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# **STUDENTS FACE FIRE HAZARD – 1** SCANDA Thousands of students living in illegal, dangerous housing

Half the city's 20,000 odd students are living in houses which are both illegal and dangerous.

This is the frightening situation uncovered by a Leeds Student inquiry into fire safety in the thousands of privately owned houses occupied by the students of Leeds.

Virtually none of these buildings have planning permission to be used as multi-occupancy dwellings. Their use as such is therefore ILLEGAL.

And because such accommodation lacks official planning permission the Council cannot enforce basic fire safety regulations which would normally apply to multioccupancy homes.

The result: as many as 10,000 students in this city are living in potential deathtraps. The houses are old,

situation," he said. He added that even if it were legally possible to enforce the regulations his department would have great difficulty in doing so in view of the huge number of buildings involved.

Councillor Peter Sparling, Chairman of the Housing Committee described the situation as: "A new one on me" when we asked him about it earlier this week. He said he had never been told that such a situation existed.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor David Hudson, said that he too knew nothing about the matter and declined to comment further.

One argument put forward unofficially by council officials is that if they did commence tightening-up on student accommodation the result would inevitably be a severe reduction in the amount of property available as more and more houses were declared unfit for multi-occupancy.

# **STUDENTS FACE FIRE HAZARD** - 2 Union is 'a potential fire bomb' Alarming defects in the safety

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of the University Union building have been revealed in a report published this week. The building is described as "a potentially lethal firebomb."

The author of the report, university civil engineering postgraduate William Wolmuth, states that on one recent occasion he found twelve of the sixteen exit doors in the union extensions either padlocked or bolted. It is, he states, a situation which is repeated most evenings when the building is full of people.

Now university officials have begun an urgent enquiry into the matter. Safety Officer Kenneth Everett commented yesterday that the allegation that exit doors were normally locked was of 'great concern' and promised that a full investigation would be made.



"In the vending room there are seven electric machines and no fire extinguisher. not even a water one," he adds.

FIRE

A LEEDS STUDENT

**SPECIAL REPORT** 

**ON THE FIRE** 

HAZARDS FAGED

**BY STUDENTS** 

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an investigation of conditions in student

homes.

"I couldn't find one carbon dioxide fire extinguisher in the whole extension in spite of the presence of televisions, pinball machines and a photobooth. There is no fire-fighting equipment upstairs in the Belton in spite of inflammable chairs and carpets and regular discos with electrical equipment."

Drawing a comparison with the Summerland fire disaster on the Isle of Man Mr Wolmuth states that of the thirteen features blamed for the pleasure centre blaze, nine of them are incorporated into the union's design or are 'present through lack of thought.'

overcrowded and lack simple safety equipment such as fire alarms, extinguishers and fire exits. They are run by landlords who, because there is no legal requirement, make few attempts to render the buildings safe from fire.

The city's Chief Environmental Health Officer, Mr Frank Reynolds, told Leeds Student earlier this week that it was impossible for his department to enforce fire safety legislation in privately owned student accommodation:

"Because of the lack of planning permission we are forced to condone this illegal

#### Severe

One senior official commented that the already bad student housing situation could be made many times worse if the Council decided to open the 'blind eye' it has been turning to conditions in student homes for a number of years.

They cite as an example of the consequences of strict council action the situation in Sheffield where the local authorities have tried to enforce fire regulationsin student homes and where there has consequently been a drastic reduction in places for students.

In his report Mr Wolmuth said he found 'a complete lack of adequate fire-fighting equipment' in the union and cited as examples the absence of proper fire extinguishers in many parts of the building, including the basement area of University House, which comes under the University's jurisdiction, where the Gryphon Grill, vending room and launderette are situated.

"The union's irregular and complicated layout coupled with the regular flouting of fire safety regulations transforms the place into a potentially lethal firebomb," he states.

"I pity any poor devil in the launderette or vending room area in the evening. If a

William Wolmuth — he produced the report

fire breaks out, the Gryphon Grill exit is locked, the emergency exit next to the launderette can only be reached by smashing an inconspicuous emergency glass box and the exit via the refectory is often locked as well."

Mr Wolmuth goes on to criticise the installation of a water hose in one of the union's large television rooms as the only means with which to fight a fire.

By day, he concludes, "most looks well when the fire safety officer comes round. By night, when most of the staff have gone home and many of the exits are blocked the situation is transformed into a nightmare."

The union's House Secretary and Fire Officer, Brian Smith, yesterday assured that in future all fire exits will be left open and unlocked.

"We are entirely satisfied that the building is safe", he said, the city fire officers make regular inspections and we have done everything they have required us to do.

### **VPA** axed

A vacant sabbatical post at the Poly Union will not be filled this year, it was decided at yesterday's OGM.

The post, that of Vice-President of Administration, became vacant during the vacation following the resignation of John Boocock.

Proposing the motion to make the VPA post non-sabbatical for the rest of the session, ex-president Ian Steele said that there were no suitable candidates for the job. and in any case there was not sufficient work to justify the existence of the paid post.

"In making it non-sabbatical a saving of £1,500 would be made," he added.

The motion was passed overwhelmingly.

A decision was also made

at the meeting to drastically reduce the budget set aside for sending people to conferences.

Pete Smart proposed, and it was accepted, that the money allocated for this session to conferences should be reduced from £1,600 to £600, with the £1,000 that is saved being given to clubs and societies.

Other motions passed included a proposal to hold a catering boycott, and an expression of support for the setting up of a students' action committee in the Hollin Hall of residence for girls.

### No jobs

One in five of the students who qualified as teachers at Carnegie last year have been unable to find jobs. A survey by the deputy

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

principal of the college, F. W. Wilmott, states that less than 70 per cent of the newly qualified teachers had found positions. 10 per cent and 20 per cent are still unemployed.

Mr Wilmott said primary and middle school teachers were finding it particularly hard to find jobs because the competition for positions is so keen.

Union president, Chris Pratt said many students were afraid the situation could be even worse next year with one in three new teachers unemployed.

Mr Pratt blamed the crisis on the Government's education cuts.

'Schools are crying out for teachers but cannot afford to employ them because the Government and Local Authorities are not making enough money available," he said.

### Turkey cut

The Polytechnic Board of Governors have decided to do away with their special Christmas lunches this year.

The move was made, it is reported, in sympathy with the financial plight of students.'

### **New Deputies**

John Evans, the head of the Carnegie school of Physical Education , is to take one of the key posts in the enlarged Polytechnic.

As Deputy-Director for Personnel, Mr Evans, 48, will be responsible for the difficult task of sorting out the staff problems created by the merger of the Poly, Carnegie and James Graham colleges.

Mr Evans appointment was one of six announced at a meeting of the Inter Academic Council yesterday, when the Director-Designate of the new institute, Dr Patrick Nuttgens, annouced a list of the names of the people who will be in his management team for the new institution.

The three existing Assistant Director of the Poly all retain similar posts in the new set-up.

Dr Brian Gent, 42, will be Deputy-Director for Academic Affairs; Gordon Wright 42, will be Deputy-Director for Resources; and Dr Tony Hamblin will be Head of Admiinstration.

Two existing Heads of Departments in the Poly are to be promoted to Assistant Directors and will assist Nuttgens and his three deputies.

Bill Stark, 49, presently Head of the Management and Business Studies Departmet will assist in the field and Marshall Jenkins, 51, at the momet Head of Architecture will assist Dr Gent in dealing with Academic Affairs.

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# Lives in Danger

The risk to student lives in their homes and in the University Union building because of the lack of fire precautions is one which can neither be overstated nor condoned.

Students frequently have to put up with shoddy conditions, but when their very lives are put in danger by negligence or by the shirking of responsibility, then it is time to make the voice of protest heard loudly and clearly.

Neither of the two Acts of Parliament designed to ease the problem of fire regulations are being enforced to the full. The 1961 Housing Act, which gave the District Councils responsibility for implementing fire regulations, is largely ignored because of the student accommodaton shortage. The other the Fire Precautions Act of 1971, designed to give the responsibility to the Fire Brigade, has yet to be designated to cover multiple occupancy homes.

Sooner or later, there will be a tragedy, and a student or students will be killed. The authorities either through indecisiveness or conscious neglect, have done nothing. landlords are taking advantage of the local authorities, who turn a blind eye to the situation.

In the Union, despite frequent visits and assurances that all was well from the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Fire officer, fire precautions are still inadequate. regulations are flouted and ignored.

The Union Executive sweep the problem under the carpet, hoping that it will go away. Theirs is the responsibility for protecting the interests and lives of the student members. They more than anyone else must do something to make the Union a safe place for everyone.

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# Hall people choose

Students in University halls of residence have rejected overwhelmingly the proposal by the Union Executive to hold a rent strike.

In the special referendum held in all the halls last week the students voted two to one against the Executive's proposals. Of the 1,029 ballot returns 749 were against holding the rent strike and only 357 in favour.

Speaking after the result had been announced at Tuesday's General Meeting, deputy president Bob Rae said he

# 25 years

One in four young people may be receiving a university education by the turn of the century.

The present figure is only eight per cent.

Speaking at Bradford last week, Lord Crowther-Hunt, Minister of State for Higher Education, said that by the vear 2000 around 25 per cent of 18-year-olds could be receiving some form of higher education.

He based his figures on forecasts that in 25 years time, there would be 200,000 students entering higher education annually compared with 62,000 at the moment.

Much of the future expansion would be in science and engineering Lord Crowther-Hunt said.

### **Eno** lecture

Brian Eno, an ex-member of the rock group Roxy Music, is to give a lecture in the Riley Smith Hall next Friday.

The lecture, entitled 'The Relationship between Modern Guerilla Warfare and Modern Music,' will be free admission.

#### London

The rise of hall fees in London has caused widespread protest and rent strike action seems to be inevitable, particularly in the face of increases which, in some cases are as high as 49 per cent. Chelsea Students' Union has agreed to a 22 per cent. rise, matching the grant increase, but urges students to pay any amount demanded above this into a rent strike fund. Spokesmen for London University Union, however, say there is little support for a rent strike at present, but the President stresses that any further rise in hall fees will be resisted. Last year, students of Central London Poly were successful in holding down fees.

by Nick Kehoe

was disappointed but not surprised with the decision. "The students in hall have

shown an overwhelming but misplaced feeling of responsibility," he said.

"Many people decided against the rent strike because of the damage it would do. I hope the University take due note of this when they meet to discuss hall fees for next session," he added.

Mr Rae said that although the referendum result had been against the rent strike it was interesting to note how many people had been prepared to support it.

"It shows the high level of dissatisfaction among students who are finding it difficult to pay the increased fees," he said.

Mr Rae said the Executive were not considering any other action to fight the rent increases.

The vote against the rent strike was expected by many of the hall presidents. Robin Graham, president of Lyddon Hall, said he was not surprised



to pay

Bob Rae — disappointed

at the referendum result. "The majority of people

returning to hall knew what to expect and were obviously prepared to accept the Univer-sity's terms," he said.

Mr Graham said he was pleased that the referendum had given hall students a chance to make their position clear on the issue of rent strikes.

"The referendum result is a much truer expression of the feeling in halls than decisions taken at General Meetings," he said.

### **Festival** go-ahead

Fears that the 1976 National Drama Festival would have to be cancelled due to lack of financial support were dismissed this week when The Sunday Times agreed to support the event.

Serious doubts were cast upon the future of the Festival after the newspaper announced earlier this year that it would no longer support the event financially.

But the paper has now changed its position, and will sponsor the 1976 event together with the Scottish Tourist Board and other organisations.

The 1975 Festival, the most ambitious ever, was held in London where productions were staged at such venues as the Royal Court and the Young Vic. Marat Sade, the University Theatre Group's entry for the Festival was particularly commended.

The 1976 Festival will be held in Edinburgh next April.

# Lift could be deathtrap

Kenneth Everett, after a re-

port that a student at New-

killed in a similar lift.

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castle University had been

The student was crushed

to death when a malfunction

in the pateroster's driving

motor caused it to concer-

The manufacturers of the

Roger Stevens lift, Otis Ltd.,

had inspected the paternos-

ter recently and given it a

"clean bill of health". They

The paternoster lift in the University's Roger Stevens building has been closed down for an indefiinte period while investigations into whether it is safe to use are carried out.

The paternoster was shut down on the advice of the University Safety Officer, Mr



suggested no further safeguards.

But a meeting of the University's House and Estates committee last month accepted proposals by the Electrical Engineer that the lift should be checked before being put back into use.

The lift has only recently come back into service after being out of action with mechanical trouble for several months.

#### Durham

The Student's Union, Dunelm House, is to become open to the people of the city, after

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Kingsway College of Further Education has granted £1,200 to a black student society which plans a visit to Africa for its members. This represents 40 per cent of the cash available to student societies and has caused strong protest.

The college principal said the allocation of such a grant might be controversial, but it was within college rules. He added that the money was not to send black students on a holiday, but for an educational expedition.

He described the society as a valuable part of college activity. Two years ago stuunion funds towards an expedition to India.

The fund treasurer said the decision was not final, and would not necessarily be fulfilled.

# STUDENT WORLD

#### Rhodesia

Over 800 Rhodesian African students have applied to the Ministry of Overseas Development for financial support. 200 will have already received grants, and a further 600 will qualify under the Ministry's criteria.

The Government's response should avoid the potentially embarrassing situation of a large group of penniless, would be students unable to return to Rhodesia and claiming that Britain had ignored its responsibilities.

Most of those without a grant will be Rhodesian girls wanting to take secretarial courses who do not qualify. Mr Diamini, a member of the Zimbabwe Student's Union, said he was unhappy about these courses because many girls who had enrolled would probably have received a grant

**Edited by Dave Harris** 

if they had applied for some other course.

#### Newcastle

An insurance salesman was caught wandering around the Castle Leaes Hall of Residence touting for business.

A code of conduct had been established by hall wardens for insurance salesmen. to which all representatives had agreed, but Mr Mapplebeck of Student Financial Plannin Division chose to ignore this, and conducted his own sales campaign within the hall itself.

The warden has refused to allow such agents onto the site unless actually invited by a student. The firm SFPD had not acknowledged the procedure, but declared that: "Students are not being allowed the right to choose. The whole thing is just a storm in a teacup."

extensive redecoration and refurnishing. This follows last year's 'pilot' scheme, when the doors were open to all on dance nights only.

Entry will be on a membership basis, with priority to those under 22, but anyone can apply. Andy Mcfarlane, the Union president, said the motive was not patronisation but sharing their privileged facilities with neighbours:"The building is here to be used and we hope that Durham people will join us in using it.

"The dance nights showed that town and gown can meet without problems," said Mr Mcfarlane.

#### Londonderry

Londonderry student Shane Papy O'Doherty faces over 30 bomb charges at Bow Street Court. He was remanded in custody for a week, having already been charged with causing explosions at the Stock Exchange in August '73 and at Bedwell Lodge, Hertfordshire, the former home of Reginald Maudling in February '74.

When the case is eventually heard over 50 prosecution witnesses are expected to be called.

At previous hearings O'Doherty said he was a political prisoner and did not recognise the authority of the court. Throughout the hearing he sat with his arms folded and said nothing.

# **Poly Union** snookers Varsity students

University students have been banned from using games facilities in the Poly Union following a breakdown in reciprocal arrangements.

Poly Executive decided on Monday to bar all University students from making use of the snooker tables in the Poly's Games Room.

President Linda Vaughan said the decision was reached because the University Union did not allow Poly students to play on its snooker tables.

This has been the situation for the past six months," she said. "There is a fantastic elitist feeling at the University, and this is the sort of thing that results from it."

Ms Vaughan said that although reciprocal arrangements of this kind were improving, "a breaking down of barriers" was still needed.

A letter was being sent by the Poly to the University Union Exec and Union Council informing them of the decision she said.

### Scooter death

A University graduate was killed in Corfu last week.

Dave Prestcott, 24, who graduated as a dentist earlier this year, was killed instantly when his scooter was involved in a collision on the Greek island.

Mr Prestcott, who was married, had recently gone

# Engineers may be sued over faults

Legal action may be taken by the University against a firm of engineers after the shock discovery last month of serious structural defects in the Earth Sciences/Mathematics complex.

In a confidential report prepared by the University Planning Officer Geoffrey Wilson, blame for the defects is firmly laid with the structural engineers, Flint and Neil.

The faults — one of which was an unsupported concrete slab weighing nearly a ton which could have collapsed into a laboratory and possibly killed students and staff - were discovered by 27by Chris Elliott

year-old engineering student Nicholas Wilson.

Mr Nicholas Wilson spotted the defects while working on a degree thesis about the £1 million complex.

In addition to the unsupported slab, there were cracks in the walls, wide gaps in floor tiles and window frames, large pieces of conrete broken off by move-



Leo Sayer performing to a capacity audience in the Refectory

ment, and faulty expansion joints.

He also discovered that some fume cabinets, used for testing poisonous gases, were not airtight; and that ventilation ducts opening on to a road were allowing carbon monoxide in the building to reach several times the permitted level.

Support props were erected immediately in order to prevent further subsidence, and the engineers and architects were called in to examine the faults.

A month after his first discovery, Mr Nicholas Wilson came across another highly dangerous slab, and the consulting engineers were summoned once again to instal more props.

The Planning Officer's report suggests that a different firm of structural consultants should investigate the problems and make an independent report to the University, the findings of which could help the University decide whether to proceed with a court action.

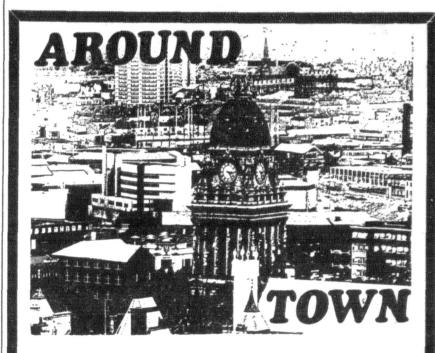


The University Union bookshop is expected to make a profit this year for the first time since it opened three years ago.

The shop lost £2,399 last year and £3,800 the year before.

Jill Owen, the manageress of the shop, said that sales had increased considerably this session, and it was almost certain that they would show a profit when the accounts were publishtd in January.

Miss Owen said the increased sales were due to the



#### MP-BASHING

Mr Stanley Cohen, Labour MP for South East Leeds, defeated a campaign by left wing extremists to oust him from his constituency last week. Behind the move was Leeds law student Graham Bash, a member of the Chartist Group, which was recently responsible for the successful attempt to remove Labour MP Mr Reg Prentice from office. Despite Mr Cohen's 11,000 majority at the last general election, the Leeds branch of the Chartist group, which describes itself as the revolutionary wing of the Labour party, has gained an increasingly strong foothold in the Leeds SE constituency during the past few months. In fact, the delegate chosen by the constituency to send to the recent Labour Party conference was a Chartist.

Mr Cohen's policies were strongly attacked at a vociferous meeting of the Chartists in Leeds. One possible reason for their choice of dr. Cohen as a target is that he was one of the MPs who signed his name in support of Mr Prentice.

A meeting of the Leeds South East General Management Committee last Friday gave the MP a 26-2 vote of confidence.

#### TWO-WHEELED CASUALTIES

Leeds road safety experts are worried about a sharp increase in accidents involving mopeds. Figures show that in February 1974 there were 532 moped casualties in Great Britain. During the same month this year 659 were injured in moped accidents. This increase is mainly accounted for by the large numbers of people who have recently bought mopeds to cut the high cost of motoring. These drivers are often short of experience on the road and therefore prestnt a serious danger.

In Leeds efforts are being made to find volunteers as trainee instructors.

#### PIX TO PURGE PIRATES

There is a showdown brewing up between taxi drivers and a host of 'pirate' cabs operating in the city. The Leeds Amalgamated Taxi Association have submitted photographs to the city council showing taxis which run without a local authority licence.

However, they have problems because the present fine for this offence is a maximum of only £5. So far it is only the taxi drivers who have challenged their illegal counterparts, but it seems that a clamp-down by the city council is now imminent.

into practice at York.

last Saturday night — see review page 8.

# **New home for Playhouse?**

Leeds Playhouse, temporarily situated on the University campus, may be rehoused in the City centre, on the site now occupied by the Plaza cinema.

A plan has emerged from talks between the Board of the Grand Theatre and the Playhouse Trust, which will be subjected to a feasibility study by a theatrical consultancy.

Warren Smith, General Manaber of the Grand

Theatre which is situated on the same street as the Plaza, said it is conceivable that the two theatres might share many facilities, including a box office a foyer, a bar and a restaurant.

There is also the possibility that there might be closer cooperation in productions. The Playhouse already make scenery in the Grand Theatre's workshop.

Councillor Peter Sparling, who is chairman of the Grand Theatre's board of directors, said that if the Playhouse took over the site, the vacant

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ogise for poor crowd control at last week's disco. Our next disco is on November 18th at the Wig-

wam. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD in advance in the History Dept/

property at the back would probably be redeveloped to include a covered way and a car park.

He agreed that finance would be a problem for there is little spare cash at either the Grand Theatre or the Playhouse. However, a "firm commitment" to financial assistance had been received from the Arts Council, he said.

The prospective site is owned by Leeds Corporation, which has decided to renew the Plaza's lease on a short term basis only. The lease is due to expire soon.

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advertising campaign they had launched at the beginning of term.

by Peter Cullimore and Richard Edgar



## personal column

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books; Tarot cards; I-ching cards/ It's amazing how lifelike some of coins; oiuja boards; crystal balls; those films at the Plaza are, isn't it Mike? Almost as if you were doing it yourself, eh? Let's divining rods; pendulums; amulets; astrology kits; biorhythm calculators; aura goggles; ESP cards; luminous paint; leather bullwhips; besoms; etc. etc. THE NORTH'S FIRST OCCULT AND hope you can keep it up next week. PSYCHIC EQUIP. SHOP. Plus Best of luck with P.B. Billy. Ice

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glass.

The University Union announced price increases on some drinks this week.

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## Bar staff refuse to work



are increased by a penny a

Union Treasurer Tom

Burke said the union were

only passing on increases

made by the breweries.

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Demands for a tightening up of security have come from Poly bar staff after a night of trouble in the Union last Friday.

Bar manager Fred Gaunt told Monday's meeting of the Union executive that four out of six part-time staff, and all the full-timers, were refusing to man temporary bars in the college's Tech Hall foyer until something was done about the lack of security men available to deal with troublemakers.

"Two extra men at least are needed to cover us

# **Kitson to help** blaze victims

A Leeds college has come to the rescue of more than 70 Bradford students left without classrooms after a blaze badly damaged their college earlier this week.

said.

Kitson College stepped in with the offer of help after the £50,000 fire had gutted a four storey building in Thornton Road, Bradford, used by the Regional College of Art as a printing annexe.

Kitson principal George Cooper said it was still not certain exactly how many students were involved.

"Because of the fire, some of them won't be able to complete projects they are working on, so we will try

by Chris Elliott

against the kind of ugly situation which developed on Friday," he said.

The incidents occurred during the Union's International Evening, a Freshers event specifically designed to welcome overseas students to the college. Bar staff manning a temporary bar outside the Tech Hall were insulted by customers, tables were pushed around, and gas cylinders overturned. Attempts were also made by some

to help them out by provid-

customers to steal drinks. Mr Gaunt said he was forced to close the bar an hour early to prevent further trouble.

Later in the evening police were called to eject a large crowd of people trying to force their way past stewards into the Union building. A number of people were also thrown out for possession of drugs, but no arrests were made.

Chief Security Officer Danny Makin commented that he "could have done with 20 men" to deal with the situation on Friday.

"But I'm against filling the Tech Hall with muscle men. This is a students' union, and I'm sure this kind of image is not what anybody wants," he said.

Mr Makin said he felt it would be better for the Union if more student stewards were employed instead of outside 'bouncers'.

#### Bouncers

ing classroom accommoda-tion," he said. Mr Gaunt said his staff Printing equipment damawere quite willing to cater ged in the blaze could cost for events in the Tech Hall. £50,000 to replace, a spokesproviding adequate 'cover' man for the Regional College were to be made available: "Whenever there's trouble on Royston Moore, the colthe main door all the seculege's Director of Planning rity men are pulled away and Resources said that the from the bar to sort it out. fire was a terrible setback On Friday night I was left for the college, particularly alone in the Information in the light of present cut-Point with £750 worth of bar backs ineducational expenditakings when Danny was ture. Bradford Metropolitan called away to deal with Council were also involved troublemakers. in the search for alternative accomomdation for the stu-Executive decided that dentss, and the possibility of three extra security men using a former chapel as temwould be employed on nights porary teaching space was when an occasional bar was being considered. Mr Moore to be set up. It was suggested that an extra penny could be marked up on drinks served on such nights to cover the cost of the additional security.

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**Business Lunches:** 



Leeds Student's controversial columnist takes a look at college catering

# Food for thought

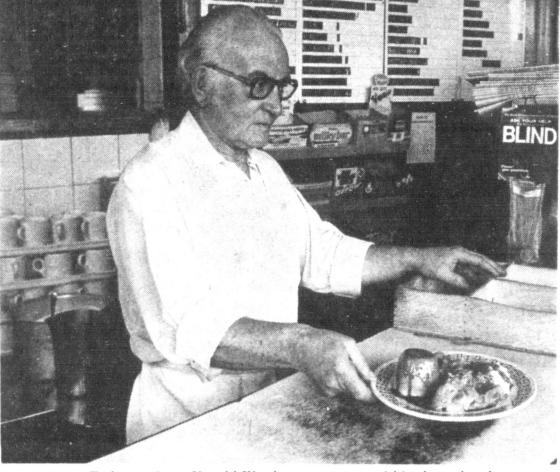
## Chips with everything. And badly cooked chips at that.

This just about sums up college catering, where the menus never vary from week to week and the food on offer is always dull.

The prices of campus meals are forever rising but the quality of them always remains the same — low. The food is unimaginatively prepared and is served in unattractive surroundings. Often cold, frequently stodgy, the standard meals served in the Polytechnic and University must leave people pining for some good old home cooking.

College chefs even seem incapable of doing justice to our staple diet, the humble spud. During the five years that I have been eating campus food I have never yet tasted a decent chip.

Personally I am not an avid connoisseur of the vegetable in its french fried form, particularly when cold. But at least the insipid refectory chip is preferable to the only other alternative, that ghastly synthetic mash.



Lane End proprietor Harold Ward serves up one of his cheap lunches

#### Taste buds

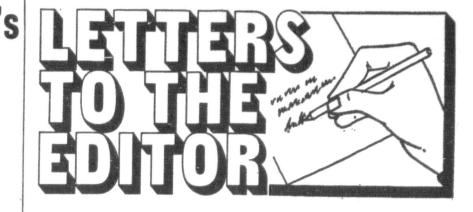
However, the Polytechnic and University catering managers can tempt the taste buds when they have a mind to. Some of the sumptuous feasts they prepare for special occasions would delight the most discerning gourmets. The fact is that they don't bother where students are concerned.

Why is this so? Simply, I suppose, because the sheer quantity of meals served

End compare favourably with those charged on the campus but there the similarity ends.

For 41p Harold offers a wide variety of main courses each lunchtime dished up to order with two Yorkshire puddings and half a pint of steaming tea. Each hot and tasty meal comes to the table fresh from the kitchen oven. Unlike the typical refectory meal which can have been lined up on the counter for up to half an hour before you get a chance to consume it.





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

Sir,

# Unsighted Sir,

Having been at Leeds now for over a year, I have in my time been present at a large number of concerts that the University stage

During all of the performances I have noticed the large number of people down the side allies, outside the area enclosed by the pillars. On a recent visit to the University to see Fairport Convention I arrived a little after 8 o'clock and on entering the hall was horrified to find the place packed to the brim, with practically no viewing space at all. The sliding partition halfway along the hall was also pulled across, causing a large number of people to be crammed in the side ailes.

I decided to confront the organiser, who came into the hall with me, agreed with me that the situation was a little out of hand and said he would try to get the partition opened. The area behind the partition had been set out for the refectory the next day, and he said all the night staff left before the end of the concert, and he would have to set the tables out again by himself.

Anyway, by the end of Fairport's set the partition had not been open, and there must have been at least 150 people who had been in a similar non-viewing position as me. The music was very good, but as you can understand a large proportion of the atmosphere was lost without being able to see the group.

### Out of context

has succeeded in getting the whole conversation out of context, which not only places me in an embarrassing situation, but could also cause a division in the feelings of the students involved.

If this is the type of support activist students receive from your paper, I feel that they could do very well without it.

Charlotte Kemp,

## Direct action

The article by lan Coxon entitled 'Direct Action Is Futile' will hopefully provoke a large scale discussion on this important topic.

lan Coxon writes with considerable accuracy that the proposals for an occupation at the Polytechnic and a rent strike at the University have indeed fallen flat. But from this rather meagre evidence, he goes on to make the massive generaliation that 'Direct Action is a dead loss.'

Considerable space is given in the article to accepting the fact that the student standard of living has fallen and that the accommodation situation has seriously deteriorated.

But lan Coxon has nothing to say about how to fightback against these cuts. The considerable successes that direct action has achieved both in Leeds and elsewhere are ignored. There have been a wide range of issues over which direct action has succeeded. In November, 1973, it was the three-day occupation that forced the University to recognise Pete Reader as the sabbatical University Union Secretary. At Lancaster University last year, an occupation was used to defend rent strikers threatened with victimisation.

in a single session to students makes it harder to keep up the quality — but not impossible.

Refectory meals could quite easily be made much more appetising. College cooks should take a tip from Harold Ward who runs a transport cafe in Leeds.

The Lane End Cafe, at the bottom of Beeston Road, is a haven for lorry drivers and workmen where piping hot breakfasts and lunches are served for about 40p. Proprietor Harold who runs the cafe with his wife and three assistants says the secret of his success is that everything is prepared exactly the same way as it would be done at home.

About 300 meals a day are served in his tiny austere but friendly establishment which is a fraction of the size of the University refectory. The prices at Lane

#### Superior

Admittedly the University's Gryphon Grill and the Poly's a la carte service provide meals which are slightly superior to the standard fare if you are prepared to pay a bit more. However, much could be done to improve even these mediocre services.

By far and away the best college meals are to be had at Carnegie. And, if you are a student there the food is incredibly cheap. I only hope that the impending merger won't mean that Carnegie will have to lower its catering standards to meet the Polytechnic's.



Showing his solidarity with students, Lord Boyle braves the perils of the ghastly Gryphon.

#### Sir,

Having just read the latest edition of Leeds Student, I feel I can no longer find any credibility in any of your articles, Last Wednesday I was asked by a reporter to give a quote on behalf of Hollin Hall Action Committee, the quote was: "I believe that the paternalistic attitude of wardens must stop towards students in halls, and that the authorities must realize that these students are as capable and as responsible of looking after themselves as any other sector of the student body."

Unfortunately your reporter, who appears to have difficulty in hearing and understanding,

Even where the issue is a financial one, direct action can still be used successfully. lan Coxon argued that 'the money simply isn't there.' But the universities are short of money simply because the Government is reducing the education budget. Leeds University, for example, has been forced to increase its intake in order to qualify for more Government money. The Government has severley reduced its education budget while continuing to waste £3,000 million a year on defence.

Already this year, Royal Holloway College has reduced its rent after threats of a rent strike. Direct action against the University forces it to put pressure on the Government.

Hall fees in Leeds have risen by 33 per cent. while grants rose by only 22 per cent, and these are the second highest hall fees in Britain. They will continue to rise, as will prices in the University and Polytechnic refectories until students decide to take some form of direct action against the increases.

Yours faithfully, Steve Cass, NUS Secretary, President International Socialist Society.

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ARE YOU LIVING DEATHTRAP? But most fires are unreported unless Half of the students in they become serious.

Leeds inhabit houses constructed at the turn of the century.

Most are overcrowded and in many the electrical systems are in an advanced state of decay. When the occupants plug in their hi-fis, heaters and hairdriers, these homes become potential death traps.

This is because only a minority of landlords have taken steps to ensure that their houses comply with the minimum fire safety regulations. Most of the owners of houses occupied by hoards of students fail to spend any money on making the dwellings safe because they know that their is little likelihood of the law being enforced.

Under Section 16 of the 1961 Housing Act, the district council was given the responsibility of ensuring "reasonable means of escape" in the case of fire in a multiple-occupancy household. This means that when a fire occurs in a house it should be prevented from spreading in order to allow the occupants to leave. Most important, the staircase must be protected from fire and smoke.

#### **Burnt out**

Unfortunately, there are no detailed requirements laid down in the Act. However, a fire officer gave Leeds Student a list of the necessary precautions that should be taken:

1. All doors leading to the stairway



PAUL GIBBS reveals some astonishing facts about the fire risks in student houses.

resistance for at least half an hour. 2. There should be an electrically operated fire alarm system with an alarm

button at each point of exit. 3. There should be fire extinguishers

on each floor of the house and a fire blanket in the kitchen. 4. The ceilings that lead from the kit-

chen to the stairway should be lined with asbestos

any floor above the third. 6. There should be a ventilation shaft to allow smoke to clear from the stair-

In large blocks of flats, fire hoses

should be installed. An experienced fire officer would expect to see the above precautions imelemented, depending on the nature of the accommodation. He would be concerned with the efficiency of the fire safety system rather than the practical problems of installing it. Therefore, the costs landlords would face if they attempted to meet the regulations could be astronomical

In Leeds, the Council turns a blind eve to the situation because enforcement of the laws relating to fire safety would render half the city's students homeless. A spokesman for the Council's Depart-

should be self-closing and render fire ment of Environmental Health told Leeds Student this week that he could not remember a single case where a landlord had been forced to implement any fire brigade recommendations concerning multiple occupancy households.

When the council receives a report from the Fire Brigade concerning safety regulations it should be acted upon by the Department of Environmental Health. But usually no action is taken. 5. There should be a fire escape from This is because nine times out of ten no planning permission has been granted for the houses to be turned over to multiple occupancy: "We cannot go further in enforcing the regulations as we would be condoning what is already an illegal situation," a spokesman for the department said.

In other words, the Council is unwilling to start clamping down on illegal house conversions, never mind fire precautions

This stalemate situation is not confined to Leeds. Illegal muti-occupancy houses exist all over the country. Hence the reticence on the part of the Home Office to implement an Act designed to give the fire brigade responsibility for fire precautions.

#### Precautions

The 1971 Fire Precautions Act lays Middle: this heavily taped switch down rigorous safety standards for almost all types of buildings. But, so far, only hotels, factories, offices and shops have been required to meet the stipulations of the Act. Next in line are hos-pitals. According to a Home Office spokesman: "The extension of the Act to cover mutiple occupancy houses is not in sight.'

When asked why there is such a delay over tightening up on this type of accommodation, he refused to comment. The authorities have three alternatives

if a building fails to reach the required safety limits. First, they can authorise the work to

be carried out. This is in general very expensive, but it can provide a good chance of escape in the event of a fire. Secondly, the living area of the

building can be restritced, thus reducing the total number of flats. The problem here is that the landlord's revenue is correspondingly reduced.

Thirdly, there is a distinct possibility that nothing at all could be done. The cost of making a building satisfy the appropriate fire regulations could be prohibitive, and the house would have to be emptied or put to some other use. The effect of this would be to put a tremendous strain on an already overstretched housing problem.

So it is by no means pessimistic to believe that the situation will not change for some considerable time. But for those pyrophobiacs amongst us, there is some hope.

The majority of fires are not structural — they are caused by simple carelessness. Cigarettes in waste paper baskets, overheating chip pans, smoking in bed, forgetting to unplug the telly, these are all the subject of the sort of fire precaution advice broadcast in lieu of any effectual fire precaution legisla-

In houses where there are several occupants, a fire would soon be notified and extinguished before it got out of control. Statistics show little incidence of fires in multiple occupancy houses.

University flat occupants have an advantage over other students in that the accommodation office takes great pains to ensure more than the minimum fire precautions are in force. Mr S Mitchell, the University Fire Officer: "The equipment we supply in all multi-occu-pancy houses should be standard. It's in excess of the legal minimum, but it's what we consider to be necessary."

#### Rigorous

Despite this, two weeks ago, fire swept through the University's Garstang flats. In twenty minutes two double rooms were completely burnt out. The total damage was over £10,000. No cause has been found as yet for the blaze, but since the flats were empty at the time it is quite likely to be an electrical or structural fault.

When Garstang was built only five years ago, the engineers and architects took full advantage of the current wealth of knowledge on fire precautions. It should have been a perfect, or near perfect set-up. But it wasn't. If a similar fault were to appear in

an unprotected student flat, the consequences could be disasterous. It is the right of every individual student to demand that his or her flat is inspected by a qualified fire officer. If you are in any doubt about the safety of your house, then get an officer to look it over. It could save your life.

Top right: the horrifying speed with which a chip pan can catch fire. Trying to put it out with water only makes it worse.

Top left: smoking in bed is the cause of hundreds of deaths every

was in a bathroom - the worst place for makeshift wiring or loose connections.

Bottom: an overloaded socket such as this can be a death trap.

> The birth of the University's new South Library has been a long and spasmodic process.

> The official opening earlier this month by Harold Macmillan was the culmination of 15 years' planning, design and construction, the realisation of an architect's dream.

It was as early as 1960 that plans for the new building were put forward. Although the University's student population was at that time only half its present figure, it was realised that the inevitable increase in future years would put an incredible strain on the Brotherton's slender resources.

Originally it was hoped the new library would be completed and in use by the late 60's, but in the end planning didn't start until 1969. The reason for the delay was the University's 'priority's building programme, a vast deified plan which when completed would make it possible to walk from Charles Morris Hall to the Parkinson along one corridor - Red Route. Under the plan, the construction of the Physics Administration complex and the lecture theatre block took priority.

When construction did eventually get underway in March 1972, there were further delays ahead. A building strike put the



The burnt out interior of Garstang flats after the blaze two weeks ago.



posing concrete labyrinth, six floors of carpeted academia, equipped with 1250 study places and 180,000 books. It is unique in that it's tailored specifically for undergraduates, a library concept until now found only in the USA. Mr David Cox, the University's Chief Librarian regards the South Library as a "pioneering establishment."

tion time to two years three

Now complete and open for

#### Needs

"We're hoping the library will fulfil two major needs. Firstly in providing a large working space for students, and secondly in in housing a special undergraduate collection of books. The whole building has been designed ferendum on video cassette. to provide individual quiet read-Some departments have already opening date back a year, and ing places, unlike the Brother- made good use of these facili-

stretched the overall construction, which is more of a traditional 'open floor' library." The main loan collection is concentrated in the foyer, on use, the South Library is an im- level. The four floors above it contain the reference sections. On levels 10 and 11 are collections of the Biological Scien-

The new South Library:

a planner's dream?

ces and Physical and Applied Sciences respectively, while the top two floors have the Social Sciences and Arts collections. Catalogues of books are kept staff.

on microfilm, and can be consulted on any of the six floors. On the floor below the entrance, level 8, is the audiovisual room, the first such purpose-built area in any British University.

Here you can consult recorded television and film material. The Political Science Committee of the Social Science Research Council has donated eighty TV and sixty radio programmes covering the two General Elections of 1974 and the EEC Reties. The History Department, for example, has reproduced historical events by stringing newsreel extracts together.

Films can be viewed by any individual student, and special rooms have been provided for 'group viewing'.

Mr Cox emphasizes that the purpose of the library isn't to segregate undergraduates from research students and academic

### In-depth

"If you want more in-depth literature, it can be obtained from the Brotherton, which is still open to undergraduate use," he says. "We don't expect that the number of people using the Brotherton will diminish at all."

If you're thinking of stealing book to make your grant go further ,its' probably worth thinking twice about doing so. The University has become the first British buyer of an electro-

# Better off in Zamboanga than in Barnsley

Where will you be this time next year? Rotherham perhaps, or Barns-

If you are, it could mean you are missing the delights of Zamboanga, Anandanguru or Prachuap Khiri Khan.

Volunteers do a two-year stint overseas in the country are most needed. VSO pays your passage to the project and back, while the country you are serving in provides an adequate local wage and decent holidays.

In some developing coun-tries, there is a chronic shortage of middle level manpower. VSO can partly alleviate this shortage by sending volunteers to fill certain welldefined jobs.

Outside the job, other opportunities can also arise for help. One VSO teacher in Papua New Guinea this year, concerned by the lack roteins in his diet, started off a fishing industry. He learned as much as he could about fishing from the Ministry and began a shark fishing enterprise on

Volunteer teachers often take large groups of children in elementary subjects.

his own with some of boys from the school. The idea really caught on, and now half the village goes out before breakfast to

spread the nets. But apart from the experience of being in an Indian village or eating dog meat (a great Filipino delicacy). there are some quite concrete advantages to VSO job-

Qualified personnel are in short supply in developing countries. The volunteer is often given a degree of responsibility he or she could not expect for several years in England. VSO teachers often find themselves promoted as heads of departments in their first years. One teacher arrived to be told:

nic anti-theft system for the South Library. Special detection devices placed at exit turnstiles will be able to sense whether a book has been properly checked out or not, thanks to removable labels hiden inside the book.

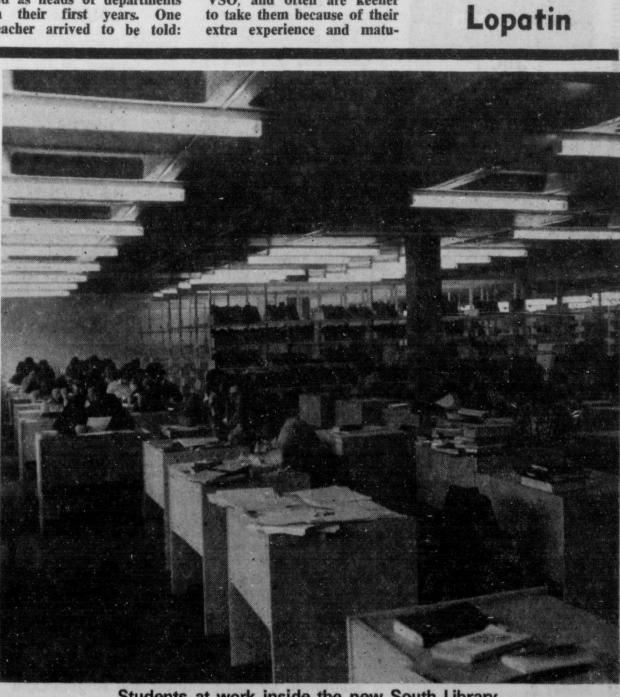
The library is mainly devoted to science literature but there is a large section set aside for the arts subjects, situated on the top floor.

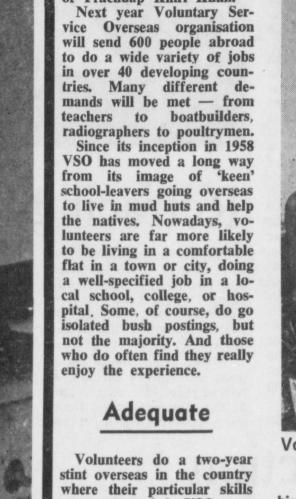
One feature sadly lacking from the new complex is a coffee lounge where students can take a break from their books without leaving the library. Plans for this had to be abandoned when the financial squeeze came into effect last year.

Also shelved was a scheme to build an artificial lake to the south of the library. The buil-ders decided that a lake would, though adding a certain grandoise aspect to the library's setting, be an unnecessary luxury.

The South Library will provide long-needed extra accommodation for the University's 10,000 students. It may have taken 15 years to see the original plans come to fruition, but all in all, it seems to have been worth the wait.

## **Research by Martin Ashe**









"You're the new headmaster. The other one left."

A volunteer librarian may leave a job in England where he or she is just one of many qualified staff and end up organising library services for an area the size of England and Wales.

The prospect of returning to England and finding you are two years behind your contemporaries on the promotion ladder can be a daunting one. Obviously, it's impossible to guarantee that a volunteer returning to this country will get a job. But he does have a lot going for him. Many employers are sympathetic to the aims of VSO, and often are keener

rity. Headmasters appreciate a teacher who has done VSO, particularly if their school has a high proportion of immigrants.

The teacher does not lose financially anyway, because his two years' service counts for increments on the Burnham scale.

If you are interested in doin voluntary service, VSO will train you in a "basic skills course" and even a language course if neecssary. If you have a preference for a particular country, everything possible will be done to meet it.

Next week, VSO will be launching a 'VSO Week' in Leeds. tI will be an opportunity for people to find out about voluntary service, and what it can offer.

Some of the events in the coming week are listed be-

**TUESDAY 28th:** 

- 11 am General information meeting — Leeds Poly Room H114. 2 pm—Opportunities for
- volunteers in teaching overseas - City of Leeds and Carnegie College, Jubilee Room,
- pm and 7 pm-Opportunities for medical volunteers -Leeds Infirmary, Chaplain's Office/Leeds University, Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre.
- WEDNESDAY 29th: am - Opportunities for volunteers overseas - Kitson College Assembly Hall.
- 12 am Opportunities for paramedical volunteers ---Leeds Poly room D112.
- 2 pm-Opportunities for volunteers in teaching overseas — Leeds University Roger Stephens Building
- **THURSDAY 30th:** pm — General information meeting — Leeds University, Roger Stephens building T21.

by Naomie

Students at work inside the new South Library.



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... TV Porridge ... Sayer's knees-up ... Kid's cartoon ... new Antonioni film ... John Hanson



Monday's World in Action team came to the Yorkshire village of Luddenden near Halifax to conduct a nomeat eating experiment. Nearly everyone in the village (population 400) agreed to give up meat for a week and eat 'Textured Vegetable Protein' instead.

A laudable experiment no doubt, but the real interest lay in how the villagers would cope with this new concept of a non-meat based diet. In fact very few people rejected the idea of TVP, which is surprising to those of us who imagine Yorkshire people unable to break away from the notion of "where there's Yorkshire pudding there's roast beef.' one old lady said that she'd gone through worse things before; and it's a shame we're not all as realistic as people from this gritty, grotty Yorkshire village.

I could have sworn V. S. Pritchett (Omnibus, Sunday) said Balzac was fat, ugly and five foot two; and I'm sure he was if you believe history. The only trouble was that Monday's 'Prometheus' series on the life of Balzac refused to accept it. Instead they chose a suave, svelte and debonair young man (Nicky Henson) of at least 5 ft 5 in and called him 'Balzac'.

I can't swear to Mr Henson's height, but I do know that if he was less than 5 ft 5 in (and I still doubt it) everyone else, policemen and all, were under 4 foot 11 inches. Perhaps they thought they'd get away with it on the small screen.

#### Jonathan Forster

Sayer still just a boy at heart

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probably Sayer has reached the outer limits of his career. Quantitively, sellout tours and chart records keep him solvent without fear of his joining the taxexile queue. Qualitatively, there's no sign of radical change, present or imminent.

On which comfortable plateau he's been resting up for some time now. This and the last set of live performances were essentially interchangeable.

Which leaves us with what? A crowd pleaser, basically. More than anything else, the show gets by on the strength of Sayer's feel for the art of entertainment. And it can be a rather different art from that of songwriting.

He often knowingly sacrifices the integrity of his material for the sake of a laugh and a knees-up. At the last gig, 'Just a Boy' was

'Glamorous Night' is a

strange name for an operet-

ta which has as its theme

the effects of affairs of the

heart upon politics. But no

title could adequately reflect

the many sides of this work

Novello set out to create are

largely lost in this produc-

tion — which stars John

Hanson, king of the revivals

- because of the absence of

The musical effects that

by Ivor Novello.

played for the laughs rather than the pathos, not that such pragmatism is a damagingly cynical strategy ---- the sacrifices are never more than slight. The buoyant minstrel pose suits the guy and he retains the vestiges of the original clown image in all his stage antics.

But for all that, the rock jester doesn't make it on laughs alone. Sayer is blessed with a writing talent which, if hardly major, is at best felicitous and at worst careless. In between is a safe, competent norm. But I often feel he is straining after something more - much of his material reads like a try for the definitive rock hymn; hence the anthemic qualitys of his hook-lines. The most ambitious of these is 'The Last Gig of Johnny B. Good', with its cocked snook at the wilder, kamikaze side of rock, taking chances unthinkable for Sayer. And that's when the limits start to show. Against Ziggy. Sayer's mythologising is inept.

Mike Allen

No it's not your exec . . . It's a scene from 'Marco Polo Junior' — ABC

# Retracing father's bum

Yippee, it's half-term! You will already have guessed that these films are not material for the great student viewing public, which, of course, demands intellectual stimulation at the cinema.

'Marco Polo Junior' is a good old fantasy cartoon. A twelve-year-old descendant of the man who made bumming-round-the-world respe-

for John Hanson, as Anthony

tently directed by Alexander

Bridge, who was obviously

forced to work on a shoe-

string budget, even appear-

ing himself as the conniving

lan Coxon

The show was compe-

Allen, her suitor.

Baron Lydyeff.

#### Marco Polo Junior Where the Red Fern Grows ABC2

ctable, retraces his ancestor's steps. Back in Xanadu, again, Junior has to rout the devilish Red Dragon and restore the throne to the Princess Shining Moon.

cinema manager The

# Cold and beautiful

#### The Passenger ABC

Jack Nicholson produces another fine performance in Antonioni's latest film, "The Passenger".

He plays Locke, the television reporter who changes identity with a dead gunrunner while filming in Chad.

"I used to be somebody, but I traded him in", he tells co-star Maria Schnei-

fers him a chance to commit himself to an ideal, that of the freedom-fighters. Instead, he becomes obsessed with having shaken off his old life, regarding that with a narcissistic fervour.

wants to return the children

home in the state in which

they arrived, so after all

this titillation, Where the

Red Fern Grows' is like a

cold shower. It's the huntin'

shootin' fishing', God-fearin'

Mid-West of the thirties.

Billy saves his cents and

dimes for a pair of hounds

Julia Taylor

to hunt racoons.

This negative answer to life is reflected in every desolate location, every tor tured expression of Nicholson's, and, in conclusion, his anecdote of the blind man who recovered his sight but grew so disenchanted that he committed suicide.

The film is like a glass

Shoestring production tempts upon the life of the **Glamorous Night** heroine, Militza, Soprano Pamela Field who took this GRAND part was more than a match

> a full orchestra. But the electronic organ which is used instead, along with a piano, harp, bass and percussion, adds a new dimension to the performance.

However, the redeeming factor is the strong, actionpacked storyline, Especially the effectively staged at-

# **Bunny Show 7.20; plus Dirk** Bunny Show 7.20; plus Dirk Until Saturday 25th 3.00;

### cinema

#### ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: David Essex, Adam Faith in Stardust @@, 12.55, 4.45, 8.40. and David Essex, Ringo Starr That'll Be The Day @@, 2.50, 6.45.

Next week: Gone With The Wind with Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable

#### ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Frauleins In Uniform (2), 1.55, 5.25, 8.55; plus The Stud (3), 3.40, 7.10.

Next week: Where The Red Fern Grows (see review).

#### ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: Ryan O'Neal, Ali McGraw in Love Story @@, 1.10, 4.55, 8.45; plus Pete 'n' Tillie @@, 2.50, 6.45.

Next week: Stardust plus That'll Be The Day with David Essex.

#### **ODEON** 1

Tonight and tomorrow and all next week. James Caan in Rollerball @@, 12.05, 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

#### ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Lee Marvin, Richard Burton in The Klansman (\$ 2.00, 5.25, 8.55; and The Triple Echo (\$, 3.35, 7.00.

Next week: Same. Afternoon matines Hansel and Gretel () plus Sleeping Beauty

#### **ODEON MERRION**

Tonight and tomorrow: Ken Russell's Tommy @@. Next week: Two Disneys — Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs @ plus The Incredible Journey @.

### TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: Clint Eastwood, George Kennedy in The Eiger Sanction @@, 2.30, 8.25; also Romance With 5.30, A Double Bass @, 1.40, 4.35, 7.35

Next week: The Man Of ronze, 4.30, 7.35 Sunday, Bronze, 1.35, 5.10, 8.40 Weekdays; plus When Dinosours Ruled The 8.40 Weekdays; Earth (a), Sunday 2.45, 6.15, Weekdays 3.15, 6.50.

#### PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: Three Into Sex Won't Go ⊗, 2.45, 5.45, 8.50; plus School For Virgins ⊗ 1.15, 4.20, 7.20. Next week: Oversexed ⊗, Sunday 3.20, 5.50, 8.25, Weekdays 1.25, 3.55, 6.25, 9.00; and **Sensuous Doll** (2), Sunday 4.40, 7.15, Weekdays 2.45, 5.15, 7.50.

#### CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: The Great Waldo Pepper (a) con-tinuous 6.00, LCP 8.00. Next week: Oliver Reed and Raquel Welch in The Four Musketeers @ continuous 6.00, 6.00, LCP 7.48; plus short The Magic Dream @, 7.48.

#### **COTTAGE ROAD**

Tonight and tomorrow and all next week: The Four Musketeers @ with Raquel Welch and Oliver Reed, continuous 6.00, LCP 7.45, matinee Tues-day, Wednesday Saturday 2.00.

#### HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow: Timothy Bottoms, Lindsay Wagner in The Paper Chase @@, 8.30; plus Jack Lemmon in The April

Fools @. Nex week for three days starting Sunday: Jane Fonda and Donald Sutherland in Steelyard Blues (20, Sunday 6.30) Monday, Tuesday 6.50; also Freeble and the Bean (20, Sun-day 8.05, Monday, Tuesday Bunny Show 7.20; plus Dirk Bogard in Death in Venice @@, Thursday for three days: Lightning Sword of Death (20, 6.50, and The Odessa File (20, 7.50) 8.15.

#### LOUNGE

Tonight and tomorrow: The Towering Inferno (a), 7.30. Next week, Sunday 26th: Clint Eastwood in The Eiger Sanction @@, Sunday contin-uous 5.10, LCP 7.00, Weekcontinuous 5.50, LCP days 8.00 and Short.

LEEDS **FILM THEATRE** October 25th, 11.15 pm: Billy Liar — John Schlesinger.

#### BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Until Saturday 25th, 7.15: Amarcord — Federico Fellini.

#### YORK **FILM THEATRE**

October 26th, 11 pm: Execu-tive Action — David Miller, Walkover - Jersy Skolialso mowski.

#### UNIVERSITY

FILM SOCIETY Tuesday 28th: The Testa-ment of Doctor Mabuse, 7.00. Friday 31st: Riot In Cell Block 11, 7.00.

#### **POLY FILM** SOCIETY October 30th: The Three-

penny Opera.



CIVIC Until October 25th: Shelley, William Sheafield.

#### GRAND

Unti October 25th: John Hanson stars in a revival of lvor Novello's Glamorous Night

Compiled by Chris Hunter and Angela Cole

Until Saturday 25th, 3.00 'n Dolls, musical of Guys Broadway

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Until November 1st: Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

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October 29th - November 29th: Romeo and Juliet.



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#### **GUYS AND DOLLS**

"The enthusiastic first night audience's ovation and calls for more from the company at Leeds Playhouse last night just about said it all. This production of Frank Loesser's 'Guys and Dolls' was an unqualified hit' — Bradford Teegraph and Argus. it has become respectabe theatre as well as a popuar musical" — Yorkshire Post . . .

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... Five short plays ... The Chieftains

# Pocketful of surprises

The short plays of Chekhov, Coward and Shaw are often chosen, mistakenly, by wouldbe Thespians as being easy targets. I walked into the Riley Smith Hall on Wednesday expecting another amateurish hash of these playwrights. After two hours with Pocket Theatre I felt I had seen them all in a new light.

Pocket Theatre consists of David Robertson and Pat Marsh, and is based in Leeds, The whole evening of five short plays, which entail exhaustingly quick changes,

#### An Evening with Pocket Theatre **RILEY SMITH HALL**

was produced, seemingly with ease, by these two.

With the aid of their small trunk of props, they managed accurately to catch the spirit of all three authors. The evening started with Chekhov's difficult monologue 'The Harmfulness of Tobacco.' David Robertson's hen-pecked husband never flagged in its wit

and pathos. There then followed three Noel Coward review sketches, 'Early Mourn\_ ing,' 'Mild Oats' and 'Rain Before Seven.'

'The Village Wooing' took up the second half of the programme when Shaw's gentle humour received a refreshing light and pleasant rendering. For the whole audience, the evening was over much too soon.

Julia Taylor

# Gaelic magic

#### The Chieftains REFECTORY

Ireland's top folk group The Chieftains seem unlikely candidates for the title 'superstars.' They have no gimmicks or special stage effects, most of them are the wrong side of forty and all of them hold down full time jobs outside the music business. In spite of this, however, they have managed to achieve worldwide acclaim and received a standing ovation when they played at the University on Tuesday.

The reason for their success lies in their superb musicianship and the originality of their material. On Tuesday they played a series of jigs and reels, ballads and slides which captivated the

The jigs and reels seemed to be the most popular with many of the audience joining in, dancing or clapping along. Derek Bell's sensitive harp playing was also very impressive; the slow, wistful harp music providing an excellent contrast to the livlier numbers.

audience for over two hours.

Many of the tunes played on Tuesday are on their new album 'The Chieftain's Five.' Side one opens with 'The Timpan Reel' named after the psaltery-like instrument it features. It's a fast lively tune and sets a high standard which is maintained throughout the album.

The highspot of the record for me is 'The Humour of Carolan' the medley in which the Chieftains pay tribute to the great Irish harpist.

Nick Kehoe



#### FUTURE ATTRACTIONS GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

## by Barry Mann

**RCA** 

Well-done

Another of those wellestablished songwriters who has decided to cast himself into the public eye by making an album of his own material previously recorded by other artistes.

All but one of the tracks on 'Survivor' are originals of Mann's partnership with Cynthia Weil, and the quality is unmistakeable, despite the unfamiliarity of Mann's voice. 'Don't Seem Right' and 'Crazy Ladies' receive the most convincing treatment for my money, with Mann performing excellently on piano. Back-up musicians include Kenny Hinkle on guitar, and the talented ex-Beach Boy Bruce Johnston, who also produces the album.



### Good form

The reserves of the Poly soccer side continued this season's show of good form with a 3-2 win over Old Modernians last Saturday.

The Poly led 3-0 at halftime, with goals from Dilworth and McCallum (2). In the second half, Modernians crept back, but it was too late.

# **Trophy win for** Poly

Playing their first Saturday match for three seasons, the Poly rugby union team hammered a Leeds Corinthians side 22-7 in a Silver Trophy match at the weekend.

The Poly men are new to the Silver Trophy competition, but they proved they are worthy contenders for the honour this season.

In only two minutes, Allan put away Leeds Poly's first try, converted by Horsfall. But soon after Smith of Corinthians kicked a penalty, and it looked like being a hard-fought match.

#### Winners

Twenty minutes into the first half, McKinley went over the line for the Poly's second score converted again by Horsfall, and the Poly began to look the likely winners.

After the interval, Broude increased the Poly's 12-3 lead with another well-taken try, which Horsfall faithfully kicked. The Poly men were well away now, playing confidently but not as well as normal.



Action from the Poly Rugby Union side's match against Huddersfield last Wednesday.

# Hockey girls on top

Tuesday 28th October for one week: Prospect Theatre Company present two comedies A ROOM WITH A VIEW Tues, Wed, Sat at 7.30, Thurs 2.30 A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY Thurs, Fri at 7.30, Sat 2.30 starring Dorothy Tutin and

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They began to flag a little in the last fifteen minutes, and Corinthians pulled back to score a try through Best in the 78th.

But Leeds Poly still had an ace to play. Allan sent Green down the left with a fine pass which he lost no time in converting into a try.

The previous Wednesday, the side met Huddersfield away from home, and brought off a resounding 33-0 win.

Man of the match was Male, who harried and pressurized the Huddersfield backs, scoring both second half tries.

The seconds also did well, beating Huddersfield reserves 29-0. Most of the scoring came in the second half, when the Poly men really came into their own.

The Poly soccer side gained their fourth successive win of the season last Saturday by beating the Prince Phillip Centre 3-2.

Good teamwork and intelligent formation play kept the Poly free from any serious pressure. Goals came from Holland, one in each half, and Moran.

The Poly women's hockey side stormed to a superb 8-0 win over Huddersfield in their first match in this vear's BPSA cup last Wednesday.

Playing a 4-2-4 formation,

Leeds capitalised on a Huddersfield side playing with only nine girls. Leeds went into the attack immediately, with Sansum knocking in a fine angled goal in the first few minutes.

Soon after Averill made it 2-0 after side-stepping the goalkeeper, and then there was no stopping Leeds. Three more goals followed in quick succession, scored by Jones, Averill and Sansum, to make it 5-0 at half-time.

After the break, the Leeds girls continued to command the midfield situation, and although Huddersfield managed one or two good attacking breaks, it was always Leeds who came out on top. Jones put in her second to

start to this season's cup cam-

paign with a 1-0 win over

Huddersfield Poly away from

Although Leeds were always

the better side, it took them a

full sixty minutes to get the

ball in the net, and even then

from the spot, tucking the ball

neatly into the corner of the

Matthews made no mistake

it was through a penalty.

FOURTH WIN IN A

home.

make it 6-0, and Averill scored twice to knotch up a superb four goal personal tally.

### **High hopes**

The Poly Mixed Hockey team responded well on Saturday to one of their most gruelling tests of the season, beating highly-rated Sheffield University 1-0.

The goal came midway through the second half after a left-wing attack involv-ing Phull, Rigby and Simmons. The whole side fought well throughout the 70 minutes, and hopes of doing well in teh league are running high at the moment.

ROW

#### The previous Wednesday the same side made a good

Stars up front for the Poly were Horsley and Reynolds, the latter coming close to scoring on two occasions. In goal, Sykes had a magnificent match, pulling off several finger-tip saves to keep the Poly hopes alive.

In defence, the strength and fortitude of backs Henderson and Hill was always more than sufficient to stem any Huddersfield enterprise.



Edited by Chris Elliott and Mike Smith

# **Carnegie girls lose** to local rivals

The Carnegie Ladies hockey team were beaten 1-0 by their local rivals the Poly in a closely fought game at Beckett Park, last Saurday.

### Gruelling

The chess club's first home match of the season produ-5-3 for the seconds against Keighley last Saturday.

After four hours of gruelling play the score stood at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , the time factor of last players had to thrash out the remaining moves as quickly as possible.

position A complicated was reached, and after a heated analysis session, Keighley agreed a draw, and thus allowing the University to bring home a welldeserved victory.

Outside left Averill slipped the ball into the net after making a successful challenge on the Carnegie goalkeeper.

Carnegie fought hard to come back into the game after this but were unable to make any impression against a well drilled Poly defence.

The visiting team took complete control of the midfield and in the second half began to make some good attacking moves down the wings.

Jones and Nixon both went close for the Poly but were thwarted by some excellent saves by the Carnegie goalkeeper.



# Hockey men gain tense draw-4 goals in 10 minutes LEVEL PEGGING



Varsity captain Rice (bearded) fends off a tackle in Saturday's match at Weetwood

### men well beaten Varsity

the match.

Team: Bradford, Morgan, Conlon, Horsbogh, Lawes, Richards, Boldy (capt.), Peet, Ellis, Featherstone, Scarth,

Last Saturday the University hockey team were held to a 2-2 draw at Weetwood against Rotherham and Wickersley.

Leeds dominated the game throughout both halves, playing with great precision. But fatal lapses of concentration cost them victory.

All four goals were scored in ten minutes of furious activity midway through the first half. The opening Leeds goal came from a short corner; Davis unleashed a fierce shot, which the keeper did well to parry, but Amin pounced on the rebound and rammed home the ball from close range.

#### Smashed

Their second goal also came from a short corner. Flora, though given an untidy pass. split the defence with a telling cross to the far post, which was smashed into the back of the net by the waiting Tobyn.

However lethal finishing from the Rotherham right winger punished mistakes in the Leeds defence and the score was soon levelled.

In the second half Leeds were still producing the more positive play, but handicapped by the loss of centre-half Aldridge, they were unable to create a winning goal.

The women's sides did not fare so well in their matches against Birmingham away from home last Wednesday, both the firsts and the seconds going down 3-0 each.



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