

Presidents disagree on timing of elections

SHADOWS CAST OVER NEW POLY UNION

A major row erupted yesterday over the question of whether there is still time to amalgamate Carnegie, James Graham and the Poly Unions in time for the opening of the new Leeds Polytechnic on September 1st.

Poly Union President Linda Vaughan said last night that there is virtually no chance of doing the necessary work to facilitate the amalgamation of the three unions in time.

But Carnegie President Chris Pratt disagrees: "I think we can get the new union off the ground by the summer if we get sufficient cooperation from the Poly," he told Leeds Student.

by The News Staff

"I think the Poly is making a mountain out of a molehill," Mr Pratt added.

He wants elections for the executive to run the new union to go ahead immediately: "Otherwise, if they are held later in the term, a third of Carnegie Union members will be disenfranchised because they shall be away on teaching practice."

Yesterday lunchtime well over 150 people crowded in-

to an OGM at Carnegie and unanimously agreed to go ahead with proposals for the executives of the new union which include the creation of six sabbatical posts.

The proposals were drawn up by a working party composed of representatives of the three unions involved in the amalgamation. They have been discussed and accepted at a Poly OGM but Ms Vaughan insists that no action can be taken over them until they are ratified by the Union AGM on February 12.

However Mr Pratt argues that, although it is not strictly constitutional, a consensus has been reached over the proposals and on that basis the elections should go ahead. In reply, Ms Vaughan pointed out that the proposals were only accepted by a majority of six at last week's Poly OGM. On the matter of disenfranchising Carnegie students she said that all year round nearly a third of Poly students are unable to vote in elections because of industrial placement.

She went on to suggest that it might be advisable to set up some form of federal structure for the coming year with the intention of forming a single union in the following session.

"I'm sure they meant nothing malicious, but I do feel that all three candidates should have been given a chance to be heard," he said.

Missiles hurled in hustings uproar

Presidential hustings at the University's Charles Morris hall ended in uproar on Wednesday night after residents began throwing fruit and vegetables at two of the candidates.

International Socialist candidate Charlie Hore, and Mark Turnbull of the International Marxist Group were forced to leave the platform, as cabbages, tomatoes and paper darts rained on them from all sides.

The hecklers' hostility was directed mainly at Mr Hore and Mr Turnbull. Brian Smith, the more politically moderate candidate, was cheered loudly after his speech.

Pleas from Union President Roger Seddon, who was chairing the meeting, to the hecklers in the audience to let the candidates have their say, were ignored.

Mr Hore said afterwards that he felt "degraded rather than frightened" by the display. "It was impossible to answer questions, or to have a proper hustings," he commented. "If they didn't want to listen to us, then they shouldn't have invited us."

Mr Seddon said that some students who had been hurling missiles offered to clear up the mess after the meeting

by IAN COXON

What's in a name? Or more to the point — What's not in a name?

This is the essence of a tricky problem that could confront Leeds City Council.

Old traditions die hard — the saying goes. And that's certainly true in the case of City of Leeds and Carnegie College.

Reluctantly resolved to its impending amalgamation with the Polytechnic, people connected with the college are now rallying in an eleventh hour bid to have some semblance of its name retained in the title of the new institution.

Back in 1974, the local authority proffered the completely new title 'Leeds Institute of Higher Education'.

That suited nobody. Least of all the staff and students at the existing Polytechnic who immediately voted, to a person, to stop cooperating in the merger until they received a guarantee that the word 'polytechnic' would be used in any new name.

Mouthfuls

When last term the Interim Academic Council, the body planning the merger, agreed to stick to the title 'Leeds Polytechnic' after a long-winded debate on the merits and demerits of such mouthfuls as 'The City of Leeds and Carnegie Polytechnic', most people thought that was the end of the matter.

However, this week Cllr Dr David Hall, a governor of CLCC, renewed

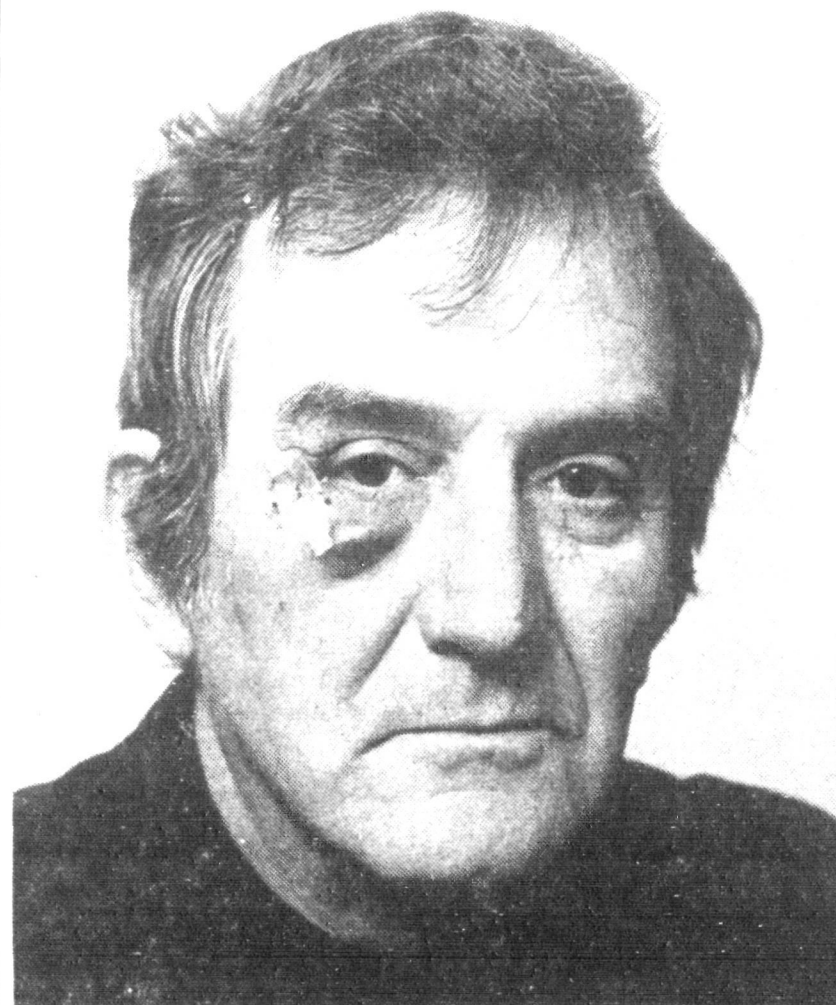
the debate at a City Council Education Committee meeting, arguing that the name Carnegie College was famous all over the world and should not be lost. Then on Wednesday Sydney Pickering wrote to the Evening Post suggesting the title 'City of Leeds Polytechnic'.

It transpired that Mr Pickering was deputy principal of the City of Leeds College in the days before it merged with the Carnegie PE College — they couldn't agree on a name then.

As Education Committee Chairman Patrick Crotty says, the City of Leeds doesn't exist any more; technically it is a metropolitan district. What Dr Hall omits to mention is that there is no longer any connection between Mr Carnegie and the college at Beckett Park.

Let us not forget either, James Graham, the former Leeds Director of Education and the college named after him, which is also joining the Polytechnic. Perhaps the name to keep everybody happy would be 'The City of Leeds, James Graham and Carnegie Polytechnic'; to be commonly known as 'Paddy's Poly' which it will be if Dr Nuttgens has his way. Either way it would be a costly business changing the notepaper.

Incidentally, according to the Department of Education and Science the City of Leeds and Carnegie and James Graham Colleges are simply being closed down and their students and staff absorbed into the Polytechnic. To do it any other way would mean the Privy Council creating a new polytechnic, says the DES.



BAR ATTACKER FINED

A Poly student has been fined £50 by Leeds Magistrates after a savage attack on Union bar manager Fred Gaunt (pictured above).

by Chris Elliott

John Allen, a student in the Building and Civil Engineering department pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting Mr Gaunt in the union common room.

The incident happened after closing time one afternoon before Christmas. Mr Gaunt found Allen drinking in the common room, and took his glass away from him. Allen then punched Mr Gaunt in the right eye, and ran off.

He was arrested several days later after Finance Officer Ron Fairburn spotted him in the Poly refectory and called the police.

Mr Gaunt said this week that he was still pressing for

compensation for the injury, a badly cut eye: "When he hit me, I just thought, 'Christ, what's happening?' I was only doing my job in asking him for his glass, after all."

"After he hit me, I remember someone trying to kick me, but I'm not sure who it was. When I looked at myself, I was saturated with blood," he said.

In court, Allen told magistrates that he had temporarily lost his temper with Mr Gaunt, and lashed out at him in the heat of the moment.

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Two more for Exec

Two new Executive posts were created at yesterday's Annual General Meeting in the University Union.

One of the posts is the result of dividing the duties of the present Education and Welfare Officer into two separate jobs, Education Officer and Welfare Officer.

The other new post is Publicity Secretary, which was formerly one of the functions of the Deputy President.

The extra members, who will assume responsibility on February 1, will swell the Executive to ten, five of them sabbaticals.

A bid by President Roger Seddon to raise the quorum of ordinary general meetings from 150 to 200 was thwarted when the AGM quorum was itself challenged.

Mr Seddon said he was "very disappointed" that the motion had not been discussed:

"This in my opinion was the most important item on the agenda, and was designed to make meetings more representative of the student body as a whole."

The AGM will be reconvened on either Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

Hang on to the name if nothing else

Health service may move into 'dilapidated' house

The University may move its Student Health annexe into an old house in Springfield Mount after a row with the Department of the Environment, it was disclosed this week.

by Pete Cullimore

The proposed move discussed at last Monday's meeting of the House and Estates committee, has been forced upon the University authorities by Environment officials who wish to preserve the dilapidated Springfield House as a building of architectural interest.

University plans to demolish the house and build a new Biology block on the site were shelved recently after the Department of the Environment placed a preservation order on the building.

Now the University intends to fight the demolition ban on the grounds that moving Student Health from its present site, in Cavendish Road, to Springfield House would be too costly an operation.

University Planning Officer Geoffrey Wilson described the situation with the En-

vironment Department as "embarrassing"; "The house in Springfield Mount is in a very dilapidated condition. Vandals have broken into the place, stolen lead from the roof and smashed windows. It would be a very expensive business to pay for the necessary repairs and alterations if we were to move Student Health there," he said.

Surveyor of the Fabric, William Higgins, commented: "The building has no

architectural merit. We want to see it pulled down. The cost of conversion would be enormous. They would do better to turn the house into a furniture store for Fabrics Office."

But Dr Ian Fraser, head of Student Health welcomed the plan, which has yet to be accepted by the University's Planning and Student Health committees.

He said that facilities at Cavendish Road were adequate for the meanwhile, but that there was no more space for expansion and development of the health service. "A bigger building would be most welcome," he added.

SUE SLIPS IN QUICKLY

Sue Slipman, NUS National Secretary and a former University Union executive member, is to come to Leeds next month for a lightning speaking tour of the city's colleges.

Ms Slipman is to address students on the government and local authority education cutbacks, and on grants.

Starting with a meeting at the Poly at 12.30 on February 9th, she will move on to Jacob Kramer College the following day. She will speak there at 12.30, at the University Union at 1 pm, and at the City of Leeds and Carnegie College at 1.30.

The following day Ms Slipman will meet students at Park Lane College at 3.30, and later in the evening will address a meeting of the Leeds Campaign against Education Cuts.

Another NUS Executive member, Jackie Webber, and Dave Patterson, president of the National Union of School Students, will speak at a public meeting on "The Crisis in Teacher Education" in St Chad's Hall, Headingley, on Tuesday, February 17th.

Make workers study — plea

All workers between 16 and 19 should have a compulsory part-time education, a conference held in Bradford earlier this week decided.

The third Annual National Conference of Part-Time Students, at Bradford College, called for courses embracing vocational and non-vocational subjects. These should last for at least forty days on a day release or block release basis, and those students who attended the courses should receive full pay from their places of employment.

Earlier in the conference, the Principal of Bradford College, Eric Robinson, called for a better deal for part-time students.

Full-time students had "hogged the limelight" for too long, he said, and there was a case for the reversal of present thinking in Britain that higher and further education should be based on full-timers, with part-time students being fitted in as best they could.

Dail-a-friend plan

A service designed to help students in distress may be set up by the University Union.

The union is considering starting a "Nightline" service, a phone-in system similar to that used by the Samaritans, to help students on campus suffering from emotional or academic problems.

A report has been prepared on the proposal for Union Council by the Leeds delegate to a National Nightline Conference held recently, Ken Patterson.

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In the report, Mr Patterson stressed that Leeds University was unusual in not having this kind of service for its students. Most other large institutions already operated a contact service.

He proposes that the University Union should try a phone-in service as well as the normal "face-to-face" contact system. Most colleges, he said, use the latter mainly to supplement their telephone service, but he believes the reverse should be the case at Leeds.

Should the union start a Nightline group, the main problem would not be in gathering sufficient volunteers, Mr Patterson went on.

It was the actual training of volunteers which was the overriding factor. In Oxford and Cambridge, for example, there were three or four times as many students volunteering to man the service as were needed.

Mr Patterson added that the best method of training was simply by experience gained whilst doing the job itself, but practical help was available from the Samaritans if necessary.

Colleges in the Yorkshire area will meet at Bradford in March to discuss Nightline operations. The union hopes to send delegates to this conference to attempt to find out more about Nightline problems.

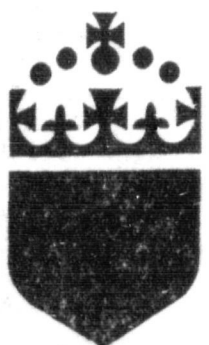
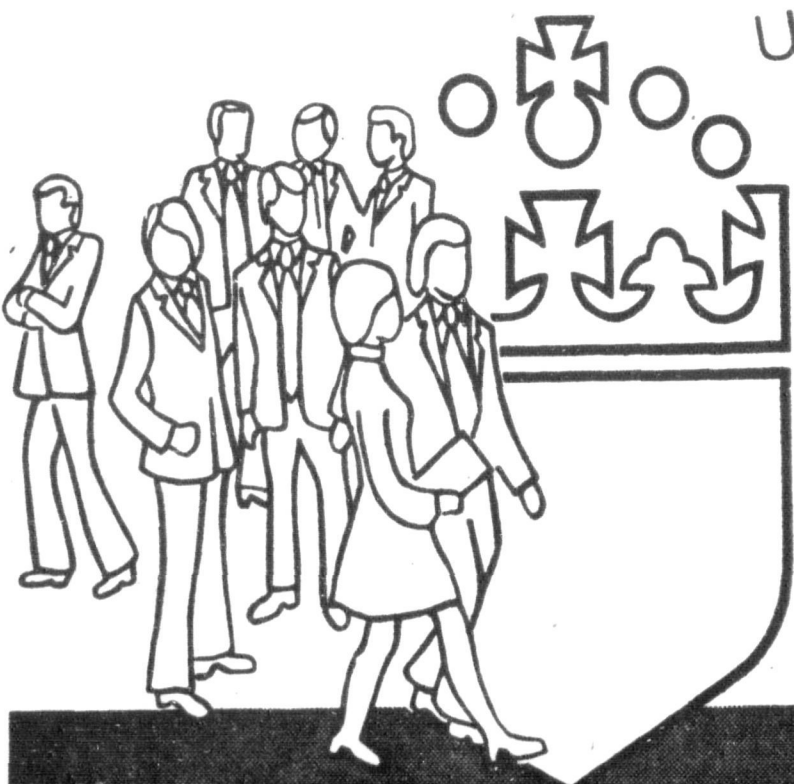
Legal eagles

A team from the Poly Law Department have won their way through to the quarter-finals of a National "Moot", or mock trial, competition.

Law students Pete Smart and Paul Watson convincingly defeated a London School of Economics team 21-12, 15-8 last Friday. The LSE team, David Griffiths and John Deales lost out to the Poly men's superior expertise in debating different points of law.

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OGM row 'my fault' — Seddon

by MIKE SMITH



Ex-Faces bassist Ronnie Lane playing in the University refectory last Saturday. Review page 8.

Picture by Julie Curtis

A University Union general meeting, held two weeks ago, was "illegal" and should never have been called, President Roger Seddon admitted this week.

The meeting, an OGM reconvened by Mr Seddon two days after the first had ended in chaos, had been called "in an unconstitutional manner", an independent solicitor ruled on Tuesday.

The original OGM had been completely taken up with a heated debate on Zionism. Mr Seddon had called a halt to the meeting after Arab and Jewish students came to blows during the discussion. It was later demanded that the meeting be reconvened in order to discuss other important items on the agenda.

Deputy President Bob Rae and Treasurer Tom Burke afterwards accused Mr Seddon of not taking a vote on whether the meeting should be reconvened,

and thus flouting the constitution, and an outside solicitor was engaged to resolve the dispute.

Mr Seddon said earlier call another OGM had been this week that his decision to call another OGM had been taken in "the heat of the moment". "The first meeting ended in a great deal of confusion, and faced with demands from all sides for a second meeting, I had to make a snap decision," he said.

Heated

"I admit the whole thing has been my fault. It was done in the heat of the moment, and the moment was very heated indeed," he added.

The solicitor's ruling means that two motions passed at the reconvened meeting will now be null and void. One is a motion declaring the union to be totally "opposed to Zionism".

The other, a motion supporting students who were living in temporary accommodation at the start of the year in their fight against allegedly unreasonable charges for housing being demanded by the University — will also go by the board.

Petition for Paddy

Students at Leeds Carnegie College are to send a petition to Polytechnic Director Dr Patrick Nuttgens urging him to take action on the college's 24-hour visiting rules in hostels.

College President Chris Pratt said that the aim of the petition was to convince Dr Nuttgens, who will head the merger of the Polytechnic, James Graham, and Leeds Carnegie colleges, that the regulations in halls were archaic and unfair to students at the college.

AROUND



DON'T SHOCK LOONIES

More than 900 Leeds people have signed a petition demanding restrictions in the use of electric shock treatment in the city's mental institutions. The petition, which has been drawn up by the Leeds Citizens Commission on human rights, is to be presented to the House of Commons, by Sir Donald Kaberry, Tory MP for Leeds North East.

TERRIFIED TARTS

Prostitutes in the Chapeltown and Harehills areas of the city have been warned by police to keep off the streets after the murder last week of prostitute Mrs Emily Jackson. On the night she died, Mrs Jackson, a 42-year-old mother of three had been soliciting outside the Gaiety public house in Harehills.

Police believe the case has similarities with other local unsolved murders, and are advising women to keep indoors.

IT'S ONLY A GAME

A Leeds man drove his van into the River Ouse at York after a 'tiff' with his wife over netball, a York inquest was told this week.

Ian Laverack, 24, killed himself when the van somersaulted into the river at King's Staith last October. His wife, Linda, told the inquest that she had no idea why her husband had taken his own life: "I had been to play netball, and was a bit late coming back. He was annoyed, we had a row, but it was only about netball," she said. A verdict of suicide was returned.

Edited by Deidre Collins and Jill Hewson

College backs out of NUS

Students at St Andrews University, Scotland, voted this week to split with the National Union of Students because of the National Union's left-wing policies.

The disaffiliation, which was supported by well over 50 per cent of the student population at St Andrews, will mean £3,000 loss in subscription fees for NUS, which represents one per cent

cent of its total income.

There are fears that the split may be the start of a nation-wide movement, which will only increase the problems of the National Union, already struggling to make ends meet.

St Andrew's decision to leave NUS comes as no surprise. For years the university has had a strong Conservative group, which is directly opposed to most NUS policies.

Other colleges are thought

to be considering following in St Andrews footsteps, particularly St David's College, Lampeter, Newcastle and Liverpool universities, Imperial College, and the Royal Free Hospital.

Less likely to leave is St David's, which will decide at a union meeting next week. The union executive is "split down the middle," according to a spokesman.

The college's main criticism is that the £490 which it contributes to NUS every year could be better spent internally, on clubs and societies.

College President Bob Phelps, who favours staying with the National Union, says the disadvantages of leaving would outweigh the advantages. For instance, "Student Travel" and cheap holidays abroad.

SOCCER STARS WANTED

A competition to find Leeds' top student table footballers is to be held in the Poly Union next month.

The competition, sponsored by a local firm manufacturing table football machines, will offer cash prizes

and the chance of a holiday in Paris for the winners.

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ELECTION FOR UNION PRESIDENT

Candidate's Name **CHARLIE HORE**
 Candidate's Dept. **CHINESE STUDIES**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University **1974**
 Proposed by **MICK RIDLEY**
 Seconded by **W. JAMES**
 Union positions held:



Union Delegate to Campus Shop Steward's Committee.
 Secretary, Chinese Department Staff/Student Committee.
 Secretary, International Socialist Society.

This election is about policies and ideas not administrative experience. Any of the candidates could do that side of the job well. I'm standing on the basis of my experience in Union campaigns, and on my policies and principles, those of the IS Society.

NUS is as good as we make it. I believe in mass participation in NUS through the present democratic union structures, to control and, if necessary, replace its leadership. Democracy means more than just a cross on a piece of paper; it also involves discussing issues and candidates, and deciding policies. Direct ballot elections for NUS Executive would rule that out. I support the system of conference elections, and think that before such elections, hustings should be organised in colleges, so that students can hear candidates' policies and mandate their delegates to vote for those they support.

Education should be a right for all. I am opposed to any education cuts and think that we should fight them through direct action such as demonstrations, rent strikes, pickets, etc. The government is cutting all social services, and I support any group of workers fighting these cuts, or struggling to defend

living standards, union organisation or jobs. In particular, I support the National Right to Work Campaign, and any other trade-union initiative against unemployment, which affects graduates more than ever before.

I believe in campaigning for adequate nursery facilities for all on campus, paid for by the University, for Student Health to provide a better contraception and abortion service, and for free abortion on demand. I fully support women's liberation, and think that education as a right for women cannot be won until these demands are realised.

I am against any form of imperialism and racial discrimination, and believe in supporting all genuine national-liberation movements. I am for withdrawing all troops from Ireland now, and allowing the Irish people to decide their own future. I support the struggle of the Palestinian people against the state of Israel.

In this short space all I can do is outline my policies, and I'll be going into them at greater length at hustings, in leaflets, and so on. If you want to fight the cuts, then these are the policies to do that.

VOTE FOR A FIGHTING UNION.
 Charlie Hore.

Candidate's Name **BRIAN SMITH**
 Candidate's Dept. **HISTORY**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University **1973**
 Proposed by **SIMON WILSON**
 Seconded by **CLIVE CLAPSON**
 Union positions held:



House Secretary (Executive) 1975 — January 1976.

Union Council, House and Estates Committee, University Council and Court, Union Building Advisory Committee, Disciplinary Tribunal, Shop, Bar & Services Section Boards, Elections Committee, Freshers' Conference Committee, Ents Committee, Tech Services Committee, Group on Fuel Economy, University House and Outstations Committee, Staff/Student Committee.

The Role of the Union: is basically two-fold. It provides a social, political and cultural centre for its members, providing shops and social facilities, and financially sponsoring sporting and society interests. It is through these that many students have their only contact with the Union.

The second aspect is that of representation and welfare, representing students in liaison with the University authorities, and providing facilities for dealing with welfare problems, by means of the Counselling Service, Legal Aid and the Executive Officers whose job it is to help with grant problems, social security benefits, etc.

As Head of the Union's administration, the President has a vital role to play in promoting these functions. Much of his work is administrative with frequent attendance at Union and University Committees, and liaising with other officers and permanent staff on the many problems which arise in the daily running of the union. In the Union's present financial difficulties, efficient administration and co-ordination of our services is vital: our reserves will not last for ever, and next session's budgets will have to be far more realistically assessed than this year. I believe my previous experience of budgetary control will help in trying to tackle this urgent problem.

I have been consistently elected to Union office on the basis that political considerations should have no place in the running of the Union. The result of political domination of the Union has been general apathy — with disastrous results for the credibility of the Union. We cannot afford to let this happen again. The result of a politically dominated Union is to make the Union simply a platform which politicians can use and abuse.

I believe that my previous position as an Executive Officer has given me the experience necessary to attempt to deal with the Union's problems and we will at least be able to avoid some of the mistakes of previous Executives. It is important, however, that the "Bureaucratic" function does not isolate the Executive from students. As an Executive member I have attempted to improve communication with Halls of Residence, a neglected area in the past. Halls of Residence have been badly affected by University economies — as well as suffering large fee increases. I opposed the attempted rent strike earlier this year, because it had no support from the people who really mattered — not the OGM but the residents themselves. Many Halls, including my own, have been the victims of 'economies' and further reductions in food, cleaning standards, etc., must be opposed.

In our external campaigns, our efforts should be towards the reform of NUS, at present an unrepresentative and politically bankrupt organisation. This Union now gives the whole membership the opportunity to elect their delegation, but the "Broad Left", a motley assortment of freakish hacks have managed to block central reform, and thus you still have no direct say in the election of the NUS Executive — who incidentally

earn a scandalous £3,000 per annum. Direct elections are an essential start to any meaningful reform of NUS.

Finally, I am not a member of any political organisation, and am therefore not going to use the office as a political power base. I am standing because I feel my past record as an Executive Officer has shown that I am willing and capable of carrying out the duties in the best interest of all Union members.

Brian Smith.

Candidate's Name **MARK TURNBULL**
 Candidate's Dept. **POLITICS**
 Year of Entry to Leeds University **1973**
 Proposed by **ALI SOUTHERN**
 Seconded by **NABIL MARAQA**
 Union positions held:



Cultural Affairs Committee member 1974/5.

Delegate to NUS National Conferences April 1973 and June 1974.

Delegate to Staff/Student Committee 1974/5.

Delegate to Leeds Area Committee NUS 1974/5 Member of NUS 1971/2/3/4/5/6.

Delegate to NUS Universities Specialist Conference January 1976.

Active member of Grants Campaign Action Committee and NUS Policy Committee 1973/4/5.

Delegate to Essex University occupation March 1974 — member of occupation committee.

I have fought over the last four years for higher grants in the face of 25 per cent inflation and for a reversal of the cuts in spending on education, housing and the health service. In my first term at LUU I was active in the University and Polytechnic Union's occupations over grants and accommodation. I also went as a delegate to Essex University where the students were fighting against victimisation, similarly to Warwick and Lancaster.

STUDENT-WORKER ALLIANCE

Next year promises us even greater cut-backs in education and so the fight must continue. I believe these campaigns must be developed into a fighting alliance of all students, workers, unemployed, etc., that can effectively challenge the Wilson government and reverse its Tory policies. This calls for mass student involvement in these campaigns not simply by signing a petition but also attending General Meetings to discuss these matters and decide what our Union and officials should do.

For a democratic fighting Union

Democracy is not an abstract concept invented by some Greek philosopher, it is a living process of involvement. Crosses on a bit of paper is not democracy. Discussion and mandating of delegates is. That is why I am strongly opposed to any plans to limit the power of Union Meetings because it is only there that every Union member can speak, discuss and vote. A vote once a year gives you no control.

End All Discrimination!

There are two particular sections of students who are not involved enough though. Overseas students who are lucky enough to get the tuition fees paid are banned from political activity by racist and undemocratic laws which should be repealed immediately. Women students cannot get involved if they have children because the University won't

provide adequate nursery facilities. Discrimination still exists over married women student's grants, FPA facilities at Student Health are totally inadequate and Acts of Parliament have done nothing to improve wages and conditions for women workers at the University.

Against Imperialism — Create two, three, many Vietnams!

I believe in fighting for a better organisation of society than that based on private greed and suffering. That is why I have fought in this Union for all oppressed sections of society and why I particularly support those who have thrown off their oppressors. 1975 saw the victory of the Indo-Chinese people over the greatest imperialist power, the USA. In Portugal too workers and peasants took over the factories and land and began to control their own lives after 50 years of fascist rule. 1976 hopes to see Spain, Angola and the Middle East continuing this fight which can do nothing but good for our own fight. However our prime responsibility lies much nearer to home — in the fight to end British involvement in Ireland for good, by demanding the immediate withdrawal of all British troops and allow the Irish people the right to determine their own future.

You may not agree with all my views but I have always fought for all officials to obey Union policy. So use your right to make policy by coming to OGM's and tell your Executive what to do — even the President only gets one vote. If you want to fight for higher grants, against education cuts, for women's liberation, for the struggles of oppressed people, then vote for me. If you want an inactive Union with repressive Tory policies, then vote for the Tory.

I am a member of the International Marxist Group.

Mark Turnbull.

POLLING TIMES

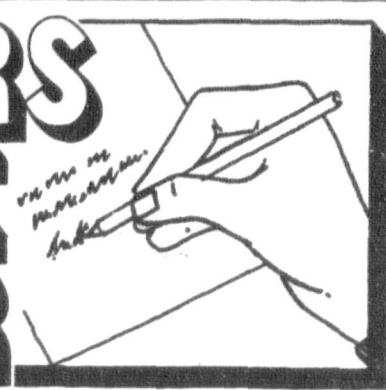
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters should be addressed to the Editor, Leeds Student, 155 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2, to arrive not later than 6 pm Monday.
All mail should be typewritten if possible.

What if one fell on YOUR granny?

Sir,

I would like to congratulate Mr N. Randall for his brilliant and outspoken letter, which appeared in the excellent 16th January edition of LS. Well done Mr Randall. It must have taken a lot of courage to say what every reasonable thinking man must surely have felt for years. There are just TOO MANY silly people running around loose, constantly endangering people's lives and wasting everybody's time by doing silly things. What I would like to ask is, WHO DO THESE PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE? What do they think they are trying to prove? They certainly don't impress me!

Every day I see people taking senseless risks and doing silly things. It makes me want to throw up all over them, that would show them, wouldn't it? You don't just find silly people freezing to death down dark holes somewhere in Yorkshire, you know, there are hundreds of them running around loose all over the place. For instance, have you noticed the number of irresponsible people who have stupidly allowed themselves to grow over six foot.

These insidious, antisocial subversive elements are all over the place these days. In my day they would have been sent down a pit, or shoved in a trench somewhere to get their big heads shot off. That soon taught them a bit of self-discipline.

Make these people walk around on their knees, that's what I say. What would happen if one of these maniacs fell over? The dangers are frightening. They may think they are having fun, but what would you feel like if one of these morons fell on your own grandmother?

Only yesterday I had to rescue somebody who had irresponsibly got himself stuck down a dank hole in the Houldsworth Library. He had been stuck there in freezing conditions for over four hours. IF PEOPLE WANT TO RISK THEIR NECKS LIKE THIS, LET THEM DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT OTHERS WILL NOT HAVE TO RISK THEIRS TO SAVE THEM. This grinning maniac was blissfully unaware that any minute he could have read something that could make him a cripple for the rest of his life.

I think that this idea of looking out for ONESELF could well be made to apply to everyone. I, for one, don't intend to go crawling around damp holes on the campus, the possible consequences of leaving my bedroom are too terrible to bear contemplation. As extra insurance I will be starting a union society for my own protection and preservation. Meetings will be held daily in the isolation ward of Leeds General Infirmary, and will be limited to one person — me.

Yours sincerely,

Artie Sludge.

Cambridge

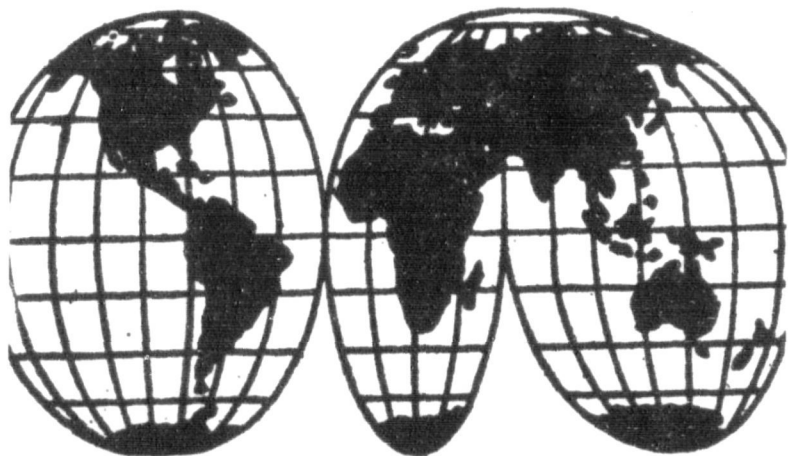
Students at King's College Cambridge have been subjected to investigations into their sex lives. The study, supposedly being carried out by a female reporter from the Sunday Times, has brought strong complaints from undergraduates who resent this "invasion of their privacy".

The reporter apparently carried out her fact-finding mission in a rather furtive manner; she engaged students in conversation without first introducing herself as a reporter; and then proceeded to ask some particularly pertinent questions about their personal relationships.

The reporter seemed solely facts that would shock, and as one undergraduate put it, "The false picture she drew of life at Cambridge was designed to provide an elitist conception of invented decadence."

The Sunday Times were quick to deny the allegations against their reporter, Tina Brown, saying that she had only dealt with people who had volunteered information. They confirmed that her survey would be published sometime in February, but refused to reveal the angle which she would be adopting in her story.

The University is worried that by painting a black picture of life at King's Ms



STUDENT WORLD

Brown may actively discourage girls from applying in the future.

Bristol

Bristol Polytechnic's library system is facing a critical staffing crisis which threatens to leave the main library inoperable.

The new Bolland Library is used by over 2,000 students every day, and is severely understaffed due to cutbacks in expenditure by Avon County. The library is particularly short of trained specialist librarians, and senior staff are forced to shelve, catalogue and check books at the expense of their specialist work.

Library opening hours are also affected. It is forced to

close at 8 pm every evening and over the weekends.

The crisis has marred the library's potential success as one of the fastest growing in the country.

Mr Michael Cocks, Labour MP for Bristol South, faced great opposition from the University Court last term, when he made a proposal to increase the number of students living at home. He felt that this would alleviate the housing problem in Bristol.

The University Vice-Chancellor said that a change in admissions procedure would have no effect, as students did not normally want to apply to their local university.

Mr Cocks described the University's comment as "crap", and said he was op-

Trendy Kevin's homosexual ramblings

Sir,

With reference to the recent article in 'Orange Peel' (th Liberal Party newsheet) concerning the Papal declaration on sexual ethics, we were somewhat surprised at the gross misinterpretation of the contents of the document. We wondered if the writer (Mr Hawkins) had actually read the document or was he relying on the trendier translations in certain dailies — with cartoon illustrations. We would like to clarify the garbled version presented by Mr Hawkins.

He dismisses the state-

ments on homosexuality as "a Papal ban on homosexuality", totally ignoring the concern and sympathy expressed in the original document... "these homosexuals must certainly be treated with understanding and sustained in the hope of overcoming their personal difficulties and their ability to fit into society."

As for his reference to the Christian attitude towards masturbation, quote, "... the 'it makes you go blind' era," we were totally at a loss to discover where this information had come from, and again we suspect

that in accordance with the rest of this article, he is attempting to paint the blackest picture possible of christian believers, relying on "in-jokes" and unfounded hearsay.

It is to be hoped that the attitude of Mr Hawkins is not representative of the Liberal Party as a whole, as first he claims to "believe in religious freedom", then proceeds to deride religion in highly insulting terms, and confesses he is "deeply worried about the number of religious believers in the Liberal Party." (Does 'religious freedom' in the Liberal view

consist of criticism and annoyance...?).

Finally, we feel that the issue of the Vatican declaration has been totally distorted as an excuse for this wholly misleading attack on Christianity. We would urge anyone who has read the article in 'Orange Peel' not to be misled by the biased and dubious "facts" presented in it, but to find out for themselves what the aim of the declaration was, and on a larger scale, the principles and aims of Christianity.

Yours,

C. P. Jordan,
A. Clarkson.

A bunch of inept incompetents

Sir,

How distressing it is to see supposedly intelligent people making complete fools of themselves. I am talking, of course, about the LUU Conservative Association.

This group claim to be political activists, yet their contribution to the Union has been at all times a negative one. No motion or amendment has come forward to a general meeting from them. Their members have consistently refused to carry out their duties and now it seems they have failed to represent Leeds at the National Student Conference in any meaningful

way.

The question which needs to be answered is, are Leeds Tories merely a bunch of inept incompetents lacking any political ability, or is there method in their madness? The first point to make is that the present leader of the Tory Party is the same person who in 1972 launched an attack on the autonomy of Student Unions — no lesser person than Margaret Thatcher. Another Tory stalwart, Norman St John Stevas is on record as actually encouraging Tory students to take over Student Unions.

It thus becomes clear that Tory students are pursuing

a deliberately destructive policy, the most voluble exponent of which is Ian Minnis of Aston University, aimed at making Student Unions ungovernable and opening the way to "faceless" administrators being sent in by the State.

The Conservative Party is the only major political party in Britain which dictates to its students' wing in such a way, and so it is important that all progressive and democratic students come together to expose and defeat this fifth column tactic of the Tory Central Office.

Stephen M. Bullock

Stick no bills

Sir,

The time for sabbatical elections is upon us again. Yet despite the fact that a whole year has past since the last elections, it is still possible to see election posters for at least four of last year's hopeful candidates.

Some of the more critically placed and undesirable posters have been removed at great cost to both the Union and the University. Neither of these bodies can afford to pay for items which are not only unnecessary but also someone else's responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

Julian R. Vearncombe

More about those holes

Sir,

Having read a recent Letters column in Leeds Student I feel compelled to reply to Mr N. Randall's letter concerning "risky sports".

I don't know what sort of person Mr Randall is, but I just cannot agree with his point of view. Man is, and always will be, an adventurous being. Most people need a challenge which they can compete against in life; for some it may be the challenge of their career, but others need something a bit extra. It is people such as

these who have put man on the moon, man onto the summit of Everest and man into the depths of the earth. So maybe what these people do could be classified as dangerous or "risky", but the world would be a very boring place without them. In any case, the risks involved in these sports can be reduced to almost nil, simply by the knowledge and skills these people have of their own particular sport.

Peter Harlow,
Chairman, Leeds OPLY
Parachute Club.

timistic that plans to increase the number of home-based students would succeed.

Birmingham

Owing to inflation, Birmingham University may have to cut back on the number of research grants it can accept, it was stated in an annual report to the University Court. It was pointed out that the University's contribution to research was already greater than that of most other Universities, and that departmental allocations had already been cut by 14 per cent.

The Vice-Chancellor added that greater selectivity would have to be exercised, and that fewer options would be available on the courses.

London

Students at Birkbeck and University College London have recently been the victims of a wave of organised bicycle thefts.

The numbers being stolen have trebled in a short period, despite the use of locking devices. The situation is causing alarm amongst students and the college authorities. It is believed that the thieves operate from an inconspicuous van using heavy metal tools to cut through the securing chains.

In order to combat the bicycle theft boom, the police have suggested the authorities use a bicycle registration scheme.

YOUR BODY

Continuing our series on methods of contraception

2. A visit to the doctor

Although sheaths and spermicides can be bought in shops, (and together form a very reliable means of contraception), many girls will visit a doctor for advice and supplies.

It is worth doing this, because nowadays all contraception is supplied free by the doctor, while sheaths can cost 10p each or 30p for four. The main places where students can get contraception are Student Health at the University, and the Family Planning Association clinics. It is fair to say that a few Student Health doctors are reticent about prescribing the pill, and you may find this a bit daunting. On the other hand, the FPA clinics in Leeds are usually fully booked for about a month ahead, so do take this into account. Also remember that you will be treated in full confidence, and your parents will never be told, even if the doctor is a family friend.

FPA clinics offer better advice on forms of contraceptives other than the pill, especially the cap and IUD. If you decide to go on the pill, your doctor will ask you a series of questions about your health, some general and some more specific. For instance, you may be asked if you have had a child, or an abortion, or VD. And you will definitely be asked if you have had jaundice, thrombosis and so on. Always be as truthful as possible about these latter questions, as they are very important. High blood pressure for example does NOT mean

you won't be put on the pill. If you do decide to have it, the doctor should check your blood pressure more often and warn you of any danger signs, should they arise.

After the interview, you will be asked to take off all, or some of, your clothes. The doctor will then take your blood pressure, pulse, weigh you, and finally give you a breast examination (for cancer). Then you will be given an internal examination. This is nothing to be frightened of, although it can be pretty terrifying the first time. You will be asked to lie on the couch with your legs in the air, knees bent and probably in stirrups. You will feel very self-conscious about the whole thing, but just relax — deep breathing and so on, will help.

The doctor will then insert a speculum to keep the vaginal passage wall and cervix. The end of the passage is the cervix, the opening to the uterus. The doctor may collect samples from the vaginal passage wall and cervix. Ask him also to take a cancer smear. You should have this full examination (including the cancer test) at least once a year, so if the doctor forgets to mention it, remind him.

Should you decide to have an IUD, the doctor will fit this for you, or if you have a cap, he or she will show you how and where to put it, making sure you can do it yourself.

Next week: the most popular and easily available contraceptive — the sheath.

Edited by Sue Brown and Ann Traynor

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"WANK! WANK! WANK!"

by Terry Lloyd

The first time I saw a woman in a strip show was when I was a child. It was in a small, dark room with a few people sitting on the floor.

At the time, I was about five years old and my mother was taking me to a friend's house.

The friend's mother was a very nice woman and she had a very nice house.

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'Leeds Student is an elitist clique that is difficult to penetrate' — this conclusion is regularly reached by people who have tried and failed to get onto the staff of this paper.

It is also quite true. Only determination, a prerequisite of any journalist, got me onto Leeds Student.

As Nicholas Tomalin once wrote in the Sunday Times: "The best newspapers are not the open-minded institutions they like to appear, but feudal fiefdoms all bound up in intimate friendships and shared values."

"All good publications are communities essentially cliquish and inward-looking; the best editors are good because they have the most talented friends," he wrote.

It was in January 1972, at the third time of asking that I was finally taken on by Leeds Student as a Poly news reporter. From then on I realised life would never be quite the same because anything that I heard or was told could, if it was newsworthy, end up in print.

The staff of the Polytechnic Economics Department soon got wise to the cub reporter in their midst. A course director happened to mention in a lecture that his students could do worse than vote for Ed Anderson, a third year student in the department who was seeking election as Union President. Ed got in easily, but the headline on my story was 'STAFF INTERFERE IN UNION ELECTIONS' and after that lecturer Roy Hill stuck strictly to Economics.

Later, Hill's successor, John Stevenson, was to hit the headlines, when, during the Poly sit-in over the shortage of student housing in 1973, he suggested that there was no accommodation crisis in Leeds. He based his argument on the fact that his mother, who lived in an inaccessible area of Leeds, couldn't find a lodger. Since then it has become policy in the department not to stray from the topic of the lecture.

Most of the time I operated a policy of "publish and be damned" and, surprisingly, I made very few enemies; although I know there are a few people who wish I had never set foot in Leeds and I have accumulated a file of solicitors' letters threatening libel action. But there are occasions when I have had to think twice about

Strippers were regular crowd-pullers at bawdy evenings run by Engineers

Last week, IAN COXON became the first person ever to have worked on a hundred issues of Leeds Student.

In the first of two articles, he singles out some of the events and amusing incidents that have happened during his four years on the paper. He starts by recalling his arrival in Leeds, and goes on to describe how Women's Lib put an end to some of the bawdier aspects of student life.

going into print, particularly when there was a chance that I would threaten the livelihood of a close friend or put myself in jeopardy, and once or twice I have chosen to keep a story to myself.

My first term was spent getting to know Leeds. Having arrived from Tyneside in the autumn of '71 for no other reason than that my 'A' level grades had fallen below expectations, I was surprised to find a high proportion of Geordies among the city's student population. But the reasons for their presence soon dawned on me.

Leeds is the first place of any size south of Newcastle that is far enough away to prevent parents turning up out of the blue and catching one unaware, yet near enough to get back home regularly to see 'The Magnies' play and down some decent beer. For it takes all of three years, the average length of time most people spend as students, to get used to Tettey's and a consistent football team after you've been reared on 'Ex' and 'Fed' and Newcastle United. ('Ex' or 'Geordies' 'Vodka' is more commonly known, at the few places where it is available down here, as Newcastle Exhibition Ale. Fed is another divine liquid brewed virtually exclusively for sale in the working persons' clubs of the North East).

My allegiance to Newcastle United expressed when they reached the FA Cup Final in 1974, sufficiently in-

IAN COXON was Editor of Leeds Student in the 1973-74 session. Now aged 23, he came to Leeds in September '71 from Dame Allan's School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to read Economics at the Polytechnic. Joining the paper in January the following year, he subsequently worked on every aspect of its production. He has also written for a number of educational publications and been involved in the training of student journalists as a member of the NUS Student Press Committee.

of the Tyne between Newcastle and its mouth are entitled to call themselves Geordies.

While I am dealing with subjects dear to my heart I must dispel two fallacies about Tyneside and Tynesiders. Whenever people ask where I come from and I proudly respond: "Gateshead", they either say: "But you haven't got an accent", or "That must be a horrible dump, I bet you're glad you got away from it."

Nothing could be further from the truth. Maybe the word 'Geordie' was first used of inarticulate coal-miners. But that was at the turn of the last century.

Since then, albeit due largely to the energies of corrupt socialists like T. Dan Smith, Tyneside has become a sophisticated, go-ahead metropolis.

Fresh from a rugby-playing direct grant school — which recently achieved the distinction, through Nigel

Last year, he became the first Poly student to be made an Honorary Life Member of the University Union. He is currently working on the merger of the Polytechnic with Carnegie and James Graham Colleges as a member of the City of Leeds Interim Academic Council.

With a hundred issues behind him Ian is now retiring from the staff but will continue to report on the Carnegie Poly merger.

Parsons, Norman Roddom and Brian Stokoe, of providing players for the first fifteen of the University, Carnegie and the Poly in the same year — I first got involved with Rag. Then Leeds Rag was held in October which is the best time of year for it because the weather is always good and people haven't had a chance to get their noses stuck fast in their books.

In 1971, in particular, Rag was a big success at the Poly for the one and only time I can remember. This was largely due to the natural charms of a vivacious, not to mention curvaceous, blonde called Denise Sharples who as 'Rag Chairman' attracted a whole host of male helpers.

But then Rag was altogether sexist in those days. The programme of events included a slave girl auction, a strip show (I've never seen so many people packed into the Poly refectory) and the traditional Rag Queen competition.

Until Women's Lib began to gather strength, strippers were regular crowd-pullers at bawdy evenings organised by Medics and Engineers. The tide began to turn in March 1972. Under the headline "FISTS FLY AT STRIP CIRCUS" Leeds Student reported:

"Windows were smashed and scaffolding broke out in a Women's Lib demo outside the Lipman building on Wednesday night."

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The story went on to record one protestor as saying "Stripshows treat women like dwarves in a circus."

Pressure from Women's Lib may have changed official union attitudes and outlawed student stripshows and Rag Queen competitions, but I doubt it has changed the habits of many Engineers who, I suspect, are simply forced to look away from the campus for a bit of mild titillation. This leads me to wonder why, having imposed their will on the unions, Women's



were barred from holding stripshows and not much has been heard of them since.

A year later two runners appeared on the scene with the unlikely names of Fox and Bird. They dominated the University cross-country side for two seasons giving scope for such unlikely headlines on the sports page as 'FOX CHASES FLYING BIRD'.

Valley had a keen sense of humour and together we were always playing tricks on people in the office.

The best one we pulled off was in 1974 to convince Nick Witchell, last year's editor, that the Loch Ness Monster had been discovered just as his first book on the subject was about to be published.

I found out that Nick was sitting in Leeds Student office waiting for a call to come through from Scottish Television. Neither he nor I knew what the call was about, only that it was connected with his book. So Valley and I went outside and phoned him up saying that we were from Scottish TV and that the monster had been found and would Nick go over to the BBC studios, which are just across the road from Leeds Student office, and wait for further details.

Pleased just to have persuaded Witchell, with what seemed to us very dubious Scottish accents, that Nessie had been found we hadn't planned to carry the prank any further. Not that it was until we realised Nick was on his way over to the BBC. Then we rang the Leeds studios, fooled them into thinking we were on the line from Scotland, told them about the monster and told them to expect a Mr Witchell and to ask him to ring a Leeds number.

The number we gave the BBC was the University Union President's private line. However, some fault at the BBC's switchboard prevented Nick getting through to us straight away. In the meantime, puzzled producers in Leeds were hurriedly ringing round the television studios in Scotland for news of the discovery, while the rest of the staff crowded round Nick, who didn't realise that he was only trying to get through to the President's Office.

What we also found out later was that, before nipping over to the BBC Nick had quickly rung up some friends who lived near the Loch. They were convinced too and immediately set off to see the monster.

Ironically Witchell is now one of the principal perpetrators of the recent claim that Nessie does exist and has convinced Valley, who has been making much capital out of the subject on the Yorkshire Post where he is a reporter.

NEXT WEEK: Discrimination against women in higher education — How long will it be before the male stranglehold over the top posts is broken?

Also, a look at the lady who sealed the fate of the University, the Polytechnic and Carnegie and, the totally dissimilar personalities of the city's academic leaders.

Plus: Where the unions have gone wrong and one possible future for Leeds Student.

£5,000 LUN TO PRIVATE LANDLORD

A DRAMATIC breakthrough in the field of student housing is about to be made by the University Union.

By Andrew Robinson

The Union has just secured a £5,000 loan from the City of Leeds to buy a house in the city centre.

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The Union has just secured a £5,000 loan from the City of Leeds to buy a house in the city centre.

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Warbeck

Yes, dear readers, I have taken up the pen again as Leeds Student's weekly gossip columnist. In the coming weeks, I shall be casting my bleary eyes on various inmates of our educational institutions, particularly that singular animal, the back-at-large; I shall lay bare all the sordid facts behind the sordid issues, the momentous decisions, the dramatic interplay of personal relationships. No hypocrisy shall be left undiscovered to you, the ordinary person in the lecture theatre.

Should you yourself encounter a situation which you think merits the scrutiny of the Warbeck eye, please let me know of it. Write to me care of Leeds Student, 155 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2.

True love

I'm told that relations between the University Union's recently departed Cultural Affairs Secretary Paul Loasby, and Jan Fuller, his ever faithful female personfriend, are not all that salubrious at present.

Paul and Jan, for those who never ran across them, were the couple frequently seen at hops trying to tear each others' throats out — a cunning display designed to conceal from the world their deep and abiding affection for one another.

It seems that Paul, who is now working for an ents agency in London, was to have trolled up to Leeds by train at the weekend to make contact, violent or otherwise, with his beloved, but for some reason, he didn't make it. Jan vented her disappointment (and her fury) on a bottle of Martini, and on the spur of the moment decided to catch the next train down to the Smoke to find out what had happened.

When she arrived, Paul was there on the platform to meet her. Obviously his feelings got the better of him, and in a burst of spontaneous and unrestrained affection, he attempted to slap her across the cheek (facial). Unfortunately

(for him) their tender embrace was being eyed by four plain clothes policemen lurking by the gents bogs.

Never let it be said that a British bobby, plainclothed or otherwise, was slow to offer help to a lady in distress.

Before you could say Sir Robert Mark, the four nobblers were on Loasby like a ton of bricks. What followed was, to say the least, unpleasant for all concerned, except perhaps for the police. Paul was caught, pinned against a wall, frisked, and, according to onlookers, almost raped.

The episode will doubtless remain engraved upon Loasby's mind for many a long while. Being done over by four burly coppers outside the gents at King's Cross isn't something you forget in a hurry.

Batman

I hear that Peter "One for the Road" McGuinness, one of the more unloved members of the Poly Union's Board of Reps, foolishly fell out of a window on the twelfth floor of B Block at the end of last term. Needless to say, he was under the influence at the time. Much to the annoyance of those members of Reps who look disdainfully upon Peter's silly antics at meetings, his fall was broken by a ledge just below the twelfth floor.

I now understand that some of the Reps have persuaded the Poly to have the ledge removed, and are to take

Peter out for another drink tonight.

Old codgers

A spate of senility seems to be setting in among the leading lights in the college admins. Jimmy "Student Lover" McGregor has been unable to gnash his teeth for a week because he's just had a false set fitted; Paddy Nuttgens, architecture critic and sometime Director of the Polytechnic, had a hernia while trying to keep his body as well as his brain active during the holidays; and Carl Wilmott, Deputy Principal of Leeds Carnegie College, who is due to retire this year, found an OAP's food parcel left for him on the doorstep of his new (and expensive) retirement home in the Lake District.

One wonders whether the general decline in health is the result of bodily decay, or simply the effects of countless years spent festering in committee meetings.

Poly lollies

Poly Ents Sec Ian Steele's latest idea for pulling in the crowds on disco nights? Give the mugs a free lollipop, man.

Mr Steele is cashing in on the Kojac craze by offering a lolly to anyone rash enough to attend his discos. I suppose one will have to be bald to get in the second time round, eh? Who loves ya, baby.

Arts

Beautiful Ronnie... Dreamy Alice...

Alice in Wonderland

Martin Scorsese's film debut was the much-lauded but little-seen *Mean Streets*, the film which helped Coppola turn *The Godfather Part 2* into great cinema.

In this, his second feature, he is every bit as successful while handling a vastly different script. Alice and her young son leave New Mexico for Alice's home state of California after her husband is killed in an accident. Dreamily trying to pursue her former career as a singer, she has mixed success in find-

Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore
ODEON MERRION

ing a job, met by kindness, tolerance or antipathy. Her illusions shattered, she desperately takes work as a waitress in a cheap cafe.

Ellen Burstyn, as Alice, delivers last year's Oscar winning performance, achieving a marvellous pathos by never allowing her tough ironic sense of humour to

desert her through all her difficulties.

Scorsese endows Alice and the boy with a big-heartedness and humour calculated to win over any audience. He also provides and endless stream of engaging characters which bring a wealth of colour and vitality to every situation. Eventually, Alice is able to distinguish real happiness from her illusions, but the audience has already succumbed to the warmth of the whole film.

Steve Conlon

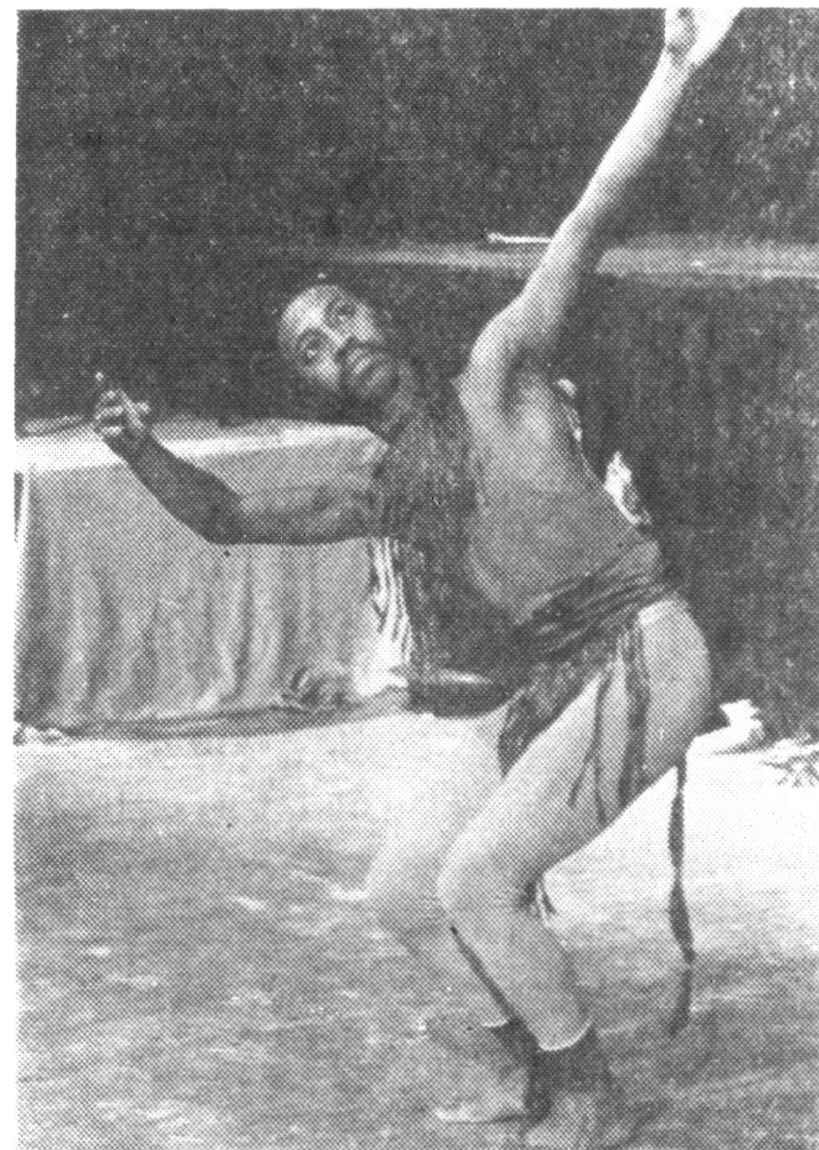
Formless

Return of the Pink Panther
ODEON HEADROW

Peter Sellers returns to the role of Clouseau, the incorrigible French detective, at the head of a very strong cast, in Blake Edwards' revival of the Pink Panther. Unfortunately the cast is far more impressive than the script, by Mr Edwards, who leaves them far too often to salvage what they can from a mire of comedy cliché. This is even more regrettable since the film was apparently quite lavishly budgeted, an abuse of a privilege granted too seldom to British film makers.

Occasionally, Peter Sellers' comic genius shines through, as when he attempts while a gang rob the bank behind him. On the trail of the thief who has stolen the Pink Panther diamond, however, the comedy becomes very routine and predictable, relieved only by flashes back to Herbert Lom, who plays the police chief Clouseau is gradually driving mad with his antics.

Steve Conlon



A member of the University Theatre Group taking part in the cabaret "The Golden Rat" in the Riley Smith Hall last week.

Down Memory Lane

Having cruised along the brink of musical distintegration for so long, The Faces finally teetered over into the abyss. The singer hung around, but the musician left. And no-one stopped to tell him that he'd been putting together some of THE most beautiful bass-playing during his stay.

Lane as cockney-Romany has found his true metier; the ethnic stance is a fashionable one; so is Lane jumping on the hay-wagon? The answer is no. I'm so convinced because it's all there in the music; waistcoats, earrings, neckties or not. The inclusion of Faces songs is proof; they sound

Ronnie Lane's Slim Chance
REFECTORY

right in the new context.

The set was put together with old standards — 'Careless Love', etc., and Lane's own songs, which get better and better. It's all simple stuff straight out of cockney bar-room cum country-boy ambience, but Lane has that elusive kind of composing talent which takes a popular idiom, and puts more into it than it was ever intended to take

Mike Allen

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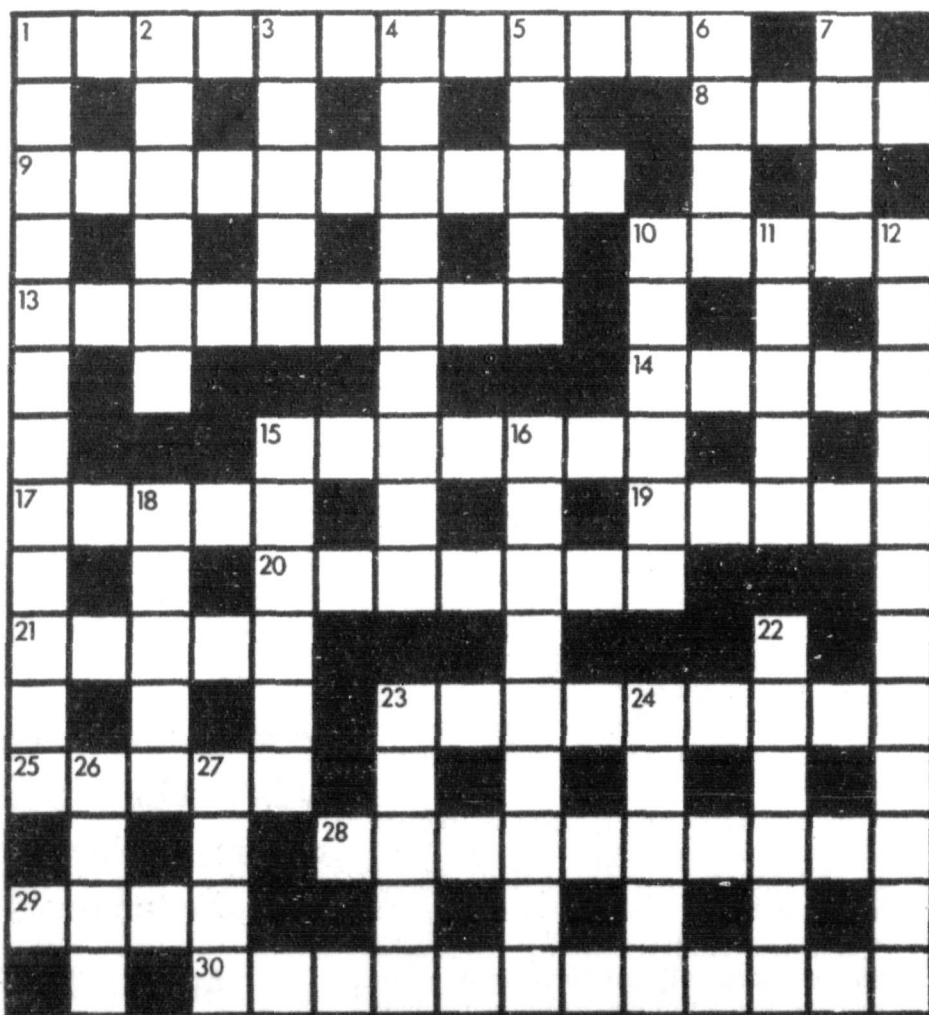
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- What the candidate may do when late for work? (3, 3, 6).
- Old instrument is really resonant inside (4).
- I called cop for a trifling crime (10).
- Examinations set good man to rights (5).
- Being prepared may be Diane's reserve (9).
- Employees offering support? (5).
- Hebrew teachers (7).
- One of the 23 (5).
- I left ruined, and went below (5).
- Bert and I make beginner shake (7).
- Either not drinking, otherwise inside the bar (5).
- 30 across called in when people want to do this maybe (9).
- Part of body giving courage? (5).
- Busybody gives arms to deserter and swine, perhaps (10).
- To collide thus is a sign of love (4).
- Are they in charge of the wedding breakfast? (12).

CLUES DOWN

- A consequence of drumming? (12).
- Heavenly beverage (6).
- Animal is all right, and a quiet one (5).
- A branch of it may end war (5, 4).
- Drops of water? (5).
- She's the same, up or down (4).
- B-animal! what a nasty child (4).
- The fleshy ingredient is suet, perhaps (6).
- Remained sober, we hear (5).
- Libbers take south-east — great stuff! (12).
- Come to live in Yorkshire town (6).
- Chewy kind of music? (9).
- Dangerous feeling to have inside? (5).
- Indigenous letter written in inexperienced surroundings (6).
- It's likely, if it's on them (5).
- Not very interesting animals (5).
- Former object is way-out (4).
- Means of warmth in winter (4).



SOLUTION TO MARINER 49

Across — 1. Metaphysical; 9. Lightened; 10. Elite; 11. Antler; 12. Credence; 13. Dorrit; 15. Accident; 18. Amalgams; 19. Assert; 21. Amicable; 23. Annexe; 26. Ahead; 27. Teenagers; 28. Presbyterian.

Down — 1. Mallard; 2. Tight; 3. Pottering; 4. Yank; 5. Indirect; 6. Amend; 7. Element; 8. Viennese; 14. Realised; 16. Insinuate; 17. Emulate; 18. Adamant; 20. Treason; 22. Adder; 24. Elemi; 25. Rely.

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FILM THEATRE
Saturday, 31st January 11.15 pm: VIRDIANA (Luis Bunuel 1961)
Sunday, 1st February 7.30 pm: THE PROJECTIONIST (Harry Hurwitz 1970).

Vaudeville vilified... classics in the chapel... Hyde Park hits

Old boys shine

Chimpanzees' tea parties don't change much. Neither it seems, does the comedy of Walter Matthau and George Burns. Not that there's a great deal of difference between these gentles. Though Matthau manages to look more like a splenetic ape, octogenarian Burns, with a black toupee firmly strapped on, would be ideally cast as a chimp. Their comedy lacks physical gymnastics, but contains the other obligatory tea party elements of farce, tantrums, and excess, as the old wags gag their way through this tale of two old vaudeville stars who make a comeback for a TV tribute to the music hall.

The lack of gymnastics is understandable for, though the blood still circulates, it doesn't circulate everywhere, as Burns (in the role of Al Lewis) admits. He claims that it still circulates as far as his head but you wouldn't have thought no from the look on his stooge's face, which is about as expressive as a monkey's bum, an attribute which makes him a perfect foil to the shambling, mumbling misanthrope Willy Clark. Matthau overplays Clark's rapid irascibility to

The Sunshine Boys ABC

such an extent that one wonders why he hasn't died of apoplexy years before, but it's hilarious all the same, and was the highlight of the show for me.

The material in this typically MGM show-biz film, by Herbert (Funny Lady) Ross, laughs from the ludicrousness of the senile incomprehension of Lewis, and Clark's venomous dislike of the world in general and Lewis in particular. 'As a comic, no-one could touch Al Lewis. As a person no-one would want to.'

There are several thin patches, and the resolution is a very weak anti climax, but it's a sunny experience for most of its length, and a welcome change from the heavy brigade of 'Jaws', 'French Connection', 'Dog Day Afternoon' et al. 'Boy, do we need it now' as MGM are fond of saying.

Roger Yelland



Ageing comic George Burns points out Walter Matthau's faults in a scene from 'The Sunshine Boys' 'A' — ABC

Independent streak pays off

Among the many fine doubles at the Hyde Park this term are Schlesinger's *Midnight Cowboy* with Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight, which goes out with Hoffman's early success, *The Graduate*, directed by Mike Nichols. Two films by the late Pier Paolo Pasolini are scheduled, the *Arabian Nights* and his *Canterbury Tales*, which will be paired with Woody Allen's *Bananas*.

Hyde Park PREVIEW

That old favourite of film societies everywhere, Brunel's wickedly funny *Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* will accompany *The Salzburg Connection*.

Roman Polanski's superb thriller, *Chinatown*, surfaces

for a couple of nights, as does the Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine comedy, *Irma La Douce*. The Bogart classic, *Key Largo* finds an unlikely partner in *Alice's Restaurant*, but the cinema should repeat this term's early success when *Young Frankenstein* reappears, but this time with *Take the Money and Run*.

Henry Teagle

Vaughan Williams and Bach in the cooler

The concert by the Music Department Ensemble last Wednesday opened briskly with Bach's first Brandenburg Concerto. It was actually the second to be written but was placed at the head of the set because of its larger scope and orchestra. There are in it many affinities with dance music, as in a lot of Bach's work (which probably accounts for its universal appeal) and these were well brought out by the ensemble: the steady pace, the rocksure harmonic progression and the final movement's suite of dances — a recurring minuet, two contrasted trios for woodwind combinations and a polacca for strings alone.

The Brandenburgs are not 'concertos' in the modern form of soloists and orchestra, but rather pieces of 'concerted' music, and the effect is rather like the modern trad jazz band, where all the members seem to be playing independently, but always with an underlying structure and direction to the music. The ensemble was at its best when 'concerted',

Music Department Ensemble EMMANUEL CHURCH

though to be fair, the soloists were probably hampered by the cold.

Apart from its temperate, the Emmanuel Church is ideal for this sort of chamber concert because the orchestra is not alienated by being on a stage and the audience surrounds the musicians on all four sides. With the stone pillars and arches it was easy to imagine oneself even further back than Bach's time, which was very fitting, for the programme continued with Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia* on a theme of Thomas Tallis.

Tallis was court organist for Henry VIII and the theme is one of his hymn tunes. Vaughan Williams' beautiful arrangement is scored for two string orchestras and soloist, showing how much inspiration he drew from Tudor music, for the idiom is still immediately recognis-

able as his own, with the constant alternation between major and minor and the irregularities of metre. This piece was the highlight of the concert, for the ensemble played both the powerful unison passages and the beautifully restrained moments superbly well.

The third piece on the programme was Busoni's 'Berceuse Elegiaque'. As its name suggests it is sober music and the ensemble seemed only to come to grips with its apparent lack of character towards the end. The piece is after all an elegy but its subdued dynamics were perhaps too dreary after the *Fantasia*. It is a suitably sobering thought that Busoni's music was as popular in his own day as Vaughan Williams' music is today but that now it is rarely heard. Will Vaughan Williams' music suffer a similar decline?

The concert concluded with a spirited and confident rendering of Brahms' *Serenade No. 1*.

Tim Leadbeater

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Next Week: The same.

ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Exorcist* @, 2.45, 5.25, 8.15; plus *The Concert* @, 2.10, 4.50, 7.40.
Next week: Not yet available.

ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: *Dog Day Afternoon* @ 2.10, 5.10, 8.15; plus *Yip and Hope* @, 1.15, 4.15, 7.20.
Next week: Not yet available.

ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: *Dustin Hoffman and Susan George in Straw Dogs* @, 4.10, 8.30; with *Soldier Blue* @, 2.00, 6.15, LCP 6.15.
Next week: Peter Sellers in *The Return of the Pink Panther*.

ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: *The French Connection II* @, 1.05, 4.50, 8.35; plus *Gordons War* @, 3.00, 6.45, LCP 6.45.
Next week: *Street Fighter*.

ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Cars That Ate Paris* @, 3.55, 8.55, Sat 5.25, 8.55; plus *Night of the Living Dead* @, 2.00, 7.00, Sat 7 pm only.
Next week: *Alice Doesn't Live Here Any More* @@; plus *Summer of '42* @.

TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: *Five Fingers of Death* @, 1.35, 5.10, 8.50; and *Freebie and the Bean* @, 3.05, 6.50.
Next week: *Flesh Gordon* @, Sun 5.00, 8.10, weekdays 2.40, 5.50, 8.55; plus *The Amorous Milkman* @, Sun. 3.15, 6.25 weekdays 1.00, 4.05, 7.15.

PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: *Secrets of Sweet Sixteen* @, 3.15, 6.10, 9.05; plus *Passion Pill Swingers* @, 1.45, 4.35, 7.30.
Next week: *Bummer* @, Sun 3.00, 6.20, w/days 3.30, 6.55; plus *The Hitch Hiker* @, Sun 4.40, 8.05, w/days 1.50, 5.15, 8.40.

CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: *The Godfather II* @, nightly at 6.30.
Next week for 2 weeks: *Earthquake* @, cont 6 pm.

COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: *Tommy* @@, 5.45, 8.35, LCP 7.35.
Next week: James Mason and Susan George in *Mandingo* @ Sun 4.45, 7.40, LCP 7.00, weekdays 5.20, 8.20, LCP 7.30 plus short.

HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: *Billy Jack* @@, plus *Class of '44* @, 8.45.
From Sunday for 6 days: *Crystal Voyager* @, Sun 6.55, weekdays 7.15; plus *Blues Like Showers of Rain* @, Sun 6.15, weekdays 8.35; plus *Fantastic Planet* @, Sun 8.40, weekdays 9.00.
Wednesday only: *Universal Soldier* @@, 7.00; and *Accident* @@, 8.40.

LEEDS FILM THEATRE

Tomorrow at 7.30: *The Projectionist*.

BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Sunday at 7 pm: *Solaris* Mon, Tues, Wed at 7.15: *The Hunt (La Caza)*; plus *Dreams and Nightmares*.
Thursday at 7 pm: *The Merchant of Four Seasons* plus *A Private Enterprise*.

YORK FILM THEATRE

Sunday at 7 pm: *The Last Detail* and *My Way Home*.
Thursday at 7.45: *What?*

UNIVERSITY FILM SOCIETY

Tonight at 7 pm *The Apartment*.
Tuesday at 7 pm: *Antonio Das Mortes*.

POLY FILM SOCIETY

Thursday: *The Cocoanuts* — *The Marx Brothers*.

TV

Kung Fu addicts might be interested in *Wushu: The Martial Arts of China* (BBC2) tomorrow night, a programme recorded at London's Coliseum last year featuring a 40-strong Chinese company demonstrating their country's ancient fighting skills.

And the following day, same channel, *The World's Newest Island* promises to keep you glued. The film traces the birth, growth and colonisation of a new island, Surtsey, off the coast of Iceland. The island began to appear from the sea in 1963, and ever since then scientists have been patiently studying its plant and animal life. The programme will also be looking at the effect the volcanic eruption, which formed Surtsey, had on a neighbouring island and its population, as the islanders tried to prevent the lava from engulfing their homes.

The *Winter Olympics* (Wednesday BBC1) are always worth watching for the bobsleigh and ski-jumping, and the BBC cameras have descended en masse on Innsbruck to bring us live coverage of the action.

Chris Elliott

theatre

PLAYHOUSE

Until February 14th at 7.30: Tuesday 2 pm *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.

HARROGATE THEATRE

From Sunday at 7.30: Harry H. Corbett in *Murder in Mind*.

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LEEDS STUDENT SPORT

your weekly newspaper

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Lacrosse men lose out to veteran sharp-shooters

The University Men's Lacrosse team played in a friendly match against the Old Grovians first team on Saturday, losing out 7-8.

Tide turns for Fives

After a disappointing start to the season for the University Fives team, the tide turned on Saturday with an away win over the staff of Crossley and Porter School, Halifax.

In the eight doubles games, the Leeds team fought valiantly to hold the more experienced side to a 90 points draw — a rare event in a Fives match.

It was a hard-fought game of singles by respective number ones which decided the match, an exhausted Sutcliffe narrowly beating his opponent 11-9.

The game was played at a terrific pace because of gale-force winds.

Grovians fielded a fast-running team of accurate shooters made up of several experienced players, and supplemented by two enthusiastic schoolboy members. It was a challenging team, which made great demands on the Leeds defence.

Leeds were trailing 4-7 at half-time but they didn't let the depressing score put them off their game. They began to attack with more fluency than earlier in the game, passing the ball around the goal and coming close on several occasions.

These tactics, however, were not enough to give them the lead before the final whistle.

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THE CHAMPIONS

Poly win British title

The Poly volleyball side produced a superb performance at home last weekend to become the new British Polytechnic Volleyball champions.

Playing against teams from Leicester, North London, North-East London and Sheffield Polytechnics, Leeds won every match to take maximum points and the championship.

In their first match, against NE London, the power of Leeds captain Tarsuslugil and Schwarz was too much for the opposition, and the home team took them apart 15-10, 15-10.

An improved Sheffield team were the third side to fall victims to the Leeds tour-de-force. The attack of Tarsuslugil, Wilding and Mustafa was well supplied with passes from the back, and they annihilated Sheffield 15-1, 15-3.

The final match, against Leicester, was the decisive one for Leeds. Leicester had

won all three of their matches too, and this contest was to decide who would take away the championship title. Leeds made a good start, building up a substantial 9-1 lead. Although Leicester fought back to make it 7-9 at one point, the efficiency of their first sets gave Leeds the first set 15-7.

In the second, Leicester came back again to take a 7-1 lead. Playing rather casually, the Leeds men allowed themselves to slip to 13-5, but Leicester won it 15-13.

In the final set, Leeds wakened up, showing the full potential of their flair and ability. Leicester were never able to get into it, and the home side went on to win 15-7.



A near miss for the Poly soccer side in their 3-1 win at home last weekend. Match report in full next week.

Picture by Graham Rodin

BOUND FOR PALACE

The Northern UAU Divisional Judo Championships took place at York on Saturday, with teams from York, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Lancaster, and Leeds taking part.

Despite a praiseworthy performance in the first round by the Leeds team, all but Jackson, the captain, and Illingworth were eliminated. Unluckily that Daniels, one of the team's most promising competitors was drawn in the same pool as Jackson.

Illingworth was later forced

to retire because of injury and Jackson was eliminated in the stronger of the two pools. However, despite their failure to reach the finals of the championships, the Leeds' men's success in the early rounds of the competition has guaranteed both Jackson and Illingworth a place on the Northern UAU team to compete in the British Universities Championships at Crystal Palace in February.

● The Karate Club travelled to Manchester on Saturday for a triangular match between Leeds, Manchester and Salford universities. Manchester won both the team and the individual events, which surprised no one, as they are the current British University champions. However the Leeds men fought well, particularly Cohen, who continues to show great potential.

Bikes wanted

The newly-formed Leeds Carnegie Road Cycling club appealed this week for new members.

Brian Jackson, one of the club's organisers, says that students can join regardless of whether they wish to take part in the club's racing activities. New members should contact him at the college's Grange Hall.

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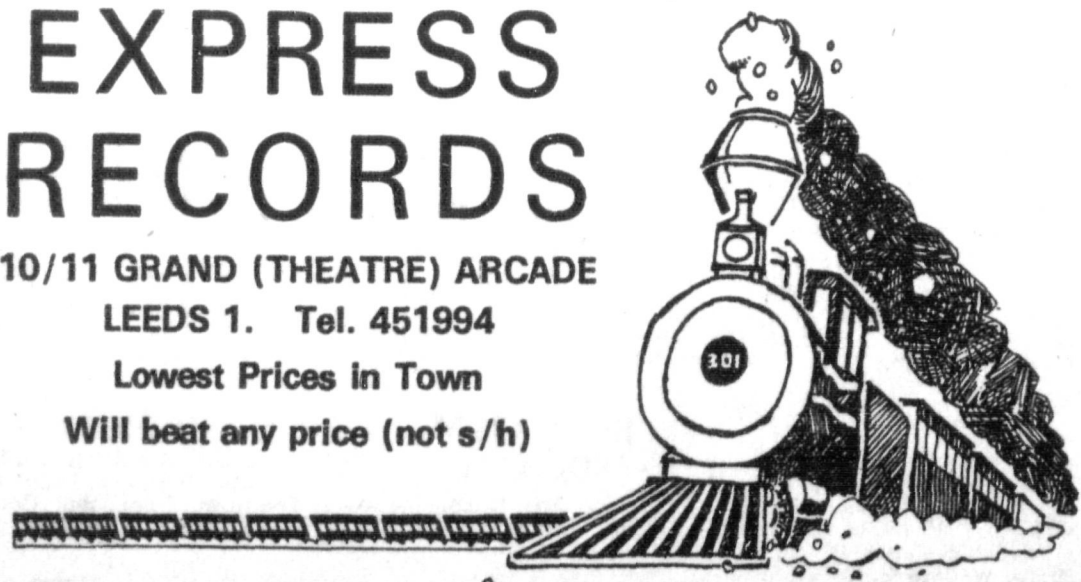


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It was a successful weekend for the City of Leeds and Carnegie college soccer teams, with all three sides victorious in their leagues.

The first team played at home in the Yorkshire league winning 1-0 against Ossett Albion.

Strong pressure from the opposing side prevented the Leeds team from settling down to their game until well into the first half. However, shortly before half-time, the home team's most inspired move of the game,

starting in their own goal area, resulted in a beautifully-angled goal from Wills.

Soccer

Throughout the second half the Leeds defence withstood constant attack from Ossett but held out bravely, thanks to hard work from Snowden in goal. The win will lend weight to the CLCC side's bid for the Division One Championship.

But the most exciting performance of the day came from the second team, who beat Ossett Albion 5-1 in an away match. To the obvious concern and consternation of Ossett, the league leaders, the

Leeds team put themselves four goals ahead within thirteen minutes.

Albion recovered sufficiently to score one goal, but the visitors soon replied to maintain their four-goal lead.

Goals came from Towning (2), Dickens (2) and Metcalf.

In view of their recent poor form, the college third team's -1 win over AC Electric came as something of a surprise. Leeds men's prospects didn't look too bright at half-time, when they were one goal down. But undeterred they fought back in the second half with Smith and Parker combining well in midfield, to allow man-of-the-match Hunter to produce a high-quality hat-trick.