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Rag chairman reveals crisis situation:

## IS RAG IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE?

This week's news from Rag is startling and perhaps difficult to comprehend. But the situation which it reveals is no surprise to anyone who attempts to run such student organisations as Rag successfully.

"Student Apathy" has always been a familiar target for criticism, but it is not this much-harangued evil which is at the heart of the particular situation.

There are many students who feel they do want to contribute something to such organisations — and Leeds Student is one which suffers very much from the same problems as Rag — people who would be disappointed if those organisations were to collapse.

Both Rag and Leeds Student can easily find enough people willing to devote an occasional

### COMMENT

afternoon here and a few evenings a week there.

But unfortunately — and this is the crux of the matter — both Rag and our newspaper have become more than something that can successfully flourish on the enthusiasm and moderate interest of a number of amateurs.

This paper has urged before the further consideration of adopting a sabbatical post for Editor. It is a necessity and we are convinced the time will come when this will be realised.

However it is apparent that this suggestion will not be adopted in the foreseeable future, and so we have to rely on a small close-working group of people to fulfill the func-

tions of one person.

These people have to be dedicated, reliable and imaginative in their approach to what they are doing, and they must be prepared to do more than devote just a few irregular hours of their time, and a limited amount of their energy to a commitment like Rag or Leeds Student.

But it is very difficult to find such people among students: mainly since their work must come first, and partly because of the fickle nature of students whose enthusiasm comes in hot blasts interspersed with periods of cool disdain.

The problem is a vexing one to a small number of people who care. If it is not solved it will become a tragic one to a large number of people who cared but didn't know they did.

## Dispute over Poly lights

A dispute has arisen following complaints from many students that lights are being left on in the Polytechnic unnecessarily late at night.

This matter came to a head when the building remained fully lit during the electricity crisis last term.

Commenting on the complaints, the Polytechnic Maintenance Officer, Mr. Tuxworth said: "The building is lit at night because it has to be cleaned. Cleaners work at night on the whole building."

When asked why it was necessary for the whole building to be lit all night, Mr. Tuxworth said "If people minded their own business, and left maintenance to the people whose job it is, we'd get on far better". He went on "Students should busy themselves with their own affairs, and leave well alone." Finally, Mr. Tuxworth said "My instructions come from the Establishment section which lays down the system of cleaning."

A spokesman for the Establishment section, at Civic Hall, said "Night shift working has been introduced, but supervision is exclusively the province of the Poly management, and the building must be lit." He refused to comment on the



The Polytechnic on Tuesday night.

degree of lighting necessary; "I am no expert on this". Finally the spokesman, Mr. Binns, said, "I would have thought you would have handled matters that concerned you more, rather than routine maintenance."

The Poly Finance Officer said he had been told, by various experts, that it was cheaper to leave a neon light turned on, and that repeated switching on, or off, of the lights, consumed a greater quantity of electricity than continuous lighting.

A spokesman for the Y.E.B., however, said "It is not true that it is cheaper to keep the lights on rather than switching them off, if they are turned off for any length of time."

## Students Strip Off at Fair

Four Leeds students including Alyn Ashworth, president of Network 4, took part in a demonstration of a new "sex game" shortly before the beginning of term.

The demonstration caused such a stir that two police officers were called to keep an eye on the situation.

The demonstration which took place at the Harrogate Toy Fair, and was eventually stopped by officials, drew a large crowd of Press photographers and cameramen.

The game, which involves the players removing their clothes, was invented by Mr. Jack Jaffe. Mr. Jaffe claimed that there was nothing "morally wrong" with the game.

### Conference

Union Presidents from all over England and Wales met in Leeds during the vacation. The conference, organised by L.U.U. President Chris Swann was for Presidents from all sectors of higher education, and was the first of its type ever to be held.

LEEDS Charity Rag is in danger of dying an unnoticed death. Because of difficulties in finding people sufficiently interested to help organise it, and because of inadequate interest on the part of students Rag Committee are having to struggle to save this annual event from collapse.

by our  
News Staff

One of the most striking things to emerge from the National Rag Conference held at Oxley Hall at the end of last term was the fact that Leeds — with a student population approaching thirty thousand — in raising only about £5,000 compared extremely unfavourably with other University towns. Sheffield, for example, with few more than 5,000 students raised £16,000 last year, while the Scottish Universities did even better — Aberdeen alone making more than £27,000.

### No Tradition

John Parkinson, last year's Rag Chairman, lays a lot of the blame for this on the fact that Leeds has no "tradition of a Rag."

"For our size and potential," he comments, "we earn the least amount of money a year. The trouble is that there is no tradition of Rag in Leeds. When Rag Week comes round in these other places everything else stops and everyone knows about it and takes part in some way or another; and it's always been like that."

"But a tradition is not something you can conjure up overnight. Perhaps what we need is a good Publicity Manager, but basically what is lacking is enthusiasm."

This year's Rag Chairman, Mick Holgate, agrees on this point: "Nobody is interested. The general attitude of the student in the M.J. seems to be one of 'Rag? Oh no, what are they up to now?'"

He goes on: "In the first place it is difficult to attract people with new ideas to help run Rag. Until now we have tended to involve ourselves in

over-ambitious schemes, which either never come off or make a loss. We need to change our attitudes, but are short of new ideas."

John Parkinson also thinks that Rag needs new blood: "There could be at least half a dozen places on Rag Committee for people with new ideas," he says.

According to both chairmen the handful of people who are capable of running Rag — and who would be prepared to do so — have far too much work to handle on their own.

"It has reached a stage where either one's work for Rag or one's academic work has to suffer; in fact they both do," says Mick Holgate. He has found that his post entails such a lot of responsibility that he is considering resigning it, because he feels his examinations at the end of the year are in danger. But he cannot find anyone to take over yet.

John Parkinson confirms that the job is an over-taxing one: "Last year I had to struggle to keep Rag profits from plunging. Next year it's got to do better, otherwise we're getting to the stage where you have to consider if it's worth carrying on."

### Full-time

"If Rag is to continue," concludes Mick, "we must seriously contemplate the possibility of appointing some sort of full-time manager for Rag. Glasgow and Manchester Universities are the only places I know of that have sabbatical Rag Chairmen, but their results are amazingly good, and it is something that could be suggested here."

"Anyway, once we can attract a sufficient number of interested people with new ideas to organise things, perhaps we can set about breaking through what is conveniently termed Student Apathy."



## Quorum at last on Constitution

L.U.U. has finally agreed on a mandate for negotiations on its proposals for a revision of the University Constitution. The decision, taken at Tuesday's O.G.M., followed a series of inquorate General Meetings on the subject at the end of last term.

The Union's proposals advocate a one-third student representation on the University governing body, and adequate representation of all who work in the University, academic and non-academic, staff alike. The policy also advocates 50/50 staff-student departmental committees, and student control over student matters.

However, this policy did not go through without dissent. Norman Kay proposed his own proposals instead.

Mr. Kay said he disagreed with the whole tenor of the Union's proposals, which he called "paternal platitudes". With the number of students that the Union was liable to get on University committees, there would still only be a small minority who can just dissent. This would be just as useless as at present. Mr. Kay thought there should be 50% student representation on academic committees, and 33% on ad-

ministrative committees. This would give students veto power. At the same time the whole structure of society would have to be changed, to root out privilege.

Opposing Mr. Kay's amendment, Pete Jennings said the Union's proposals were "about as much as the Union was liable to get". This was "a tremendous compliment" to students. Greater representation would only lead to the same "political hacks taking more afternoons off work". Students wanted quality rather than quantity on University committees.

The amendment was defeated 91 votes to 38.

## CHAOS AT POLY HOP

Students who went to last Friday's Poly Hop had to wait over half an hour to hear the first of the groups billed to play, and failed to hear the second of the groups, Brett Marvin and the Thunderbolts.

Stone the Crows did not arrive until 8 p.m. and took over an hour and a half to set up their equipment. Brett Marvin arrived at 10.30 and it would have been 11.45 before they could have played.

Consequently, Brett Marvin was cancelled but has been booked again for next year. According to Mike Cardwell, Social and Events Chairman, only three people asked for a refund and these were granted.

## Refec. Staff Scalded

Last Thursday three of the Poly refec. staff were scalded when the chef opened a steamer. Both the assistants are now off work owing to first-degree burns.

The Chef, who suffered the most serious injury is back at work but one assistant is still suffering from shock. The other assistant who was on a week's notice anyway has left.

Mr. McAlees' assistant, Mr. Letza commented, "It wasn't at all serious really".

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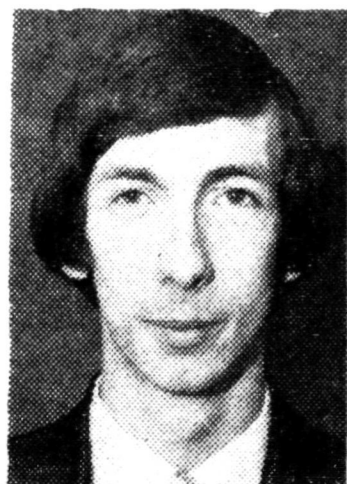
# Kitson Protests



Kitson — the main building.

## TREASURER'S PLANS

THE result of the elections for Student Treasurer at the University Union last term was a convincing win for ex-Advertising Manager of Leeds Student, Mik Yates, who won by a 50% majority.



Asked what his first job would be, Mr. Yates said: "We are in the process of deciding Union policy over a five-year period — a step never before taken. It is already obvious that our spending must be carefully watched and I believe that the next two years will be crucial. So I hope to remain as a treasurer without degenerating into a politician."

## President sent for trial on bomb charge

Nigel Strange, President of York University S.R.C., has been sent for trial charged with inciting students to make a petrol bomb.

It is alleged that this took place in a hand-out leaflet concerning South Africa. The 21 year old President told a Leeds Student reporter that he was unable to say any more than that he was pleading not guilty to the offence, because of press restrictions imposed by law.

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STUDENTS at Kitson

College are to hold a protest meeting over conditions in the college's South Accommodation Road annexe, which, according to their acting President Mr. Antony Waller is potentially dangerous and was condemned 14 years ago.

Mr. Waller said, "The building was built in 1860 as a primary school. A sewer is being built outside in the play-

ground, with drills and pile-drivers. The condition is appalling. When the pile-drivers start, there is a fall of plaster. We cannot hear the lectures because of the noise."

Mr. Waller went on, "We asked the governors to do something about the condition, but nothing has been done, so we are calling a meeting of students."

The Union also alleges that exam results have suffered drastically. Mr. Waller commented, "If this was still a school, the parents would object like blazes. It is a pigsty."

## Wrangle at Special Meeting

LAST Friday's Poly S.G.M., called to discuss the Rudi Dutschke affair, was declared inquorate after 50 minutes of discussion.

At first, Paul Gauntlett, the Poly President, had declared that the quorum was 140, but later, he was asked to look into the number constituting the quorum a second time. After a constitutional wrangle, it was discovered that the quorum was 400, and the meeting was declared inquorate. However, the meeting decided to continue in an advisory capacity.

The meeting, held in the Tech. Hall, was called by Sarah Treen, the I.V.P., to condemn the decision not to allow Mr. Dutschke to remain in Britain, and the proposed changes in the Immigrants' Appeals procedure. As well as calling for a strike, Miss Treen, in her proposing speech, called on the Executive to organise the sending of delegates to a national

lobby of Parliament, and to encourage Union members to attend a mass rally in London.

Mr. John Josephs proposed an amendment deleting any action, and substituting a strong condemnation of the proposed changes in the appeals procedure. This was accepted by a large majority. A further amendment by Richard Carpenter mandating the Executive to organise a teach-in was accepted by Mr. Josephs.

Mr. Gauntlett is to discuss the question of a suitable number for a quorum, with the Board of Representatives and Exec., and the problem will be discussed at the A.G.M.

## Poly Board of Reps in Brief

- \* Heard report on President's Informal Conference.
- \* Bought 50 tickets for Playhouse Preview of "Alfie".
- \* Went into camera to hear business submitted by Exec. about the Bar.
- \* Gave authority for Landscape Department Common Room improvement.
- \* Elected Sheila Smith and Graham Prescott onto the Library Committee.
- \* Noted that Disco limits will decrease to 600 when New Bar opens.

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# Day Nursery Plans are now finalised

THE University Union Day Nursery will be opened in October 1971. Final agreement on the project was reached over the Christmas Vacation. There will be places for fifty children, at a cost of £3/10/- (£3.50) a week.

The Nursery will be built on the area of closed ground behind Woodsley Terrace flats, below the new electricity sub-station. The University has contributed £5,000, and the Union £3,000 towards the project. In addition, the Union has promised a £10,000 loan repayable at £500 per annum. Negotiations are going on with the Union to turn this money into a gift.

Prime mover behind the project from the Union has been Martin Evans, ex-Catering Secretary, and himself married with a child. He has been interested in the idea for about a year, but former W.U.S. Secretary, John Tough explored the subject some two years ago.

## Staff

The project only began to take shape last summer, when a University Union working party was set up to look into the details of providing a Day Nursery.

One of the major problems has been the cost. This has

## by Dave Rolfe

been brought down from £6 a week to £3-10-0, by reducing permanent staff. There will be four trained staff, aided by what is described as "sensible voluntary help".

Initially there will be fifty child places in the Nursery. A recent survey carried out by Martin Evans showed that these places could be filled immediately. If the Polytechnic is included, the Nursery could not fully meet the demand for places.

A Management Committee will be responsible for running the Nursery. It will be composed of three students, three people nominated by the University, and the President of the Union as Chairman.

Commenting on the decision, Martin Evans said: "This is the end of a long battle. Last term we made the University realize that students did actually have children. People are in tremendous difficulties, and are forced to give up their degrees in some cases. There is a lack of nursery accommodation in Leeds, and some parents manage by sitting with the baby in turns."

## FREE-FLOW SYSTEM UNPOPULAR

The "free-flow" system introduced into the Poly Refectory last term has not been as successful as had been hoped.

The system is designed to end queues and provide a quicker service, but students who do not fully understand what is expected of them have been continuing to queue instead of going directly to one of three main serving points along the "Hot Dishes" counter.

The choice of main dishes every day has been reduced from five to three under the new system and prices have been increased.

Mr. McAlees, the Refec. Manager, is emphatic that the increases are not due to the new system. "Prices had to be increased anyway, and I felt that it was better to increase them now than on 'D' Day."

He went on: "I have not really reduced the choice of meals, merely spread the choice over a longer period. Students will not lose any of their

favourites, and I am sure they will like the new service."

Students who were asked about the system seemed unsure about it. However many said they felt it was "more chaotic than ever."

Mr. McAlees concluded: "The system must be given time and will work out, I am sure."



More chaotic than ever?

## Individual Freedom in danger? — The Rudi Debate

A meeting to discuss the recent expulsion order on Rudi Dutschke, the German student leader, was held in the Riley Smith Hall on Monday. The meeting, chaired by Chris Swann, reached the conclusion

that there was little hope of reversing the decision to expel Dutschke from the country.

Mr. Schofield, a lecturer in law, who addressed the meeting, said, "Dutschke, as an alien, comes under the prerogative control of the Government. Their record in such cases is not as good as people think. Dutschke's case is only one in a long series."

"Mr. Maudling," he said, "assured Michael Foot that Dutschke had not violated the conditions of his visa and yet several months later he was refused an extension to that visa on the grounds that he had broken his promise not to engage in political activities."

Mr. Schofield added, "No evidence to this effect was heard publicly at his trial, since the issue became one of national security and evidence was heard in secret by the tribunal only."

He alleged, "This is part of a general attack on the freedom of the individual and is in line with such proposed reforms as those dealing with the Welfare Services and the Trade Unions. In ten years time, it could lead to the jailing of anyone holding contrary political views."

Chris Swann concluded, "If I was in Greece or Turkey, I would think such a thing wrong, but in this country it seems doubly wrong."



Dr. David Barker speaking at debate.

## Univ. Exec. in brief

- \* Heard the financial estimates of the Union for the next five years and decided to consider them further.
- \* Decided that Rag could not have a coffee machine, but agreed to buy kettles instead.
- \* Discussed the Woodhouse Lane property yet again.
- \* Asked the Internal Vice-President to prepare reports on campaigns about Binary Education and Mental Health.
- \* Discovered that the front of the new piano had been stolen.
- \* Agreed to change the Billiard Room meters and repair the ladies' hair-driers.
- \* On finding that more than the legal number of films were booked for the Riley-Smith this term, agreed that some of them must be shown elsewhere.

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## New Year Honours

Several people connected with the University were mentioned in the New Years Honours List.

One member of staff, Professor A. L. Roberts, of the Department of Coal, Gas and Fuel Industries received the O.B.E.

A member of the University Court, Colonel F. W. Clay, was awarded an O.B.E. Another member, Professor F. E. Dainton, becomes a Knight Bachelor for his services to science and higher education.

Mr. W. Tweddle, Chairman of the Leeds (St. James), University Hospital Management Committee and Mr. MacLennan, Director of Huddersfield College of Education and a member of the Board of the Institute of Education at the University, were each awarded the C.B.E.

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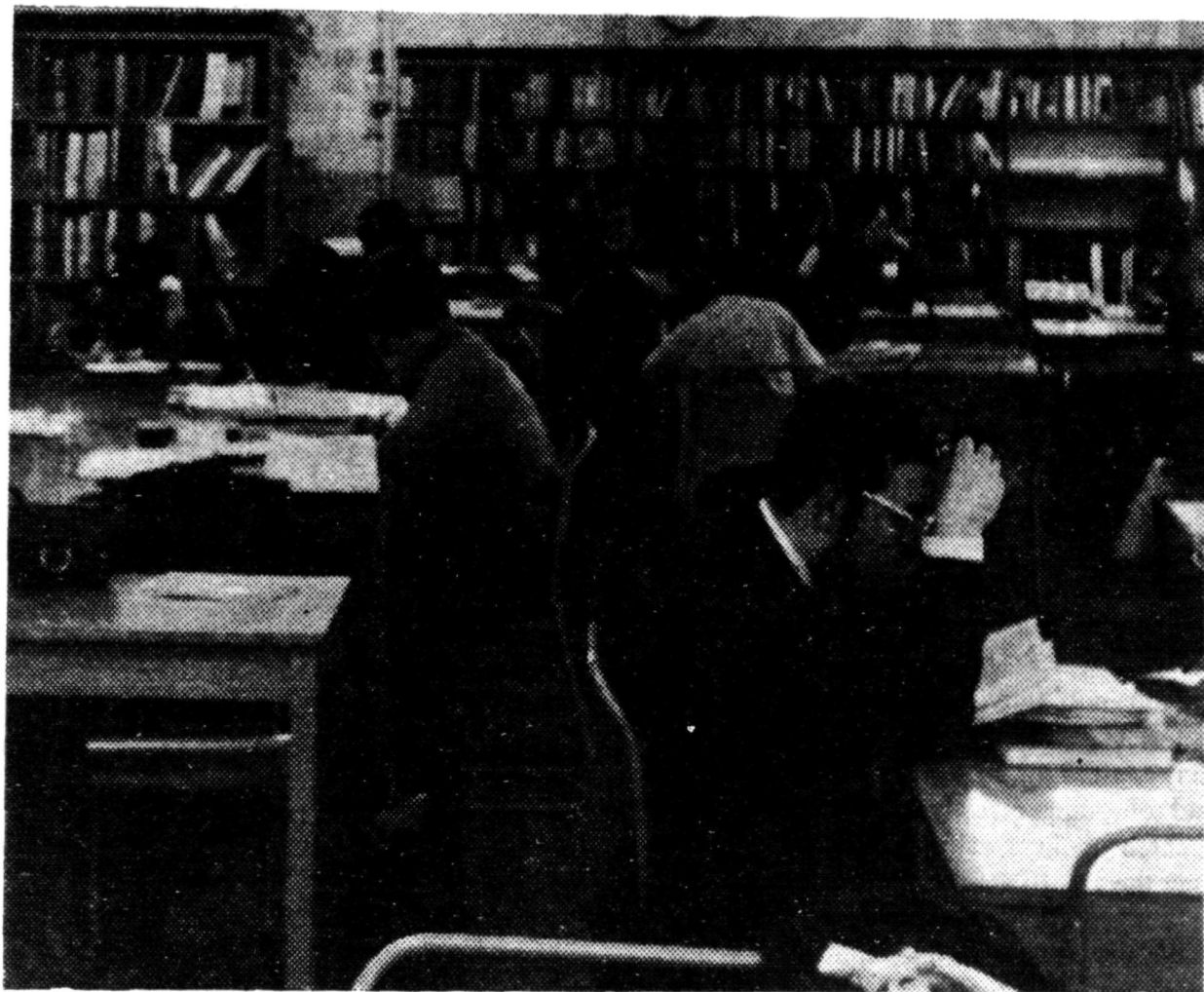
# "Beneficial to both staff and students" Poly library gets new look this term

THE Poly Library School's departmental library, which had been closed for alterations since 10th December, re-opened with a new look last week.

New wooden shelving by Remploi has been added to offset the metal shelving by a Dutch firm, Terrapin-Reske, and the height of the new shelves is six feet as opposed to the eight feet of the old metal ones.

"The whole layout of the library has been changed in order to make it more like the home library and less like the school classroom," explained Mr. Whyte, lecturer in charge of the Library. Previously, the library had rows of tables and chairs, with all the bookstock and files at one end of the room. Now it has the bookshelves around the perimeter stock arranged in bays of the library, with the tables and chairs in small groups in the centre.

"The advantages of the new arrangement are beneficial to both staff and students. There is now a better study-environment and natural light can fill more of the room. There is more space for staff to work in, and for future equipment



"Less like the class schoolroom."

to be placed," explained Mr. Whyte.

The re-arrangement helps advance the library towards one of Mr. Whyte's objectives, that of making the Library a training library, and not just a departmental study-room.

"The only disadvantage of this installation of £200 pounds-worth of shelving, is that the library seating has been re-

duced to 66 from 80; but it is doubtful whether this will cause inconvenience," Mr. Whyte continued.

Most students using the new look library liked the new arrangement as did the staff spoken to, but there was a complaint that it took longer to find books because the shelves now went from the front to the back of the library. Mr.

Whyte said that students must give the arrangement time to impress itself upon them, and that they would soon find where the books were on their topics.

One student summed the new arrangement up by saying, "It used to be a classroom with a few bookcases, now it's a library with a few tables and chairs".

## John Bradley



**This week  
John begins  
to trace the  
emergence  
of the black  
population  
of the U.S.A.**

"The American Negro really is a part of this country, and on the day we face this fact, and not before that day, we will become a nation and possibly a great one."

James Baldwin wrote that in the summer of 1952, long before there was a Panther Party, and Black Power, and when Martin Luther King was 22 and unknown.

But the thing that Mr. Baldwin talks about in his books, is not unknown: the thing called separated people, segregated people, enslaved people.

It began in 1619, when the first shipload of slaves arrived for sale in Virginia.

In 1663, the first recorded instance of a major slave rebellion was uncovered in Gloucester, Virginia. In 1800, a plan to capture Richmond, Virginia with hundreds of slaves, was betrayed to colonial authorities.

In 1822, a slave rebellion was uncovered in Charleston, South Carolina, and the leading conspirators were hanged. Nat Turner, himself a slave, organised the most famous of these rebellions in 1831, a revolt which eventually killed more than 60 white slave owners and their families before it was brutally suppressed.

### Identity

The struggle finally culminated in the American Civil War. For the black man, the defeat of slavery as a viable white cultural concept was his first important step on the road to cultural identity.

This was also probably the first time in American history that so many white people spilled so much blood over anything black. Whites who hated slavery — they called themselves Abolitionists — began organising as early as 1688, the date of the German-town Mennonite Anti-Slavery Resolution, the first formal Abolitionist document in American history.

The first Abolitionist society was established in 1775. By 1808, this almost entirely white organisation, had pressured Congress into prohibiting the importation of any new slaves into the country. By 1820, Abolitionist society adherents had again forced Congress to limit slavery, this time in the country itself, by prohibiting it north of the southern border of Missouri. In 1837, they picked up their first martyr: Elijah P. Lovejoy, a prominent abolitionist editor, was murdered in Alton, Illinois.

His crime: publishing anti-slavery literature. But nothing could stop them politically.

### Outlawed

In 1850, California was admitted to the Union as a free state, and the slave trade was outlawed in Washington D.C. It was also decided that the territories of New Mexico and Utah should decide for themselves whether they were to be slave or free states, thus removing any influence from Washington, last strong-hold of the pro-slavery South. In 1854 this formula was repeated for the territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

Only eleven years later, Congress prohibited the expansion of slavery into the Northwest Territory, an area of land comprising the present states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

There was of course violent opposition to all this from the future Confederate States of America. In 1776, their voice was politically powerful enough to force Thomas Jefferson to delete his "vehement philippic against Negro slavery" from the Declaration of Independence.

Southern pressure also secured the passage of the Fugitive Slave Law in 1793, which made it illegal to give comfort to or to prevent the arrest of runaway slaves.

But as the 19th century wore on, it became clear that the South, small in population and industry compared to the North, was fighting a losing battle.

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Mr. Smallwood was hitching to Birmingham on the M1 when the Patrol pulled up beside him, having received a report that a man answering to the description of the murderer had been seen on the Motorway.

Mr. Smallwood said, "He took my name and address, asked me where I was going and what I was doing in Leeds. I have heard of a number of people being questioned in this way. Obviously the police are following all possible leads."

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## A.G.M. Again - So Who Cares?

WHO cares about the Union? — Who runs the Union? — Executive? — Union Council? — or the Left? On February 11th we will see. This is the date of the A.G.M., that yearly event of doom for the policies of the Union.

Last year the A.G.M. began as an inquisitorial meeting and lasted for half an hour before the quorum was challenged by Brian Cass.

What will happen this year? Andy Ward, Union Secretary, in a moment of optimism has asked to book refectory. He hopes to manage a quorum of 500; frankly it seems a forlorn hope. It was 15 minutes before this week's O.G.M. was quorate and when it was reconvened 52 people turned up. Even our left wing brothers — so often found in O.G.M.'s were not present to discuss matters affecting Barclays Bank on 8th December.

At this year's A.G.M. there are several important questions to be raised referring to the constitution. This may sound boring for anyone but the least of bureaucrats yet is it relevant to every member of the Union. Your L.E.A. pays the Union £14-10-0 a year. This is your money and unless you take part in the running of the Union by exercising your vote you cannot expect to have the benefits you would like.

S.R.C. was mooted by Ken Hind at the end of last term — this will surely come up at the A.G.M. and this is important to every student. Effective representation is a necessity for closer liaison between the student and the Union.

What chance then, is there of the meeting being quorate? We can expect the followers of the Left and the Right to be there and a few others from the Union, but what about the Engineers and the Medics? The Engineers are so apathetic about the Union they can't be

expected to attend. For the amount of interest they take, the Union might as well not bother informing them.

The Medics are a different affair altogether — although lectures are cancelled at the University, clinical work at the hospitals and the surrounding areas continue. This does not apply to the 1st and 2nd years, but they retreat into their Lipman clique and take the afternoon off to study vertebrae (or drink in the bar!).

Political wrangles in a Union have their place but should not become involved in the running of the Union — if the A.G.M. is quorate we might manage to achieve some of the reforms this Union needs to set it on the right footing for the coming year and the coming quinquennium.

Will you be there?

by Alan English

## Claude Warbeck

That most frightening of terms — Spring Term — is now well under way, and already one can see why it is so fearful. The Univ.'s. bizarre Bazaar Day was enough to drive anyone to try to use the Poly's still unopened new bar, and now Elections loom menacingly.

The Polytechnic have already started theirs — electing, (unopposed, of course), Nick "Judge Jeffries" Williams as Chairman of Disciplinary Tribunal, and Denise "female equality" Sharples as Rag Chairman.

The University is full of rumours, and canvassing, for El Supremo's successor, but could it be that the Wombat will defy his critics and return to the sacred throne? Only Claude Warbeck knows the answer, and the true list of those offering themselves for the human sacrifice (Engineers Hastings). Watch this space, or better still, buy next week's Leeds Student.

The Poly Bar Committee's latest offering includes this minute (but still no second bar): "From time to time a physical check is to be made on members of the Bar staff by the Bar Manager". Could this explain the rumoured increase in girls applying for bar work?

Word has reached my ear that a certain red-tape welder at the Poly had to borrow a blank Union Card in order to vote at the S.G.M. Not that it mattered, since Paul Gauntlett finally decided, after fifty wasted minutes that the meeting was inquorate.

Leeds University Union, in its usual strong and decisive way, has hit on a master plan to prevent the G.P.O. strike causing chaos in the building... They've sealed up the slots in the post boxes in the foyer.

The Polytechnic's latest plaything, the new sandwich machine in the Bar, is reputed to have worked this week. However, it has now broken down again. As my University readers know only too well, the next stage is that it will produce red-hot salad sandwiches... The machine is of course not converted to accept decimal coins — it still takes 3d bits.

Talking of decimal currency, have you seen L.U.U. Bar's super new decimal tills — and if you think they're ringing up the wrong amounts — they've converted that to decimal too. 11p for a pint of Scotch Bitter — it sounds cheaper, anyway.

Finally, the latest news I have received on the forth-coming elections confirms that Richard 'Super' Denyer is NOT standing for re-election as Master of the Switchboard. This post now falls vacant. Anyone who wants to fill it has a pretty formidable precedent to live up to.

## Bird's Eye View

Firstly, I take this opportunity of wishing you all, somewhat belatedly, a Happy New Year.

Christmas vac passed fairly uneventfully as far as I can see. The snow came, and went, providing the country with a white Christmas, which despite the disadvantages of snow and ice, especially when walking home from a party, was at least pretty. I emerged from my igloo to rub noses under the mistletoe with all the polar bears I could find, but there aren't too many of them around nowadays.

Returning to Leeds, we find a new image for the Union Exec. being promoted by Treasurer Mik Yates and Secretary Andy Ward, both looking resplendent and irresistible in smart suits. Just what cannot be resisted remains a matter for conjecture.

The outlook for the next few weeks is indeed dismal. First we have the postal strike, which will doubtless plunge the country into sheer and utter chaos. We will barely have recovered from this by the time decimalisation looms up. The very word must now strike horror into the hearts of thousands upon thousands of the inhabitants of this country. The campaign to educate the public in the use of decimal currency is now well under way, costing a million pounds and only confusing the issue further. I found it all quite straightforward, even simple, until the powers-that-be started explaining it. Now apparently, booklets are to be delivered to every house in Britain, preparing us for February 15th. But as the postmen are out on strike, we may not get them after all.

Have you ever felt as if you're going round in ever-decreasing circles? I think I'll go back to my igloo.

by JUDY

## personal column

MELODY TICKLE

Only 3 weeks to Bodington Ball on D-Day.

Congratulations on your engagement DEB and TERRY.

HENRY wishes to inform all his friends that, following recent exertions he will be unavailable for the next three months

MELODY TICKLE

PLEASE do not feed the LYONS!

Philadelphia here I breathe heavily WHO is the mysterious colonel from RICHMOND? Find out, February 3, committee room B730.

Have a Forum with ACTION.

TOM and JERRY at Bodington Ball, 12th February, 1971.

MELODY TICKLE

MR. LYONS Does make Exceedingly Good CAKE.

R. D. Bootlicks.

Still getting it at weekends DI?

What is Action? Find out at the Forum.

MELODY TICKLE

Can Mike afford a libel suit?

ALAN, THANKS FOR WOODHOUSE LANE.

Amazing Folk from MELODY TICKLE; Debating Chamber, Sunday, 24th at 8 p.m. Tickets 2/6.

Has anyone seen my SCARVES?

MELODY TICKLE

You are BARKERing up the wrong tree Dave!

Should STEPHEN be fed to the LYONS?

Who's got the best BALL? BODINGTON of course.

What is a Forum? Find out on Wednesday, 27th January.

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We know who's taking Cinderella to the Ball Brother.

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What's trendy DAVE up to?

J—happy birthday darling—D.

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IVAN (and LES) Nurnberg Y.H. August. PAULINE at the Poly. (Newspaper Office).

THANKS TO ALAN FOR WOODHOUSE LANE.

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Does GETTY Get it?

JUDY— still singing your SWANN-song ? ? ?

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*As Leeds' "brave new concept in student journalism" moves into its offices, we look at an unforgettable night and at the future of the paper*

ONE more important stage in the growth of the Leeds Student Newspaper was reached last week with the opening of our new offices at 155 Woodhouse Lane.

Although at many times during the previous days there was fear that the premises would not be ready in time, on Friday night all went as planned at a special reception at which Mr. John Edwards, editor of the Yorkshire Post, officially declared the offices open.

Also present at the reception were Dr. Nuttgens, Director of the Polytechnic, and Dr. Loach, University Registrar. Other guests were members of both University and Polytechnic Union permanent staffs, Executive members, members of the Leeds Student Staff, and a friendly dog.

In an informal speech Mr. Edwards praised the enterprise shown in the merger and wished the venture luck. Dr. Nuttgens spoke of his own early days in journalism and went on to say: "The fact that the University and the Polytechnic have got together to produce such magnificent results is a symbol of the future of education in Leeds."

University Union President, Chris Swann, gave a few impromptu words of thanks. He reminded us that a similar venture was mooted as long ago as 1966.

The new offices are situated in the University Union property in Woodhouse Lane, next door to the Fenton. They consist of two large rooms on the first floor which were at one time used as a Probation Office.

When Leeds Student acquired the premises at the end of last term we found that a great deal of repair and redecoration were needed before the offices could be used.

Alan English, National Advertising Manager, was appointed Office Manager in charge of organising the operation of moving in.

Most of the decorating and repair work were carried out by members of the Leeds Student staff during the Christmas vacation and in the first few days of term. The final touches were carried out hours before the reception was due to take place, and if it had not been for the efforts of a small group of workers under the direction of Alan English

**Pictures by  
Tim Smallwood**

# GETTING A HOME OF OUR OWN—WHAT NEXT?

the preparations would not have been finished in time.

Leeds Student now has three offices. The two original offices in the University and Polytechnic Unions are essential for the gathering of news material, the organising of sales and as places for students to find us.

The opening of the new offices solves one of the biggest problems to have beset us since the emergence of Leeds Student last term: namely, the lack of a central location for the editing of material and business organisation.

So now Leeds Student is one step further into the future. Now we are set to fulfill more of the potential created by our merger.

What is the potential of Leeds Student? At the moment we try to give proper news coverage to just the University and the Polytechnic.

Soon we hope to extend our bounds to give coverage to all the student population of Leeds.

Already we are going outside our campuses to sell our paper, and there is no reason why in a few years time Leeds Student should not become a major newspaper of the Leeds area, read not only by all students but also by everyone interested in student affairs.

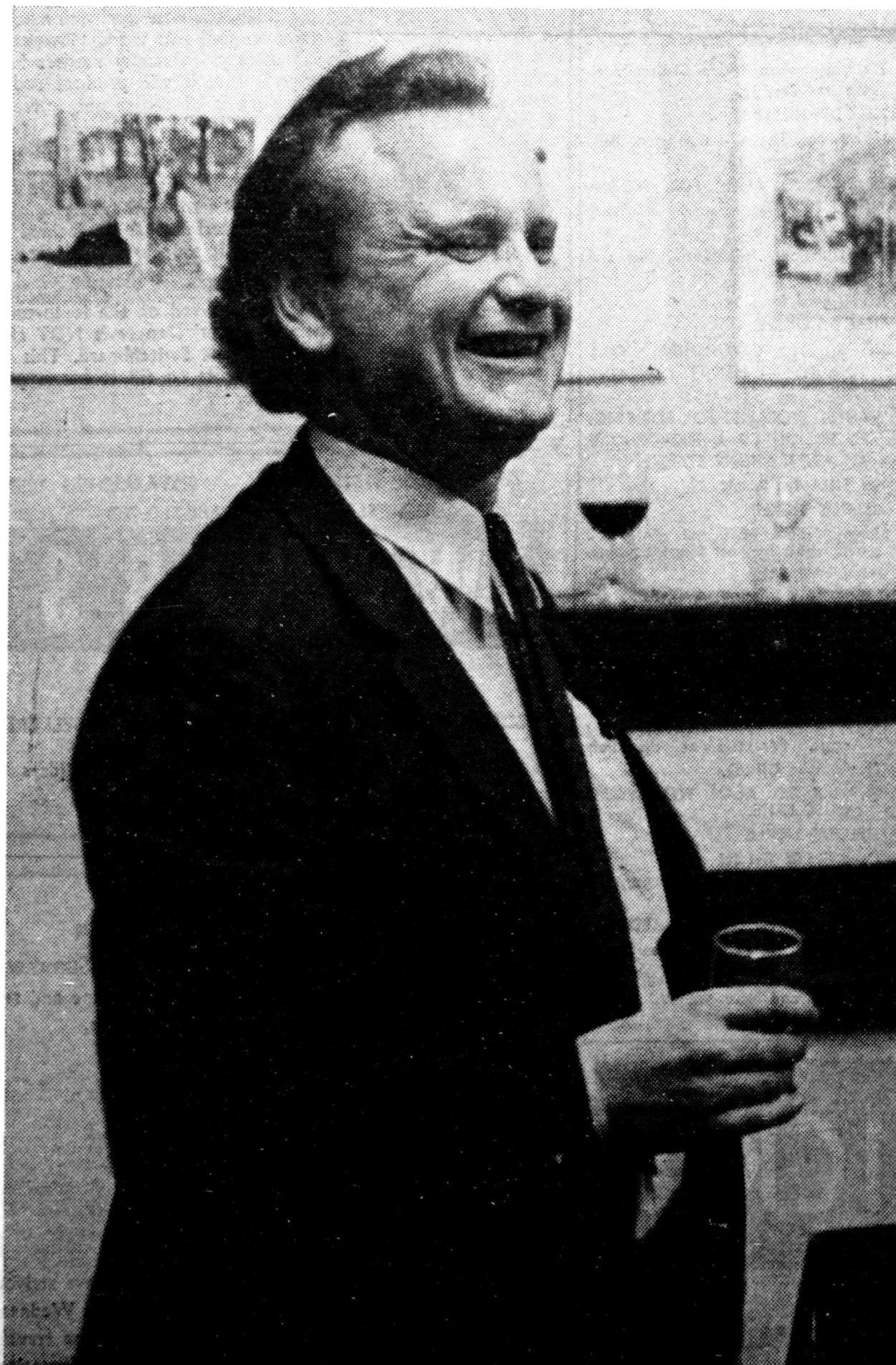
It just needs a bit of time, a lot of support and some imaginative hard work. All these we hope we can find.



*The premises in Woodhouse Lane*



*"The efforts of a few ..."*



*Mr. John Edwards declares the offices open.*



*Dr. Nuttgens wishes Leeds Student luck.*



*Office Manager Alan English receives a token of thanks from the staff for his organisation.*



# reviews

## French Horror in Hammer Tradition

TAKE one French painter, a couple of hostile dwarves, a few long-legged French beauties, an eerie chateau, add some good music and special effects — and call the whole affair 'Ravaged' — you are now fully equipped to deal with an amusing horror film.

The publicity handout described this film as a 'terrifying fantasy'. The director Claude Mulot probably intended it to

Plaza

by Malcom & Alina

be so, but somehow something went astray.

Occasionally during its 90 minute run the film was more farcical than horrific.

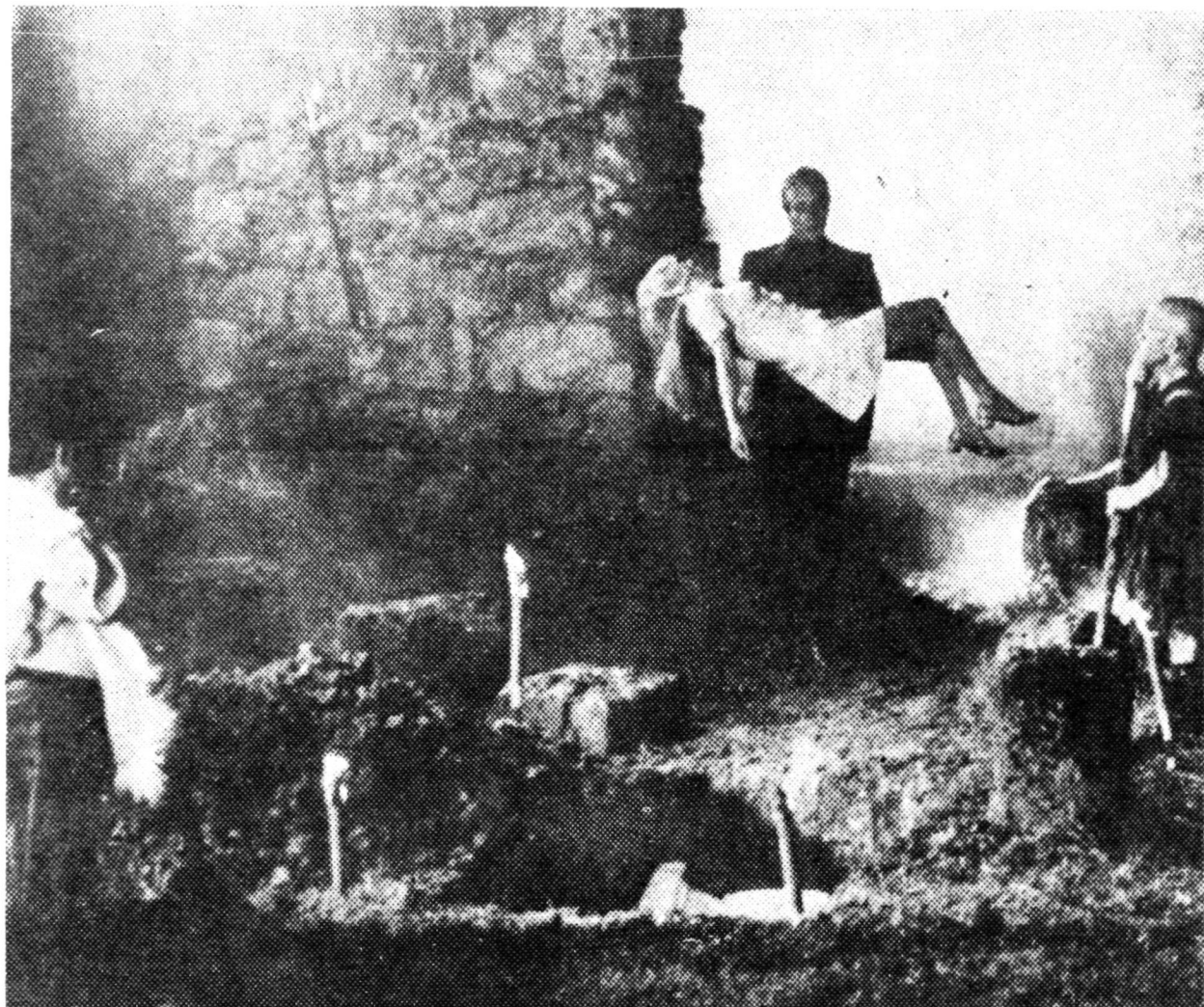
Frederic Lansac a much demanded painter, botanist and beauty salon owner, has found true love late in life. All are happy until Lansac's beautiful young wife is disfigured in an

accident. She secludes herself in the chateau while her husband attempts to blackmail his business partner to perform a face transplant on his wife.

From here events lead on to a predictable end.

The photographer manages some interesting distortions which manage to overcome the poor dubbing.

The plot itself is in the best tradition of Hammer films and Philippe Lemaire will not disappoint even the most ardent admirers of Christopher Lee.



## Song of Norway Student Opinion

MUSICALS come and go and "Song of Norway" came for a season and will soon be going.

It might have been apt to conclude at this point, but as an attempted (that's operative) follow up to "The Sound of Music" it might have deserved more praise had it not proved to be a moderate failure.

As in "Sound of Music" there were all the ingredients for a success, fine music, picturesque

Odeon Merrion  
by Eric Parker

scenery, a basic story line and fair acting but unfortunately there seemed to be a lack of continuity, which left an uncomfortable desire for something better.

Greig's life story was enlightening as far as it went, but there was too much emphasis on the early part of his life with the result that a great number

of his well known and later works were excluded. This meant that the story was truthful, but truthful to the extent of being boring.

The highlight of the film came in the form of a cartoon interlude which was ingenious in its conception, and, had this been applied more often, the film would have undoubtedly been more entertaining. Unfortunately it wasn't and thus for me this was a boring and relatively straining piece of history.

## Blues Chicago Style

Television

by John Andrew

BLUES enthusiasts will no doubt be glued to their T.V. screens on Sunday evening when the B.B.C. series 'Omnibus' takes an exhaustive look at the origins and development of this musical cult.

Featured in the programme are some of the leading exponents of blues music — Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, J. B. Hutto and Johnny Lewis. All the artistes are filmed as they perform in their own environments.

The film does not shirk from the harsh realities of life in

the black communities, stressing the strong sense of community that found its expression in blues music. In any event, it should disillusion those of us whose present conception of blues is too far removed from the music which had its origins in the rural South of America.

On Tuesday evening, 'Panorama in China' gives a valuable insight into a relatively unexplored society. Julian Pettifer, the first independent British reporter to visit China since the arrest in Peking of Anthony Grey, will look at students

working near Canton, a sewing machine factory where workers organise propaganda shows during their work break, and villagers discussing the thoughts of Chairman Mao.

Just a footnote for the playwrights amongst you — The BBC 2 arts programme 'Review' is offering £400 as first prize in a television play competition. The organizers are looking for original scripts of between 30-45 minutes duration, and the competition is open to all those who have not already had a TV play performed.

If the standard of the winning play is high enough, the BBC will televise it in June.

## Hayley Mills looks as Young as Ever

Odeon 2

by Oscar James

FROM the amazing line-up of stars, which included Oliver Reed, John Bird and the ever youthful Hayley Mills, one expected more from this film than actually manifested itself.

A loose adaptation of Kingsley Amis' novel "Take a Girl Like You" nevertheless produced a

piece of light, sometimes amusing, entertainment though this is unlikely to merit an Oscar (and indeed was not intended to).

The plot was basic and down to earth — the ever continuing story of the struggle between

boy and girl except that this time the girl gave her virginity away to someone else, as a gesture.

This film was no intellectual exercise (believe me it was no Fellini Satyricon — and thank God it wasn't) but it was easy to watch and a welcome and refreshing change in these days of social comment by the filmmakers.

## A look at the Other Side of London

Books

by Eric Packer

'ALTERNATIVE LONDON' by Nicholas Saunders and assisted by Ann Cucksey (by post from 65 Edith Grove, London SW10, 6/6

p.p.) is one of those books it's just essential to have.

Though a novel to all outward appearances, a turn of the cover reveals information which even the most exhaustive enquiries might fail to produce. There's everything from where to buy

the best floor covering to advice on flats, drugs and sexual problems.

As the title obviously implies the book is largely aimed at those who live in and around London but some of the material could apply to anyone, especially those sections on escapes abroad, legal aid, and some practical advice on the best forms of contraception.

All in all, a worthwhile and vital investment with something to interest everybody.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding, the dates advertised in the Arts Festival brochure for the three performances by Les Treteaux Libres are a month too late. Treteaux Libres will in fact be performing on Tuesday-Thursday, 9th-11th February — not March. The venues will be the Poly, the University Union Debating Chamber and Trinity and All Saints College respectively.

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#### A Walk in the Spring Rain

Thursday, January 28th—For 3 Days

NICOL WILLIAMSON

#### Hamlet

Colour



## Two Groups with a Rapid Rise to Fame

**FREE** and **Steamhammer** have little in common in 1971. Their music and fame are voids apart. Yet less than two years ago they were both playing provincial blues clubs for less than £75 a night. Both were playing derivative 12-bar blues that left much to be desired. What happened in three years to create this void?

The story of Free's rise to fame is now pop history. Basically they changed their style from one of pure blues to the British R & B music developed by the Rolling Stones. Their acceptance amongst the echelon of pop was sealed when 'All Right Now' made the charts.

Their music is free from the pretensions surrounding many of their contemporaries. Their new album, 'Highway', is undoubtedly one of the most pleasurable to listen to amongst the current releases. The majority of tracks are bass and

### Records

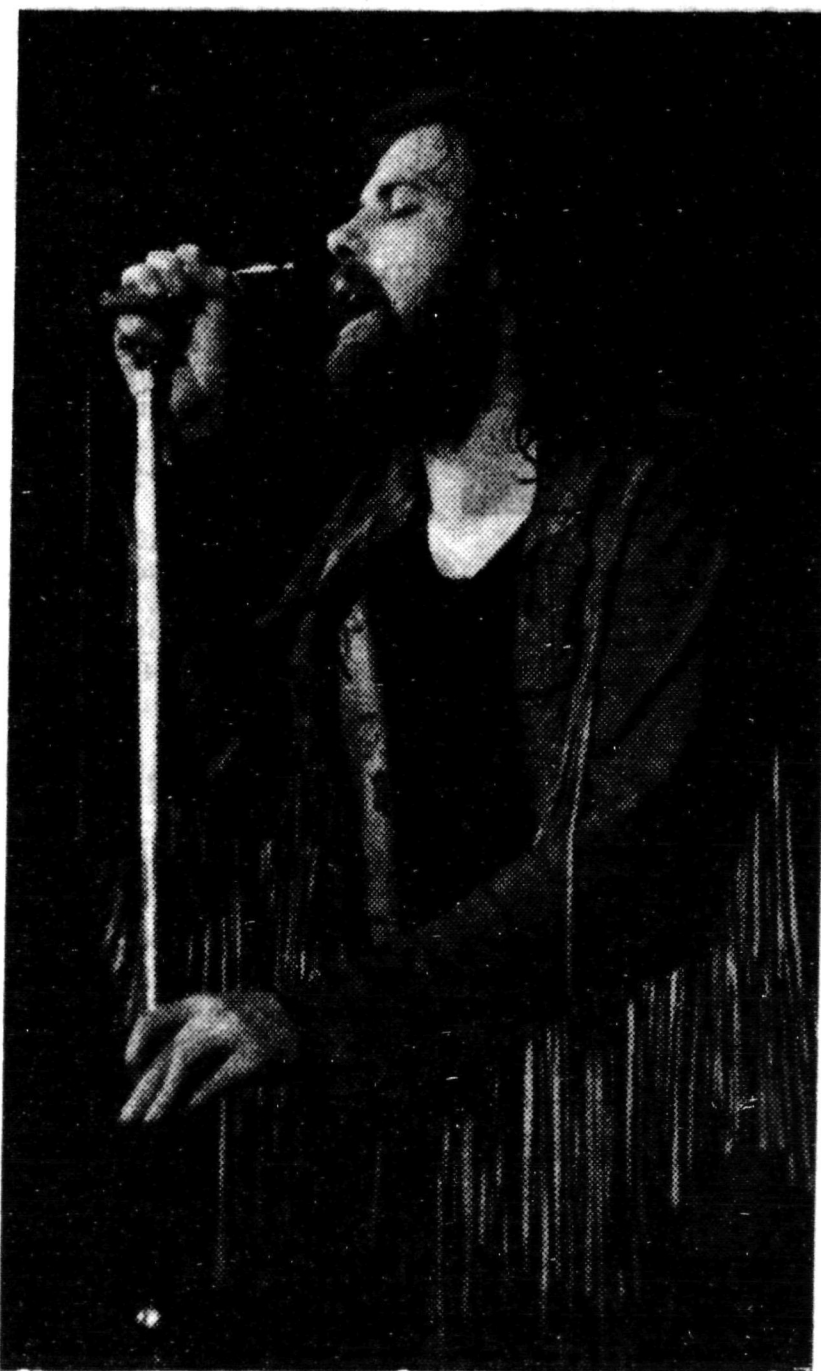
by Bryan Craven

percussion riffs fronted by the sexual vocals of Paul Rodgers, who is the main reason for Free's success amongst the pre-pubescent schoolgirls.

A couple of tracks, however, mark a departure from Free's style. 'Bodie' is a Beatlesque number dominated by acoustic guitar and non-hysterical vocals. 'Soon I will be gone' is a ballad complete with strings and piano. Both are an enjoyable change.

Steamhammer have changed very little in the last couple of years. The music on their new album is still basically 12 bar blues. The material, mostly self-penned, is a great disappointment. I say disappointment, because of all blues groups, I have greatest respect for Steamhammer.

They are one of the most technically proficient groups around at the moment. Listen to Martin Pugh's guitar solo on 'I wouldn't have thought' and the whole group on the tracks recorded at the Lyceum, 'Hold that Train' and 'Riding on the L & N'.



*Juicy Lucy performing at last Saturday's hop.*



*Steamhammer — "one of the most technically proficient groups around"*

## Arts Festival goes Electronic

**INTERMODULATION** is by Dick Cox

giving the second of three 'avant-garde' music concerts featuring the leading groups in British contemporary music.

Unlike Cornelius Cardew and the 'Scratch Orchestra' last term, (whose events are entirely spontaneous and improvised) the players in Intermodulation perform pre-rehearsed music, written either by themselves (Roger Smalley and Tim Souler are two of the world's most important contemporary composers) or, as in this case, by other composers.

The four composers in the concert make a cosmopolitan group—Terry Riley (American), Takahashi, Rzewski (whose work needs audience participation — bring small drums, bongoes, tambourines, etc) and Stockhausen — whose most recent work is to be performed — 'Pole for Two'.

Intermodulation is an electronic music ensemble whose instruments include electric piano, synthesizer, viola, electric

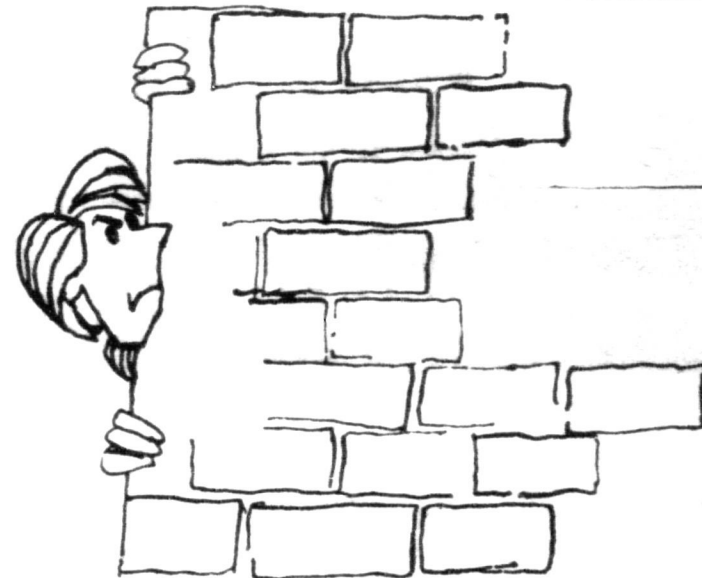
guitar, phonofiddle, sop. saxophone, electric organ, and percussion.

The group played in last year's Soft Machine prom, where Tim Souler's 'Triple Music' was a fantastic success. (Next Tuesday — 26th Jan. University Union Refec. 5/-).

'The People Show' claims to be the only English experimental theatre: they explain this rather challengeable claim by insisting that any other professional experimental groups are based on specifically American ideas about experimental theatre.

Unlike 'Trenteux Libres' (later this term) The People Show's performances are entirely spontaneous, relying on interaction between themselves, the hall, and the audience. (Next Thurs., 28th Jan., University Union, Riley Smith Hall).

Arts Festival has produced a brochure giving a diary and details of its events, and also a diary of most other students events in Leeds this term. Available free from Poly and University Unions. A season ticket is also available, price three guineas, giving admittance to all remaining events and saving you £2-1-0.



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## Dateline

### Cinema

#### ABC 1

"Kelly's Heroes" starring Clint Eastwood and Telly Savalas  
Same again next week.

#### ABC 2

Peter Sellers and Goldie Hawn in "There's a Girl in My Soup" showing at 3.20, 6.05, 8.45  
Great lighthearted fun but don't bother to see "The Assessment"  
Next Week:  
Frank Sinatra in "Dangerous Dingus Magee"  
Week: 2.10, 5.30, 8.30.  
Sun. 4.45, 8.05

#### ODEON 1

"Scrooge" starring Albert Finney

#### ODEON 2

Elliot Gould in "Getting Straight" at 2.19, 6.27 and "Take a Girl Like You" 4.45, 8.52  
Any time Mr. Sellers! (see review)

### HYDE PARK

This Week Bryant Haliday in "The Projected Man" @ 7.30 and Rennie Asherson in "The Smashing Bird I used to know" 8.45

Sunday: Marlon Brando in "South-West to Senora" @ 6.20 and Michael Caine & Shirley Maclaine in "Gambit" @ 8.00.

Monday for three days: Christine Schullin in "Dear John" @ 6.50 and Lena Nyman in "I am Curious - Yellow" 8.35. (Porny, but arty).

Thursday for three days: Sandra Milo, Sylvia Koscina in Fellini's "Juliet of the Spirits" Colour. 7.50. L.C.P. 7.15.

### COTTAGE ROAD

This week: "Eyewitness" @ L.C.P. 7.15 Sunday for 4 days: Jane Asher and Hywel Bennett in "The Buttercup Chain" @

(Not one of the better films to emerge this year). and "A Walk in the Spring Rain" Ingrid Bergman & Antony Quinn

### LOUNGE

This Week: M.A.S.H. @ 5.55 and 8.15.

(Soldiers in Korea, gutsy, witty, bloody marvellous entertainment).

Sunday only: "Curse of the Mummy's Tomb" @ 5.30 and 7.30 and "Night of the Phantom" @

Monday for six days: Clint Eastwood & Richard Burton in "Where Eagles Dare" @ (Colour) 7.30. (Sats. 5.00 and 8.00) (Wed. Mat. 2.00)

(German soldiers, gutsy, witty, bloody, marvellous entertainment)

### ODEON MERRION

"Song of Norway" Weekdays 2.30 and 7.30 Sundays 3.00 & 7.00. (See This week's reviews).

### PLAZA

Friday & Saturday: "The Insatiables" @ 1.20, 5.00, 8.40 and "Road to Katmandu" @ 3.07 and 6.47

Saturday 11.00: "Woodstock" @ For two weeks.

### TATLER

This week: "How much loving does a normal couple need?" 11.10, 1.42, 4.14, 6.46, & 9.18. and "Too much too often" 12.25, 2.57, 5.29 & 8.01

Next week: "Venus" & "The Sexperts".

### TOWER

Richard Harris in "A Man called Horse". 12.40, 4.31, 8.33, and Frank Sinatra in "Tony Rome" 12.34 & 6.30. Next Week:

### Theatre

#### CITY VARIETIES

"Red Riding Hood" Till April. Weekdays 2.30 & 7.00 Sats. 2.00, 4.45 & 7.30.

#### CIVIC

Headingley Amateur Operatic Society in "Summer Song". 7.15. Sat. Also at 2.00.

Next week: Mary Smith of Leeds Arts Centre directs "Hindle Wakes". Starts Tuesday: 7.30. Seats bookable at 5/-, 4/- & 3/-

#### GRAND

"Babes in the Wood" 7.00. Mats. Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 2.00.

#### PLAYHOUSE

Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" 3.00 & 7.30. This Week (Really worth seeing).

### University

#### HOP

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Complaints

Dear Sir,

Recently, several rude comments about the quality of food in the Poly refectory have been sent along the used crockery conveyor belt. This kind of action tends to upset and antagonise the kitchen staff.

If your readers have a valid complaint to make, would they please address it to either myself or Mr. McAleese, the refectory manager. We are broad-minded enough to accept the descriptive adjectives and the complaints will be far more effective.

Graham M. Prescott.  
L.P.U. Catering Secretary.

### Stamp Duty

Dear Sir,

As you may be aware, the Stamp Duty on cheques is to be abolished as from February 1st.

What you may not be aware of, and what your friendly neighbourhood banks have neglected to tell you, is that you can obtain a

refund of Stamp Duty on all your unused cheques, provided they are handed in before that date.

Of course, it may be an oversight that the banks have not informed their customers of this, but with the prospect of making, on average, 2/6 out of every customer, one wonders just how honest our Bankers are.

Yours faithfully,  
N. N. Higton.

### Decimalisation

How's this for a bit of subversive propaganda?

Tuning in to the B.B.C.'s School's Broadcast last week I was shocked to hear the following jingle preparing children for Decimalisation:

Five new pence make one old shilling,  
Ten new pence make two;  
It may seem rather strange at first,  
But it's good for you.

If that last line isn't sinister, I should like to know what is.

Anyway the tune was appalling.

Yours disgustedly,  
L. S. Dee.

# THE DECLINE OF BRITISH SPORT?

THIS season football league attendances have dropped noticeably. For all its supposed popularity, few Rugby League clubs can count their thousands on two hands. During the summer county cricket and test match figures are, to say the least, grim.

by Eddie

For the record, it is that generally unsung sport of speedway which commands the highest attendance figures, other than football.

Soccer, our primary sport, is killing itself. "Professionalism" the euphemism behind which the clogger, the time-waster and the footballing provocateur all hide, has become much too rife.

### TOO MUCH!

Indeed, we could be getting too much of the game. No more is it just the league championship and the F.A. Cup, but now we have our clubs competing in three major European cups, the League Cup, the Texaco Cup, the British Cup, the Anglo-Italian Cup, as well as pre-season friendlies, testimonials and charity matches.

It's getting a bit stale.

I speak highly of the cricketing administrators in their encouragement of the Sunday League, the tremendous development of the Gillette Cup and the establishment of a very good new scoring system. But cricket is now a seven day a week sport.

those tedious "match drawn" affairs. Claims of it being too slow, actionless, and boring to watch are often justified. Weather permitting there is first class cricket every day from May to September. Think of the player — and the spectator — they must be pretty fed up at times.

How about two fewer test-matches per season and each county playing the rest only once, home and away in alternate seasons? Fewer county and test matches, emphasising the much more exciting one day matches.

Coming back into season, Rugby League attendances seem surprisingly low. But look at the league table, there are thirty clubs in it. That means a tremendous amount of fixtures per club per season.

Surely a better idea is for two divisions of fifteen clubs each. On top of this, when visiting a local first class clash, I found it a very monotonous and stereotyped game. The "fourth tackle" is good and individual flair always stands

out. The morning papers described the match as "spectacular". I disagreed. But this is only a personal opinion.

The overall result is plunging gates and consequently extreme financial difficulties. And then what? Are clubs allowed to die through lack of finance.

### SOLUTION

The solution to that is another topic, perhaps Stockport County have the answer to that one. They've increased their minimum entrance fee to ten shillings. By the way, would you pay ten shillings to watch Stockport County? Few would pay that much to watch Leeds.

Only the diehards remain in each sport. It is up to the clubs to attract the casual spectators, give them facilities, and make them feel welcome. Perhaps then the attendances at Elland Road might increase to a more respectable level for such a top class club.

### LABORIOUS

Much of which is labourious county matches, and test matches are all too frequently

**LEEDS STUDENT examines the slump in league attendance this season**



# SPORTS SPECIAL

## CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

THE University Canoe Club won both the British Universities Sporting Federation and Universities Athletics Union White Water canoeing championships at Llangollen last month. This bettered last years performance when they won the U.A.U. event but were third in the B.U.S.F. event.

Gareth Powley and Mike Gaunt, two Leeds paddlers, were second and third in the U.A.U. individual respectively and third and fourth in the B.U.S.F. Powley failed to retain his U.A.U. title in a field of over one hundred competitors.

Over twenty university clubs were at Llangollen for the championships.

The race course on the River Dee is about two miles long over a series of rapids, the most difficult stretch being the "Serpent's Tail" rapids just after the start.

The river level was very low compared with the flood level of last year. Many competitors, however, found the water tricky and there were several capsize.

The team event was held on the Saturday afternoon. Leeds, with a time of 12min. 42sec., finished over half a minute faster than their nearest rival, Glasgow University.

by Vic Parker

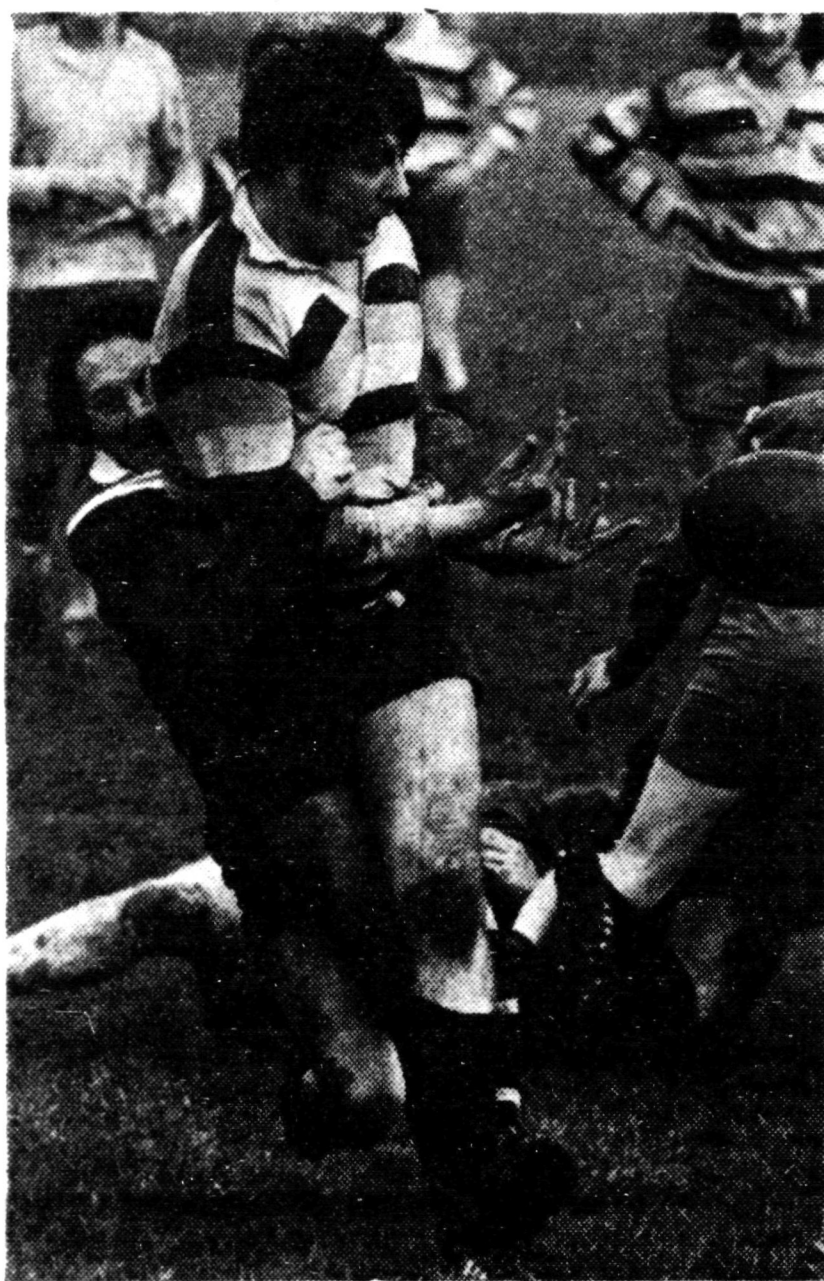
Some rain on the Saturday evening kept the river at a constant level for the individual event on the Sunday. P. Wakeling of Cambridge won the B.U.S.F. and N. Leeming of Manchester the U.A.U.

Leeds B team were 15th in the team event.

Other individual placings of the Leeds paddlers were D. Crowther, 12th; F. Plumb, 28th; D. Cox, 45th; and A. Williams a creditable 65th.

### Results

- | B.U.S.F. Team | Time          |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Leeds A    | 12min. 42sec. |
| 2. Glasgow A  | 13min. 13sec. |
| 3. Aberdeen A | 13min 22sec.  |
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- | B.U.S.F. individual        | Time          |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. P. Wakeling (Cambridge) | 12min. 00sec. |
| 2. N. Leeming (Manchester) | 12min. 02sec. |
| 3. G. Powley (Leeds)       | 12min. 09sec. |



### Rugby League

## Scousers Routed

Leeds University routed Liverpool University in a Rugby League fixture last Saturday by 54 points to 2.

Early pressure by Leeds, combined with Liverpool's weak defence was rewarded with tries by Hunter, Thompson, and Fitchett, but Scruton only converted one.

Scruton's departure with a facial injury did not interfere with the Leeds attack which had increased its lead with a try by Hunter to 14-2 at half time. Liverpool had replied with a penalty goal previously.

In the second half Liverpool's defence completely col-

lapsed and Leeds romped to their largest win of the season.

Scott, awarded the Man of the Match title, produced a large number of breaks up the middle, but was poorly backed up. Good team work produced tries for Davies and Green (2). Individualist tries came from Millet (3), Hunter, Davies and Thompson.

Yendole kicked five goals from nine attempts.

### Team:

Allan, Hunter, Fitchett, Millet, Learoyd, Scruton, Davies, Scott, Parker, Naylor, Crowther, Green, Thompson. Subs: Yendole and Saunders.



Learoyd, the lanky Leeds back in fine form.

### Basketball

## Turks Win Ramsden Bowl

Intramural Basketball First Division matches were concluded with the Turks v Agrics. confrontation.

The two teams were well matched and the first half turned out to be a cliff hanger.

But in the second half the Turks scored consecutive points with outside shots and guard pivot combinations which created gaps in the Agrics. defence.

In the last three minutes the Turks put on substitutes and this produced a last minute rally by the Agrics. which proved to be a late effort.

The final score was 46-32 and this victory put Turkish Society at the top of the League with Agricultural Society as runners up and Clapham in third place. So, the Turkish Society will retain the cup they won in the knock-out competition last year.

## Carnegie Hammer the Polytechnic

The Poly Basketball Society played Carnegie College away last Monday: a game which they unfortunately lost.

An excellent first half produced some fine basketball by both sides, with the Poly only slightly behind at half-time.

A tactical error in the early stages of the second half cost Poly a few points but they never recovered the deficit. Carnegie won the match by a fair margin but the best basket came from Dave Poole who scored magnificently from underneath the backboard.

Poly now have a new home base at the former City Police ground and train there every Wednesday night, fixtures permitting.

### Climbing

## 'Route' First at Malham Cove

Over the weekend of the 8th December, in atrocious conditions two members of Leeds Polytechnic Climbing Club, Phil Webb and Bob Merryweather forced a highly difficult and technical new line on the impressively overhanging central wall of Malham Cove.

The 300' route, christened "Controversy", took a direct line up the wall above the overhanging wall, above the stream and then traversed along the lip of a large overhang in a tremendously exposed position.

This magnificent first ascent took three days and a total

by Sports Staff

climbing time of 16 hours, and this much sought after line only yielded to highly advanced and desperate artificial techniques.

The same climbers also completed another first ascent at Kilnsey Crag. "The Hedonist", another predominately artificial line takes a ferociously overhanging crack line before pulling over the lip and free climbing the bulging wall above.

At present both the routes have repelled attempts to make second ascents.

### Cross-Country

## Leeds fare well in Overlapping Events

Frank Briscoe, running for the Lancashire squad in the inter-counties championships at Leicester pulled out a superlative performance in finishing 6th in a field containing the bulk of England's top class runners.

Meanwhile the bulk of the Leeds team was in London for the Queen Mary Championship

over 7½ miles of relentless plough and ditches.

In view of the absence of several first team runners at Leicester the team packed extremely well to take second place behind a strong Cambridge entry. Tony Bird and Ian Barnard put in great efforts for the leadership but eventually had to settle for 5th and 6th positions.

### Ten-Pin Bowling

## Close Win

In a match last Sunday, away to Hull University, the ten-pin bowling team had to struggle for points, but eventually won the match 9-7.

Although the first team lost 4-0, there was some good bowling from Leeds. Adrian Palmerley had a very steady 517 series, with high game of 188, while Rick Squires rolled 502.

The battle for the points between the second teams was very close. Leeds lost the first point by 151 pins, pulled back

to win the second by 126 and won the third by 24, thus losing the total pin-fall by only one pin. High series here went to John Floyd with 488.

The third team all bowled well together and won all four points comfortably. Their total of 2286 included a 516 from Carl Stead, again a very steady series.

The ladies dropped the second point by 18 pins but easily won the other three.

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# Prof. bans student

## Pilfering in Refec.

Almost 900 items of cutlery have been pilfered from the Poly Refec. in recent weeks.

This was revealed by the Refec. Manager at a Catering Committee meeting, where it was also pointed out that unless this stealing stopped it would be necessary to increase the food prices still further.

The Catering Committee Secretary, Mr. G. Prescott, said, "this pilfering is stupid. Students are not stealing from the Poly, they are stealing from themselves."

## FEARS FOR BAR LICENCE

It has been pointed out that recently at film shows drinking has been going on in premises not covered by the Poly licence.

It is unlawful to consume alcohol other than on licensed premises of the Poly Union. These are the Common Room, Bar, Games Room, Newspaper Office, T.V. Room, Exec. office, President's office, and the corridors.

There are fears that further contravention of the licence might cause police intervention which would result in the licence being withdrawn.

A Law student has been banned by his professor from his tutorial group for boycotting a tutorial on last term's December 8th Day of Action.

The student, John Finestein, intended to put a motion to last Wednesday's O.G.M., condemning the ban. The proposed motion stated "This action is undemocratic, and a direct attack on the liberties of the individual." and asked that the Vice-Chancellor should "not permit members of staff to issue such threats in future." The meeting, however, was inquorate.

Finestein, and three others, missed their tutorial with Pro-

by Dave Morrin

fessor Hogan. Later, he asked them "If the same situation happened now, would you strike?" When Finestein answered "Yes", he was told to find another tutor.

Finestein said "This is not a personal attack on Professor Hogan. I'm concerned with general principles. I don't believe anyone should be asked such a question. I've been told by the Dean of the Faculty that the normal procedure for missing a Tutorial is to put a nought in the attendance book. I attended all his other tutorials, although he rearranged

some at very inconvenient times."

Neither Professor Hogan, nor the Dean of the Faculty, could be contacted for their views. Professor Hogan is a member of the A.U.T. tribunal inquiring into the case of Mr. Anthony Arblaster, the lecturer refused a Manchester University post, allegedly because of his political views.

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## Anne Gray-Sports Rep



Anne Gray, a second year student and Women's Hockey Club captain, has been elected to the post of WIVAB (Womens Inter-Varsity Athletics Board) representative for Leeds University Union. At a meeting of women's sports clubs' captains, held last Tuesday she was elected unopposed.

The post entails providing a liaison between the WIVAB general secretary and the secretaries of all the sports clubs in the union.



The Indian Bazaar had made an estimated £120 by the end of the week.

## Return from Antarctic

Dr. Peter Baker, a lecturer in the University Earth Sciences department, has returned from his expedition to the Antarctic, which left at the beginning of December.

Dr. Baker paid his third visit to Deception Island, at the northern end of the South Shetland Islands to study volcanic activity.

Referring to his work on volcanoes, Dr. Baker said, "My interest is purely scientific—I can't see any direct economic by-product from my work. However, the more we know about volcanoes the better, at least for the people who live close to them."

## INSURANCE COVER FOR POLY STUDENTS

Since the end of last term, all Polytechnic students have been covered by an insurance policy in case of accident.

The scheme, arranged by Union treasurer Alan Evans, covers full-time students 24 hours a day during term time, and whilst participating in Polytechnic or Union activities during vacations. It also covers part-time students while they are attending college and participating in Union activities.

Under the scheme, a maximum of £1,000 will be paid for total disablement, and the payments graduate accordingly.

Commenting on the scheme, Mr. Evans said, "Out of all the money the Union spends, this is, perhaps, the most important. Many students who pay their fees get no benefit at all from the Union. Every student can benefit from this scheme."

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## Leeds Polytechnic Discotheque

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## ENDSVILLE '71

presents tomorrow night

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