

Flashpoint expected today at Lancaster—tension mounts at Birmingham

TEST OF STRENGTH ON 2 CAMPUSES

The effectiveness of occupations as a method of student protest is being put to the test at two strife-torn British universities.

Students have been sitting in the administrative offices of Birmingham and Lancaster Universities for over a week waiting for their respective Vice-Chancellors to agree to enter into negotiations.

AT LANCASTER, the threat of a High Court injunction hangs over more than 1,000. The situation may erupt today when students from all over Britain will be picketing an emergency meeting of the Senate.

AT BIRMINGHAM, the university authorities are known to be losing patience as the occupation now enters its third week.

Both occupations have the backing of the National Union of Students. Yesterday NUS Deputy President Alistair Stewart accused the Lancaster Vice Chancellor of entering into open warfare through the courts.

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Stamp out sit ins — VC

From IAN COXON in Lancaster

The occupation of the four storey administration building which started when a student on rent strike was refused a hardship grant by his college has now grown into a national campaign to establish the right of student unions to stage sit-ins.

University Vice Chancellor Dr Charles Carter implied during a campus radio broadcast this week that he intends to develop the Lancaster sit-in into a national issue in a bid to stamp out college occupations once and for all.

Students have been firmly entrenched in the administration block for eight days and say they will remain until Dr Carter accepts their demand that no individuals should be victimised.

The other main demand — that people on rent strike should not be barred from receiving hardship grants — has been partially met. On Wednesday evening the governing body of Cartmel college, which originally refused



Vice-Chancellor Carter

to make such grants, reversed its policy.

Half the people living in university accommodation are withholding their rent.

The doors of University House have been barricaded since last Friday. People are moving in and out of the occupation through a ground floor window while lookouts posted on the roof scan the campus searching for any officials who may try and serve writs or remove the occupiers. Should the police be called in to clear the building the occupiers have agreed that they will offer no resistance.

For the majority of Lancaster's 3,400 students who are not taking part in the occupation life goes on as normal. There have been rumours that the university, due to start the Easter vacation next Friday, would recess this week but up until yesterday no lectures had been cancelled.

Petition

Almost every student on the campus, situated two miles from the City of Lancaster overlooking the sea, is in sympathy with the aims of the occupation. There has been an average of 300 people in the barricaded area every day and 1,100 students have signed a petition declaring themselves participants in the sit-in and demanding that the university discipline everybody concerned in the same manner.

Staff at Lancaster have mixed feelings about the sit-in. The Association of University Teachers are backing Dr Carter. But the academic group of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs has condemned the action taken by the University Senate and called for constructive negotiations with the students' union.

BOMB HOAXES TO BE IGNORED

Bomb threats may in future be ignored by the Polytechnic, Assistant Director Tony Hamblin said this week.

Dr Hamblin's warning followed another bomb hoax call on Wednesday which interrupted examinations and required the evacuation of the whole complex for an hour and a

half.

It was the fifth such hoax call to the Polytechnic this session. It was received by the switchboard as nearly one hundred students, including some finalists, were sitting examinations. The police were called and they ordered the buildings to be cleared.



Students in occupation at Birmingham

Deadlock must be broken "or else"

From CHRIS ELLIOTT
in Birmingham

Exhausted and showing obvious signs of strain, students here in Birmingham are today (Thursday) entering the fourteenth day of their occupation of the University's administration offices with still no indication from Vice Chancellor Dr R. B. Turner that he is willing to negotiate over their demands.

A spokesman for the University said that the Vice-Chancellor's statement on the occupation earlier in the week, which flatly rejected any suggestion of talks with the students, had not changed.

"It is now a matter of extreme urgency that this situation should end," he stated, "and measures will have to be taken soon if the occupation goes on."

The feelings of the students in the occupation were further inflamed earlier this week with the discovery of a memorandum in the files of the administration offices, which suggests that ultrasonic devices might be installed in admin to stop sit-ins.

The memorandum, marked "Highly Confidential", states

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

On a number of occasions the Vice-Chancellor has suggested to me that it might be possible to instal a bell somewhere in the area of the foyer of the Finance Office which would produce such an alarmingly loud sound that it would make life intolerable for students attempting to sit in. On these occasions I wondered if the Vice-Chancellor was speaking in jest, but I now learn that he was serious. I wonder if you would mind looking into this possibility and letting me have a proposal of some sort.

An alternative might be for us to instal one of the modern ultrasonic devices which, though hardly audible, are so uncomfortable on the hearing as to make life impossible. I understand that these can be adjusted in such a way that, although life becomes unbearable with them, they can be kept just below the threshold which makes them injurious to the ear drums.

If you have any doubts about these proposals, perhaps we could have a few words sometime. /quiet

The controversial document found by occupiers

Very low poll in Senate election

With an average poll of as little as four per cent, four students have been elected onto the University Senate for next session.

The election, which is run by the University, was held at the beginning of this week. The number of votes cast were:

Faculties of Economic and Social Studies and Law:
Frank Wright: 58 (after transfer)*
Peter Walker: 50
Trevor Harrison: 24
Maurice Howard: 24
Percentage poll: 9.3.
Faculty of Science:
Julian Vercombe: 64 (after transfer)*
Peter Heywood: 62
Andrew Wise: 22
Percentage poll: 7.1.
Faculty of Applied Science:
Alan Kimber: 47*
Roger Parritt: 39
Percentage poll: 3.9.
*Duly elected.

Liam McGrogan was returned unopposed as the representative of the Faculty of Medicine. No nominations were received from the Faculty of Arts, which will therefore remain unrepresented when the new Senate

convenes at the start of next session.

Iain Muir, Deputy President of the Union commented that the low poll made a mockery of the whole election: "We have repeatedly asked the University that we should be allowed to conduct the election so that some kind of meaningful poll could take place. I hope this fact will now sink in with them," he said.

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A stormy week

The University authorities at both Lancaster and Birmingham must shoulder considerable responsibility for the bitterly deadlocked situations in which they find themselves.

Both have been responsible for actions which can only be described as rash and precipitative — actions which they should have known better to avoid in the volatile world of student protest.

At Birmingham the University has, it appears, been considering the installation of offensive machinery to physically, and painfully, eject student occupiers. The discovery of these documents by the occupiers is not only a great embarrassment to the authorities, it also adds further justification to the militant action of the student activists.

At Lancaster, Vice Chancellor Carter appears to be hell-bent on showing his more liberal colleagues that it is possible to break an occupation by firm action.

A man in his position really should know better. He may well, with sufficient writs and policemen, successfully clear his administration building, but in so doing he will open a rift between student and authority unknown since the explosive days of the late 60's when occupation followed occupation.

We believe that the occupiers at both these universities have now made their points. To continue in occupation longer will merely aggravate their own position and that of their fellow students all over the country.

At the same time, the Lancaster authorities must withdraw their threats of disciplinary action and pursue a more conciliatory approach to the matter.

Unless they do, we will all suffer — staff and students alike.

Students say no to Nuttgens as Rector

A move to elevate Polytechnic Director Dr. Patrick Nuttgens to the Rectorship of the new Carnegie Polytechnic is causing concern amongst student leaders involved in the creation of the new institution.

The question of the Rectorship is expected to be debated next week when the City of Leeds Interim Academic Council, the body set up to amalgamate Carnegie and James Graham Colleges and the Polytechnic, meets.

Demanding

Certain Polytechnic staff members of the IAC urged on by Polytechnic assistant Director Brian Gent are demanding that Dr. Nuttgens is appointed immediately to the post of Rector. They want the appointment made because they are unhappy with the way the IAC is being run by its present chairman John Taylor. If Dr. Nuttgens became rector he would automatically take over as IAC Chairman.

Carnegie student President Chris Pratt, a member of the IAC, this week criticised the plan as being premature. He said: "It would be wrong to appoint anyone to the job until the terms of it are worked out."

Poly Union President Ian Steele is worried about the

possibility of the Polytechnic Director being given the job: "I am disturbed by Dr. Nuttgens 'carte blanche' acceptance of the Government's cut in teacher training places at colleges of education and polytechnics". Mr Steele said a motion rejecting the idea of appointing the head of the new institution immediately is to be debated at Tuesday's Poly OGM.

Fruity Poly

Fruit machines are to be installed in the Poly Union's games room in a bid to stave off bankruptcy.

The Union is looking for ways of making money to offset the massive deficit created by its nursery. But proposals to introduce fruit machines into the Union have been annually rejected by Board of Reps since the Union was founded five years ago.

However, the Board has now accepted that they will provide urgently needed income.

Rag aims for the big time



Ian Woods — hoping for the big time again

Leeds Charity Rag is on the way back to "the big time" claims new Rag chairman Ian Woods this week.

Announcing plans for events this year, Mr Woods predicts that funds raised by Rag 75 will possibly reach the £10,000 mark.

Among the stunts that might be staged are an attempt to break the Guinness Book of Records indoor 5-a-side football marathon, and a thirty mile "Tyke Hike" along the Leeds-Liverpool canal.

Rag Committee are also hoping to organise a one day Paraplegic Games event in the University Sports Hall. Mr Woods is planning to employ a local firm of accountants to handle Rag's financial matters this year.

Hickson reprieved

Ian Hickson, General Athletics Secretary in the University Union narrowly escaped censure this week after complaints about his non-attendance at meetings.

Monday's Union Council meeting rejected demands by Deputy President Iain Muir that Mr Hickson be censured for failing to go to Executive and UC meetings.

Mr Muir said that as an Executive officer Mr Hickson was duty-bound to be present at such meetings. In his defence, however, Mr Hickson said he felt the move to censure him was "constitutional nit-picking."

Liberal's man

David Selby, a research student in the University's Geography department and a former chairman of the Union's Liberal Society, is to be the party's candidate for the City and Woodhouse ward in the local elections on May 1st.

Huddersfield

The Polytechnic has been criticised by a local councillor for advertising two of its courses in the magazine "Private Eye".

The advert, which appeared next to a picture of a half naked woman publicising a horror film, was for courses in humanities and sociology.

Councillor John Holt of Kirklees Council said: "It is a most unsuitable publication to choose for serious advertising and I intend taking the matter further."

The Registrar of the Poly, Mr E. M. Bond, has replied that since they only have a small advertising budget, they have to make the best use of the publicity they can afford. "Private Eye" is well above average in terms of cost-effectiveness," he added.

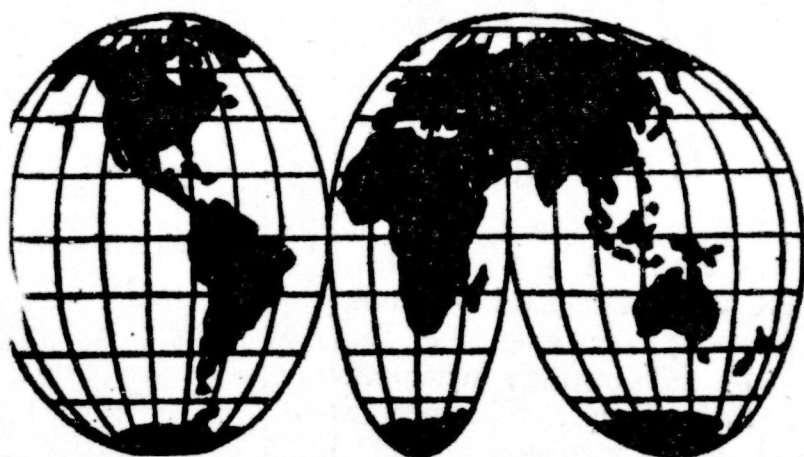
Cllr Holt went on to say that if it were necessary to advertise for applicants to fill courses, he wondered whether there might not be too many courses available.

Belfast

Michael Adamson, a student of Queen's University, was shot dead at his home last weekend only an hour before he was due to attend his brother's wedding.

His wife, Geraldine was shot in the face in the same attack, and has since been described as "comfortable".

Mr Adamson, a Roman Catholic, was killed when he answered the door to a gunman. The IRA has denied claims that he had links with the Officials, but



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security forces are convinced that the feud between the Official IRA and the breakaway Irish Republican Socialist Party was behind the killing.

London

Miner's leader Joe Gormley has just settled down to a lunchtime drink last week when he was kidnapped by a group of university students as part of a rag stunt.

Mr Gormley went quietly. His captors led him to London University Union where he was bound and gagged before being paraded in front of the Press.

The price on Joe Gormley's head was £2,500 which his union agreed to pay so that he could set about negotiating the miners latest pay demand the same afternoon.

But Yorkshire miner's President Arthur Scargill thought his men might fare better if Gormley was kept out of the way a little longer.

ged. So Scargill offered to pay ten times more than the price on Gormley's head providing the university students kept him locked up indefinitely.

Oxford

A nineteen year old Tory will take over as head of Oxford Union next term.

Victor Van Amerongen was elected President with a majority of 93 votes over his Labour opponent. In the election for Treasurer, the favourite, Benazir Bhutto, daughter of Pakistan's Prime Minister, was narrowly beaten by Vivien Dinham.

Sussex

The Mayor of Brighton has denounced Sussex University's Rag Mag, and has called for it to be banned.

Ten thousand rag mags have already been printed, and to cancel the issue

would cost SCAB (Student Charity Action in Brighton) £800, and the charities would be the worse off by £1,500.

The Mayor claims that the charities would not want money from the sale of "such filth."

"Some of the contents are crude, filthy, and I would have thought products of the sewer rather than a seat of learning," he said.

Warwick

Warwick University is to become a "holiday camp" this summer. Some of the flats are to be let, and the sporting and social facilities will be opened to the public during the holidays.

A spokesman said: "We are primarily concerned with covering fixed vacation costs and want every penny we can gain."

Staffs

Students who took part in the occupation at North Staffs Poly last week have hotly denied that they took the opportunity to get a sneak preview of next summer's exam papers.

Their spokesman said: "Throughout the sit-in members of staff were invited into the building to inspect their private files and papers to ensure they had not been tampered with. Any allegation that students gained access to examination papers is a vicious lie."

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Compiled by Sue Beardsworth

'Behave yourselves' — sports clubs get warning

New Editor



Chris Elliott, above, a 21 year old University English student, has been elected as next session's sabbatical Editor of Leeds Student.

Mr Elliott, from South Shields, Tyneside, the present News Editor, defeated fellow staff member Paul Gibbs by 13 votes to 7 in an election among the paper's staff earlier this week.

Tougher action is being planned against members of the University Union football team following reports of their violent behaviour at Hull University two weeks ago.

Union Council member and Treasurer-elect Steve Bullock intends to take some of the players to the Union's Disciplinary Tribunal, which can suspend students' privileges of membership if they are found 'guilty'.

The Union Executive last week decided to bill the football club for the damage done by some of the team in the Hull union after a friendly against the home side.

Smashed

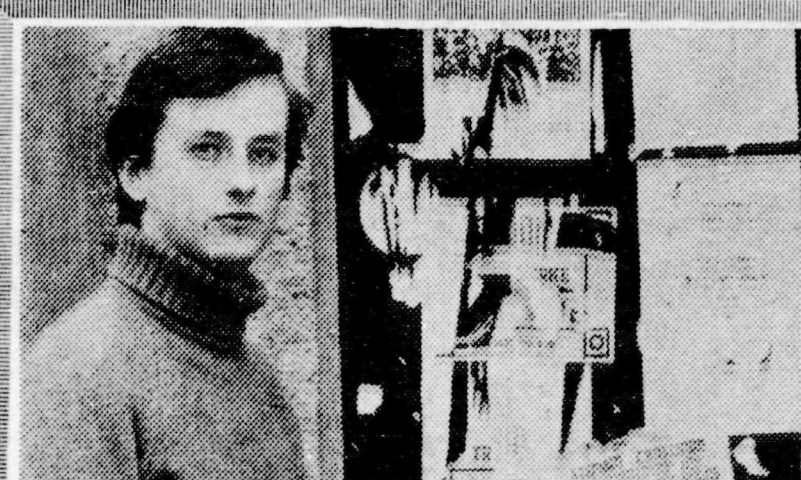
A Hull footballer is taking legal action against one of the Leeds men after sustaining a broken jaw in the match. Leeds players are also alleged to have smashed glasses in the union and damaged cars outside.

by Chris Elliott

Monday's Union Council meeting also endorsed the

Executive recommendation that the individuals responsible for the trouble should be activities for the rest of the session.

Mr. Bullock said he felt that further action was necessary if the Union was to be seen to take a firm stand against rowdism: "The players involved in this have disgraced themselves as sportsmen and as members of this Union," he commented.



John Crowther with some of the posters

Unstick those bills

Election candidates who don't clean up their publicity posters may find themselves before the Union's Disciplinary Tribunal next term.

The Chairman elect of the Tribunal, John Crowther, said this week that he regarded failure to remove posters from walls as disgracefully offensive, as well as being against the union's Constitution which states they must be taken down within 7 days of the election.

Mr Crowther commen-

ted that he would personally recommend that disciplinary action be taken against offenders: "A few of the candidates seem unconcerned at the blemish these posters cause to the general appearance of the campus," he said.

Last week, a senior librarian in the Brotherton Library, Mr D. I. Masson wrote to the University staff's journal "Reporter" suggesting that the candidates concerned be asked to pay for the cost of removing the posters.

Bopping the day away

The Poly union are organising an all-day disco to provide entertainment for local teenagers.

The union executive hope that the disco, which will take place from midday to midnight on March 22nd, will fill the gap left when The Monday Soul disco had to close at the beginning of term following complaints from members of staff.

Union President Ian Steele said that since Monday Soul closed there were no discos or clubs in Leeds which youngsters could go to.

Pike out

Chris Pike finished her term as University Union Education and Welfare Secretary early last week.

Miss Pike was deemed resigned by last Tuesday's general meeting because of her failure to attend meetings this term.

AROUND



FOUR LITTLE TRUCKERS

Four boys who caused over £2,300 worth of damage in a factory in Leeds last month appeared in Leeds Juvenile Court earlier this week.

The boys, the eldest is 14, went on the rampage with a forklift truck driving it into several machines. Two of the boys were under the age of criminal responsibility, the 13 year old was fined £20 and the 14 year old ring-leader was sent to a detention centre for three months.

CLASSROOM GURUS

Transcendental meditation may be an officially recognised school subject in the near future in Leeds. Twelve schoolteachers from the city have been on a training course in Chester recently. One of them, Mr. Peter Smith, said that meditation could improve the quality of thinking and reduce anti-social behaviour. It is also relaxing and settles pre-exam 'nerves'.

WATER FETISH FINISHES BERT

A Leeds pensioner who disappeared for a few weeks in 1973 was reported missing again exactly two years to the day after the first occasion. In 1973 Holbert Nuttall of Foster Street, Leeds was found standing, soaked to the skin, on a bridge over a river in Huddersfield.

But a month after police were told he had gone again his body was found floating in the River Aire in Leeds. An inquest earlier this week recorded a verdict of found drowned.

IT'S THE WAY DOWN

A pregnant Leeds woman who had started in Labour walked down eighteen flights of stairs to a waiting ambulance at the beginning of the week. Mrs Helen Fiddes lives in the Cottingley Towers high-rise flats which have been without lifts for over a month because of an engineers strike. She is being kept in hospital until the lifts are working again as doctors refuse to allow her to walk all the way home again.

Compiled by Cathy Davis

personal column

PHYLLIS DORIS!! IF YOU WAZZ ON ME I'LL CUT YOUR FLIP-PPERS OFF!! WAA-WAA-WAA!! "Tiger! Tiger! baring bright in the forests of the night..." There is always one watching — so smile!

Jacob, you're a great Learner-Jones! END OF TERM DISCO 18th LIPMAN 8 pm. BAR EXTENSION APPLIED FOR. DOOR 30p SHELTER.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNE WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE LONG HAIRED GIRL IN THE RED DRESS WITH LOVE FROM THE BURTON LEA MOB 1974 AND ERIC. BEST OF LUCK IN SPAIN SUE WITH LOVE FROM ALL OF US. ANOTHER SHELTER DISCO 18th LIPMAN BUILDING.

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"I think from now on I'm going to be a regular goer" Adam. ECTOPLASMIC ELEPHANT? Please Miss, please return my socks and handkerchief (in person or by post).

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DON'T FORGET DEVON DISCO TONIGHT. WHO CHEWS FINGERS THEN, DAVE? B.R. suspend all services — wossat Lugsy, Blackleg!

Casey Oh Doss! WHO had your chips. IS FINGER CHEWING CULTURAL, OR IS IT JUST A NORMAL PART OF THE AFFAIR? Like Faries? Paul... He certainly does!

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GET YOUR FACTS RIGHT MAX!

Beer paunches of student drinkers must have swelled with pride last weekend if their owners read an article in the Daily Mail.

In a feature on the financial resources of students unions, Max Wilkinson, the Mail's Education Correspondent, reported that Leeds University Union makes £150,000 profit on its bars.

"That represents about £16 a year for every student," he wrote.

In fact, both Mr Wilkinson's figures and the proud paunches need deflating.

Last session the bars made a surplus of just under £15,000. This session, due to a slump in custom, the expected surplus is not much more than £10,000.

The focus of the Daily Mail article was on the row in the National Union of Students about the salary of £15,000 paid to the boss

run their bars and shops. Leeds University, one of the biggest with an annual income of £300,000, employs nearly 100 staff, to run shops, a laundrette and a nursery for 100 children. Most of the income comes straight from the taxpayer via the £21.00 compulsory subscription.

But the union makes £150,000 profit a year from their bars. That represents about £16 a year for every student.

Meanwhile the claim for a grant to maintain student living standards rolls on.

of the four companies owned by the Union.

Michael Naylor, the Chief Executive of Endsleigh Insurance, NUS Travel and two NUS-owned printing companies, has been criticised recently by several candidates in the forthcoming NUS Executive Elections. They point out that even Education Secretary Reg Prentice only gets a salary of £13,000.

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NEW YORK - DRUGS CAPITAL U.S.A.



PAUL GIBBS reports from New York on the city's efforts to combat the international drugs racket

"Get those pushers," was Governor Nelson Rockefeller's terse electioneering call to rid the streets of New York of its 200,000 hard drug addicts. He demanded life imprisonment for the sale of any amount of heroin, cocaine, LSD or even hash. As a result, in September 1973, New York adopted the most severe anti-drug abuse laws in the world.

Although slightly milder than those Rockefeller wanted, this new laws require a hundred and sixty new judges, three thousand more prison cells, more courtrooms and prosecutorial staff to deal with the estimated nine fold increase in the number of actions against drug pushers.

Already the legal process is completely choked up: "There is likely to be a three year delay between arrest and trial," Detective Inspector Sam McGowan of the New York City police told me, "And until the first pushers have been convicted and given heavy sentences the real impact of the law will not be felt."

Until such time, half of America's hard drug addicts will be able to acquire their illegal poisons in New York. From street corners in Harlem to the best hotels on Fifth Avenue any type of drug can be bought.

Widespread use

The problem is not confined to an individual social or age group. Whilst the poor and immigrant sections of the population are more prone to drug abuse, businessmen, housewives and even schoolchildren are found using hard drugs. Many factory workers and truck drivers constantly 'speed' to maintain long hours for more money.

It is the thankless task of the NYC police to try and control the thousands of pushers, suppliers and dealers who maintain the addicts lifeblood supply.

Working with all the skill of a business enterprise, the illegal drug organisations defy the law agencies. Each pusher only deals in a prescribed amount of drug. One man will deal only in kilos of heroine, another in half kilos, and so on to the single ounce man on the street. Each dealer will have his own contacts, well known and very secretive.



Three undercover policemen who infiltrate the drug organisations.

Into this tight-knit system the undercover policeman infiltrates: "The undercover begins in the street," says Commanding Officer Seventh Precinct, James McGill, a robust silver haired New Yorker with a chewing gum accent, "He will buy a small amount of, say, heroin from a street dealer. Once the drug has been identified in our laboratories, he will arrest the dealer and, by promising him consideration of court, make him take us to his supplier."

The police officer maintains his cover and acts his way up the hierarchy by buying more and more quantities of the drug, identifying bigger dealers on the way.

A single operation can take months of work. The undercover cop will buy, carry, and even fake the symptoms of being an addict. In this way he sets up a rapport with his contacts. These cops are professionals. They develop their own style of passing themselves off as addicts as well as dealers.

Certainly the three men I encountered leaving the precinct station did not look at all like policemen. They wore jeans, sweat shirts, plimsolls and bulky overcoats, which were not just to keep them warm in the bitter New York wind but to hide the recording and transmitting equipment they were carrying strapped to their bodies.

In the Seventh precinct alone there were fifty undercovers on active duty. Despite the obvious hazards of the job (which, in the Seventh precinct, involves work in the docks and Chinatown districts) only one has been killed during the last three years.

"Many pushers carry the heroin around in their pockets", McGill continued, "The laws of stop and search are so strict that if someone dropped a kilo from their coat pocket we couldn't convict them".

It became the primary mode of treatment for addicts, but is now a major black market commodity. Without creating a euphoric high, it blocks the effects of heroin at the same time calming the craving. It is as addictive as heroin and is so cheap that an addict can support his habit on ten dollars a day.

Forty thousand dollars worth of methadone was recently stolen from a Harlem hospital. Many addicts enrol at methadone clinics, collect a week's supply and sell it on the street. Some addicts enrol at many different clinics under assumed names, collect several doses and sell what they do not use themselves.

The police are unable to cope with the sudden rush of methadone onto the streets. They admit that it is more easy to buy than heroin ever was. Methadone addiction is viewed in the same way as any addiction: "They've only swapped one habit for another", McGill said cynically.

While no overdose deaths have been recorded at any of the formal treatment centres, more street-addicts are known to have died from methadone mis-use last year than of heroin.

The escalation in its use has been such that medics are now demanding money from the state to set up more clinics and methadone programmes. They maintain the matter rests under the guidance of the medical profession and not of the police. Yet what used to be centres for heroin dealing are now methadone markets. "At least the methadone is pure", McGill commented, "with heroin you never know what you're getting. We have bought heroin and found it to be so much stronger than we thought that it would kill you if it was taken".

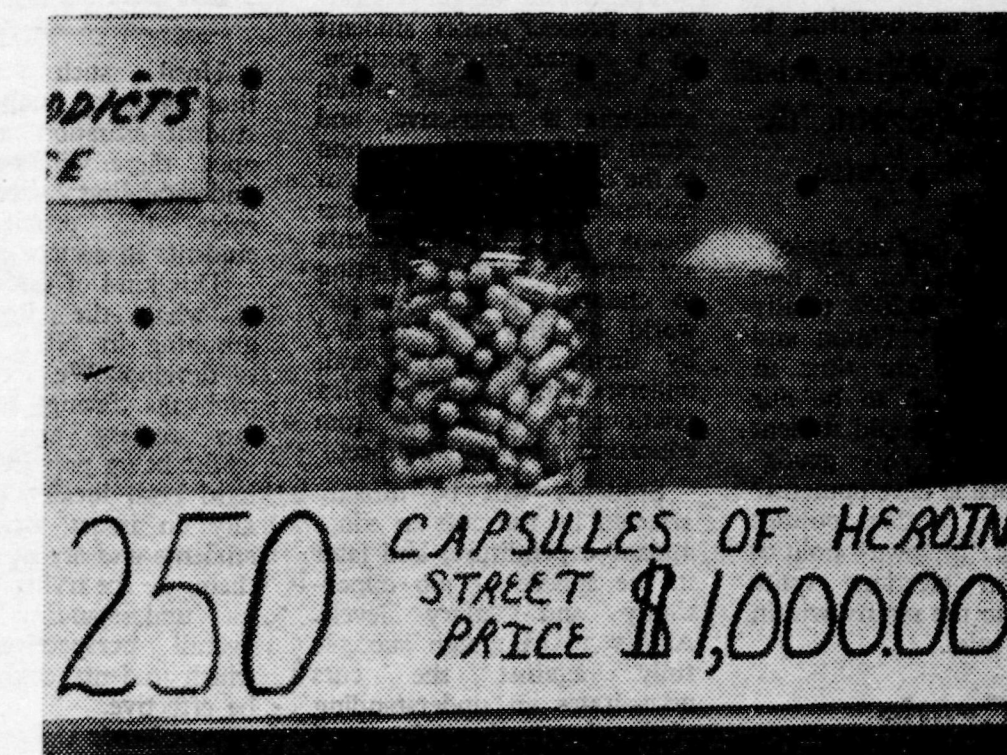
Smuggled in

"It is impossible to stop the flow of heroin into New York once it has entered the country", McGill said, "We find it concealed in car tyres, baseballs, cuddly toys, food containers. Divers swim from the mainland to pick up stuff from ships just outside the harbour. We once found a pound inside a young girl. But for every kilo we find, we know there are ten more we've missed."

The Federal crackdown on heroin has changed the pattern of drug addiction in New York. A shortage of heroin, acute after an American government grant to Turkey to encourage their authorities to prevent opium production, has not led to the 'drug panics' of the past which led to sudden rises in crime so that addicts could pay for expensive rare heroin.

Now there is a substitute, and the substitute is fast becoming as much of a problem as the heroin it is meant to replace.

Methadone is an American made synthetic heroin substitute developed as a painkiller in the Vietnam War.



Heroin — one of the biggest enemies of the drug squads.

When the new anti-drug laws were formulated the authorities realised that to slavishly follow Rockefeller's demands would have put half of the American public in jail. As they now stand, the penalty for selling hard drugs is likely to be fifteen years and life probation. On the other hand, the stress put on soft drugs has been much reduced. In the words of Det. Insp. McGowan: "We haven't the manpower to lock everybody up".

Blind eye

So a blind eye is turned to marijuana and hash. There is a strong lobby to, if not legalise, at least decriminalise soft drug use. In this area the problem of control is greater as cannabis can quite happily grow in some of the warmer Southern states. "Just plant it in a cornfield among the corn, and you have your own supply for a year," a smiling West Virginian student told me.

The police refused to accompany, or even direct me to drug dealing

areas. One seriously advised me not to venture into drug prone areas without a gun, and another said I was a sitting target to be mugged if I carried a camera.

In America getting smashed is not the preserve of the young. It is known that many middle aged Americans, especially war veterans, regularly use soft drugs. An estimated eighty per cent of students have taken or smoked dope, and many are prone to experimenting with more potent drugs. However the peacefulness of Greenwich Village, the student quarter of New York, where people reminiscent of flower power days drift to the cool sounds of a lone saxophone player, is a biting contrast to the surrounding concrete jungle of America's drug capital.

In such a forbidding environment, are drugs the cause of the decline or an attempt by the people to find a temporary escape from it? Whatever the moral arguments for and against, the NYC police will continue to combat what McGowan described as "the world of the shit traders".



A well known drugs haunt visited by the writer.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

**Union Council Bye-Election for 8 Vacant Seats:-
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S. J. Burns
R. E. Chandler**

**M. C. Curthoys
M. E. Harrison
M. G. Howard
A. D. Kimber**

**A. J. Lenton
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HANDBOOKS can still be collected from the Union Porters and Executive

FRESHERS CONFERENCE: group leaders still wanted—application forms from General Secretary

HAPPY VACATION

EXECUTIVE



The deceptive glamour of New York's bright lights — hiding the sordid reality of America's drugs capital.

Last week we published an article (right) which questioned the need for some of the more extreme aspects of student protest and criticising the negative approach of so called "moderate" elements. Now,

The politicians reply:

BROAD LEFT

Nick Witchell's article suffered from a fundamental weakness, endemic in the student world, that of parochialism. The underlying assumption is that student politics exist in a vacuum with the Union at its centre.

Is the fact that unemployment nears a million and that inflation rages at 20% totally irrelevant to the Union and its politics? Is our time in Higher Education to be our total compass? Should student unions respond only grudgingly to outside developments? If this is so, student politics are merely 'toytown' politics and Union elections quite irrelevant to the reality within which we exist.

Crude

Over the past few years the Ultra Left attempts to link up student unions and society have been crude in the extreme. This has created the myth that Union Council is divorced from student interests. The reality is that U.C. spends 99% of its time simply managing the Union's everyday business. When 'moderates' are elected, they come face to face with the fact that there are few dragons to slay and much work to be done. It is this, not mesmerism by the Left, that ensures their silence.

In the name of moderation many students retreat from answering the questions raised

by 'outside' events. Their approach is profoundly anti-intellectual and results in them becoming mere ciphers of the establishment. It is no wonder that the Tories claim to be moderates.

The nature of the educational process places students in a contradictory position. The arena of debate within academia is restrictive, and seems to bear little relation to the other factors of student existence. This contradiction means that at present students are capable only of reacting to changes in the 'outside' world as they are affected by them, with no overall understanding of the complex relationships that arise from education as a social process.

Students will be directly affected by the cuts in educational expenditure, and later in the sphere of job opportunity and salary levels. Ability to campaign successfully against the cuts necessitates an understanding of the changes in society, and relating our activities to them.

At present there are two choices open to students; either to participate in the major campaigns which are projected within an economist framework, or to close your eyes and ears and remain the political flotsam and jetsam of society, carried along by whatever winds are blowing. Neither is a real choice.

Understanding

Until such time as thoroughgoing analysis of the student situation are developed, there will not be the understanding necessary to solve the problems that students in society are facing.

This kind of understanding is what the Broad Left grouping in NUS is trying to develop. We see that the problems facing students in our society are complex; whilst being prepared to work hard both locally and nationally on issues which affect students and are of interest to them, we are trying to develop an understanding and an overall perspective, within which students' campaigns can be effective.

Leeds University Union
Broad Left Group

CONSERVATIVE

The 'moderates' standing for Union Council may be inexperienced; they may present "negative" policies; but it should be obvious to any Union politician that they have the support of the majority of students.

Moreover, inexperienced though they may be concerning UNION politics, many of the "moderates" have experience of politics outside the

Union and also in the administration of organisations both internal and external.

The "moderates" attacks on the Left - "negative" policies - are not altogether negative for it is the leftist influence within the Union which is mainly responsible for boring most students into apathy.

If only "experienced candidates" were elected, it would mean the creation of a self-perpetuating political clique (which is what we have



Nick Witchell's feature article in last week's issue

INTERNATIONAL MARXISTS

The same day that Witchell's article appeared it was pleasing to see that the President of Birmingham University had resigned.

This came about when an 800 strong Union meeting voted against his proposal to sack Union catering staff and supported an occupation of the finance offices.

What's so special about this? The President concerned was Andy Vallance Owen, the

founder of the Radical Action Group. This organisation is exactly what the Seddons and Bullocks claim to represent—the "moderates", "anti-political" or whatever, that corresponds to the present mood of a lot of students especially at Leeds University. However, we believe this mood will be shortlived and is related to the current disinterest in the grants campaign and hostility to politics and NUS. We wish to put forward a reason why these moods currently exist among students and why they will change.

Passing phase

Vallance Owen's resignation is clear proof that this mood is a passing phase. This is simply because the cuts in our education will hit harder, inflation will smash our grant even quicker—because there is a crisis. The leaders of all the struggles against cuts in practice have been the socialists (IMG, IS etc.) and this was never more evident than at Essex University last year. When Essex students set up a picket line and the police came to attack it, HUNDREDS of students came from their lectures, coffee-bars and flats and joined the picket even when the police made arrests. At Oxford when 120 people led by the IMG occupied in the fight for a Central Students Union they built it up to mass daily meetings of 2000

students who democratically decided how to run the campaign.

Now, in the present apathetic situation when there is no action, the "moderates" provide the leadership of the Unions and seem to reflect student opinions. But when we need to fight—and soon we will need to throughout Leeds—then it is only socialists who can provide the necessary leadership.

The IMG believes that the crisis will get worse and that it will be workers wages and all the benefits of the Welfare State that will be the chopping block. We believe we must fight against this now. Although students at Leeds University haven't felt the pinch yet, IT WILL COME! Remember not everyone got £120 extra, not everyone has the "luxury" facilities Universities provide compared to what Park Lane students have to put up with.

We must organise and fight but we should know who our allies are—people like the Derbyshire miners who gave the Essex students a blank cheque to cover the bail in thanks for their help in the '72 miners strike.

Occupations and demos are not sacred tactics that we have to use regardless of what we want. But as money gets tighter then we will have to be more forceful in getting that money to defend our education, our health service, our housing and our Welfare State.

Leeds University Union
International Marxist Group

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNT ME OUT

Sir,

I wish to register my dissent from the present NUS grants campaign. However, the issues involved are complex and many-sided so my argument can only be schematic.

In the first place I think the campaign is politically unwise at the present time. It is already fashionable for politicians to attack both students and universities, and a further campaign for higher grants can only make it more likely that the universities will not get the money they need to function properly over the next few years.

In the second place, so far as I can see, the only position from which we can demand higher grants presupposes a view of higher education that is wholly utilitarian, that we are the executives and technologists of the future. Perhaps it will not be long before the government catches on and does away with courses not geared specifically to later employment. But I had always thought that university was a place where one came to pursue and develop some intellectual interest; and if it isn't it ought to be. It seems to me that if we really cared about education we should be campaigning for grants for sixth-formers instead.

Moreover, it is hard to reconcile the present student demand with the fact that even at present levels, a student grant is almost twice the size of a single person's old age pension.

When I observe the courageous stand taken by students in countries such as Greece and Thailand I am ashamed to belong to a student union whose main concern seems to be the material advancement of its members.

Yours,

Peter Carruthers.

121 Potternewton Lane,
Leeds 7.



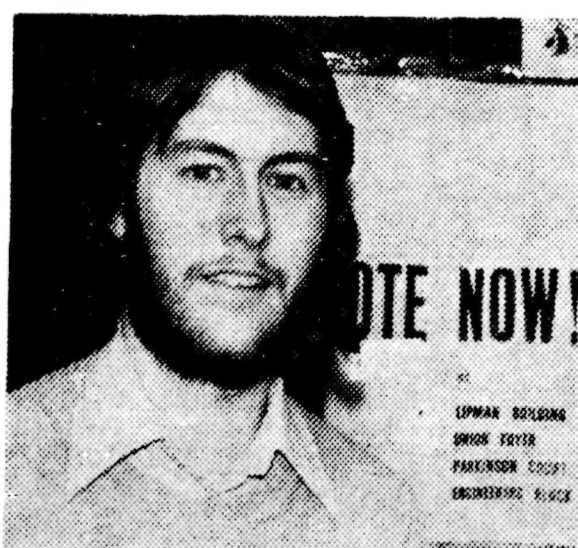
INSOLVENT IAN

Ian Steele, one-time President of the Polytechnic Union, has been looking distinctly off-colour since the last meeting of Leeds Area NUS Committee (L'Anus, as regular readers will know it).

Poor Ian is suffering from what medical friends call "Scots disease" — a symbiotic rapport between the biological state of one's body and one's wallet — which in Steele's case happens to be somewhat acute at the moment.

The cause of the latest attack of this unpleasant malady was none other than University Union and IS Bureaucrat of the Year Peter Gillard who, albeit innocently, proposed a motion thanking Mr Steele for giving his services as a disc jockey and disco owner at a recent L'Anus event, completely free of charge.

Warbeck



Roger Seddon — bewildered by the complexity of his situation and not quite sure which way to turn.

COMPETITION

It gives me great pleasure to publicise the return of Leeds Engineers Weekly Dispatch (LEWD) after a sojourn 'in limbo' for committing that absurd crime of being "sexist".

It is nice to know there will once again be an organ providing constructive criticism of Leeds Student in a witty if not highly humorous manner — unlike the infantile "Orange Peel", which I understand is now bankrupt (sic).

Unfortunately my present lucrative contract with this publication prevents me from taking up LEWD's offer of one of their columns, but I am sure they will soon find someone equally scurrilous, if less talented.

THE CHANGING COMPLEXION OF ROGER'S LIFE

For once in my long and experienced career, I thought I had found a Union hack who was pure in thought, word and deed.

Such was my happy state of mind when Roger "The Telepathic Chameleon" — so called because of his ability to sense and instantly assume the politics of the moment —

became President-elect.

But hardly had the ringing tones of Roger's dynamic speeches died than the man who said he was a member of no political party was rushing off post-haste to ingratiate himself with fellow "moderate" Andy Vallance Owen, President of Birmingham University Union and leader of

the Radical Action Group. Indeed so eager was the Chameleon to gain the approval of Vallance Owen and his crew of moderately right wing misfits that he even agreed to nominate the man for the Presidency of the NUS.

Unfortunately for Roger, nothing but disaster has oc-

curred since then. Not only has Vallance Owen "moderately" attempted to sack 21 members of the Union catering staff, but he has also been forced to resign as President of Birmingham Union after the nasty left wingers decided to occupy the administration block.

Arts

Very funny

California Split
ODEON
The Mean Machine

After the success of the Sutherland-Gould duo in MASH, Robert Altman tries a new combination — Gould-Segal. **CALIFORNIA SPLIT** is not as explosive as MASH, but it has its moments.

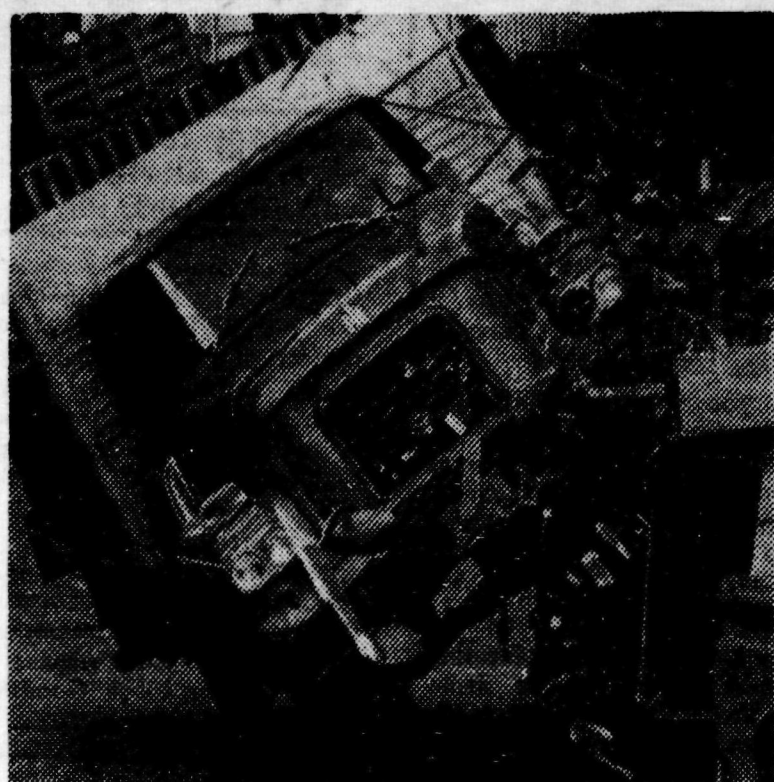
If anyone wants to experience the thrill of the gamblers fever, this is the film to watch. It is the story of a writer (George Segal), who becomes so absorbed with the world of vice that he finally pawns all his goods and hits Reno with several thousand dollars, having decided to risk everything on one lucky streak.

Though Segal has the more complex role, much of his acting consists merely of gestures and looks snatched from parts in his earlier films. It is Gould who is the main source of the superb humour that runs through the film, injecting it with the macabre irony of MASH.

Like MASH the characters keep up a constant cross-talk and slightly nonsensical chatter with some very funny effects.

THE MEAN MACHINE is an entertaining film, concerning underhand American football inside a State Prison. If you can't follow the complexities of the game, watch the warden's face — if he's happy the guards are winning; if he's not, Paul Crewe (Burt Reynolds) and his team of cons are on top.

The plot's incidental — the game's the thing — and in the interval, watch out for the superb ersatz "Three Degrees" — the essence of seedy Americanism.



A shattering impact in "Freebie and the Bean"
Now showing at ABC

Dramatic surprises

Donald Howarth's "Meanwhile, Backstage in the Old Front Room..." which received its first ever performance at the Playhouse on Wednesday is a very disturbing and funny play.

The first act starts apparently normally and then oddities begin to emerge; the second act seems to be an increasingly lyrical fantasy with a jerk back to some sort of reality at the end. But the third act suddenly releases a stream of dramatic surprises with an almost shocking force and intensity.

The setting is simple: blind Janet (Georgine Anderson) and her crippled Aunt Molly Rowland Davies (drag) are visited by two "Volunteer Christians" Nancy and David (Linda Gardner and Richard Kay). As the play moves on the relationships and the characters change: Nancy and David become Artemis and Apollo, a pair of tricksters,

Meanwhile Backstage in the Old Front Room
by Donald Howarth
PLAYHOUSE

and finally Moll's son and his new Dutch wife. How real is Janet's blindness? Is it perhaps an escape from an hypocritical normal world?

It would however, be a mistake to attempt to 'explain' the play. It depends for its effect on suggesting ambiguities and inconsistencies in life.

The theatrical effects are significant (the set is inside a theatre) for they are another element in the realistic unreality of the piece. Perhaps the most powerful is Janet's crashing into the furniture to Beethoven's Ninth (the music is excellently used throughout). And all the performances are good with Georgine Anderson outstanding.

John McMurray

Melodic malaise from Gibson

Alexander Gibson's concert with the Scottish National Orchestra last Saturday proved to have less overall impact than the best parts of it would have suggested.

Part of the problem was the lack of a really substantial work in the programme to provide an emotional centrepiece. Prokofiev's 2nd Violin Concerto does not have that kind of emotional weight. In addition Igor Oistrakh, the soloist, seemed affected by the fitful nature of the rest of the evening. His playing in the slow movement was lacking in mys-

Scottish National
Orchestra
TOWN HALL

tery, and the occasional intonation problems added to the confusion. However, things improved and his playing in the final fast sections was magnificent, never sounding hurried or uneven.

The remainder of the first half comprised Berlioz's "Beatrice and Benedict" overture and Martin Dalby's "The Tower

of Victory". Elgar's "Enigma Variations" in the second half also suffered from the general malaise; good in parts but lacking overall unity. The brass playing was too often coarse in tone and a rather shaky solo viola was unfortunate. However at its best, as in the Nimrod and Lady Mary Lygon variations, the orchestra achieved the nobility and cohesion necessary. It was a shame that the whole performance too often lacked these qualities.

John McMurray

Ronnie's back

Ronnie Lane's Slim
Chance
ISLAND RECORDS

Ronnie Lane is back, and will top the bill at the Poly concert next Thursday.

Within a short time of breaking away from the Faces he established "The Passing Show", a tour in a circus tent, complete with jugglers and fire eaters.

But the problem inherent in touring with a big top forced Ronnie to think again, and Spring 75 sees a reformed band and a new album, Ronnie Lane's "Slim Chance".

It's a solid album in a relaxed style, packed with infectious rhythmic songs. The band manages to make the whole thing sound easy, yet they're not at all sloppy — they can swing with the best.

The album features thirteen songs, including "Street Gang", a funky reggae sax instrumental, Fats Domino's working of "Stone" from the Faces first album.

Andy Murray

Excellent Fassbinder

Fassbinder has acquired an international reputation, largely as a result of "Fear Eats the Soul". After seeing the film I can understand why. Quietly and simply directed, artistically photographed, and with a concise screenplay abounding in cynical humour, it is a compelling social document concerned with two lonely people who come together in a world that doesn't care about them.

The couple are a faded old German cleaning woman and a young Moroccan immigrant labourer with a name so long that she just calls him Ali. Age is a barrier, of course, but so is Ali's race — for it is made clear that since the murders at the 1972 Olympic Games Arabs have been regarded with suspicion in Germany. Ali and the woman are

Fear Eats the Soul
BRADFORD
FILM THEATRE

faced with a disgusting display of petulance and hypocrisy as they are gradually ostracised by family, neighbours, shopkeepers and workmates alike.

Although this is ultimately a simple theme, it is presented with a degree of psychological complexity that left my mind reeling.

The film has some faults, though. The technique of framing and holding a shot was a little overdone, and at one point the cutting was so bad that an actor disappeared entirely.

Roger Yelland

DATELINE . . .

cinema

ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Alan Arkin in *Freebie and the Bean* ②, 2.35, 5.25, 8.25 and *Tayside* ②, 1.45, 4.35, 7.30.

ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: *All Creatures Great and Small* ②, 1.40, 5.15, 8.55 and *Beautiful People* ②, 3.15, 6.55.

ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: *Death Wish* ②, 1.15, 5.00, 8.50 and *The Parallax View* ②, 2.50, 6.45.

ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Sean Connery in *Ransom* ②, 3.20, 5.55, 8.25.

Next week: *The Good, The Bad and the Ugly* ② and *Hang 'Em High* ②.

ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: *Easy Rider* ②, 4.50, 8.50 and *Midnight Cowboy* ②, 2.40, 6.35.

Next week: *The Stone Killers* ② and *California Split* ②.

ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Poseidon Adventure* ②, 3.30, 8.30 and *The French Connection* ②, 1.30, 6.30.

Next week: *Danger Girls* ②, Sunday cont. 3.00 week cont. 2.00, 7.00 and *Two Small Ticks* ②.

TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Dirty Dozen* ②, 1.35, 4.40, 7.40 and *Lonesome Mouse*.

Next week: *Bring Me The Head Of Alfredo Garcia* ② and *For A Few Dollars More* ②.

PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: *Secrets of a Call Girl* ②, 1.40, 5.10, 8.45 and *The Violent Professionals* ②, 3.15, 6.15.

Next week: *The Naughty Stewardesses* ② and *The Love Keys* ②.

CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: *Confessions of a Window Cleaner* ②, 6.00, 8.35.

Next week: *Airport 1975* ②, Sunday 5.25, 7.35, week 6.25, 8.35.

COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: *Chinatown* ②, 5.30, 8.15.

Next week: *The Odessa File* ②, Sunday, 4.30, 7.25, L.C.P. 6.40, week, 5.15, 8.20 L.C.P. 7.30.

HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Beguines* ②, 7.00 and *Beyond The Valley Of The Dolls* ②, 8.35.

Next week: Sunday March 16th for 1 day Anthony Perkins in *Pretty Poison* ②, 6.30 and *The Kremlin Letter* ②, 8.00.

Monday, March 17th for 3 days *Spies* ②, 8.45 and *Box Car Bertha* ②, 7.10.

Thursday, March 20th for 3 days *Turkish Delight* ②, 6.55 and *From Beyond The Grave* ②, 8.45.

LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: *Airport 1975* ②, 6.10, 8.40 and *The Iron Village* 5.45, 8.15.

LEEDS FILM THEATRE (AT THE PLAYHOUSE)

Tomorrow: 11.15 *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*.

Sunday, March 16th 7.30 *Cries and Whispers* (Bergman).

by Julia Taylor

BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow: 7.15 *Fear Eats The Soul* (Fassbinder) March 18-22, 7.00 *Un Filic and Gumshoe*.

YORK FILM THEATRE

Thursday, March 20th, 7.45 *Tol'able David*.

UNIVERSITY FILM SOCIETY

Tonight: 7.00 L.T.B. *Some Like It Hot* (Wildier). Tuesday, March 18th 7.00 L.T.B. *A Fine Madness*.

POLY FILM SOCIETY

Thursday, March 20th *Hell in the Pacific* 7.30.

theatre

CIVIC

Until March 22nd 7.15 *Trial By Jury* and H.M.S. *Pinafore*.

GRAND

Until March 22nd *Showboat* 7.00 Saturday Matinee 2.00.

PLAYHOUSE

Until March 22nd *Meanwhile Backstage in the Old Front Room* 7.30.

BRADFORD ALHAMBRA

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Stuart Atkins Show Band*.

HARROGATE THEATRE

Tonight and tomorrow: 7.30 *Ghosts* (Ibsen).

Commencing March 19th *Lloyd George Kneel My Father* 7.30. Saturday Matinee 4.00.

YORK THEATRE ROYAL

Tonight and tomorrow: 7.30 *Fish in the Sea*. Commencing March 19th, 8.00 *Fanshen*.

SHEFFIELD CRUCIBLE

Until March 29th, 7.30 *Armstrong's Last Goodnight*.

concerts

UNIVERSITY REFECTORY

Saturday, March 15th *Stackridge*.

POLYTECHNIC

Friday (Tonight): *She's French & Union Pacific* 30p.

Thursday, 20th March: *Tartan Sounds Comp.* with Ronnie Lane and Slim Chance 50p.

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Books

Absorbing

The Card and Anna of
The Five Towns
Arnold Bennett
PENGUIN

With this Penguin edition, 'The Card', one of Bennett's most popular novels, makes its first appearance in paperback. It is a comparatively unambitious comedy, the success of which probably surprised Bennett.

It concerns the rise of the ruthless, yet audaciously funny Denry Machin to the role of The Card, a man of means and energetic magnificence — a type apparently beloved in the Five Towns. It is a comparatively vulgar book, one of the several which led later critics to describe Bennett's writing as "a flagrant case of literary capitalism". Yet Bennett's characteristic humour and marvellous attention to detail combine with the audacious exploits of the colourful rogue to make this an absorbing story.

As a companion to 'The Card' Penguin have reprinted 'Anna of the Five Towns' (1902), Bennett's first unquestioned masterpiece. The book presents the drab existence of Anna Tellwright, who is dominated first by her miser father and then by her lover Mynas, a man she braces herself to please although she does not love him. The spirit of the Five Towns in the late nineteenth century did not make it an ideal world for women.

It is the way that Bennett succeeds in writing about the Five Towns with such detail and understanding which makes this such a fine work.



Q: Who are these ladies and what did they have in common in 1937?

Man's hidden potential

The Marvellous
Adventure of Corbeza
De Vaca

by Haniel Long
PICADOR (40p)

This book is about an intensely personal revolution. It is the story of a sixteenth century Spanish nobleman who survives an ill-fated expedition to Florida but has to endure severe hardships, together with three companions, before rejoining his fellow countrymen eight years later. Stripped of everything, he is obliged to act out every moment of his life in the sight of God. Hardship and danger threaten his life continually.

In these conditions he becomes aware of powers that he thought humans did not possess. The four companions develop mysterious healing powers.

Cabeza suggested that these

powers lie within each of us but it seems that civilised western life involves such a denial of individual power and authority that the powers recede through disuse.

Based upon Cabeza's letter to the king of Spain, Haniel Long's account is written with a quiet and pious simplicity that is very moving. We learn of a man who seems to have

Puzzler

Screen Test
PENGUIN 90p

Julie Christie went to a Parisian orgy with Terence Stamp. True or False?

If you want to find out you'll find the answer in Screen Test. A Quiz Book About The Movies. It covers everything from Kinetoscope peep shows in the 1870's to mid 1972 films.

The book provides an absorbing method of entertaining yourself while at the same time increasing your knowledge of films. It's certainly less staid than Halliwell's 'Filmgoers Companion'.

passed beyond the vicissitudes and desires of Self and no longer feels humiliation.

Henry Miller, who has championed this book, sees it as the first bright spot in the bloody legend created by the Conquistadores. Cabeza, the one time Spanish soldier, now hopes to teach the world how to conquer by gentleness.

Yet it is hard to feel any real involvement with Cabeza, or to gain any real sense of inspiration from his experiences for they were so alien to western life that the story is almost impossible to comprehend.

Roger Yelland

A fine balance

Astrology for Sceptics
by Charlotte Macleod
TURNSTONE PRESS

This account of Astrology strikes a fine balance between the technical aspects of the subject, and an analysis of sun signs and planets, while remaining eminently readable. It contains a most detailed and intelligent analysis of planets and signs of the zodiac.

Charlotte Macleod uses an entertaining style that is both colloquial and provocative. Perhaps this is a characteristic of female American writers on Astrology for Linda Goodman writes the same way.

Enemy of the Cafes
William Craig
CORONET

William Craig tells the tale of the Battle for Stalingrad, in which the Sixth Army, the pride of the German nation was almost totally annihilated.

Portrayed in a vividly dramatic style, what emerges is an immediate and often horrifying picture of the hour by hour, street by street, struggle of the Germans to retain the city.

Hope Against Hope
by Nadezhda Mandelstam
PENGUIN

Osip Mandelstam, perhaps one of the greatest Russian poets of this century, suffered and died under the Stalinist regime. Although his work is now gaining in popularity in the Soviet Union a shadow of controversy still hangs over it.

In this book his widow Nadezhda, whose name in Russian means hope, attempts to clarify the circumstances under which her husband wrote his anti-Stalinist poetry. Her colloquial style combines with colourful portraits of Russian literary figures of the Thirties and of their oppressors.

Report from a Chinese
Village
by Jan Myrdal
PICADOR £1.00

Report From A Chinese Village, concerns Lui Ling in Northern Shensi, a province which, throughout China's history, has been one of the hotbeds of unrest that has repeatedly flared up among the peasantry.

Myrdal's introduction seems laboured and grossly sentimental but he has composed the rest of the book as a series of portraits in which the various members of the village speak directly to the reader.

The Maltese Falcon
by Dashiell Hammett
PAN

The Maltese Falcon is probably best known as a film by John Huston in 1941. But the original novel by Dashiell Hammett is also a classic and is now available as a Pan paperback. Set in the America of Prohibition days this crime thriller is written in Hammett's characteristic hard and terse style.

Roger Yelland

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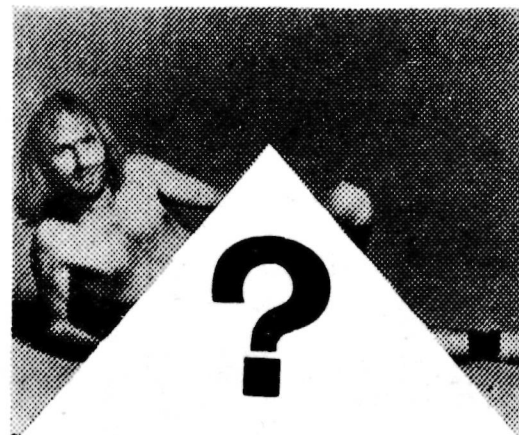
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Compiled by
Arthur

CLUES ACROSS

- 1 English equivalent to a Roman 12 (8).
- 5 Certain to be in the old city, this Shylock (6).
- 9 Inspiring fear is wonderful, some say (8).
- 10 The answer does so with chimes (6).
- 12 A great number, although Nigel gets nothing back (6).
- 13 Love may be nice, but this certainly isn't (8)
- 15 Scientist who takes the lead, maybe? (12).
- 18 Innocent sort of chap getting a big vehicle (12).
- 23 The kind of comforts provided for one's pets? (8).
- 24 Make an inspired guess, literally (6).
- 26 Tailor's assistant who is more suitable, it seems (6).
- 27 Plump women sometimes get heated over them (8).
- 28 Motor mechanics get the girl (6).
- 29 One's own peculiar plans about nothing (8).

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Loud toy which may disconcert (6).
- 2 Building that's finally becoming a rage? (6).
- 3 Portuguese coin out of my entrance, says the Irishman (7).
- 4 Cafe without milk (4).
- 6 Lochinvar's a learned man, when deprived of French wine (7).
- 7 Man of feeling the Italian with a twitch (8).
- 9 Looks up to the Press, etcetera (8).
- 11 Girl taken to bed, and lost! (7).
- 14 The Royal Air Force's made up of such men (7).
- 16 Kind of gravity that is not at all vague (8).
- 17 He's not one for old ideas (8).
- 19 Most stringent inclusion in the text remedied (7).
- 20 "Nymph, in thy..." (Hamlet) (7).
- 21 Stooze with a skirt on? (6).
- 22 Receptacle that will float well also (6).
- 25 Sounds like a bad character in the church (4).

SOLUTION TO MARINER No. 32

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SPORT

Edited by Nick Kehoe

Poly four paddle to the top

Four Poly canoeists paddled their way round a tortuous course on the river Lune to victory in the British Polytechnic Championships last Saturday.

Big Jim keels over Geordies

Big Jim McKeom netted nearly a hundred baskets in Carnegie's impressive grand slam in a British colleges basketball tournament on Tyneside last Saturday.

Competing in the North Eastern Division of the tournament at Newcastle, Carnegie with their attack spearheaded by 6ft. 8in. striker McKeom, played all their opponents off the court.

Wins of 89-14, 88-12 and 79-22 against Newcastle, Durham and Northumberland make the Leeds side firm favourites to win the national college basketball finals which will be held at Warwick in May.

Balancing the books

A team of accountants laid down a side of lawyers to carry off the Poly's Inter-Departmental Soccer Championship, last week.

In a championship decider the accountants totted up five goals against the two netted by their opponents from the law school.

U WIN

This week's selections are:

Friday, 2.15 Lingfield
SIMON'S PET (nap)

Friday, 3.45 Lingfield
FASHION MAN

Friday, 4.00 Uttroter
DARLINGTON CHARLIE

Saturday, 1.30 Newcastle
CROMWELL ROAD (nap)

Saturday, 3.00 Newcastle
FIDDLER ON THE HOOF

Saturday, 2.15 Lingfield
CHARLIE WINKING

Saturday, 2.45 Lingfield
BARREIN

MISSED PENALTY COSTS A POINT

In the final Yorkshire League match of the season the Carnegie soccer team were beaten 1-0 by a very strong Yorkshire Amateurs side at Brackensedge last Saturday. Carnegie started the game well, dominating the first half with strong attacking football but were unable to cash in on the chances they created and the scoreline remained blank at half time. Early in the second half Leeds team missed the chance of taking the lead when Brogan

missed a penalty. After this the Yorkshire Amateurs regained their confidence and began to take control of the game.

They took the lead about twenty minutes into the half with a fine header by the centre-back.

Carnegie fought back strongly but were unable to find the equaliser.

Two wins in two days for hockey men

Spaniards' success halted by varsity



MY BALL, SIR!

Norman, right, on the attack for Leeds against Harrogate

Picture by Ian Mitchell

Opponents from as far afield as Spain and as near to home as Harrogate proved no trouble to an on-form university men's hockey side last weekend.

On Friday, Leeds hammered a visiting Spanish team five goals to two. The Spaniards had the first defeat of their tour after a rough match in which their goalkeeper suffered a dislocated shoulder.

The visitors went ahead soon after the start, taking advantage of a defensive mix-up in the Leeds goal. But the University's backline soon rallied with some tough defensive play by Newberry and O'Connor.

Under constant pressure the Spanish defence finally gave way and an own goal by one of their defenders put Leeds on an equal footing. The breakdown of the defence

by Cathy Davis

gave Leeds the chance they were looking for and Mastrorodde, O'Connor and Cuthbert scored in quick succession so that by half-time the University were 4-1 in the lead.

In the second half the Spanish keeper was injured while trying to stop a winning volley from Rice which put the University side five goals to one in the lead.

Only now did the home team relax their hold on the game and allow the Spaniards to salvage a second goal from a match in which they had little control.

Leeds followed up this victory with another win on Saturday, thrashing a weak Harrogate side five goals to nil at Weetwood.

The first goal came after only a few minutes play and was the result of a decisive solo break by Everitt. A penalty awarded to the Leeds team just before the half time whistle gave the University side a two nil lead.

Harrogate stood little chance against the superb attacking play of Leeds in the second half. The home team had complete control of the midfield with Hughes, Taylor and Flora laying on many chances for the forward line.

Leeds completely dominated the game and went on to demonstrate their total superiority by scoring three more goals through Cuthbert, Millar and Fulton.

Duncan does the honours

One of Britain's best footballers will be master of ceremonies tonight at the Poly's sports night of the year.

Sports Administrator George Bulman has signed up the striker who cost Leeds Un. £200,000 to present the Poly Sportsman of the Year Award.

Favourite to win the trophy is rugby star Tony Horsfall. Tony who also plays for Roundhay, led the Poly rugby union team to second place in the British Polytechnic Championships last week.

SOLO GOAL DUO

Hockey

A first minute goal led Carnegie's mixed hockey team to a fine 2-0 win against Sheffield Poly last Sunday.

Leeds dominated the game throughout, playing fast, attractive hockey. Straight after the whistle blew a brilliant solo move by Gooding brought the first goal. He put

the ball past the Sheffield keeper after beating three players.

Leeds continued to dominate the game but were unable to capitalise on their early lead and the score remained 1-0 at half time.

In the second half Sheffield tried to come back into the game but were unable to make any impression on a well drilled Carnegie defence.

Just before the end the Leeds team increased their lead with a goal by Floyd who hit a cracking shot into the corner of the net after a fine run from the halfway line.

Club side exploit college weakness

ILKLEY 7 CARNEGIE 3

A local club side mercilessly exploited a weakened Carnegie rugby union team last Saturday, defeating the college men by seven points to three.

The Carnegie side always looked out of their depth against the well disciplined opposition, Ilkley RUFC, who launched most of the early offensives. The club men took full advantage of playing on their home ground, grabbing the lead from a well-taken penalty with only five minutes gone.

Rugby Union

Carnegie countered strongly with some fast attacking rugby, but the experience and organisation of the Ilkley defence proved a telling factor, and the scoreline at the half-time whistle remained 3-0.

Reward

After the interval, the college team continued to press forward, and reaped the reward with a fine equalising penalty by Openshaw from thirty five yards.

However, the Carnegie revival was short lived. Five minutes before time, the Ilkley forwards forced a try against the run of play to carry off a 7-3 victory.

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your weekly newspaper

Staff in uproar after dismissal

Staff in the Poly Union are demanding the setting up of an Appeals Tribunal following a bitter week in which one employee has been dismissed and then reinstated.

Shirley Rodley, the switchboard operator, was sacked last Friday after an emergency meeting of the Executive had given Administrative Officer John Quinn the power to hire and fire employees.

It was claimed that Mrs Rodley was in breach of her contract by refusing to work until 6 pm, despite having finished work at 5.30 pm every day for the past two years.

After the news of Mrs Rodley's dismissal became known, fellow staff members circulated a leaflet in which they claimed she had been the victim of deliberate victimisation. It went on to imply a number of criticisms of other staff members for their failure to do their jobs.

On Monday, Executive reversed their earlier decision and Mrs Rodley was re-instated.

Mrs Rodley commented yesterday that she was very happy to have her job back: "I am overwhelmed by the support my colleagues have shown me," she added.

J.S.A.

SCOPUS No. 3

Saturday, March 15th at 8.30 p.m.

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PLACES TO BE SLASHED IN MERGER PROPOSALS

Nearly two thirds of the student places at Carnegie College will be phased out in the next six years and over sixty lecturers will be left with no students to teach.

The staff and student population at the 400 strong James Graham College will have taken a similar plunge by 1981.

These drastic reductions in student numbers were outlined in a report presented to the City of Leeds Interim Academic Council last week.

The IAC, set up to amalgamate Carnegie and James Graham Colleges and the Polytechnic, has the task of reducing the present 2,100 teacher training places in Leeds by half.

However, the Government's cuts in teacher education will barely be noticed at the Polytechnic where 400 teacher

negie could be abolished completely because there will be too few students left to make them financially viable.

The cuts are all likely to be made in initial teaching courses with places for post-graduates and people doing in-service training remaining at present levels.

By 1981, there will be almost 100 lecturers in the three colleges without any students to teach. However, the local authority has promised that there will be no redundancies so a number of new courses will have to be created to use up the spare staff.

by Ian Coxon

training students form a very small part of its total complement of 8,000 full and part-time students.

Most of the courses run by the Polytechnic's Department of Educational Studies will not be affected by the cuts as they provide teachers in subjects where there are national shortages. But many courses at James Graham and Car-

Marat Sade in Festival's final bow

Marat Sade, the recent University Theatre Group production, has been selected for the finals of the National Student Drama Festival to be held in London next month.

From over one hundred entries, 22 plays have been selected for the Festival. Of these, only five are full length productions, of which Marat Sade is one.

Mike Patterson, the producer of this play by Peter Weiss, said he was delighted. "It will be a great challenge, particularly since we will be performing at London's Young Vic," he added.

Ironically, this year's Festival, the most ambitious ever staged with performances at the Royal Court and the Young Vic, may possibly be the last. The Festival's sponsor, the Sunday Times, has announced that it will be withdrawing its support after this year.

Apart from Marat Sade, the Festival, which lasts from April 6th - 12th, will include productions of Waiting for Godot, The Lion in Winter, Electra by Ionesco, and work by Arrabal, Stoppart, Cage and Satie. Student season tickets cost £2.

No deal

Leeds Council's Appointed Members' Committee on Wednesday turned down a recommendation by a student delegation from the Poly that Hall of Residence fees should be frozen at last year's rate of £7.50 per week.

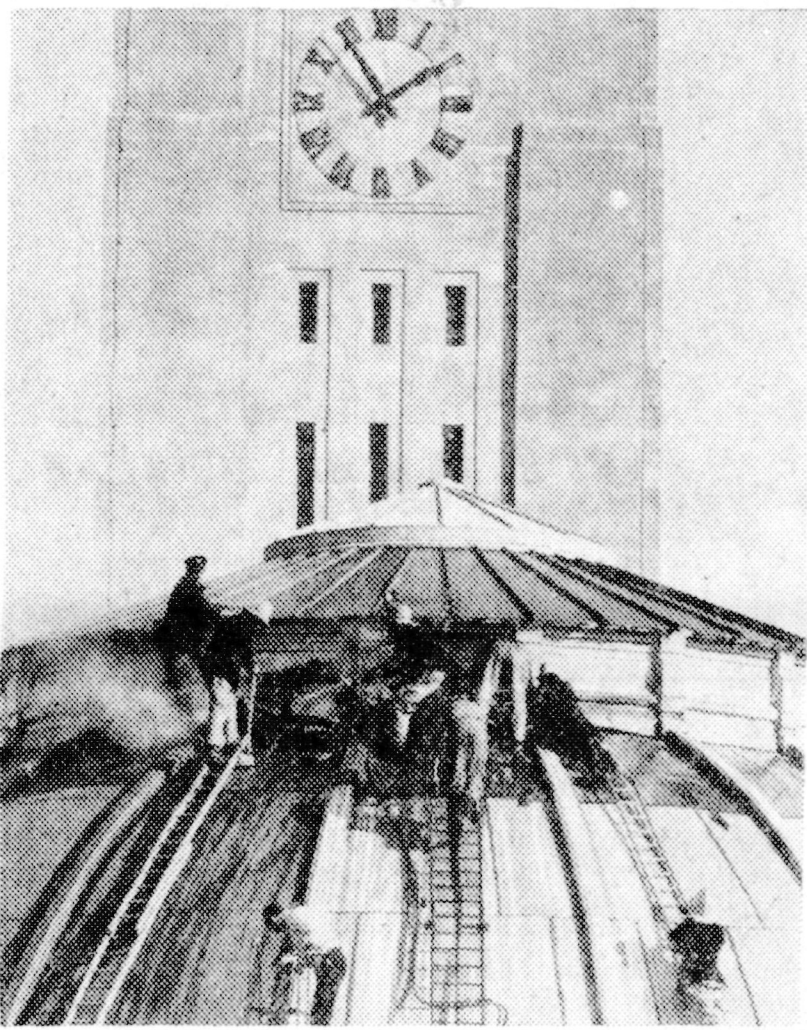
Blaze at Brotherton

Several thousand pounds worth of damage was done when fire broke out in the University Brotherton library last Friday.

Four fire appliances were called to the blaze, which started in the roofing timbers of the Brotherton dome. The library was completely evacuated for more than half an hour. One of the firemen was later treated in Student Health for a badly gashed hand.

It is thought that the blaze might have been started by welders working on the outside of the dome.

Mr K. Everett, University Safety Officer commented that the cost of damage would amount to at least £1,000, and could possibly reach the £10,000 mark.



Fireman tackling the blaze on the copper dome

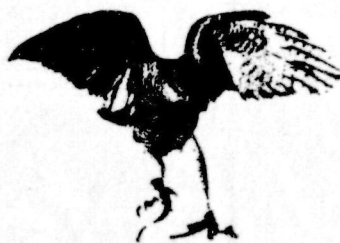
Llandudno delegates

Four members of the International Socialists Society, two from the Broad Left, and two Liberals make up the University Union's delegation to the NUS National Conference in Llandudno next month.

They are joined by six present or future members of the Union's Executive, in either full or ex-officio capacity.

At the Poly, the delegation includes President Ian Steele, President-elect Linda Vaughan plus Geoff Walton, Rob Armstrong, Chris Jones, John Boocock and Cathy Lang.

The full University delegation, elected at a General Meeting earlier this week is, in the order in which they finished in the poll: Dave Smith, Iain Muir, Bob Rae, Pete Gillard, Alan Kimber, Sarah Ward, Dave Edmond, Mick Ridley, Mary Littlefield, Paul Conlan and Chris Freal. The following also attend by virtue of their union position: Neil Taggart, Roger Seddon and NUS Secretary Steve Cass.



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