by suddenly being thrust into a life where one is expected to be self sufficient.

"It usually adds up", says Monty Quate, "to acute homesickness."

The majority of people will quickly make new friends whose presence will

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Students socialising in a Union bar.

the male students.

"The more sophisticated girl can cope with this. She knows it is all a sham and is just as capable of saying "No" as girls of the past. But the sheltered girl could be seriously disturbed by it all and need help," he said.

## Virgins

According to Monty Quate, both the student drug and sex problems are vastly exaggerated. He is undoubtedly right. In the words of Professor Gwynne Jones: "Many students come to university as virgins and leave in the same state."

However, there is much to be said for some form of communal living for first year students. Many of the calls for

help which Monty Quate receives are from students living in very isolated accommodation with no people nearby to offer help: "The student community is a very close one. There is a tremendous amount of goodwill and of student helping student. This protective instinct is very important and comes, I am sure, from a widespread understanding amongst students of the problems of loneliness. After all we have all experienced it at some stage," he said.

It appears that people are now more able to face up to loneliness, or at least to admit to it and seek help. Monty Quate again: "There used to be almost a taboo about saying you were lonely. Now students and people in general do not feel

so inhibited about seeking help to overcome it."

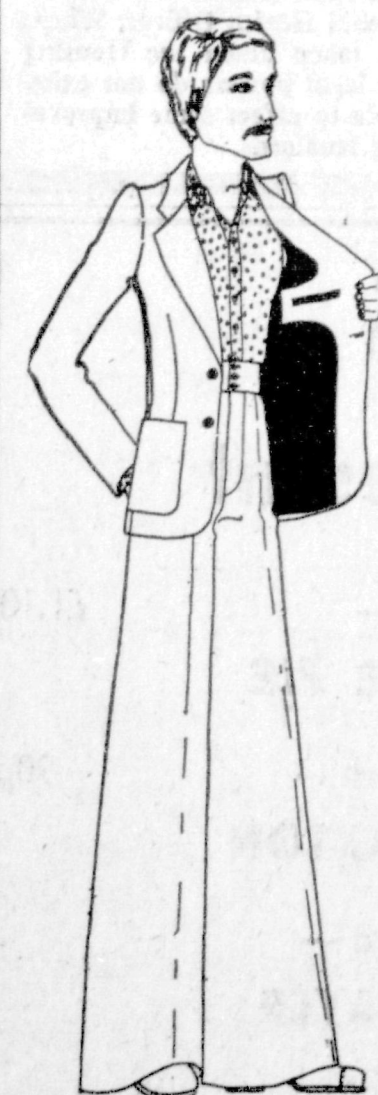
The problems of adaptation are undoubtedly more acute for overseas students who apart from all the problems already discussed, may be wrestling with a strange language and an unfamiliar culture. Usually they find comfort from colleagues from their own country or from the overseas student staff/student associations.

So, if you do feel terribly lost and lonely or if you run into romantic, academic or domestic problems, you can be sure there are plenty of sympathetic pools of advice to tap. "But," said Monty Quate, "it must, of course, be a two way business. We can only help those who want to be helped and who show themselves to be in need of help. We work very closely with the medical, psychological, accommodation and careers advisory people and of the three to four hundred people who I will see in a session who have serious difficulty there are only a very few who I advise to discontinue their studies. We do get students who are quite unsuited to life at a college but in many cases with careful therapy we can see them happily through."

"My approach is to help people sort their thoughts into clear channels and weigh everything up very carefully."

Monty used to be known as the "Nut-man" — now he is called "Monty Quate, the student's mate". Take advantage of him or his equivalents at the University and the other colleges if you need to. The Poly night-line number is 28776 (shortly to change to 39751) — the University counselling service is available in the West-wing of the Union building every lunchtime.

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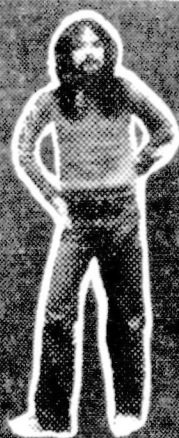
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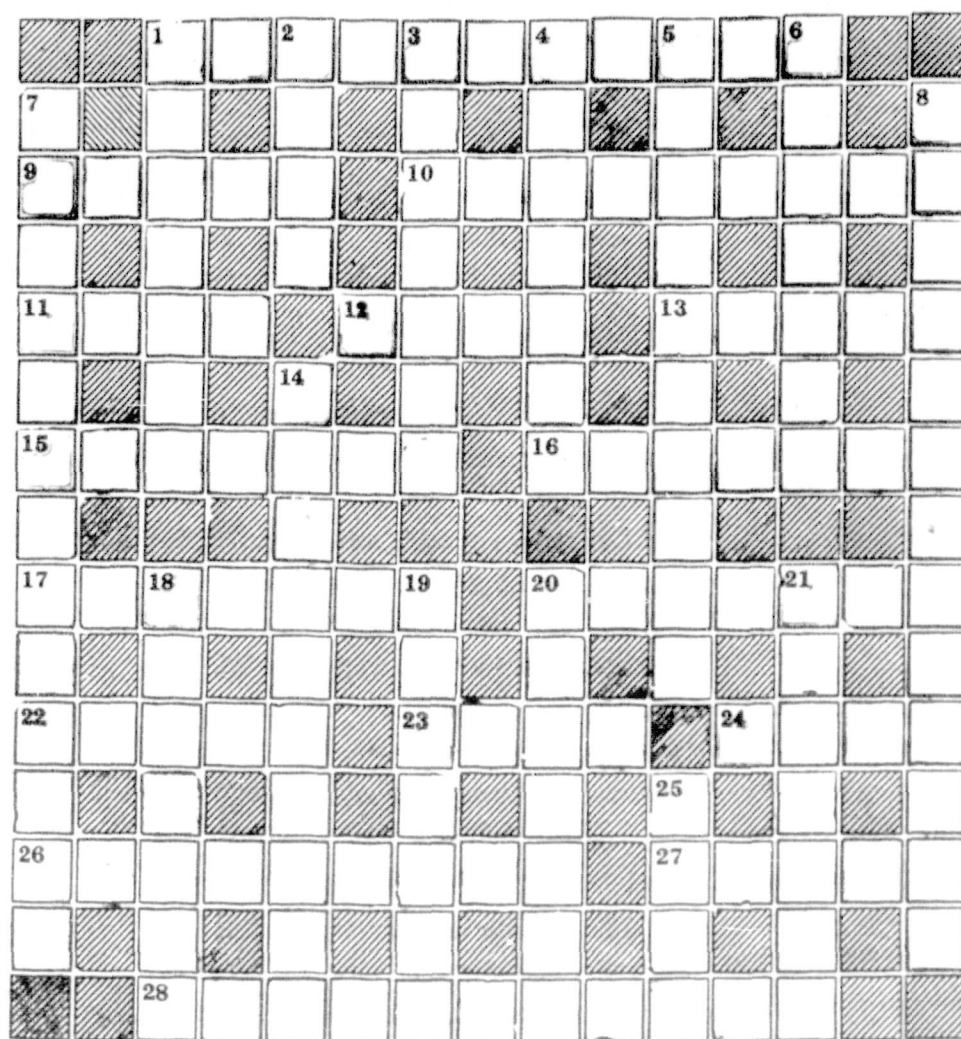
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- 1 Quartz worth a fortune? (7, 4).
- 9 Expert in a small department (5).
- 10 State which taking 4's will presumably alter (9).
- 11 Naughty lady goes against a member (4).
- 12 He may be nothing to the girl, but more likely is everything (4).
- 13 I owned a tool in the USA (5).
- 15 Awful fears of mistakes after tea (7).
- 16 They give voice to lyrics in Gershwin tunes (7).
- 17 Rosalind's flame ("As You Like It").
- 20 French noble at the heart of the deed, it was inferred (7).
- 22 The Irishman and the artist together somehow? No. (5).
- 23 Why in the end everyone makes a friend (4).
- 24 Expensive letterhead, we hear (4).
- 26 Peculiarity of behaviour! Mr. Moorhead's insane, completely! (9).
- 27 Coach, or coaches (5).
- 28 Nero, calm and collected, may have used it to burn down the city (5, 6).

### CLUES DOWN

- 1 Used to bring out the best in the dairy? (7).
- 2 Snowman returns from a white Yuletide (4).
- 3 They often take more than one for a ride (7).
- 4 Education for the French children (7).
- 5 The fan makes a din if a man in charge gets nothing (10).
- 6 Eagle in destructive descent (7).
- 7 The forces of Heaven on earth, maybe (9, 4).
- 8 Regarding study, the players form a circle, thinking it over again (13).



- 14 Words meant, when translated, 'further along the river' (10).
- 18 Doubtless one who takes 4's (7).
- 19 Eggs at first, but then a round of applause (7).
- 20 Perplexing situation? Telephone book girl, we hear (7).
- 21 Put me back in box, and carry out funeral arrangements (7).
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# Warbeck

Yes, dearly beloved readers, after an absence from these hallowed columns of several years, you have the honour of welcoming back Leeds' most notorious gossip columnist. Henceforth I will be regularly reporting to you, the ordinary man and woman in the lecture theatre, on the peculiar idiosyncrasies and crass blunders of those we have elected to positions of power within our Unions. No corner will escape and all pervading eye of your Claude — I will leave no stone unturned, no skeletons hidden, no penny unaccounted for, (Treasurers please note). Today, to mark the start of yet another session, the Warbeck pen sets out to show you the true personalities of those full-time paid officers in whom we have trusted our Union dues and the everyday running of our affairs.

## UNIVERSITY

**Neil Taggart — President**  
Age 22 from Birmingham

Since being proclaimed leader, Pyjama Trousers, (an epithet not unconnected with his bizarre ideas of sartorial elegance), has grown what can only be described as an "Adolf-style" moustache, something which strikes me as rather a strange decorative embellishment for a man who vociferously states that he is so far left that other socialists are miles behind. I am told, in fact, that other socialists consider Pyjama Trousers to be so far left that he is coming round from the right!

Taggart's love of good music, (he failed his music finals last year but informants in high places tell me that he will be seen "all right" by the administration if he's a good boy), betray his Catholic (sic) tastes. Indeed rumour has it that in pursuance of these tastes Pyjama Trousers may occasionally be espied hiding in the wardrobes of a certain women's hall of residence, a strange occupation said to be brought on by a Pavlovian reaction to fire bells.

**Ian Muir**  
Deputy President for Communications  
Age 22 from Liverpool

A former champion of the racial equality campaign, Pinko Muir energetically organises pickets of the University branch of the South African involved Barclays Bank. Less honourable persons than I might suggest that this has something to do with his father's employment with the Nat. West.

Pinko says that he intends doing more work than his predecessor, Jim "I'm a horny bastard" Bewsher, an ambition which it would be virtually impossible not to fulfill.

Pinko got off to an auspicious start by coming into the Union for two days running (thereby breaking Bewsher's record). His purpose, however, was to construct a notice for his desk saying that he was off for two weeks holiday at his castle in Scotland.

**Dave Smith**  
Cultural Affairs Secretary  
Age 22 from Wimbledon

Wombling Dave Smith from Wimbledon is responsible for the administration of Clubs and Societies. "Spam" as I'm told he was called when he was on the Catering Committee, will have no problem in being more efficient than his predecessor, the Cosmic Waxum Daswani, who is to be stuffed and will become a permanent exhibit in the M.J.

In comparison to Mr Daswani, Spam is rather a colourless character. In some ways this will be to the Union's advantage since Waxum's performance in committee was not designed to improve staff/student relationships. On one occasion the said Mr Daswani woke from a deep slumber and asked Vice Chancellor Lord Boyle when the staff would start emitting "zong-zong vibes" and demanded to know whether an ageing Professor was taking speed.

**Evie Arnold — Deputy President for Services**  
Age 21 from St. Albans

Heavy Evie's main claim to fame has been her involvement with Ents, (a contravention of the strict Union policy of not employing bouncers) and her Presidency of Charles Morris Hall of Residence last session.

Should you wish to see Miss Arnold on any important matter you are certain to find her at the "Executive Officers Bridge Club" in the M.J. Coffee Lounge.



Messrs. Boothby, Muir and Smith in the bushes with Evie

**Dave Boothby - General Secretary**

Age unknown — one of the great mysteries of the Union - from Gateshead

Now we come to the real "tinted person in the woodpile". Bootboy travels under many aliases: 'The Thug', 'Jailer', 'Baldy' (a terribly unsubtle one that, guaranteed to bring colour to his crown) or simply "Boothby" to his friend.

The epithet which I favour is Jailer, because of Bootboys lust after keys. I am told he has a copy of every key to the various doors in the Union building.

Indeed, John "No Corrup-



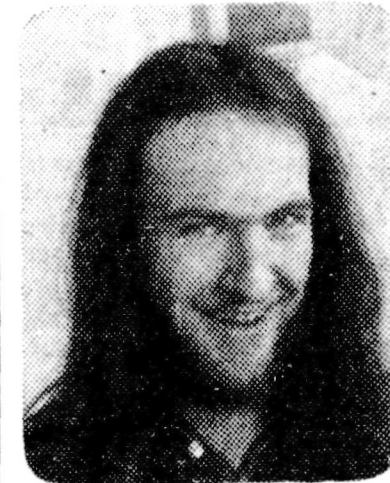
"Heil Taggart"

tion" Bisbrowne, last year's DPS tells a very humorous anecdote about the Jailer in his latest book: "Corruption, and how I had nothing to do with it — Honest". It appears that Bis once obtained a key to the ducts which carry the power cables under the whole of the University and persuaded Bootboy, whilst in a state of alcoholic merriment, to try it out. Bis then gave Baldy the wrong key, totally by accident of course. The Thug was let into the ducts and the door locked behind him with what he was told was a duplicate key. Needless to say, Bootboy was none too pleased when Bis eventually let him out the following morning.

## PARK LANE

**Bill Lavender — President** Age 18 from Leeds  
Solitary sabbatical on the Park Lane Exec is the President, Bill Lavender. Bill, a local lad, became non-sabbatical President last year after college authorities had purged the whole Executive. He him-

self played a great part in the negotiations which followed the purge and was largely responsible for persuading the administration to create the post which he now occupies.



Sweet Lavender

Bill pursues a policy of peaceful co-existence with the administration which should save him from suffering the fate of his predecessors, but his lack of confidence at general meetings — he frequently had to turn to other more vociferous members of his executive for advice on what to say next — might result in a purge coming from nearer home.

## CARNEGIE

**Chris Pratt — President**  
Age 21 from Cumberland

Sixteen stone, chameleon eyed, shot putter Chris Pratt is President of Carnegie College. The first sporting politico to be President for many a year — the others came from the teacher training side of Carnegie — Chris takes little notice of the political infighting that goes on in his Exec, and pursues a policy of putting every other Exec member's back up.

I was going to make some extremely witty comment on his name, but congenital cowardice prevents me!



Kung fu Pratt

## POLY

**Ian Steele — President**  
Age 22 from Cambridgeshire

Prima donna of the Poly Union is Ian "the Eternal Student" Steele. Ian, a card carrying member of the Labour Party is, I am told, suffering from certain unspecified personality defects which can only have been aggravated by the rather uncharitable manner in which Radio Leeds told him that they would rather record an interview with him than send it out live in case he stammered.

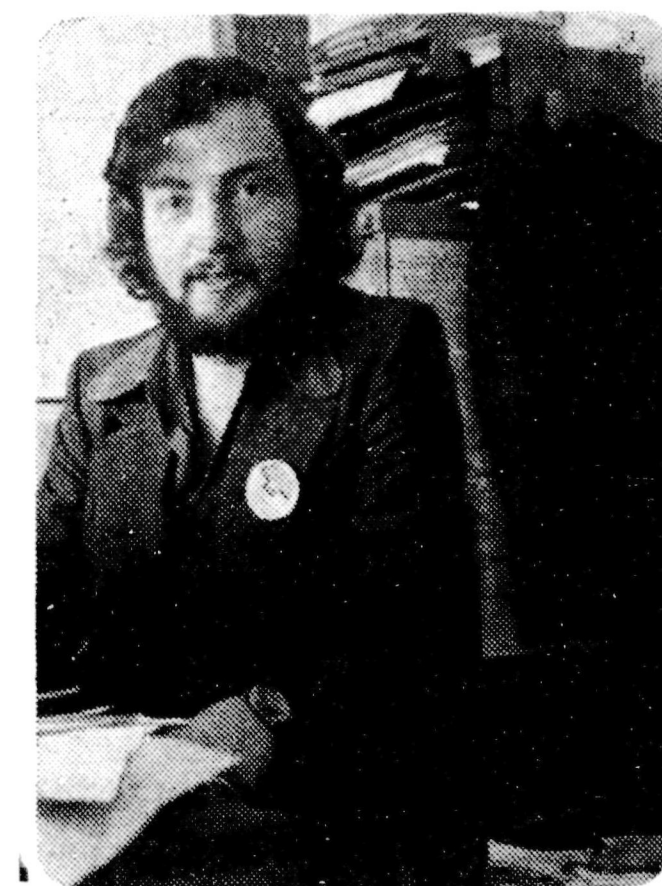
Last year Mr Steele excelled as External Vice-President, sometimes sleeping in his office so as to be ready for the next day's work and keeping all his clothes there. Close friends of Mr Steele tell me that shortly after his election to a second sabbatical post, Ian suddenly realised that there are more things to life than Union politics and has taken an interest in the female sex. If this is true then I would surmise that the inimitable Steele will be doing much more sleeping in the Poly Union, but this time it will be during the day!

I am unsure if he will be able to continue his career as the Peter Pan of the Poly Union next year. If anything is to be his downfall it will be his desire to keep all the other members of Exec in the dark over what he's doing—a trait which gained him a censure before the term had even started.

**Ted Boyce — Deputy President**  
Age 22 from Kent

Next in line is Deputy President Ted Boyce — widely known as Rolf Harris, due to his resemblance to that well known antipodean carouser. Abbo Boyce has recently had the job of Treasurer added to his tasks as Deputy President due to the unexpected disappearance of Buzz "Rubber Cheque" Windley.

Leafing through my copy of "Who's Who in the International Marxist Group" I see that Abbo lists his hobbies as brewing beer and Waller Worship. For the uninitiated, Waller Worship is a religious sect, thankfully only prevalent in the Poly Exec, the rites of which involve the veneration of the great I.M.G. guru and ex-Poly External Vice President, Ed Waller. The latter successfully manages to rationalise accepting a new car as a gift from his father each year (who my spies tell me is a capitalist — naughty man) whilst maintaining what is termed a "true socialist perspective". Unfortunately, my knowledge of Marxism is somewhat inadequate, and consequently I am unable to confirm whether this is "Dialectical Materialism" or "Rank Hipocracy". I will leave you to decide.



Ian Steele - ready for a quick change

**Rob Armstrong — Vice President for Recreation**  
Age 24 from Castleford

You can easily recognise Rob "Black Spot" Armstrong by his lapel badge which bears the simple legend "Robbie". Some say that it is his insignificance which forces him to wear this decoration, but I could never be so uncharitable, besides I know that he sports it because of his inability to remember his own name.

Two years ago Black Spot was Cultural Affairs Vice President and a bigger walking disaster area I've never met — hence the soubriquet. Amongst his many catastrophes, the best was agreeing to book West, Bruce and Laing for a hop to be jointly sponsored by the Poly and University Unions without realising that the Poly would be on vacation when the band was due to play. He's also managed to get himself banned from driving Poly Union vans after having done £200 worth of damage to one. So far he has been remarkably accident free as VPR — there's only been one very minor incident; he managed to loose the list of names of all Poly Freshers and the programme for Freshers' Conference at the same time.

Some attribute Black Spot's crudups to brain damage caused by imbibing petrol through plastic tubes. Although I must admit to having seen Robbie bending down by the petrol cap of a Poly van on one occasion, I feel honour bound to state that he was only letting the tyres down. Since it was the inimitable Steele who was about to drive in the self same van, I feel that his action was totally justified. Personally, I think that Black Spot's bad luck is solely attributable to a severe case of Wallermania.



## Arts

# Jaded music hall

Glamour of the Music Hall  
CITY VARIETIES

"Those Were The Days", a little man in a straw boater and all I can say is, thank God they're no longer with us. After two and a half hours of not-so-joyful Ken Joy, dragged-up Gary and the Grotty Gorgeous Gaiety girls at the Leeds City Varieties, I had one hell of a headache.

Not that the artistes weren't true artistes in every sense of the word. They just looked a bit tired and worn, that was all, as if they had been pounding those same rotten boards since Harry Lauder was a little lad.

The songs and jokes were the old hardy perennials, delivered in the same slightly hollow style. The Gaiety girls done up to the eyeballs in chiffon and ribbons, leered and wailed at the audience, and a

The audience liked it though. Who needs originality when you've got a coach-load of Keighley knitters killing themselves laughing at the suggestion that they should take their knickers off and wave them in the air?

It's harmless enough, but not meat for most of us, I imagine. I hesitate to admit I left ten minutes early and missed the finale and, dare I say it, the National anthem too.

Chris Elliott

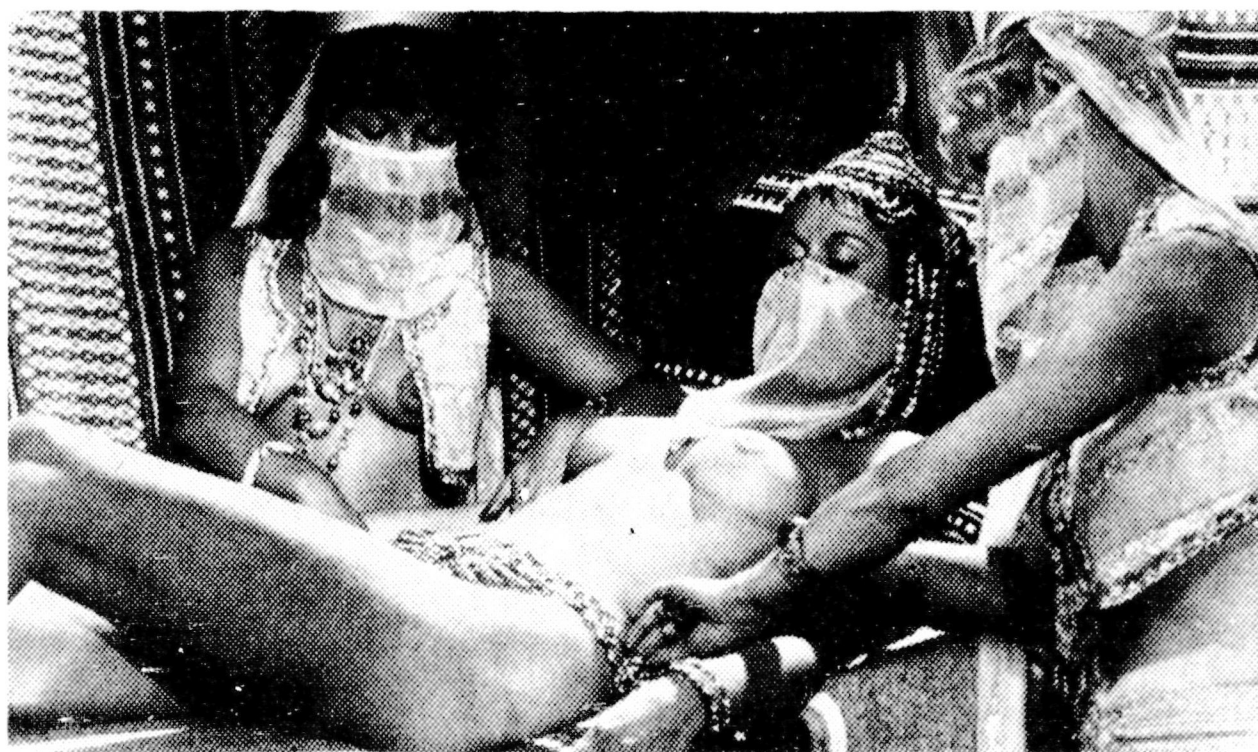
## Jack it up, man

When confronted with a title like Keep It Up, Jack, one expects the worst — heavy handed full blooded pornography. Instead I found myself watching a humorous, lightly directed, and discreet sex comedy that will appeal to the romantic and the sentimentalist, as long as they are not offended by a few pairs of well developed assets, both white and black.

The story involves an impersonator at seaside music halls who inherits a brothel, and is eventually forced to impersonate the Madam and most of the clients. Keep it up, Jack, croons a young lady several times during the film. The poor man needs all the encouragement he can get.

### Keep it up Jack PLAZA

No doubt you'll be pleased to know that his efforts were worthwhile. Our hero eventually sells his brothel and marries the one chaste and virtuous girl in the establishment. I was close to tears.



'Veiled titillation', a scene from 'Private Club' to be shown at ABC3 next week

## Following Christ's star

It took the success of the "Jesus Christ Superstar" film a West End run, and a lavish production by Granada Television to put "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in the schedules of every repertory company in Britain. However, I don't believe there will be a more enthusiastic production anywhere than that directed by Geoffrey Bullen at the Playhouse.

The overriding impression is one of excitement and vitality. There may be rough edges but a show that began life as a 15 minute mini-musical for a school concert comes over as thoroughly entertaining theatre.

"Joseph" has been expanded by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice since its first production in 1968 so that it now

### Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat PLAYHOUSE

runs for about 80 minutes in two acts. It is still very recognisably an early work which is something of a mixed blessing. Lloyd Webber's music does not really show a distinctly individual voice and the most successful numbers are the pastiches: the cowboy song telling of Joseph's supposed death, the French cafe number, and most of all the pseudo-Bachian chorales that end both the acts and the Elvis Presley-type Pharaoh.

Rice's lyrics are not required to do too much and

as a result the banalities of "Jesus Christ Superstar" are largely avoided.

Best performances at the Playhouse are by Ronnie Stevens, who in the Potiphar song manages to look like Gene Kelly and sound like Jack Buchanan, Robert Cotton as the Presley-Pharaoh, and Lewis Barber as Reuben. Denis Lawson, who plays Joseph, is good in the second act, but is, on occasion, a little bit dull.

The music, directed by Richard Greenblat, is generally well-played and competently sung, and both staging and choreography are appropriate. The one major disappointment is the very temperamental microphone system.

John McMurray

## Elusive

Procul Harum  
UNIVERSITY

A lamentably small, but nonetheless appreciative audience witnessed Procul Harum's set at the university on Wednesday evening.

No matter how much I listen to this enigmatic band, I can't help but find them uncompromisingly inaccessible. Pianist Brooker and lyricist Reid conspire to produce songs which remain obstinately, and even arrogantly aloof.

To actually see Procul Harum perform only serves to heighten the mystery. It certainly doesn't elucidate. This stately crew seem determined not to let us into their secret. Is Reid really talented, or just capitalising on obscurantism? Therein lies the fascination.

This group must be the closest approximation to an orchestra in rock music, and their live show one of the closest approximations to studio sound: deviations from album versions are rare. Godwin's organ, Brooker's piano, and Grabham's guitar create a solid, and defiant wall of sound which compounds the mystery. It also gives you ear-ache. Procul desperately need variation of texture, if only as relief from the unremitting attack. Perhaps they could even turn the volume down a little.

Not that I didn't enjoy them. For an hour and a half they were at their majestic best. For the remainder, they were tiresome. The music didn't deteriorate; my ears did.

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Thursday 10th October: ELECTION NIGHT SPECIAL — ROBIN DAY ON T.V. also EMILE FFORD, DEZI ARNOLD, LUCIANO Price to be arranged

Wednesday, 16th: METISSE 20p Refectory 8.30 p.m. start 45p

Thursday 17th: AMAZING BLONDEL, GORDON GILTRAN

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## Not funny

### I'll Sleep in the Spare Room GRAND

The rule at the Grand Theatre this season is — the worse the production, the larger the audience. So it was understandable that the auditorium was packed on Monday night for the world premiere of "I'll Sleep in the Spare Room."

The theme of David Lawton's new comedy — a husband returns home after 18 months and tries to manoeuvre his wife's lover out of the house — suggests a farce. Instead Lawton loses all the humour of the situation by making his characters too permissive and including tedious explanations of the plot.

Furthermore none of the four actors involved had the ability to project themselves on stage; probably because they are all too used to performing before a television camera — three star in the BBC series 'The Brothers' and the fourth, the delectable Lesley Anne Down, will be familiar to viewers of ITV's 'Upstairs Downstairs'.

It is sad that so many bad plays like this receive an airing merely because people are willing to flock to see television personalities on stage.

## No rip-off

### 'Jess Roden'

Island Records ILPS9286

At a time when most record companies are putting their corporate muscle behind what may or may not be the Next Big Thing in a desperate attempt to make some mud stick to the wall, it's immensely reassuring to see Island Records continuing to release quality albums.

'Jess Roden' features the ex-Butts Band and Bronco singer wrapping his larynx round some self-penned tunes, backed by Allen Toussaint & the Meters in New Orleans, and mainly white musicians in London. The result is, predictably, excellent. He handles the two situations with the skill and assurance that years on the road have given him, and not once does he give the impression of ripping off soul licks to gain credibility.

There's a range of material on the album — slow and treacle soft to sassy sashaying — which gives the breadth lacking in so many attempts at funk, yet is never so thin as to seem a mere stylistic exercise. His treatment of the classic 'On Broadway' (the only non-original) loses a little of the point, but it's a fine album, and one that heralds good things for Jess and his touring band.

Andrew Murray



## Something for everyone

### Autumn Arts Preview

Although the Grand Theatre's production of "The Adventures of Noddy" is not likely to appeal to many students, this terms Arts programme should satisfy most — from the most discriminating aesthete to those who merely wish to take their minds off the horrors of the academic inquisition.

The Royal Ballet appear at the Grand early in November, and Spike Milligan is almost certain to be at the same venue later the same month.

Comedy of a different kind is provided at the Leeds Playhouse from 30th October when none other than Paul Scofield makes his first stage appearance as Prospero in Shakespeare's "Tempest". The Playhouse will also show Pinter's "The Caretaker".

Not to be outdone, the University's Music Department are celebrating two centuries; that of Arnold Schoen-

berg, for which three concerts are scheduled, and the centenary of the University itself, with an appearance of Pierre Boulez and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Details may be obtained from the Music Department.

The University ENTS programme includes Roxy Music and Humble Pie as well as a return visit from old faithful Tom Paxton, who is always entertaining and extremely good value for money.

Shortage of money is probably the only thing that will prevent film buffs from watching a different film every night of the week. As well as the commercial cinemas the Playhouse and University film societies have full programmes, ranging from Fellini's "Satyricon" to Visconti's "Death in Venice", and from James Whale's "Frankenstein" to Bunuel's "Tristana".

Roger Yelland

## Scratching the surface

### ODEON TWO Gold

Gold is a good, no holds barred adventure film, which takes place against a backdrop of the South African Mining community. The motives of the characters are simplistic and stylised, so don't go if you want an in depth analysis of men and women in big business, or the differences between public and private morality.

Roger Moore, as the trouble shooting General Manager, succeeds in combining both moralities in his seduction of, and eventual love for the managing director's wife, played realistically by Susannah York. Moore, unlike most modern adventurers is still well spoken and has no obvious idiosyncrasies. Miss York, whose performance is excellent, is never beset by doubt, or given to

pondering her sadly unliberated situation in soliloquy. A rather dated plot, involving a scheme to destroy the mine — shades of Diamonds Are Forever — is finally thwarted by Roger Moore, who discovers that his loyalty to his erstwhile employer is less strong than his concern for the miners. Its all done with both hands on the table; not a whiff of cocaine or a pack of tarot cards in sight.

In place of the near obligatory car chase an imaginative aircraft fight over some of the finest South African tourist board scenery is provided. It's worth seeing, given its limitations, and with more drama than the beginning of term provides.

Clive Linnett

## Black comedy

### Blazing Saddles ABC 3

Blazing Saddles is the kind of film that will bring even the most fastidious critic to write a glowing notice in its praise.

Ostensibly a parody of the cliché-ridden Western genre, the film also satirises the whole Hollywood motion picture industry.

It begins with a sublime scene in which a railroad foreman finds that his team of negro navvies don't know the words to any negro spirituals. So the foreman and his cronies undertake to teach them Campdown Races . . . in a rather exuberant manner.

There is also a fine scene in which the men eat baked beans after a hard day's labour on the railroad. The result cannot be expressed in words (fortunately). But, in fact,

nearly every scene is a gem, so its a little unfair to single out one or two for special mention.

After a crackling start the film inevitably slows down a little, yet it still moves at a much faster pace than the majority of films, and is certainly much funnier. A major weakness is the black sheriff who looks bemused as he struggles to come to terms with a rather banal part. Hongo and the gormless Taggart are superb, however, with competent back up from Hedley (NOT Hedy) Lamarr.

Blazing Saddles is probably the best film to appear in Leeds since "The Sting" — six months ago. I haven't laughed so much since the old Goon shows.

Roger Yelland

## Political philosophy

"The Internecine Project" has James Coburn as an eminent American Professor of Economics whose desire to become a Presidential adviser leads him to a ruthless belief in the philosophy of "the end justifies the means."

The comparisons to contemporary events in Washington are extended by a probing female correspondent for the Washington Daily News, an ex-girlfriend of the Professor and by "E.J.", a notoriously ruthless American business magnate who is the man pulling the strings.

There is little subtlety in a plot of this sort. The role of Jean Robertson, the Washington News reporter (played by

### The Internecine Project ODEON MERRION

Lee Grant) is never exploited. In fact at no time does she seem to suspect that her boyfriend is involved in shady dealings and one is left wondering what her real purpose is, apart from adding a bit of glamour.

The ending is as hackneyed as the rest of the film. The only mitigating features are creditable performances by James Coburn and Ian Hendry as the neurotic British diplomat.

## DATELINE . . .

### cinema

#### ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Bruce Lee in Enter the Dragon @ plus King Boxer. LCP 6.40.  
Next week: Not yet available.

#### ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Edward Woodward in Callan @ plus Charlton Heston in The Call of the Wild @. LCP 6.30.  
Next week: Not yet available.

#### ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: Mel Brooks in Blazing Saddles @ @ plus Charlton Heston in The Omega Man @. LCP 6.50.  
Next week: Not yet available.

#### ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Confession of a Window Cleaner plus The Take @. LCP 7.00.  
Next week: Not yet available.

#### ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Roger Moore and Susannah York in Gold @. LCP 7.35.  
Next week: Not yet available.

#### PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: Seduction @ and The Ways of the Godfather @. LCP 6.50.  
Next week: Roommates @ plus Keep it up Jack @. LCP 7.50.

#### ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: The Taste of the Savage @ plus The House of Madness @. LCP 7.00.  
Next week: James Coburn and Michael Jason in The Internecine Project @ @ plus Joe @. LCP Sunday 6.00, Week 6.45.

#### TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: Charles Grodin & Candice Bergen in 11 Harrowhouse plus John Wayne and Rock Hudson in The Undefeated @. LCP 6.40.  
Next week: Barbra Streisand in For Pete's Sake @.

#### LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: Warren Oates in Dillinger @ plus Jim Brown in Slaughter's Big Rip Off @. LCP 7.15.  
Next week: Love Story @ @ plus Charley Varrick @. LCP Sun. 6.10, Week 7.00.

#### COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: Paul Newman and Robert Redford in The Sting @. LCP 7.30.  
Next week: Not yet available.

Next week: Sunday for 7 days: Elliot Gould and Donald Sutherland in S.P.Y.S. @ and Shorts. Sunday continuous 5.00 p.m. Main film 5.30, 8.00. LCP 7.20. Weekdays continuous 5.45. Main film 6.00, 8.40. LCP 7.45.

#### CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: Walt Disney's Robin Hood. LCP 8.00.  
Next week: Three Musketeers @. LCP Sun. 5.00, Week 7.15.

#### HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: The Wicker Man @ plus Don't Look Now. LCP 7.00.

Next week: Sunday only: Vincent Price and Christopher Lee in The Oblong Box @ and Screem & Screem Again @. LCP 6.50.

Monday for 3 Days: Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman in Midnight Cowboy plus The Graduate @ @. LCP 6.40.

Thursday for 3 days: Alan Bates and Glenda Jackson in Women in Love @. LCP 7.20.

#### LYRIC

Tonight and Tomorrow: Live and Let Die @ plus On Her Majesty's Secret Service @. LCP 5.45.  
Next week: Robert Redford & Paul Newman in The Sting. LCP 8.00.

#### LEEDS

#### FILM THEATRE

(at the Playhouse)  
Saturday 5th: Boes man & Lena @. 11.15 p.m.

### BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Saturday 5th: Charlton Heston in Anthony & Cleopatra. 7.15 p.m.

### theatre

#### GRAND THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow: I'll Sleep in the Spare Room. Tonight 7.30 p.m., tomorrow 5 pm and 8 p.m. (See review).  
Next week: The Wisest Fool with Marius Goring.

#### LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

Until 26th October (not 14th and 21st October), 7.30 pm (Tuesday 8 pm); Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat (see review).

#### CITY VARIETIES

Glamour of the Music Hall for a season Monday to Friday 7.30, Saturday 5.30 and 8 p.m. Matinee 2.30 p.m.

#### CIVIC THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow: The Beaux Stragem at 7.30 p.m. Next week "Everybody Loves Opal".

### concerts

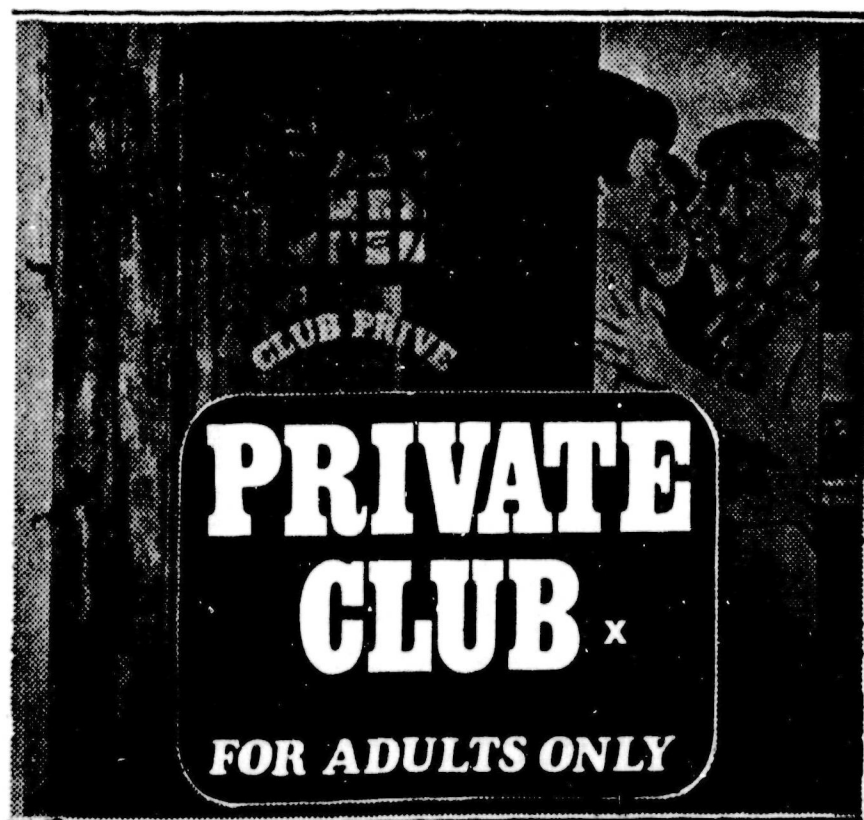
#### UNIVERSITY GREAT HALL

October 9th: Jonathan Dunsby. Piano.

#### LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

October 10th: Gina Bachauer, piano.  
October 10th 1.20 p.m.: Michel Davis, violin (leader of the Halle).

Compiled by Julie Curtis  
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Most students open a bank account during their first few weeks at college. Hence the lavish efforts of the big banks to attract and cajole these bewildered potential investors into placing their meagre grant cheques in their care.

## Career

A manager of one of the University branches of the main banks last week explained why the banks go to such expense over their student campaigns (Barclays has already spent tens of thousands on full page colour advertisements in the national press): "Though student accounts are not generally profitable, we look upon them as very valuable investments for the future. We hope that once a student has placed an account with us, he or she will stay with us as they climb the rungs to a successful career."

It is this hope which explains the confusing assortment of free gifts offered by

**"We look upon students as valuable investments for the future"**

some of the banks. Gone are the days of discreet advertising befitting a solemn business such as banking. Now the new student client is offered free pens, bribed with book tokens and tempted by prizes of trips to exotic destinations.

However, once these carrots are either turned aside or ignored, one is faced with the fact that there is little to choose between the services offered by the big four banks. All of them offer free accounts whilst they remain in credit, and the Midland goes one step further by not imposing charges so long as you have an average credit balance of £50 over a half yearly period.

Barclays and Lloyds both offer free gifts to the new investor, in addition to the free cheque book and other normal facilities available

from all the banks.

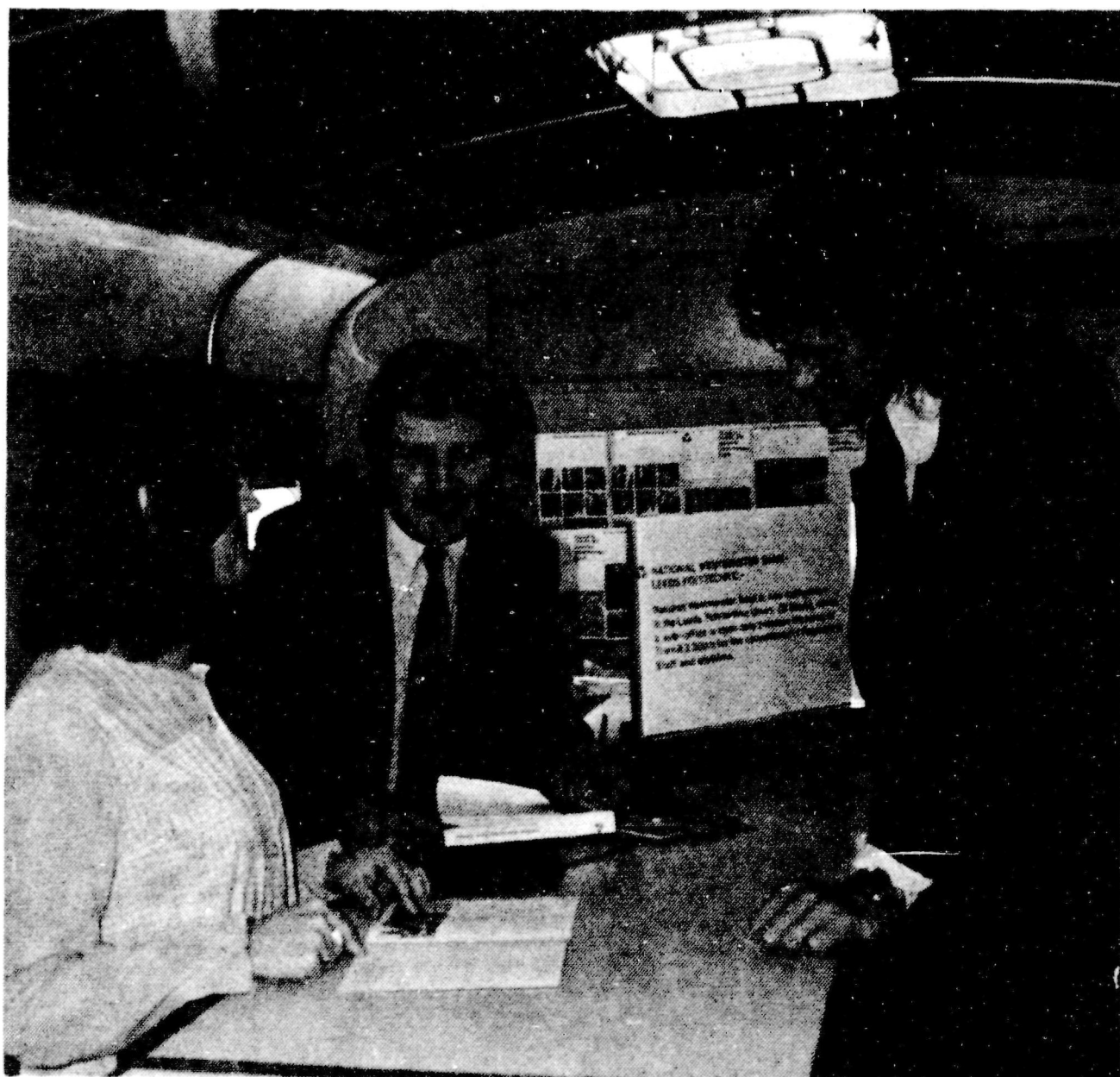
National Westminster and Midland eschew such devices. In the words of one of their managers: "We look upon such things as cheap gimmicks and prefer to concentrate our resources on providing a comprehensive and individual service."

## Criteria

The choice of a bank will depend largely on personal whim, parental experience or simply convenience of access. The latter criteria is more or less ruled out for University students since all four major banks have branches clustered on Woodhouse Lane, opposite the Parkinson Building.

For those not attracted by the big boys, there is a choice of several smaller banks: the

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The interior of National Westminster's mobile caravan situated at the Blenheim Terrace branch opposite the University Parkinson Building where new accounts can be discussed.

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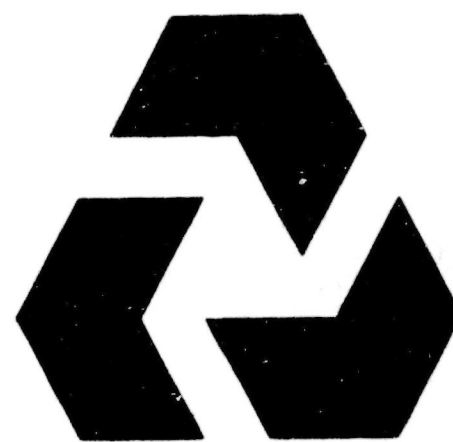
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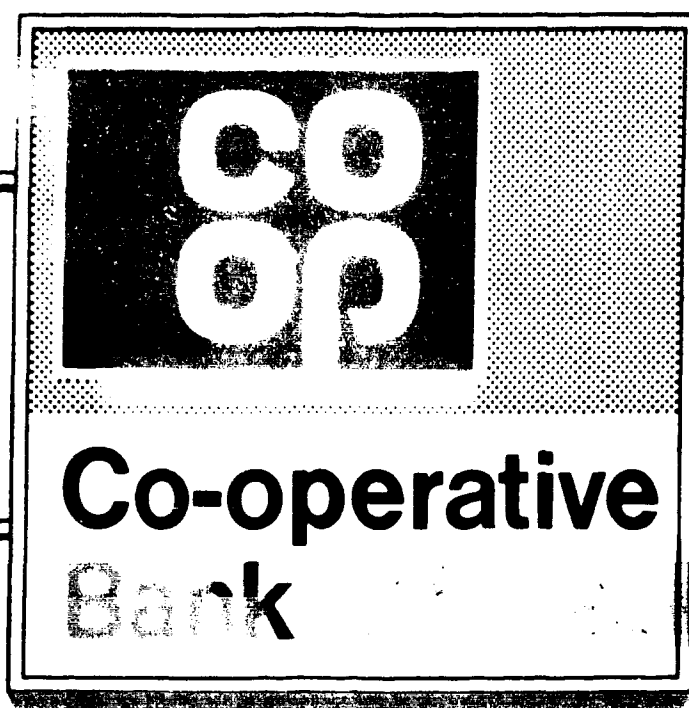
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## BANKING SURVEY—continued

Co-op, Trustee, Williams and Glynns and the Yorkshire. Unable to match the quantity of branches, the latter all offer lower bank charges and, usually, a six day period of opening.

The Co-op bank which enjoys some student union support because of its traditional links with the trade union movement, has only about 50 branches in the UK (the only one in Leeds is in Vicar Lane in the City centre) but has 4,000 or so agents sprinkled amongst the Co-op shops all over the country. It is acknowledged as being the cheapest bank in terms of bank charges but the limitations of access to a branch normally overcome the loyalty of all but the most ardent trade unionist.

### Sympathetic

National Westminster Bank has just opened a sub-branch in the Polytechnic (situated on the third floor of B Block) which will undoubtedly offer the advantage of convenience. They also maintain a special caravan drawn up on the forecourt of their Blenheim Terrace branch (open from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.) where the new student can find out about student accounts in comfort.

Mr J. M. Wood, Manager of the branch, explained the general attitude of the banks to student clients. "We try to be as sympathetic as pos-

sible to clients who run into difficulties. But I don't think we do somebody a favour by allowing him or her to run into debt. However, if a client is genuinely facing hardship we will always do as much as we can to see them through."

Barclays generally receive a high percentage of custom from overseas students as a result of its widespread foreign interests. It is these same interests, however, in South Africa, which have resulted in the official NUS boycott of Barclays and new customers frequently encounter a picket of the local branch at the start of the session.

A unique facility among the University branches is the Cashpoint in Lloyds bank. This device, situated in the inside of the bank, is linked to a computer and will produce any amount up to £100 per day (so long as your account will stand it — the computer does an immediate check) on insertion of a Cashpoint card and your registration of your own secret code number on a panel of buttons.

National Westminster will shortly be installing its own version of Cashpoint on the exterior wall of their University branch, which will deliver £10 at a time on production of your card. The machine swallows the card and the bank returns it a few days later so long as your account is not plummeting too dramatically.

The big advantage of both these schemes, apart from the ready availability of money, is that the respective cards can be used in any appropriate machine anywhere in the country.

Midland Bank produces an excellent 82 page booklet called "Student Start". It is not, as one might expect, merely a propaganda instrument for its publisher but is an objective and very informative booklet on student life in general with contributions from academics, journalists and other qualified writers.

### Carefree

Generally, all the banks endeavour to offer a helpful service to people whose attitude to money is sometimes rather carefree. None of the small banks, with the exception of the Co-op, pay much attention to the student banker — in contrast to the big four whose concern is naturally motivated by self interest.

As Mr J. T. Peirson, Manager of the Midland's University branch, said: "Student banking is really only a goodwill exercise for the future but we go to some length to ensure a happy relationship with our student clients."

### NEXT WEEK: Boutiques



The big banks on Woodhouse Lane

## Local Branches :

**BARCLAYS:** University Branch: 25 Blenheim Terrace  
 Headingley: 24 and 27 Otley Road  
 City: 28 Park Row

**CO-OP:** 41 Vicar Lane, Leeds 1

**LLOYDS:** University Branch: 183 Woodhouse Lane  
 Headingley: 34 Arndale Centre  
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**MIDLAND:** University Branch: 27 Blenheim Terrace  
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 City: 29 Bond Street

**TRUSTEE:** Albion Street, Leeds 1

**WILLIAMS & GLYNNS:** 30 East Parade, Leeds 1

**YORKSHIRE:** 2, Infirmary Street, Leeds 1



# SPORT

Edited by Ian Coxon

## Kitson boy bowls over Britain's best

A student from Kitson College has won the first-ever British Crown Green junior bowls Championship.

17-year-old Jim Garbutt, of Garden Village, Mickfield, carried off the trophy, insured for £1,000, and a £30 prize after a tense struggle with Steve Leah, the Lancashire under-24 merit champion at Spen Victoria Club, Cleckheaton.

At one stage in the competition, Jim was trailing 20-11 to the Lancashire man, but he fought back bravely and eventually clinched the title with 21-20.

### Interest

Ex-footballer Jim is captain of his village bowls team, and a part-time barman at the village miners' welfare club. He has always had a keen interest in bowls, and keeps his hand in by playing carpet bowls during the winter.

Although he did not expect win the championships, Jim, was very pleased with his victory.

"I thought I was out in the final, but just came back and could have leapt in the air when I won," he said.



Carnegie midfielder man John Green — hero of the match against Hatfield Main

## High hopes after bad start

Carnegie made a bad start to the new season but last Saturday's draw with Hatfield and a win over North Ferriby a fortnight ago indicates that they could be on the way to better things.

Their results in the first division of the Yorkshire League so far this season are:—

Lost to Frecheville 2-1.  
Lost to Denaby 1-0.  
Lost to Worsborough 2-1.  
Lost to Farsley Celtic 2-1.  
Beat North Ferriby 3-2.  
Drew with Hatfield Main 2-2.

However Manager Mervyn Beck has high hopes for his team this year "All the lads have had experience of first team football both this season and last," he said.

# EVEN MATCH

HATFIELD MAIN 2 CARNEGIE 2

Carnegie College gave perhaps their best performance in the Yorkshire League so far this season in an exciting 2-2 draw at Hatfield, Doncaster, last Saturday.

by Chris Elliott

Kicking off in glorious sunshine, both sides made a brisk attacking start. Hatfield were lucky not to concede a goal in the first five minutes, when the ball wast just cleared off their line.

But they came back immediately, with Walker seeing a spectacular header shoot tantalisingly past the post. Carnegie looked the stronger however, almost putting it in the net again in the 21st minute when Smith thundered one against the post.

But it was Hatfield who drew first blood. Slack marking allowed Whitrod to slip through the College defence and make it 1-0. Inspired by success, the home side began to put on the pressure, and Carnegie, lacking a little penetration up front, fell back uncertainly into their own half. Carnegie 'keeper Darby pulled off a good save after 32 minutes, and Douglas and Richardson looked unshakeable in the middle of the defence. But when the half-time whistle blew, there was no change in the scoreline.

### Disallowed

After the interval, with rain now sweeping the pitch, Hatfield still seemed to have the edge. With a goal disallowed in the 54th minute, nothing seemed to be going the visitors' way. Then, with things at their worst, Carnegie won a corner. Brown directed it accurately into the

middle, and Leeds man Green wasted no time in hammering home the equalizer. It was now Carnegie's turn to dominate, and Brogan and Green were totally in command in midfield.

The match was by no means over however. With 11 minutes to go, Hatfield's number 10 dribbled his way into a scoring position, and made no mistake to put his side into the lead once more.

Again Hatfield swept forward, but the College men were determined not to give in without a fight. With only six minutes left, Carnegie got the reward for a constant, last gasp barrage of attacks, and were awarded a penalty. Davies gratefully made it 2-2.

Carnegie team: Darby, Davies, Brown, Douglas, Richardson, Parker, Green, Brogan, Trelease, Priestley, Smith; Sub.: Conroy.



The college side, playing in white, build an attack on the Hatfield goalmouth.

## LEEDS UNITED TO PLAY AT CARNEGIE?

A team from Carnegie will travel to Cheshire next week to become the first side from the college to play in an FA Cup tie.

Carnegie have always done well in the amateur cup but never before have they been invited to compete in the opening round of the FA Challenge Trophy. Their opponents in the match a week tomorrow are Ashton United, an experienced

Cheshire League Club.

Mervyn Beck, manager of the Carnegie team, is confident of a good run in the cup but when I asked him if he thought Leeds United might be drawn to play at Beckett Park he said: "It would be tremendous for the college but we will have to wait and see."

## Varsity sides have hard slog ahead

The University sports teams have a tough season ahead of them, with only one home match in the next eight weeks.

They will entertain three soccer, three rugby and two hockey teams from Manchester University at Weetwood on 30th October, but apart from that it's going to be something of a hard slog till Christmas.

The University sides are in the North Western league of

the UAU, and in order to go on to the final stages of the competitions, they must either win or come second in the divisional championships.

Mike Brook, Union Sports Administrator sees the propensity of away games as a definite handicap: "Obviously the players would prefer to play at home, and its going to make all the games this season just that little bit more difficult."

Fixtures for the next two months are:  
Salford — 23rd October.  
Manchester — 30th October (home).  
Liverpool—6th November.  
Bradford — 20th November.  
Lancaster — 27th November

### Golf wins

The University golf team beat Nottingham 5 and 4 in the UAU knock-out competition this summer. Leeds Captain Andy Carman also won the individual championship for the third year in succession.

## OTC triumph at Bisley

For the first time since it was formed 65 years ago, the University Officer Training Corps has won a major shooting prize at Bisley.

Lieutenant Peter Jesty and Sergeant Major Bob Too-good outshot 58 other Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve units to carry off the coveted pistol cup.

Peter, who works in the Computer Studies Centre at the University said he and Bob were sure they were good enough to beat the best in the country.

## U WIN

Percy's selections for the weekend meetings are:

Friday, 2.45 Haydock RUBRIC  
Friday, 3.15 Haydock BAFFIN BAY  
Friday, 3.00 Wincanton CHISELDON (nap)  
Saturday, 1.30 Chepstow GHOST WRITER (nap)  
Saturday, 3.15 Towcester FIRE SILK  
Saturday, 1.45 Newmarket LAW OF THE LAND

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# LEEDS STUDENT

Friday, October 4th, 1974

your weekly newspaper

## Students run union from own pockets

Student officials at Jacob Kramer Art College are to have an extra term added to their courses to give them the time to run the union.

"We did not feel that there was the need for sabbatical posts in a college as small as this," said Luigi Pirelli, President of the union, who along with the Secretary is to gain the extra term.

"It just means that we will take our exams at the end of

the Christmas term next year," he added.

The decision, which was taken by a sub-committee of Leeds City Council has yet to be authorised by the college governors. A spokesman for the education department told Leeds Student: "There is no problem with these students but next year it might be a different examining authority involved which might not be prepared to be so amenable."

The students are to support themselves during the additional term.

## Leeds Student barred from Senate

The University Senate, which starts the new session with seven student members for the first time in its history, has rejected a proposal that Leeds Student should be allowed to report its proceedings.

At its meeting on Wednesday afternoon it decided by an overwhelming majority that this newspaper should not be given the right of admittance to their meetings.

The principal reason for their decision appeared to be the desire of members to avoid having their comments reported in the Press.

Commenting on the decision, Nick Witchell, the Editor of Leeds Student said he thought it was a most retrogressive and illogical one. "The students of the University have a clear right to know what their elected representatives are saying and doing on Senate. Our only intention is to report fairly and objectively on the proceedings so that students can be kept in touch with the decisions of the principal governing body of this university," he said.

# No grant cuts after protest

A determined student protest in Leeds last week led to the postponement by the local education authority of a plan to stop the payment of discretionary awards to over one hundred students.

Many students had given up well paid jobs to further their education only to find that the grants they were expected to get had been axed as part of economies totalling £200,000 in the Leeds education budget.

In reversing a decision which had stopped the payment of discretionary awards to students on various foundation and GCE courses at five colleges in the city, councillors on all sides admitted that they had not realised the full implications of their action. Cllr Keith Fenwick (Labour) praised the efforts of Ian Steele, President of the Poly Union, who published a dossier outlining many cases of students left penniless because of the "hasty" trimming of the budget.

Over 300 students picketed last week's Education Committee meeting where it was decided to reinstate the grants. Afterwards Mr Steele said: "We have achieved a notable



Students marching to occupy the Education Office from Park Square

victory but now we have got to ensure that the council does not decide to stop paying grants to students enrolling on courses in future years."

Cllr Chris Greenfield (Liberal) a member of the Education Committee said: "We must take a decision

before Christmas if any cuts are to be made next year so that all students applying for courses will know in advance whether they will be entitled to a grant."

It is likely that the committee will decide to refuse to pay some discretionary awards next year. Cllr Mann, Deputy

Chairman of the Committee said: "We want to do all that is possible to contain education costs in Leeds."

Mr Steele said: "We will fight any attempts to cut off students grants and will continue to demand the eventual abolition of discretionary awards."

## Strike threat averted

A strike by clerical workers which could have paralysed the whole University has been called off at the eleventh hour.

The stoppage, in support of a long-standing claim by the employees for pay parity with the staffs of other Universities, was to have taken place during the registration period. It would have involved over 50 per cent of the administration staff of the University, as well as the entire clerical staff of the Union — a total of some 400 workers.

But the action was halted at the last moment when the Universities National Consortium, which is handling the salary dispute, decided to re-open negotiations with the workers' union, the National and Local Government Officers Association.

Negotiations broke down recently when NALGO refused to accept the pay-scales which the Consortium had drawn up. About 120 NALGO staff at the University staged a demonstration at a Degree Ceremony in July in support of their claim. Apart from an 8 per cent pay rise granted them three weeks ago, which only brought their salaries in line with the 1973 rates, there has been no further progress.

NALGO members in the University are angry at the decision to re-open discus-

sions. Linda Peel, who works in the Union Travel Bureau sees the Consortium's action as a move to get the University through the difficult period of registration. "This dispute has been going on for five years now," she said. "We are still the worst paid University clerical staff in the country. We've been fobbed off too long."

## Policeman attacked outside Union

A police drug squad officer was attacked outside the University Union building last Saturday evening.

Detective Sergeant Roberts had approached a couple leaving the Union when one of them turned aggressive and started hitting him.

A man was restrained and arrested.

## Praise for Boyle

The University Vice-Chancellor, Lord Boyle, recently received praise from the Conservative spokesman for Education, Norman St John Stevas, over his handling of student troubles.

In a pamphlet called "Standards and Freedoms" which sets out the Conservative party's education policy, Mr St John Stevas, a former Secretary of State for Education, recommended that Vice-Chancellors adopt a more skilful approach to the problem of student unrest.

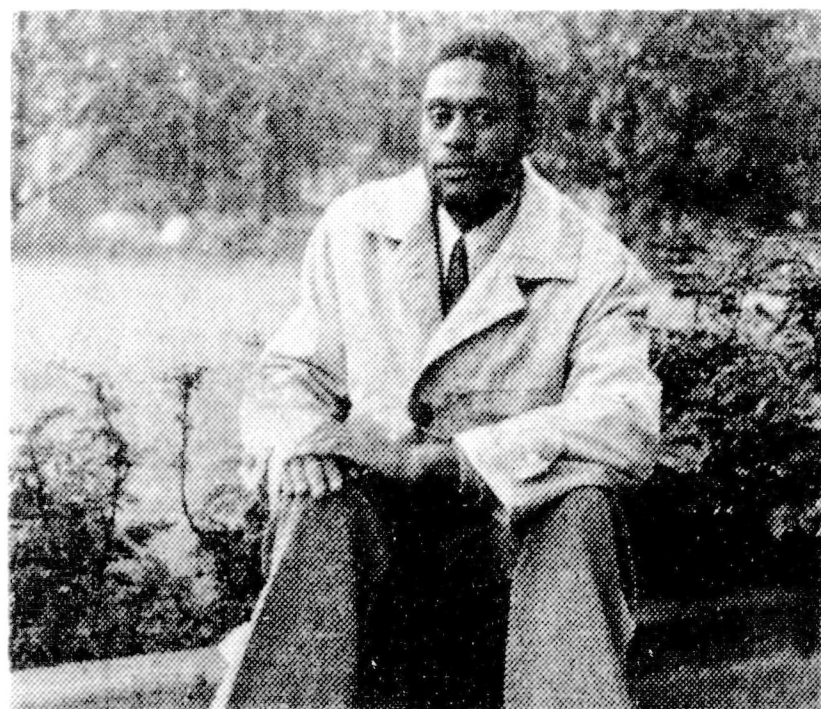
"It is no accident that Leeds University, which is headed by a former Cabinet Minister (Lord Boyle) has been so free of student disruption," he writes.

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## NEW AFRICAN SCHOLAR

The University's new South African scholarship student landed in Leeds last week.

Austin Z. Masuna, 23, replaces last year's scholar

Beauty Mesanga who has transferred to Southampton.

Mr Masuna was one of the students expelled from the University of Rhodesia during the troubles there last year. He comes from Rutanura Township Rhodesia and will take a degree in agricultural studies.

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