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# SEX OFFENDERS MOVING INTO LS6

## Hostels for convicts roundly condemned

By ARTHUR JONES &amp; SHEPARD LILLY

**SEX** offenders housed in the heart of Leeds 6 are causing fear and outrage among students living nearby.

Convicted rapists are among the criminals being released into hostels in the Headingley area.

Residents have attacked the hostels - which have inmates ranging from petty thieves to murderers - as posing a serious danger to the community.

Although the inmates are monitored by on-site 24-hour staff, they are free to leave the

premises in the day as long as they adhere to an 11pm curfew.

There are four hostels in and around Headingley, including one on Cardigan Road and another on Bradwell Road, both areas which are heavily populated by students. Local families are also concerned that convicted paedophile offenders may be housed close to primary schools.

One local mother who wished to remain anonymous said: "We fear for our children who are having simple freedoms. I don't even let my 11-year-old cycle alone."

Students have also expressed outrage at the situation, particularly in the light of a series of sexual assaults in the area including the rape of an LMU student on Cardigan Road last December.

A Lincoln man has been arrested and charged with the rape, and the court case is currently pending.

The attack took place during the early evening of Saturday November 30 last year as the victims walked on Cardigan Road.

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## No drooping for brewers

图 2 白土精制油精制率与投入量比例

THIRSTY scientists are hoping to catch examiners on the hop - by taking a course in brewing.

Leeds University is offering a 26 credit module in "The science of brewing and other... cottage industries". Half theory and half practical, this revolutionary course teaches all about beer and also offers other invaluable information from how to make otherflavours part to the production of herbal remedies.

Mature students Carol and Barry Siddelbottom from Arkworth can't recommend the course enough: "Brilliant, fun, stretching, and a damn good drink to be had by all," said Carol. "It's an ideal student course".

Barry, who studied fine art in the '70s, considers this course "much more stimulating and productive".

Dave Saunders, the chief brewer at The Frost And Firkin, contributes greatly to the course, and is always ready to welcome students to his brewery: "I'm delighted with the growing interest."

The tutor in charge, Rob Chapman, has pushed hard to get the course accepted by the university. Having achieved this, he is now trying to organise a course involving gold panning in Scotland.

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# LEEDS

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ON THE HORIZON

with broadcaster Steve Sweeney

Saturdays: After a frosty start, it will be a dry day with some sunbursts. Max. temperature: 30°C (44°F).

Sundays: Another dry day with a fair amount of sun. Maximum temperature: 30°C (44°F).

Outlook for the rest of the week: Cloudy and rainy, getting wetter later in the week. Temperatures will be average for the time of year.

Forecast kindly provided by Leeds City Office, National Regional Forecast: 044 417 7777. Please Read.

PITY the lot of the petrol. He goes about his business, switching off lights and locking up at the night, expending nothing out of the ordinary to do just his routine. He looks forward to his home-ward run as he performs his last duty, according to the familiar routine and heading for one more town. He opens the door and his eyes bulge with horror... a naked pack full of interlocking, stacked bricks on defiling the members of the union constitution.

The clock hand has been stationary. But the poster of a man who happened upon this week's meeting of Leeds Council was quite different.

"I'm looking up now, you'll all have to go," he said, looking down to the ground and up to the authority of the chair. "This event was only booked and sold one clock."

What a blunder. An internal inquiry will surely be held into how 'hanging men' became laid to rest in the council papers for event organisers, imagine John Major's Cabinet being critical

and unable to make way for the LCU rule phoney society.

For the petrol's intervention, eternal thanks. But for the lot he would still be protesting his events now. It had been for the meeting to end all meetings, a new day of technical workshops, petty squabbles, heated rage, brutal swilling and obscene arguments. In short, Roger Harley and his new constitution were present.

It's because a lot of annual tradition at the day-old place. Last year some people walked out and refused to sabotage constitutional changes they didn't particularly like. This year we witnessed the one thing in the world that could possibly be worse: people stopped and talked about it.

There was the vital matter which, given chance, could be as divisive as

# HACA

A weekly sketch of student politics

the European question should one say 'Yes' or 'No'. We learned from John Harley, who spends his entire year looking forward to this pick-pick-fest - that Leeds Student Harley's bid for a full-time

student manager resigned over an ancient English law (presumably based on Arthur's attempt to become a different King). And there were some very enthusiastic from Harley, who is after all a union treasurer: one general meeting equals two motions, so two meetings in a month equals two motions each, whereas one meeting in a month equals four motions per month.

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# ELECTIONS BRANDED A FARCE BY VOTERS

# Head of ballots

CONTROVERSY surrounded elections at a Leeds college after accusations of canvassing in the immediate vicinity of the ballot box.

by JAMES BARRY

An Emergency General Meeting was called after accusations were levelled at three sub-candidate candidates from Trinity and All Saints College.

Ruth Price, the successful candidate for President, denies claims that she tried to influence the electronic poll before she cast her vote. However the BEM brought no conclusions, and left satisfaction for the organisers.

Natalie Adams, a first candidate, was unhappy about the conduct of the elections, but in particular the method of the Single Transferable Vote, as no opinion was given by Union officials.

## Complaints

"I didn't even understand it, and I'm a candidate," she said. But she claimed that she was not responsible for bringing forward the complaints against her rival.

David Blackledge, a student leader and an officer of the TASCUS, said that two types of complaint were made concerning canvassing and the voters

guidance for voting. He admitted there was a grey area in election regulations, but said "I do not feel that people's votes had been unduly influenced and I allowed the vote to go on."

Both Price said "I only spoke to people that I knew going to vote for me."

## Farce

One senior member labelled the morning process. This was a complete farce. No action was brought forward and nothing was resolved."

Only two days before the meeting and this drew criticism. She also elected VP said, "Not enough people knew about it and we're not sure how we

The complaints procedure allows further objections and an independent enquiry was then held by the returning officer. David Blackledge and this drew criticism. She also elected VP said, "Not enough people knew about it and we're not sure how we

# GOING SOUTH



AFTER being forced to drop the Belushi's name, Chris Topping at Hyde Park corner restaurant has totally misheard and is a main pit-satellite. Jon Test's is a Mexican-themed restaurant and is opened last Friday on the site of the former Blues Brothers theatre. Words: Helen Hyde. Pic: Glen Jones

# STRIKE THREAT

BY THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVE

PLANS to use one of LME's fire facilities have been met with severe criticism by its staff who are now considering strike action.

LAMU Vice - Chancellor Leslie Wagner last week announced his plans to disband the Faculty of Health and Social Care and move the first department structure into first subject areas, as reported in last week's issue of Leeds Student.

David Webb, university Chairman of NUTPEP said "There are very strong feelings against this. The staff will be wondering what will happen in the three schools in the Faculty."

Webb suggested that strike action is certainly an option. Following branch meetings of the teaching union last week, the regional authorities have already been contacted. However before a decision can be made it will first have to be discussed nationally.

## Agreement

We said, "No hope in agreement with the unions before industrial action has to be taken."

Staff feel there is a strong unity amongst them and their intention would be to let the schools wait until the end of the year. David Webb said "The Faculty is ahead it will no longer be just an industry in it's own right."

The university remains that students and the teaching staff should not be affected.

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Britain's unluckiest players are still hoping for a jackpot

# WE KEEP ON LOSING OUT IN LOTTO

BY SAJ CHOWHURY

A LOTTERY team have been branded the most unlucky syndicate in the world. The group of 45 unlucky staidists from the Kirkcaldy bar staff spent £2,800 over a period of 64 weeks and failed to win anything.

However, some staff members were not optimistic about winning the jackpot. Justin Johns, staff member at the lottery-mad bar said: "You never know when you might win. Anyway, it's only a quid in play."

Others were less cheery. Jason Shields, assistant manager said: "I suppose we've just had a run of bad luck. I think it's come to a stage where a few people may be pulling out of the syndicate."

Sophie Cowie, a classed syndicate manager, said: "Duncan is joined. 'He's come in like a wrecked King Midas touch'—everything he touches turns to nothing."

Duncan just can't believe their luck. "Everyone else I know has won at least a tenner."

To try and recover their losses the syndicate will now have a flutter twice weekly. "We are going to play the midweek lottery, although we

## IT WON'T BE US, SAY BAR STAFF CHANCERS

are resigned to never winning." Members of LNU's religious syndicates condemned the attempt to win on dull tickets. Daniel Vernon, president of LNU Christian union said: "It's pointless doing the lottery because the chances of winning are so minuscule."

"It's a waste of money and it pumps money into big businesses. I don't take part in it myself."

These views were echoed by Dr Richard Ali, the LNU Islamic Advisor.

Essentially the aim is to take money from the poor students who hope they have a chance of winning something when they don't need it.

"There is no free win. You start off with little bits and pieces of money and then it escalates."



LOSING AGAIN: Members of LNU's lottery syndicate display their collection of losing tickets.

## Did You Know?

● 1 percent of lottery players are aged 16-24, the lowest percentage amongst six age groups.

● The Yorkshire television region spends the fourth highest amount on the lottery per person in around £15.

● The very first national lottery took place over 200 years ago.

● The British national lottery has produced sales totalling £3,867 million.

● Over £2.713 million has been raised for good causes and charities so far.

● The most recent by a single ticket is £227 million, shared by businessman Mark Gindoff and Paul Robinson.

● Lots 4/5 of Seaching De National Spiritualism in the Marketlands has four draws a month on Saturdays and one on Wednesdays. There are only four Saturdays in a month.

● There have been over 300 syndicates created in this country since our lottery started.

## Now you can get it twice a week



CHANCES: Will you win more money?

IN Leeds, the excitement of a new Wednesday lottery made British players spend thousands in an attempt to win a guaranteed £10 million.

Most critics of the lottery is directed at Camelot, who won the license to run the game. The Virgin group, who were the licensee, a new profit-making organization where they made their big money from the game. Camelot's profits margins have led to allegations of greed.

A spokeswoman for Camelot tried to

balance the overall impression of how the company is viewed. "So million people play it every week at an average of £2.20 a week, which is a very small amount."

"After tax, our half-year profits are estimated at £22 million and after a year it will be about £51 million."

The spokeswoman added that Camelot's profit was less than many people in each year spent on tickets. "It appears that by the end of 1995 Camelot will have added to Britain's National Lottery millions, while the public will have added to the organization's profits."

Adding to the excitement were member and daughter comedy duo and Lottery syndicates, John Jerry and Anna Bentley who work in the St John's Centre.

Discovered in white Camelot outfits emblazoned with the logo, they remained calm despite the state of chaos following around them.

Betty Bentley said: "So far it's been a great success, but we're a bit knocked. A bit of a bit of people are buying tickets, it's only a bit of fun." Although it is a bit of fun for many people, it becomes an addiction for others.

Betty wanted: "The government says the public play the lottery, but in fact we gamble on it. I don't play the lottery myself, though."

## WERE YOU LUCKY?

Was the first ever Wednesday draw a winner for you? These were the winning balls:

9 29 23 20 21 35

And the bonus ball: 37

## NEWSFILE

## Samara security

FEARS that tenants of Samara Estate Agents would lose their bonds have been dismissed by the company, writes Judith Knight.

Students believed the company had gone into liquidation and would recover its £60k of tenants' money was at risk.

But managers say that it has been informed by Samara Estate Limited, and has taken over all properties previously managed by Samara Estate Agents.

Although, the Director of the business, advised the company intended to honour all the commitments made previously, "including the refund of all deposits at the end of the tenancy".

It added that Samara have now sent all their tenants individual letters to assure them that their bonds are safe.

"The problem with the electricity meter of a flat in Ketch Road was a genuine mistake. It was immediately rectified, and the tenants concerned have now been fully reimbursed", he said.

Dr. Alkhatib continued: "We have to look after our clients to year in business. Our services have strong links with the academic world, and the university. We pride ourselves on our relationship with students."

## Westwood



TOP British designer, Vivienne Westwood is to open a new franchise store in Leeds, writes John Gough.

The shop centres not on the heels of the renowned designer. Harvey Nichols store and is to be launched on February 22nd in the Victoria Quarter.

However it will not be housing the more sophisticated creations which Mr. Westwood is most famous for. "The High Street has played it safe for the last few years and the people of Leeds must not be made a complete chump," said a spokesman for his company, Richard Drancie. "But people do want something a bit different now and Vivienne Westwood can give them that."

The Leeds store will sell three items and prices will vary from £70 for a jacket to £95 for a handkerchief.

This latest venture is being backed as proof that Leeds is moving upward and establishing itself as the best retail centre outside London.

## A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE MENACE

## Locals kept in the dark about convict hostels

HOSTELS for convicted criminals in the midst of Leeds 6 studentland have been condemned by shocked residents.

BY ABRIE JONES AND SHIRAZ LALANI

Locals and students feel they have been kept in the dark about the four bail houses which are next door to family and student accommodation.

And many say they are now frightened to walk around the area even in daylight because carlines on the tenements do not come into force until late at night.

## Outrageous

"It is outrageous that most people don't know about this", said Daria Bessie, a second year student who lives on Hensley Terrace, one street away from Leeds Hall hostel on Brudenell Road.

"These people are known offenders and putting them right in the middle of a built-up area is disgusting. There's a lot of students and also young kids who are easy targets."

Some of the benefits have existed in the area for many years, and they act as a bail house for offenders who are on bail, probation or have just been released from prison.

Until recently they were tolerated by the few residents who knew of their existence. But in the last year they have begun admitting more dangerous Category A

offenders who include rapists, arsonists, paedophiles and murderers.

"Recently they've begun taking sex offenders and really serious cases," said a Hunsford resident who is sympathetic to the housing of such inmates in Canby House on Canby Road. "These people should not be placed in residential areas close to schools and young students, and students should be aware that they are housed here which they are not."

## Violent

Tim Barker, Manager at Canby House, confirmed that the hostel does take violent criminals and sex offenders but said such cases are almost unheard of locally. "We operate a probationary policy and monitor the progress of prisoners. Criminals who pose risks are referred to prison authorities and we hold meetings with local residents."

However he admitted: "Although we've had a good track record there have been a couple of violent incidents recently involving inmates. The hostel is not a prison and offenders can come and go and mix with the local community."



AFRAID: Students who have suffered incidents last year

PH: Sarah Davis

Local businessman Mr. Mahabadi, dismissed his claims that the hostels do not present an overly great threat to the area's residents.

"The houses should not be around here," he stated. "I've got three boys and I don't feel able to be there on my own, even to play in the street, without accompanying them."

"This is restricting all our lives and we may be passing these people as the street everyday without knowing."

The council are playing down the threat posed by the bail houses to the local community. Paul Morris, a Labour councillor for the Hunsford ward, said he is

sympathetic to people's concerns but feels it is safer for offenders to be in a hostel than in unsupervised accommodation.

## Problem

"We have to keep the problem in proportion. Non-prisoners can offend and rape women in Leeds and sometimes the fear of crime is more devastating than the crime itself."

The controversy comes on the heels of political debates over whether local authorities of selected sex offenders should be compelled and made available to the police and the public.

This already occurs in some states in America, after a young girl was killed by a released sex offender who moved into the house across the road.

In this country the Labour party has stated that they should be shown to police in an effort to combat the number of serious violent crimes. However the Conservatives have been more cautious in advocating such strict measures.

Human rights activists have warned that any such move would jeopardise the individual's right to personal freedom.

## Gold grade properties

A SCHEDULE to grade the quality of housing is being developed by police, writes Judith Knight.

They hope the system will be a step towards reducing the quality of housing in Leeds 6, and is mainly aimed at the crime-ridden Hyde Park and Barker areas.

Under the proposals, landlords can register their accommodation for a licence, offer or gold rating according to the security. Those houses will be able to get access to the accommodation for night-time, and then check whether

properties meet the specified requirements.

Andy Johnson, Crime Prevention Officer at Millthorpe, believes it will provide students with an idea of what to expect. "The aim is to highlight the standards of security which is particularly essential for those who just live here," he said.

André Karakula, LUU Housing Fund, commented: "While his business is not anything which will encourage landlords to improve security is a good thing."

## RADIO AIMS AT AIR TIME

RADIO aims are hoping for a boost on Thursday when they bid for a full-time station manager, writes David Smith.

Leeds student Radio will put a station for a full-time station to the Annual General Meeting of LUU, meeting at 11.15pm in the West Students hall. Students have been given station manager, said: "We want to have a full-time service for students in Leeds, and that's a full-time job."

## Engineering excitement

"ENGINEERING is not dull" is the message being launched by a new campaign aimed at boosting the image of engineering, writes Christopher Rhule.

YEN, the Year of Engineering Success, hopes to reverse the decline in the number of students studying engineering and make it more attractive to both those in the general public.

A spokesperson for National Person, one of the sponsors of the scheme, said the profession is generally seen as "difficult and dull, with poor prospects and high unemployment rates."

Anytime wanting further information on the YEN campaign can contact its website on <http://www.yen-uk.org>.

# OF SEX OFFENDERS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



REVEALED: The hostel on Brudenell Road

Place: Peter Cotton &amp; Sarah Steele

## Safer to supervise

THE controversial tactic of housing serious offenders in residential areas has been defended by Leeds probation services.

Ten Barker, the manager of the Cardigan House centre said: "If offenders didn't come to places like this, they could easily move into a hotel. No one would know they were there and the risk would be even greater."

The West Yorkshire Probation Service pointed out that the houses are governed by strict rules, covering incident behaviour, drug and alcohol use, theft and a curfew. Sanctions for breaking these rules may include a return to prison.

Paul Thornton, Assistant Chief Probation Officer said: "Probation houses play an important role in the rehabilitation of serious offenders when they have completed their prison term and are released back into the community. There is a supervised night curfew from 11pm to 5am and a permanent staff presence in the behaviour of inmates can be monitored."

"Residents are not prisoners but they do offer additional safeguards for greater public protection and offer a range of services that reduce the risk of reoffending."

The probation service works closely with the police to minimize the chance of something going wrong and ensuring a swift police response if necessary. Ten Barker played down these fears, saying: "I wouldn't like to say that people should be there. You have to make provisions whatever you get."

Some local residents were sympathetic to the issue of probation houses, but had reservations about the category of offender to be housed. One mother, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "I am a normal housewife should be concerned that they are being lumped together with sex offenders."

But Paul Thornton stated: "The alternative to a probation house placement is that serious offenders are released from prison to live wherever they choose at a private address in the community, without any added safeguards."

"We are supposed to get our work placements in the summer and if we fail the exams, the re-exam will come three days later." Alan Mathew admitted confusion over exam allocations had resulted in the change. He said: "When resitting the exam I will hear the date change in a week. But also the revision sessions I gave."

The students are aware of this in anything they can actually do about the situation. "The whole course was up in arms about it, but we decided to sit the exam and then look up a few."



OFFENDERS: The sites of three of the 100 facilities that are alarming residents

## Website net loss

COMMUNICATIONS chiefs at LCU have come under fire for wasting \$60,000 on a new website which no-one has even seen, writes Anna Grant.

Gary Bosch, LCU Communications Officer, employed the services of Wind Imaging to put together the new site but critics claim students would have done it for a fraction of the cost.

One result, a student at the university questioned why the talents of students were not used. "It seems odd that they spent so much money when they could have employed a student to do it for a couple of hundred pounds. I even had offered to do it myself."

Information Services student Simon Clough said: "It's not that difficult to make a website. Anyone with a bit of knowledge could do it." Both the Computer Studies and Information Studies degrees offer electives in creating websites.

### Price

"You could easily pay \$5,000 for a professionally done website, but at the same time there are many students and computer science graduates who would be able to do it for you at a much lower price," stated a university computer systems technician, who did not wish to be named.

Gary Bosch defended the new website and the hiring of Wind Imaging. "We decided to get a website as lots of schools and colleges are online and eventually it should save us a lot of money on publications. The main mistake was computers were asking up to £28,000, so we made quite a substantial saving with it."

Bosch also claimed that students were not up to the task of creating the website. "We thought of getting a student to do it but thought that it would look too amateurish. It's presenting an image and you can tell the difference between students work and that done professionally."

The site has come under fire from users. One member commented: "It is quite substantial but it's somewhat unimpressive page. It also has basic errors, in one section it spells politics as 'politic'. Me and my mates would have done this, we could have done with the money too."

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## Exam panic hits tourists

A LAST minute alteration to an exam timetable left panicked students with 48 hours to revise for a crucial exam they thought they had seven days to prepare for, writes Phil Fowler.

Second year LMI Tourism and Management students were shocked when they were told on the Friday before exam week that the Planning for Tourism exam scheduled for the following Friday was now to be held on Monday.

Course Representative Kelli O'Shaughnessy was dismayed about the situation. "As I had two pieces of work to hand in on week 14, which would then have given us

a week to revise, but we didn't get it."

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## LEEDS STUDENT SAYS

## Why here, in Leeds 6?

## SEX offenders living in Leeds 6 hostels are making students fear for their safety.

Residents who know about the institutions - fear of which are in Headingley - have expressed concern about the threat they feel under.

It seems there is no break from danger as a lifestyle in which suffering the effects of crime is already a way of life.

But while the perfect state of affairs and happiness, this is one danger that can easily be avoided.

There is no apparent reason why these hostels should be situated in the heart of the student community.

It is believed that sex offenders were admitted to the hostels within the past year. The question, clearly, is why.

Why have there already been a number of incidents in the last year, and what will it take for the authorities to recognise the problem?

## Guide

Of course offenders of any kind need to be guided back into the community once they have served their punishment.

Students are often sympathetic towards the aims of forgiveness and rehabilitation of even the most dangerous offenders.

But the place for such cases is not an area densely populated with students, nor is it an area to take risks and be vulnerable to attack at all levels of the night.

Any incidents which are taking place in a residential area of the city should be a warning sign.

## Students live in fear of crime already - when a threat like this is posed, their concerns must be taken into account.

## The Sun rise

NEXT Friday might be Valentine's Day but there is a less celebrated annual risk waiting to be played out on Thursday.

The Annual General Meeting at LLSU normally proves to be the great tragedy of the student population.

When you consider the great deal of needless bureaucracy that goes on in this sort of false ceremony.

But this time there are a couple of weeks before we start meeting up.

Leeds Student Radio are trying for a full-time student manager to head their campaign to expand and become an all-year network.

Students will tell you this is important because the radio has more than a substation that anyone else. Don't listen to them.

The union spends great amounts of money on all sorts of things and an improved radio station would be one of its most worthwhile ideas.

Then there's a final chance to send a message to the union and bring the Sun back to its roots.

See your page for how you can vote with your money on Thursday - and what you will, regardless of whether you make the Sun show again.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Bullied by bouncers

Dear Editor,

ON January 25th a group of us went to the Poly bus. Having read an article printed in the Leeds Student last year about bouncers 'picking on students', for no apparent reason, I was intended to find out if this was the case.

Last on in the evening a bouncer snatched up to me and demanded that the take her foot off the chair she was resting on. She did this. But this was not enough for the bouncer. He proceeded to 'smash' her out of the building along with a female bouncer, who upon my pleading said that she would wait with my friend at the entrance whilst I went to the club for the car. She did not do this. What's more, the male bouncer even taunted my friend once the car had left.

Female students are constantly warned not to go home on their own at night. Especially when they have to go past Hyde Park to do so. This bouncer showed a blatant disregard for my friend. If the had been on her own she would have been without her safety and defence.

This bouncer totally showed his position of authority. When we go to clubs we want to feel safe, but it seems that we are not even safe from bouncers any more.

Ann Mail

Editor's reply: Bouncers in town often get some credit, but are the ones on your friendly union really any better? Bouncers please to the usual address.

## Blinkered vision

Dear Editor,

I WOULD like to think that I have a bit about music, so I thought that Simon Hogg's article on XTC might make an interesting read. I was changed to see David's contribution. Andy Partick, compared to cultural scenes such as Big Dances of the Kinks and John Lennon's last because Damon Albarn quoted him in an interview, I don't make him some kind of a hero.

Having lived in the UK for a year, I can assure Simon Hogg that XTC's following over there is no greater than over here. The radio stations are far too busy playing Paul McCartney and Alanis Morissette

to play anything by XTC.

I have no doubt that XTC were a good band and that Andy Partick's personal view was a good one in his time, but perhaps Simon Hogg wants to take his musical blinkers off. He would see XTC for what they are, that is a moderately successful band from the early '80s who most of us have forgotten about. So if you were listening to the Police, U2 and The Clash in the early '80s, XTC'd disappear so none the less of us.

David Reicher

Editor's reply: Andy Partick's 'cultural view' is 'musical blinkers' that get around.

## Vying for votes

Dear Editor,

JANE Halliwell is wrong in his assertion "that when we vote in the next general election, you can continue to enjoy a pretty harsh time as a student." He would state that the Liberal Democrats are committed to an extra £2 billion for education, to be financed by an extra penny on income tax. The Liberal Democrats are the only party that would provide the extra resources needed, since Gordon Brown has made clear that we cannot expect any more cash from a Labour government. You will evidently cannot have "a practical solution" to higher education funding unless you are prepared to consent extra resources.

In Leeds North West where most of us level students have a unique opportunity to vote just here - and vote that will not happen if students vote Labour. The fact is that the Labour Party has always finished third in Leeds North West, and only the Liberal Democrats are in a position to defeat the Conservative candidate.

Simon Kavar, LLSU Liberal Democrats

Editor's reply: That was a pretty political broadcast by the LLSU's North West Leeds Free Radio (see West 15th Party)

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Union chiefs have bowed to  
student pressure and included a  
motion to bring back The Sun  
at next Thursday's crucial  
AGM.

The all-important meeting

is usually ignored by the  
majority of students, but this  
year the Sun question has  
sparked massive interest  
among those keen to see  
Parker's best-selling paper  
back on union shelves.

Sun reader David Chyren  
said: "I'd never even heard of  
the AGM but I'd definitely be

there to vote for The Sun."

The meeting is to be held in  
the Riley Smith Hall at 1.30pm  
on Thursday. The venue is  
expected to be packed out by  
students who are sick of being  
permanently by an out-of-touch  
clique. Student Steve Jackson  
said: "At last we're getting a  
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Welcome to the great 1997 Sun vote, the most important ballot of the  
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one of 50 tickets to see top pop combo Fun Loving Criminals live at  
LNU/SU on April 2.

Whichever way you vote, you're still in with a chance of winning, but  
everyone's a winner if The Sun gets back onto Union shelves.

**REMEMBER: NO SUN - NO FUN**

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# David Adam



Considers Kenneth Branagh's latest self-indulgent dramatic odyssey

Write to David Adam, Leeds Student, L90, PO Box 157, Leeds LS1 1UH

## King Ken continues his reign

**T**he Hard is back. Oh yes, without so much as a by-your-leave the source of 0 level English students has returned with a vengeance. And he's not alone.

The works of Frost, Auster and Hardy have all graced our screens recently on the TV and cinema schedules begin to look like a bit of a collection of British writers. The costume drama, once famed for wobbly sets and silly wigs, is experiencing something of a renaissance.

But it is Shakespeare that is getting the press, with Hollywood taking an increasing interest in the plays that had all previously been ignored due to an unfortunate lack of good ideas.

A couple of years ago what all about nothing was referred to in the cinema, to surprisingly popular response. The combination of big names, elaborate sets, and as Shakespeare's terms, a lightweight plot, around it of a play in which the length and breadth of the country people would casually mention that they had seen it in the hope that they would appear literate and sophisticated, even more so if they followed it with a "but I preferred the book...".

Brothens play up there

sensitive side by ignoring the latest stamping preening action extravaganza, to sit through it and laugh at Kean's accent and it was generally a boring success. However, the cinematic experience that was Macbeth about to witness was a major splurge of deliciously lighty nothing in the screen, compared to the four billion ton, seven story aircraft carrier bombing on the horizon that is Hamlet. At a staggering four hours long (including even the bits that Shakespeare's theatre company couldn't fit into the work).

**At a staggering four hours long Branagh's latest film would appear to be for enthusiasts only**

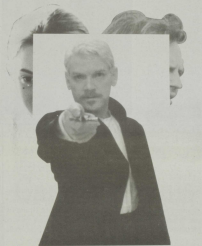
Branagh's latest film would appear to be for enthusiasts only. It is a recycling of a category that appears unique to Shakespeare. The movement among the writers of the play performed is doubly linked to how many times you're actually watching it. In the style of the Rocky Horror show, audiences are told of people who not only know the entire plot but could probably knock out a pretty dance. Progress should the actor fail to see up.

Not only do they join in with the famous speeches from all the television actors, but they insist on laughing out loud at the pun on the word "wood". Hidden in the subtext of this (I think) of the opening address that is about as funny as a punch in the groin.

Four hours? Nine Shakespeare was a young old chap and he knew that some of his manuscripts did have the tendency to drag on a bit. So, in true British carry-on film style he developed a unique way of ensuring the audience's continued attention. All phrases, words or periods would be repeated by people completely inaudible. Branagh may have given Ken a good start as his film, but it was too much. I think that, for the time being, the world should turn to the world.

There is no doubt that this is the role Branagh feels he was born to play (and day-clay of Old Man Kean, please). Apparently American critics have looked at Ken's eyes, while there close to home have given it a thumbs-down. "Good performances but slow. Mainly, his interpretation is a bit little too simple. Not bad."

Can it be that the Americans, with their famed short concentration span and propensity for channel surfing are exhibiting more patience, or is it just another case of Branagh-Speaking from the traditional actors who were only ever afraid the part of their servant in the school play?



## WELSH WIZ-KID

**MANY** students this week for a seven year old from Wales who has become the youngest person to score the maximum score in the Mensa world's greatest test.

Jordan Powell scored the max 176, doubling many adult scores and says that his has "grown in the confidence to pursue his education to join the Mensa."

Well terrific. Pick off and play with your trust in your little brain.

It's had enough seeing poor adult contemporaries

menting about on Countdown without having to see the words had books from a toddler. But because you can work out that rabbits are worth two points and cats three in those silly newspaper adverts are so respected to be improved.

Besides, anyone could do it, just I wasn't feeling too great that day. There was I responded to know necessary only for one. Come on I only missed it by a couple of points, give me another chance, please?



Jordan Powell. He should get out more, his dad said



Above: Napoleon - he conquered almost all of Europe and then went to live in Barmsey or something

## Celebrity Lookalikes (part one)

**CELEBRITY** lookalike time. Can you spot the difference between Mark Radcliffe the new garden boy of Radio 1, and Napoleon Bonaparte, the French soldier who conquered half of Europe?

Not of course, obviously not's it. One was an emotional disaster struck by a historic desire to control everything around him who dramatically fell from grace, and the other is taking over his breakfast show.

**Below: Mark Radcliffe - he conquered almost all of Radio One and will retire to Stockport in about 2 months. Probably.**



**NEXT WEEK: DAVE RIPS APART VALENTINE'S DAY, AS ONLY HE CAN**

## Happy returns

**MISSING fresher** Daniel Barry has returned home to the relief of his friends and family, writes Stefanie Kennedy.

The 19-year-old International Studies student mysteriously disappeared almost a month ago leaving relatives baffled as to his whereabouts.

As reported in last week's Leeds Student, there was speculation that he had left of his own accord as he had taken money and his passport with him. Friends thought he may have gone abroad to stay with other international students he knew over there.

### Distraught

His family were said to be distraught and "mad with worry" and his grandparents were phoning his university department on a daily basis.

But he disappeared at his home in Liverpool this week, staying here for his safety.

The reason for his departure has not yet been revealed and few people are aware that he has come back.

A spokesperson for his department said he had not heard the good news but is happy he is safe and well.

With Daniel and his family are keeping a low profile at his home and he has not returned to Leeds.

His relatives are said to be ecstatic about his return.

# Vendors furious at Issue ban



**BANNED:** Issue vendors no longer welcome. Pic: Glen Jovan

## A SHOPPING centre has sparked outrage after banning sellers of the magazine The Big Issue.

Security guards at the St John's Centre have been instructed to eject official vendors from the centre since December.

### Storm

And the manager of the centre caused a new storm claiming the vendors put shoppers off. David Cameron said "People who are looking at nice clothes don't want to see a homeless person."

The ban came into effect after a Big Issue vendor was ejected from the shopping centre for drug possession on the premises before Christmas.

### BY STEFANIE KOSMICKI AND LINDSEY POWERS

Eric Jackson, Big Issue distribution Manager for Leeds, feels that the problem is not of his control. "There is nothing we can do about it. Other vendors have not been affected and our sales have not fallen from 10,500 per week in Yorkshire."

### Shunning

Jackson feels that many prominent attitudes exist towards the Big Issue organisation. "If a Barclays Bank employee made a mistake you wouldn't blame the rest of their employees for it. No management at the shopping centre are shunning Big Issue vendors for the recklessness of one man."

However one Leeds vendor who plots his trade outside the St John's Centre agreed with the ban. "I have no problem with it. They deserve to be banned because they shouldn't have been taking

drugs. I have no respect for small time."

It hasn't affected our sales because it has always been quite negative anyway - due to bad publicity and irresponsible vendors like the alcoholics and drug addicts."

Surveys have shown that 70 per cent of the public think that the magazine sellers should have the right to sell the newspaper anywhere they want to. Most of these asked were members of the bus.

### Disbanned

The image of homeless people was varied. One student saw vendors as disbanned. "There have been cases where vendors pocket the change and their profits," he said. "You don't know if they are genuinely in need."

Police Officer Alan Rowland disagreed. "They always say to you if you get to know them and buy the magazine." Additional reporting by Louise Harris

## FOUR TEMPORARY POSTS OF HOUSING OFFICER & ONE TEMPORARY POST OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

from 24th February to July 1997

Applications are invited from students interested in working as temporary Housing Officers or Housing Management Assistant in Unipol on a part time basis (between 10 and 18 hours a week). Two of the Housing Officer posts are reserved for those over the age of 21 with a clean driving licence able and willing to drive and assist students in visiting properties.

The post would suit applicants with an interest in housing, with good interpersonal skills and good keyboard skills.

The rate of pay is the University of Leeds temporary workers rate of £3.45 per hour (under review).

Application forms and job specification available from Unipol, 8-12 Fenton Street, Leeds LS1 3AE 0113 243 0169  
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## OFF CAMPUS

### Rubber rumpus

A DESIGNED Florida deer was once again impugned to find a foreign object in his head. Upon inspecting the rubbery object, he discovered that it wasn't a bit of prick as he first thought but a condom.

The indictment claim that at no time was the wacky poster in any danger.

### Mobile marvel

THE idea of having a mobile phone has been proven by a Shua Mulholland man, after jumping over a wall, he landed on railway lines and couldn't move.

He was only saved from being crushed by an oncoming train because he used his phone to call for help.

### En-fur-ry

ANMAN, senior Brigitte Bauder has turned down £5 million from Madonna because the terms for

the 62 year old sex starlet were offered a part in Madly's new film, but rejected it because Madonna appeared in the film previous to a full one.



### The shame man?

THIS infamous case of the latest Conservative party ad campaign has been slammed as a "spoon of the punch" by Labour.

The terms claim he is a real really head Labour while the, calling him a "wussy" who spends too much time with his mad cap-mate.

### Crispy fried

ABURNING issue in China is the safety of consumers after a 60 year old woman who was being treated at the former station was found dead.

She is now recovering in hospital.

### Kids nipped

SNAPPS action was required in Japan after a child's toy, based on a Great White Shark by children's fingers.

14 kids were injured by the mechanical jaws and moved out of the 2 year playing.

### Freem toppings

PUCKY pizza delivery boys from New Zealand have made their biggest new money.

The team from Christchurch were called to deliver eight of their frozen pizzas to the South Island in Antarctica. They delivered the pizzas along with instructions for reheating after an eight hour journey.

### Headline

AGERMAN's arrest was shocked to find that the hotel he was staying at had been in existence since the 1900s.

He turned up to the suit expecting a warm welcome and instead found a roomed chair.

### Compelled by Dublin Black

## Police install direct alarm after multiple burglaries

# LIVE LINK-UP TO LOCAL COP SHOP

BY ABRIEL JONES

AN UNLUCKY victim of theft has been burgled so often that police are set to put in an alarm linking his house directly to the station.

Thieves have stolen £10,000 worth of goods from student Paul Cane, and he is now convinced that they are watching his house.

Yet despite having been burgled four times in the last two months, the police have been unable to trap the robbers.

They now hope that the link-up between his house at Thornville Terrace and the police station will alert officers in time to catch the thieves.

### Disgraced

"I've had my television and video, computer, hi-fi and all my compact disc stolen so far and there's not much time to take," said disgraced Paul.

"They always get my stuff because I'm on the bottom floor and have clear glass windows so everyone can see all my things."

Since the burglaries Paul has

had a normal burglar alarm fitted but hopes the police link-up will give him greater protection. The police have also provided some free security services to improve the security of the doors and windows in the house.

### Security

Andy Johnson, Crime Prevention officer at Middlesbrough police station, explained: "The best security has been offered to victims of crime for over a year in the Rother and Humber Park areas so that incidents can make their houses safer if they can't afford to do so or landlords aren't co-operative," he said.

He added: "The new alarm is a new possibility that it will not be offered to everyone and we don't want to reveal too much about it."

David the doctor is fixed however, Paul says he feels that he cannot go out anywhere or buy anything in case he is burgled again.

PC Johnson is urging students not to go in or become prisoners at their own homes though. "Randomness" students must not hesitate to report crime because the police do have significant powers, even with juveniles," he said.



OPEN ALL-ROUNDER: multiple burglary victim Paul Cane and housemate Julia in the house as he says there's nothing more to steal. PH: Julia Cane

## CLUB CLASS



PH: Gary Adams

OVERPRESSED clubs that charge the north for drinks and admission have come under fire from voters.

Katie Barker who graduated from her course in Human Resources in December, has decided to hit back at the clubs who are setting up a new club in studentland. Caper's on Bowling Road is the venue for that day, a new night aimed at giving students free drinks, cheap entry and fun music.

The club is not initially seen as one for students - closed every one Friday and Saturday - but the 400 capacity venue is looking to bring in new punters and has come up with some deals to do so. The Wednesday NUS only night offers £5 entry with free free football and cheap

beverages after that. Katie hopes that the what students are looking for.

"They can have a laugh for not much money. It's the kind of club you can't do much anywhere - one where you can do what you like and have how you like. I remember we used to play rugby on and get and get really good afterwards and just have a good day. I hope others will be able to do the same."

In order for them to do this, all university sports teams can get in for £5.50 if they ring 228 0020 but refused.

In addition to this generally, the first person to ring Katie and name the dog at the. They will get a free entry for them and the housemates on the opening night.

## Campaign fails to rock pollsters

BY CHRIS BLAKE

A NEW celebrity campaign that aims to shake up the general election by encouraging young people to vote has been branded a failure after achieving only a 10 per cent success rate.

Rock the Vote planned to convince young people to join the electoral roll by distributing simplified voter registration cards at music venues.

The campaign is apologetic, using rock stars and comedians to convey its message, rather than politicians. Labour found supports the campaign so far. "Apology" about changed anything," as does Bambi Glasby. "It's your right, use it."

But critics argue that the

campaign has been poorly presented in Leeds, reflected by the fact that there has only been an increase of 10 per cent in the number of young people registered to vote.

### Patenting

Politics (Gaelic) Lark Brown said: "I haven't heard anything about it. It seems a bit patronising to assume that students can't decide for themselves whether to vote or not."

Rock the Vote events are being planned for Leeds but they will not be publicised until the general election is announced to give maximum impact.

Students can choose to vote either by their home town, or where they study. The deadline for registration for an April election is March 20.

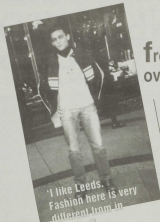
The two university unions in Leeds are split over the scheme. LMSU is not supporting the campaign, but FMSU, AF Communications warned that by registering to vote, students may leave themselves liable for criminal tax.

LEU have taken a slightly different stance. While not running any events specific to Rock the Vote, they are running an election awareness campaign. This will start with a student "Question Time" with local MP Keith Thompson on Friday February 14.

The NUS endorse the campaign. "Contrary to popular belief, students do care about politics," said Douglas. Trainer, NUS President. "The student vote can make a difference."

# taking

from Firetrap to French Connection, S over the city? JO BOWERS and TAMMY



'I like Leeds.  
Fashion here is very  
different from in  
Belgium'

(left) Ralph Dabreumont -  
Belgian exchange student

jacket - unknown Belgian shop  
t-shirt - German band

(below) Cath Donley and Claire Wilkinson

Clothes - Benetton, Sports shops,  
Afflex Palace, Manchester

(below left) Claire Leech

jacket - Twentieth Century Originals  
jumper - Jigsaw  
trousers - Grin



'I prefer Manchester  
to Leeds for  
shopping. It's too  
expensive here'



'Leeds is cool'



The arrival of Harvey Nichols, has caused Leeds to gain a reputation as the fashion capital of the North.

The large number of designer stores already existing mean that the fashion scene is certainly alive and kicking. However is fashion in the city all it's cracked up to be?

Although there is a great range of designer choice, is it really worth

sacrificing your hard earned money for the latest fad?

A look around campus will tell you that for a number of students the answer to this question is yes.

It seems that the stereotypical image of the scruffy student is becoming redundant as students spruce up their act. DM's and trackuit bottoms are becoming a thing of the past. Students these days are more likely to be sporting fed blazer than Mr Spide.

We peeped on unsuspecting victims in the Victoria Quarter to find out exactly what they thought of fashion in Leeds.

We too campus, recent is, growing? Specialize huge 500 Central, advising, swimming, secondly.

Howls, shops, to, cheap, as, of, party, charm, & students, Leeds.

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WHY IS STUPID WHITE - WHO NEEDS THEM?

**"MAJESTYK'S FOR PRYKS"**

JOHN HURLEY

**M**ajestyk, Ursula. Planet Earth - the first two on. Why are there so many student nights in Leeds and why do we keep going to them?

Even on my second year I still feel like the kid. Sign a sheet as a packet, every part where I live all my mates and end up talking to that and one

in the checked shirt who does not make for something as other. Of course, it takes hours of persuading to get me to go.

It used to be Mister Craig's that everyone sold into on a Wednesday, then it was Ursula and now it's that trendy place Majestyk where people swing from the lights for amusement.

Then, of course, you can't fail to notice the music at these places (well, actually, I have done many a time - who still likes "Dancing Queen", "I'm on Fire" and "I'll Be There"? We're young, hip

students, aren't we? It appears not. These places have kidnapped such icons as "Boyz n the City" and "Sugar Daddy" - once and numbers used for Saturday nights at The Orbit. But they are no more. These places we know used kind of love have turned down lower and taken into commercial crap that even his Uncle would be ashamed to play.

And another thing - who the fuck gives the maffs to these bellydancer messages to show us? Who cares if Rocky from Fresno has pulled? Anyone can do these places.

Who cares if Tracy from the Mid wants Kevin at the Uni? Who cares if Anna loves all the Broadcast Journalists? Dogs, who was that really not? Well said.

Oh well, you're only young once, in Gravity said I know, so I'll keep on going for some time yet. I've tried to be cool, it doesn't suit me. Give me an afternoon in the bar, a stonk down to Majestyk and a round out of a test window any day. Long live student nights, that is, I forget the meeting after.



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**THE TRAVELIST** that  
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of hip-hop. LL Cool J's  
"Let Me Clear My  
Throat" is loud, swinging,  
funny and might even be  
top the pop parade.



**VENTAGE YEAR:**  
(1977's) factor around  
criticize everything for  
the modern girl. Just  
look at that glowing  
circle in the picture -  
you too can kill me.  
Anyone who gives three  
to CD care to read.



**MICHAEL BIRNARD**  
going to America to tell  
them to shut down their  
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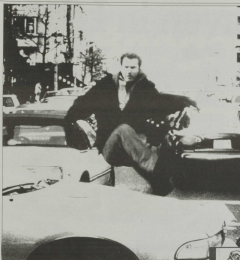
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**FIFTH RE-ENTRY** is  
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Andy Kule





# Quadrophobia

**Cinema**  
**QUADROPHENIA**  
MR. FRANK BRIDGMAN  
STING, PHIL DANIELS, STING

**M**ost of you will sit through this film sitting, and enjoying your lack of hit actor knowledge. So before you get all frustrated and annoyed, here's some help. The quadrophobia now lives upstairs from Martin Chuzzlewit to show Rickman. Finally, the best music is now on the right side of the line as DC Carver in The Bill, and the good nobody was Sting before he became a posing, one-body.

Quadruphenia is not a shining new film about psychological intrigue, as the title seems to imply. It is actually a re-release of a 1979 film based on the information created by Peter Travençolo in his 1974 album of the same name. The film tells the story of real Quincy (Phil Daniels) who has a job he can't stand, parents who don't understand, a girlfriend without understanding, and a secret. The film is about him and his friends in Brighton and back as they chase and fight their rivals, the toasters. If you don't really understand the music and the rockers, don't worry, you won't be attracted from the pub. You're just too young.

Quadruphenia was a cult film for the teens and rockers of the time, as it depicted a world film for the kids and jokers of today, but with one remarkable difference: Quality. While Transmuting has a plot, something to see, and true belief, you won't.



Quadruphenia, like all these, has been a quality, interesting film, but it is mostly a kids have a fight in Brighton and then go home film. It has also not as much substance as a collapsed, silly comedy. One is the interesting, this is the one factor in the film that hardly seems to have dated. It could have with an event for best view of the white cliffs of Dover, as seen by you on a screen. The rock-scores in Brighton are also automatically well done, although rendered embarrassingly laughable by Sting attempting to act violently. Luckily he endured his weakness and stuck to singing and playing tunes.

The other all important factor for keeping the film alive is the music. The film is full of brilliant with excellent duos on runs from the 1960s and '70s, as well as containing some wonderful shots of the 45 minutes.

However, although it sounds almost feasible to re-release an old classic, poppers expect such as The Wall which has made headlines in the original album. Quadruphenia has had a big hit to stand out, at least first. Such time-bound style should be left to the 1970s, as these music and rockers, rather than distributed to the masses who wouldn't mind if it were one up and then there in the future. Anyway, it's cooler to be a pitiful, weird than a rock!

Clare Lister

withholding, and although a consistent level of excitement is maintained, it is not enough.

The central question of would Gibson really go it alone against a hidden opponent, with his increasingly hysterical and mad cartoon FBI leader (Debra Lando, seen recently in Get Shorty and Bad Boys) asking him not to, is never really expanded on - Gibson just does it. The film tries to collect his decision with logic, but it never quite works, and you cannot quite believe that a business tycoon would risk losing everything for a cause he can wait on.

The cinematic Ritchie Casagham delivers everything that we have come to expect from him, a tale of good versus evil served up in a safe and solid manner, but it could have been so much more. The film is interesting enough, but never reaches the edge-of-the-seat tension that the central idea provides for. It will make money, there is no doubt of that, but it has already passed the \$100 million mark in the US, but it is a prime example of

Hollywood's complacency content with its own achievements and frightened of pushing back boundaries for fear of breaking the money machine.

Kenneth is released on February 7



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## Comedy

**NEWCASTLE BROWN TOWN**  
**JASON TREHMAN**  
**AT 10**

**S**peaking as a novice to stand-up comedy night, of this is what I can expect, then I'm going to a lot more. The company of four comedians for 2 hours was the best I have spent for a long time. Non-stop laughter - was all that came out of my and approximately 50 other mouths all night.

The slight delay was well worth it for Jason Trehman (comedian for the evening). Martin Hugger, surprise comic Greg Preston and the supportive James Simpson.

Jason Trehman, quoted by The Guardian as being a "Tremendously funny comedian with an electric stage presence" kicked the fun off with comparisons of real sex to the imagined sex of others. In fact, real sex and sex in general was largely the center of the night with each act giving both a healthy going over. The male-dominated audience got, leader in the night said out, warning us to our attention quickly.

The audience was subjected to a large amount of pranking. The first one had got particular attention with one even went too far, having his foot at the audience of Hugger.

All the usual "random" jokes were there, as were the same ones courtesy of James Simpson. The cocky Londoner

was great at bringing some originality and up to date lyrics into this otherwise well worn comedy act. Add a few lines on the Spice Girls, politicians and male peeing habits, plus many other gags, and you have an outrageous, black-inducing comedian who was worth the three quid alone. Pretty some of crowd built in the interval, as Simpson was the man to see. The only time our jaws were given a rest was with Greg Preston. Funny he is, but hilarious he isn't.

Those of you that went down to Brixton interval, next time you see their names, don't miss them. But one word of warning: Martin Hugger's single act is not for the faint hearted.

# Choco-heaven in LS11

VALENTINE'S Day just wouldn't be the same without a deliciously tempting box of chocolates, so *Leeds Student* teamed up with *Cocolat* to offer five lucky readers the chance to win one of forty chocolates to give to your loved one next Friday.

*Cocolat* is a newly opened specialist chocolate shop in Thomson's Arcade. Its bright and stylish interior creates an ideal space to sample and savour over an impressive range of exclusive and specialist chocolates.

If you are partial to the old chocolate or 10 then check this

place out. The chocolates are simply divine and after trying one you will never want to touch another chocolate again.

The range includes many continental creations from the chocolate houses of Nougats, Melbrier and Choumont to *Stratus* as well as individually scorable chocolates. The strawberry and cream white truffles come well recommended.

The first thing that hits you as you enter the shop is the seductive smell of chocolate. Suggestively sticky displays are lined with delectable chocolate treats interspersed with unique designer gifts courtesy of young northern artists and beautiful hand-made Valentine's cards. The owner, Chris Barnard, designed the shop to complement the sensuality of chocolate and expects to be busy in the run up to Valentine's Day.

Chris is a former

student of Leeds University and maintains his link with the student community by employing local students in the shop. The more into the chocolate world was the taste of wanting to start up his own business and seeing a niche in the market.

The idea was to bring something really special to the city to complement all the restaurants, cafes and sophisticated retailers in Leeds. The shop is certainly sophisticated and exclusive, but still remains friendly and accessible.

To sample the delights of the extensive range of chocolate stocked at *Cocolat*, simply send a postcard with your name, address and phone number to: Valentine's Chocolate Competition, Leeds Student, PO Box 451, Leeds, LS1 1UR together with the answer to the question below.

How do you know it? (Answers to be received no later than Wednesday 12th February.)



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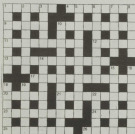




# The Juice crossword

## Win £10!

The first correct entry to the Juice crossword competition will scoop a crisp tenner. Bring your completed crossword to the Leeds Student office, either at LMSU or LNU, and the cash prize could be yours. The closing date for entries is Monday February 10



Across

1. Attackiest discovered by girl hugging former spouse. (6)
4. Becker's parents' birth? (8)
9. Doctor manages those post-ten. Cross afterwards! (5)
10. Order awful, awful tonic. (9)
11. Article about breakfast gives rise to heading. (9)
12. Small hooter? (5)
13. Richards goes Sharon on the move? (7,5)
17. Tafari doesn't a first and second five. Fifty finish this disk. (3-5,6)
20. Foot's situation on cricket strip. (2,3)
21. They have a breakout. Come back in cell. (9)
23. Beginners go round and make mountains, for instance. (9)
24. I am so purveyor of acid. (5)
25. Natural leader, says Cockney, has a true Chris. (9)
26. Seton's drink, we hear, is very strong. (6)

Down

1. Extra-marital intriguer must be seduced - try a deal? (8)
2. Numbers have conversation, say, for breathing apparatus. (8)
3. Six across goes backwards in a horizontal line. (1-6)
5. Lines are given after spelling 'proper' with an 'V'. "Most show alarmist." (1,3)
6. Confused wonder after about a hundred are put back on those. (5)
7. Big Ally has no heart but turns sticky. (6)
8. Groups of wise fishermen will have problems? (6)
10. Thirty five dogs are controlling, having so energy and a serious drink problem. (5,2,6)
14. I am able to achieve my dreams so scotch has high-speed jet. (1,3,2,3)
15. So hugely wealthy it's laughable. (6,6)
16. I can have railway. After all it's only a story. (8)
18. Top man in rap? (6)
19. Initially Barry looked in Neville's toy zoo for pascake. (6)
22. Animal is fine having a queen one. (5)

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## Singles



### Single of the Week

**Mark Owen - Clementine**  
MCA

A brief above the rest of the crop being shown in our faces by the rest of the in-Take That rock, this catchy tune is a marked improvement from the last single, "Cubed." Although Mark sounds more like Let Loose than his preferred sound of Paul Weller, "Clementine" is pleasantly unrecognizable from the past.

**DJ Kool - Let Me Clear My Throat**  
J&B

With its sample of Mark "45 King's" "900 Number" disc, DJ Kool's hip-hop track aims to recreate the frantic howling sounds of Run-DMC and R-Z-Rock. However, DJ Kool fails in being back the energy of that era and ends up sounding stale and repetitive.

**Neneh Cherry - Feel It**  
A&M

A spy track for Neneh Cherry, this quiet-but-thrill track brings back memories of early Madonna and takes the instant appeal of "Romeo" and "Mushroom." "Feel It" never really takes off, staying at one level throughout. (Bland)

**Hydra - Selections From Spooky Weirdness**  
(Punk)

This starts off promisingly enough with a memory, almost Cthulhu-like, giving the impression that it's an ideal pre-club sort of tune. Sadly it doesn't build on this and is soon taken over by stoney, cheap posse rappers.

**Spearhead - Why Oh Why**  
(Punk)

Rather than the acid and pain-infused groove that they put out before, Spearhead seem to have spent the last year taking over by stoney, cheap posse rappers.

**Duncan Milne & Joey Gardner**

# everything must glow

If you need your eardrums unblocking then here come REEF to blow your house down. CHRIS LEADBEATER checks out new album *Glow* (Sony)

Somewhere back down the line, probably in the middle of the Britpop wars, the British pop music press decided that it didn't really like Reef.

They may have been a number of reasons for this. Was it because before they released any singles, the band appeared in an American advert for sounding like refugees from a Pearl Jam 8-side, and looking slightly scared? Was it because Reef became associated with such Brits as well as the monotonically Cuban-influenced likes of Bush? Did this or that seem from the blatantly Jagger-esque vocals? Or was it simply because would-be Gary Stringer has the appearance of a

monkey, with long hair and an inability to sing the word "single" without scratching it in about seven syllables? Is every song "Well frankly, who cares...?"

Reef changed recently by the release into the healthy world of Christmas music of the disgustingly catchy "First Your Hands." The album which this track opens is a mass of blippy riffs and catchy choruses, much of which ends in the Walling Stones in both musical and vocal style. In this vein you get the current single "Come Back Brighter" plus "I Would Have Left You" and "Higher Vibrations" while "Don't You Like It?" is a frankly

"First Your Hands." As well as this you get the delightful ballad "Catastrophe," and the gentle album closer "Lullaby."

Glow is an album which is in many ways retro, yet it also deserves the accolade that it will certainly receive. "It's going to be all right," sings Stringer on "Catastrophe," and you find yourself admiring the band's ability to connect. Glow shows that the time has come to give Reef a chance. Place your hands.



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## Live

**The Boo Radleys**  
LNUH City Site

Another single was one of the widest songs from today's career-opening act. I voluntarily took the lead staff of the daily album rock, the form of new songs. "I Love You" was really too short and the crowd didn't understand the experimentalism of "Lullaby." None of which compares to the indie disco style of "Wide Up" in the last of "The Boo Radleys." The rest of the set didn't live in an accessible band, with the music as a whole it could have been written by Miles & Davis. In short, they thought because you can't even say they're a band.

**Vicki Boulton**



# Star Gazing

PIERS MARTIN brings you news of the council-sponsored search for a star: "Bright Young Things."

Somehow explain moments of a Caribbean marching band of a "special" friend's cheek bashing at Madison Square Garden. May be the whole rock "in" drum beat, at the end of the day, it's a lot of a show.

At the other end of the spectrum, so to speak, of the band's repertoire, you have the sort of "buddy" regional, applying, hand-drawn pop groups and hopelessly corny pop. For not, thank goodness, London City Centre's "Bright Young Things" is a national music showcase for exclusively talented folk who have got some instruments and who know how to play them.

The first regional music, most of which have already been set in a place at the central end of 1991 very much like And Country (Deliver 15 March, so the whole poppers Kevin and the

delightfully young but badly-served Helen are through, and tomorrow you can catch T. Rex, Mott, Sade, M. Ed and Planet Lungs wrap it up. Amazingly, Leeds head Against Design were so mugged at being last weekend that they stayed a protest and there some places about.

The price is a gargantuan £100 of critical support

country of Caribbe and a two day recording package. Amazingly, there was a considerable response in the competition with over 150 entries. So if you fancy catching a glimpse of the stars of the future, get down to Knight's Well on Saturday, 14th March, yet to an appearance at the T&C on March to be a sort of under age musical donations.



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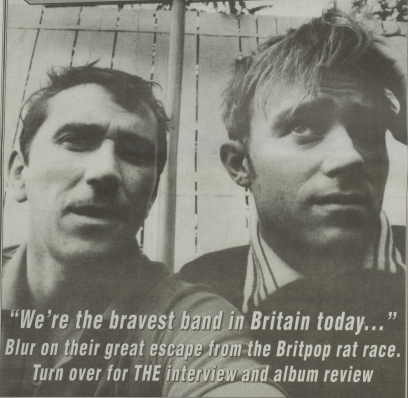
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# HOUSING SPECIAL

## MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF....

Can't face the hassle of negotiating with Property owners and think an insured shorthold tenancy agreement sounds like something you could do without...

Don't see why you should have to pay rent all year...

Your friends are great but you're not sure if they can be relied on to cough up rent and share expenses regularly...

If the answer is yes to any of these questions perhaps you should consider another year in University accommodation.

Applications for new

students will be available from the accommodation Office, room G.05 in the Refectory Building from Tuesday February 4th. This year more than 1600 places will be available in Self-catering accommodation, in shared houses and cluster flats (some on suite) and traditional halls with some/all meals included.

The accommodation Office welcomes returning students and believes they help to bring stability and continuity to halls and flats, possibly becoming involved with student

committee or JCR work (that'll look good on my CV but I realise I will be expected to contribute more than most to my hall/flats community!) individual application for halls are welcome but if you want to apply for a cluster flat or house, why not consider getting together a group of at least 5 to share? The closing date is March 1st, although late applications will be considered if vacancies still exist.

Worth thinking about?

## useful telephone numbers

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24HR HOUSING INFORMATION LINE	(0113) 698 1107
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & HEALTH	(0113) 234 8080
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YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY BOARD	(0113) 279 0133
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# DON'T PANIC... READ THIS

There's only two hundred and ten shopping days to go until next term begins, so you should be rushing out to grab the best bargains, right? Wrong. February may signify the start of the house hunting season but the best deals are to be had later on in the year. "There is no rush to find a house, those students who panic and rush into signing for one in March usually end up paying a lot more than those who don't panic," says Kate Woodhead V.P. Education & Campaigns, LMUSU. Despite the fact that student numbers are rising in the city, there is still expected to be surplus of around one thousand rooms, which should force landlords to freeze or even lower rent charges. In the past students have tended to panic at the thought of being left behind as the early offers get snapped up. But holding back and waiting for the right choice could be the key to finding the best bargains. A spokesman for Unipol, the student housing service, points out, "The more people that wait until summer before getting a house, the lower landlords will be forced to drop their prices." Indeed it is hoped that this year tenants will pay rents of, on average, less than £36.40 per week. "We're hopeful that rents will not rise as sharply as they have done in recent years..." Said Sarah Reck, Welfare Officer LMU. "...I don't think the issue is how much rent you are paying it is what you are getting for it."

With so many houses in the city, landlords have no choice but to keep prices stable, that can only be good news for us. Students can completely dictate the housing market, so if everyone stood their ground and didn't accept a 52-week contract over £36.40 per week, then landlords would be forced to comply. Unipol, situated on Fenton Street between both universities, begins to advertise properties from the first of March - some have already started to take advantage of the displays in the accommodation bureau, looking to settle their housing problems early. But don't worry, if you hold back long enough, you should get the best value for money, so please be patient.

**'STUDENTS CAN COMPLETELY DICTATE THE HOUSING MARKET'**

## RENTING & SHARING

a house with four or five other people is never easy - even if they're best friends and your landlord perfect. To help you live as peacefully as possible and avoid calling in the United Nations here's an essential list of do's and don'ts:

- Do make sure all of you in the house look after paying the bills
- Do make sure you have some kind of arrangement for cleaning & washing up
- If you have a telephone do keep a record of everybody's calls, as this will save trouble when a bill arrives - especially if it is full of 0800 numbers, which you can't ban at no extra cost
- Don't risk your housemate's food. Nothing is worse than coming down in the morning and finding someone has nicked the last drop of your milk, or slice of bread
- Don't get caught nicking your housemate's food ever!
- Don't hog the bathroom for too long in the morning - everyone else has lectures too - or needs to negotiate last night's scandal!
- Never get off with housemate: it causes nothing but trouble. Particularly for the other innocent members of your house who have to listen to you crying when you inevitably break up.
- Don't worry everyone breaks the rules. Just make sure you're not caught leaving your dirty plates in the sink or creeping out of another housemate's bedroom at 7.30am.
- And finally don't expect to still be friends your



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# From Hell's Kitchen

When I first moved to Leeds

the summer of 1995, I stayed with friends who were already at university.

They lived in a real drive in Burley, so by the time September had arrived and I was finally able to move into halls I had persuaded myself that I was going to find myself a decent house to live in, in my second year.

At the beginning of the second semester everyone was rushing around looking for

all of us from work, to tell us that her boss had just told her of a house in Brudenell road which he reckoned "was the best student house they had in Leeds." We were all a bit sceptical, and when we found out that the rent was £40 per week we almost told her not to bother about it. However, when we were told that if the house had been in a better area it would have been a student house as the rent for each room would have been about £75 - £80 per week. After we heard this we decided that there was no harm in having a look.

When we saw it we just couldn't believe our luck. The house had never been a student house before and the family who owned the house were really nice. They showed us around the house from the bottom to the top. The cellar was huge (great for parties), as was the kitchen and living room. All the bedrooms were spacious with plenty of work space and storage space, apart from one room which was quite small, but whoever got that room also got another room to study in. The bathroom and toilet were separate, which solved the problem of someone being in the shower while other people

were waiting to go to the loo!

We moved in on the first of July and were paying full rent over the summer. This was compensated, however, by the fact that we had been left a television and up to date Licence, a washing machine and tumble dryer as well as a new sofa and other furniture, including four £100+ fabrica rags "to save the carpet". The living room had been repainted and Van Gogh and Monet pictures hung on the walls.

We have been living in the house for about seven months now and have yet to be broken into, which is quite rare as the area is highly notorious for burglaries. Someone did attempt to break in, but the house is like Fort Knox, with six locks on the front door and four on the back (which can be a bit of a pain after a night on the beer), along with a top of the range security system.

Living in a decent house also makes a big difference to relationships between people living in the house as everyone gets on pretty well, and although three people are going on a years placement next year, the other three are going to keep the house on. Even things as boring and insignificant as college work it doesn't seem as bad when you're sitting in comfort.

If communication between the landlord and those living in the house is good you can expect a reasonably smooth passage through to the end of your university days, but make sure you choose wisely, and check and read everything thoroughly before signing anything.



somewhere to live in second year. Four of us had already known us from sugarwell and the other two were friends we had known from first year. Three lads and three girls was a good mix, and more importantly we all got on really well. The decision to live with each other, therefore, was relatively easy to make.

One of the girls had a part-time job with an estate agents. Early one Sunday morning she rang



HOUSING STUDENT

After an exhilarating summer,

looking forward to sharing a house in Leeds 6, Hyde Park area together. Their idea of a happy housewifery and the good times to be had, promised potential for a great second year. However in contrast to their great expectations the realities were far from perfect.

One fateful October morning, Charlotte went into the kitchen to prepare her breakfast. Upon the other girls were getting up, dressing and showering, when a shrill scream was heard from the depths of the downstairs. Irrational thoughts filled the girls' heads, as they were prepared for such an event. "Is someone being raped, we're being burgled, someone's being attacked by a psychopath?" and other unsolicited statements.

However these fears were soon dispelled as the girls sped towards the source of the scream to find Charlotte. She was downed in water which was pouring from

landlord was phoned but he was not available, and other mobile numbers which he was contactable in were given out. Six or seven different phoney cell telephone lines, the landlord was finally contacted. An hour and a half later, the landlord arrived and acknowledged the evident water flooding problem.

Three and a half weeks later the landlord assigned two highly skilled carpenters to the job. They had a particular affliction for consuming copious amounts of cigarettes and cans of lager whilst working, perhaps to aid the speed of job completion. After one and a half weeks and several cans of lager later the workmen had located the offending pipe and changed the appropriate pipe. One week later the flooding continued, strangely enough the workman had not quite solved the problem. Despite their optional use of beer-puggles and later returned to replace the whole pipe. It took one month for the ceiling to dry out properly before the landlord would permit



clearing away the mess from the workmen, efforts which had manifested itself in great clumps of gooey plaster.

After saying that they wouldn't be returning that day, the workmen stopped the same evening to remove more ceiling wallpaper and plaster. Making sure the girls were left with some cleaning up after they'd gone. After finishing this task the workmen promptly left with a load of plaster and bottle of tomato ketchup from the kitchen.

Unexpectedly the girls were becoming less and less tolerant with the whole situation, which was making their lives a misery. Not only was there mess everywhere, but they couldn't use the shower throughout the whole ordeal and could only use the bath. The following week the ceiling was removed and the whole bathroom appeared to have come to a head.

However 3 weeks later, the water started pouring through the ceiling again. The leak was again attributable to the leak in the bathroom and resulted in not only soaking the kitchen, but also one of the

bedrooms which was next to the wall because of water. This played havoc with Charlotte's health who suffers from asthma. The tiles around the bath began to fall off, so yet again the girls set about the tedious task of locating the landlord. Several mobile phoney calls later he was found, and he promised to send a plumber to rectify the situation.

Presumably, the plumber did not appear, so the girls decided to tackle the problem themselves. They took a shower curtain in front of the wall down into the bath in order to cover the place where the water was escaping to, before causing a leak. This seemed to be a feasible temporary solution, and life continued as normal.

Three days later the girls answered the door to what appeared to be the answer to all their problems. "I'm here to fix your central heating," claimed the man at the door. Somehow the girls asked him in and explained the problem to him. "Your bath needs recasting tiles," said the workman "but that's nothing to do with



the kitchen ceiling like Niagara falls. Needless to say, breakfast was no longer a priority and solving the problem came into the foreground. The nightmare had begun.

Initially the

any further work on it. The cornboys remained, with their lager never further than an arm's reach away and lag freely in mouths, to tend to the ceiling and remove the flaking plaster and paint work.

As well as the great inconvenience caused to the girls by the workmen who had turned up on a Sunday unannounced, the debris they left behind was inconceivable. The workman had obviously not taken much notice nor cared for the furniture and crockery in the kitchen, and had managed to spread the mess into the lounge, all over the sofas and chairs. Once again,

the girls were resigned to spend two hours



bedrooms. The water had soaked through from the bathroom to the bedroom.

The bedrooms became damp and mouldy and the

me. I'm here to fix the central heating," and departed.

Since then no-one has been to recast the bath and the temporary shower curtain position, is becoming more permanent. Instead of the previously picturesque happy home with all the basic necessities, the girls have a leaking kitchen ceiling. Other amenities are a high phone bill, water, electricity, and gas bill and a very low opinion of workmen.

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Heaven!

# contracts

## think before you sign...

If you're preparing to sign for a house for next year there are a few things that you need to think about before you sign.

**The Deal**  
Think about what you're actually signing! Have you had the contract checked out? What will your legal liabilities be? How much will the rent be? Have you checked with the landlord what is included in the rent, such as who is responsible for paying the water rates - is it you or the landlord? Be clear about how much the deposit is, what it covers and make sure you get a receipt for it rather than just handing it over.

**The Landlord/Agent**  
Make sure you get the full name and address of your landlord and/or managing agent. Have you considered what the landlord or agent is actually like? Have you checked them in the landlord index at Unipol or spoken to the present tenants about them. Has the landlord or agent signed to the Unipol Code of Standards? If not, why not?

**Security**  
What is the security of the house like? Look at the back as well as the front of

the house, and also try to imagine what it's like at night as well as during the day. Have you checked if the house ever been burgled? You should ask the landlord or agent and the existing tenants about this and they may say no and you later find out that it has, you may be able to move out on the grounds of misrepresentation).

**Assurances and Repairs**  
Is the house actually big enough? Are there enough amenities? And what kind of condition is the house in? Ask the present tenants and carry out several careful inspections. In terms of repairs, what's the agent or landlord actually like? Do they get repairs done quickly? Do they give notice before calling round? Again you should ask the present tenants and consult the landlord index about this.

Who will you be living with? Do you honestly want to live with your chosen housemate? Remember weekly rents can be a long time, and living together can be pretty stressful.

measures could be the difference between life and death. It may sound dramatic but it's true. Firstly the owner must have all gas appliances serviced and checked every 12 months by a C.O.R.G.I. registered engineer. It is a criminal offence for the owner/agent to either fail to have the appliances checked or to use an engineer who is not C.O.R.G.I. registered. You should insist on seeing the proof. If the owner or agent refuses contact the Environmental Health Office (Tel: 247 7630). They will check all the appliances for free and serve notices on the owner or agent to provide proof their appliances are safe. And there's still no charge to you. Secondly

## PASSPORT TO A FAIRER RENT?

When you're looking for a house you should check exactly what your rent includes, check that you can afford it, certainly before you sign.

Those with an Assured Shorthold Tenancy can make an application to the Rent Assessment Committee if they feel that their rent is too high. The Committee can only make an assessment if there are sufficient numbers of properties in the area let on Assured Shorthold tenancies and if the rent being paid is significantly higher than the rent the owner might reasonably expect from the property in the area.

You have to make an application within the first 6 months of your original contract. This means that if you sign a further contract when your first 6 months have expired you will not be able to apply to the Rent Assessment Committee to reduce the rent.

## HOUSING CONTRACTS AND YOUR RIGHTS

When it comes to contracts students will treat from one of two ways. They'll either be really scared and confused or they won't bother to read them properly, and as its a legally binding document could potentially spoil the rest of the year regretting it. There's no need to end up in either of those situations and there's no need to be scared of contracts as they can often be relatively simple, though rather than up and registering it, its best to get a contract checked out. If it seems anything you don't understand then you can always seek advice from the Welfare Services office in your Student Union and from your relatives. Don't be afraid to ask at Leeds University Union can also get advice every lunch time between 12-2, is the union foyer. There are a number of things you need to know when it comes to signing. The most important one is think before you sign! There are a great number of students who rush to sign contracts in February and who are desperately trying to get out of them by June. You have every right to ask for 24 hours to read through the contract and be wary of any owners or agents that want you to sign on the spot. There are main types of contracts: Assured Shorthold and Assured Tenancies. They can be either written or verbal and

can be signed individually or jointly, by the whole group who are living together. Its best to insist on a written contract and that way both you and the landlord know what is expected of each other, and who is responsible for what, such as paying the water rates, certain repairs. Also, certain points. A verbal contract is legally binding, the problems start when you try to prove what has been said.

The vast majority of owners/agents in Leeds expect students to sign up to a fixed term contract (eg 1st July 1997 - 30th June 1998) which, if you sign the same contract at the same time as the rest of the group, makes you jointly liable with other students for the rent, so you could be responsible for any outstanding rent payments if your mates don't pay. The contracts rarely allow you to give notice to leave during your fixed term. So basically, once you sign, you have to pay for the whole year. If you move out early and haven't paid anyone to take over your room, the owner/agent can take you to court for outstanding rent. A deposit is refundable (subject to normal terms and conditions), with the average deposit tending to be between £100 - £150 each. The deposit is normally paid when the contract is signed. Unless you're otherwise told, or its in the contract, a deposit can only be held against any damage done to the

house (either accidentally or deliberately by the tenants or their visitors). However, most contracts do specify what the deposit is held for, eg, any unpaid rent/outstanding bills or damage. If possible, make sure you pay by cheque and get a receipt. This way, if you lose the receipt you can always prove that the money was paid by bank statements. Be clear about what you're paying the deposit for rather than just handing your money over. The difference between a retainer and a deposit is that a retainer is normally non-refundable. Its normally based on an agreement between you and the owner or agent to keep the house for you over the summer (or other holiday period). So unless you've agreed it with them, you do not normally have the right to live in the property for the period covered by the retainer. Try to negotiate a deal with the rent over the summer before you sign the contract. It's better to pay summer rent than to pay a retainer because you have the right to live in the property. At the end of the day, its your cash. If someone asked for money from you normally you want to know what it was for, or why should it be any different when it comes to, whats probably going to be your largest item of expenditure for the year. Don't be afraid to argue and even haggle.

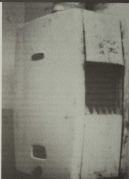
## gas safety & fire regulations

It is very sad to read reports of deaths of due to Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. As recently as November a 19 year old student at Keele University died of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, near four housemates ended up in hospital. On average some 20 people die each year of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. These deaths are preventable. Some students at Leeds University have had very close calls, sometimes they have realised the danger purely through chance and good luck, but many students are also lived up on the rights as a tenant when it comes to gas safety. A knowledge of your rights and a following of basic common sense

measures could be the difference between life and death. It may sound dramatic but it's true. Firstly the owner must have all gas appliances serviced and checked every 12 months by a C.O.R.G.I. registered engineer. It is a criminal offence for the owner/agent to either fail to have the appliances checked or to use an engineer who is not C.O.R.G.I. registered. You should insist on seeing the proof. If the owner or agent refuses contact the Environmental Health Office (Tel: 247 7630). They will check all the appliances for free and serve notices on the owner or agent to provide proof their appliances are safe. And there's still no charge to you. Secondly

you should never block air vents, there should always be some form of natural ventilation so that fresh air can circulate. Thirdly, remember appliances can develop faults even after they have been tested, so never ignore the warning signs. If you have any concerns contact the owner or agent first or British Gas if it's an emergency. Finally watch out for the warning signs: a fire that goes out frequently; stains, soot or discolouring around the gas fire or top of the gas water heater; yellow or orange flames; feeling dizzy; fainting; headaches or feeling dizzy. You can buy Carbon Monoxide Detectors which you place above the appliance

and which go black if there is a leak. You can buy them relatively cheaply, approximately £5.50 for two, from most DIY stores. Leeds University students can claim a free detector per household from the Welfare Services Office, first floor of the Union Building. As of the 1st of January 1997 all soft furniture and furnishings in new lets has to meet with the latest Fire Regulations and be fire retardant. Therefore anyone moving into a property after 1st January should check with the owner or agent that the furniture meets with the regulations. If you are not happy with their response or feel that the furniture does not meet with legal requirements then contact West Yorkshire Trading Standards on 253 6111.





# the community and you...

## Personal Safety for Everyone

It's worrying that attacks on students and talk of "student bashing" seems to have increased, particularly in this last year. While women have for a long time been forced to be more aware of their personal safety, the increased publicity on attacks on men has meant that they too must be more aware. Remember to take notice of the security comments in the other articles for a start. In terms of personal safety there are a few steps you can take: don't put your first name on your door bell or in the phone book, when answering the phone never give your name and number and let the caller identify themselves. Remember you can have your name omitted from the phone book at no extra cost. If you receive telephone calls then keep a whistle or personal attack alarm handy to blow down the phone, if a person tells the operator and/or the police. If you're showing prospective tenants around the house make sure you don't do it on your own. If you wake in the night and hear someone in the house it's not a good idea to

confront the burglar or pretend to be asleep. Instead switch on the lights or the television or radio, if you're on your own then pretend there is someone with you and call out to them, but ring the police as soon as you think it's safe to do so. When you're not walking at night, think ahead and be on your guard and unless it's unavoidable, never walk home. Even if you don't feel confident, make sure you look confident, try to keep to busy, well lit roads and don't take any short cuts. If the street is deserted, walk down the middle of the pavement and try to stay in well lit areas, facing the oncoming traffic to avoid "side-swaps". If you think you are being followed cross the road and keep walking and head for a busy area or a lighted house to ask for help. Never be tempted to hide or accept a lift from someone you don't know and trust completely. Don't carry more money than you really need and cover up jewellery and keep in the ends of streets so they can't be grabbed from behind. Don't listen to a personal attack whilst walking - they could prevent you from hearing an attacker approaching and carry a

personal attack scream alarm in your hand. Its piercing noise can frighten off an attacker and summon help. They're available from your Student Union, your local crime prevention officer and many shops. If you are out late get a taxi or a lift back home. Ask the driver to wait until you are inside the house before driving off. Don't forget always sit in the back of the taxi, right behind the driver if you're on your own. If you are going from the Universities please make use of the women's safety buses (routes only please). If you carry a bag, carry it close to you, with it fastened up. If someone tries to grab it, let go. If you hang on you could get hurt. Keep your house keys in your pocket rather than in your bag. We can all make each other feel safer if we bear in mind the following points. If you're walking in the same direction as someone else don't walk right behind them, cross the road and walk on the other side. If you start chattering someone on their own remember that they may not realise that you don't mean any harm. Basically, just try to be a bit more aware of the people around you. Flyback was published in 1984, with the backing of

both Universities, their Student Unions and West Yorkshire Police, in an attempt to raise awareness of the danger of crime in Leeds. Copies of 'Flyback' are available from your executive office.

(Oops, not enough text to fit this box!)

Rails, Rubbish, Noise and Burglary. That's the picture that most people have of student land. However, it doesn't have to be like that. The longer you live in Leeds the more horror stories you will hear about Leeds 6 - the burglaries, the squalid conditions, the kids up the road that threaten people with baseball bats. However, the likelihood is that you will move into Leeds 6 yourself and start to accept many of these problems as everyday normalities. One of the problems that students and locals living in the same area share is poverty and that's not something easily solved. Poverty is no doubt the reason for many of the crimes committed against students.

However, another factor is the resentment felt in the area towards students. Students have a VERY large presence in Hyde Park and many of the shops and services are geared totally towards them. Students get discounts where locals do not. Student houses are frequently surrounded by rubbish and have overgrown gardens. Students come home loud and drunk and piss in your front garden. My advice is to keep on the right side of your neighbours and they'll do right by you. They'll fill you in on all the gossip in the street and keep an eye on your house when you're on holiday - nag your landlord to take away that old sofa in your garden and then tidy it up a bit (you can hire gardening tools from the Executive office if you want to do something yourself). Sarah Rack, Welfare Officer at Leeds University Union, welcomes the opportunity to create links with the community - "if students are seen to clean up the area and be making an effort, it can only help our relationships with local residents" she suggested.

John Greenwood, a Community Safety Worker at the Barley and Hyde Park areas agreed "Students do have a contribution to make, and by getting all of the community to work in schemes, such as the clean-up earlier this year it will be the first step toward attacking crime."

Also look after your house - get on to your landlord about any problems (putting things in writing is a good idea) and pop into the Executive office if they don't get sorted out. Look for community festivals and festivals in a park near you, go along and get involved. If you're feeling really keen you could go along to your local community group or join Student Community Action and put some positive energy into your community. It's your chance to make a difference.

# SAFETY

# LIVING IN LEEDS .....

is like playing a game of Monopoly. With the roll of a die, some are destined for tidy bargains with en suite showers and shag pile carpets. Others are doomed to a house of horrors. They do not pass go and do not collect their two hundred pounds.

Home of Woodhouse Fisheries and the Clinic pub, this favoured student haunt is devoid of vegetation and has become a crime hotspot. Cobble streets straight out of a Hoos ad, and strings of washing between the houses, Woodhouse, we love you.

At the opposite end of the board, the swanky Park Lane and Mayfair student homes are gleaming away in Central Headingley. Well situated for shops, banks and pubs, I not to mention the excellent Big Mamas pizzeria and Tani's Curry House, this place has got the lot.

Another throw of the dice, and life imitates art again; luxury in the board game that is the Leeds housing scene, comes at a price. If you've haven't got loads of money to chuck about, head towards Burley or Kirkstall. Not as aesthetically pleasing as tree-lined Headingley, maybe, but the place does have a few star attractions. Top of the table is Kirkstall Abbey - a lovely lovely place to take any stray relatives who make the bad mistake of coming to visit.

If green is your colour, then set your hotel up in Hyde Park. The area is dominated said park - a huge expanse of grass and trees, with enough room to kick a ball about. The properties are a bit of a mixed bag. Some, especially the big houses on Rudwell Road, are great for wild parties. However, many Hyde Park residents can tell some gory gruesome tales of squalid housing and dodgy characters.

Meanwood boasts some gemmies in the cheap and cheerful bracket. The big advantage here is the close proximity of the 'utilities' - ie, Netto. There's also scope for trotting to the shops in Headingley if Netto is not so good enough.

If the bright lights and bustle of the city don't appeal, then there is a calmer, more scenic option. The Old Kent Rd and Whitechapel of student accommodation, Harehills, West Park and Adel, could be regarded as Yarnville, UK. However they do offer a more serene setting for studious activity, and are top of the pops with those hard-working finalists.

WEST PARK

HEADINGLEY

BURLEY

## TITLE DEED HIGHBURY ROAD

**Rent** - site only £34  
**Insurance** Medium  
**Crime** Medium-High  
**Transport** Reasonable  
**Student Density** Medium  
**Distance From Centre** Two Miles

### Local Attractions

The picturesque Meanwood Valley Trail and Meanwood Valley Inner City Farm provide a great afternoon's fun. Useful shops include Netto and GT Smiths. Close to the Sugarwell Hall of Residence.

## TITLE DEED HARTLEY AVE

**Rent** - site only £35  
**Insurance** High  
**Crime** High  
**Transport** Good  
**Student Density** High  
**Distance From Centre** One Mile

### Local Attractions

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## TITLE DEED HEADINGLEY AVE

**Rent** - site only £38  
**Insurance** High  
**Crime** Fairly High  
**Transport** Excellent  
**Student Density** High  
**Distance From Centre** Two Miles

### Local Attractions

Crickler Ground, Skyrack, Original Oak, Walking distance to Beckett Park & Armada shopping centre. As it's the most popular area for LMU students, you'll never be short of a party to attend.

MEANWOOD

WOODHOUSE

Leeds

Leeds Metropolitan  
University

HYDE PARK

Central Headingley

Hyde Park

Burley

West Park

Woodhouse

Meanwood

- A - Eastmoor
- B - Bodgion Hall & Flats
- C - Otley Hall & Flats
- D - Beckett Park Halls
- E - Kirkstall Brewery
- F - Teley Hall
- G - Lupton Flats
- H - Mary Mount
- I - Highfield, Virginia & North Grange
- J - Jones Raffle Flats
- K - Devonshire Hall & Flats
- L - Sugarwell Court
- M - St. Marks Flats
- N - Woodhouse Flats
- O - Sentinel Towers

### TITLE DEED BRUDENELL GROVE

Rent - site only £35.50  
 Insurance High  
 Crime Astronomical  
 Transport Good  
 Student Density High  
 Distance From Centre One  
 & a half miles.

#### Local Attractions

Royal Park Pub. Museumist  
 International Supermarket.  
 Excellent art house Hyde Park  
 Cinema, renowned for showing art  
 flicks. Burglaries are almost  
 guaranteed, with one of the  
 highest crimes rates in Europe.

### TITLE DEED HAROLD PLACE

Rent - site only £34.50  
 Insurance High  
 Crime High  
 Transport Reasonable  
 Student Density Medium  
 Distance From Centre Two  
 Miles

#### Local Attractions

Home of the famed monastery of  
 Kirkstall Abbey. Nearby Kirkstall  
 leisure centre gives you the  
 opportunity to shape up and with  
 Kwik Save, Iceland & Netto all  
 within walking distance you'll have  
 no excuse for catching the train  
 from the local station.

### TITLE DEED QUEENSWOOD RD

Rent - site only £34  
 Insurance Low  
 Crime Medium  
 Transport Quite good  
 Student Density Low  
 Distance From Centre Four  
 Miles

#### Local Attractions

Set in quiet suburban area, you  
 will be able to escape from the  
 hustle and bustle of the busy city  
 centre. A popular choice for  
 finalists studying at Beckett Park.

# Here To Help You

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Worried about finding a house? The Welfare Officer and Student Advice at both University unions in Leeds are among the best in the country, and will do everything they can to help.

And once you're settled in, remember that they're always on hand to help you deal with any problems. There are several qualified Welfare workers employed by the respective unions who are able to give free and confidential advice, guidance, information and advocacy on all aspects of Welfare and educational issues.

One of the main areas in which the Services have developed expertise is that of housing.

Whenever your problems, they have probably dealt with it before and will be able to help.

you. Don't be embarrassed about contacting them - that's what they're there for. It is easier to deal with problems earlier than later.

Look out for a range of leaflets targeted specifically at students in Leeds, covering that you make informed decisions and avoid the common pitfalls that people fall into when living in the Private Rented Sector.

The main aim is to help you to help yourself. But in addition to providing general information, the Services are also concerned to offer personal assistance to individual students who may have more complex enquiries.

When living in the Private Sector for the first time you will find that you have new responsibilities and perhaps difficulties. If you have any further questions after reading 'Housing Student', one of the first ways the Services can help you is by providing information about house hunting.

They can also advise you on your contract and what it means if it is not clear or you are unsure. Before you take up a tenancy you should be clear on your rights as a tenant and the legal responsibilities of your landlord, issues that have caused difficulty in the past and of which you should be aware of. Your rights to repairs, in the property, what to do in an emergency, what your deposit is for and how to recover it at the end of the tenancy, insuring your possessions; what to do if you fall into dispute with your landlord.

You will probably be responsible for the first time for household bills such as gas, electricity, the telephone, and perhaps water rates and council tax. You should be aware of how to change these accounts to your names and about budget plans and methods of saving energy.

The Services will be able to help you in these areas and probably a lot more.



Leaflets are available giving advice on issues such as how to get your deposit back, how to choose the right house and your rights as a tenant, and giving specific advice for female students.

specific advice from the Welfare Officer with responsibility for housing.

If you have a family in Leeds or intend to bring a family here you can have

**Leeds University Union**  
first floor, union building

**Open 9.30am- 4.30pm  
Monday - Friday**

(except Thursday 10.30am - 4.30 pm)

**Most enquiries are dealt with on a drop-in basis by the Welfare Assistant Rafia Hussain. From here you will be referred to Andrea Kerslake, the Welfare Services Officer responsible for housing.**  
**tel. 0113 2314244 or 2314245**



**LMUSU**

**Student Advice**

**(0113) 2430171**

**Beckett Park Campus**

Location: 1st floor Students Union, Jean Monet Building

Opening Times:	Mon, Wed, Fri	10am - 1pm
	Tuesday	2pm - 4pm
	Thursday	Closed
Legal Advice	Monday	2pm-4pm

**City Site**

Location: 1st floor Students Union, B Block

Opening Times:	Mon, Weds	11am - 1pm
	Tuesday, Friday	2pm - 4pm
	Thursday	Closed
Legal Advice	Wednesday	1pm-2pm



# Unipol Student Homes

Although July is still quite a way off, everyone you know is probably already talking about housing at the moment, who they're going to live with, what sort of house, whereabouts in Leeds you want to be, how much you want to pay and lots of other stuff around housing.

Unipol Students Homes starts advertising

Properties for the next academic year from March 1st. Most people have already started looking, and there's nothing wrong with that, but if you can wait that bit longer you may well get yourself a better deal. There's certainly nothing wrong with starting to think about some of the issues involved

Now, most people you know may have

already have started looking and there's nothing wrong with that, but in Leeds we're lucky! We've got a glut of accommodation and so there's no need to rush. You can take your time about finding a house.

Unipol is an independent charitable trust which receives help from both Universities, their Students' Unions and some of the

smaller colleges in Leeds. It's a free source of information and is conveniently right in between the Universities, and close to many of the other colleges near the city centre. It specialises in helping students find accommodation in the private sector and is run by full-time and professional staff.

They advertise all sorts of

accommodation such as shared houses and flats (where an entire house can be rented by a group); rooms in shared houses and flats (where the owner is willing to rent a house or room at a time to different students); bedsits; self-contained flats and rooms in owners' homes. It also has some of its own accommodation, most of it with central heating,

instant gas water heaters and gas fires. They all have fire doors and smoke detection systems and those houses with ground floor windows have burglar alarms and other security measures fitted too.

Properties managed by Unipol are properties which we manage on behalf of owners. They have been inspected to make sure they meet with Unipol

## virtual Unipol

Virtual Unipol

[www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk)  
Unipol will be fully 'online' for the start of the house-hunting season. Over the past year Unipol has transferred its advice and information publications to the web and March 1st will see the unveiling of its new Virtual Accommodation Bureau. The web site will be available at a number of terminals in the Unipol office as well as from any computer on the internet, whenever you are in the world, 24 hours a day. This means that you will be able to look for student housing in Leeds wherever you are, whenever you want to.

The information pages have general information about Unipol and further information for new and returning students looking for housing. Advice on housing will be kept up to the minute, reflecting any changes in students' legal positions. Another advantage of the web site is that minority information, such as for students with dependents

needing family housing, is available in full and in colour. The Virtual Accommodation Bureau, like its real counterpart, has two main options for those looking to rent accommodation: the 'official' boards where owners of properties can display details of their properties in a standardised format and a 'Student to Student Noticeboard' where students can put up notices. The 'Student to Student Noticeboard' will be of great help to students, not only in providing a space for 'Room to Let' and 'Room Wanted' type notices but also for people looking for other people to house/rent with. It is hoped that the noticeboard will meet a vital need for those on placement in another city or abroad looking to rent their room or wanting accommodation when they return. The system starts quite simply but you see, if you wish, have the computer produce quite detailed personalised information. You just need a computer which can access the World Wide Web. Go to the Unipol front page,

<http://www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk> and choose 'Accommodation Bureau'. This next screen gives you a number of choices. You can find a particular street or even an advertisement reference number (which you would get from a previous search on the computer or from the paper advert). The street name option is quite a 'rough and ready' option for finding any vacancies in a street, though remember, this could be in quite a range of different types of properties and less. Another way you can get a quick list of accommodation is to click one of the options along the bottom: 'The Unipol Properties', 'Single Rooms', 'Small Houses and Flats' and 'Beddies' options allow you to get a quick list of these types of vacancies. These quick lists will only show properties where the owner has signed the Unipol Code of Standards. The other way of producing a list is by using the 'Personalised Search' option. This allows you complete flexibility over the features you want in the accommodation you are

looking for. For example you could search for all the three bed properties with central heating and a lounge let in whole properties, or for two rooms in a house for five with a burglar alarm and a shower. You are able to be as specific as you like! One thing you should remember is the more specific you get, the fewer properties will match your requirements. You might have to be a little more flexible to find the property you are looking for. Other areas covered by the search are the sort of accommodation you are looking for, the features of that property, which academic year you're looking for, the type and size of the property, how many rooms it has and even how much rent you'll pay and whether or not you'll get a summer rent reduction. You can also narrow your search by street or postcode. In terms of facilities you can choose the features you are looking for. For instance you can choose the level of security and type of heating systems. You can also select other features as well as stipulate the distance

between the properties and the Unipol office or the Unipol Student Park site. There are a number of ways of outputting your lists. You can have the shortlist in a similar format to the main one, in an e-mail to print format, you can send the list to your e-mail address or you can also send the list to a fax number. You don't have to shorten to use these features, you can click the 'All Properties' box instead. If you choose the e-mail or fax option, the e-mail address should be a full internet e-mail address and the fax number you enter should be the full international direct dialing number (e.g. 0115 234 3549 - Unipol's fax number changes to 4417323549). The detailed advert screen shows the full details of the property including a small graphic showing its location and if we have one, a photo of the property. The Student to Student Noticeboard area will allow students to leave messages for other students. The first page shows a list of notice topics. Usually only topics posted to in the last 30 days

are shown but you can choose a longer or shorter time-span. If there is a long list of topics you can narrow the list down by typing something in the 'filter' box then pressing the 'Show notice' button. We hope that you find this system a useful addition to the 'physical' Accommodation Bureau. Our offices on Fenton Street have recently been enlarged and remodelled to improve facilities. This includes more board space, seating areas, w.c.s and of course computers to access the 'Virtual Accommodation Bureau'. Visiting the physical Bureau is the only way to check the 'Owner Index' which has students' comments about owners and properties and we also sell contracts, street maps and other publications. These new developments in both the physical and virtual Accommodation Bureau are designed to improve our services to all our clients and customers and provide better facilities whether you visit us in person or from the comfort of your own home, office or computer room.

## HOUSE STUDENT

FEBRUARY 7, 1987

## Down Your Doormat - bills

Electricity, Gas, Telephone, maybe even water - with all these bills it hardly seems worth it. But as long as you take the necessary steps and don't fall behind, there

should be nothing to worry about.

The main rule to remember is don't, wherever you do, just sit back and allow the bills to pile up unopposed.



One of the first things to do when you move into a property is to let British Gas and Yorkshire Electricity know about it. It is your responsibility to inform them that you have taken on the tenancy and are using the amenities. If you don't then you will be liable for any supply used and you could even face a legal action.

remember, that you don't want to lose the bills all on your own. It is important to get the names of every person living in the house on it too, so then can be an excuse when the bill lands on the mat.

It may seem a long way away now, but when you move and you'll need to get in touch with British Gas and Yorkshire Electricity again. Forget and you could end up paying the next month's account as well!

The Gas and Electricity companies send a few days notice before they cut control rods to do the final reading of the meter. If it's the end of June, when just about every other student is going home, then they're likely to be making around most of the student addresses in Leeds at once, so it's best to give them plenty of notice.

Water rates are traditionally paid by the landlord, but it's best to check this out. Many are just passing this on to students, in fact, a Unipol survey last year showed that 40% of students had water rates included in their rent. Your contract will make clear who has the responsibility.



Many students believe that they're insured from Council Tax too, though not if there is one non-student living in the house.

And what about ending up in debt? Don't hide and try to ignore it, no matter how tempting it might be. The sooner you get the more that can be done about it. Get in touch with any creditors

and explain the problems you're having - they're bound to be more reasonable if it's obvious that you're trying to do something about it and not just ignoring it. Welfare Services Officers at Leeds University, Unions and the Student Advice Service at Leeds Metropolitan University, Student Union can also offer help on debt counselling.

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Finally set yourself a checklist of things you need to set up before you move into your rented house.

1. Is the property sufficiently heated?
2. Have all Gas and Electrical appliances been serviced recently?
3. Have you had the gas and electricity meters read at once so you have taken responsibility for the property?
4. How much will it cost to heat the property?
5. What is responsible for the bills?

\* Make sure you get electricity meter in read before you move in, so you do not get charged for previous tenants usage!

\* Electricity bills are normally paid separately from your rent.

\* Before you leave, you will have to inform Yorkshire Electricity before you leave so that they can send you a final bill.

\* Current 11 unit costs 7.73p.

\* Token meters, take 25 tokens which you can buy at any electricity shop and most gas meters. You will be buying 25 units of electricity you do not pay extra for the energy unitless gas.

\* Look for a house that has an efficient central heating system, it will save you a lot of money less than a badly heated property.

\* Make sure you get Gas meter read before you move in so you do not get charged for the previous tenants usage!

\* Gas bills are normally paid separately from your rent.

\* If the house has gas appliances, ask the owner if you can use a copy of the CIBSE Safety certificate. By law every gas appliance should be professionally checked every 12 months.

\* Before you leave, you will have to inform British Gas a week before you leave so that they can send you a final bill.

\* Token meters, take 25 tokens which you can buy at any electricity shop and most gas meters. You will be buying 25 units of electricity you do not pay extra for the energy unitless gas.

\* It may seem obvious, but make sure that the property has running water! Check that the toilet flushes and the sinks are not clogged.

\* In many cases, the owner of the house pays the water bills. If this is not the case check your contract to make sure you're not being ripped off! The cost of water may be included in the weekly rent but make sure you know whether or not you are expected to pay extra for this or if the Landlord is taking full responsibility for water.

\* If you are expected to pay the water bills yourself then you get in contact with Yorkshire Water when you move in. This also means that you must inform them when you leave so that they can take your name off the account and send you a final bill.

\* If you have a water meter fitted you will be billed every 5 months.

\* If you want to get a telephone first consider the cheapest option. "Cable" phone, for example, claims to be 29% cheaper than British Telecom and Telecom's own "Saver" line. Remember, games to your home. Getting your phone bills sent by mail means you can't ignore them and hence way to pay the bill.

\* Telephones can be rented from £4.99 per quarter included in the quarterly bill is one rental which can be anything from £23 to £30.

\* You may find it more convenient to have an incoming call phone only. This can save you money and extra bills.

\* For the rental of hand appliances, see to read the contract. Television rental, for example, is often for a time or a month contract. Be sure to check you will not be stuck with a television or washing machine over the summer holidays, you will only have to pay extra and be left

**Commercial Union** - only insure student's property provided it is fitted with a S1018 approved burglar alarm.  
**Direct Line** - do not cover students.  
**Legal and General** - do not cover students.  
**Avon Insurance Policy** - do not cover students.  
**Leeds Bank** - do not cover "those in shared accommodation".  
**Guardian Royal Exchange** - do not cover students.  
**Sun Alliance** - lowest insurance policy covers £25,000 for high for students.  
**Avon Insurance PLC** - do not cover students.  
**Co-operative Insurance Services** - do not cover multiple occupancy residences.

Leeds has one of the highest crime rates in Europe. Chestnut Avenue in Hyde Park has been described as the most burgled street in Europe and insuring your house there costs as much as it would in Manchester's notorious Moss Side area. Insurance is a necessity. Insuring your belongings can be a time consuming and expensive process. However, despite the high crime rate in student areas, it is an option ignored by many students on the grounds of cost.

Despite the fact that there are hundreds of insurance companies in business, this does not necessarily mean that the choice of policies for students is wide and varied. In fact, many companies

refuse to insure students in "multiple occupancy" houses, which of course the majority of students are living in, or they lay down certain conditions, such as the installation of an approved burglar alarm, before producing any insurance quote.

The main insurers of student accommodation and contents are Endless who claim to be "set up by students, for students" whose policies are "specifically designed to meet student requirements". They offer a range of policies but prioritize their City Plan for students living in Leeds 1 & 2. This policy insures goods up to £1,250 in ones of theft, fire, burst pipes, vandalism, storms and floods. However, though it sounds like a good deal, there are of course, limitations.

You can only claim up to £100 for electrical items, the same for jewellery and only £100 for records, cassettes and computer software. Bicycles are not included in the policy and even a separate policy will not cover bicycles valued at over £300. This separate policy is not available to residents of Leeds 1 & 2. Beware! The policy does not offer cover during academic vacations. Overall the policy costs between £79 and £119 for a 12 month agreement.

insurance

# SECURING YOUR HOME.

Security has always been an important issue, but as crime levels increase, particularly burglaries, the importance of securing your home cannot be underestimated.

Many burglaries can be prevented. Most are committed by opportunist thieves, and in two out of ten burglaries the thief does not have to force entry, because a door or window has been left open. Thieves don't like security because it makes their job more difficult. There are some simple precautions you can take to make your home more secure and less burglar friendly.

- Check the front and rear door to see that it is strong and not bowing. Ideally all external doors should be solid wood.
- If there is a window in any of the external doors, it is worth fitting a dead lock (cost approximately £20). These locks use the key twice, the lock can then only be opened with the key. This device also breaks the glass to open the door from the inside.
- Check the locks on the internal doors. Yale locks with a rubber mounted lock are reliable. These should be a first lever cylinder deadlock, these are easy to fit and cost approximately £12. Dead locks can only be opened with a key.
- Fit bolts on the top and bottom of your rear door (cost approximately £2 each).
- Ground floor windows should either lock, or, if such windows have locks to prevent the window from being opened more than a few inches, 1 lock cost approximately £5 for front DON'T FORGET SMALL WINDOWS.
- Try and persuade your landlord to get an alarm, window handle that on alarm costs less than the possible damage done in a burglary (expensive must meet BS4771 or professionally installed and BS4771 or DPT).

• Never leave spare keys in a hiding place, anywhere you think of hiding them, a burglar will think of looking.

• Make sure that the front of your house is visible to passers by, so that a burglar cannot work unseen.

• Avoid putting your name on your door bell, you won't be able to do.

• Lock ALL doors and windows before you go out. Don't just assume that someone is in.

• DO NOT lock internal doors when you go out. This only makes more damage if someone breaks in.

• Keep all valuables out of view from outside.

• Always close curtains at night, especially if you are going out.

• Lock all doors and windows when you go to bed. If you have locks on your bedroom door lock it but ensure that the keys are easily accessible to your next of kin.

• Buy a timer to turn a bedside light on and off when you are out. These cost approximately £8 and are a good investment especially if you are leaving the property empty for a long time. These timers will work for any electrical household appliances, so you could also turn a radio or TV on.

• Get your landlord to fix external lights.

• Postcode your staff with UV (cost approximately £2).

• You can strengthen the door frame by fitting a steel strip on the jamb side (sometimes called a London bar, cost approximately £15).

• Check with the landlord if any of the previous notices have keys. If there is any doubt change the locks.

• If any keys are lost or stolen change the locks ASAP, if the landlord cannot be contacted, change them anyway and send landlord a receipt.

• If any of the windows are cracked, get them replaced. Glass is much easier to replace if cracked.

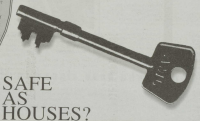
• Never leave a note saying that you have gone out and when you will be back.

• Never leave keys with anyone you don't totally trust.

• If a stranger comes to the door always check their ID. If you are not sure phone the department that they are from to confirm the individual and use the phone number on the card, use the phone book, the way of sales people who turn up unannounced, never let them inside your house, if you have any doubts at all don't let them in.

• Get insurance. Always shop around when buying insurance. Read the terms and conditions carefully before signing, and make sure that you know where and what you are insured for. With many companies you will only be insured during business hours and some valuable items such as mobile phones may not be covered. SO CHALK N. Lockhead will advise you for the best security arrangements are good, so it is worth reading the terms carefully so you know exactly what you are insured for. You may find that you can be insured on your private or use insurance. This is sometimes very cheap but can also be costly. Check the security arrangements in your house with the above advice and strengthen any weak spots ASAP. If you are insured about the security in your home you can contact your local Civil Protection of Home Control Centre (Leeds tel:241 7040 or West Leeds tel:240 5432). Their advice is free and will be glad to advise you on the best security for your home without incurring expense or cost.

• Before making ANY alterations to the front doors take advice.



## SAFE AS HOUSES?

When you're looking for a house, it may look like your ideal home in the daytime, but perhaps you should consider what the house is like in terms of security and particularly how safe you're going to feel walking there at night. George Blanchflower, Director of University Security, offers some practical tips on security for students.

### When you're House Hunting

Wherever possible check the history of the area and that of the property in terms of crime. Check the lighting at both the front and back of the house, and try to imagine what it's going to be like at night. Ask the landlord and the existing tenants if the house has been burgled. If the house has been burgled recently, there is always a chance it could happen again soon. Does the property have a door with a five lever security window lock and a strengthened door jamb with a metal strip? Will the owner or agent give permission for this to be done, or better still, will they have it carried out before you move. Are they prepared to fit a security light? Are all the windows secured with window locks or opening restrictors? Bear in mind the windows may need to be opened in the event of a fire emergency. Is an intruder alarm fitted? If so, obtain one which can be fitted without major installation affecting the fabric of the building. These can be purchased at good D.I.Y. shops and are particularly useful as they draw attention and attract a reward. However, they aren't cheap and you would need the permission of the Landlord, so try to agree on this before you sign.

### Protecting your property

Only bring high value property, such as jewellery, cash, television, video recorder, stereo equipment or computers to your accommodation if essential. Mark all valuable items with the postcode and house number of your present address and use house numbers by which you enter your room, acting as a warning. Students are available to indicate that property has been stolen. Keep a record of the date, time, serial numbers, date purchased and value of any property attractive to thieves, for description in the Police if stolen. Think about anything that can't be marked or which is hard to describe. Do not leave cash, charge cards, cheque

books or credit cards lying about. Never record your bank PIN. Another way to secure your money is to do not under any circumstances give your Bank Card or PIN Number to anyone else. Never leave your money in the unlocked wallet unattended, even if it is only for a minute.

### Personal Security

You should always secure the door to your accommodation at all times and check a caller's identity before allowing access. A good strong door chain will help to do this. Always ensure the main entrance door to the building is properly secured at all times. Never admit anyone through the door who is not identifiable to you. It's vital to install smoke or fire alarms and make sure that outside a secured door which you check the reliability of the person they want to see. Never prop open a door for ease of future use. Never share any telephone communication system, access control system or fire alarm in your building. They are there for your safety and that of others. And, even if it sounds obvious, make sure you go round and shut (and even lock if you can) all your windows, close your curtains fully at night and try to leave a light on if you're going out and are expecting to be back late.

### When you're away

During the holidays, take all valuable property with you and if this isn't possible then try to leave it in the care of a responsible person who is staying in Leeds. Have a fake switch fitted which will turn the lights on and off to give the appearance that you are present. If you have any regular deliveries of milk or papers then make sure you cancel them. Also make arrangements to have any post collected rather than leaving it lying around, as this makes it more obvious that you're not around.



# Here's a handy checklist to take with you when you go looking for houses...

## Property

If you haven't realised it before, you will have by now: there's a lot to remember. Below, to help you, there's a checklist. Running through this will give you a reasonably thorough survey of any house you are thinking of renting.

<p><b>Gas &amp; Electricity:</b> Is the heating in the house adequate? Do the electrical gas lines work? If you leave an electric fire on for 15 minutes, does the plug get very hot indicating dangerous wiring? Does the cooker work? If the meter is a gas cooker, does the thermostat work? Have you had your gas and electricity meters read immediately after you have taken responsibility for the property? Have you asked to see a copy of a CORG safety certificates for the gas appliances?</p> <p><b>Plumbing:</b> Does the plumbing work? Have you tried all the taps? Does the toilet flush or leak? Is there any hot water and how do you pay for it? Are there any signs of pests (mouse droppings, slug trails, bees) in the house?</p> <p><b>Security:</b> Is the house secure? Are all the external doors solid? Have all the external doors been fitted with a five star mortice lock? Do all the ground floor windows have security catches? Have you identified your own property by putting your postcode on valuables? Are the ground floor curtains lined or thick enough?</p> <p><b>Furniture:</b> Has the house got furniture for the occupants? Is there sufficient space in the kitchen to store and prepare foodstuff? Is any of the existing furniture the property of the existing tenants? Is all the furniture in good condition? Is the furniture fire resistant?</p> <p><b>Insurance:</b> Do you wish to be insured?</p> <p><b>Services:</b> What services is the owner providing for you if any? Window cleaning. Gardening. Lighting of common parts. Dustbin and refuse disposal.</p> <p><b>Money:</b> What are you paying for in your rent? How does it compare with other rents in the Rent Level Indicator? Have you paid a deposit? If so, what is it for? Have you got a receipt for what you have paid? Are you or the owner responsible for water charges? How much will it cost to heat the house?</p> <p><b>Agreements:</b> Do you know what the contract means? If so, what type of contract is it? Have you talked to the previous occupants and asked them if they have any comments that would help you? Have you been given a copy of the contract that you have signed to? Are you liable with the other tenants?</p> <p><b>Owner:</b> Have you checked the Owner Index? Do you know your owner's name and address?</p> <p><b>What to Do When You are Moving In:</b> <b>Cleaning:</b> Was the house clean? If not, have you told the owner what the condition was in writing? <b>Repairs:</b> Do any repairs need doing? Have you told the owner in writing what needs doing? <b>Decorating:</b> Does any decorating need doing? If so, who is doing it and who is paying? Has the owner set an upper limit if you are decorating the house yourself? <b>Safety:</b> In the event of a fire in the main access passageways of the house, could you get out of the house? Are smoke detectors or fire alarms fitted? <b>Outside the Property:</b> Does the roof look sound? Have the gutters got plants growing out of them? Are the chains clear? Is any of the woodwork rotting or unsafe?</p>				
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House 1

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Housing Checklist

CUT OUT AND KEEP

# repairs and *that sort of thing...*

If a tenant rents a house then by law the owner/agent promises to keep it in repair.

The structure and exterior of the dwelling house - including drains, gutters and external pipes - and to keep in repair and proper working order the installations in the dwelling house for the supply of water, gas, electricity and sanitation together with fixtures and appliances for space and water heating.

Detailed information about repairs and standards is given in the Unipol leaflet entitled *A Home Fit To Live In*.

The diagram above shows those parts of a property which the owner/agent is liable to repair. A particular tenancy agreement may also add to these duties by including additional repairs, for example those relating to internal decorations. There are three key points to remember about repairs.

Always report problems as soon as

you notice them to the owner/agent or managing agent; always confirm complaints in writing and be reasonable in your expectations.

All private rented properties should be managed in an efficient, professional and courteous manner by the owners and agents. Generally speaking, tenants have a right to be left in peace to enjoy their tenancy without unannounced visits from owners. Any problem that may arise should be resolved quickly without unreasonable pressure or threats from either owners or tenants.

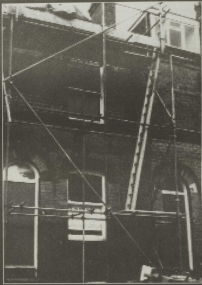
Tenants who feel that their owner/agent is behaving unreasonably should seek advice from their Union Welfare Office.

Owners and agents of houses in Multiple Occupation are subject to laws regulating the management of their property. For details see the Unipol leaflet entitled *A Home Fit To Live In*.

Under the HMO Management Regulations 1990 managers must ensure, among other things, that:

The safety of residents is secured; fire escape routes are kept clear and clearly marked; fire alarms/appliances are kept in good working order; hot/cold water supply and drains are maintained properly; fuel supplies must not be unreasonably disconnected; sufficient bins and arrangements for refuse removal are provided; windows provide ventilation; all fixtures and fittings, especially electrical and gas appliances and supply, are kept in good working order; structure of the property is properly maintained.

For Students renting a Unipol Code of Standards property there are extra guidelines about repairs included in the Code of Standards leaflet.



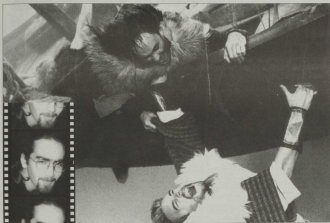
**If you live in the Burley or Hyde Park area, then you may be eligible for free security improvements to your home. Security items such as locks and burglar band for doors and windows, audio visual lights, property markers and simple window alarms could be installed free of charge if you contact Care and Repair (Leeds). They have a sum of money to spend on such improvements that has to be spent by the end of March so contact them as soon as possible. Phone John Greenwood on 225 3322 or phone Care and Repair (Leeds on 240 6009). More details from your Exec Office or Welfare Services or Advice Centre.**

*... for* **free**









## Dan Jolin flicks on the box

**CARLITO'S WAY, BBC1, FRIDAY 10PM**  
**ERIK THE VIKING, ITV, SUNDAY 11.45PM**  
**DAMAGE, C4, THURSDAY 10PM**

**ARIES:** Several problems on the part of you and your partner must be resolved if you are to maintain a happy relationship. You must act in a mature and sensible way in order to regain your partner's trust, and long patience.

**Capricorn:** You feel confident and attractive, and will have many bookings on your door very soon. What better time for Valentine's Day and special sex on you.

**Aquarius:** Be kind and helpful when all you want and money will seem like it grows on trees. Just don't let anyone else steal your ideas. What's yours is yours.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You are demanded in many places at the same time, but concentrating on what is important to you. Make sure those around you treat you well. You should never be used and abused again.

**Virgo:** Be practical. Domestic affairs are top of the box, and should stay so for a while. There all is well at home, you will pick up your soul like again, and confidence and confidence will all flourish.

**Scorpio:** Bewildering you have been waiting for seems to be getting closer and closer, but don't let it try acting too quickly. Others may be wanting to go at a slower pace, so don't jump at a moment.

**Libra:** Review your appearance and health patterns. You are capable of everything but health and keeping yourself in the right frame of mind is your challenge.

**Gemini:** Diversity is the key to happiness, so seek these changes to go ahead or well make this is the right move for you and will convince you to feel the same.

**LEO:** You want to be in the stable relationship, and to be things are looking good. Many of your parties looking head over heels in love with you. Having this is essential at the moment.

**Cancer:** Step back and review your situation for the moment. You may feel overworked by a new or an old dependent relationship, but continue to be kinder. Have patience.

for more information on your starsign, ring Stella the star-reader on 0113 243 4727

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**MOVING AROUND:** Terry Jones' movie hit at the Box Office

**N**ow, it appears, he's well into the period of "pre-election tension" (nice one, Betty).

So with everyone becoming painfully concerned at the prospect of finally getting rid of a Tory government, it's hardly surprising that we should start seeing more Ellen with some kind of political flavour appearing on the TV schedules.

This week, there's a few '90s Cold War spy dramas, like *The Fourth Deadly Sin* (ITV, Friday 10.40pm) and *Legend* (ITV, Saturday 11.00pm), which probably involve prison wars somewhere, and a couple of films which at least have age titles, like *The Great Pretender* (ITV, Wednesday 11.00pm) and *Love Lies Bleeding* (4, Thursday 10.30pm). But, most

apparently, there is *Damage* (Channel 4, 10.00pm), in which Jeremy Irons plays a Tory minister who, when he isn't spewing crap about family values, likes to drug his son's girlfriend (Juliette Binoche).

This sorry tale of obsession, incest, family trauma and (of course) hypocrisy is perhaps worth watching just to see why Miranda Richardson won a BAFTA for her role as Irons's winged wife. But it is otherwise a stiff, uncomfortable, sticky affair, which is about as erotic and tantalising as listening to an advertisement for soap.

Moving away from the on-and-off of British politics and into the back-and-forth of American politics, we find the much-maligned Terry Jones, often, *From the Hip* (ITV, Sunday 11.00pm). Like many other post-Python projects this film is the

best to catch a film so that, whatever it is shortcoming, it just can't be hated. It gets in just enough of those hole-in-the-sauce touches to make the surrounding clutter forgivable.

While it's understandable how a film like *From the Hip* could perform so poorly at the Box Office, it will become a mystery to me how something like *Carlito's Way* (BBC1, Friday 10.00pm) failed to be a massive hit. With the same star and director as *Scandal* (Al Pacino and Brian De Palma) and the best performance of Sean Penn's life (and he did *Dick*, *Max Walker*), it should have been HUGE.

Forget *MacGyver*, *Responsible* and *Arrested* of the Vending Machine. *Surface*, even. This film is good that Palma, when he bothers to put his mind to it, is one of Hollywood's finest directors. Few movies are truly flawless. Hardly any could be described as perfect. But *Carlito's Way* is. As a member of the gangster genre, it is up there on equal footing with *The Godfather* and *Goodfellas*. You must see this film.

Pacino is *Carlito*, a Puerto Rican smack dealer who gets out of the character on legal technicalities but decides to go straight and chase his dreams of running flowers on his business in Bermuda. Penn complements with *Art* Carlito's older brother, a hard-boiled, cynical, older brother who's getting more and more in the shit with his underworld clients and seems determined to drag Carlito down with him. So, however hard he tries, *Carlito* can't seem to shake off his drug past.

Complemented by a stellar cast of mostly Puerto Rican and Italian gangsters, and set against the backdrop of the summer's direct box office, this masterpiece puts you right in the scene, with a real journey through the back alley of Spanish Harlem.

With a smile full of gold teeth, it grabs you roughly by the lapels and gently persuades you with a *Carlito*: "Let's go to the house, how long have you been there?" And, in a flash, you're in the street. As an art, it's a real movie.

appreciative smile. But Jones knows











David Oliver & Dallas

Has Jill Dando got the best bloody job in the world, or what? As we sit in our beds shivering in the snow, while dodging the drips that are coming through the roof, the audience on her washed and tangy lips on her haecid, on some exotic Greek island which she probably owns. And then she makes one of those winking jokes: "Hahaha, you're not gonna be in my way for so to top up my tea too." Well actually, Jill, the joke is on you because to student payers their TV licence for an hour at least

and they get the nasty £1000 fine warning letters! Tonight Jill presents the show, even a champagne breakfast from the south of France, while the rest of the "team" get lumbered with the crap holiday holiday in Lincolnshire. You can just imagine the unimaginative meeting: "Hi, 'Rog, it's off to Florida for two weeks. Agreed?" Good. The rest of you can start it at 10:00 for the weekend. Glad that's sorted then.

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'Leeds is  
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# Outlook

Friday February 7, 1997

## The Kibble quibble

**T**HE KIBBLE is nothing cut and dried about the issue of ethics. No defined measure of ethics. Is pig to human transplantation ethical? It depends who you ask.

Let's face it, lots of animals already get inside us humans, so what does it matter whether it's an sausage or its heart valves. Animals are bred for food and leather jackets so what difference does it make if we whip a few organs out while we're at about it?

The risks of infection have been reduced, and some would argue this is a risk worth taking, but take a look at the problem with global eyes. Human suffering is the worldwide issue has nothing to do with lack of organs. So if we 50 people a day die in transplant waiting lines, 10 and make a few bill 10,000 every day. In the third world, up to 40,000 children a day die each day through lack of clean water, basic food and simple medicines. As the years pass, the gap between our world and theirs widens.



What all, the cost of just 1 transplant a person? If organs are available to order, and there is no obstacle to transplantation, would our amazing health service cope? Would it not be the pharmaceutical companies making yet another killing? It doesn't seem to have a great deal to do with improving the health of the nation.

But at least the drugs made by these companies do have a chance of making into the third world. Transplantation of whole organs can only save handfuls of those who already take too much.

Three thousand people a day die in traffic accidents. Even here, when you correct for the number of cars, the third world comes off worse. You see, Mr. Dorell, they do not just run the street occasionally as we do... they live on it.

Alex Kibble

# This little riggy...



## Genetically engineering pigs so we can have their organs when ours fail is getting ever more refined. ALEX KIBBLE science looks at the technique which may one day save your life

**G**ENETIC engineering promises happy endings, or at least delayed ones. The ageing process rarely takes its toll on all of our bits, and often a critical organ like the heart gives out long before others do.

Within just a few years, a growing number of surgeons expect to be able to transplant livers, livers and organs from pigs into humans. This news has attracted more public interest than any other medical topic since the AIDS crisis in the '80s.

The reason is not hard to fathom. In Britain, 5,000 patients are waiting for organs, mostly kidneys. Less than half survive the organ they need, and many die on waiting lists. And despite the need for long term treatment, transplantation has been very successful. More than 70 per cent of transplanted organs are

still functioning after 3 years. This has led to a demand for organs that has outstripped the available supply from human sources. So scientists began to consider organs from animal sources, and it is the pig they turned to.

Unfortunately for the pig, they have organs of a very similar size to our own. The chief problem with any transplant is rejection of the organ. Modern immune system and molecular antibodies which guard against just strangers. But there is another part of the immune system that is just as deadly and much quicker on the down side and it is the

key obstacle to plans to transplant organs between the species. It marks any cell it does not recognise by means of a certain protein on their surfaces. These markers then attract the full force of the bodies defences and rejection is complete within minutes.

Scientists are beginning to get around the body's

unwillingness with a plan to keep the immune system from recognising the foreign tissue. However, we can now inject genes into pigs which create organs within the pigs that are totally compatible with our own.

The first pig with genetically engineered organs, Atrial, was born in 1992, and a transplant of her heart into a monkey was extremely successful. Atrial proved the way the further generation

genetically altered pig organs into human hearts, and a regulatory body has been set up to regulate its development.

So when will the all-new you be possible? Don't count on making Manchester United at age 70, but there are those who predict the dawn of the

Opposition to such transplants has come from animal rights campaigners. Many have

voiced concerns that animals should not be put to death even if a saves human lives. This opposition is generally taken to be extraordinarily naive, after all animals have been used as food, muscle power and companionship since time immemorial, so it would seem perfectly consistent with these customs to use animals organs to save human lives.

Of course, transplants from pigs might breach Jewish and Islamic dietary laws which

prohibit the consumption of pork, but as with any medical treatment, everyone has a choice. Nothing is compulsory.

Essentially the most serious problem is the possible emergence of a new infectious disease.

It appears likely that AIDS originally derived from a viral virus in monkeys, and second known whether transplanting animal organs into humans could result in the outbreak of a similar virus.

Many animals carry viruses which are harmless to them, but when they cross species barriers it is impossible to tell the results. Most experts acknowledge the possibility of a frightening scenario with viral infections spreading through the population. We thought BSE was bad.

Cyborgs-R-U is still decades away, and the road there will no doubt be littered with the bleached skulls of the money makers.

Still the price is not of the body, and is worth not even the threat of a global epidemic can stand in its way.

**Cyborgs-R-U is years away - the road there will doubtless be littered with the bleached skulls of the money makers...**

and we can now match pig organs even more precisely. So precisely, in fact, that it is even better than human to human transplants where precise matching is rarely possible.

In mid-January, Stephen Dorell, Secretary of Health gave the full-fledged go-ahead for the transplant of

# 'IT TAKES TWO' BABY...

Abortion is a perennially controversial issue, but the unborn child is not the only victim. EMMA AL-JUMAILI speaks to a couple who were split up by the trial of abortion, and discovers the trauma doesn't end with the operation. Photographs by SARAH DAVIS



**N**EW forms of contraception are introduced almost every year, but this does not appear to halt the steady increase of unwanted pregnancies. The Marie Stopes clinic alone claims to deal with dozens of cases every week whereby various

errors with contraception have ultimately led to the need for an abortion. The argument as to whether abortion is right or wrong is endlessly debated and needs no further investigation here, yet it must be recognised whether it is criticism or sympathy which is being given, it is almost always directed towards the woman. Many of us tend to forget it

does take two to make a baby, and thus the responsibility for the future of the said child more often than not lies with both parents. This is a case of two people who have recently both through the traumatic events surrounding an unwanted pregnancy and subsequent abortion, and shows, although it is indeed the woman who suffers the actual termination, she by no means suffers alone.



**"P**ERHAPS I've easiest thing about having an abortion was, for me, the decision to go ahead and do it."

I knew there may be many people reading this for whom it was one of the hardest decisions they will ever have to make, and others who have not been in such a position who are repelled by my attitude and stand firmly by the opinion that my opinion should not be taken lightly, and in a proper morally upstanding society, should not be taken at all.

I don't know how I would answer those of you who would consider me a misadventurer, though I am aware that many people share this opinion, and all I would offer by my defence is that an unwanted pregnancy can only really be judged upon and reacted to by those who have been in the situation.

In 1992 I became involved in what I suppose will be one of the most intense relationships of my life. At twenty years whole life is ahead of you, and the next five years I perceived to grab all I could. The world of love, sex and heartbreak, all that had been so tantalisingly changed in front of me by my favourite television programmes,

the truly moments which had been my single diet since early teens, and by my passionately developed acquaintances was gone for the taking, and I took it.

Four years of adolescent passion, head-bashed couplings and promises of eternal monogamy were mine, and I arrived at Leeds, two hundred miles from my great love, and things began to go awfully downhill. I was introduced to the decidedly more solid, yet infinitely more exciting world of seduction and potential betrayal.

Three months later I started seeing someone else. Six months later, through no fault of my own, I was pregnant. The future of whatever it was inside me was a foregone conclusion, and a month later the deed was done.

Although all this happened over a long time, I had no idea I had no faith. I have no memorable dreams of what could have been, and what's even an occasional racing of regret - all I feel is anger.

Again, as I write this, I can feel the treacherous with which many of you may be reading this. How can anyone not feel guilty for doing my someone of the right to live? Even Moya Stanley

## Lucy's story

allegedly, might be crying. If the word is honest, that character of our times, can let someone for her actions, how can I, an apparent level-headed twenty-something holding her own at one of Britain's leading educational establishments, not possibly be the sort of boy who? Again it's a

come to terms with the fact I had only one option. I would have had to have chosen life. The baby would have had everything I desired, two loving parents who wanted it, and although I would not have been here now, I have no doubts that we would have managed financially.

At it was, I became pregnant under completely different circumstances. Whatever he promised to the contrary, I was not, and would not ever be in love with my partner, and any realisation that our relationship would have only been a target at which he would throw the independence of my feelings for one another. In my opinion, anyone born under the shadow of regret and regret is not being given a fair beginning in a world that would only become increasingly difficult.

Since my feelings of that fateful day, my child was not conceived out of love, and thus in my eyes, the future was decided for me. An irresponsible attitude towards that of anything the whole episode has taught me the responsibility which must be taken for any form of sexual activity, and for this I am grateful.

As for Richard, I don't really know

how he feels about things now. We split up three months after I had the abortion, and I don't really see him anymore. To be honest I don't think I want to. I know it's not easy for anyone to deal with an abortion, but if it happens to you then do just something you have to get on with. After a while you accept what's going to happen to you and then just get on with things.

**R**ICHARD didn't want to cope with things very well. He made promises all the time about it, and although I know he was just trying to cheer me up I couldn't help feeling upset about it. After all of what he who had to go to the clinic and have all the tests, it was one who had to go through with the terminations, and hands off it, it was me who could feel the changes my body was going through as it got used to what was made of it. It may sound selfish, but that was how I felt.

I guess it's time now to really adjust Richard how he felt throughout the whole thing, and towards me and how I was feeling and how I was coping, but that's just part for this column for our situation. If we had really cared about each other then Richard would have been incomprehensible, but he never in the whole thing was caring.

As for me, we were concerned that we not maintain to be made purely, because he didn't want a child. Things were so bad he probably won't know how I felt when he reads this. As it was he had no particular part to play in the whole event. All he had to do was hold my hand and tell me everything was going to be alright, and that can't be too difficult, can it?

**'The world of love, sex and passion was mine for the taking, and I took all I could'**

**Richard: 'All I could think was that I was far too young for this to be happening to me. I wished I'd never got involved with Lucy'**

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**"L**UCY was the first girl I'd been out with since I got to university. We'd been friends for about eighteen months and had lived in the same Halls in the first year, but I never really thought anything would happen between us, and with hindsight, maybe it would have been better if I never had.

At first things were great; between us, we had loads of mutual friends and went out all the time. It was just how I had always wanted a relationship to be - we got on really well, but there was nothing too heavy, we weren't in love or anything, we were just having a laugh.

Those things got Lucy. Lucy had been going on for a while but her period was late, but I didn't really pay any attention to her. After all girls always worry about things like that, and in my experience everything always turns out alright in the end. Unfortunately for us, this wasn't one of those times.

I remember she phoned me at about nine o'clock in the morning, said she was pregnant and then just hung up. I was really not sure but straight away, I was she was crying on her window ledge chain-smoking. I've never seen anyone look like she did. She was so pale and was shaking, but she seemed so calm. Lower she'd phoned me she had been in touch with the Marie Stopes clinic and she had an appointment the next day. Before I knew it, everything was sorted out. We had two weeks to wait and then Lucy would be going to have an abortion. It all seemed so simple, but for me, it was from then on that everything got progressively worse.

About a week before we were due at the hospital Lucy started suffering from morning sickness. All she could do was lie in bed - every time she moved she'd start vomiting. I felt so

guilty, she was suffering like this and it was partly my fault. I guess it was the guilt which made me turn against her. I couldn't stand seeing her as she looked so grumpy, and every time we were together all she could talk about was the abortion. I couldn't believe how much my life had changed in the space of a couple of weeks. All I could think was that I was far too young for this to be happening to me, and as terrible as it sounds, I wished I'd never even met Lucy. All our friends knew what was going on and they seemed to think because Lucy was pregnant it meant we all had to stop having fun. They'd treat me as if someone in my family had just died, everyone would speak in hushed voices and no one dared to suggest going out for a drink. Obviously they were all desperately worried about Lucy, and that's fair enough, but it just kind of pissed me off no-one actually asked me how I was feeling.

They just thought as she was the one who was being sick and she was the one who would actually have the abortion, that actually she was the only one that was upset. I don't know if anyone would be the word to describe how I was feeling. I was mainly angry, and I did blame Lucy in some irrational way for depriving me of the fun that I should have been having. I thought she was determined to drag everyone down with her, because she was upset, everyone else had to be too. After a while I realised this wasn't the case at all. People were upset around Lucy because they cared about her, and it was only at our friend event at the clinic I realised what a major thing she was going through, and that she was going to get progressively worse before they got better.

In my opinion I thought that my support was, in the immortal words of a million clichés, better late than never, but Lucy didn't see it like that at all. In the time I had been putting my head together she had been

confiding in her two best friends, and by the time I was ready to share in her pain she was having any of it. Everytime I thought I had been really supportive, and were thus even more reluctant to talk to me about what was going on.

By the time the day arrived for Lucy to go into hospital to have the abortion we had grown apart noticeably. I took her to their myself, and as we were a little early, we went for a coffee beforehand. It seemed really weird, as I hadn't been alone with her for ages and now I was. I didn't know what to say. I ended up acting like a normal twin and just making pathetic little jokes, which I

thought to much and had been really brave. I could have killed myself for being so brainless.

Throughout most of the initial girl since she had found out she was pregnant, and all I wanted to do was make it up to her. Not surprisingly, things with Lucy went from bad to worse. She seemed to get ever what had happened really quickly and got on with her life. Strangely enough, that wasn't something that I could do. I think it was maybe some sort of retribution for the way I had acted, but I really couldn't put the abortion behind me. I began thinking about what could have happened if we had decided to have the baby.

I began thinking how I would have been - I could have left University and got a job while Lucy looked after the baby. All these things I misinterpreted my thoughts, and whereas Lucy wanted to forget everything I just

anytime, and I don't really know what she's up to. About six months ago I heard she was going out with her ex-boyfriend again. She had been with him for four or five years when they were in school, and I had always been a bit jealous of him, but when I heard they were seeing each other again I went mental. I couldn't understand someone else would be sleeping with her for the first time after she had got rid of our baby. Whenever it was possible I have understood what a major event it was for Lucy, and now she has married, but as she deserved to be treated it has to be said though that the irony of my situation is pretty unbelievable, as I guess when a couple down to it, I didn't treat her as she deserved either."

## 'It was maybe some sort of retribution for the way I had acted, but I really couldn't put the abortion behind me'

momentarily thought might cheat her. I wasn't allowed to actually go into the ward with her but I waited for her in the waiting room. After a couple of hours she was ready to go home. I walked into this tiny patients room, and there was a long line of women, all of whom had just been through the same as Lucy and were also waiting to go home. They all looked so pained. Lucy was in the middle of the line and looked so if she was trying really hard not to cry. We walked out of the hospital and she immediately started to cry. As time went on, she looked really beautiful, and it was then I realised how much I loved her. She had been

down her mental going on about what could have been.

A couple of months later I managed to get my head together and I made a real effort to get our relationship back on track, but it was too late. I think Lucy was really with me. She said that she didn't feel ready and would feel happier when had happened would happen again.

A month later, and as anticipated I gave a new party invitation, we split up. Since it all happened I haven't seen her again. I think Lucy doesn't hang round with me



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**North America is a destination which will not stretch your budget too much and can be a traveller's dream. JAMES GILLESPIE enjoys the freedom of hostelling**

**T**HE best time to arrive in Bremerton, Washington, was probably not 2.30am. Physically it is just across the bay from Seattle, but there were no "Fraser" style luxury apartments or coffee houses in evidence here.

Bremerton is a naval base and consists of sailors' bars and brothels. Fortunately it was closed up and the streets were deserted and eerie.

Many of Washington State's residents are subscribe to a political view

that verges far to the right of Margaret Thatcher and so it was no surprise when the middle-aged motel owner asked me for ID before giving me and my girlfriend a double room.

In Newport, Oregon we stayed in a hotel only minutes from the beach. They will cook dinner for you but we opted not, driven by the price of beer, while business anyone, in the hotel restaurant at only \$4 a pitcher.

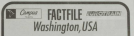
Further south, the coast is packed with steep-sided rocky hills covered in forest like "Devil's Chair" where huge waves crash at the base of the craggy cliffs. Near Eureka there are a few places that spit out huge buggies. After signing your rights away on a slip where they let you swim off into the dunes, hell on Saturn-sized beaches of sand, rock but forested. It is not hard to get

stuck in a soft bit of sand. I had to be rescued from a deep hole by one of the marshals.

We drove on to Portland, Oregon and then up to the slopes of Mount Hood. People were still staying although it was August at 11,000 feet. The town of Rhododendron offered us the "Snowline Motel" and despite not being open season, staying in Room 12 made us a little nervous.

The winter atmosphere of Mount Hood was very strong as we drove to Mount to Helix back in Washington state. This was a dead-end, even so long after the eruption of May 18, 1980. All in bustle after host the mountain collapsed during the eruption. Seeing a place like this where, colored when have been covered out of the land by volcanic lava, patches have the awesome sight of volcanic trees.

Then it was back to



- Flights to Washington cost about £290, depending on the season you travel in
- Accommodation in hotels costs under £10, motels are more expensive
- Public transport in the USA is not that good. In cities buses and trains will take you where you want to go but, hitchhiking or taking a car are often the best options for travelling longer distances
- Food and beer are very cheap. Portions in restaurants are huge and you will be given salt, bread and chips with every main course. Beer is generally Budweiser and is sold by 8 p.p.h.

Washington. Ten mountains, numerous beaches and 1,000 lakes later.

## Travel Torments...

Travel writer JO YOUNG gets angry about, erm, travel writers!

**I**T seems almost obligatory these days for travel writers to indulge in a bit of arrogant angling about the exploitation of the world through tourist development.

Generally though, this takes the form of a disclaimer, "Oh, isn't it terrible what they're doing to Goa, so glad I wasn't there back in '82". In typical journalistic style, such writers often seem incapable of making the association between their professional activity and

the horrors of mass tourism which they seem so quick to attack.

Instead, travel writers and TV presenters put themselves on the back for finding some piece of "discovered" paradise, glowing that they got there first. They don't seem to acknowledge that it is inevitable that those having contributed to said paradise's exposure to the increasingly global traveller.

Goa are the days when Spain was considered sophisticated. After holidaying there for more than the '60s, and being responsible for the area's destruction at its Southern coastline, it is now considered obligatory to simply stay a bit

for being exactly what we wanted it to be in the first place - or maybe, for not being English enough.

**H**owever, it is terrible a fact that every time anyone travels to foreign lands, they are contributing to the exploitation of indigenous cultures, the overpopulation in the tourist areas and in other catastrophic ways. In the general destruction of the world's most beautiful spots.

It is nobody's business but yours that you and your mate drive up with your backpacks and a desire for the local culture, some enough the border will follow. Those "helpful" natives are as emerging as any of Thatcher's children, and even though their



"By being tourists, we are exploiting the local culture"

authentic culture personality will be packaged and available on the roadside, but how much on the so-called authentic tourist shops.

All over the world tourism has created price-conscious out of native services and even native people. Look at Istanbul for example, those who have seen visited Dublin could almost be forgiven for believing the myth that it's full of people chasing each other with "Up it the mirror" and waving around a white dancing. Dancers - all in an effort to encourage American tourists to come over and "find their roots"

more. The problem is, tourism likes to go on holiday, and though we may attempt to socially correct ourselves with the obvious title "traveler", a tourist is essentially what we are.

What is the solution? Stay at home? Go places that have already been noted? Or they a hand-painted Aboriginal indigenous and be done in it? I guess so. Though you can avoid your tourist-like behavior - Union Jack shorts and expensive Mexican hats are out - instead have a man in a double greater than me and said, "You can't stop going"



**N**ONE of this is too exceptional, time and time again you see players involved in outrageous news programmes. The Spanish media on the whole, considers emotional state and regard to celebrity - being, after all, the country that invented "Rock", the original of MTV.

The degree scale of the Spanish game is awesome too.

Bartorelli's New Camp has a 120,000 capacity - even twice the size of Old Trafford and housing a club which and proof they don't bother with its sponsor's name on the kit.

The Seguros A. dominated by Anderson Mackel, Deportivo La Coruna, Huelva, Real Betis, FC Barcelona and Real Madrid - makes up part of the coverage on television. TV networks like Sunday evening news on Deportivo (Domingo is Sunday in Spanish) and a good bit of sports, you get the idea. I think you can use the top position bits of the Spain Club.

I use one good conference where, after one evening over a football, Bartorelli went to Real and gave them a bit of a lecture. "After we the only, some times missed here".

Spain's football scene is a different sport to the one back home. I use the Arsenal-Liverpool and dig the Barcelona on one of the off-beat teams, which was, in my least, something. After the month of the decision I realized that in the kind of Real and Real, no matter how crazy it is.

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## FOR THE CUP?

**N**OW that all transfers are completed, new players must settle in quickly as the Total Football Challenge cup enters its first round next week.

All current teams will be automatically entered in the TF cup. The first round will be a qualifier with the 756 highest scoring teams of the week entering the knockout stage.

On each designated TF Cup weekend the highest scoring teams will proceed to the following round. The competing teams will appear next to the league tables that are posted in LMHS and LCU.

### Sponsorship

Despite the lack of a major sponsorship deal from any business, much operation as a soccer association, Total Football is offering a spectacular prize for the current season. A holiday for two in Paris awaits this

### THE REFEREE

Week's cup winners.

Planes of the week was obviously Alan Moore who shot Newcastle to a 4-1 victory over Leicester, scoring a hat-trick that has gained him 12 points. Added to the four points he picked up at Everton, he has now reached a total of 51 points, giving him more points than all 43 TF teams.

Another valued player is Lewis Cole's Gary Kelly who amassed a whopping nine points. The Elford Road out's may not be able to score but Kelly has helped them score three clean sheets in as many games. Kevin Gage and Andy Simons have also earned in impressive performances, with Simon catching the eye of England boss Glenn Hoddle.

### Shock

Giggs may be helping your team on its way to win the TF League Championship, but this is the cup and everyone starts with a clean slate in this competition. Prior records count for nothing in this cup, as teams like Arsenal, Liverpool and Newcastle have discovered to their shock.

There could quite easily be a



CUP GLORY: Will Giggly and a Total Football medal in his collection?

major upset, with Macclesfield's shockers and the intensity since losing Leicester FC back in the running now that all teams are competing for the TF Cup.

The Chaplains's Chaps are once again top of the league, despite being, closely followed by Glens and Glens at the other end. Donkeys and No Hopes are falling over

themselves to hold up the rest of the league. Elmer Viceroy is currently prime candidate for the wooden spoon and last time, Leicester FC was probably the most aptly named team in the league.

As the league competition continues, animated, while those out of the running will have their eye on the TF Cup.

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### THOSE HEADING FOR THE DROP

The complete tables are displayed in your nearest student union so that you can monitor your team's progress.

Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts
50	156	350	116	650	89
100	144	400	112	700	84
150	135	450	107	750	79
200	129	500	102	800	72
250	125	550	98	850	65
300	119	600	94	900	56
		650	91		

### WEEK 10 PLAYERS SCORES: Are your new boys on their way to Wembley?

#### Goalkeepers

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47. BROWN	100	115. BROWN	100	116. BROWN	100
48. BROWN	100	117. BROWN	100	118. BROWN	100
49. BROWN	100	119. BROWN	100	120. BROWN	100

#### Wing-Backs

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Goal of the week.

#### Center-Backs

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#### Midfielders

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300	119	600	94	900	56
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All scores are correct for Premiership matches played to and including Monday February 3



# Presare

## Will Hoddle score his greatest win to date, or is Italy's new boss set to start on a high?

### ENGLAND

England should find themselves cast as underdogs against such evident opponents as Italy, the old Portuguese side, nothing short of a miracle will prevent England from continuing their invincible march towards the World Cup Finals in 1998. They are in a real one that began with the appointment of Terry Venables and might well end in World Cup success. Certainly the once mighty Arsenal are in no position to argue.

Gianluigi Buffon has the edge on Italy in the new and important area of the field. He has in Alan Shearer one of the top three strikers in the world and in David Seaman, almost certainly the finest goalkeeper. Even so, finally, the Shearer reputation has been tarnished. Promisingly, the rate on the international scene. The Newcastle striker has now scored eight goals in his last seven international and few would bet against him continuing his streak.

Seaman is also at the middle of a purple patch having recently been voted player of the year. He continues to prove himself in every department but most importantly Seaman catches rather than punches crosses. European keepers have a tendency to flip and this is an area which England will exploit to the full. In their recent friendly against Northern Ireland

Italy devoted themselves to be unstoppable in the air and in Giovanni Le Sani and David Beckham, England have two wing backs who can cause real problems with their crossing ability.

Italy come to Wembley in January after the hoped-for doubling of coach Arrigo Sacchi. His replacement Cesare Maldini will not have had enough time with his players to remove his ideas and tactics and they will naturally be slightly insecure about playing at a new stadium and in a new traditional 4-4-2. Italy will be hoping to come away with a point and then a typical European attitude will play straight into England's hands. Only one of Zola and Del Piero will start the game and Albertini's new position of sweeper will militate his confidence there.

It is likely that the Italians are scared of us. They realise that there is not as much they can do to stop Shearer as they thought. England's resurgence has given the Italian team the freedom of Wembley. They realise that England's football is the crest of a wave and they realise that we are no longer afraid of anyone. In a recent interview Hoddle remarked:

"Don't ask me about the Italians, ask me about the game. He is dead right because for once they have had more to worry about

### THE MACHO WATCH



Buffon



Beckham



Bettini



Bets

### ITALY

Resurgent and fearless, a new and improved Italy will surprise and trouble England. Even the modern and refined style of play initiated by Gianni Delella will prove no match for the pace and power of the Italian team following the replacement of Arrigo Sacchi by Cesare Maldini.

There's new coach has started them to their traditional runs of man-to-man marking with a deep-lying sweeper and isolated a regime where talent is given a first right to experiment and flourish. With the likes of Gianfranco Zola and Alessandro Del Piero no longer afraid of the commitment and left to their own devices, they will be coming and devastating in recent Premier League games. Del Piero's club form has also improved as he develops greater responsibility for Serie A's top-flight Juventus.

His free team mate, Angelo Perugini, Angelo Di Livio and Ciriaco De Simone provide Italy with a deadly and imposing partnership. A deadly and imposing partnership with great passing ability and one member of a formidable defensive line.

England's margin seems to be devoted to the team of who will be the captain. Whoever wears the armband however will need a flat and free jersey as Italy will be England's World Cup dream.

to come marking.

Roberto Di Matteo of Chelsea has become increasingly confident while leading in West London, recently sending out a warning by way of a recording 2-0 and that that cannot just sit Walker last weekend while Portugal's Caetano's tactics and strength in Zola and Del Piero will keep England's centre-backs more than occupied.

England have problems. Who will they play at left back? Can an ageing Franco cope with the modern and intense Del Piero? Will a less than match in La Liga be able to deal with the winging runs of Diego Maradona and get himself pulled to the rear of his own 'Gangster' is not really it and may even be ruled out.

Backham is surely too inexperienced with only four caps to displace England's play from a second position, which leaves England to play without a true playmaker. The post game may have snatched himself at the last minute, although his ability to chase back Zola or Baggio in a game is a question in Gattuso's injured state.

Rather than be concerned with tactics of winning strategies, England's margin seems to be devoted to the team of who will be the captain. Whoever wears the armband however will need a flat and free jersey as Italy will be England's World Cup dream.

Kofi Oshere-Djan

## 100 Great Sporting Moments

No.29: Kapil v Eddle

By Chris Straw

AS the England cricket team continues to perform superbly, one needs to just give up and indulge in some nostalgia. My mind drifts back to the 1990 series against India, when over 4000 runs were scored in the three Tests, the highlight of which was the final at Lord's.

Indian skipper Arundhan was the test and chase to end a dream but incredibly missed by even after England scored 500-0 declared.

On the first day, the first Test, the type of rubber England used to be able to handle.

With four balls to go the score from venues to open the door to a winning. Kapil decided that he was only one way to get the bats India. He decided to go for a full-on attack. He decided to go for a full-on attack. He decided to go for a full-on attack.

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## BUSA NEWS

### RUGBY UNION

13-13 victory over Aberdeen on Wednesday.

A close start saw Aberdeen take the lead and go 3-0 up. Ben Leeds slowly grew in confidence. A period of sustained pressure on the Aberdeen line resulted in Paul Clayton scoring under the post. Following the rest of the series of scores led to number 8, David Hatcher going over to score.

Second half was won by the full-back, David Hatcher. Jackie Lacey and James Lewis. And the full-back, David Hatcher, scored a handful of penalties.

### WOMENS FOOTBALL

EXSC Ladies FC in the first half of the BUSA Cup, losing to champions Clack and Glasgow on Wednesday. The match was a close one, with Jackie McCann and Sarah Broadhead all started for the first quarter. Analysis was very much in line 3-1.

# Whittingham dashes brave hearts

## WOMENS RUGBY UNION

LMUSU 17-10 ABERDEEN

By Zaki Cooper

DESPITE some very nervous moments in the final stages, LMUSU's women's rugby team progressed to the next round of the BUSA Cup following their victory at Beckett Park.

The performance was characterised by well-organised defensive play, and the knack of taking the rare scoring opportunities that came their way. Although LMUSU never trailed throughout this absorbing contest, they were unable to establish a comfortable lead due to the

commitment and raw determination of their Scottish opponents.

Aberdeen regained their momentum before the kick-off with a timing violation of "Player of Scotland", but it was LMUSU who took the early momentum. After receiving Keris Penning had been down by a last-ditch tackle, Natasha Burton's splendid run culminated in a try in the left-hand corner. The winning kick was missed by Hayley Whittingham.

LMUSU's advantage was converted into two minutes later when a lapse in concentration at the back allowed Aberdeen to score.

### Fair

The unexpected highlight of the match occurred in the 73rd minute when captain Whittingham touched down on her own defensive chip-kick for

a truly excellent try. Not content with producing an exceptional moment of fair, the converted free even score to give LMUSU a crucial half-time lead of seven points.

Playing against the famous wall, LMUSU were not able to exert control in the opening exchanges of the second period. As a result, it seemed less of the second period, when Aberdeen took their second try, but their chances of parity were spurned by a scaled conversion.

LMUSU's response was positive and, when an Aberdeen defensive player recklessly tried to keep the ball in play, substitute Abby Cunningham stole in for an on-the-ball inspired try to tie the score. This was a remarkable achievement, considering that Cunningham's introduction to this game was delayed because she was training out for



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## Leading by example

Laura Woffenden spearheaded LNU's challenge at last weekend's BUSA Cross-Country championships by winning the women's race

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# CRUEL LUCK

## Harsh penalty dashes LMUSU Cup hopes

Celtics look to overturn appeal snub

By Paul Wilson

A DECISION WILL BE made today that could leave Leeds Celtic's season in tatters.

An alleged discrepancy in signing a team sheet last year meant the Celtics' first three victories this season were reversed by the BCAF, the governing body of university American football.

If today's appeal to the BCAF fails, it will be impossible for the Celtics to reach the play-offs and defend their title.

Registered

The rules state that each team must have a registered coach or face a ban, and it was brought to the attention of the authorities that the "Celtics" forms were signed by someone not registered with the MCCA, the national coaches' federation.

The name at the bottom of the offending line-ups was that of Richard Handley. The Celtics thought he had renewed his membership but the MCCA denied receiving any money or forms from Handley or the club.

Ironically, the Celtics did have a registered and experienced coach in Hayden Rawson, but because he was playing in the games, he did not sign the forms. His presence at the games is proved by his name on the forms, but the BCAF, mind-boggled by the results of the games against Leicester, Ipswich and Sheffield.

Shocked

Ross Salley, chairman of the Celtics, was surprised and shocked when he first received details of the verdict.

"It was horrendous frankly," he said. "We had no idea that we'd done anything wrong. There were no phone calls, the first we knew was when we got a letter five days after the game."

A first appeal to the BCAF, left on dead ends, but despite the decision, Salley and the Celtics are hopeful of a positive result at today's hearing.

"As far as the rule book states, they are applying the wrong conditions."

The Celtics received a letter earlier this week when the BCAF, faced the club saying that they in fact had received Handley's money earlier in the season.

### LEEDS FOOTBALL LMUSU 0-1 CREWE

By Chris Straw

TAKE one vital Cup tie, add two teams desperate for victory and simmer for 90 minutes in a pressure cooker environment.

Crewe liberally with some sensible refereeing decisions and you've got the recipe for a BUSA Cup tragedy for LMUSU, who were beaten by a controversial penalty in an ill-tempered contest at Beckett Park on Wednesday.

The game was incident-free from the start and after just five minutes, the referee called the centre Crewe loose even and threatened to book them all. With twenty minutes to go, scuffles

erupted out with the official still struggling to exert his authority. The only goal came from another Crewean decision, a penalty for Crewe on the half-hour. From then on, the home side started to play more in a hush, but chances continued to prove elusive despite the persistence of Baines and Fory who were unable to exploit the abilities of the Crewe defence.

### Diabolical

LMUSU pushed on towards the end and only saved themselves by a goalkeeping error from Crewe. Crewe's attacking strategy on the counter-attack.

Disappointed captain Markley, Battersby said afterwards: "I thought that we at least deserved a draw. But I think both sides will agree that the refereeing was absolutely diabolical."



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