



The Leeds University contingent on the march

QUIET LONDON MARCH ATTRACTS 10,000

About ten thousand chanting students from all over Britain marched through the heart of London last Friday in protest at the government's education policy.

With a heavy police escort, the mile long column brought traffic to a standstill as it passed across Waterloo Bridge, and wended its way towards Hyde Park past the Centre Point

office block and down Oxford Street.

At the rally afterwards, NUS President John Randall said that the turnout and the other events of the Week were evidence of the deep concern among students about the government's cuts in educational spending:

"We have this week shown the government that they cannot ignore our demands for a fair deal for every student in this country", he said.

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Knife threat

A member of the University Union's Executive was threatened with a knife when he asked a man suspected of possessing drugs to leave the Union building on Wednesday.

The incident happened when Dave King, who has held the post of House Secretary since the beginning of term, noticed a man behaving suspiciously in the Tartan Bar. When he asked the man to leave he was threatened with a sheath knife.

The man, who is not believed to be a student, left the building without further argument.

Poly rent strikers win important concessions

Girls on rent strike at the Polytechnic's halls of residence have won the first round in their campaign to keep rents down to an acceptable level.

On Monday, at an open meeting attended by 40 of the girls, the Polytechnic Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the local authority that rents should be frozen to: "the pre 1975 level."

by Nick Kehoe

This would mean that the 33% increase imposed at the beginning of term would be abolished and rents would return to last year's rate of £7.50 per week.

Tony Hamblin, Assistant Director of the Polytechnic and member of the Finance Committee said they sympathised with the difficulty the girls face in paying the increased rents:

"By going on rent strike and turning up to picket meetings the girls have shown they obviously feel very strongly about the increases and I feel their request to freeze rents is a fair one," he said.

The Finance Committee's decision has been welcomed by the members of the union Executive. President Ian Steele said he was pleased they were showing an awareness of the difficult financial situation that students were in but emphasised that there was still a long way to go before rents would be frozen.

The members of the Finance Committee and Board of Governors must now back up their words with action and persuade the local authority to take the right course," he said.

Councillor Doreen Hamilton, chairman of the Education Committee, declined to comment on the situation but had indicated earlier in the week that the local authority would be prepared to follow any recommendation made by the Polytechnic Finance Committee.

NURSERY FUTURE IN BALANCE

The future of the Poly nursery is still uncertain after the Special General Meeting called to discuss it failed to become quorate yesterday.

Girls at the Poly's Highfield Hall of residence, where the nursery is situated, are demanding that it be closed as it disrupts life in the Hall. The girls claim they are unable to use the common

room during afternoons, nor arrange social functions as all the nursery apparatus has to be moved.

They also point out that the nursery is losing up to £70 a week and that this is an unjustified waste of Union money. At present only four children are using the facilities.

The attempt to close the nursery has met with angry reaction from parents with children there.

Warning over future of education

MORE CUTS FORECAST

A warning that the next round of University cutbacks may be very much worse has come this week from Professor J. Wilson, Chairman of the special committee on economies.

Speaking in the wake of proposals to cut back on vacation grant expenditure, Professor Wilson warned that there is the prospect of further and more serious cuts unless the government comes to the University's rescue.

"Contingency plans for these further cuts are naturally being looked at," he said.

Professor Wilson went on to criticise government policy which has allowed provincial Universities to suffer at the expense of prestige institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge.

"The government doesn't really want to know about us," he commented.

Professor Wilson, who retires next year, said he was pessimistic about the future of university education:

"It is particularly disappointing when one sees a university like ours, which has done a wonderful job in terms of research and teaching since the war, being allowed to slip into serious financial difficulty."

The professor was com-

by Nick Wittchell

menting after proposals for cuts in vacation grants had emerged from the sub-committee on Vacation Study.

They include:

- The freezing of the vacation study grant at £70,000, which is its present level, rather than increasing it to £105,000 — the figure requested by the academic departments.

- The reduction from 30 days to 10 days per year of the vacation grants for individual final year students.

- Tighter control over field courses and the discontinuation of trips abroad for students on non-language courses.

The proposals will be discussed by the Academic Committee next week when it is thought that further economies are likely to come under consideration.

Crisis measures criticised by Taggart

University Union President Neil Taggart hit out this week at the University's latest plans to ease its financial crisis.

In a set of proposals put forward by Senate on Wednesday, the University urges all departments to make every effort to fill their intake quotas next session so that maximum grants can be obtained from the government.

Coupled with this, however, there are additional plans to freeze all academic posts in certain departments.

Mr Taggart claims these measures will lower the teaching standards of the University:

by Chris Elliott

"I would welcome the increase in student numbers only if it was accompanied by additional provision in terms of staff," he stated. "But as certain academic posts will be frozen, the Union must oppose the plans."

First to be hit by the freeze will be departments which are fully staffed. The Senate proposals state that "a more stringent policy about filling vacancies in departments with more than five members of staff and a staff/student ratio more favourable than one to eleven" must be adopted.

No smoking

Two no smoking zones have been designated in the University Union.

Tuesday's General Meeting overwhelmingly approved a motion by Liberal Society Chairman Kevin Hawkins that smoking should be prohibited in the Belton coffee lounge and the Doubles bar.

IS man joins Executive

An International Socialist this week joined the ranks of next session's University Union executive.

Steve Cass, a second year history student, and currently Union catering secretary, topped the poll in the election for the executive post of NUS Secretary. He gained almost twice the votes cast for the other candidate, Mark Turnbull, an International Marxist.

In the elections for the remaining two Executive posts, second year economics and politics student Peter Walker finished with a 450 vote majority to become the new Education and Welfare Officer.

The position of next year's House Secretary went to Brian Smith, also a history student. He polled almost 300 votes more than his rival, Alan Lenton.

The voting figures are:

NUS Secretary:	
S. Cass	477
M. Turnbull	250
Education and Welfare Secretary:	
P. Walker	713
D. Edmond	264
House Secretary:	
B. Smith	654
A. Lenton	371

Loasby resigns

Paul Loasby, newly elected as the University Union's Cultural Affairs Secretary for next session, is to resign his present post of Entertainments Secretary at the end of term.

The reason, Mr Loasby said, was pressure of academic work. "However, I will, of course, be doing all I can to help with Ents arrangements and generally preparing for the job of CAS," he added.

Poly thwarted in Cup bid — See page 9

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Whistle blown on sports club

The season has finished earlier than usual for the University Union soccer club. The team has been banned from playing any more games this session following reports of their unruly behaviour after an away match with Hull University recently.

The players allegedly ran riot in the Hull union after the match, smashing beer glasses and damaging cars parked outside. One of the Hull men is taking legal action against a member of the Leeds team after sustaining a broken jaw during the game.

Leeds President Neil Taggart said that the way certain members of the football club had acted was 'disgraceful and indefensible.'

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A crying shame

The Poly Union has this week had to balance a vital social necessity against pressing financial expediency — not a pleasant thing to have to do.

Its nursery has been charged with being a costly white elephant. True, its record to date, though one of great loyalty and dedication by the staff, is not impressive on account of its sparse attendance.

However, it is necessary to look ahead to next session when the nursery will be full. If closed down now, it will be well nigh impossible to re-open it and many people, both students and children, will suffer.

The Poly Union can be immensely proud of the way it has met a basic social need by providing a nursery for its members.

However, the Poly Union has no more money — hence the unpleasant soul-searching evident there this week.

Either the Union must be given sufficient money to run the nursery — or the local authority must take over the financing of it.

What price safety?

The allegations about safety conditions in University laboratories made this week can only be described as disturbing.

Doubtless, the University does have very stringent regulations about breaches of the safety laws. But, night security men and night cleaners have the right to expect not to have to face escaped rats and pans of deadly chemicals, not to mention toxic gases and radioactive materials.

It is as well that this matter has been brought to public attention in good time. So often we hear pleadings that a system was foolproof after a fatal flaw has opened in it.

It is now up to the University to take a careful look at the whole matter of safety, both for the sake of its students and its staff.

NUS rejects findings on death riot

by NICK WITCHELL

The Scarman Report on the Red Lion Square riot has been dismissed as "deception" by the National Union of Students.

The report, which deals with the violent clash between police and left wing demonstrators in London's Red Lion Square last June 15, charges the International Marxist Group with the responsibility for starting the battle, which led to the death of Warwick University student Kevin Gateley.

Describing the charge by the IMG on a police cordon separating the left wing demonstration from a rally by the right-wing National Front party, the report states that it was: "unprovoked and viciously violent. It was the beginning of the afternoon's violence in the course of which one young man sustained a fatal injury."

Responsibility

Lord Justice Scarman goes on to state that a heavy responsibility rests on those who instigated and led the initial assault on the police, of whom he later makes certain criticisms over the way in which they reacted to the afternoon's events.

In a statement following the report's publication last week, the NUS declared that

they could not accept that the police could be completely absolved from the responsibility for Kevin Gateley's death:

"To place all the blame for a student's death on one small political group is nothing short of deception," they stated.

Of Gateley's death, the report said that no evidence could be found to suggest that he was struck by a policeman's truncheon:

"All the indications are, and upon a balance of probabilities I so find, that there occurred some minor incident, a fall or an apparently minor glancing blow. Unfortunately, it set up, as such minor injuries sometimes do, a fatal brain haemorrhage."

Dealing with the police handling of the riot, Lord Justice Scarman makes limited criticism of the actions of some individual officers who,



Flashback to the violence of Red Lion Square



he states, did use excessive violence in their handling and arrest of demonstrators.

"But," he goes on, "if excessive force was used in some cases, it was the exception, not the rule."

Attacked

The report's findings were immediately attacked by the IMG, who described it as a "whitewash" of police violence.

A spokesman at their North London headquarters said that although the report did admit that police had violently attacked demonstrators, to suggest that such actions should be investigated by a police enquiry was a joke.

Earlier this week a spokesman for the NUS repeated their claim that the report was deceiving.

Big Con

Tom Bayliss, Chairman of the University Union's Conservative Society, was elected Chairman of the Yorkshire Region of the Federation of Conservative Students last weekend.

Mr Bayliss, a second year law student, succeeds another Leeds University student, Rhianon Griffiths, in the post.

Uproar over drugs case

There was uproar at Leeds Crown Court earlier this week after a former University student was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment for possessing cannabis with intent to unlawfully supply it.

Philip Murphy, of Ashville Road, Headingley, was found guilty on this and the further charge of obstructing the police. A second defendant, John Richmond, a painter, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for possession of cannabis.

After the case ended, people from the public gallery shouted and swore at police officers and one girl had to be carried from the building.

The case arose out of a Drug Squad raid on Murphy's house when, the prosecution alleged, a quantity of cannabis worth £500 was found. After the sentences had been passed, a friend of Murphy's commented that there were a number of unusual circumstances in the case: "As one of them said in court, some of the drugs found on the premises had never been seen before by either of them," he said.

Surrey

Orlando, Surrey University Union's feline presidential candidate, has been robbed of victory. The cat, put up as a joke candidate to protest against student apathy, was beaten by a hundred votes by an Economics student.

"We thought that if Orlando had been elected students would realise that they must play a more significant role in union affairs," said Mel Ingham, the candidates proposer and retiring Union President.

Birmingham

Anger over catering cutbacks proposed by Birmingham University Union resulted in over a hundred students occupying the University's finance office last weekend.

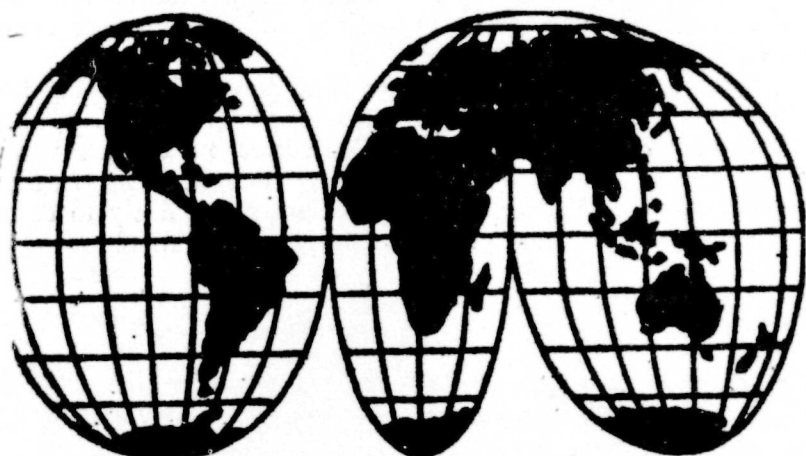
The Union Executive is faced with a deficit of £35,000 this year on its catering operations which is likely to double next year.

They had planned to reduce the staff of ninety by finding some alternative employment in other University restaurants.

But at a General Meeting this proposal was thrown out and the Executive was ordered to demand a full subsidy from the university to meet the catering losses.

Oxford

The decision not to award an honorary degree to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Zulfikar Bhutto, has sparked off a storm of protest amongst Oxford University dons.



STUDENT WORLD

Last week members of the University's governing body tied in a vote on the award. "But" says history professor Hugh Trevor-Roper "The final decision was the result of a combined left wing and Jewish block vote."

The professor, who is a personal friend of Mr. Bhutto, then described the vote as solely-establishment.

Objections to the award were based on claims that Mr. Bhutto had witnessed atrocities during the war with Bangladesh.

Liverpool

An experiment in long-distance teaching is underway between two British Universities. The experiment, the first of its kind, is enabling post-graduate maritime students in Liverpool to hear live lectures from a professor in Manchester.

N. Ireland

Two students died when gunmen opened fire on a church congregation in Belfast last week.

The students, both from Belfast, died instantly. Later, the Executive Committee of Queen's University condemned the "insane logic which inspires anyone to such disgusting acts of terrorism".

Two more students were shot in their car near Belfast last Friday when members of the Ulster Defence

Regiment tried to stop them for questioning. Although wounded they managed to drive to safety.

The army is investigating both incidents.

U.S.A.

A Massachusetts student, who proved he could make an atomic bomb in his own home, has gone into hiding in fear of being kidnapped by terrorists.

The twenty-year-old chemistry student spent five weeks drawing up plans for a do-it-yourself atomic device. He produced a 37-page technical report with detailed instructions, figures and diagrams, which convinced American atomic experts that the device would work.

The undergraduate is now scared to disclose his name lest his "special knowledge" makes him a kidnap target for terrorist organisations.

Madrid

Riot police stormed into Madrid Cathedral this week to eject 400 students staging a sit-in in protest over University closures.

The spontaneous demonstration came immediately after the Spanish Prime Minister, Sr. Arias Navarro, announced on television that there would be a rigorous clampdown on student subversion.

The police invasion of the cathedral was entirely unannounced, and was part of the steps the authorities are taking to put an end to current student political unrest.

Compiled by Paul Gibbs

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Unions need more money

by IAN COXON

Student Unions in Leeds will not be allowed to go bankrupt.

This was the assurance that Cllr Mrs Doreen Hamilton, Chairman of Leeds City Council's Education Committee, gave to students who picketed the Council's Education Department last week.

However, a claim for a hundred per cent increase in the Poly Union's fee was rejected by a meeting of the college's Finance Committee on Tuesday. The Poly wants its existing fee of £17.50 to be raised to £39.50. But the Polytechnic Finance Committee is only prepared to recommend that it is increased to £26.

Union President-elect Linda Vaughan said that the Poly Union has already run up a considerable deficit and the offer of £26 would mean the union running further into the red.

Inflation

During her meeting with student leaders last week Cllr Mrs Hamilton said that she would see that Union fees are increased to keep them in line with current inflation. The City Council is responsible for setting union fees at all colleges in Leeds other than the University.

Carnegie President Chris Pratt, who was also at last week's meeting, said that Cllr Mrs Hamilton promised to make the fees of his college and James Graham College the same as that of the Polytechnic. This is expected to take effect when the three colleges are amalgamated.

Cllr Mrs Hamilton further promised to examine the plight of the unions at the city's further education colleges where fees are paid out of students' pockets and not by the local authority.

Bill Lavender, President of Park Lane Students' Union, said that the Governors of his college had accepted a proposal for fees to be paid by the local authority last October but no action has been taken by the Education Department.

COUNCIL GIVE SLUMS TO STUDENTS

Unipol, the joint University and Poly Union accommodation bureau, is hoping to acquire 80 houses from the local authority which could provide accommodation for up to 300 students.

The houses, in Churchill Gardens, Blandford Grove and Marlborough Grove are all due for clearance under the Woodhouse Lane diversion scheme.

Ralph Joiner, manager of Unipol, explained that it is unlikely that the houses would have to be demolished before 1978, and could be used by students until then.

Most of the money needed to repair the houses, some of which are nearly derelict, is to come from Unipol.

Mr Joiner said they have already identified five dwellings which could be brought back into use.

University claims 50 per cent rise

Proposals for an increase of almost 50 per cent in its per capita fee have been submitted by the University Union this week.

The Union is asking the University to recommend to local education authorities that the present fee, £21.50 for each student, be raised by £9. A report outlining the need for

by Chris Elliott

the increase stresses that the Union will be in dire financial straits if the proposals are not met. It blames the "dramatic" rise in the rate of inflation to 20 per cent this year for making the increase necessary.

President Neil Taggart said that an increase of £9 was the absolute minimum that the Union could survive on next year: "It will be an irresponsible and intolerable position for us if the Union is overdrawn at the bank at the end of next session. We hope the University will face reality and back up our claim."

However, Union Council member Steve Cass said that £9 was not a suitable figure. "If even minor costs go up next year, such an increase is just not going to be enough."

Mr Cass said he felt the Union ought to press for a £16 rise.



Newcastle players exposing themselves in the Union

TROUBLE BREWS FOR GEORDIE BUMS

The Newcastle rugby team which ran riot in the University Union and Lipman building last week now faces severe disciplinary action from its own union.

The team, all medical students from Newcastle University exposed themselves in the Union bar,

and caused damaged estimated at £100 after a match with the Leeds side, last Wednesday.

Executive have banned the players from the University fields for three years, and Newcastle union is taking them before its 'Inquiry' tribunal.

President Neil Taggart said that it was only just the team should be punished for their "disgraceful behaviour."

Farewell

In bidding farewell to Dr. John Elliott, principal lecturer in the Polytechnic's Life Sciences Department, tribute was paid to his "monumental contribution" to the city.

Poly Director Patrick Nutgens, who presented Dr. Elliott with gifts including a tankard and a bound book listing the notable points in his 40 year teaching career, praised his high standards of teaching.

The Saints come marching in

The University Union is to re-open its doors to guests accompanying students from other unions.

The decision was made at this week's general meeting after pressure from a local students' union to relax the restrictions preventing non-University students from inviting their friends into the Union.

Last week Union Council rejected a plea from Trinity and All Saints College, Horsforth, Leeds, to allow its students to sign guests into the Union.

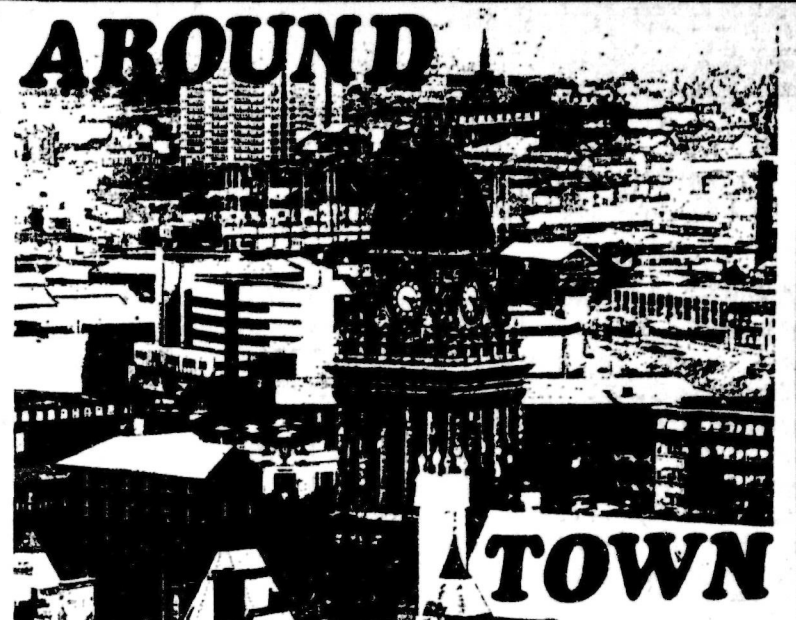
However, the UC decision was reversed this week, and now students from any college will be allowed to introduce one person into the Union. Until last year, non-

Lightning strike at College

A lightning strike by students brought a Leeds college to a standstill last week.

Only two lectures were able to go ahead at Park Lane College last Friday when students boycotted classes in protest at the government's education cuts.

President Bill Lavender said the union was planning further boycotts of the college refectory, and an occupation of administration buildings.



A SOBERING THOUGHT

Leeds — which has the second highest rate for drunkenness in the country — may soon be getting a new detoxification centre for alcoholics. The man behind the scheme, Father Paulinus Healy, director of St. Anne's Day Shelter has recently been to Westminster and discussed the idea with MP's from Leeds.

Father Healy sees the centre as an alternative to a prison cell. While the alcoholics 'dry out', their medical and social needs could be assessed by trained staff.

Leeds has the second highest figure for arrests for drunkenness in Britain — 70 arrests in every 10,000 of the population. Liverpool is higher while London trails behind with 55 arrests every 10,000.

ON THE RAMPAGE

Gangs of youths caused nearly £1000 worth of damage when they went on the rampage in Leeds City Bus Station at the weekend. Concrete litter bins were hurled at windows, glass advertising panels and light fittings were ripped out and two benches were broken up.

A bus inspector commented later: "It was like a battlefield. Some of them must have been injured. There was blood and glass everywhere. Lumps of concrete had been hurled from one side of the bus station to the other."

Police arrested six youths who will appear in court today.

DROPPIN' INTO CHURCH

Two Shetland ponies went to church earlier this week. They are part of the cast of the City Varieties production of "Cinderella" who all attended a special service in Holy Trinity Church, Boar Lane.

Canon Howard Hammerton the vicar who conducted the service said "I am sure that their presence will help people to realise that we have a responsibility towards the animals of the world".

He is used to having animals in his church: "We had some from the theatre a few years ago. They were most placid and their behaviour was quite acceptable".

DOSSERS ON COUNCIL

Squatters and rent dodgers are encouraged by Leeds Council because of its attitude to homelessness, it was alleged earlier this week.

Richard Long, the manager of Chirronville Properties, who own a large number of houses in Leeds, claimed that every time squatters took over one of their properties it cost his company up to £200 in lost rent and legal fees.

Compiled by Cathy Davis

personal column

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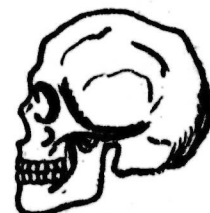
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARTS FESTIVAL

Sir, Whoopee! "At least 400 people watched Ddart in the Maths Courtyard". Ahem! I think the reverse might be nearer the mark; Ddart watched at least 400 people pass thro' the Maths Courtyard! Seriously tho', Nick and Dave, I feel we must stop and rethink the concept of producer art. It must be realised that all art needs an audience. Arts Festival is the period of the year when the spirits of bored and tired students must be awakened to the stimulatory world of the living arts. The egotistical clinicism of such ensembles as Ddart, doing their own respective things serves but to detract from the communication of the true art in Arts Festival. And surely in times like these, so culturally deprived, we can ill afford that.

Yours,
Chris Hemmings (Debates Secretary)
49 Asken Close,
Hunslet Grange.

Sir, With respect, I should like to suggest that your editorial censure of the Arts-fest committee and events was captious, fatuous and ill-timed. 'Art' is not 'essential to civilized society', but the very life and principle of it; we compromise the latter if we imagine that art is its adornment or answerable to private or public opinion. 'Pictoribus atque poetis: Quidlibet autendi semper fuit aequa potestas'.

I must also point out that rather less than half of the Artsfest can have elapsed when your article was written; it has long been the practice of many journalists to deliver their reviews before the end of the overture, an abominable habit you would do well to leave to the professionals.

I am sure you can discover amongst your miserable platitudes some which appear to defend the freedom and integrity of art and those who seek to make it available, and which would be acceptable to your readers, whose satisfaction is, no doubt, the first obligation of your newspaper.

Yours,
P. R. Little

145 Victoria Road,
Leeds 6.

NO ACTION NEEDED

Sir, With regard to your editorial of the 28th, "United Action".

The author, like many union hacks and ex-hacks, fails to appreciate the following: that students are, generally speaking well aware of the wider picture of national and international current affairs and consequently;

1) are neither surprised nor indignant when inflation causes the prices of university services to go up.

2) do not see the need for violent, radical demonstration on their behalf in order to prevent the university (or local authorities) from implementing these rises.

3) do not believe that the government wishes to drive students out of higher education if it can be avoided by financial measures, neither that it is interested in strangling higher education.

4) does believe that the activity, and student image thus projected by those 'few students' is damaging to their interests.

Better brains than mine have failed to find a solution to inflation. However, it occurs to this humble correspondent that ignoring it in the hope that it will go away, as some of the more extreme factions seem to suggest, ain't it.

Yours,

N. Rawlings

James Baillie Flats,
Leeds 6

PRIORITIES

Sir, I feel I must point out that you were incorrect when you stated in last week's issue that only 35 people turned up for the picket of the Local Education Authority offices last Thursday.

The total number was, in fact, nearer 60 or 70 and 20 of these were from the Leeds Carnegie Union.

Furthermore, I feel bound to comment on the absence of virtually all members of the Executive of both the University and the Polytechnic unions. I am told the Poly Executive were attending a meeting discussing social events within the Poly.

Surely it is time these people got their priorities right and started to take the initiative in such crucial events as the grants and education cuts campaign.

Yours,

Chris Pratt, President
City of Leeds and Carnegie College Union.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION
ELECTIONS FOR UNION
COUNCIL

New Regulations

Voting in next week's Union Council elections will take place in the Union building and the Lipman building ONLY.

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WINNING FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE

Last week was one of protest for the NUS: This week there are 84 candidates for Union Council — NICK WITCHELL reflects on some aspects of student politics

A down and out on the streets of central London last Friday could have finished the day a relatively wealthy man if he had been able to levy £1 from every person who passed an insulting remark about students.

"Damned scallywags" exclaimed a bowler-hatted city gent at the door of Selfridges as about 10,000 of our student brithers trooped down Oxford Street. His remarks, which continued along the lines that a spell in the army would do us all the world of good, was a novel version of the more widely favoured "bloody layabouts" which either dropped half audibly from the lips of hurrying shoppers or, in the case of one well-lubricated onlooker, was shouted repeatedly and with some difficulty from the top of one of the big tree-filled barrels which adorn Oxford Street.

Important questions

The demonstration was, we were told at the rally which followed in Hyde Park, proof of the solidarity of the student movement behind the NUS's demands for changes in the government's education policy.

Such a statement begs a number of important questions, the most basic of which is whether an assembly which barely makes up two per cent of the total membership can, under any stretch of the imagination, be said to represent the genuine views of that body as a whole.

The question of students, the NUS and representation is, of course, a recurring one. It is as old as many of the slogans and banners flaunted by the various left wing groups for whom attendance at this sort of event is obligatory.

Now, after yet another NUS week of protest has passed totally unheeded by the overwhelming majority of the union's

membership, and has been written off as a failure by several local Presidents, it is appropriate to reflect on the wisdom of campaign tactics which consistently fail to muster support and which often go a long way towards alienating it.

The lack of common ground between the NUS and its membership became acutely obvious last week, of all times, when the NUS had to explain its latest public em-barrassment — the briefing document on how best to occupy college or local authority buildings.

The document, produced by a member of the International Socialists who is on the NUS Executive Committee, prompted one MP to put down a question in the House of Commons over its legality, and effectively quashed any murmurs of public support for the student protests of last week.

Added to this was the statement by Lord Annan, Provost of University College, London, that student sit-ins are both idiotic and a waste of time. He claimed that, in fact, grant concessions were the product of negotiations between the Committee of Vice Chancellors and the government and were not brought about by student militancy.

Landslide election

Locally, disillusionment with the conventional student ethos has been reflected in the landslide election of a "moderate" to the University Union's Presidency and, this week, with the record candidature of 84 people for next session's Union Council.

The trend would therefore appear to be unmistakably towards moderation, a term which can mean anything between ardent socialism short of its revolutionary fervour,

to the popular 'apolitical' doctrine which attempts to offer something to all shades of the political spectrum.

To turn once again to the local level, the sudden resurgence of interest in the administration of the University Union can only be applauded.

However, on looking through the manifestos of the new aspirants to UC the emptiness of the policies as presented by most of those who stand on a "moderate" platform is striking. For them, it appears to be sufficient to merely indict the extem left wing, together with the IRA sympathisers and all those who err in any way from strict representation of the ordinary student — whoever this elusive specimen may be.

Neither can one escape the disturbing observation that, with one or two exceptions, none of these hopeful newcomers have ever attended a meeting of Union

Council to gain some knowledge of its functions and its methods of doing business.

Invariably, when such inexperienced "moderates" do get elected to UC they remain mesmerised by the manoeuvres of the left-wingers and totally overwhelmed, in terms of their ability to reply, by the ability and experience of those they have pledged themselves to oppose.

Firm proposals

It is all very well being sincere and well intentioned, but such qualities must be backed by firm, coherent proposals.

What, for instance, will the many candidates who take so much space to talk about transforming the Union building into an attractive social centre, do about security? Would they, I wonder, favour the

employment of stewards? In the complete absence of any specific policy, one is left to suspect that many of them spend insufficient time in the Union to form a valid judgement.

For let there be no mistake—running a students' union at a local or national level is a task requiring not merely good intentions, but shrewd, positive policies which encompass not only the immediate wishes of the student body, but our future needs as well.

The student community of any society is traditionally outspoken and radical, challenging the establishments carefully balanced status quo.

As such, our contribution to society, since we are the callow "educated" part of it, must be that of a thinking, caring and challenging nature.

On such a basis, therefore, some form of protest is inevitable and desirable in a democratic society. Indeed, frequently it is necessary to force the hand of a reactionary, uncaring establishment. The danger lies when protest is for its own sake, under the pretext of some issue about which the organisers genuine concern is questionable.

At the beginning of the Week of Action, we stated that a protest week was too valuable a weapon to be emasculated by over use.

No one will deny that the educational system of this country is facing crippling cutbacks and that the grants system retains unjust anomalies.

However, it is perhaps as well to recall the experience of the picket of the Education Department offices in Leeds last Thursday. Originally, an occupation had been planned, similar to the one which took place during last November's Week of Action.

The sit-in did not take place last week. Instead, a delegation went in to meet the Director of Education, Stuart Johnson, and the Chairman of the Education Committee, Doreen Hamilton.

Carnegie President Chris Pratt, one of the delegates, commented that they had achieved more during that meeting than they have done so far this year.

That perhaps is a lesson the NUS and its more extreme followers would do well to remember. Of course protest is necessary, but it should be tempered with reason and common sense.

We will be pleased to publish a reply to this article next week if any group or individual would care to submit one by tomorrow evening.

TED'S FAMILY
CONNECTION

I understand that Poly Deputy President, Ted Boyce's relationship with his parents, and in particular his mother, has become somewhat strained since the NUS Week of Action which, in case any of you missed it, happened last week.

Is it that his parents, were upset to see their son parading around Leeds waving banners and blowing raspberries at unsuspecting policemen?

From what I hear it is quite the opposite. Indeed I am told that the absence of any occupations was the cause of many long and irate phone calls to Mr. Boyce from his mother, who works in that target for all proponents of "direct action", the City Education Offices. It seems that the good Mrs. Boyce felt in need of a days rest—on full pay, of course—and was most perturbed when her son was unable to arrange this.



I happened to be on a sojourn down Oxford Street last Friday afternoon when this heart rending scene caught my eye. Sue Slipman (that's her on the left)

late of the University Union and now a Vice President of the NUS strolling with NUS Deputy President Al Stewart and sharing a lick at his wafer biscuit.

Gravest accusations of misappropriation have been laid against University Union President, Neil Taggart.

It seems that at the beginning of his administration, Neil was entrusted with the proceeds of a collection made amongst the outgoing and incoming Executive—believed to come to the princely sum of 52½p—which he was instructed

to send to the University Finance Committee as an inaugural donation for the "Andrew Jarosz Memorial Fund for Research into Brain Surgery."

For those of you who are first year students, let me explain that you were lucky enough to miss Andy "Fares Please" Jarosz's reign as President. His appellation reflects the fact that he proceeded

WHAT THE
PROF SAW

Poor old "Bog Watcher" Campbell, Professor of the Biochemistry Department, certainly seems to be coming in for a bit of stick—as the football commentators will have it—these days.

I hear that in an attempt to brighten up the Prof's rather dry lectures, some students have taken to inserting pictures of nubile young females among his own slides.

The last laugh is, however, with Professor Campbell. I understand he has decided to make no attempt to discover the persons responsible for this ungentlemanly conduct, until he has been able to subject the spurious slides to close and private 'biochemical' scrutiny.

to take everyone for a ride during his period of office.

Neil's present poverty stricken state has obviously led him from the straight and narrow, in as much as he has yet to deposit the munificent proceeds of the collection with the University.

However, I am assured that he will have rectified this situation by the time the Finance Committee next meets.

SOMEWHERE TO GO



RIEVAULX ABBEY

Somewhat off the beaten track, nestling deep in the woods of Ryedale are the extensive ruins of one of Yorkshire's lesser

known abbeys. The history of Rievaulx starts in 1131 when Walter L'Espee, the founder of Kirkham Priory, grant-

ed this site in the wilderness to a band of 12 monks. The grandeur is indicated by the extensive ruins of the abbey, most of which was completed by the end of the 12th century.

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Arts

Good acting

Under Milk Wood

by Dylan Thomas
GRAND

Any production of this play has to contend with the fact that it was originally written for radio, and, consequently, there is little visual attraction. Two alternatives lie before the producer, either to experiment with lighting effects on a predominantly static cast, or to concentrate on bringing the town of Llaregyb to life on stage. The latter alternative was very successful in the film, but is difficult to reproduce in the theatre.

This production steered a middle course, missing the advantages of both techniques. I would have liked to see more experimentation in the stage presentation, but perhaps this was considered too avant garde.

Fortunately, the play was redeemed by a standard of acting that was uniformly high. This, of course, might be expected from a cast which included Malcolm McFee and David Barry, (Fenn Street's Peter Craven and Frankie Abbot); and the portly, genial David Lloyd Meredith (Det. Sergeant Evans in "Softly Softly" and "Task Force") who brought an authentic Welsh touch to the play.

There were also some good performances in the smaller roles, notably from Joan Blackham as Mrs. Pugh and Ian Masters as a put-upon husband who, significantly reads "lives of the great poisoners" in his spare time.

The success of the play might have been assured by a stronger actor as the narrator, but unfortunately Ian Talbot's rather too English performance was disappointing.

Sue Willan



Jack Lemmon, struggling to keep a straight face, interviews a convict.

Wilder hits perfection

The Front Page
ABC

Having sat through "The Odd Couple" three times in the past, I approached "The Front Page" with boundless enthusiasm. Rightly so, for the combination of Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon must surely be infallible.

Cast here as Walter Burns, the managing-editor of the Chicago Examiner; and his ace reporter Hildy Johnson, they clown about as a front page scoop breaks over them. Over Hildy's head to be precise — a suspected Bolshevik due to be hung the next day crashes through the third floor window of the State Prison press room to land on top of him.

Happily Hildy's rivals from the other dailies have been sent on a false trail and Hildy, who is supposed to have quit the journalistic business, is on to yet another hot story.

The 1920's Chicago atmosphere just misses caricature to hit perfection. The editor sleeps in his chair by the telephone, and green eyeshades for the newspaper copy-boys are a must.

Billy Wilder, who directed the film, has fully realised Jack Lemmon's potential in the role of the comic who tries hard to be straight. As well as a dialogue so fast it makes Lemmon and Matthau seem like twin souls, there's skilful slapstick in abundance, often reminiscent of Wilder's earlier classic "Some Like It Hot".

But "The Front Page" with its elements of black comedy, and its sharp criticism of "Red" witch-hunting is far more subtle than "Some Like It Hot's" purely knock-about comedy.

Julia Taylor

Distinctive Duddy Kravitz

Move over Alexander Portnoy, and make way for Duddy Kravitz.

Duddy is also a paranoid Jewish boy, but he doesn't suffer from acute sexual hang-ups of Portnoy. His paranoia stems from the overwhelming desire to be a 'somebody'.

Kravitz, a strange combination of aggressive whizz kid and likeable buffoon overflowing with nervous energy, uses rather questionable business deals to fight his way out of the post-war Montreal ghetto. Fortunately, director Ted Kotcheff has resisted the temptation to turn this period piece into a costume parade, — a temptation to which other directors have succumbed.

On his way up Kravitz exploits some memorable characters: such as the drunken film director John Friar, and

Freebie and the Bean
ABC

The Apprenticeship of
Duddy Kravitz
ODEON

Farber, the rich, gravel voiced, scrap dealer. Eventually his callous tactics alienate even his grandfather and his girlfriend — but what does that matter to him? He is somebody at last.

It is good to see another film from Ted Kotcheff so comparatively soon after the distinctive and delightfully whimsical "Billy Two Hats". Duddy Kravitz is handled equally sympathetically with considerable deficit and the

commendable attention to detail — and the result is equally distinctive.

Unfortunately, the best that can be said for "Freebie and the Bean" is that it is disappointing. It is intended to be a parody on the current crop of 'corrupt cop' films, but it has far too many arid sequences which fail dismally after trying hard to be funny.

It does have SOME memorable moments though: In one the cops' car plummets from a bridge to land in a bedroom on the third floor of an apartment block. The old couple who are sitting up in bed continue eating nonchalantly. In another Freebie rides a motorbike over the roofs of a stream of cars. And finally Alan Arkin scowls through an interesting performance as the Bean.

Roger Yelland

Cruel blow

Curved Air
REFECTORY

My long-standing admiration for a band I first heard years ago, crackling through an old transistor was dealt a rather cruel blow last Saturday night. Curved Air are no longer the band they used to be for they seem to lack the vital driving force which the "Air Conditioning" album so amply testified.

My excitement at the first pounding notes of "It Happened Today" ripped through the Refectory on Saturday gradually died away. Only the superb violin playing of Daryl Way salvaged something of the evening.

Even Sonja, leonine and sweating in tassels and fur, was slightly faded.

Satire on Satire

40 Years On

by Alan Bennett
WORKSHOP THEATRE

End of term at a Public School: The headmaster is leaving. The beginning of a conventional situation comedy, perhaps, but the play soon develops into a series of sketches lampooning the traditions of the "Public School type."

Alan Bennett's indiscriminate attack on tradition appears, on one level, to be simple satire. Yet, at the same time, he seems to imply that satire is totally negative. The simple satire suggests that the Headmaster's belief in the values of the past are ridiculous. But we are left with the feeling that the satire is too destructive. Perhaps the Head is right.

David Penrose's production

was highlighted by two excellent performances by Ian Rattee and Anthony Hunt as the headmaster and Franklin. Jeremy Ridgman was also outstanding as the ineffectual junior master, Tempest. The schoolboys showed remarkable poise and a precocious ability to act when not speaking, and were very funny in the satirical look at satire.

Jonathan Forster

Season's best Orchestra

Israel Philharmonic
Orchestra
TOWN HALL

Young, athletic, American conductors inevitably bring to mind Leonard Bernstein. Regrettably, not all have his talent. Michael Tilson Thomas proved he is one of those who does in Wednesday's concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The standard of orchestral playing was the highest heard in Leeds this season with a rich string tone and a very secure brass section especially notable. Working from this foundation Mr Tilson Thomas produced genuinely exciting performances.

His interpretation of the Brahms Fourth Symphony is a

young man's: rhythmically strong and forceful with tremendous power in the coda of the first movement, and the big romantic tune of the second movement played for all it was worth. This approach caused some uncertainty in the opening of both the second and last movements which needed more room to breathe. However, after a solo flute variation (which was splendidly played) the performance was better shaped and regained its necessary power.

Mozart's 34th Symphony received an equally exciting interpretation with Mr Tilson Thomas balancing the slightly overlong andante by taking the final allegro vivace at a tremendous pace. It proved a little too fast for the oboes but the string section coped excellently.

John McMurray

DATELINE

cinema

ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: That's Entertainment @, 2.45, 6.45.
Next week: Freebie and the Bean @.

ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: All Creatures Great and Small @, 1.40, 5.15, 8.55; and Beautiful People @, 3.15, 6.55.
Continues next week.

ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: Charles Bronson in Death Wish @, 1.15, 5.00, 8.50; and The Parallax View @, 2.50, 6.45.
Continues next week.

ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Dirty Harry, Crazy Larry @, 2.00, 5.25, 8.55; and Hex @, 3.35, 7.00.
Next week: Ransom @.

ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: The Man With The Golden Gun @, 2.45, 5.35, 8.20.
Next week: Midnight Cowboy and Easy Rider @.

ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: Cinderella Liberty @, 3.20, 8.20; and Call Harry Crown @, 1.30, 6.30 mat. Wed., Fri., Sat.
Next week: The Poseidon Adventure @, Sunday 3.40, 7.40, Week 3.30, 8.30; and The French Connection @, Sunday 5.40, Week 1.30, 6.30

LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: Airport 1975, 6.20, 8.45.

LEEDS FILM THEATRE (AT THE PLAYHOUSE)

Saturday, March 8th, 11.15: King Lear.
Sunday, March 9th, 7.30: Sleeper and One-Way Pendulum.

BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Sunday, March 9th, 7.15: La Grande Illusion (Renoir).
March 10th-15th: Fassbinder's acclaimed Fear Eats the Soul, 7.15

UNIVERSITY FILM SOCIETY

Tonight: Monkey Business and Way Out West, 7.00, LTB.
Tuesday, March 11th, 7.00, LTB. My Sister My Love.

POLY FILM SOCIETY

Thursday, March 13th, 7.30: 42nd Street.

theatre

CIVIC

Commencing March 12th, 7.15: Trial by Jury and HMS Pinafore.

GRAND

Tonight and tomorrow: Under Milkwood.
Commencing March 11th, 7.00 Sat Mat 2.00: Showboat.

PLAYHOUSE

Tonight and tomorrow 7.30: The Importance of Being Earnest. Commencing 12th March: Meanwhile Backstage in the Old Front Room.

by Julia Taylor

WORKSHOP (University)

Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30: 40 Years On by Alan Bennett.

BRADFORD ALHAMBRA

March 10th-15th, 7.30: Stuart Atkins Band Show.

HARROGATE THEATRE

Ghosts (Ibsen), Tues.-Fri. 7.30, Sat. 4.00, 7.30.

concerts

UNIVERSITY REFECTORY

Saturday: Ralph McTell.

GREAT HALL

Wednesday, March 12th 7.30: LUUMS Orchestra (Conducted by Stephen Rumsey and Fabian Watkinson).

LEEDS TOWN HALL

Saturday, March 8th, 7.30: Scottish National Orchestra with Igor Oistrakh (Berlioz, Dabry Prokofiev Elgar).

Sunday, March 9th, 7.30: Martin Roll (Piano).

Thursday, March 13th, 7.30: Julian Bream, John Williams.

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SLEEPER @ Woody Allen
plus
ONE WAY PENDULUM @
Screen version of N. F. Simpson's Pythonesque play

Jeff Nuttall is a stocky man, seemingly mild and inoffensive, who is known to his friends as Robert Redford on account of his white 'Jay Gatsby' cap. Yet, both as a poet and as an anarchist, he is a controversial and outspoken critic of contemporary society.

He performs a lot of his work with a group of poets known as the Australian Dancers, during whose recent Arts Festival performance one of the group dropped his trousers and masturbated.

This event was not untypical of the Dancers, who are renowned for their mad and disruptive happenings. When I met him in the Pack Horse, Nuttall said: "Most Australian Dancers' readings did end up in enormous chaos, and enormous mess, with the organisers getting very upset. People roared with laughter, or else shrieked and fled; security men would come in and say 'this must stop'; and there were headlines in the press the next day."

But times have changed now. "This smash the system mentality belongs very much to the mid 1960's. It's not worth doing any more. No doubt through our cultural upheavals and our blitzing of the prevailing morality, and no doubt through the complete bankruptcy of capitalism, the system is falling to bits anyway. So smashing the system now is like kicking water."

It was evident from the Arts Festival reading that the mad, disruptive approach wouldn't work any more. As Nuttall said: "The audience sat there and thought, quite correctly — 'well fucking hell, we might as well have been in the union bar'."

Nuttall — searching for a new direction

Attitudes to public nudity have obviously changed since the early 1960's, when comedian Lenny Bruce first exposed himself as a gesture in defiance of the Establishment. At the time he was heavily rebuked, but now it is difficult to find a West End stage without some form of public nudity.

"If you're going to expose willies now," said Jeff Nuttall, "you have to do it in a very structured, very witty, perfectly timed and professional way."

He is obviously not entirely certain of the direction in which his kind of poetry should be heading now. He feels the need to be more constructive.

"What is needed," he suggests, "is a finely made intuitive language, not rigidly constructed with a grammar, but with all the purlty, richness and eternal power of a slowly developed culture, yet retaining all the disruptive anarchy of 20th century Art. Yet this is difficult, for the language inherited from the best artists is a destructive language with destructive imagery."

At one time Jeff Nuttall was an adherent of the philosophy of total freedom advocated by the Marquis de Sade. "Do what thou wilt, that shall be the whole of the law", was the way Aleister Crowley put it.

In the early 1960's he was consciously blitzing the "repressive and powerful sexual restrictions" of that time (the Pill was not widespread then).



Jeff Nuttall

And as a leader of the Underground in 1971, he openly advocated the freedom of students to react violently against the institutions of the Establishment. The local Press, Leeds Conservative councillor May Sexton, and Polytechnic director Patrick Nuttgens were all disgusted.

But events such as the Moors Murders and airport shootings have been a challenge to his claim for total freedom. "The sadistic and beautiful pieces of rhetoric which gave us such

a kick to say, and bore us up on fantastic wings of licence will not do any longer. The wings have been clipped.

"My evaluation of freedom is going down — quite steeply. I tend to value constructive energy and creative merit more and more. Perhaps it's just me getting old," he reflected mournfully, taking another sip from his beer.

To take his mind off the depressing subject of age — he was born in 1933 — we

began to talk about Surrealism, for Nuttall considers himself to be a metaphysical surrealist. "I, as an individual, sometimes feel that I am not responsible for what I write". Instead, he feels that a lot of his work is being written for him by outside forces. He favours this kind of mysticism — "making creatively constructive use of mysterious forces as an energising technique for life," — but scorns modern "guru mysticism" as a retreat, an escape from contemporary contingencies.

Anxious to stay on earth, in order to manage another round of drinks before closing time, I asked Jeff whether he consciously took his art out to the people. This question evoked a spirited response.

He has no sympathy for "the middle class hippy mission to enlighten the poor, oppressed, working class. It is patronising, rather naive, and reveals an ignorance of the strength of existing working class culture. At first sight, Bingo Halls, Blackpool holidays, many T.V. series, and other activities that are fobbed off on the working class by the capitalist entertainment industry, suggest an impoverished culture. But the situation is much subtler than that, for the working class culture of broad vulgarity and humour has a great deal of vitality."

He denies that his audience is predominantly an arty and intellectual middle class elite. "The Australian Dancers played

in working class pubs, and, in fact, the best audience I ever had were the kids I used to teach in a secondary modern school".

On the subject of the Leeds Arts Festival he went on: "There has been an outcry in Leeds Student — no, not an outcry, perhaps a niggardly moan — suggesting that the kind of performance art that has been going on in Arts Festival is elitist, only understood by a small and privileged elite of other artists."

"This is not true. You can take it from me that the best people to perform to are the working class. They are the most responsive, with fewer intellectual restrictions; and they are not troubled so much because they can't define what they're seeing."

Mr. Nuttall recalled a happening he conducted in a London shopping centre, in which "great crowds of West Indian ladies" participated, buying objects from shops and sello-taping them together.

At this point, just as the interview was reaching heights of feverish excitement, the Landlord decided that we really ought to leave the pub (closing time having been called rather a long time previously). Jeff walked off in the direction of the Polytechnic mellowed by age, perhaps — but that seems to be a common fate for rebels. But he still managed to have a girl on each arm.

by
Roger Yelland

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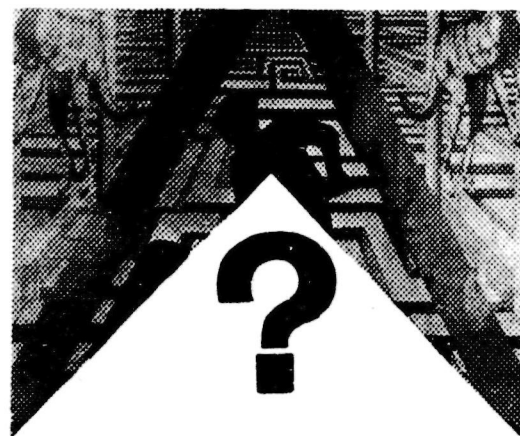
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- 1 It's a case of nothing being made to connect (9).
- 9 Carried love on the island, it appears (6).
- 10 Wonder why this clue should be a pest to solve? (9).
- 11 Solitary type finds the girl's glove, we hear (6).
- 12 Makes a loss over property offers (9).
- 13 Egg containers (6).
- 17 The simile I quote assumes two articles, perhaps (2, 5, 2, 1, 5).
- 18 Rough sketches sound like a game (6).
- 22 Being without a beard is a bit of a cheek (9).
- 23 "And now, unveil'd, the stands display'd, Each Silver Vase in mystic Order laid." (Pope) (6).
- 24 Frogman fellow appears to be going off in different direction (9).
- 25 Debate logically about an issue (6).
- 26 Affected profoundly with an iron, maybe (9).

CLUES DOWN

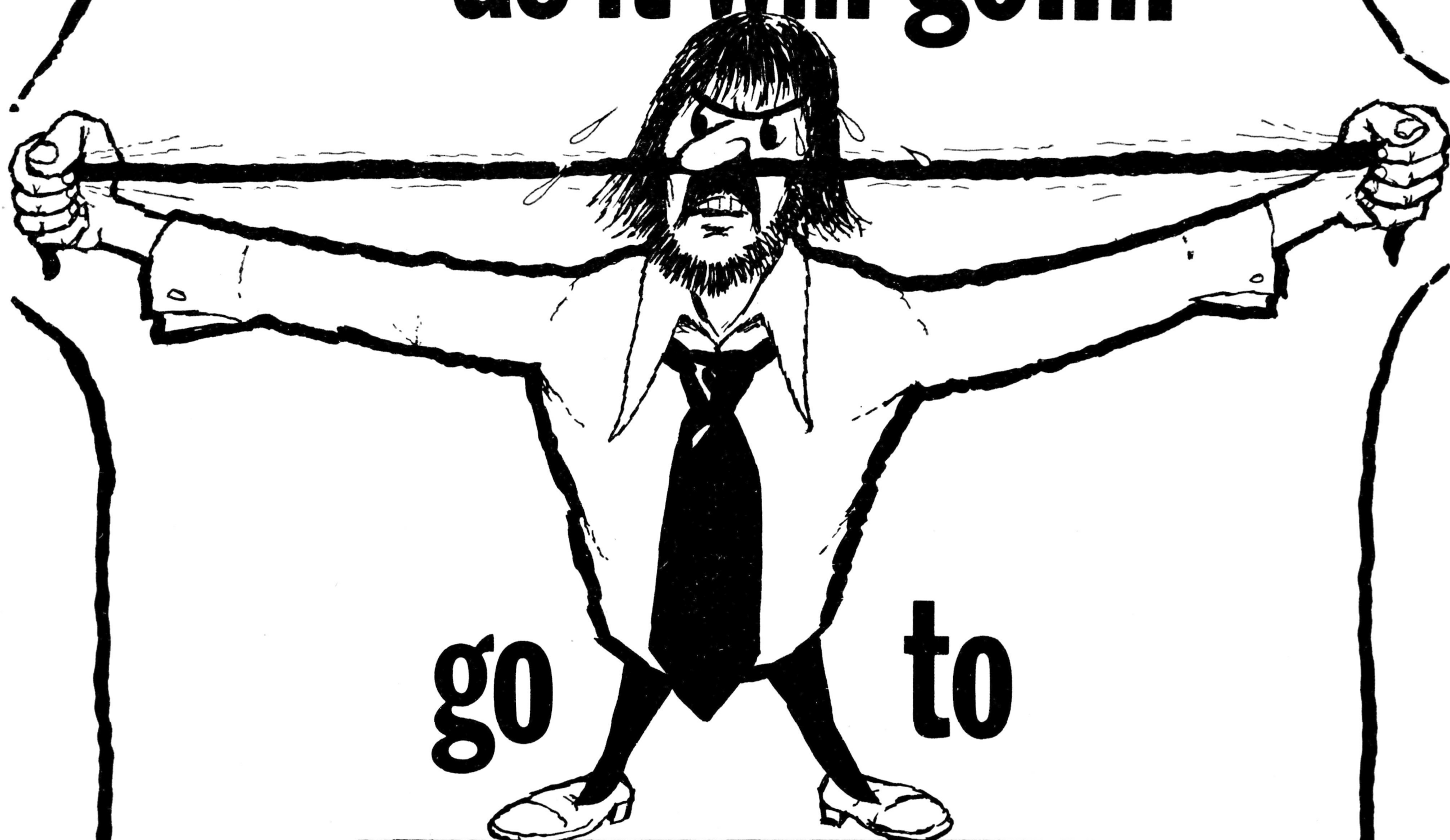
- 2 Proud in addition to big-headed (6).
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- 4 I will employ means to treat badly, apparently (3-3).
- 5 It's a change into martial kind of government (5).
- 6 Rather conspicuous when sticking out, this (4, 5).
- 7 For a mother to have no soul is very irregular (9).
- 8 His verses aren't particularly good (9).
- 14 Commanding chap many find a Conservative? (9).
- 15 The liquor of life (4-5).
- 16 There is a lot of affection displayed under it (9).
- 19 The superficiality of a sort of moth, maybe (6).
- 20 Old woman take in a soldier for food (6).
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SPORT

Edited by Nick Kehoe

Carnegie miss out on first half

Poor finishing by the forwards meant the Carnegie soccer team could only manage a 1-1 draw against local team, Guiseley Rovers.

Carnegie dominated the game but were unable to cash in on the chances they created. Two shots cleared off the line and a blistering shot by Priestley which crashed against the woodwork were all they had to show for a first half of constant pressure.

In the second half it was Guiseley who opened the score with a quick goal against the run of play. A long ball from defence took the Carnegie back four by surprise and the Guiseley outside left ran on to crash the ball home from 20 yards.

Carnegie came back strongly but were unable to find the equaliser until 10 minutes before the end, when Priestley hit the ball into an empty net after a free kick just outside the penalty area.

Carnegie subjected the Guiseley defence to constant pressure in the dying minutes but were unable to find the winner.

Inter-Mural Soccer League Tables

INTRA-MURAL SOCCER DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sadler	5	5	0	0	15	1	10
Grant	5	3	2	0	12	5	8
Mortain	4	2	2	0	7	4	6
Engineers	4	2	1	1	8	5	5
M. & D.	5	2	0	3	4	11	4
History	4	1	1	2	6	5	3
Slapham	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Devon	5	1	1	3	7	16	3
Chemistry	5	1	0	4	6	8	2
Hey	4	1	0	3	4	10	2

INTRA-MURAL SOCCER DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C. Morris	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Maths	4	2	2	0	11	8	6
Geography	4	2	1	1	9	6	5
Seton	4	2	1	1	13	11	5
Barbier	3	2	0	1	9	3	4
Colour Chem.	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
Sapinsh	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Textiles	4	1	0	3	5	10	2
Microbiology	4	1	0	3	4	11	2
Comb. Studies	3	0	0	3	4	9	0

Combination team sweeps the board

The first-ever joint Carnegie Poly volleyball side powered their way to a superb victory in the Loughborough Invitation Tournament last Sunday, winning all seven games played.

The Leeds team were in unshakeable form, taking every game in two straight sets, and never conceding more than eight points in any of them.

The setters, Wilkinson and Wright of Carnegie and Kosyler of the Poly, all turned in fine performances, feeding the frontmen with many scoring chances. Smashers Smith, Speers and Trelease (Carnegie) and Murat, Trasuslugil and Todd (Poly) always looked confident, ably blocking the opposition to help the Leeds side on to one victory after another.

The joint team had no trouble in dismissing their first opponents, Keele University 10-2, 10-2, and went on to notch up a similar scoreline against 'Block 75'. Liverpool University proved a little tougher, but eventually went down 10-5, 10-5.

The home side, Loughborough, faltered from the start in their match against the Leeds team, going out 10-0, 10-0.

After dispensing with Ling and Liverpool again in the semi-final, Leeds came up against their hardest match of the day in the final with 'Block 75'. After a taxing first set, which Leeds won 15-4, the opposition fought back to almost take the second. But Leeds held firm, and came out winners 15-8.

TENSE VICTORY

A brilliant 69-65 win over old rivals Loughborough puts the Carnegie basketball team through to the final of the Clarks One Hundred Cup.

The game, played at Loughborough last Saturday, was desperately close with both sides playing fast attacking basketball.

The teams were neck and neck throughout the game and in

the dying seconds Carnegie were trailing 63-62. Just before the final whistle, however, Crewe scored a basket from a free shot and extra time had to be played.

In the extra time period Carnegie slowed the game down and their extra style and composure gained them a well deserved victory.

British Polytechnics Rugby Union Cup Final

Cup hopes dashed for gallant Leeds men

by NICK KEHOE, London, Wednesday

The Poly rugby union team's hopes of winning the British Polytechnics Cup for the second year running were dashed on Wednesday when they were beaten 13-12 in the final by Lanchester.

The game, played at the London Welsh Club ground at Richmond, was very tense and exciting with both sides in brilliant form.

Leeds began the game full of confidence having already beaten Lanchester earlier in the contest by 12-0.

They attacked right from the kick-off, pinning the Lanchester team back in their own half and were unlucky not to take an early lead when Horsfall just failed to convert a penalty from a very difficult angle.

Good run

A few moments later Clark made a good run down the left touchline but was tackled before he could touch down for a try.

At this stage Leeds looked the better side, dominating the midfield and with some brilliant kicking by the backs, were very dangerous in attack.

Lanchester began to gain their composure, however, and looked a much superior team to the one Leeds beat earlier in the season.

They came back into the game with fast attacking rugby and quickly caused the Leeds defence a great deal of trouble.

As the game progressed they looked the sharper side in the line-outs and scrums and were unlucky not to take the lead when Dent went close with two penalties.

Lanchester continued to press and just before half time opened the scoring with a well taken try by Young. The Lanchester forwards won the

Girls' legs give out in peak race

Competing against top British and international runners, Pete Jones took third place for the University in the BUSF orienteering championships held in the Peak district last Sunday.

Pete Haines came in eighth to put the Leeds team among the leaders out of a field of over a hundred.

In the womens event Kaby Paine ran exceptionally well to take tenth place but the other two Leeds girls were forced to retire due to injury.

The trophy was won by Oxford University.

On Saturday in the UAU relay championships held at the same venue, the Leeds team put in a very impressive performance to finish in seventh position.

LEEDS POLY 12 —

LANCHESTER POLY 13



Picture by Ian Mitchell

ball from a line out and after a quick interpassing move with Soden, Young crashed over the line to touch down in the right hand corner; Dent converted.

Leeds replied immediately with a penalty by Clark to make the half time score 6-3.

In the second half Lanchester continued to pressure the Leeds defence and went further into the lead with a

try by Camish. After some slick passing by the forwards he brushed off a strong tackle to touchdown near the corner flag.

Unlucky

The play then switched to the other half of the field where Leeds were unlucky not to equalise when Horsfall

went close with two penalties, one of which hit the post.

Leeds now began to come back strongly and soon built up some good attacking moves

Denley put them back into the game with a beautiful drop goal from 30 yards. Lanchester retaliated immediately with a penalty goal by Aitchinson to give them a commanding 13-6 lead.

In the last fifteen minutes Leeds put everything into attack and created a number of good chances before Clark finally scored their only try of the match. He touched down between the posts after combining with Gare in a scissors move which took the Lanchester defence by surprise. Clark converted to make the final score 13-12.

Team: M. Cowling, P. Broude, A. Gare, E. Denley, N. Allen, S. Clark, P. Martin, A. M. Horsfall, B. Willis, E. Jones, B. Stokoe, A. Hartley, M. Wright, T. Miller, S. Lumb.

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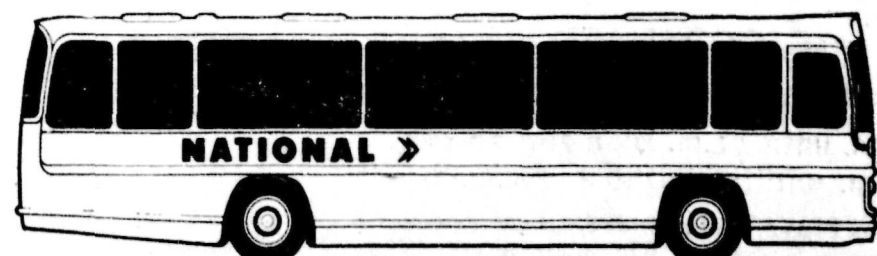
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Interference denied

A curt denial that they tried to prevent a National Union of Students conference taking place in their property came this week from the authorities at Kitson College.

It followed an allegation by Linda Vaughan, Poly President-elect and chairman of Leeds Area NUS, that attempts had been made by the college to stop a conference on social cuts being organised there this weekend.

Miss Vaughan said that a written booking confirmation had been received from Leeds Education Department, who control Kitson's conference facilities, but that this was cancelled the following day without any apparent explanation.

"We wanted the main conference hall and four other rooms," commented Miss Vaughan, "and I have a letter from the Director of Education saying that they were available. Then, the next day a phone call from the Department told me that the facilities had, in fact, already been booked by another college."

Miss Vaughan went on: "In view of the Director of Kitson, George Cooper's attitude to his own students union and his unwillingness to speak directly to us I wonder whether there has not been

a deliberate attempt by the college to stop us having these facilities"

A spokesman for the College stated earlier this week that, so far as they were concerned, the matter was in the hands of the local Education Department and added that no efforts had been made by the Director or his staff to stop the conference.

Three votes lead Alex to sabbatical year

Alex Graham has been voted into office as Carnegie's new Deputy President with one of the smallest majorities ever recorded in a local student election.

Just three votes separated him from Tony St Quinton, the other contender for the Union's newly created sabbatical post.

The result was declared after only one recount with Mr Graham polling 114 votes against the 111 recorded for Mr St Quinton. It is the second time in two weeks that Mr St Quinton has been on the losing end of a union election. Two weeks ago he came second to Chris Pratt in the Presidential election.

Mr Graham, 22, sees his task in this newly established

A document outlining the hazards of toxic gases, dangerous chemicals and radiation facing students and staff in University laboratories has caused a storm of controversy this week.

The report, written by Eric Squires, a night security officer at the University, and branch secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, claims that people working in laboratories are not properly informed about the risks they are running.

Mr Squires says that a lab technician contracted tuberculosis after being exposed to bacteria in one of the laboratories in the Department of Pathology (Bacteriology). A cleaning lady was also bitten by a rat being used for research purposes in the Department of Chemical Pathology, he claims.

The report also stresses the dangers of potential radiation build-ups, gas leaks and chemical flooding. "Postgra-

by Chris Elliott

duates leave pans of cyanide boiling overnight," it says, "and chlorine gas has been found escaping." Maintenance men servicing extraction units are given no protective clothing, nor any information about the possible dangers, it goes on.

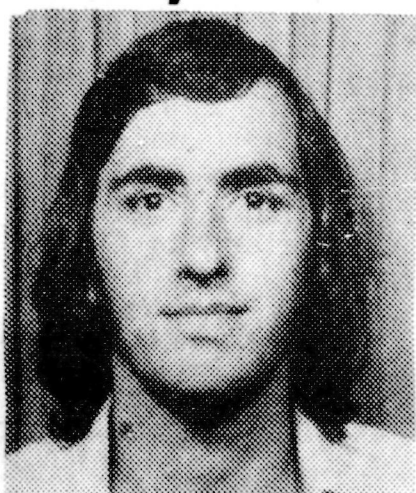
The University Radiation Protection officer, Mr D. Hughes commented: "It is by no means standard practice to issue protective clothing. There is a permanent staff employed to look into the question of safety, and individual departments have their own watchdog groups on it.

No comment

Professor D. H. Watson, of the Bacteriology department in which the report claims the lab technician contracted tuberculosis, said he did not wish to comment on "such a garbled report." "I am quite sure that the safety measures we have taken in our department are adequate," he added.

Mr Squires said earlier this week that his union wanted to see regular tests for all personnel involved in laboratory work, including security officers, cleaners, lab technicians, and students.

Union President Neil Taggart commented that safety precautions in some departments might well be adequate: "But I am concerned that the overall safety measures taken throughout the University might not be enough to prevent further occurrences such as those outlined in Mr Squires' report," he said.



Alex Graham

post as being to increase students' interest in the union. He says he is thinking of starting a sewing circle in an attempt to get girls out of the college's halls of residence and away from their books.

The experience Mr Graham has had in the union to date has been as a member of Council and the finance committee. He comes from Doncaster and is a second year student specialising in Physics.

"Incompetence" charge after £500 loss

A Leeds college may be barred from staging concerts at the Polytechnic after accusations that the organisers are 'incompetent.'

The threat has come after a concert held in the Poly Assembly Hall two weeks ago made a loss of £500.

Only seventy people turned up to watch the event, Cozy Powell and his band, which was put on by Kitson College Entertainments Com-

mittee. The ticket price on the door had to be dropped from £1.10 to 40p to attract people to watch the concert

Polytechnic publicity secretary John Boocock said that the organisation of the event had been "a real shambles".

"The Kitson executive were advised three weeks before the concert not to stage it," he said, "but they took no notice, and now they have made this huge loss. It is complete incompetence."

Mr Boocock said he intended to recommend to Board of Reps that future concerts organised by Kitson should not be staged at the Poly.

Kitson College Treasurer Ali Shebani this week admitted that the college Ents committee were still gaining experience in organising concerts: "We also had competition from the University, who were putting on the Electric Light Orchestra that evening," he said.

Mr Shebani went on to say that the college were hoping to hold one more concert in May.

Grossman to be sued

The Poly Union are to sue Stefan Grossman for breach of contract after his failure to play at the 'Kicking Mule' promotion concert last Tuesday.

Mr Grossman's agents, Carmel Music, phoned to cancel the concert on Tuesday morning explaining that he was unable to appear for personal reasons.

Rob Armstrong, Vice President for Recreations said he was very angry at the sudden cancellation as it might give the union a reputation for being unreliable.

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