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Graduate strangled in her own home

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By MATT GENEVER **Crime Correspondent**

A NEWLY qualified Leeds was brutally murdered just days before she was due to begin a teaching post in Spain.

Anne-Marie O'Kane was found strangled to death in her Wallsend flat only three weeks after graduating from Trinity and All Saints College.

"We are absolutely devastated," said her mother, Isabel. "Our daughter was

bright and she loved learning."

A suspect handed himself into Northumbria Police shortly after she was discovered. Frazier Loughlin, 22, was arrested and charged with murder. He has been placed on remand by North Shields Magistrates, and will be appearing in court on October 2.

The victim's parents say they forgive her killer.
"I feel sorry for whoever killed her and for his family," said Mr O'Kane. "Bitterness is no good. It will not bring Anne back."

Scores of flowers and messages of condolence

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MURDERED: Trinity and All Saints student Anne-Marie O'Kane

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Saturday: Dry with sunny spells and light winds. Maximum temperature:

Sunday: Misty but dry with sunny spells later. Maximum temperature 18C (65F).

Outlook for the rest of the week: Dry with sunny intervals. Average temperatures.

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A LOAD OF BALLS

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And the bonus ball: 46

Minerva's moan

Diary of a failed sex fiend turned arty student

you hear when you get back to uni is 'How was your summer? How was your summer?' As if they expect me to have been climbing mountains in Bolivia or chasing Bengali tigers. In fact I spent the entire summer working for pervy middle-aged accountants answering the telephone and being paid a wage that had it been any lower they would have been hauled to the European Court of Human Justice by Amnesty

Arrived back Tuesday - last to arrive in my house which meant I had enough room in the fridge/freezer for a stick of carrot. And they didn't even clamber out of their snug little beds to lug my three suitcases up the stairs with me. Pandora immediately launched into her summer exploits in Canada and shopping in New York, and was dying to show me her new D&G top. I was having none of that though, and headed into the union to get my first lager of the new term. Ugh surrounded by freshers

clutching their 'intropack' so swiftly headed home to watch

Ready Steady Cook with a spare bottle of Chianti I found floating round the house.

Woke up Wednesday passed out on couch with contact lenses stuck with what felt like superglue to my eyeballs. Foot had misguidedly found its way into the ashtray and upturned it. It's times like this when you are relieved that your mum is tucked several hundred miles away. Had quick dripdrop-there's no way that thing is powerful enough to call a shower, but was so dehydrated thought I'd better soak up some more liquid at the Old Bar. Well it's not like there's anything else for me to do.

Thursday - decided the only way to relieve Registration queues blues was to go menspotting. Went armed and dangerous with my copy of Cosmo in one hand, (shows indepth knowledge of sex), a copy of Jung in the other for the intellectual side, and hitched my skirt halfway up my thighs. Just my luck though, got stuck between a know-it-all Jung expert and a I'm-so-boring-I-love-Damon-Hill-and-I-study-theology

Went to pub with Dors in the evening to drown sorrows over as ever non-existent love life. Casey attempted to join us, but it's it little bit awkward to drown sorrows about lack of

sex with someone who gets it regularly from her two year regularly from her two year relationship bloke. Nice dishy bloke at bar, but simply wouldn't look our way. Dors suggested having a 'When Harry Met Sally' orgasm to attract attention, but not even Heineken affects me in that way. Maybe I'll fall for one of my lecturers next week - if I get up in time. I mean why oh why when you're an arts student and you only get five hours a week do they have to give you one hour a day and then at either ten in the morning or five in the afternoon. Some of us have to sleep and watch neighbours you know. Which reminds me saw Jo in London last week. She looks exactly the same in real life - although perhaps a little fatter. Bloody perfect according to David who saw her in FHM. If only I was allergic to chocolate.

UNIVERSITIES TO GET £165M SPENDING INCREASE

Fees help fund huge cash boost

HIGHER education will no longer be free for all, following the government's decision to charge for attending university, as recommended by the Dearing report.

£165 million of money, students raised from imminent tuition fees, is to be injected into universities nationwide next year, to improve quality and standards and to subsidise places in sub-degree

programmes. Students starting higher education from September 1998 will be charged between £200 and £1,000 a year unless their net family income is less than £16,000 or they have already applied for a

gap year. Leeds University Vice Chancellor, Professor Alan Wilson, has expressed concern at government plans to make students fill the higher education funding gap. He pledged the university will "do everything we can to minimise the effect these measures on students.

Objection

The NUS National Douglas President. Trainer, reit Wilson's objection. reiterated

"We do not accept that students should find the missing funds for higher education.'

Many people doubt that the cash injection will

By GARETH EVANS

solve the higher education funding crisis. A funding gap of £350 million is forecast for 1998 and is expected to have increased to £565 million by the year 2000.

The government has not specified how much tuition fees will increase after 1998 to help fill this

Financial

The government claims that it is still supporting students at the lower end of the financial scale

Education Employment Secretary
David Blunkett, has
proposed an Access
package to support lands Secretary

package to support hard-up and part-time students. The capital from the fee income is crucial to Blunkett's plan to ease the higher education funding crisis and subsidise access for students from poorer

families.

He said: "It ensures universities don't face cutbacks, while enabling more people to benefit from higher education.

In addition to the £165m, there would be £10m to fund new measures to "support our drive to encourage

drive to encourage graduates to take up teaching as a profession," announced Education Baroness Blackstone



TEN thousand freshers arrived in Leeds to start their university lives - and

signalled their arrival by partying the week away. The 1997 intake took full advantage of the introweek events laid on by the student unions with the the student unions with the Refectory disco, the Spiceish Girls and the comedy routine of Mark Lamaar proving to be the most popular events.
BBC came

camera's were also attracted to the campus with Working Lunch broadcasting live from LUU all week. See comment: page 6

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were sent to Anne-Marie's parents by her fellow students and staff at the college who were devastated by the terrible

"She was very popular and "She was very popular and had an extremely promising future ahead of her," said Anne-Marie's personal tutor Dr Robert Rix, Head of Spanish at Trinity and All Saints College.

Difficult

'We have all found it difficult to cope with the news of her death and calls have flooded into the department from students who are simply staggered by what has happened.

During the funeral attended by more than 250 friends and family, Anne-Marie's father read out a note she had written shortly before her murder: "I feel I am spread all over the world with the people I love. My life is love and I love

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brilliant, and have a laugh at the same time.



Degree titles take the miss

EGREE titles are sexist, according to feminist campaigner Sue Wilks.

Challenging what she sees as the male dominated terminology in higher education, the MA student of Feminist Theory, History and Criticism is calling for an end to gender specific terms such as 'Bachelor' and 'Master'.

Women deserve "Women deserve as much recognition for their achievements as men," she explains. "It would be ridiculous if everyone became Mistresses or Spinsters after finishing their degrees - but that would be exactly the same logic as with the present system.'

Sue was inspired to start her campaign after reading the novel 'Old Mistresses: Women, Art and Ideology', written by Griselda Pollock, Professor of Social and Critical Histories of Art and Director of Cultural Studies at Leeds University.

Professor Pollock believes that Sue's campaign is very important in attracting attention to the changes that

"It would be a very long

By MATT GENEVER

process to actually change the titles of degrees throughout the world, but at least this campaign could provoke people into paying attention to the inequalities in higher education, and in life

THE aim now is to call for a new neutral title for degrees so no question of gender is raised, though Sue does see the creation of a "Mistress of Arts" as a good

giving Mistress degrees it would make people sit up and take notice." she claims. "There is a tendency in modern culture to accept ideologies, but if they're not challenged we won't have a chance to change society and make it

more balanced."

Leeds University did express interest in Sue's debate, but were unwilling to set a precedent by changing their degree titles: "The University makes every effort to avoid sexual terminology in all its documentation."

our titles unilaterally could endanger the value of degrees given by this university."

A debate is to be held at the

Leeds University Student Union on October 16, at when Sue Wilks will be defending her proposals.

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TRADITION THE PROBLEM, **as Campaign Goes Nationa**

Sue contacted the Women's Unit at the Department of Social Services as part of the national campaign in an effort promote the issue at Parliament.

Joan Ruddock MP, speaking for the Department, said: "I can understand the point that Sue Wilks has raised through her correspondence.

"However the tradition of twarding Bachelorhoods and Masters is one that has lasted for centuries and would be very difficult to overturn." The matter has now been

passed over to the Department for Education and Employment, where Baroness

Blackstone, Minister of Higher Education, is looking into the matter, along with Sue's local MP, John Gunnell.

Sue has now gained national recognition for her work which she had initially started as part of her course, with a petition having been organised to be placed in every students union in the country calling for a change to

"I think it will be very important for us to increase awareness of the sexist terminology around in higher education, and when people do become aware of it the changes will come," explained Helen Russell, Women's Officer at LUU.



DETERMINED: Sue has taken her case to Parliament in an effort to promote the issue

Pic: Sarah Davis

Vprobe





HOWZAT for an honour! Legendary cricket umpire, Harold "Dickie" Bird, was bowled over when he received his honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Leeds University.

Bird, who retired from the international game last year, gave the crowd of onlookers a special

By KEVIN PETTMAN

performance as he raised his famous finger in

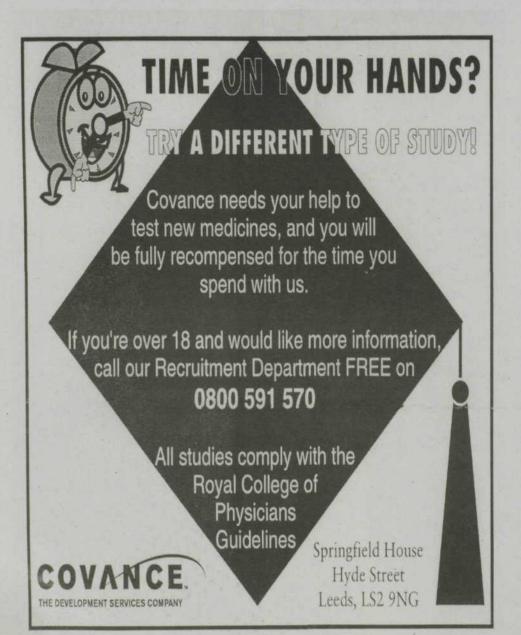
A Yorkshireman by birth and residence, he officiated over 150 international matches, including a world record 70 tests.

Mr Bird was awarded the degree at a special ceremony by the chancellor of Leeds University, the Duchess of Kent.

The award came despite a barrage of criticism over the honorary degree system. Fellow Yorkshire cricketer Raymond Illingworth was handed a similar degree under a storm of protest in May - even though he was said to have called black cricketer Devon Malcolm a 'nig-nog'

away degrees undermines the years of hard work we put in.

Second year Simon Ramsey blasted the awards. "Giving



STUDENTS who use NUS-endorsed Endsleigh for their insurance could be paying 150 per cent more than necessary some cases, according to a TV investigation.

The report on the BBCs Watchdog alleges a conflict of interest for the NUS, which holds a 14.3 per cent stake in Endsleigh and exclusively promotes them, with President Douglas Trainer even sitting on the Board of Directors.

And a Leeds Student survey of insurance rates in Leeds 6 shows Endsleigh charging the highest price

among selected companies.

But the NUS and Endsleigh insurance, which services almost 80 per cent of insured students, have blasted the programme-makers. They say they do not attempt to mislead anyone and claim the Watchdog represented them

NUS insiders have revealed that a formal complaint has been made to the Broadcasting Standards Commission

SPECIAL REPORT BY **NAVEED RAJA**

fairness and accuracy in the broadcast interview with Douglas Trainer. They cite inaccurate examples and out of context quotations

Sean Regan, Endsleigh Communications Officer, defended the firm from any from any claims of wrongdoing:

'We believe ours and NUS' partnership is not an issue as we provide the best service'

Sean Regan, Endsleigh

"The NUS support us and we support the NUS, and we believe our partnership is not an issue as we provide the best service.

"Our mandate is to provide the best possible service at the lowest price which we do in the majority of cases. Insurers who might be cheaper in one or two areas, such as LS6, cannot compete all over the

country which is our mandate."

Mr Regan also said that the NUS backing of Endsleigh does not "overly influence intelligent students who can make their own minds up."

Alliance

However some members of the insurance industry have cried foul at the alliance -alleging it shortchanges students and prevents students and prevents opportunities for other companies to directly advertise to the market.

Insurance broker Alan

Proud is leading calls for a

Broad is leading calls for a change in the current system. "It's quite wrong that in areas where Endsleigh's rates

are inferior for the NUS to prevent other companies advertising," he says.

"I do not see that the NUS should be allowed to give 'protection' to Endsleigh in areas where that protection leads to individual students being grossly overcharged for their personal insurances, for the direct financial benefit of

A spokesman for Guardian insurance thought it "would be better if students could make a more informed decision as to the selection of insurance policy."
He also noted that more

people are shopping around for better deals rather than accepting NUS backed firms



THE EYE OF THE STORM: The row centres around Endsleigh Insurance, who Watchdog claim are misleading students. Pic: Sarah Davis

INCREASES COST OF INSURANCE POLICIES | NewsFile

accuses union insurance fixes

Watchdog accused the NUS of preventing Endsleighs rivals advertising better rates in NUS publications with some NUS affiliated Student Unions banning other insurance companies from freshers fairs

and union premises.

LMUSU operate this policy.

Jim Evans, VP

Communications said: "We have a deal with Endsleigh as their service is influenced by the NUS for the better of the

"As a result we invite Endsleigh into key days and promote their literature." LUU, meanwhile, operate a policy of strict neutrality.

Trust

Reaction among students was mixed. Lee Waterman, a second year Manufacturing Systems student, said: "I'm angry because we trust the NUS to get us the best deal, not make money for themselves."

He continued: "The union should also tell us who gives the best deal because where I

live it's not Endsleigh."

But Oliver McKay, a politics finalist disagreed: "I think Endsleigh give the best service. A mate of mine got hassled by another insurance company who didn't pay out. At least the NUS can lean on Endsleigh to any company most to the control of the state of the control of the state of the control of the state of the control Endsleigh to pay out most

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UNDER FIRE: President Douglas Trainer has denied charges that NUS supported Endsleigh Insurance are over charging students

These are five selected companies and their quotations for a

student living in shared accomodation in Leeds 6, requiring possesions insurance for a year





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Top-deck

FANS of DJs Mark Radcliffe and Marc 'Lard' Riley flocked to see the Radio 1 stars in action on a double decker bus!

After a sell-out concert the Metropolitan University
Students' Union, the two
presenters did their wacky twohour breakfast show from the red
and white bus in BBC Radio

and white bus in BBC Radio Leeds' car park.

But the show was tinged with sadness. It will be the last chance listeners get to see the boys in petion - their madcap antics have been controversially axed by Radio 1 boss Matthew Bannister.

Even so, Radcliffe remains philosophical about the earlymorning shake-up.

"Getting up at that time is horrible, It's fantastic that we've only got two more weeks left,' said the DJ.

But any fans of the duo need not worry. There are plans afoot to move their slot to weekday

Mark Radcliffe and 'Lard' are interviewed in Juice, page twelve.

Permit

FRAUDSTERS are paying huge sums of money to park their cars in student areas, a community group has claimed, writes Lucy

Wealthy office managers are allegedly paying up to £1,000 for fake parking permits so that they don't have to walk to work - and the most popular areas are around the universities

campuses.
Fiona Matthews, speaking for the LittleWoodhouse Community Association, said: "People are prepared to pay for the privilege of not having to park at inconvenient multi-storey car

Funding boost

BOFFINS investigating diabetes are celebrating after a research project was awarded £50,000.

The study, held by the Centre for Health Services Research, links the diabetes in children to nitrate levels in drinking water. The Department of the Environment decided that the

findings warranted further investigation.

Project boss Dr McKinney said: "We're delighted the importance and quality of this study has been recognised.'

SAFE AS HOUSES? Streets like these are valuable sources of income for insurers

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UNDER NEW LABOUR, THE PRICE OF A DEGREE WILL BE £10,000

University too Dear for you?

It is now four weeks
After Diana and as
the nation pledges to
become more charitable
in Her memory, present
university students will
soon have the chance to
demonstrate their
support for the
oppressed and
vulnerable.

For next September, an afflicted generation, far worse off than ourselves, will be among us.

In fact they are likely to end up over 5000 worse off, as this year marks the end of free university education.

Unfortunately for students, the hoards who admired Di's work were obviously not inspired enough by her benevolent deeds during her lifetime to be persuaded to part with - gasp - an extra penny on income tax to pay for the expansion and improvement of higher education, because now it is students and their parents who will have to bear this burden.

After the publication of Sir Ron Dearing's report into higher education, the government announced that from 1998, students will have to pay an annual means-tested contribution of up to £1000 towards tuition fees, and that the present student maintenance grant is to be abolished in favour of larger student loans.

favour of larger student loans.

The main implication for students, especially ones from poorer backgrounds, is that on graduation they may owe more than £10,000.

Combined with additional financial pressures such as a mortgage and other loans, the graduate debt will create a system in which you can not start life without incurring debt.

Having celebrated Labour's general election victory, many students will now feel let down by the government's implementation of a policy that is essentially Thatcherite and, as, Stephen Dorrell (of all people!) put it, "a kick in the teeth for low income families".

The Dearing Report suggests that graduates are likely to earn an eleven to fourteen per cent return on their degree and are therefore accountable to pay



By Alex Cameron

towards their education. The fact that through a larger salary their contribution to state wealth, in the form of income tax, will be proportionally higher, seems overlooked.

Moreover, there is no guarantee that a degree is a sure ticket to well-paid employment. Recently, many finalists voiced their pessimism in a survey that revealed that less than one in five Leeds graduates believe they will be able to find a job which repays the extra years of study.

which repays the extra years of study.

The principle of caring solely for your own interests defeats the idea of community and of society, where surplus wealth can be redirected to those who need it at the time.

If students have to pay a flat rate of £1000 towards the average cost of a degree, how long will it be before students with a weekly eight hour scheduled time-table assert that it is unfair to make them pay as

much as someone doing a 25 hour week on a course that may involve expensive machinery or material?

The theory that only the beneficiary of a service must pay for it has disturbing implications when applied to other situations. Following this trend, surely people will become much more hostile to the idea of paying for what they do not use. As I am a man, why should I make any contribution towards gynaecology, and if I am young, why should I pay for geriatric.care?

ith the imposition of fees there is a risk of a two-tier university system emerging in which the most popular institutions, like Leeds for example, could impose additional tuition fees on account of the quality of education they offer, leaving inferior universities such as Oxford and Cambridge to fill a

lower tier, a consequence which completely undermines the principle of equality of opportunity for all.

In an effort to keep graduation debt to a minimum, students will need to look at ways of keeping studying costs down. One such measure is to live at home during university.

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The Dearing Report
maintains that "education is life
enriching and desirable in its
own right", yet part of the
enrichment to be derived from a
university education is the
opportunity to live
independently (geographically
if not financially) from one's
parents, to hone social skills
and to meet new people.

The pleasure of arguing with your housemates would suddenly become a risky undertaking if they also happen to be the ones who are providing your beer money.

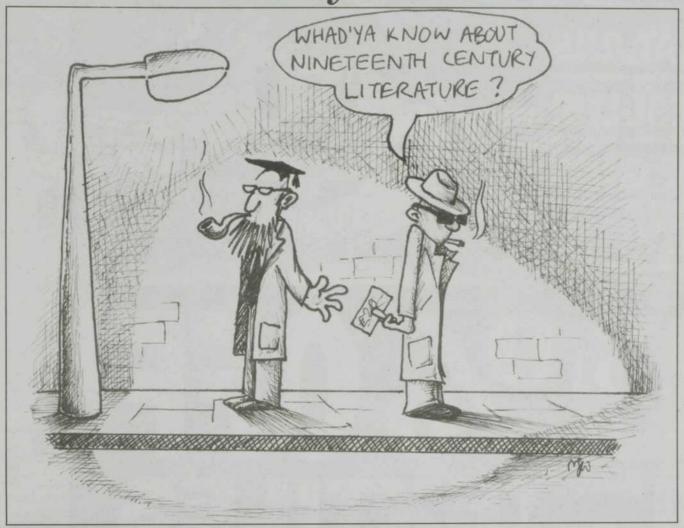
providing your beer money. It is dismaying that criticism of these measures has been scarce outside university campuses. The Committee of Vice Chancellors described the plans as "necessary" and therefore must ensure that its increased commitment towards paying students is fulfiled.

One such duty is to ensure each student has access to a networked desktop computer by the year 2000 - a welcome move to those of us who have queued in the clusters at Leeds University where one has the impression that it will take that long to get to a computer!

The measures are certain to change the relationship between students and their tutors. In the customer culture that university will become, lecturers will no longer be standing before a remote audience consisting of the privileged who are wiling away a few years, but of hardnosed customers who have paid money they do not have for his or her service.

The Dearing Report recommended a rigid complaints framework so what is to say that in years to come, students who feel that a lecture is not up to scratch shouldn't have the right to demand a refund at the end?

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A TIP ON GETTING A FIRST, BY SIR RON DEARING

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On the wrong track | The worst bar none

Dear Editor,

LIKE MANY students who arrived in Leeds this week I travelled by train to the city. Unfortunately this is now a startlingly difficult undertaking due to the amount of railway companies this involves. I doubt very much though that I would have used the services of ten companies, which is the number that had some role in last week's tragic

crash at Southall.

People have always
cited major crashes as a reason for not travelling train, apparently with little regard to the much larger number killed on our roads.
If this is such a

prominent argument against using more environmentally friendly public transport, then why is it that there are still train crashes? This would be because of the privatisation of the

railway network. The difficulty involved with co-ordinating rail safety between Trains-u-like, Tracks'r'Us and however many other related companies is

passenger safety, as is the schedule and work-load of the drivers themselves who are becoming increasingly less well trained.

Whatever the cause of Friday's crash there are questions to be asked as to why it could happen. If it was through mechanical fault why were fail-safe measures ineffective? Presumably Reg's Signals Ltd thought it was Dyno-Rail's responsibility or vice-

If it was driver-error, this could have been countered by the Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system which was demanded after the Clapham Rail Disaster nine years ago

If only we would learn from the superb railways of France and Germany, where ATP is standard on trains, that investment

the railways makes them better and therefore more popular. Complicated? No. Likely to happen? I

Alan Denison

Dear Editor,

I HAVE only been in Leeds two days but have had the misfortune to have visited the Old Bar an equal amount of times. This legendary drinking hole (that being the operative word) may be the biggest student bar in the country, or whatever my guide to the union tried to boast in a vain effort to compete with the music, but has anyone noticed that Leeds to one of the biggest universities in the country as well? is one of the biggest universities in the country as well? I'm not suggesting that there should be seating room for

twenty thousand people, but the fact of the matter, is that the place is too small. I mean, trying to find someone in there is

like trying to locate a fart in a jacuzzi.

The beer might be cheaper than usual but it ends up costing the same to drink in there because most of your pint is always obligingly distributed over your own, and other people's clothes by the sweaty, inebriated crush that makes

Leaving the union smelling of flowers would sound like a

prospect if it wasn't for the fact that this cologne comes in

There must be a better way to use the space in the union.

Ronald Bentley

Farcical Football

Dear Editor.

I AM a dedicated Taunton Town fan and have supported them through thin and er... thin, Recent events in the crazy money world of football though have made me extra proud that my loyalties lie several divisions below the premiership. I find it thoroughly disgusting that the over-payed "professionals" that dissented to the 20-man brawl at the Reebok stadium will soon able to demand wages going into millions due to the ludicrous Bosman ruling. This contagious disease must be cured before it spreads to other, more vulnerable sports - notably rugby and cricket.

Charles Windmill

Leeds Student

NUS and your insurance: A bad policy

OR most people reading this, being at university will be the first time they have ever had to think about insuring their property.

Therefore, it would seem quite appropriate for there to be a quick and easy way of finding out which company can do you the best deal. After all, you wouldn't simply go into the Union travel shop and ask for a ticket to Paris without shopping

So the news that some unions, including our very own Leeds Metropolitan University Students' Union, actively ban any insurance company apart from Endsleigh from promoting their services is nothing short

of an outrage.

Of course, it shouldn't surprise anybody. NUS holds a 14.3 per cent stake in Endsleigh. But the whole ethos behind the NUS is fighting for students and getting them the best deal possible. It's quite plain that when it comes to insuring your possessions, this isn't

Startling

A quick look at our table comparing Endsleigh's policy with other companies makes for startling reading. It's no wonder Endsleigh are pushing the NUS for greater access to the student market. Without the priveleges they enjoy at the moment they would be in serious

Make no mistake, this debate is more than just a stink kicked up by frustrated rival insurance companies and BBC TV's Watchdog.

The funtamental concern for students should be the way the NUS and your unions can decide what's best for you, and then prevent any differing approach from being heard.

As one angry student put it, it's a matter of trust. And when it comes to insurance, the NUS simply don't deserve an ounce of ours

Thrusting into the new millenium

HEN you were driving back up to Leeds last weekend did you consider this?

If you had hold of the world record breaking Thrust II car, it would have taken less than twenty minutes to get from Hyde Park, London to Hyde Park, Leeds. And then another three hours to get to where you wanted to go.

Whose idea was it to have Leeds University and Leeds Metropolitan University students come back on the

This year's new intake will be the first to graduate in 2000. And the last to avoid paying tuition fees. So enjoy your time here - you're in a privileged position.

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OOR old Elton John, he's not had a good summer. From start to finish, from Versace to Diana, it's just been one close friend after another. Then came Candle In The Wind.

Put bluntly, the record is a disgrace. Okay so the proceeds go to charity, but answer me this question - if the princess had (sorry, was) such a great figure why does Elton John, whom style magazine *The Face* memorably described as a middle-aged drug addict from Pinner", get to do the single? Worse still, there are the

interviews where he gives the world a window on his oh-so-high profile grief. In one soulful, or perhaps crass, outpouring of inner torment comes the following insight. "For years I couldn't cry about the deaths I'd seen... that's why I've never been able to write many own being about the seen..."

write my own lyrics."

Like myself and I'm sure many readers, Elton John - whenever he has an existential crisis - also talks to the Daily

He however, will not talk about Candle In The Wind

and, apparently, has vowed never to perform it live believing that it would be "milking" the tragedy. And of course, we could never accuse him of that.

But that doesn't stop the others out there from, if not exactly milking the tragedy, squeezing out the last pathetic drops. Just go into HMV and ask to see their Diana range: hastily written books, funeral videos and CDs, probably calendars and, who knows, maybe even a T-Shirt or two. And before you ask, yes, all the proceeds will be going to charity. New Oasis single with that purchase, sir? But that doesn't stop the

charity. New Oasis single with that purchase, sir?

Making a donation to charity like this isn't a bad thing but it would be an equal (and more respectful) tribute to send a cheque to the Red Cross that buying the video of what is despite the magazines. is - despite the magazines, despite the dresses, despite the landmines - still a 36-year-old woman's funeral.

RVEN the BBC - against the express wishes of the Spencer family - has released a CD and tape of the funeral, presumably so you can listen to it in the car. Their official statement attributes the early release to the fact that they own the rights and, hey, we don't want no damn

bootleggers round here.
Personally, I thought the
BBC had lost the plot when
they axed Eldorado. No longer

it seems am I alone. The Royal Mail tried to get in on the act but Buckingham Palace put a last-minute block on commemorative stamps. commemorative stamps.
Leading stamp expert Peter
Jennings however urges for
their immediate issue.
"Postage Stamps," he said,
"would make a lasting tribute
to the princess" (yeah, like you
don't just throw them in the
bin) "and be collected by
philatelists for years to come."
Naturally at times of national
mourning, the interests of mourning, the interests of stamp collectors must always come first.
Diana's death was senseless

Diana's death was senseless and grieved by the world, but her post-funeral transition from Diana, Princess of Wales, to Diana™ (all proceeds to charity) is plain distasteful. No longer is she a real woman but some all purpose good causes icon like an Aids ribbon or Remembrance Day poppy.

Meanwhile Elton John - the Pinner Pianist, or maybe prick - seems hellbent on turning his recently deceased friend into

recently deceased friend into some kind of second hand Marilyn Monroe. Goodbye Norma Jean, now we have England's Rose. And if you need further ammunition against the man, just remember kids - that's not even his real

As for Diana, we should simply give her the respect she deserves and let her rest in peace. Somehow I don't think that's going to happen.

OF HOT BI

REMEMBER when Tony Blair was dangerous and subversive? No. neither do I.

But didn't he have long hair and used to be in a rock band with his Oxford chums called something crazy like Ugly Rumours. Woah man, those

were the days.

It was with much distress that I learned the hard rocking PM - who is pals with Noel

Gallagher but is really called Antony Charles Linton Blair has eschewed the prime ministerial Daimler in favour ministerial Daimler in favour of a gas-converted Ford Galaxy because, wait for it, it is more fuel economical and there's plenty of room in the back for the kids.

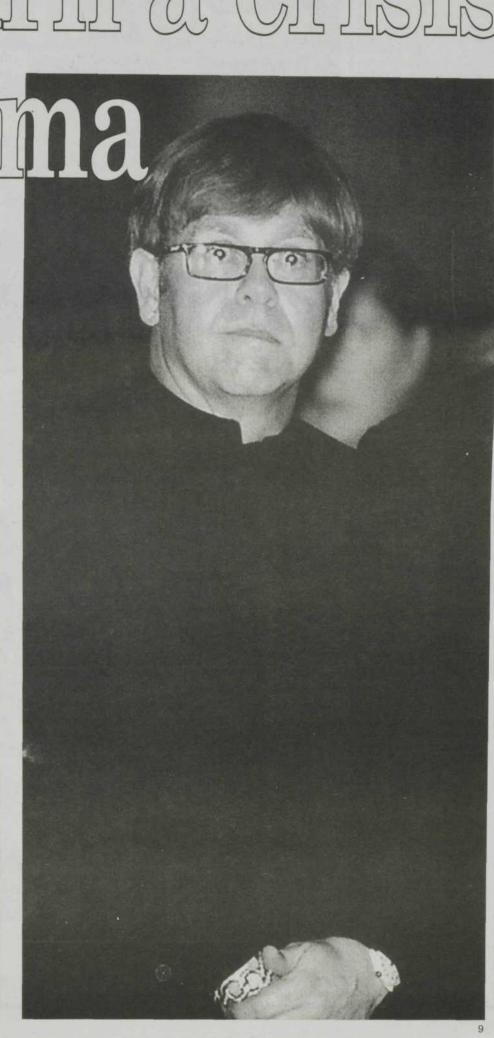
Bill Clinton takes his daughter to college in Air Force One and vodka-guzzling Boris Yeltsin has been known to ride tanks. Meanwhile we get the bozo who acts like a

get the bozo who acts like a

geography teacher.

Those in search of moral guidance however need look no further than Baroness Jay who recently issued government guidelines concerning the use of the antimalarial drug Lariam. While using the drug in Uganda, the Baroness reported sleepless nights, troubled dreams and mild dreams and mild

hallucinations.
Take note Blair, take note Prescott and rock on Baroness





CHOKER

MYSTERY surrounds the sudden departure of LMUSU exec member from his position at the end of the last academnic year, writes Gina Hill.

Simon Caffrey left the presidency three weeks before his contract expired, signalling the end of his two year term.

Union insiders have said that he was involved, in a bar-room brawl at the LMU City Site.

Scuffle

The alledged scuffle was with a union manager who questioned the job being done

by last years exec.

LMUSU would not comment except to confirm that an "incident" had taken place which led to an internal investigation.

The result of the inquiry was to clear Caffrey of any wrongdoing although it led to his resignation by mutual agreement.

Uni travel store nder fire



RAMRAIDED: New STA Shop on Vicar Lane Pic: Glen Jones

POOR turnover by a university travel shop has prompted rivals to open a similar store directly opposite Leeds University's campus.

STA Travel had used the University travel agent "ULTRA Travel" as an outlet to sell its products and until now only had a shop on Vicar Lane.

But a succession of poor sales figures forced STA into a re-think - and the opening of a new outlet on Woodhouse Lane.

The move led to worries at Leeds University Union of a fall in business at the unionbased shop which would reduce their profits.

By RICHARD METCALFE

But Anne Marie Barrett, Managing Director of STA defended their decision. She argued that ULTRA is an unprofitable outlet which was making STA a disappointing total of £56, 000 a year instead of an expected £140, 000.

Defending the decision to branch out, Mrs Barrett said: "We are hardly breaking even, when that occurs questions have to be asked of our agents."

Deals

She claims students walk to the branch on Vicar Lane to take advantage of their special student deals rather than using

Ultra Travel in the union.

Phil Sumpner, Leeds
University Services Manager,
reacted angrily to STA's

gentleman's agreement that STA would not specifically target the student population of Leeds. By opening up this new branch, they are doing just

Profit

"If ULTRA loses STA's custom, then the union loses that profit," said Mr Sumpner.

Since moving onto the new premises, however, STA has been beset by problems. Two weeks before the store was due to open, it was burgled, and a number of computers were stolen.

In a further twist, just days before the official opening ram raiders drove a jeep through the front window and walked away with even more computing equipment. Police have no leads on

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Store's holy orders

A CONGREGATION of 200 is expected at Asda in reading, Berkshire on Sundayfor the first Harvest Festival service in a supermarket.

Baby's great family

BABY Giovanna Catalfo's

BABY Giovanna Catalfo's arrival made her family a record breaker - all her grannies are alive, right up to her three times great grandmother.

The tot has grandmother Vicenza,35,great gran Vicenza,51, and great, great gran Giuseppa,69. And 88 year old Angela is believed to be the worlds first living great great great great great great grandmother.

Lawn rangers

GARDENERS have been asked to gather lawn cuttings to feed a 53-year-old elephant at Sydney zoo who has lost her teeth and cannot chew

Cow cash



MILLIONAIRE Tipping ignored his family in his will - and gave \$8million to his beloved herd of cows.

Texan David's dying wish

was for his cows to live a life of luxury so he handed over his money, three cars and a penthouse in New York City to the beasts.

Motor wrongway

AN elderly woman drove six miles the wrong way up a motorway, then turned around and did the same in the other direction.

Drivers swerved to avoid her R-reg Ford Ka and police had 36alarm calls on mobiles.

Well Hung

TURKISH man was arrested after choppping off a donkeys penis and demanding

doctors sew it on to his waist. The man claimed it would save his marriage which was

Football crazy

CRAZY couple Michael and Elaine Middleton were married on the centre spot of ground of part timers Woking Town.

We just love the club, we would rather watch them play than do anything else.

> Compiled by Clare Burton

Leeds City Council introduces its own foot patrol

PRIVATE POLICE ONTHE BRAT?

REVELLERS Leeds City Centre may be unaware that the council is eyeing their every move.

Following the success of the comprehensive CCTV system, installed over a year ago, the council has recruited a "trouble-shooting" civilian foot patrol to "keep a benign eye on the city centre"

The two-man uniformed patrol are to provide "an extra pair of eyes and ears for the police, dealing with nuisances such as street trading and helping to identify and report routine city centre problems like flyposting and graffiti.

Relations

But liaison officers Robert Porteus and Paul Ryan, armed with tourist maps, claim a lot of their work is really to do
with public relations.
"A lot of the time we act as
unofficial tourist guides but

with so many visitors now coming to Leeds it's important they go away with a positive image," commented Porteus.

no powers of arrest they go out on regular joint patrols with the police and are directly linked to the Leedswatch CCTV controlroom, enabling the council to deal with problems quickly.

Confidence

Councillor Paul Paley, Chair of the City Centre Committee claims the CCTV system has helped to give give

people greater confidence in using the City Centre. "The new mobile patrol is a further step forward," he commented, "Introducing a human touch that members of the public will very much appreciate."

"The new patrols are not designed to replace the work of our own police officers," commented Supt. Rod Coward, "But still have an important role to play in helping to reassure the public that the City Centre is safe and

welcoming to people."

This follows the initiative by Leeds graduate Fitzroy Jarmen to rid the streets of Leeds 6 from crime.

He envisaged a scheme involving round the clock patrols by five uniformed officers, which provoked worries for LUU and police chiefs that the group would



ON PATROL: Leeds PR men enhancing the city's image

Ben's Bardot brilliance



TOP DESIGN: Harvey Nichols teamed up with LMU to launch a student furniture design competition. The winner was Ben Ritson for his Bridget Bardot inspired table with the runner up being Duncan Holding. Both received cash prizes and Harvey Nichols vouchers.

Kiss FM in takeover deal

KISS FM is being forced to change its name following a £17.5 million take over deal.

The station is to be relaunched as Galaxy 102 to keep in line with the branding used in the South West by its new owners. West by its new owners Chrysalis Radio.

Emap radio, owners of the Kiss name, decided to withdraw its franchise, however the station's owners claim the decision to drop the name was theirs.

Chief Executive of Chrysalis Radio, Richard Huntingford claimed this was to be expected.

"Our Galaxy station is by far and away the most successful dance station in the country and we have made no secret of the fact that following the acquisition it would be our natural intention to re-brand Kiss

Local war hero donates letters

have donated the daily letters he wrote to them to Leeds University to ensure they can be read by future generations of students

Captain Philip Hirsch, who attended the University's Officer Training

University's Officer Training Corps at the beginning of the First World War, received a posthumous Victoria Cross after being killed in battle on 23 April 1917. Matthew Richardson, assistant keeper at the Brotherton Library's Liddle Collection where the letters are housed, was delighted at the donation.

the donation. "It really is a great honour for us to have such an in depth first hand account of life in the trenches, especially that of a man who By MATT GENEVER

for his country."
"This collection is very special for us, because never before have we had such a comprehensive set of war letters written by someone who actually came from the

The presentation of the letters by Captain Hirsch's niece was the culmination of year long negotiations with relatives to try and house them at the University.

Dorothy Kilpin, who now lives in South Africa, decided to make the donation because

to make the donation because to make the donation because she felt that the letters couldn't be properly looked after by the family and they would be better read by more people to give an insight into the lives of soldiers in the First World War.

OF Carry Lineker has always been

Gary Lineker has always been football's Mr Nice Guy.
ALEX GUBBAY finds out if the ex-England striker still fits the bill

afternoon in the BBC Grandstand office, and Gary Lineker is busily scribbling away at his desk in the corner, preparing the script for the following day's edition of Football Focus.

He is working on a link to introduce an item about his ex-partner in crime Peter Beardsley, who has just completed a move from Newcastle to Bolton. He mouthes the words again and again flicking his pen frustratedly, and stares out of the window in search of that elusive sentence.

Finally it comes to him, and much like a schoolboy eager to finish his latest assignment and show the teacher, he frantically writes it down and slides the pad over to his producer for approval.

There has always been more than a touch of the model pupil about Gary Winston Lineker (he was born on November 30, 1960, Winston Churchill's birthday, hence the dorky middle name which he hates!) Think back to your sixth-form days and you will no doubt remember at least one person who everybody in college liked. That person may have excelled

at just about everything he or she did, and probably never once got into trouble, but somehow you just couldn't resent their success or popularity. Because they were naturally modest and selfeffacing, they were 'good blokes' rather than 'arrogant tossers' and therefore everyone liked them.

So it is with Lineker. He may not have been the most gifted footballer in terms of technique or ball skill, but by harnessing his explosive pace and acute awareness to perfection, he became a lethal goalscoring machine for both

Japan, and more recently his move into the media. Why else would he throw himself back into the public eye when already assured of a cosy retirement attending the odd charity function and playing pro-celebrity golf?

"For some reason, I've always felt the need to stretch myself," he confirms. "I fancied going into television when I finished playing because I just never saw myself as a coach or manager. But having done lots of work as a pundit, which to be honest wasn't particularly demanding, I knew I really wanted to go into presenting."

of the camera? "I did in the early days because it was such a high profile start," he admits. "My first programme was for the European Championships which was a bit scary to say the least. I was very nervous on that, and had enough trouble just saying 'Good Evening' properly!"

INEKER is one of a growing band of exsportsmen and women who look to the media as their second career once their playing days are over. Disgruntled journalists often criticise this trend, not least because they resent their jobs being snapped up by supposedly less-qualified sporting has-beens. It is rumoured that a few noses were started doing 'Sunday Sport' on Radio Five Live. But since his switch to television, a medium to which he is clearly better suited, the dissenting voices seem to have quietened. The man himself is quick to point out the benefits an ex-player

"The nice thing is that people will talk to you and you get favours from the people you know and have played with. It also can help when you start being critical. Obviously nobody likes being criticised, but if you're a pundit and you've not actually played the game, players will accept it even less than they do anyway."

The same bitter and twisted hacks have also questioned the wisdom of his other television work as a team captain on the popular quiz show

He has taken success comfortably in his stride, and not allowed it to ruin his personal life nor let it diminish his natural modesty and affability

club and country. Despite 14 years of constantly being kicked, shoved and elbowed by defenders, he was never once booked or sent off and to this day remains mild-mannered and well-spoken, taking immense pride in the image he projects, even to the point where he protests about being unshapen when I begin taking photos.

Yet this gentle and friendly exterior should not be mistaken for weakness nor a lack of inner determination to be the very best. Never one to rest on his laurels, Lineker has always been driven by the desire to seek fresh challenges, hence the moves abroad to Barcelona and

He took over as the host of Football Focus at the beginning of last season, and sometimes attempts Mission Impossible by filling in for our Des on Match of the Day. 12 months down the line, is he enjoying this latest challenge? "Yes definitely. It's quite high pressure work because practically everything is live. Perhaps the best thing is that I'm still involved in the sport and can also replace that adrenatin rush which is hard to do in other forms of life. It's a nice mix between the two without quite the pressures of management.

And does the man who always kept his cool in front of goal ever get the jitters in front Pic: Alex Gubbay

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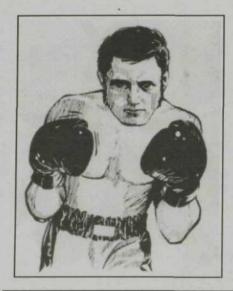
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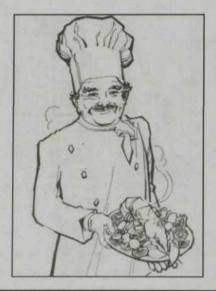
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haram's OFICE



Julian Wharam , a former Leeds student and now a presenter on The New 96.3 Aire FM, offers first-hand tips for coping with the opening weeks of term.

OU did it. Intro-week is over, your grant has evaporated faster than a spillage of brandy, and your overdraft will be extended before you can say 'Skyrack'. This may sound absurd, but everybody has virtually the

This may sound absurd, but everybody has virtually the same experience: After spending about an hour driving around the city centre one-way system, you pull up outside the university (amazingly it didn't rain this year). A cheerful hall warden escorts you to your new room, and swiftly abandons you and your parents to unpack.

First things first: the stereo is plugged in, CDs are placed on the bookshelf, a poster from home is attached to the wall, and clothes are heaped into one corner. Looking around, you spot the intro-week guide, and out falls the standard issue mini-Marmite, pizza menu and condom. Immediately an advert catches your attention: 'Main auditorium. Hypnotist. 8pm. Be there!' This is an experience not to be missed.

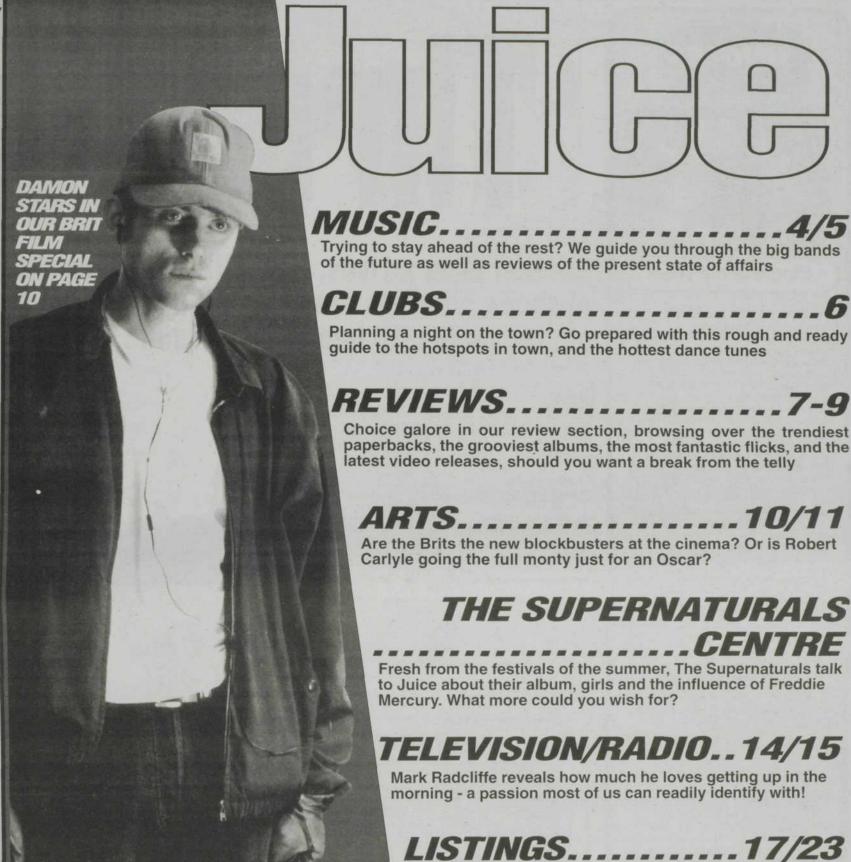
THERE is no better way to gain instant notoriety than by volunteering to be the hypnotist's victim guest. You will be forever remembered as one of two things: the bloke who thought he was a chicken or the girl who strutted around the stage believing she was Madonna. How the suffering of strangers takes away the pain.

Intro-week conversation is also a unique affair. Imagine standing by the bar back home, waiting for a friend to turn up. While you wait, the bar regulars start making conversation with you about last week's big match. It passes time in the short-term I'm sure you will agree, but the arrival of your friend is a welcome relief. Imagine doing that for a whole week - that's intro-week.

Turmoil.

After seven days of forced conversation with complete strangers covering every subject from exam grades to the death of Britpop, believe me when I tell you that it's perfectly normal to slump in your bed, breath a huge sigh, and start wishing you were miles away lounging on your parents! comfy sofa. Try clicking your heels together and chanting 'there's no place like home'. It doesn't work, but it makes you feel a hell of a lot better.

You can hear Julian weekdays between 4 and 7pm, and between 8 and 11pm every Saturday for the indie / alternative show called The Big Noisei, on The New 96.3 Aire FM.



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Single of the Week

2K - ***K THE MILLENIUM (Blast First)

A truly bizarre record from the artists formerly known as The KLF. As The People chant "Fuck the Millennium" over a reworked version of the KLF's 1988 hit "What Time is Love", the Williams Fairey Band blow their little hearts out, and a new genre called Acid Brass is born. Judging whether Bill Drumond and Jimmy Cauty are now being serious after their previous antics (burning a million quid, sacrificing a sheep at The Brit Awards) is of course impossible to say. But they have set up a millennium crisis phone line, and also made an amazing record.

PIERRE HENRI - PSYCHE ROCK (Philips)

Already familiar thanks to the ace Fatboy Slim mixed "Beat Up the NME" tape from way back in June, this is the brilliant big beat brother of Jean Jacques Perez's "EVA" track, last heard on a Lucozade ad. Samples heavily from 60s garage psyche rock, hence the title. Single of the week, if only we could find a photo of the elusive chap.

SLEEPER - SHE'S A GOOD GIRL (Indolent)

This single is hardly the blazing return to 'form' one might have expected after reading Louise Wener's recent interviews. Ms Wener still strains to reach EVERY SINGLE NOTE on this record... or maybe she's just going for the 'breathy' vocal effect. The thing is, she *can* sing, but on this record she just isn't trying. "Could do better" as the school-master would say.

OASIS - STAND BY ME (Creation)

This lame 'ballad' from Be Here Now can only serve to stoke the flames of the Official Oasis Backlash, which is definitely a good thing. Noel just has to get his oar in with his trade-mark wailing backing vocals; why can't he just let Liam get on with it? Sing me something new? Yes please.

SUPERGRASS - LATE IN THE DAY (Parlophone)

Not the most obvious single from the *In it* for the Money album, ("Hey kids, Supergrass can do nice acoustic ones as well as theramin-fuelled rockin' numbers"), but quite cute all the same. Expect it to debut in the charts at number nine, and then never be heard or seen again.

MANSUN - CLOSED FOR BUSINESS (Parlophone)

The most interesting thing about this record is the Stuart Sutcliffe artwork, and the fact that the Sutcliffe estate have honoured Mansun by letting them use it. Which is kind of strange considering that this is the same 'epic' string-ladened rock that you get whenever you buy a Mansun e.p.

JANET JACKSON - GOT TILL IT'S GONE (Epic)

This is the best track Janet has ever recorded mainly because it sounds like nothing else she's ever recorded. There are beats, scratches, raps, and a squeaky vocal. Nice one.

Joe Downie

Three Feet

Another term arrives, and with it another chance to spend obscene amounts of cash on the music scene's finest. We check out the 'it' bands of the future

Bennet

veryone knows
Bennet.
Honestly. You
think you don't, but
if I utter those
immortal lines"Thank God, Mum
has gone to Iceland"then I know you'll all
curse, swear and
ritually burn this
article for its
impudent suggestion
that they are going to
be BIG.

But don't. Take a deep breath, then believe me when I say that they are going to make lots and lots of money.

I know that "unmentionable song"

was repetitive, overplayed, and ultimately annoying, but a quick listen to their debut album Supernatural, released last year, shows that these guys know how to write a tune or two. And live? Well live they are fantastic; cheeky. chirpy and energetic, lead singer Jason sings his tales of woe with endearing cheerfulness such that you want to take him home and cuddle him.

Listen out for their almost anthemic new single, 'I Love Rock', out now.

Robby Elson





The Lo-Fidelity All-Stars

hey only played their first gig in May and yet in that short space of time The Lo Fidelity Allstars have been hailed as the new big beat messiahs.

They have created their own genre of 'Skunkrock', prompted claims of the resurrection of a new baggy Madchester scene and even been dubbed the new Stone Roses!

Along with all this praise Mary Anne Hobbs has been namedropping them like a trooper all Summer and played "Kool Roc Bass" to death and just the simple fact of being on the Skint label along with B.R.A has ensured a

seriously rapid rise.
Future single
"Battleflag" sounds
immensely like The Fall,
they've done a cover of
"Diamonds Are
Forever", but it's the
current single "Disco
Machine Gun" that is the
undoubted killer track.

Catch them at The Cockpit on October 8.

Andy Roberts



Cornershop

aving just released their third album When I was Born for the Seventh Time to critical acclaim (but frustratingly low sales), Cornershop look set to figure prominently in those end of year album polls that we are already all thinking about.

They've dropped their old commendable-butlow-on-tunes agit pop approach, discovered the joy of smoking "funky shit", and basically chilled out into mellow groove merchants.

Check out also their cover version of "Norwegian Wood", sung entirely in Punjabi.

Singer and songwriter
Tjinder is a very happy
man at the moment, and
so he should be - he's just
penned one of the
funkiest, low-slung
albums of the year. Catch
them on tour with
Teenage Fanclub at
LMUSU this Tuesday

Joe Downie

High but R

Cuff

uff are one of those bands that display an exterior of sugar sweet harmonies, yet deal in a far darker currency in terms of lyrics. It's a combination that always hits the mark, and one that Cuff like to add a bit of geeetar dynamics and Mansun-like eccentricity to.

The Cuff story starts back in Liverpool where Lee and Ray dreamt of pop stardom and moved down to London where

they formed the band through they formed the band through adverts. "Evaporate / To Myself" was out back in June and Messrs Lamacq and Peel gave it a fair few spins, giving the band confidence to say stuff like "We could have a number one hit with a Hoover going on in the background". Hmm.

Now onto their second single "Yellowmaddacoolivision", (already championed by Jo

(already championed by Jo Whiley), why not take a peek at them at Joseph's Well on October 4.

Andy Roberts

Rachel's Basement

illed as "Birmingham's biggest unsigned band", playing "melodic, guitar driven R'n'B", Rachel's Basement are Daniel Rachel (vocals, guitar), Marc Olivier (guitar), Martin Betts (bass) and Ed Lawes (drums); oh yes, and they're bloody good too.

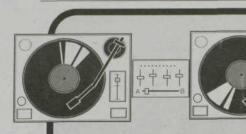
Having supported Ocean Colour Scene in the past, the

band are now halfway through their own national tour; drawing a decent sized crowd to Leeds' Joseph's Well last Saturday (a feat in itself...). Ambitious blokes with an

Ambitious blokes with an obvious passion for the task in hand, a live performance to blast the socks off the competition, and vibrant, dare we say, catchy songs to match, this is definitely a band to look out for in the future. Rachel's Basement? They're going up in the world.

Jenny Wood





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What's been on the Juice wheels of steel this week!

De Bos "On the Run" (Jive)

Sooty and Sweep on speed to the chorus of a hard house beat. Panned by Judge Jules but we love it.

Mono "Slimcea Girl" 2. (Echo)

A tasty number that requires little else of your corpse than your ears. This is a piece of music that is written to roll you through the evening with its relaxed

Lo Fidelity Allstars "Disco Machine Gun" (Skint)

Next in the line of 'Big Beat" hits on the quality Skint label. Championed by Mary-Ann Hobbs so it must be good. It has even got a few vocals. What more do

Fatboy Slim "Everybody Loves A Carnival" (Skint)

How much longer can this big-beat madness go on? In a scene that's crying out for some originality, Fatboy Slim carves up the dancefloor with a massive Latin influenced party tune that's begging for a top ten slot. He's the best.

Roni Size Reprazent "Heroes" remixes 5. (Talking Loud)

Proving that he is indeed not just a DJ but a truly accomplished musician as well, Roni Size follows up his Mercury Prize with another storming drum and bass number. These are, however the remixes and what remixes they are. A particularly good one from Kitachi makes the whole thing worth while.

DJ Shadow "High Noon" (Mo Wax)

If you don't know this already you live in the Scottish Highlands in a small hut. Quite good really.

By Phil Lindfield

EEDS, once a centre for all things gothic, and now a place where east meets west, divides are stumbled over and crossed and where you are supposed to be able to do stuff 24 hours a

day.
What we have here as a result, is result, and what a result, is commonly known hedonism. The mecca of the north swoops, jumps, rattles, is sick and falls over into a multiplicity of entertainment ideas the most important of which, as if

you didn't know, is the clubbing. Leeds city of culture may never be but Leeds 'city of staving UD

all night 'it is. There are not literally thousands of clubs in Leeds that cater for every taste whatever your calling. But Leeds is equipped to deal with every sort of bigot out there and techno snobs be warned, you have to travel out of town to YOUR club. Nevertheless, YOUR club. Nevertheless, because Leeds is also home to many of the so called anti-clubs.

What are these so called anti-clubs I hear you screaming. Contrary to popular belief they are not havens of big beat DJs playing to a room full of stoned people (well they are but what's wrong with that, man), they are clubs whose promoters and punters will listen and dance to any kind of

music that is easily danceable. The idea is to have a good time without getting grief from some wanker on the door who insists that you can't wear trainers to

dance to his type of music.

Apart from more music based clubs - where people care what music they listen to - there are numerous and bountiful opportunities for the pissheads out there. I am reliably informed that Majestyk has "millions of bars, mate" and that Planet Earth has a crazy revolving dance floor. Whatever will they think of next? Needless to say all the clubs who have it in their mission statement sell booze in extraordinary quantities also have it in their mission

statement play the best in chart music, the other clubs don't

Saving however have sick and falls over everything that

> be danced to here in Leeds. From Northern Soul to Latin, from Hip-Hop to Trance everything should be sampled, digested and spat out with venom if not to taste. If you like, however, take a lot of it, this is Leeds after all.

> THE clubs scene can, as a result of all of this, be viewed for what it really is in Leeds, an enjoyable experience which cuts through the pretensions, pops its head out, touches cloth and responds with a broad smile. This is what life is all about, or as a degenerate priest once told of the the great city "nothing could be nicer". Happy



The Afterdark in

First thing to do, order a taxi. Secondly, go. Arguably one of the homes of British techno, the Orbit at the Afterdark is a truly top night. People travel miles to do the Orbit so it is lefinetly worth checking out. A regular in the hedonists

The Pleasure Rooms

club was home to Up Yer Ronson and Back to Basics, the original Leeds clubs, or so we are led to believe. Recent times have seen bizarreness set in with the Pleasure Rooms taking a new direction. Check out the Egg and Point Blank for some idea.

Home to one of the countries original garage nights and probably one of the best. Hard Times is set to keep on getting better with the re-emergence of garage. N.A.T.O. has also played host to one of Leeds best midweekers Columbia.

The Faversham Liquid Charlie Parkers

Bar culture, eh, what can you say? Well quality tunes at highly inflated prices is one answer. However these are venues which have a credible music policy and which are nice to sit in. Where else in Leeds can you hear Hip-hop?

The Warehouse

The kindergarten where club nights learn how to do club nights, as such it has housed Vague, Columbia and It's Obvious. It only remains to be seen what the Warehouse will throw up next.

Club Mex

Cockpit Centre for all things indie which hosts

The basement club which plays host to one of the most respected Drum and Bass nights on these isles of Britain. It is called Dope and it is good.

indie Brighton Beach which not only plays you tunes, it also presents you with live acts (it seemed like Mansun were resident here at one time).

The Cockpit is also the occasional home to the

definitively cool Funky Mule which has hosted names such as Fat City, Wall of Sound, Lamb (above) and James Lavelle and is the current residence of the Nightmares on Wax crew. Funky Mule is worth going out for.

ense, nervous, head up your own arse? If so, you are in real danger of taking Stewart Home's novel too seriously. On the other hand, if you require an intellectual stomp'n'romp, you need look no further.

Johnny Agro is a skinhead of dubious morals, but with an abundance of personal pride. He and his skinhead mates, ('The Poplar Raiders'), are socially ambitious. Their combined appetite for sex and violence makes them ideal; a range of strong female characters manipulates the gang with ease

Karen Eliot is a rising star of the art world, she also has a grand plan; Not only the rebirth of an elusive avante-garde art movement, but also its near simultaneous demise. At this point, we are introduced to the starving artists, they, like the artists are looking for a fast buck, fuck, and a big break. All are ready to actively dupe the London art world.

The plot that follows is easiest to

describe in film terms; Ealing comedy meets Quentin Tarantino, but does lunch with true blue porn. Slow Death as you may realise is not your average fiction novel. The author took his inspiration from the classics of Homer, De Sade, Theweleit, and even 70's cult writer Richard Allen.

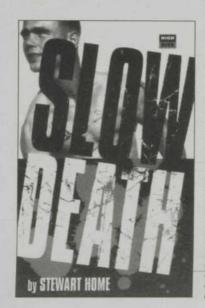
The concepts it uses whilst weaving its true story are certainly high-brow, whilst the events it portrays are made to seem very real The writer's powers of observation are extremely interesting, often characters are referred to by several names, this can often help to keep the readers on their toes.

Stewart Home High Risk £8.99

peeved at missing the

Sensation exhibition at the Royal Academy, treat yourself to this book, I did. The final words should definitely go to the New Musical Express review:

"...The skinhead author whose sperm'n'blood-sodden scribblings about the insaner fringes of pop culture make Will Self's writings read like the self-indulgent dribblings of a sad middle class Oxbridge junkie trying to sound



John King brings us his second novel in a loose trilogy, following on from The Football Factory. This book leaves behind more or less the Chelsea games and the aggro, and examines Man's other 'obsession', sex.

Five friends; Carter, Mango, Balti, Will and Harry decide to set up the Sex division and allocate a points system for how far they get in the carnal stakes. Though at first glance this appears to be macho

bullshit in the extreme, it isn't. There is a desire on the parts of all the main characters to be respected and feel at home in a brutally fashioned pecking order. This novel, and the Football Factory are, in places, very nasty. On the other hand they are not dissimilar to Nick Hornby and his two 'new man' crackers, Fever Pitch and High Fidelity.

Bear with this analogy please. Hornby discusses the male egos need to be a part of a bigger social scene whilst at the same time remain insightful, or show immense sensitivity towards

This book, however, scores on its graphic ability to get into the sad and generally futile lives of its characters. And unlike Hornby these books allow you to feel what it would be like to have your head kicked in by a Derby fan or to live in a shed tacked on the side of

John King thon Cape £9.99

your sister's house. Each of the characters gets a more or less equal share in the book and we ee eventually the men behind the machismo.

How far we carry on with this post yuppie, emotionally scarred nineties is up to the buying public. This is probably 'up there' with the better books in this style and should include his up and coming book, England Away.

Spike



hotel, once the notorious haunt of priests, prostitutes and politicians is now

Various Authors Picador £8.99

slowly decaying, destined for speedy closure and demolition. However, despite this, one night the hotel is visited by the most bizarre array of guests, each with their own dark secrets and

In room 101 we have Ben Winters, a middle-aged man vainly striving to recapture his lost youth in a final desperate attempt to inject some glamour into a life that has become stale and boring. We see how he blunders through the evening in a hilarious attempt to find someone either old enough, or ugly enough to actually fancy him. Needless to say he fails miserably, the subject of the most spectacular putdowns. We are also shown the darker side of life with the occupant of room 102 harbouring a shocking family secret, whilst room 107 holds one of Ireland's most notorious criminals who must also try to come to terms with his own nightmarish past as well as pull off one final deal.

This collection of widely differing stories is held together both by the characters' chance meetings with one another, and also by the sad figure of Simon, the hotel porter permanently drunk on stolen vodka from the hotel bar. Thus the book swings from being lighthearted to bizarre and then horrific with perfect ease as we hear the different, often

misguided perceptions that the guests hold of each other and the circumstances in which they live.

This is a superbly crafted collection of stories by some of Ireland's finest writers such as Roddy Doyle, although which author wrote which story is a mystery that is left wholly up to the reader to decide. You genuinely care for the characters as they struggle to come to terms with the shocking but always secret events that have changed their lives forever. Finbar's Hotel is a stylish and perceptive study of human nature and what goes on in the lives of so called "normal people" - a brilliant book that is well worth reading

Helen Morissey

POETRYIN MOTION

The Moderno cafe is fast becoming known as the writers' cafe in Leeds and provides a relaxed atmosphere for Urban Ink- Writers in
Performance. Organiser Kath
Murphy said: "There's a great
interest in new writing- bookshops
promoting 'cult' fiction, poetry on
Radio 1 and MTV. This is a chance to hear innovative work performed by the next generation of writers in an informal setting."

There's also space for members of the audience to read. This is useful for writers who don't feel confident enough to do a full set, but want to try out ideas in front of a supportive crowd. The results are unpredictable, but the best are invited back to perform in future

Leeds poet Geraint Hughes read at the first Urban Ink and has read at the first Urban Ink and has since returned with a new set. He said "Writers generally work alone, so it's good to get feedback. Doing live readings has also influenced the way I write. You can get away with some things live that you wouldn't on the

Urban Ink is held on the second Tuesday of each month (14 October, 11 November, 9 December) and features Stuart Stones, Kath Jones and Mark Lancaster. Admission is free.

Moderno Cafe, Lower Briggate, Leeds. Tel. 0113 234 0301 Further info from Kath Murphy.

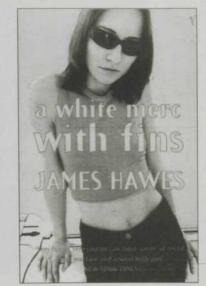
bunch of misfits. narrator, Reservoir Dogs fetishist Brady, Chico, Suzy the Black Widow and many other wild characters make this first novel a joy to read.

The anti-hero has a plan. The objective is to rob Michael Winner's bank. One of thos private, non-bank looking type places. It is a book that dares to be read in one go. Now that the course curriculum has essentially chosen your required reading for this semester, sling it in the bin for a week or two and read this instead. The pace is quick, the pace is very quick. It has an almost immediate filmatic appeal and seems spoof-like of the heist, Dogs, genre. In fact there lies the appeal, like 'Dogs' with

Vintage £5.99

over the top characters and over the top scenes. The book genuinely sees the world of the haves and the have-nots with a clarity that is both amusing and incisive. The underlying themes touch on AIDS, how to save your life after graduating in accountancy and class warfare. Full of pull- out quotes to save your own sanity during Freshers week this book is funny Hawes' second novel Rancid Aluminium is the shops now and whilst more surreal still deserves to sit on your shelf along with this gem.

Spike





Homogenic (One Little Indian

omogenic sees Bjork not only take control of production duties for the first time, but deliver what is arguably her finest solo work to date.

As with Debut and Post, Homogenic is an eclectic piece of work which ranges from the harsh techno-stomp of 'Pluto' through to the sweeping, almost epic. orchestration of 'Bachelorette' Yet it still manages to retain a cohesiveness that her previous albums have often lacked.

It is an admirable quality of Bjork's that despite being massively successful, she is not afraid to experiment, and the results on Homogenic are truly dazzling.

Roger



Urban Hymns (Hut)

n years to come, inane pop quizzes will ask "What song was number one the weekend of Princess Diana's funeral?" Most competitors will, of course, say Elton John. The fact that The Verve quietly went about sealing their first number one sums up quite nicely how this truly great band have calmly and quietly eased their way into a nation's affections.

Don't forget, this was supposed to be the year where Oasis reclaimed their rightful throne as kings of British music. When everybody else shuffled aside and acknowledged just how good the lads really were. But the simple fact is thus: Urban Hymns is far, far better than the result of Noel's tired cliches. So much better, actually, that it's embarrassing. And I

With *Urban Hymns*, The Verve have finally lived up to their potential, finally made the album that everybody who cared a jot about them knew they were capable of. And it begins as it should, with "Bittersweet Symphony" and its majestic orchestras and thumping beats a signal of intent. The glorious thing about this song, as with the rest of the album, is that it could only have been made in 1997 yet still sounds so instantaneously classic that you wonder why it hadn't been done before.

And then, "Sonnet", You won't believe me when I say that it sounds like the bastard brother of "True" by Spandau Ballet, or from that description, that it will be any good at all. But somehow it's amazing. Like "On Your Own" but with more ambition, more vision and unbelievably for Richard Ashcroft, less



depression. Instead of, "You go in on your own and you leave on your own' it's "Yeah, there's love if you want it, don't sound like a sonnet." Which isn't exactly romantic, but for this tortured man from Wigan it's certainly a start.

They've also sorted out their only previous failing - the rambling ten minute "experimental" tracks that cluttered up the past two albums. The only song that comes anywhere near this is the seven minuter "Rolling People", which sounds so gloriously epic in a "This is Music" kind of way that you almost want it to last longer. It fades into "The Drugs Don't Work" and you wonder how Urban Hymns could possibly get any better. For their only number one sounds all the greater in this company rather than sandwiched in between Dannii Minogue and, erm, Elton John.

In fact, it's difficult not to get too gushing in praise at this stage. But it's such a genuinely exciting album to listen to for the first time. "Catching the Butterfly" is almost Verve-by-numbers but still so bloody beautiful. And to think these songs might never had seen the light of day if Richard and Nick hadn't made up. It doesn't bear thinking about

And that's only side one done with. The rest is similarly magnificent. "Space and Time" begins with Gallagher-esque acoustic twiddling before roaring into life, again shunning the thought processes of "On Your Own" - "I just can't make it alone, oh no no," he pleads to a lover. This song embodies what makes them a far better band than Oasis97 - a true grasp of soulful music tied up with similarly heart rendering

It's soon followed by the innovative "This Time", again showing up "the best band in Britain" for the mess they are at the moment. Ashcroft's jaunty lyrics trip and stumble over a shuffling, slowed down drum 'n' bass beat. Again, it works wonderfully well where other "rock" bands would undoubtedly fail.

There's far too many fantastic, eloquent, and cool songs on Urban Hymns to pick on in this limited space. But the last track, "Come On" deserves added attention. It is quite simply one of the best, loudest and most furious songs you are ever likely to hear. Remember the recent Oasis documentary when Liam plaintively said, "I'm not very good with words, so... come on"? If ever a phrase could sum up the distance between these two bands now, this is it.

For The Verve have managed to craft.

an album that yes, swaggers in places, and is extremely arrogant in others too But it has an intelligence, a thought behind it that Oasis will never come near Verve have metamorphised from a cult band into the most important group we have at the moment. A truly incredible, **Ben East** masterful album.

Northern Uproar LUU Intro Week

fter an eleven month absence from the music scene Northern Uproar returned to a storming reception at Leeds University's Intro

As well as sporting new hair do's, Uproar gave the crowd of freshers forty five minutes of what vocalist Leon described as 'sheer rock n roll"

Gone are their days of thrashing out noise. Since the release of their latest album, Yesterday, Tomorrow, Today, they have discovered harmonies and melodies as well as introducing a brass section.

The gig opened with one of their older songs, "From a Window", which caused a stir but the crowd become more responsive when more of their new tracks were played.



Songs like, "Blown Away", and "What's it Gonna Be" still have some threads of the old T'Uproar thrashing. But their new songs have a distinctive Beach Boys feel, and shades of The Beatles can be heard, as in their previous chart success of "Anyway You Look" and their new single "Goodbye.

The highlight of the gig came at the end with their closing number "More Than This" - a magnificent song, incorporating both acoustic and electronic sounds. It held the whole audience spellbound.

This song should be the making of the new and greatly improved Northern Uproar.

Victoria Butcher

Maverick A Strike

very time you see a picture of Finley Quaye, the man has the smile the size of Manchester slapped across his face. I mean, he must get pissed off sometimes. Or else he smokes a grotesque amount of dope.

lot to smile about. His debut album, the oddly titled Maverick A Strike, is set to be huge. I mean, BIG. And here's the best bit; listening to the album is the most laid-back relaxing, and ultimately 'happy' experience you can possibly have short of ingesting a kilo of prime Dutch skunk. Tempting

From the opening track, the aptly named "Ultra Stimulation" through the now famous 'Sunday Shining right up to the final title track, the music gently bubbles away, sometimes lifting you, sometimes dropping you, but always softly cushioning you with its mad hybrid of reggae, soul, dub,



and blues.

Genius

He is, incidentally, Tricky's uncle, yet he seems to share none of his nephew's paranoia or dark insecurity. Where Tricky can be menacing, Quaye merely invites you to sit back, close your eyes and smile right along with him.

Robby Elson

Win Tickets!

aft Punk, those crazy French DJ types, will be gracing the Leeds Town and Country Club stage on Thursday October 30th.

Their debut album Homework has made them a household name, with its funked up techno beats, cheesy loops and booming

To celebrate this very special event, the T&C will be opening until 2am, along with a full cast of supporting DJs.

You could fork out £11 for the privilege, or you could enter our exclusive competition. All you have to do is answer this very

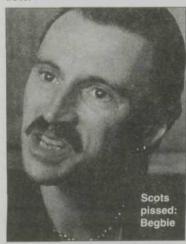
What animal featured in the video for their top ten single "Da Funk"?

Answers by phone to the Leeds Student Competition Hotline on (0113) 243 4727. If you don't get lucky phone the box office on (0113) 280 0100 for tickets.



Γ WAS said, when Trainspotting exploded onto the big screen in 1996, that Hollywood had to 'come in' because its time was, for all intents and purposes, 'up'.
Its impact, brilliance and

British film-making faithrestoring properties were such that it became not only a film of the year but a lifestyle commodity, with all the hype and shedloads of posters and CDs it helped to sell



All of the baggage the film ended up carrying could not detract from the simple fact that it was a superb and original piece of work, not glamourising drug addiction as was suggested in some quarters, but a jet black tragi-comedy dealing with the lives of a group of young people caught up in early 90s Edinburgh and the harsh realities of their situation.

After the success of their debut feature - the even blacker but just as good carry-on that is *Shallow Grave* - director Boyle, producer Andrew Macdonald and writer John Hodge took Irvine Welsh's difficult novel and turned it into a rollicking good ride, at times tinged with sadness but in the main dynamic, fresh and very funny.

This new edition, apart from being green and not orange.

being green and not orange (perhaps Graham Taylor has joined the board at PolyGram), contains nine new scenes which, while not altering the plot enormously, reveal extra details about the characters

extra details about the characters that are nevertheless interesting. Choice cuts include Diane dumping Renton while he plays football and Sick Boy and Renton talking about You Only Live Twice while coming off smack. All of the extra bits have not been restored to the film but interspersed with an the film, but interspersed with an interview at the end when it might have been better to see them edited

But what it all boils down to is the same brilliant flick with some nice - but not essential - knobs on. Purchase immediately if you don't already own the original, but you won't have to lock yourself in a room with three buckets and a pile of porn if you do.

Paul Wilson

HIS film, the latest offering from Muriel's Wedding helmer P J Hogan, tries to shed some light on one of life's great mysteries.

Not how they manage to keep the centre of a Milky Way so light and fluffy (because they just do), but the old chestnut about lads and lasses. Can they be best friends; can a man and a woman have a close, platonic relationship without indulging in any kind of romantic activity or horizontal

bedroom gymnastics?
Well, when food writer Jules
(Julia Roberts) finds out that her
best friend Mike (Dermot Mulroney) is getting married in four days, she realises she's loved him all along and simply can't allow any kind of matromonials to take place.

Bless.

But it's not going to be easy when the object of Michael's affections is billionaire's daughter Kim - in the guise of the ever-so-slightly attractive Cameron Diaz. Jules, not one for "icky love stuff", can't just tell the man how she feels so she resorts to underhand tactics in an attempt to break up the intended and convince Mike who he really should be with. Her earlier and more subtle attempts at rocking the love boat only strengthen the bond, so she weaves an ever-more complex and sneaky web.

sneaky web. The nadir of the shenanigans comes when Jules, on the spur of a

Godfather Trilogy for the

The trilogy comes in two

alternate versions. Firstly the

consists of the three videos in

a rather fancy box for £34.99

or, for £39.99, the same set in

the original screen ratio but with an extra tape of

This tape lasts fifty minutes and shows Ford Copolla, writer

Mario Puzo and the cast on set,

as well as informing the audience of all the goings-on. In case you are not already

widescreen version, which

last two years, this box set is every fanatic's

dream.

interviews.

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Best friends: Cameron and Julia

tricky little moment, ropes in her gay editor George as a blatantly false counter-fiancee to make Michael jealous. But George (a brilliant, movie-stealing Rupert Everett) gets his own back and, in the film's outstanding moment, turns a pre-hitch lunch into a full choral rendition of Say A Little Prayer. Trust me...

rendition of Say A Little Prayer.

Trust me...

What happens next is not a million miles away from a Hollywood ending, but the film is cut above most fluffy romantic comedies thanks to plenty of humorous touches and fine performances - especially Roberts' return to form as a top-drawer leading lady and Diaz's turn as a 20-year-old proving her to be a talent for the future.

for the future.

It's hardly earth-shattering stuff, but this is a perfect date flick - just no confessing anything to fit friends afterwards though, please.

Paul Wilson

Julia Roberts dricky Pretty Woman Dir: Garry Marshall

ULIA is an insecure career woman who falls for a devastatingly handsome chap but can't tell him how she really feels, going misty-eyed a few times

going misty-eyed a few times in the process.

No this is not My Best Friends Wedding but Pretty Woman - the film that catapulted Ms Roberts into megastar territory way back in 1990. Accused of glamourising prostitution (it doesn't) this is one top, fluffy, funny feelgood film in which Ju manages to melt tycoon Richard Gere's heart when he pays her \$3000 to spend the week with him. Not a bad return on three grand really.

odfather Trilogy Dir: Francis Coppol Stars: Pacino, DeNir



familiar with the plot (does such a person exist?) here goes:
Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando),

Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando), heads one of the most powerful five mafia families in America. He is otherwise known as the Don, or to his closest associates, as The Godfather. Vito's son Michael Corleone (played by Al Pacino, but a part both Martin Sheen and James Caan were considered for), succeeds his father, and eventually brings his family into utter ruin.

For a 25-year-old film, The Godfather has lost none of its impact. It is filled with legendary scenes and quotes which ave passed into film lore setting the standard for studio-produced movies with a perfect mix of top-class acting, production and writing

The second film is not so much a sequel as a prequel-sequel with the

sequel as a prequel-sequel with the

continuing adventures of Michael alongside footage of the young Vito (Robertt DeNiro) establishing himself in turn of the century New

Both The Godfather and The Godfather II, are essential viewing (and Best Picture Oscar winners), whereas The Godfather III is disappointing in contrast, but saves itself from duing a death with a itself from dying a death with a superb denouement.

Not only must you buy this set, rest assured it is good value at the price, because after all you could buy two for the price of the original poster as this, I have been informed, is well over £75!

Lauren Pushkin

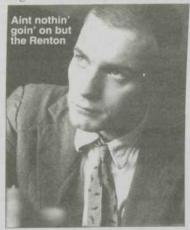


YOUR VERY OWN TRAINSPOTTING: THE GREEN EDITIO



OU'VE seen it at the pictures, bought the soundtrack, t-shirt, poster, book and orange video and, of course, tried heroin.

Well, most of these probably, but you cannot have failed to have been bitten by the Trainspotting



Now you can become complete at last with the brand new Green version, thanks to PolyGram Video who have generously shipped us five copies which are now up for

grabs.
The vid - with 50p of its £12.99 asking price going to the Calton
Athletic Recovery Group - went on
release on September 15, and
contains plenty of new material in
its nine extra scenes, which were
only excluded from the original as the film-makers wanted a 90 minute

picture and no more.

But now they've been added to
this new edition, along with the
trailer and the video to
Underworld's Born Slippy.

To win one of the fantastic five,

just answer this question.

In a word, what attracts Spud to the leisure industry?

If you know the answer to this tricky little teaser, get to the phone and ring: 243 4727

The first five people to ring in with the correct answer on Friday will win law to the aforementioned

Sheffield's 'chippendales'

Why spend \$30,000,000 on a Hollywood blockbuster, when the Brits are showing the Yanks how it's really done, and on a much lower scale? LAUREN PUSHKIN takes a look at the current state of things on this side of the Atlantic, while BEN EAST casts an eye over the upcoming britpop gangster flick Face.

ho needs Hollywood? Who needs blockbusters? Who needs a film that costs twenty times more than the amount Robert Redford offered for Demi Moore in Indecent Proposal?

Who wants huge names, mammoth effects and unrealistic scenes? But most of all, who in their right mind wants to see a Ferarri blown up once, let alone to have to go through the torment firstly in Bad Boys, and then again in The Rock!

Not the Brits. Not anymore. Call it film realism, call it an attack against Hollywood glitz. call it what you like, all I know, is I would rather watch a low budget, light entertainment flick than an 'everybody dies, I can't contain the emotion' movie,

any day. The success of the last few ears have allowed directors such as Mike Leigh, Ken Loach, Danny Boyle and Alan Parker, to produce what their public wants to see. Films, about themselves, about where they live, who they affiliate with. Films about British people and British life. Trainspotting (with the new green edition only just released), and Breaking the Waves, allow the audience to witness the bleak side of life, by showing the traps the average person can easily fall into, but still manage to maintain humour throughout. It is this humour and light heartedness that is displayed in Britain's latest success, The Full Monty.



laughable. Five less than fit. unemployed men, who need to make a few 'bob', decide to take on a career as Sheffield's version of the chippendales. Robert Carlivle, known for his role as a psychotic, face smashing scot in
Trainspotting, plays Gaz, the
brains of the group. It is
through his will to keep seeing
his son, that he decides to form

a striptease act.
This strip tease act,

however does not hold the fully toned, tanned and oiled credentials of the chippendales, anyone who can dance and sing is in. And this is why your rib cage won't be able to contain itself. Watching Only Fools and Horses Denzil, strut to the funky monkey and prim and proper Tom Wilkinson, shake his stuff around is enough to make anyone keel over. It's not just the dancing scenes that are so hilarious, but the witty script, will

make some lines memorable for a long time. Lines like, maybe this antiwrinkle cream will work,

but do

Phil Davies in Face

HIS being the first slice of scuttlebutt of the year, thought it might be nice to share with you some of the top turns coming your way in the next few months. A Life Less Ordinary (Oct



24) has Ewan McGregor and Cameron Diaz in it, and the Hodge/Boyle/McDonald triumvirate behind it - say no more. Advance reviews from America are, well, bloody brilliant so watch out for these

brilliant so watch out for these two to be on every magazine cover in the shop.

James Ellroy's LA

Confidential (Oct 31) also has advance word that could be described as 'smashing'. The story of corruption and other such underhand antics in 1950s LA has Guy Pearce - Mike from Neighbours - in a starring role, but don't let that

give co-stars of the calibre of Kevin Spacey a run for their acting money in a superb pulpy tale. In Face/Off (Nov 7),



Nicholas Cage and John Travolta not only fight each other under the watchful eye

of HK legend John Woo (which sounds good enough in itself) but they swap faces about halfway through. Trust me, it's going to be massive.

Three weeks later, Alien
Resurrection brings the

hardest woman in the world -Sigourney Weaver's Ripley -back to the big screen (Nov 28). Only this time, she's half human, half hideous-killingmachine alien having been reconstructed from a bit of DNA left around at the end of Alien3. Get over that slightly-stretched premise, add Winona Ryder and prepare for sci-fi of the highest order. In fact the next chapter in the tale has



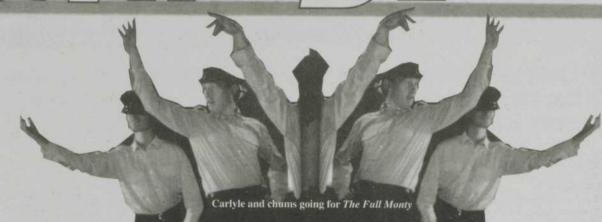
been greenlighted on the back of US test audience reaction. Bond is back in *Tomorrow* Never Dies (Dec 10) with

media mogul Jonathan Pryce instigating WWIII to sell a few papers, and James Bond, well,

not letting him. The stunts are purported to be nothing short of magnificent, Terri Hatcher and Michelle Yeoh keep the babe quotient at a maximum and the



cool-as-beans Pierce Brosnan confirms his silver medal place amongst Bonds. Begin polishing Aston Martin now.



know anywhere that sells

anti-fat bastard cream?"

The Full Monty is a prime example of the heights British film is reaching. Not only are the directors doing well, but this new genre of films producing many talented actresses and actors, who would not be able to emerge

in Hollywood. British film is not about being six foot and looking like Pierce Brosnan, it is about five ordinary guys, fat

and all, dancing around and having a laugh. Talent like Ewan McGregor, Robert Carlyle, Katrin Cartilidge and Emily Watson are showing the Watson are showing the plastic people in the states, how to really act, and what's more, talent is what a British audience would rather see.

Being British is what it is

all about, so why take a champagne glass when you



can have a pint to wash down your fish and chips? Let the film directors over here keep entertaining the public, their public, in a light hearted and entertaining way.

This is the way film should be used, to tell its message, but most of all, toentertain, and my view of entertainment, is not by watching a load of dinosaurs run around and destroy the planet, (Jurassic Park) or Sylvester Stallone shoo people to smitherines, (Judge Dredd or any of his films for that matter). No, I would rather see five blokes from Sheffield prancing around on stage and going for the Full Monty any

TEN BRUTISH GREATS

TRAINSPOTTING

Sez, drings, rock in' roll its got the lot and this winning combination dished out in liberal dises as well as lots of misbehaving and kwan MacGregor that role has made this film a must for all students.

THE ITALIAN JOB

CULT dassic ons heist caper with Michael Caine, Benny Hill (9 and a magnificent red, white and blue Minischuse around Rome. One of the best endings to a

SHALLOW GRAVE

A BLACK this of three fintunites whose new house ment dies leaving a horde of each. They decide to borry him and keep the dough but this leads to solve chilling consequences and a few unexpected twists.

THE COMMITMENTS

EVER wanted to tart a band and make it big??
Well the Irish group in this film certainly want to
try and thus 'The Commitments' are born. They
may not make it to the top on screen but their
spaces provide a stanning soundtrack which makes
the film well worth a watch.

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Superd Ken Lyach drama featuring the best football scene ever in films - teacher Brian Glover recreating Spars v Man t during his games lesson.

GOLDFINGER

He's the man, the man with the Midas touch... The best Bond in the best bond movie, simple as that.

Secrets and lies

MIKE Leigh's much accidined movie, of true Brits and the opinionals of British family life. Adopted thild and birth mother are remaited into a less than understanding circle of relations, where many out into the open.

MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRATE

Only about three jokes out of three thousand miss in the Pythons' medineval romp. And there's a victors

THE LONG GOOD FRIDAY

Bob Hoskins is very hard in this, the 80s entry in the onesested and a brilliant Brit sangster libra-Get Carter (1973). this (1980), and maybe bace

THE KRAYS

THE Kemp twins return to Vallance Rd to portray Britain's very own gangsters. With a screen presence more feared than Grant and Phil vintchell, this film makes vital viewing for all gangater genre lover

Talents like Ewan McGregor, Robert Carlyle, Katrin Cartilidge and Emily Watson are showing the plastic people in the states, how to really act.

O YOU'VE got the sickening violence. The black comedy. The big guns. The fuckin' awful language. Hell, in this film you've even got the pop star.



So what makes Face different from any other gangster gun-fest?

Well, for a start, it's British, which these days is almost a guaranteed seal of quality. And secondly, you can identify with Face, believe in it. There's no Pulp Fictionstyle coke scenes in plush apartments here. This is real, gritty East-End drama. And it's damn good to boot.

First, the actors. It seems like every half-decent British

film these days has Robert Carlyle running the show. In Face he cements his reputation as one of our finest actors - he tries his hand at yet another accent, this time a broad Cock-er-

nee, and turns in a yet another fine performance. But certainly the big-name star pull slot is filled by Damon Albarn. The first time he walked in shot the time he walked in shot, the audience in the cinema cheered. And because he has no reputation in the world of cinema, you're almost willing Damon to turn in a



out of place popstar.
What really makes Face work, though, is the script and plot. It raises the film above the genre by getting underneath the skin of the characters. Ray (Carlyle) has morals, problems with women and a family background which explains his descent into the world of coines. And this is miscored. crime. And this is mirrored by the rest of the "firm" he works in. These are bank robbers, yes, but real people with real lives and emotions too. It all has the refreshing effect of raising Face above the "will this do?" attitude of

good debut. Thankfully, he

does himself proud - which perhaps we shouldn't be too

surprised about, he went to

drama school after all - and becomes a lovable roguish

type character rather than an

emanating from Hollywood. Similarly, the humour in the film works because it seems so natural to have it there. There's no jarring comic scenes, just pithy and plain funny lines when the occasion demands it.

much of the material

Face comes from a long line of British gangster

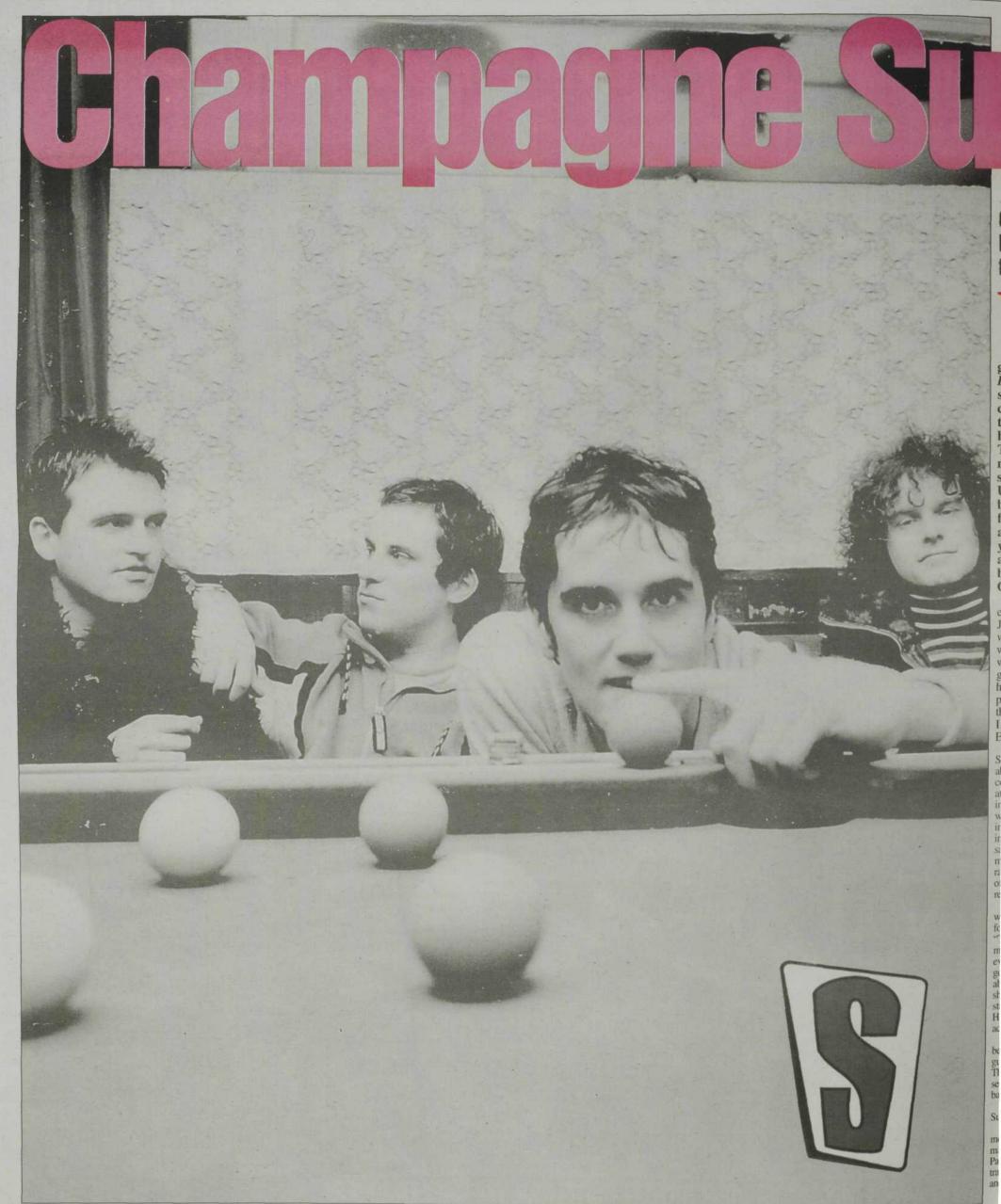
movies, like The Long Good Friday, The Italian Job and Get Carter. While it will perhaps never achieve the classic status bestowed upon this holy trinity, well, not for ten years at least, there's a certain sense of satisfaction to be gained

from Face, if only stylistically.

It feels good to see football shirted blokes-in-pubs on the big screen. It's good to see the characters go to a "job" in a Mondeo rather than a Cadillac. But above all it's good to see all this tied down to a satisfying plot and actors that seem born

for the parts.
While by no means perfect - the final ten minutes is strangely comic book - Face is yet another example of the glorious renaissance of British film. Go and see it, if only to celebrate the fact that as a nation of film-makers. we're well and truly back.

WEEK MIKE LEIGH AND KATRIN CARTLIDGE ON CAREER



HEIRING

Queen fans ahoy! The Supernaturals are here and they're coming for your Freddie Mercury moustaches. Help! But as CHRIS LEADBEATER finds out, in the end it's far better to copy Bohemian Rhapsody than The Beatles. After all, you've got to smile...

do in the situation? There vou are, a young Scottish guitar band whose debut album It Doesn't Matter Anymore is shifting respectable numbers of opies, and whose recent single, the infuriatingly catchy "Smile" has just become your first Top Twenty hit. And you're about to make your entrance onto the second stage at Glastonbury. Unfortunately Glastonbury is busying itself with sinking six feet into the mud and fantasising about long hot baths. So what do vordo? Well, you take the stage, allive of you, in matching white boler suits, don't you? Obviously.

We got the idea from the TV." pains Supernaturals' lead singer limes McColl. "We were on tour, and wethought it would be really funny if we went on stage at Glastonbury in while boiler suits, because we'd just gecovered in mud. And it didn't happen. I saw Symposium getting pelled, because they actually said to heaudience 'Go on, throw it.' But all lot thrown at me was a bottle of

Three months on from Glastonbury, the Supernaturals can feel smugly satisfied about a summer spent quietly accruing newerts to their cause, even if their mempts to investigate the Trenchfoot alicing properties of west country mud mont of an enthusiastic home crowd at T the Park, an appearance at V97 in Leeds their particular brand of uplifting melody and major chords literally chase the microwds away to a less mad for it part of the country. Yes, James McColl has really quite enjoyed his summer.

The funniest festival moment for me was at Glastonbury when I got mistaken for the bass player from Cast," he muses This guy came up to me on Sunday moming after Cast had played the previous gening, and he said 'That was a really god gig last night. It was a real shame but John (Power) getting covered in it realised what he was thinking gright away, so I just went along with it. Hedidn't even clock that I had a Scottish ent, so I signed his programme 'Peter

Ken our keyboard player was standing whind me giggling away and slapping the sy on the back, and he still didn't click. hen about half an hour later he must have en us up on stage and thought 'the

Welcome to the merry old world of the

Except that life hasn't always been so nerry down Supernatural way. Their music may sound as bouncy as a beachful of panela Anderson impersonators at a pumpoline contest, but listen to the lyrics and you get the impression that somebody

has been feeling a bit sorry for themselves. "Love has passed away, but I visit its grave every day," runs the chorus of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly titled "I over her product in the control of the aptly the a titled "Love has passed away." And underneath the chiming guitars and vocal harmonies of "Smile" comes the warning to do exactly as the song title sugge because "that's all that you've got left. Defend yourself, Mr McColl. Surely upbeat Scottish pop songs aren't meant to say such things

"I split up with my girlfriend when I was writing the album. I still love her a lot, but unfortunately.it's finished."

Ah, sorry.

Yeah, I was really feeling sorry for myself... but I don't regret it. Although a lot of the new songs I've written aren't as bad. I hope the new album will be more bubblegum than the last one. In retrospect I wish the last album had just been twelve versions of "Lazy Lover," to be honest."

H yes, "Lazy Lover." Now there is a song to get to grips with. So to a song to get to grips with. So to speak. A casual glance at the lyrics reveals such couplets as 'I'm her lazy lover, I'd much rather do it in my head.'
It's all about... well it's all about bashing
the bishop, isn't it? Spanking the monkey
Playing the pink oboe. Any particular

you play. If we always did the thing with the boiler suits, it would become a case of 'Oh fuck, here they come again, doing the same old stuff.

"Some of the things we used to do before we got signed were pretty outrageous, but we wouldn't do them now because they're just so stupid," he continues. "I used to have a bicycle and I'd cycle round venues on it while the rest of the band were playing, - although that was only because places were half empty! And stuff like Ken coming on stage wearing a cardboard box... We wouldn't get away with doing that now, because our record company would tell us (puts on high pitched voice) 'You're turning into a novelty band.' It's difficult."

Surely the Supernaturals aren't planning to sell out. To just stand there, playing their instruments with professional concentration. To simply deliver their songs, play one encore and bugger off home. To turn into, gasp... Oasis. James McColl has obviously had enough dealings with the press to spot a controversy courting question. Damn, and indeed

bugger.

"The thing about slagging Oasis off is that I get the feeling Noel Gallagher reads every newspaper in Britain. If any band

John Lennon wrote their songs. After a while, if you're a new band, it just really gets on your tits.

"I read an article [in MoJo] on the top one hundred singles of all time, and there was virtually nothing from the '80s... no Prince records, no Dexy's records, hardly any rap, hardly any punk. It's all a completely distorted view on music. I mean, the Beatles were a good band, but there have been a lot of other bands since who may not have been as brilliant as them, but who have got their own sound and have done their own things. Like the Ramones, and Queen, and...bloody hell, millions of

Did he say Queen? Yes, he did. That's Queen who had a guitarist with the biggest hair this side of a Van Halen fan convention during an electric storm. That's Queen who sang songs about bicycle race and (ooh, the political incorrectness of it all) fat bottomed girls. That's Queen who are possibly the most unfashionable band in the world. Ever. Are they really the sort of group we wish to see influencing our '90s hopefuls? Well apparently so. "Yeah, when we were writing "Love has passed away" we thought 'Yeah, we'll try and go for that Queen thing,"

ND he's telling the truth. Anybody who witnessed the Supernaturals at V97 will have noticed a passing resemblance between Jame McColl's performance and that of a certain Mr Mercury. Maybe it was the moment he stood on the drum kit, one arm raised and back to the crowd. Maybe it was the posturing with the microphone stand. Or maybe it was the heat and the amount of alcohol being consumed on the premises. Of course, transforming yourself into Freddie Mercury for an entire gig would be quite a gimmick. Any plans to go on stage with leotard and handlebar moustache, Mr McColl?

"Ken actually did that two ears ago in this little club in Perth full of really hard people," he laughs. He walked onstage in this really tight basketball top, and he'd painted on a black moustache. Within about the first half a minute he knew he'd made a very big mistake. (Laughs again) He got extreme abuse. He was dancing around like Freddie Mercury, and he was like 'Oh fuck, I'd better leave the stage before I get my head kicked in. So I might try it. but I don't think Ken would."

Sex and drugs and rock and roll and handlebar moustaches. You'd better



reason for writing a song about wanking then'

people's lights out."

James-singer

"Well the band are all pretty much experts. But it is about wanking and it isn't. The song is about a girl I was seeing called Eloisa, who lived on the other side of Glasgow. And to get to see her took me two hours on the train and the buses, so basically she'd phone up, and I could never be bothered to go over there. And that's really what it's about. I didn't intend it to be about wanking, but the moment I played it to the producer he says... "That's about having a polish." And I'm like... "No, it's not." But when you write a song and somebody decides it's about something

else, you end up just accepting it."
A song such as "Lazy Lover" should be ample indication that The Supernaturals don't take themselves too seriously. A brief glance at their live history also bears this out. The boiler suits that came out for Glastonbury and V97 were the latest examples of the band's belief that a concert should consist of more than just going out and playing the songs, "I think you have to try to have some fun on stage," McColl explains. "You need to talk to the audience and enjoy yourself. We do do the odd daft

thing."

He also admits that it's hard to come up

the "Live performance". with new things to do. "Live performance becomes less spontaneous if you do everything the exact same way every time

go insane and start mouthing off about them, threatening to punch their lights out. I really like Oasis but I've never seen them live, so I don't know if standing deadly still works for them. The whole standing still thing is, in it's own way a performance, but if it works for them, it doesn't work for the twenty imitators who think that by looking exactly like Oasis they are achieving

N a summer where new albums by Radiohead and Oasis have straddled the charts like an antisocial antiseptic android colossus with a Mancunian accent and a penchant for shouting 'come oon, and when you can't walk the streets without tripping over a fourteen minute guitar 'workout,' the likes of the Supernaturals come as something of pleasant contrast. Not that James McColl dislikes Radiohead or Oasis, but sometimes, you see, the British music scene's fascination with either the sound of their own feedback or all things Lennon-McCartney can get a young band down.

"With Oasis and magazines like MoJo," McColl interjects, "you get this whole thing where the Beatles and certain other bands are treated like the Virgin Mary. You keep reading about how fucking "Penny Lane" was recorded, and all these stupid stories about how Paul McCartney and

A quick 'n' simple guide to the best...and worst of Scottish bands

the best...

TEENAGE FANCLUB

FOR top Scottish bands, you don't have to look uch further than the 'Fannies Crashing guitars, top melodies with pop leanings, they are now on their fifth album. Songs from Northern Britain, is yet another classic. Nice work



ERM, DEACON BLUE



ANYBODY who pretends they didn't once like these Scottish popsters is lying. Every single jukebox in the world has "Real Gone Kid" on it, and quite sight Kid" on it, and quite right too. Horribly uncool - I once saw them on Wogan
- but nevermind. Ricky Ross will always have a place in our hearts

Other hot scots: The Vaselines, Travis, Eugenius and, of course, The Supernaturals.

BIS

THE worst band in Britain? They're certainly in contention. Definitely the worst lyrics by far and the most annoying singing voice, ever. They sing: "One day you'll realise that you're not that great, the people hate you...". How sadly



DEL AMITRI



THE favourites of ugly sales reps, who'll tap their thumbs on their company car steering wheels in time to this band's awful tunes. Like Bis, their songs are strangely ironic.
"Nothing Ever Happens" they sing. Never in the history of music was a song title more apt...

Other travesties from north of the border: Runrig, Marillion, Wet Wet Wet and, of course, Texas

> By Robby Elson and Ben East

Coming soon to a TV screen near you...

Hands Of The Ripper

1.00am Saturday, BBC1

The daughter of Jack the Ripper goes on a killing spree of her own in this cheerfully cheap, gruesomely good chiller from Hammer Studios.

Empty Cradle

10.30pm Saturday, ITV

Gasp! as a cast of American TV regulars go into screaming hysteria over a babynatching case.

Memphis Belle

4.05pm Sunday, ITV

Harry Connick Jr and Eric Stoltz star as crew members of a WW2 bomber on its final mission. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll reach for the remote after an hour.

The Color Purple

Introducing Whoopi G 9.00pm Sunday, C5 Goldberg.

After years of aliens, lost tribes and giant sharks, Steven Spielberg turned his hand to this adaptation of Alice Walker's breathtaking novel of racism and family drama in America's Deep South. A stunner.

The Adventures Of Priscilla. **Queen Of The Desert**

10.00pm Sunday, C4

Hugely entertaining comedy-drama about three flamboyant drag queens stranded in the Australian outback when their bus breaks down. Glam, gleeful, great

Irreconcilable Differences

3.30pm Monday, C5

Shelley Long and Ryan O'Neal deliver the angst in this slightly heavy but always gripping divorce drama.

Hustle

11.50pm Tuesday, BBC1

Sordid thriller with Burt Reynolds getting is moustache in a twist over hooke Catherine Deneuve

Driving Miss Daisy

9.00pm Wednesday, C4

Smooth cruising with Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman in a sublime, lightly comedic drama.

Blue Chips

10.45pm Wednesday, BBC1

Plenty of hula about the hoops, as basketball coach Nick Nolte goes corrupt. Nick, it's the taking part that counts...

Walkabout

9.00pm Thursday, C4

Symbolic imagery galore in this trippy tale of two orphans abandoned in the desert. Jenny Agutter stars.

Forget that ginger megalomaniac Chris Evans. Forget that unbelievably crude American chappie Howard Stern. Instead ROBBY ELSON talks to Mark and Lard, Godlike geniuses of radio comedy, and now, singers and songwriters for the selfstyled 'Greatest Rock and Roll Band Ever', The Shirehorses

ntil a year or so ago, Radio 1 was essential listening for those of us who were doing a spot of late-night drinking and couldn't afford a T.V. Between ten and midnight, two slightly deranged northern blokes would talk what can only be described as utter bollocks. Inspired bollocks, but bollocks none the less.

Occasionally they would play some pretty damn fine music to boot. But we didn't listen for the music. Oh no. We would listen for the ritual humiliation of 'Lard' by his tormentor, Mark Radcliffe. We would listen for the childish, yet endlessly funny reworkings of top indie hits. We would listen mainly because we were pissed, and they were clearly insane.

Far more talented than Chris Evans with his half-baked attempts at American style shock-jock radio, Radcliffe and Riley actually created a show of slapstick humour; a style of humour hitherto reserved

exclusively for visual mediums. Then, as the 'Ginger One' left Auntie in a tantrum, some fool

decided to ruin our fun by moving these two nutters to a slot that only insomniacs and people with proper jobs would listen to.

'We never really wanted to do the breakfast show in the first place, but having got it, we wouldn't have minded keeping it a bit longer. But getting up at that time is horrible and it's fantastic that we've only got two more weeks left to do". We can only

imagine (and most of us would like to keep it that way). Within a week, Radio 1

had lost around one million listeners. Clearly, early morning sobriety and comedy genius don't mix o well. So in the BBC's infinite

wisdom, Mark and Lard are to be moved again, this time to an afternoon slot. Their replacement? Zoe Ball. God help us.
"Zoe Ball is a lovely, lovely

lady. In fact, the last time we saw her she was picking bits of mud off of our legs at Glastonbury. But that's the kind of thing people in showbusiness get up to all the time sour know?" you know?

We'll have to take your word for that Mr. Lard, we're just poor simple folk. But doesn't having a daytime slot cramp your style a bit? "I don't think we have a style to cramp really

Anyway, all this might be a touch academic since the conception of The Shirehorses. Realising that their indie-pop pastiches were in fact a top comedy idea, Mark and Lard have formed a

band. Well, a band/comedy act really, where the on-air banter is recreated between songs such as 'You're Gormless' by Baby Bloke, and 'Plums Drop' by Pantson. A bit childish? Well yes, a little. Popular? Definitely. Their appearance at the Metropolitan was a sell out on Tuesday night; that's over a thousand people. So who over a thousand people.

constitutes their fan **'Getting up at** that time is

> base? Mark knows; "Anyone who's pissed really. That's the beauty of it; it cuts across age, gender and class. It's just piss-heads". Wise words, our

The thing is, it isn't the songs that stand out in the show. Often the lyrics are too hard too decipher to appreciate their full comic value, and at times they rely too heavily on merely being rude to get a laugh. But the between-song banter is truly hilarious.

The show, and subsequently the songs, work off the continual, half-hearted claims that their songs are the originals, written by themselves under various pseudonyms such as Pofasis and Dick Cave and the Bad Cheese, and that all the more popular bands subsequently ripped them off.

"You may not know this, but

for awhile in the early eighties, we were Australian. We were Dick Cave and Riley Minogue".

Later when I ask the two some questions, 'Lard' Riley exhorts; "Are you trying to suggest that The Shirehorses aren't a full on Rock band? 'Cos if you are I'll drag you out there and..."

out there and..."

Alright then, if you are the writers of the original versions, do you not want to take legal action against these other rip-off bands?

"We tried it once. It didn't work.
We were too young really, about eight years old. We wrote a song called 'Bill Oddity' and a year later that git Bowie released a song called 'Space Oddity'. But who'll believe an eight year old?" believe an eight year old?

t remains to be seen whether the act will be sustainable. As Frank Sidebottom found out, you can only go so far ripping off other people's songs, and the laughs may wear a bit thin as familiarity breeds

But it would be unwise to suggest that The Shirehorses are anything more than a novelty act to be pulled out of the bag only on very rare occasions. The two do still have a radio show to do, and the weeklong tour of the band might conceivably be a way of highlighting this fact to potential new listeners.

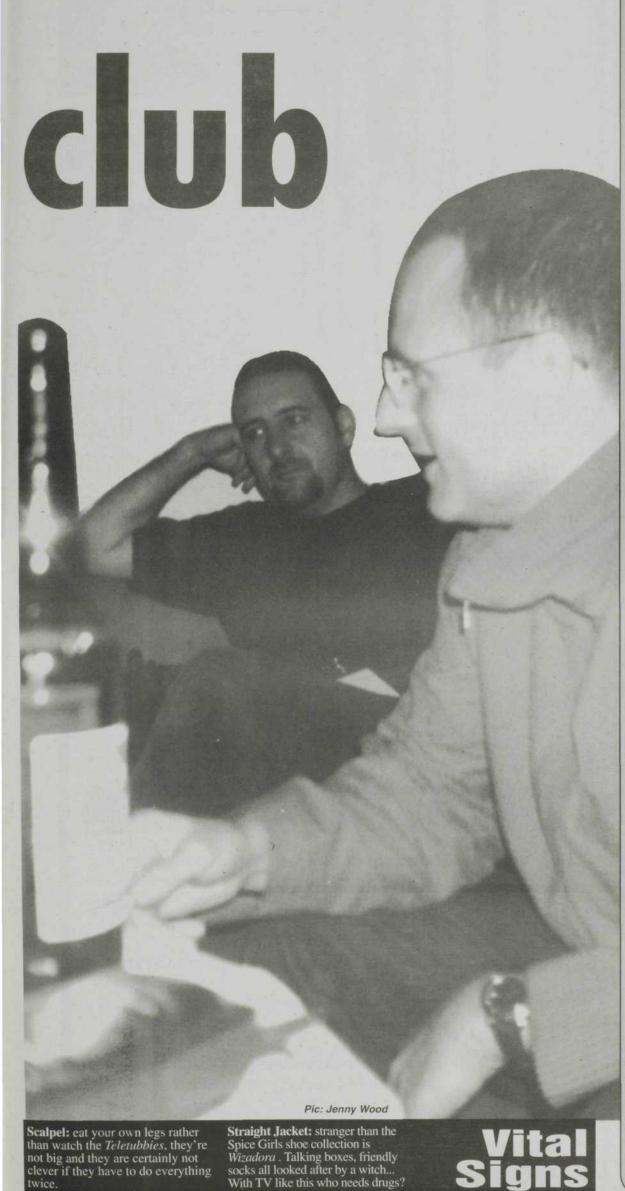
Whatever, The Shirehorses are worth seeing, if only just once. The Mark and Lard radio show however, is worth listening to all the time. And we should not lament the fact that they have been moved to a supposedly tame afternoon slot; they are, after all, replacing the unbearably smarmy Nicky

What's pink and healthy, what needs amputating and what gets locked in the padded cell? A summary of

this weeks TV for those of you who can't be bothered to read the rest of the page.

Sponge Bath: better than a really satisfying bowel movement this week its Shooting Stars, Vic and Bob at their lounge suited best.

clever if they have to do everything



Big Night In

f a week of cheap beer, late I a week of cheap beet, rate nights and waking up with strangers in your bed leaves you slightly jaded on a Friday evening then do not despair. The television will nurse you through to Saturday morning with a plethora of shiny,

not-so-new programmes.
First go to the shops and buy inordinate amounts of snack foods to see you through the TV marathon that is Friday Night In. You will need food and drink for at least six and a half hours. We have allowed a half hour break for bladder adjustment and brief social interaction but apart from that your attention will be required by the glowing box in the corner of the cupboard you call a lounge.

The televisual feast begins with *Ricki*

Lake (4.55pm, C4) which everyone secretly loves but few admit to watching. It is morbid curiosity which makes this show a must-see. Never before have a stranger selection of America's trailer park white trash been allowed in the same room, never mind onto national television - and it makes for addictive watching. Ricki is the classic American chat show host: she used to be fat but now she's thin, she's acted in films (none too successfully) and she can always round the show off with a cheesy moral message and a smile to match. Even if you don't want to listen to the catalogue of social, fashion and relationship blunders that have been made by these people then at least you can laugh at their hair.

Five minutes recovery time is allowed



before Neighbours (5.35pm, BBC1) which is less of a draw than it used to be but still worth watching to see how long Helen Daniels is going to hold out for. As the ruling matriarch of Ramsey Street she undoubtedly holds the community together but at about 150 years old it can't be long now until she meets her maker and shuffles off to the soap dish in the sky.

Things start to liven up with TFI Friday (6pm, C4) which has seen better days but still whips the arse of anything on Channel 5. Nowadays the guests are taking a back seat to the in-jokes and general tomfoolery of Chris Evans and his wacky bunch of friends. How much longer this private party will continue to tickle the nations fancy is anyone's guess. but for now the great and the good can be found here in these comfortingly familiar

Speaking of familiar things *Top of the Pops* is next on the list (7.30pm, BBC1). Even though it should never have moved from it's traditional Thursday slot (in my from it's traditional Thursday slot (in my opinion) it now fills a convenient hole in our Friday viewing schedule. The bands have been replaced by many instrument free 'acts' and Pan's People have been knocked off their throne by pairs of scantily clad bouncy dancers, but if anything is a British institution it is Top of the Pops, what would we do without it? The Bill (8pm, ITV) and Strange But True (8.30pm, ITV) fill and otherwise uneventful hour and you can always have a snooze now if you are feeling a little bit tired (but you don't get a certificate at the end of it all if you wimp out now).

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The reward for making it this far in the



TV marathon is that you now TV marathon is that you now get to make some choices, you can watch *Red Dwarf* (9pm, BBC2) (but the chances are you know all the words because it is on permanent repeat), or you can watch Friends (9pm, C4) the American supersitcom. The friends characters are not normal people, they are American and they are funny, as an added bonus they are all genetically perfect (apart from Ross who is wetter then a haddock's bathing

The return of *Shooting Stars* (9.30pm, BBC2) is a truly wondrous thing. *Friends* might be funny but nothing can compete with the twisted playground of Vic and Bob. Any show featuring Swedish weather girls, vibrating celebrities holding sprouts, and a huge bald bloke dressed as a baby is on to a winner as a catchphrase generator as well as a comic masterpiece.

Skipping back across the channels for a more sophisticated approach to comedy we have Frusier (10pm, C4), the spin off which easily outclasses Cheers where the eponymous hero first appeared. The mixture of urbane, refined humour and

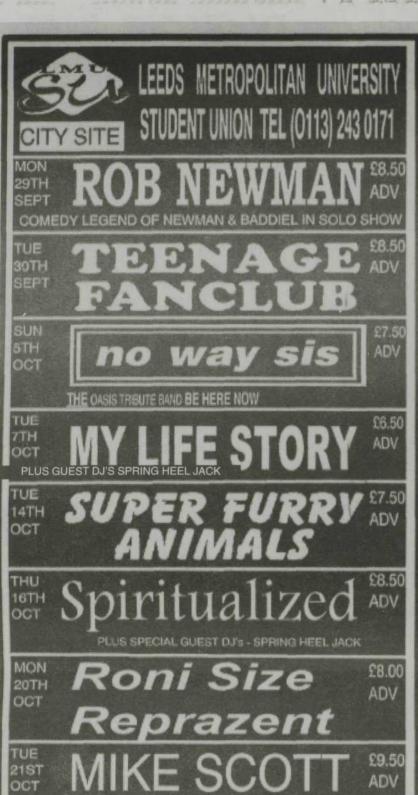
daft slapstick is an acquired taste but well worth getting used to.

Now is the only chance to go to the toilet and make those important calls to your bank manager you have been putting off all day asyon now have half an hour. off all day asyou now have half an hour before the big finale. To round off this feast of television we have King of the Hill (11.05pm, C4) an

animation from the people who brought you The Simpsons and Beavis and Butthead, consequently it is a cross between the two. The main characters are rednecks living in suburban Texas and the humour is post puberty Simpsons. Its always nice to end an evening with a moral message especially when it isn't rammed down your throat Ricki Lake style but slipped in quickly while you are laughing. Having made it through to the end of a

grueling schedule you can now reward yourself with a well earned rest, just be ure you are up in time for Albert the Musketeer on Saturday morning which has the best theme music on television.





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BBC1

Reservoir Dogs @ Hyde Park Picture House

You may have seen it twenty times but you can't really call yourself a fan unless you've turned up at a late night screening in shades and blacktie whilst lopping off someone's ear with a straight razor.

Forget Rocky Horror, Quentin Tarantino's breakthrough heist pic is a killer when it comes to audience participation. Literally. You can feel this film on the big screen in a

way that's impossible on TV: the steadily increasing tension chokes the auditorium, the torture scene becomes inescapable and almost unbearable. And there's lots of great scenes to act out in the foyer afterwards when the manager's trying to get rid of you, Just make sure that you and your mates have sorted out who gets which colour before you set off.

6.00 Business Breakfast; 7.00 BBC News; 9.05 Can't Cook, 6.00 Open University; 7.15 See Hear News; 7.30 Adventures Of Won't Cook; 9.30 Style
Challenge; 9.55 Kilroy; 10.35
Change That; 11.00 News:
Weather; 11.05 The Really Useful Weather, 11.05 The Really Useful Show; 11.35 Room For Improvement; 12.00 News: Weather; 12.05 Call My Bluff; 12.35 Going For A Song; 1.00 News: Weather; 1.30 Regional News: Weather; 1.30 Regional News: Weather; 1.40 The Weather Show; 1.45 Neighbours; 2.15 Quincy; 3.00 Through The Keyhole; 3.25 The Really Useful Show Update; 3.30 Playdays; 3.50 Dear Mr Barker; 4.05 All New Popeye Show; 4.10 Casper; 4.35 Record Breakers; 5.00 Newsround; 5.10 Record Breakers

Neighbours. Phil plays the overprotective father. News: Weather Regional News

6.30

Magazines Weekend Watchdog. The holiday rescue team travels to the Greek island of

Top Of The Pops Vets in Practice. Springtime brings more unusual cases for the

Children's Hospital. An eight year old is brought in to the hospital with a liver

News: Weather

Dangerfield. Dangerfield is called away from a friend's silver wedding celebration to examine a young woman who has drowned.

10.20 Parkinson: The Interviews. Star of stage and screen Bette Midler rises to the occasion.

11.00 FILM: For the Boys (1991). Epic tale spanning five decades, about a pair of entertainers who boost the morale of soldiers in Europe, Korea and Vietnam. Starring Bette

FILM: Hands of the Ripper (1971). Chiller ring Eric Porter.

BBC2

6.00 Open University, 7.15 See Hear News; 7.30 Adventures Of Skippy; 7.55 Cartoon Critters; 8.20 William's Wish Wellingtons; 8.25 Wishing; 8.35 Teletubbies; 9.00 Cartoon; 9.10 Music Makers; 9.30 Watch; 9.45 Come Outside; 10.00 Teletubbies; 10.30 Look And Read: Spywatch; 10.50 The Art; 11.10 Landmarks.; 11.30 English File: Poetry Backpack; 12.00 Scene; 12.30 Working Lunch; 1.00 The Little Polar Bear; 1.05 Pingu; 1.10 Craft Hour; 2.10 Conference 97 – SNP; 2.45 News: Weather; 2.50 Plaid Cymru Conference; 3.25 News: Regional News: Weather; 3.30 Real Rooms; 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook; 4.30 Going, Going, Gone; 4.55 Esther 5.30 Today's the Day

6.00

Today's the Day
Star Trek
Montserrat Shorts
The Whitbread Round
the World Yacht Race
Top Gear Motorsport. Tiff

Needell presents the best of British and international

The Big Catch. Off Africa's West Coast Liam Dale searches for the Atlantic giant blue marlin. 8.30 Ground Force. In Surrey,

Charlie Dimmock and Tommy Walsh help to create a colonial summer

9.00 Red Dwarf. Ace Rimmer, arrives on starbug terminally wounded and with an extroadinary

Shooting Stars. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer host the celebrity quiz

10.00 Pick and Mix: Parties.

10.30 Newsnight 11.20 Golf. - The Ryder Cup. Steve Rider introduces highlights of the Ryder

12.20 VR 5. Sydney discovers that one of the employees from her TelCal credit union is stealing from the

1.05 FILM: Roujin-Z (1994).

6.00 GMTV: 9.25 Supermarket Sweep; 9.55 Calendar News: Weather; 10.00 The Time...The Place; 10.30 This Morning; 12.20 Calendar News: Weather; 12.30 ITN News: Weather; 12.55 Home ITN News: Weather; 12.55 Hor And Away; 1.25 Emmerdale; 1.55 A Country Practice; 2.20 High Road; 2.50 Shortland Street; 3.20 ITN News; 3.25 Calendar News; 3.30 Jays World; 3.40 Titch; 3.50 Oscar And Friends; 4.00 Roger And The Rottentrolls; 4.15 Hurricanes; 4.40 Fun House 5.10 Home And Away

Home And Away ITN News: Weather

Calendar

7.00

Tonight
Bruce's Price Is Right. Coronation Street. Thouse of Elliott finds trouble brewing in its

8.00 The Bill. Nick Slater needs to think on his feet when he goes undercover

as a drug dealer. Strange But True? Michael Aspel introduces a special edition of the programme of true-life examples of the supernatural telling the story of a soldier trained by the US army as a

psychic spy.

The Practice. In preparation for a civil case, Bobby closely monitors a criminal trial against a man who strangled his girlfrend. 10.00 News At Ten: Weekend

Weather 10.30 Calendar News And

Weather

10.40 Woman On The Run. The true story of a woman who is sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her husband's ex-wife. With Tatum O'Neal and Bruce

12.30 The Paul Ross Show.

2.00 Rockmania Mysterious West.

Cybernet Late And Loud 4.45

Sound Bites ITV Sport Classics ITN Morning News 5.00

5.55 Sesame Street, 7.00 The Big Breakfast, 9.00 Schools, 11.30 Here's Breakfast, 9.00 Schools, 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier, 12.00 Sesame Street; 12.30 Baby Baby; 1.00 Light Lunch; 2.00 Shipbuilder; 2.05 FILM: The Outriders (1950); 3.45 Fifteen To One; 4.15 Countdown Grand Final; 4.55

9.00 Friends. When Monica and Richard accidentally meet, they decide they should remain just friends - with dire results.

9.35 Cybiil.

10.00 Frasier

10.30 Jo Brand: Like It Or Lump It

11.05 King Of The Hill

11.35 T.F.I. Friday

12.35 FILM: Police Story III:
Supercop (1993)

2.25 Robin 2.30 FILM: They Made Me A Fugitive (1947) 4.25 A Sort Of Homecoming 4.45 Takeover TV

5.15 Fluke

100%
Family Affairs.
Name That Tune
Exclusive
Attractions.
5 News including First On 8.30

Five FILM: In The Presence Of Mine Enemies (1996), Charles Dance stars in this gritty wartime drama. 9.00

than just her physical prowes 11.45 FILM: The Swimsuit (1989).

Jaunty comedy. Oo-er...
1.35 FILM: Callie And Son (1981).

Vvagner FILM: The Penny Pool (1937). Vintage British co 100%

5.30 6.00 7.00 7.55

Absolutely Animals T.F.I. Friday. News And Weather Music Of The Millennium

Garden Party.
Brookside. Can Susannah and
Max come to terms with a future
without children?
Friends. When Monica and

6.00 5 News; 7.30 USA High; 8.00
Havakazoo; 8.30 WideWorld; 9.00
Espresso; 10.00 Exclusive: 10.30 The
Car Show, 11.00 Leeza, 11.50 Double
Espresso; 12.00 The Bold And The
Beautiful: 12.30 Family Affairs; 1.00 5
News Update; 1.05 Sunset Beach;
2.00 5's Company; 3.30 FILM: Lost In
The Stars (1974); 5.20 5's Company—
Late Extra; 5.30 Move On Up
6.00 100%

CINEMA

Hyde Park Picture House (tel 275 2045) (tel 275 2045) L'Appartement, 7.00, 9.00 Reservoir Dogs, 11.15

SEPTEMBER 26 FRANCE

Odeon (12426 977 333) Odeon (1,2426 97/7 353) Contact, 1,00, 4.10, 7.40 The Full Monty, 1.10, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40 My Best Friend's Wedding, 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35 Spawn, 1.20, 3.45, 6.15, 8.35 Austin Powers, 3.20 Mrs Brown, 12.55, 5.40 Air Force One, 8.10 ABC (245 1013)
Face, 12.30, 3.00, 5.30, 8.00,
Leading Man, 12.45, 3.00, 5.30, 8.00
Bean, 1.00, 3.15, 5.30, 8.00

Cottage Road (275 1606) My Best Friend's Wedding, 6.10, 8.30

Showcase (01924 420 622) Air Force One, Event Horizon, The Full Monty, My Best Friend's Wedding, Photographing Fairies,

Planet Earth
Pop Goes The Planet, two rooms of
pop and dance
spm-2-30am. Free before 9pm,
£3 after 11,30pm.
The Pleasure Rooms
Gallery, with Steve Luigi.
Millennium madness, pumping hous
and retro rave
10pm till dawn, £5. No dress code
245 0923 for more info

Town and Country Club

The Underground
The Cooker, Funky beatz & breaks
with the Dig! Family
10pm-2m, £5
230 2113 for more info

CLUBS

The Cockpit
Brighton Beach, 60s Modernism meets
the best of the 90s, with live music
11pm-4am

The Fruit Cupboard
Frisco Disco, lunky disco and boogie
in a fun and safe atmosphere. With
residents Liam & Amanda Hammond
10.30pm-2.30am

IntroWeek Marquee D.Funked, Dub Pistol Sound System Arkana perform live Scratching, sampling, funky house 8pm-2am, with IntroWeek pass

Le Phonographique Lizard Club, rock gecko Dj Claire scales the 60s, 70s and 80s £3 before 11pm, £4 after 11pm £1 a pint before 11pm

How Bizarre, new night of depravity and hidden pleasures Club classics/house 10pm-3am, £5 Info on 244 5144

GIGS

Virgo: Having such high

THEATRE

Civic Theatre (247 6962) Guys And Dolls, 7.30

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ARIES: You are desperate for a stable love life, and this week could see you finally getting what you really, really want. Just make sure

Capricorn: Capricorns are famous for knowing the score in any situation, but this week may find you feeling unusually uncomfortable in what should be familiar surroundings. Just give it time, and everything will chill out

ARSIENS

Scorpio:

Libra: This week should see you hitting the should see you hitting the jackpot in the financial stakes. Lucky you! Be sure to handle your windfall wisely, however - money doesn't grow in the student union bar.

SAGITTARIUS: Your restless nature could be about to get you into a sticky situation. Beware of being too impatient, or taking on too many challenges this week. Your freedom is precious - don't

Gemini: You're no stranger to money worries, and this week unfortunately sees you on common ground. Avoid being flash with the cash this week; you'll soon

There is no time like the present to stop beating around the bush and deal with all those small-but-significant matters that you've been neglecting recently. You will enjoy life so much more when your life is in order. Taurus:

It's time to grab the bull by the horns romantically speaking. Taking another look at a

Cancer: Long distance relationships are notoriously hard to maintain, but someone this week is dying to hear from you. Don't put it off; a phone call or letter may be just what you both need right now. platonic relationship this week could reveal your soulmate is closer than you ever thought possible.

LEO: An argument with a riend is causing you to reassess your closest elationships. Take the time to listen to the real problem before making any rash decisions.

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

SEPTEMBER 27

6.10, 8.35 Spawn, 1.20, 3.45, 6.15, 8.35 Austin Powers, 3.20 Mrs Brown, 12.55, 5.40 Air Force One, 8.10

Showcase (01924 420 622) Air Force One, Event Horizon, The Full Monty, My Best Friend's Wedding, Photographing Fairies,

Town and Country Club Sorted, Kiss FM's DJ Bam Bam plays the best of 80s and 90s pop, indie

and dance £5 advance, £6 on door 10pm-2.30am

The Underground The Yardbird Suite, live jazz

Warehouse Speed Queen, fabulous dance

CLUBS

lonism, underground house in n 1, with funky disco and Balcario

The Cockpit
The Garage, rock skate and hip hop

The Fruit Cupboard Sugar Daddy's, garage, party, soul and funk with DJs Lee Wright and Soul Master Hazzy

Le Phonographique
Oblivion, indie and alternative dance
night. The best of grating voices and
cool bleepy stuff, including Beck,
Alanis Morrisette and Garbage
£3/£4, free Holsten Pils before 11pm

Hard Times, with residents Dave Piccioni, Mark Picchiotti, Jason Boardman & Dr Bob Jones & Umberto + guests

Saturday Night Fever, 70s wild night featuring DJ Starsky & Huggy Bear

Pleasure Rooms
Future Listening, including The Egg
Eclectic escapism
From progressive house and epic
trance to disco and thumping techno
£8 members and NUS, £10 others

Bradford Uni, Richmond Road

CI's Cellar Bar, Cheesie

Duchess, Skin

Grove, Bullfrog Jones

Joseph's Well Fuzzbird + gue

Scruffy Murphy's Toper At The Wake

Civic Theatre (247 6962) Guys And Dolls, 7.30

The Egg @ The Pleasure Rooms

Running from 10pm right through until 6am, The Egg could end up being one of the longest nights of your life. If the flier is anything to go by, though, it could also be one of the best

At £8 (with NUS) it certainly isn't cheap, but the line-up is pretty much unique in Leeds. Jamie Garry, Neil Thorogood, Jason Lamb and Jonny Evas host the Basement, aiming for a truly transcendental experience with an ear-popping eight hours of epic trance and progressive house. Tonight also sees the launch of The Pleasure Rooms' new Saturday night Future Listening line-up, filling its four rooms with contrasting, genre-busting sounds.



That's all, yolks

BBC1

7.05 Flash Gordon's Trip To Mars; 7.25 News: Weather; 7.30 Romuald The Reindeer; 7.40 Dennis The Menace: 8.05 Albert The 5th Musketeer; 8.30 The New Adventures Of Superman; 9.15 Live And Kicking; 12.12 Weather; 12.15 Grandstand; 5.15 News: Weather; 5.25 Regional News Magazine; 5.30 Tom And

5.50 Are You Being Served? There's dissent in the ranks when a sales conference is scheduled to be held out of hours.

Confessions. A young boy confesses to what really happened to his

sister's goldfish.
7.00 Bugs. The team battle the usual lethal computer

The National Lottery Live. Dale Winton hosts this evening's draw.

8.10 Casualty. A young mother with a broken arm raises the issue of domestic iolence. Followed by The National Lottery Update. 9.00 FILM: The Wrong Woman

(1990). TV movie thrills as a harrassed secretary is suspected of murder.

10.30 News And Sport:

10.50 Match Of The Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of today's games in the FA Carling Premiership, including Southampton's visit to Derby's new home, Pride Park.

12.00 The Stand Up Show Presents The BBC New Comedy Awards 1997

12.50 Top Of The Pops

1.20 FILM: Sunday Too Far Away (1975). Australian sheep shearing saga starring Jack Thompson.

2.55 Weather

BBC2

6.20 Open University: 8.00 Open Saturday; 10.30 Menzone; 10.35 Top Gear; 11.10 When Rover Met BMW; 11.45 When Rover Met BMW; 12.20 The Phil Silvers Show; 12.50 The Sky At Night; 1.10 Wildlife On Two; 1.35 Film 97 With Barry Norman; 2.05 James Cagney - Top Of The

2.50 FILM: Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942). A musical portrait of song and dance man George M Cohan. Starring James Cagney. Cartoon

5.05 TOTP2

Postcards From The

Country News: Sport: Weather Correspondent. Tonight's programme includes the moving story of a young mother and heroin addict

Volcano Stories. Documentary about the islanders on Monserrat.

Bookmark. An interview with Sam Sheppard, writer of plays and prose, Hollywood actor and

Golf - The Ryder Cup. Highlights from the Ryder

10.00 Richard Wagner's The Flying Dutchman. English National Opera's spectacular new production of Wagner's The Flying Dutchman, with Willard White in the title

12.05 FILM: And So They Were Married (1944). Johnny army, and gives his apartment keys to his friend Kathie Aumont, who

Later With Jools Holland. Jools Holland introduces a mix of live musicians playing in the round studio. This programme features Kula Shaker, Joe Cocker. Jackson Browne, The Blue

3.00 Close

6.00 GMTV; 9.25 Tricky; 11.00 The Chart Show; 11.45 F1: Luxembourg Grand Prix Qualifying Laps.; 1.15 ITN News; Weather; 1.20 Calendar News And Weather; 1.25 UEFA

Champions League Special
1.55 FILM: The Cracksman
(1963). Crime caper about
a guillible locksmith who is repeatedly exploited by crooks. With Charlie Drake, George Sanders.

Baywatch Nights News; Sports; Weather

Calendar News: Weather Scoreline 5.05

F1: Luxembourg Grand Prix Special.

Spice Up Your Life Gladiators. Ulrika Jonsson and Jeremy Guscott return.

7.15 Blind Date, More contestants eagerly in search of love.

Family Fortunes. Quiz show hosted by Les

News: Weather An Audience with Elton John. Elton joins the Pet Shop Boys, the Spice Girls and Sting, and takes a look through his wardrobe with Claudia Schiffer

10.30 FILM: Empty Cradle (1993). Jane Morgan is on the verge of giving birth to her third child, while Rita Donohoe is a baby thief. When Jane is told that her baby has died, she is unconvinced and accuses Rita of stealing it. Starring Kate Jackson and Lori Loughlin.
12.15 The Elvis Auction

Film: Night Of The Hunter (1991). Redundant remake of the classic chiller, starring Richard Chamberlain as the psycho preacher.

Planet Mirth Collins And Maconie's Movie Club Helter Skelter

Murder. She Wrote ITN Morning News C4

5.40 Sesame Street; 6.40 Dennis; 7.05 Sonic The Hedgehog; 7.30 Super Mario Brothers; 7.45 First Edition; 8.00 Transworld Sport; 9.00 The Morning Line; 10.00 Gazzetta Football Italia; 11.00 Blitz!; 12.00 Sign On 12.30 FILM: Sahara (1943). Starring Humphrey Booart

Humphrey Bogart.
FILM:The Desperate Hours FILM:The Desperate Hours (1955). Escaped convict Humphrey Bogart hides out with a family. Lonely Planet Brookside Omnibus Right To Reply Laurie Lee's Gloucestershire. Indian Summer: Mark Tully's Faces Of India. The Decision: What's Best For Daniell? Documentary about euthanasia.

7.30

10.00 Drop The Dead Donkey. 10.30 Homicide – Life On The

10.30 Homicide – Life On The Street.

11.30 Nights Out At The Empire. Hackney Empire variety show.
12.15 Crapston Villas 12.40 The Client 1.40 St Elsewhere 2.35 The Legend Of The Tube 3.05 Pearl 3.35 The Naked Truth 4.00 Planet Showbiz 4.30 TV Pizza 5.15 Partners

6.00 Dappledown Farm; 6.30
Attractions; 7.00 5 News Early; 7.30
Havakazoo Followed by 5 News
Update; 8.00 Alvin And The
Chipmunks; 8.30 George Of The
Jungle Followed by 5 News Update;
9.00 Knight Rider; 10.00 Knight Rider,
Followed by 5 News Update; 11.00
Turnstyle; 12.50 5 News; 1.00 The
Mag Including 5 News Update
2.30 Daria, Cartoon
3.00 The Mag (Continued)
Followed by 5 News Update
3.15 Sunset Beach Omnibus,
5.55 5 News And Sport
6.00 Hercules; The Legendary
Journeys.
6.50 Night Fever, The girls from
This Life, take on the hunks
from Hollyoaks.
7.45 5 News And Sport
8.05 Xena: Warrior Princess,

Xena: Warrior Princess.
A Mind To Kill. DCI Bain investigates a murder in his home town. Followed by 5 News Update FILM: Dead On Sight (1994). Supernatural murder mystery.

Supernatural murder mystery. 12.40 FILM: The Spikes Gang (1974). Western. 2.30 FILM: East Of

Elephant Rock (1976). Crime drama 4.05 Burke's Law 4.55 The Road 5.30 Whittle, followed by 5 News Update



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9.30 Harvest Festival 10.15 See Hear!

10.45 Snowy River - The McGregor Saga 11.30 CountryFile 12.00 On The Record 1.00 EastEnders

7.20

7.30

8.30

9.30

5.45

6.10

7.15

2.10

Weather

Dilly The Dinosaur Teletubbies

The Pink Panther Show Breakfast With Frost

Columbo
FILM: King Solomon's
Mines (1950). Classic
action adventure about a
woman who, with the help
of her brother and white
hunter Allan Quatermain,
sets out to find her missing

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The Clothes Show

News: Regional News: Weather Songs Of Praise Oh Doctor Beeching!

Hatley Station is 100 years old and the staff decide to celebrate. Naturally,

The Antiques Inspectors

Full Circle With Michael
Palin. At Hanoi, he takes a
trip to Saigon on board the
Reunification Express.
Then it's on to Manila to

visit the eighth wonder of the world.
News: Weather

The Lakes. Sex, violence and swearing in the Lake

9.55 French And Saunders
10.25 Omnibus. Biography of
conductor Sir Georg Solti,
who died recently. His life
story is told in his own
words and those of family

story is told in his own
words and those of family
and friends, beginning in
Budapest, where he was
born in 1912.

11.55 Think Tank
12.50 FILM: The Grip Of The
Strangler (1958). A
novelist investigating an

novelist investigating an old murder case finds that he was the murderer.

Carol Vorderman and Antiques Roadshow

Of Mice And Men @ West Yorkshire Playhouse

Amid the mire of Shakespeare and war poetry you did for GCSE English, Of Mice And Men stands out as the one book you actually secretly enjoyed.

John Steinbeck's story of mismatched ranch hands George and Lennie, struggling to survive during America's Great Depression is straightforward but incredibly moving, playing out its themes of friendship and

BBC2

Toonatics

Jonny Quest 10.20 Grange Hill 10.50 Out Of Tune

11.15 Small World 11.30 Top Score

11.45 The O Zone

12.10 Rosh Hashanah 12.30 Sunday Grandstand 4.55 The World's Toughest Yacht Race 5.35 Natural World. Award-

winning film about Echo the elephant who lives in

Park.
Star Trek: Voyager. The ship receives a distorted message from Seska telling Chakotay that he has a son derived from DNA avtracted when he

DNA extracted when he

Universe. In this programme, he focuses on the search for invisible or

dark matter.

Alan Clark's History Of
The Tory Party. Looking at
the eventful period
between Harold
Macmillan's rise to power.

Macmillan's rise to power

and Edward Heath's fall

from grace.

Golf – The Ryder Cup.

10.00 1997 Country Music Association Awards 11.35 FILM: The Last Sunset

Highlights of golfing action in the Ryder Cup, between Europe and the United

(1961). A fugitive on the run stops off to see an old girlfriend who is now

married. He agrees to drive her husband's herd of

cattle to Texas, but is discovered by a lawman who has been trying to

track him down. Starring Rock Hudson.

Close 2.00 The Learning Zone

Stephen Hawking's

Kenya's Amboseli National

Open University

Open Sunday The Worried Well

The Magical Adventures
Of Quasimodo

Sweet Valley High The Real Adventures Of

6.10 7.25

8.30

responsibility against a backdrop of dustbowl despair. Steinbeck also penned the script on which this production is based, transferring the tale from page to stage with deep emotional power. Ian Brown, director of the original Trainspotting stage play, directs, while Martin Marquez (DS Danny Pierce in The Bill) plays George.

SEPTEMBER 28

GMTV

8.00 Disney Club 9.55 Holy Smoke 10.25 Morning Worship 11.15 Jonathan Dimbleby

12.05 ITN News: Weather 12.10 Calendar News 12.20 F1: Luxembourg Grand

Prix Live
Prix Live
Coronation Street
FILM: Memphis Belle
(1990). Second World War
drama, based on a true story, which follows the young crew of a B-17 bomber on their final mission over Germany. This one could have been made fifty years ago.

Cartoon Time

The Making Of Peak Practice Calendar News: Sport 6.00 6.30

ITN News: Weather You've Been Framed! Another catalogue of camcorder catastrophes Coronation Street. Sally

Heartbeat. Wartime memories are stirred in Aidensfield when an exsoldier comes to the area tor a boliday.

9.00 London's Burning. On an exchange trip to Holland, Nick is reunited ith Marianne

10.00 Millennium. A young couple get revenge on an attempted rapist by kidnapping him and setting off on a killing spree of their care.

10.55 ITN News: Weather

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11.10 F1: Luxembourg Grand
Prix Highlights
12.10 FILM: Murder In Paradise
(1989). A jaded New York
cop goes to Hawaii to get
away from it all, only to get
caught up in the hunt for a
serial killer. Doh!

FILM: Do Fantoosh (1991). Indian drama about a crusading newspaper reporter's struggle to bring down a crimelord.

Jobfinder 5.30 ITN Morning News

C4

5.40 Blitz! 6.35 The Clangers 6.45
Hong Kong Phooey 7,10 The Magic
Schoolbus 7.35 Hammerman 8.05
Doug 8.20 Inspector Gadget 8.45
Home To Rent 9.20 Saved By The
Bell 9.45 Sister Sister 10.10 Wise Up
10.40 Hollyoaks Omnibus
11.40 The Waltons
12.40 FILM: The Harvey Girls
(1946). Wild West knees-up.
2.30 Do It Yourself Cartoon Kit
Football Italia.
5.05 The Pink Panther
5.25 FILM: Carry On Sergeant
(1958). View at your own risk.
7.00 Byzantium. History Jecture.
8.00 Byzantium. History Jecture.
9.00 Roots Of Evil. Investigations into the criminal mind.
10.00 FILM: The Adventures Of Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert (1994). Glitzy fun about three drag queens.
11.55 Century Of Cinema
17 V Sculpture
1.15 FILM: La Lectrice (1989).
3.00 FILM: The Hairdresser's Husband (1990). Boring French comedy-drama.
4.30 The Sahara Project
Bombay Chat

The Sahara Project Bombay Chat

C5

6.00 Animal Omens 6.30 Havakazoo
7.00 Dappledown Farm 7.30
Havakazoo 8.00 Mr Men And Little
Miss 8.05 The Wind In The Willows
8.30 The Valley Between
9.00 Mirror, Mirror 9.30 Mag Plus
10.00 Crosstire 10.30 My Sunday
11.00 Mariella Frostrup's Brunch
11.30 Exclusive Weekend
12.50 5 News
1.00 The Mag
2.30 Deepwater Black
3.00 The Mag (Continued)
3.15 Family Affairs Omnibus, Mel
learns that Claire is pregnant.

learns that Claire is pregnant Wild Encounters. A herd of

intense pressure.

Melrose Place, Billy and Jake
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Spawn, 1.20, 3.45, 6.15, 8.35
Austin Powers, 3.20
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caribou, like, migrate.

5 News And Sport
Mixing It. Culinary gameshow
hosted by Jonathan Coleman.
Cry Murder. Reveals that
police often use the glare of the
media to put suspects under
intense pressure.

spar over the mysterious Jo. 5 News And Sport FILM: The Color Purple (1985). Excellent Deep South drama from Steven Spielberg. Turnstyle Live And Dangerous. Live And Dangerous: Asian Sport

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Rob Newman @ LMU

He began on TV as David Baddiel's comedy partner and together they became the new rock and roll, selling out Wembley Stadium and creating the kind of excitement normally reserved for the latest boy band. When I first saw Rob Newman on The Mary Whitehouse Experience my view of men in general was permanently changed. Gorgeous, poetic and funny, I had found my ideal man. Rob and

David have long since parted company and both seem reluctant to talk about their time together. Rob has written a critically acclaimed novel, Dependence Day, so now all he has left to prove is that he can hold his own as a solo stand up comedian (and not just as a lust object). Rob Newman, funny bloke, "that's you that is". DL



Near-Whitehouse experience...

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast; 7.00
BBC Breakfast News; 9.05 Can't
Cook, Won't Cook; 9.30 Style
Challenge; 9.55 Kilroy; 10.35
Change That; 11.00 News:
Regional News: Weather; 11.05
Labour Party Conference 97;
1.00 One O'Clock News:
Weather; 1.30 Regional News; Weather; 1.30 Regional News: Weather; 1.40 The Weather Weather; 1.40 The Weather Show; 1.45 Neighbours; 2.10 Quincy; 3.00 Through The Keyhole; 3.30 Playdays; 3.50 Enchanted Lands – The Magic Of The Faraway Tree; 4.00 Ronald Dahl's Revolting Recipes.; 4.15 Noah's Island; 4.40 Goosebumps

5.00 Newsround

Blue Peter

Neighbours News: Weather 5.35

Regional News Magazine
This Is Your Life 6.30

Here and Now. Live current affairs magazine.

EastEnders. Pauline delights in introducing a new face to the square. A Prince Among Men.

Sitcom about a footballer who has become a uccessful entrepreneur.

News: Regional News: Weather Bloomin' Marvellous.

Sitcom about the trials and tribulations of parenthood.

10.00 Panorama. Vigorous investigation of a topical

10.40 Full Circle With Michael Palin. Michael Palin rides from Hanoi to Saigon on board the Reunification

11.35 Film 97 With Barry Norman. Barry Norman slams the latest releases,

including Volcano.
12.05 FILM: Seven Minutes (1989). Tense tale following one man's attempt to assassinate Hitler in Munich in 1939. Starring Klaus Maria Brandauer and Brian

BBC2

6.00 Open University; 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News; 7.30 Smurfs' Adventures; 7.55 Blue Peter; 8.20 Melvin And Maureen's Music-A-Grams; 8.35 Teletubbies; 9.05 Cartoon; 9.10 Spanish Globo; 9.15 Clementing 9.30 Writing And Pictures; 9.45 Storytime; 10.00 Teletubbies; 10.30 Words And Pictures; 10.45 Cats' Eyes; 11.00 Look And Read: Spywatch; 11.20 Zig Zag; 11.40 Landmarks; 12.00 Job Showcase; 12.30 Working Lunch; 1.00 The Greedysaurus Gang; 1.05 Hairy Jeremy; 1.10 The Countryside Hour; 2.10 News; Weather; 2.15 Labour Party Conference 97; 3.55 News: Regional News: Weather; 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook; 4.30 Going, Going, Gone

4.55 Esther 5.30 Today's The Day 6.00 Battlestar Galactica 6.45 Conference Talk

Oil On Canvas. Two artists tackle perspective in very different ways. Decisive Weapons. The

U-boat menace in the Second World War. Two Fat Ladies. Jennifer and Clarissa are invited to the Brazilian Embassy.

Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy and Edina each

look for a new best friend. Documentary about life on Beachy Head. 10.00 Never Mind The

Buzzcocks. Comedy pop quiz. Followed by Video Nation Shorts.

10.30 Newsnight, Jeremy Paxman at the Labour Party Conference.

11.15 Jonathan Miller's Opera Works. Focuses on the recitative. Followed by Weatherview.

12.05 Duckman 12.30 The Learning Zone Open University Nightschool TV:

Teaching Today BBC Focus So You Want to Work In Social Care? Do you'r

6.00 GMTV; 9.25 Supermarket 6.00 GMTV; 9.25 Supermarket Sweep; 9.55 Granada News And Weather; 10.00 The Time... The Place; 10.30 This Morning; 12.20 Granada News And Weather; 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News: Weather; 12.55 Shortland Street; 1.25 Home And Away; 1.50 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman; 2.50 House Style; 3.20 ITN News Headlines; 3.25 Granada News; 3.30 Tots TV; 3.40 The Slow Norris; 3.50 Wolves, Witches And Giants; 4.05 Sooty And Co. 4.25 Sabrina, The Teenage

Witch

Home And Away News: Weather Granada Tonight 5.10

6.00

The Footy Show Talking Telephone Numbers. Live entertainment gameshow

with Philip Schofield. Coronation Street. Alma World In Action.

Investigative current affairs programme.
Michael Barrymore's

Strike It Rich. It used to be Lucky, now it's Rich. Noah's Ark. The owner of a sick horse turns out to

be Tom's rival for Clare's romantic feelings.
10.00 News: Weather

10.30 Granada News And Weather

10.40 Nash Bridges. More

criminals get busted.

11.35 Emmerdale. Alex turns up at James's birthday party bearing presents... 12.35 Nationwide Football

League Extra. Football magazine hosted by Gabriel Clarke.

Late & Loud. Curtis Calls.

FILM: Nor The Moon By Night. (1958). A sad character heads to Africa to meet her longtime penfriend

Sound Bite World In Action The Time... The Place

5.30 ITN Morning News

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5.55 Sesame Street; 7.00 The Big Breakfast; 9.00 Schools; 11.30 Here's

Breakfast; 9.00 Schools; 11.30 Hero
One I Made Earlier;
12.00 Sesame Street
12.30 FILM: The Hunted (1952),
Starring Dirk Bogarde.
2.00 Augusta And The Mouse
2.10 FILM: The Man Between
(1953), James Mason stars.
4.00 Fifteen To One
4.30 Countdown
4.55 Montel Williams
5.30 It's A Dog's World. How
dogs perceive humans.

dogs perceive humans. Home Improvement. Hollyoaks. Ruth faces a drug

News: Weather
Music Of The Millennium.
Wild Tales From National
Geographic. Wildlife habitats

throughout the world.
Equinox: The Iceberg
Cometh. The relationship
between man and iceberg.
NYPD Blue.
Seven Sins. Bisexuality.
The American Football Big
Match. 11.25

Match.

12.45 Trans World Sport

1.45 Football Italia

4.00 Schools

C5

6.00 5 News Early; 7.30 USA High Followed by 5 News Update; 8.00 Havakazoo; 8.30 WideWorld Followed by 5 News Update; 9.00 Espresso Followed by 5 News Update; 10.00 Exclusive!; 10.30 Attractions Followed by 5 News Update; 11.00 Leeza; 11.50 Double Espresso Followed by 5 News Update; 12.00 The Bold And The Beautiful; 12.30 Family Affairs; 1.00 5 News Update; 1.05 Sunset Beach Followed by 5 News Update; 2.00 5's Company;

Beach Foliation
2.00 S Company;
3.30 FiLM: Irreconcilable
Differences (1984). Divorce drama starring Ryan O'Neal.
5's Company – Late Extra
Whittle and 5 News Update
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Family Affairs. Followed by
5 News Update
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7.00

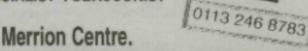
Liam's musical influences. The Dragon's Tale. Wildlife. Hot Property. 5 News The Sweeney, Wing And A Prayer. Legal

drama.
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show
11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H.
12.45 Live And Dangerous.
3.45 Asian Football Show; 4.35 The
Streets Of San Francisco; 5.30 100%



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Songs in Northern England

BBC1

Teenage Fanclub @ LMU

One of those rare bands without a single dodgy album in the back catalogue, Teenage Fanclub remain one of the most consistent bands around. Their rock/pop style, driven by strong melody and searing rhythm, has won them several major fans within the music industry, including Kurt Cobain and R.E.M., while their popularity with the public is confirmed by the success of their

recent album Songs From Northern Britain, Playing a university campus might be the best way of discouraging the band's most avid fan from turning up... The Pig Man follows Teenage Fanclub around the country, pelting them with pork to protest against the vegetarian tendencies of one member. Keep your eyes peeled for airborne bacon.

BBC2

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7.00	BBC Breakfast News
9.05	Can't Cook, Won't Cook
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9.30 Style Challenge 9.55 Kilroy 10.35 Change That

11.00 News: Regional News: Weather 11.05 Labour Party Conference

One O'Clock News:

Weather Regional News: Weather The Weather Show Neighbours

1.40

2.10

Quincy Through The Keyhole 3.30

Playdays Arthur 4.15 Fudge

The Queen's Nose 5.00 Newsround

5.10 5.35 Byker Grove Neighbours 6.00 Six O'Clock News:

Weather Regional News 6.30

Magazines Holiday Memories. Tara Palmer-Tomkinson takes a nostalgic journey back to

EastEnders. The Jacksons' are in crisis. And George has one final conversation with

Match Of The Day.
Coverage of the UEFA Cup
first-round second-leg
match between Celtic and

Liverpool. 9.55 News: Weather 10.30 The Provos. Looking at the role of the prison protests, the hunger strikes at the Maze prison and the rise of Sinn Fein as an electoral force.

11.30 Rosh Hashannah 11.50 FILM: Hustle (1975). A police lieutenant lives with a call girl and is drawn into

her corrupt life.
FILM: The Perfect
Weapon (1991). A karate
expert returns home to
avenge the death of his friend at the hands of the dealing Korean mafia. Weather

See Hear Breakfast News Smurfs' Adventures

Blue Peter Oakie Doke

Rupert Teletubbies Cartoon 8.30 8.35

Welsh History - Famous People

See You, See Me - Health

Numbertime 10.00 Teletubbies

10.30 Watch

10.45 Science Zone 11.05 Space Ark – People 11.15 Megamaths

11.35 History File 12.00 See Hear!

12.30 Working Lunch 1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird

The Countryside Hour News: Weather Labour Party Conference

News: Weather Ready, Steady, Cook Going, Going, Gone Esther

Today's The Day Heartbreak High 5.30 Conference Talk

Private Investigations. A investigates the funeral

Delia Smith's Winter

Collection. Warming dishes for cold nights.

Looking Good. Fashion and beauty series for women, including advice from Patrick Cox on how to walk in high heels. Oh

good grief... Have I Got Old News For You. Another chance to see the prize-winning comedy quiz show.

Holding On. Bernard has been charged with murder. And Hilary has been mugged outside her flat.

10.30 Newsnight

11.15 Seinfield 11.35 The Larry Sanders Show Arthur gets drunk in his post-show solitude.

12.05 Duckman 12.30 The Learning Zone: OU

Nightschool TV 4.00 BBC Focus

6.00 GMTV

Supermarket Sweep

9.55 Calendar News: Weather 10.00 The Time... The Place 10.30 This Morning 12.20 Calendar News: Weather 12.30 ITN News: Weather

12.55 Home And Away 1.20 Coronation Street 1.50 Remote-Control Cooking

The Natural Health Show 2.50

ITN News Headlines Calendar News 3.20 3.25

The Riddlers. Wizadora 3.30 3.50

Paddington Bear The Sylvester And Tweety Mysteries Name That Toon Knight School

5.10 Home And Away ITN News; Weather 5.55 Calendar: Weather

Tonight 7.00

Tonight
Emmerdale. Will finds
himself in mortal danger.
The Skill Olympics. The
International Youth Skills
Olympics in Switzerland.
The Bill. Slater gets a
shock when the target of
his undercover investigation walks into his

8.30 Paul Merton In Galton And Simpson's...
Visiting Day. Trapped in
his hospital bed with a
broken leg, Paul is a sitting
target for unwelcome

Soldier, Soldier. The boys persuade Butcher to invest in a greyhound. 10.00 News At Ten

Followed by Weather 10.30 Calendar News: Weather

10.40 Network First 11.45 Alfred Hitchcock

Presents. 12.10 Collins And Maconie's Movie Club

12.45 FILM: Keys To The Kingdom (1990). A pair of Florida newspaper publishers become rivals. The Paul Ross Show

An Invitation To Remember

Jobfinder

ITN Morning News

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SEPTEMBER 30

Sesame Street
The Big Breakfast
Schools
Here's One I Made Earlier
Sesame Street
Channel 4 Racing
Conference Report: The
Leader's Speech
Fifteen To One
Countdown
Ricki Lake
It's A Dog's World
Moviewatch. Movie reviews.
Roseanne. Roseanne is put
on compulsory overtime.
Channel 4 News
Music Of The Millennium
The Feel Good Factor. Mark
Little visits Newtownsabbey
and Greenwich.

and Greenwich.

Brookside. Elaine has a heart-8.30

Northern cornedy. 1.45 Late Night Ricki Lake. 2.30 Running Light; 2.45 Rumour Of True Things, 3.15 Island Race. 3.50 Ailsa; 4.00 Schools

C5

6.00 5 News Early, 7.30 USA High;
8.00 Havakazoo, 8.30 WideWorld;
9.00 Espresso; 10.00 Exclusive;
10.30 Hot Property; 11.00 Leeza
11.50 Double Expresso
12.00 The Bold And The Beautiful
12.30 Family Affairs
1.00 5 News Update
1.05 Sunset Beach
2.00 5's Company
3.30 FILM: Poker Alice (1986)
5.20 5's Company - Late Extra
5.30 Whittle.

FILM: POAC.
5's Company - Late Extra
Whittle.
100%
Family Affairs. Maria makes a
startling confession to Annie.

5 News Animal Calypso. The effects of a massive fire or UEFA Cup Football - Live.

JEFA Cup Football – Live.
It's crunch time in the first
round of the UEFA Cup as
Arsenal and Aston Villa
entertain their foreign visitors
The featured match being
shown is Arsenal v PAOL

Salonika (2nd leg). The Jack Docherty Show. Prisoner: Cell Block H. Bea and Margo get in hot we

again.
12.30 Live And Dangerous.
3.45 Futbol Americas
4.35 Streets Of San Francisco
5.30 100%

broaking decision to make.

9.00 Cutting Edge. Two-part look at the Immigration Service.

10.00 FILM: The David Rothenberg Story (1988). True-life drama.

11.55 FILM: The Family Way (1966).



The Underground

Appartement, 7.00, 9.00 Odeon (12426 977 333)

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Air Force One, 8.10

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The Lava Lounge The Lava Lounge bon anniversaire b.b! Oo la la, it's French night avec Paris DJ Ben. (Coctail hour 10pm-11pm) £3.50/£3, 10pm-2am

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CLUBS

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Observatory Love Bus, 70s and 80s "thing"

Planet Earth Wednesday, Stevie Bee's nonstop

Pleasure Rooms Point Blank with Mondo Bongo Pick of regular DJs

GIGS

THEATRE

Odysseus Thump, 7.45 Of Mice And Men, 7.30

Children's BBC - 3.30pm BBC1

Remember when you could get in from school, switch on the telly and veg out in front of CBBC until your tea was ready? WELL THOSE DAYS ARE OVER. Now, not only do you have to make your own tea but children's BBC has gone completely crap. Is it just me or did the airwayes used to be brimming with hilarious comedies like Alfonso Bonzo and Simon And

The Witch, and really scary stuff like The Watch Tower, Moondial and The Dark Season? Not any more. Nowadays, if it's not bland it's not allowed, so kids get dismal fare like Out Of Tune, the humour-impaired misadventures of a bad school choir. We can only imagine the effect this will have on the minds of future generations.



BBC1

Business Breakfast

BBC Breakfast News Can't Cook, Won't Cook

9.30 Style Challenge

9.55 Kilroy 10.35 Change That 11.00 News: Weather 11.05 Labour Party Conference 97

News: Weather Regional News: Weather The Weather Show Neighbours 1.30

1.40

2.10

Quincy Through The Keyhole 3.30

Playdays Chucklevision

Get Your Own Back 4.10 Out Of Tune

5.00 Newsround

5.10 5.35 Blue Peter Neighbours 6.00

News: Weather Regional News

Magazines Animal People

Tomorrow's World.
Featuring an invention that promises to make scuba

divers shark proof. Crime Beat. Martyn Lewis presents real-life police

The National Lottery Live Points Of View Nine O'Clock News:

Regional News: Weather The X Files. Mulder and Scully investigate the bizarre abduction of a

young woman. 10.15 Chalk. Eric Slatt singles out Maureen Bullivant during his morning assembly address about

poor exam results. 10.45 FILM: Blue Chips (1994). Drama in which basketball coach Pete Bell is tempted into the world of corruption when his team, the University Dolphins, lose a game for the first time in

their history.

12.30 FILM: Clan Of The Cave Bear (1986). Prehistoric drama, about a girl orphaned by an earthquake and taken in by a tribe of Neanderthals.

Weather

BBC2

Open University See Hear Breakfast News Smurfs' Adventures

The Really Wild Show Penny Crayon Tales Of Aesop 7.55

8.30 Teletubbies 9.00 Cartoon

What? Where? When?

9.15 What? Where? Whe Why? 9.25 English Express 9.45 Words And Pictures 10.00 Teletubbies

10.30 Numbertime 10.45 Cats' Eyes 11.00 Around Scotland 11.20 The Geography

Programme 11.40 Revista 11.55 Quinze Minutes Plus

12.10 Isabel 12.30 Working Lunch

1.00 Noddy 1.10 The Countryside Hour

News: Weather 2.15

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Ready, Steady, Cook
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Esther 4.00 4.30

5.30

6.45

Esther
Today's The Day
Star Trek: The Next
Generation
Conference Talk
Conjuring Shakespeare
University Challenge.
Magdalen College, Oxford
take on King's College, 8.00

The Antiques Show. Tim Wonnacott investigates the allure of fairground art.
The Nazis – A Warning

From History. This programme provides new insights into the Nazi reign of terror in Poland.

The Rugby Club 10.30 Newsnight

10.30 Newsnight
11.15 Over The Edge
11.50 Building Sights. Philip
Johnson talks about his
favourite example of
20th-century American architecture – Grand Central Terminal.

12.05 Duckman The Learning Zone: Open University

Nightschool TV BBC Focus

ITV

9.25 Supermarket Sweep 9.55 Calendar News: Weather 10.00 The Time... The Place

10.30 This Morning 12.20 Calendar News: Weather 12.30 ITN News: Weather 12.55 Home And Away

1.20 Emmerdale

Remote-Control Cooking Vanessa

The Natural Health Show ITN News Headlines 3.25 Calendar News

Tots TV The Parkies 3.40

The New Adventures Of Winnie The Pooh Extreme Ghostbusters It's A Mystery 4 20

Home And Away ITN News: Weather Calendar: Weather 5.10

5.55 6.30 Tonight Coronation Street. Don

breaks out of Weatherfield

7.30 **UEFA Champions** League - Live. Bob Wilson presents Manchester United's first home game in this season's Champions League – against Italian giants Juventus.

10.00 News At Ten: Weather 10.30 Calendar News: Weather 10.40 What A§ Performance. Bob Monkhouse raids the

comedy archives to present a celebration of camp comedy.

11.40 UEFA Champions League Highlights

12.40 The Lads. Terry the comic, Dave the actor and Jadene redefine laddism for the new millennium.

1.10 Rockmania, A lighthearted look at the quirkier aspects of the world of entertainment, blending music and showbusiness gossip.

Sound Bites. Malandra Burrows

2.25 **UEFA Champions** League An Invitation To 4.05

Remember Jobfinder

ITN Morning News

C4

Schools Here's One I Made Earlier Sesame Street FILM: The Baby And The Battleship (1956).

Crawl FILM: The Admirable Crichton (1957). Odd. Fifteen To One

Countdown
Ricki Lake
It's A Cat's World
The Cosby Show
Roseanne. A tornado traps

everyone at home.
Channel Four News
Music Of The Millennium
Brookside. Will Elaine finally
crack under the strain?
Out Of Africa. The cichlid fish

does some peculiar things. FILM: Driving Miss Daisy (1989). Jessica Tandy stars in this simple, moving story of a Jewish widow and her black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman).

10.50 Babylon 5. In space, no one can hear you yawn.

11.50 Under The Moon Sports show 5.30 Film And Video Showcase

C5

6.00 5 News Early; 7.30 USA High; 8.00 Havakazoo; 8.30 WideWorld; 9.00 Espresso; 10.00 Exclusive 10.30 Treasure Islands

Leeza
Double Expresso
The Bold And The Beautiful
Family Affairs
5 News Update
Sunset Beach

5's Company FILM: The Hireling (1973).

6.00

100% Family Affairs. Maria and Jack come to blows.

Exclusive. The Dragon's Tale. Wildlife in the shadow of Mount Everest. Instant Gardens. Redesigning a neglected Harrogate garden. 8.00

5 News FILM: Blind Justice (1994). A blind ex-soldier stumbles upon a small town terrorised by a

gang of outlaws.

Plastic Fantastic. The advent

of penoplasty means you don't have to buy a flash car anymore. Apparently.

11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H

12.10 Live And Dangerous

4.35 Streets Of San Francisco

5.30 100%

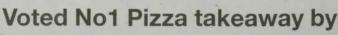


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Watchdog EastEnders. Barry is about to embark on the biggest deal of his career. Animal Hospital

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10.20 Clive Anderson Talks Back. Clive Anderson indulges in conversation with an array of guests.

11.00 Question Time. Political

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6.00 Open University; 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News; 7.30 Smurfs' Adventures; 7.55 Blue Peter; 8.20 Johnson And Friends; 8.30 Mouse And Mole; 9.10 Numbertime; 9.25
Megamaths; 9.45 Come
Outside; 10.00 Teletubbies; 10.30 Outside; 10.00 leletubbies; 10.30 Storytime; 10.45 The Experimenter – People; 11.05 Space Ark; 11.15 Zig Zag; 11.35 English File; 11.55 Lifeschool; 12.20 Showcase; 12.30 Working Lunch; 1.00 Barney; 1.05 Monty; 1.10 The Countryside Hour; 2.10 News: Weather; 2.15 Labour-Party Conference 97: 3.55 News: Party Conference 97; 3.55 News: Regional News: Weather; 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook 4.30 Going, Going, Gone 4.55 Esther

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10.15 10 x10. Lorana thinks that her mother has been abducted by aliens, so she and her boyfriend set out to look for her. Followed by Video Nation Shorts.

10.30 Newsnight. With Jeremy Paxman at the Labour Party Conference. 11.15 Late Review. Followed by Weatherview.

12.00 Duckman

12.30 The Learning Zone: OU

2.00 FETV

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6.00 GMTV; 9.25 Supermarket Sweep; 9.55 Calendar News And Weather; 10.00 The Time... The Place; 10.30 This Morning; 12.20 Calendar News: Weather; 12.30 News: Weather; 12.55 Home And Away; 1.20 Masters Of Beauty; 1.50 Remote-Control Cooking; 2.30 Vanessa; 2.50 The Cooking; 2.20 Vanessa; 2.50 The Natural Health Show; 3.20 News Headlines; 3.25 Calendar News; 3.30 Potamus Park; 3.40 Wizadora; 3.50 The Adventures Of Dawdle; 4.05 Snug And Cozi: 4.15 Hey Arnold!;

4.40 Animal Ark. 5.10 Home And Away

News: Weather Calendar Followed by

Local Weather Tonight. The programme that celebrates the variety of the Yorkshire region.

Emmerdale. Tony tells the truth about what happened in Guatemala.

The Big Story.
Investigation into how
likely British au pair
Louise Woodward is to get
a fair trial when her murder case in the USA starts next week. The Bill. Boulton and

Boyden both have an interest in the same pub Clive James On TV. Clive

James has a look at some memorable moments of The Uninvited. A four-

part sci-fi chiller with Leslie Grantham.

10.00 News: Weather 10.30 Q & A. Current affairs series about Yorkshire

11.00 The Question Is. Richard Whitely hosts the no-frills chat show.

11.30 Calendar News 11.40 Highlander.

12.35 Planet Mirth 1.05 FILM: The Man In The Road (1956). British thriller with Derek Farr. Box Office America

Recollections War Of The Worlds

3.35

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5.55 Sesame Street; 7.00 The Big
Breakfast; 9.00 Schools; 11.30 Here's
One I Made Earlier; 12.00 Sesame
Street; 12.30 Fragile Kingdoms; 1.30
The Big Break; 2.00 Racing from
Newmarket; 4.00 Fifteen To One; 4.30
Countdown; 4.55 Flicki Lake
5.30 It's A Cat's World.
6.00 Boy Meets World. US sitcom.
6.30 Hollyoaks.
7.00 News: Weather
7.50 Music Of The Millenium
8.00 Feast. A fillet steak is mixed
with porcini and mushrooms.
8.30 Lonety Planet: Ethiopia.
9.00 FlLM: Walkabout (1970).
Trippy tale of a brother and

Australian Outback.

10.55 The Ba Ba Zee. The second part of Channel 4's black zone: Forgotten Victims, Sidney's Chair, and SuAndi's Revelations Are Black 12.40 One Sunday Morning; Kay-Christian Sanderson 1.05 Yoman's Dance: John Agard-Palm Tree King. Octobre.

2.10 Seven Sins: Greed 2.35 Magic Or Medicine? 3.40 The Vision Thing 4.10 Wanting And Getting 4.40 The American Football Big Match



6.00 News Early; 7.30 USA High, followed by News Update; 8.00 Havakazoo; 8.30 WideWorld, followed by News Update; 9.00 Espresso Followed by News Update; 10.00 Exclusive; 10.30 Instant Gardens, followed by News Update; 11.00 Leeza; 11.50 Double Expresso, followed by News Update; 11.00 The Bold And The Beautiful; 12.30 Family Affairs; 1.00 News Update; 1.05 Sunset Beach, followed by News Update; 2.00 5's Company, including News Update 3.30 FILM: Tall In The Saddle (1944), John Wayne western. 5.00 Whittle; 5.30 100%. 6.00 Exclusive. 6.30 Family Affairs. Bill, Elsa and Gerald handcuffed to a tree. 7.00 News

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European Football – Live.
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Never one to rest on his laurels, Lineker has always been driven by the desire to seek fresh challenges. Why else would he throw himself back into the public eye when already assured of a cosy retirement attending the odd charity function and playing pro-celebrity golf?

and as the advertising lynchpin for Walkers and their 'Salt and Lineker' flavoured crisps. They argue that serious sports presenters (David Gower has attracted similar criticism) should not be seen blindfolded and desperately fumbling the nether regions of some sweaty sumo wrestler just minutes before appearing in serious mode analysing a hotly disputed offside decision or a flashing off GOOOAALLII Below: Lineker scores that magnificent equaliser against the Germans in that fateful World Cup semi, and (right) a rare shot of him actually kicking a

ball in a Grampus Eight

shirt

'They Think It's All Over'

Quite rightly, our Gary is

different things. 'They Think It's All Over' is off at a tangent - it's just a bit of fun. Basically, we're there to have the mickey taken out of us, which is fine. That's why which is fine. That's why people like it - they enjoy sporting celebrities, or anybody for that matter,

laughing at themselves."
"The great thing about the adverts is they have been well written and very successful. It's like anything - if you do something, you want it to go well," he casually mutters in a moment of self-reflection that pretty much sums him up. But enough of the soul-searching. What I want, what I really really want to know, is how he enjoyed working with Walkers' latest recruits, the Spice Girls?

"They were a really good crack for a day," he reveals cagily. Clearly more persuasion required... "It was a long day, although it didn't seem it," he adds wryly as a cheeky smile creeps across his

face. Come on Gary, surely you can do better than that. Scary Spice was great fun, she actually made me laugh." Yes, and... laugh." Yes, and "Well, I suppose Baby Spice was cute. there you go, what more do you want!" There, that wasn't so hard was it. Now back to the football.

T should be of no great surprise that it is when talking about the game he played and obviously still oves passionately that Lineker is at his most relaxed and animated. He really opens up when back on home ground because he knows exactly where he stands on the issues of the day, and is not frightened of saying so. Suddenly, I'm talking to a real

football fan who needs no second invitation to put his ideas across, and who does so with enthusiasm and great conviction.

"I always promised myself I would never say 'in my day, blah blah blah' but the game has changed so dramatically in recent years with the influx of foreigners and money. Of course, when you get the best overseas players, others can learn from them and they give great interest to the supporters. But on the minus side, there's a real danger that a lot of these journeymen professionals from elsewhere will restrict the opportunities for English players and that's something we could regret as

regards the national team. So what of the current England squad? "Glenn's team is quite strong going forward, as we probably have been for the last ten years. But we still desperately lack defenders that can contribute offensively." It is interesting to note how Lineker, as a former striker, focuses on the other end of the field as the

major weakness.
"Don't get me wrong, we've always had good defenders." he continues, visibly warming to his theme. "It's just that they have never been able to play in the opposite direction, and that is and always has been the difference between us and the Brazils, Germanys and Italys of this world. Rio Ferdinand certainly has the potential -touch wood he could be one of the answers - and Sol Campbell is capable of passing the ball to a degree although he could improve on that side of his game."

Any solutions then?
"Coaching is the key, and I think what Howard Wilkinson has done by introducing small-sided football at an early age is great. Until now early age is great. Until now it has always been a case of 'Right, we only play

competitive matches son big competitive matches son big pitches, so let's put the biggest boy at the back 'cos he can kick it the furthest.' If it was me, I'd take the goals away altogether." Did I catch that correctly? Was Gary Lineker, the man who scored 322 goals in his first-class career, suggesting that the career, suggesting that the way to improve our coaching would be to get rid of the goalposts? Wouldn't he have hated that as a youngster himself?

"Yes I would have done, but it would leave you no alternative but to pass it or to dribble and learn proper ball skills rather than simply hoofing it down the other end to score. I still also think we play far too much football. Our game is faster and more physically demanding than in other countries, so our players tend to suffer more. In an ideal world, I would abandon the Coca-Cola Cup and reduce the Premiership to a maximum of 18 clubs.

O there you have it, the Lineker blueprint to safeguard the future of English football. And it's hard to argue with him, especially as he is so obviously knows and cares a great deal about what he is saying. He is a football man through and through, and also remains a Leicester City fan through and through.
"You know how it is, your

team's your team. I supported them as a kid and went to every game for god knows how many years. Obviously when you're playing at other clubs, you lose a bit of that passion. But since I finished playing, my enthusiasm has genuinely returned and that's quite refreshing. I probably saw them seven or eight times last season and went to the final. Martin O'Neill's doing a fantastic job there, through his character and personality as much as anything.

Of course, the boy Lineker fulfilled his childhood dream by running out at Filbert Street for the first seven years of his professional career. From there, he moved all over, first to Everton for one highly successful season before his spell at Spanish giants Barcelona initially

under Terry Venables then later Johan Cruyff.

Back in England, he was reunited with Venables at Spurs before his injury-hit two-year stay in Japan. Oh, and he also managed a few goals for England as well, apparently. Not bad for the small and skinny schoolboy who was thought too frail to be a striker when he first joined Leicester (he was only 5ft 6in and nine stone at the time!) In all that time, is there one particular goal, match, or trophy that stands out?

'On an individual basis, I suppose finishing top scorer in the 1986 World Cup - the tournament is the pinnacle of every footballer's career, so there can be no higher achievement than scoring more than anyone else. But football's not quite like that, it's a team game," he adds quickly as if suddenly worried about blowing his own trumpet. "I didn't actually have a fantastic amount of success as regards trophies. I guess winning the Cup Final with Tottenham in 1991 gave me the biggest buzz, on a oneoff day anyway.

So does the lack of silverware on his mantlepiece leave any lingering regrets?
"It's not something I lay
awake at night worrying
about if that's what you
mean. In an ideal world, the move to Barcelona could have been a couple of years later and then I probably would have won championships with Everton because they were certainly the best team I played for, no question. But at the same time, it was a





THE HIGHS AND LOWS: Gary's international career is brought to a sorry conclusion by Graham Taylor in the 1992 European Championships, while only a year earlier, he celebrates Tottenham's FA Cup triumph over Nottingham Forest, his only domestic trophy

fantastic opportunity and I appreciate the fact that they

As for a favourite goal, I didn't score too many great ones - that top corner job at United was the only one I hit from outside the box in the whole of my career. But I tend to judge goals by importance and so I think my favourite would have to be the first against Poland in 1986. I'd gone six games without a goal, the team were struggling, but from that point on, we ended up reaching the quarter-finals, I finished as top scorer, and got the move to Barcelona. It changed my life." So quite

A NYONE who has followed Lineker's career will know that his relationships with managers have varied from being very close to more than a little strained. 40 goals in one season clearly demonstrated Howard Kendall's ability to get the best out of him; his often forlorn gait when forced to play on the wing embodied his problems with Johan Cruyff at Barca. But perhaps these extremes are better reflected in his relationships with two very different men, Terry Venables and Graham Taylor, and are best explained

by Lineker himself.
"Terry was certainly the
best man I ever worked for.
The difference was that he seemed to think more on an individual basis than anyone individual basis than anyone else. He'd often come up to you and say 'Have you ever thought about making this run, or doing that?' Sometimes it wouldn't work, but other times you felt 'Yes, he may well have a point.'"

So does he not regret the fact that El Tel is currently

coaching the three Koalas rather than the three Lions? "It is a shame that we lost the momentum England had gained under Terry. Underneath, he desperately wanted to carry on, but being a proud man was left no option but to leave because he wasn't given the whole-hearted support that he felt, and I feel, and most people probably feel he deserved.

Clearly there was and remains a strong bond between Venables and Lineker, so any other manager is likely to suffer by comparison. But was Taylor, and Lineker's relationship with him really

those who could unlock doors. He left out Beardsley and Waddle, and with Gazza and Barnes injured, you had to pick the other two."
"Second, he was always

very critical of his players publicly, and I always thought that was unacceptable. How can you expect players to want to play for you if you're having a dig at them behind their backs? That was the one thing we fell out on, and not the substitution because I never saw him after that.

The unsavoury clash with Taylor that signalled the end of Lineker's international career was one of the few times that he has courted controversy

went up to Joe Kinnear shouting 'Guess what? Gary Lineker's just said that you're better off watching Ceefax than Wimbledon!' Now there is a fundamental difference is a fundamental difference between those two statements but Joe just went off it and so did the club. It's all been sorted out now though and everything OK - I'm even an honorary member of the Crazy

RAZY? Not quite the adjective that would best describe Gary Lineker. He is rather more the model professional and a top bloke to boot who has taken success comfortably in his stride and not allow it to ruin his personal life nor let it diminish his natural modesty and natural affability. This, above all, is the key to his Mr Nice Guy image and enormous popularity.
"It's something that you

grow accustomed to," he explains, perhaps not realising the fundamental importance of being able to appear comfortable in the limelight. "99.9 per cent of people are very pleasant when they come over to talk and ask for your autograph, so why should it bother me?"

The answer is it shouldn't, and in his case obviously doesn't, but public pressures and the media spotlight have so badly affected many other sports stars. Lineker by contrast has coped admirably by remaining true to himself, and will continue to do so in his level-headed and quietly efficient manner. He doesn't even have a temper, does he?

"I do get irritated quickly and I can winge - I'm quite good at wingeing. But I don't actually lose my temper or ever go berserk... HONEST!"

AND YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THAT...

Lineker on Japan:

"It was good financially, especially as my best days were clearly behind me. But the fact that they were so nice made it all the more frustrating that I couldn't play. If they had just slagged me off and said 'he's here for the money and just pretended to get injured so he can go home', it wouldn't have been quite so embarrassing."

Lineker on his injured toe:

"It is the butt-end of many a joke as we all know, but I certainly can't play football of any shape or form. I don't have any problems in general life, but it gives me a lot of pain if I have to stop sharply or turn quickly. So tennis and squash are also out, and even cricket, which I love, I often struggle with."

Lineker on training and keeping fit:

"I'm not what you'd call one of life's great fitness fanatics, and to be honest, used to find training rather boring. Everything was always for the unit so if we were working on the defence, everyone would have to work on defence. something I was never particularly interested in! If it had been more individualised, and I was able to spend every day working on aspects of my game alone, then I would have trained forever."

Lineker on Peter Beardsley:

"Pete was the best striking partner I ever had. We just seemed to complement each other so well because he was such a great player outside the box and a very intelligent player."

Lineker on Gazza:

"He is a fantastic talent, although he would never pass the ball unless he thought he was going to get it back! He will always have the potential to explode, but I still think he could star in the World Cup if he is able to stay fit."

Lineker on Bryan Robson: "Robbo was my massive hero when I when we meet. which is a bit ridiculous."

'Graham was always very critical of his players publicly, and I thought that was unacceptable... by and large, I iust don't think he wanted me around'

"Graham had no experience of international football - he'd never been number two or even played at that level. So although he always spoke sense about the game, it was at a fairly basic level based on the team unit, not like Terry's individual ideas."

"We had our tetes-a-tetes occasionally, especially towards the end. By and large, I don't think he wanted me around. To be honest, the substitution didn't get to me until afterwards when I found out about the record, although the chances of scoring were pretty remote anyway because we were very workmanlike in

Sweden."
"I only ever had two real criticisms of Graham," he continues. "First, I didn't feel he picked the best players.

The only other occasion that springs to mind, for more light-hearted reasons, is the confrontation with Wimbledon and Vinnie Jones. So while we're in the business of putting the record straight, what's the story there Gary, or should I say Mr Jellyfish?

"Actually, I saw Vinnie on a golf course recently... from afar thankfully! I've nothing but great admiration for Wimbledon but it was my misunderstood criticism of them that started it all off and I think they now understand that it was misunderstood." Right, understood.

"I said on Match Of The Day that the first half of the game between Leeds and Wimbledon was so bad you'd have been better off watching it on Ceefax. But the reporter

joined the England squad. I'm still in awe of him now



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- In the last 20 years funding per student has declined by 40
- per cent in real terms
 In 30 years student numbers have tripled from five to over 30 per cent of school leavers. University Vice-Chancellors were predicting a funding shortfall of one billion pounds by year 2000.
- In the future the most likely form of funding for students seems to be loans with income contingency payments, meaning that repayments are calculated as a fraction (about 3 per cent) of the graduate's later earnings. collected through the tax mechanism.
- This will mean that those who can afford to pay do so and those who cannot are protected from debt and will not face debts of up

to £15,000 when they

■ graduate. Only graduates earning over a threshold of £10,000 will

meshold of £10,000 will

■ start repaying.

Graduates will repay their loans over a longer period than at present, those earning £17,000 will repay £52 per month compared with £129 per

■ month now.

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Maintenance Grant over a period
of two years; planning to halve
them in 1998 and abolish
them completely in 1999.
This has removed state support

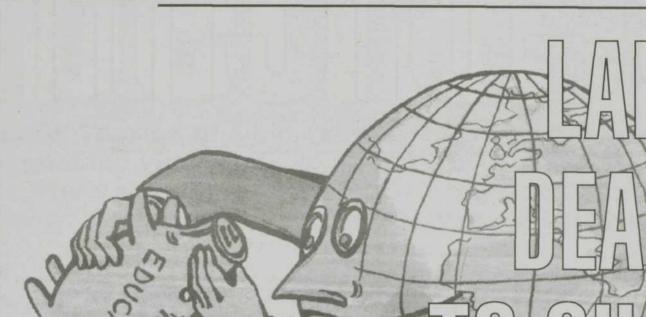
from 100,000 students worth £1.5

■ billion.
The tuition fee charge will affect all students entering higher education next year, those already at university will be

- exempted from the charge However students now on a gap year, with a deferred entry place gained for next year, were not exempted until an embarrassing Government U-turn last month
- The Department of Education have provided an extra £165m to be spent on Higher Education in 1998-9.
- Universities will have an extra £125m for 1998-9 to improve quality and standards
- An extra £4m will enable an extra 1,000 students to participate in higher education

A £36m access package will allow access funds to be doubled and an introduction of a new £250 hardship loan.

■ This year the taxpayer will pay about £1.7 billion towards students' living costs, nearly 25 per cent of education costs.





The new Labour Government plans to replace maintenance and tuition grants with a system of loans and tuition fees, MARTIN ARNOLD, Politics Editor, finds out if this will discourage poorer students, or provide vital funds for universities

Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education, is preparing radical reforms of higher education funding which will dramatically change the face of university life, forever.

The Government plans to phase out the Maintenance Grants to students, replacing them with a new system of student loans, and to start charging students tuition as recommended by Sir Ronald Dearing's Inquiry. The plan is to start recovering some of the costs of education and avoid a worsening of the present funding crisis in

higher education.
In July the Committee of Inquiry into Funding of Higher Education, chaired by Sir Ronald Dearing, published its report recommending that students should pay 25 per

cent of their education costs up-front and proposed an introduction of a £1,000 yearly charge for tuition fees. The Dearing Committee argued that an up-front charge was the only way to provide the much needed funds to increase quality and improve access in higher education.

onto the Dearing Report, saying "Sir Ron, you got the funding solution wrong and the Government has compounded the felony.'

This was met by a fierce Labour counter-argument, led by David Blunkett who claimed "They were in favour of students contributing a fifth

proposals. He has joined business leaders in stating that he feels the plans to scrap the Maintenance Grant are

"regressive" and "outrageously unfair" because it is likely to deter students from poorer backgrounds from going on to higher education.

These claims were rebutted

announced a financial package of £165 million to help universities improve standards and improve access for poorer students, he claimed "The package ensures that universities do not face the planned cutbacks, while at the same time enabling more people to benefit from higher education.

He also pointed out that a students from families with gross incomes of less than £23,000 will not have to pay tuition fees, and many others will only pay part of the fees lower resources per student. The Conservative party

have supported the Labour Government on their new

student funding policy.
In a statement on Tuesday. Stephen Dorrell, Shadow Minister for Education and Employment, said "I welcome the principle that money raised from tuition fees should be ploughed back into higher education.

"I only hope that this move on the Government's part will establish a precedent rather than being a one-off

'Sir Ron, you got the funding solution wrong and the Government has compounded the felony'

At this week's Liberal Democrat Party Conference. Phil Willis, the party spokesperson on Further and Higher Education, criticised the Government's policy of charging tuition fees, claiming that "We have seen a Labour Government abandon the principle of free tuition. We will oppose at every opportunity the imposition of tuition fees for full time

He continued his attack

of their tuition costs. Today, the Liberal Democrats are condemning the Government for its new student support plans, demonstrating an opportunism which smacks of old-style politics."

S IR Ronald Dearing, who does not personally agree with all of the conclusions his own Committee of Inquiry published, has criticised some of the Government's

article she wrote in the Guardian earlier this month. Baroness Blackstone argued that "The contribution which parents will have to make, taking into account both fees and maintenance, will not be any bigger next year than this year," and stated that Students from less well-off families will not have to pay

Baroness Blackstone, Higher Education Minister, in an

On Tuesday Mr. Blunkett

travel

So you thought Siberia was cold and barren? Wrong. As INDIRA DAS-GUPTA finds out, it not only contains one of the greatest natural wonders in the entire world, the land famed for its snow also gets quite hot too

ll other train rides seem like once round the block with Thomas the Tank Engine compared with the Trans-Siberian Railway, which encompasses two continents, covers eight time zones and over 9289 kilometres of taiga, steppe and desert.

The term 'Trans-Siberian' is used for three main lines and

some of the numerous trains that run on them. We took the main line from Moscow's Yaroslavl station which runs on a continuous unbroken track through and beyond Siberia to Vladivostok in the Russian Far East. The whole journey takes six and a half days, but we opted to only travel as far as Lake Baikal in Eastern Siberia which takes a mere four days!

Like most people, before I embarked on this epic journey I knew nothing about Siberia except that prisoners used to be sent there to do forced labour and that it gets very cold. But as I soon discovered not only is Siberia very beautiful, it is also rich in culture, history and contrary to popular opinion it isn't always freezing. True it can drop below -40 degrees celsius in the winter, but in the summer it's absolutely scorching. I spent most of my time there sweating like a pig.

For somebody who normally gets bored half way

into the train journey from London to Leeds, the thought of spending four days on a seemed a tad daunting to say the least. However, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the time passed fairly painlessly. We spent most of our time reading, eating instant noodles and admiring the amazing beauty of the ever changing scenery. We made at least three stops every day when it was possible to get out and stretch your legs a bit or do a spot of shopping and buy anything from gherkins to flowers from the local traders.

By the time we reached our destination of Ulan Ude, I was understandably keen to get off the train and have a hot shower. We were met at the station by, Slava, a relative of a friend in Moscow. In an act typical of the overwhelming generosity of most Siberians Slava insisted that we stay with his family, despite the fact that he didn't know us from Adam.

Ulan Ude is the capital of the picturesque republic of Buryatia, which is on the Eastern shore of Lake Baikal For most of its history the region has been under Asiatic influence. This is clearly visible in the facial features of the 250,000 indigenous Buryats, who originate from Mongolia. The Buryats have managed to keep alive their language, culture and religious beliefs. The majority ascribe either to Buddhism or Shamanism, which is a form of pagan earth worship based on the observance of sacred natural sites.

We spent a couple of days exploring Ulan Ude in the blistering heat. The centre which is typically Stalinist is

dominated by a surreally large head of Lenin. Though they re steadily disappearing the city still has whole neighbourhoods of wooden log cabins. Some of them look as though they've just endured a 24 hour vodka binge but others are beautifully carved with lace like designs. There are also a few museums containing

sandy beaches. Locals believe that a dip in the lake can increase your life expectancy by up to 25 years, so of course we had to try it. Unfortunately, far from prolonging our lives we nearly died of hypothermia - it was bloody freezing!

Tour guides positively overflow with statistics about

the lake which is known as

Lake Baikal contains nearly one-fifth of the world's fresh water, it is 636 kilometres long, a mile deep, and bigger than Belgium!

some stuffed animals and some 'interesting descriptions of the Lake's history, in Russian. These aren't really worth the visit but be sure to visit the open-air ethnographical museum of reconstructed buildings portraying early Russian life. Another sight not to be missed is the Ivolginsk Datsan - an ornate and extremely colourful Buddhist monastery. Buses run directly to both these sights and for details on times check out the *Lonely Planet* guide book

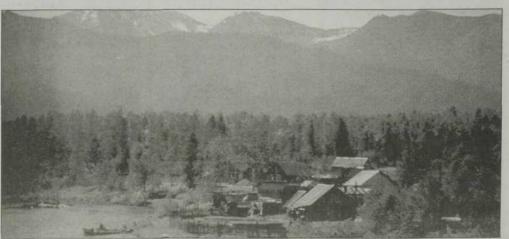
But the real highlight of the trip was when our host took us on a camping trip around Lake Baikal for a few days. Most tourists go to Irkutsk to see the lake but not only is the Ulan Ude side much prettier, it is also far more convenient, with shallower, warmer water and

the 'Pearl of Siberia'. Lake Baikal contains nearly one fifth of the world's fresh water, it is 636 km long, over a mile deep and bigger than Belgium. It is also over 25 million years old making it by far the world's most ancient lake. Baikal is a living museum of flora and fauna too. Of over 2000 recorded plant and animal species 70 to 80 per cent are unique to this

adly some of the wildlife has suffered from the pollution carried into Baikal by the Selengs river, one of its tributaries Nevertheless it's so clear in most places that you can see right to the bottom and the water is perfectly safe to

After a few blissful days relaxing by the lake we headed back to Ulan Ude and





the administrative centre of Siberia, Irkutsk was a major junction on the exile road. Its most illustrious 19th century exiles were the Decembrists and some of their houses have been restored as museums of the time.

Nevertheless, on the whole the town was more than a little disappointing. Apart from a couple of museums and some impressive churches, there isn't that much to see in Irkutsk, and a couple of days are more than sufficient to see everything of note.

The only real reason to go to Irkutsk is to take a ferry or a bus out to Listviyanka and look at the lake. Listviyanka is a small but charming village about an hour away from the hustle and bustle of Irkutsk. It's perfect for hikers and nature lovers, but kicking it is not, so if

you're easily bored and the quiet life is not your cup of tea, it would be better just to make Listviyanka a worthwhile day trip.

After a couple of days of hiking and heavy vodka drinking had taken their toll we set off for Krasnoyarsk. The dominant feature of this city is the Yenisey river which runs right through it. It's two main tourist attractions are the Surikov Art Museum and the Solby Nature Reserve. Unfortunately we had little time to see either.

By the time we finally made it back to Moscow, I never wanted to set foot on a train ever again. But I got off the train as tanned as I would have been after a beach holiday in Spain. In fact I liked the area so much that I plan to go back in wintertime. But this time I think I might take a coat - and buy a plane ticket instead!

HANDY HINTS

Our mini guide to Siberia and how to get there

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IT COSTS just under £300 to fly to Moscow if you've got a ISIC card. You need your passport to buy tickets for the train journey, which are available at the foreigners' desk at Moscow's Yaroslavl etation.

Train tickets to Ulan Ude cost about £90 per person for a bed in a four person compartment. (This is the price for foreigners, it is standard practice in Russia to charge non-Russians more.)

Furthermore, only one way tickets can be bought, you have to buy your return ticket once you reach your destination.

Storad .

THERE IS a restaurant car on the train but the food is grim and pricey. Fortunately each

carriage has a constant supply of boiling water, so take lots of instant noodles, etc.

haalith

IF YOU go to Baikal in the summer, invest in some mosquito repellent spray, or you'll get eaten alive.

Take plentiful supplies of toilet roll too as it is still considered an unnecessary luxury.

for more Info

FOR DETAILS of accommodation, places to eat and tourist spots, it's definitely worth buying the "Lonely Planet" guide to Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. In fact, don't leave home without it - it tells everything you need to know for an enjoyable time in this beautiful part of the world.

And there's more...

RKUTSK and the area to the south of the magnificent Lake Baikal is where the Trans-Siberian railway line branches out in two main directions.

One line carries on through the former Soviet republics to finish on the Pacific coast at Vladivostok. The other more popular route descends into northern China.

The contrast could not be starker between the lush greenery and landscape surrounding Baikal and the barren wasteland which soon replaces it once you cross the border into Mongolia.

And yet there is an altogether different beauty to be garnered from nothingness. It is somehow reassuring to know that there remain areas of the world that remain largely untouched The solitary track winds an eerie path through the Gobi desert as if unsure of eyer reaching civilisation.

It does eventually, but stations are a rarity and therefore an event to be treasured, not least to stop off and grab some eats from the stalls on the platfrom. But beware, for the train leaves as quickly as it arrives, and with no warning either. Too much time spent exchanging your tugriks (the Mongolian currency) for tomatoes and you'll be a nomad before you know it.

A FTER the industrial sprawl that is the capital Ulan Bator, the train rattles on south towards the border with the People's Republic and the bogeychanging depot.

changing depot.

Now I know the Chinese are famous for always having colds, but this is actually where the train's wheels are adjusted to run on the narrower tracks across the frontier. Passengers are forcibly removed from their bunks and forced to stand in the freezing cold, inevitably in the middle of the night, as the train is readied for the home stretch.

And so, some 7861km and seven days after leaving Moscow, you arrive in Beijing somwehat bruised and battered but certainly far better for having completed one of the great train

Alex Gubbay

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've just worked out that there's nearly a month to go of nights like last night. So that's alright then... Three years of reading this bit and now I'm the one writing it at 5.04pm on Thursday - what's going on! Big shouts out to everybody who remembered there was a paper this week. Naveed, Laura , let's find some stories next week eh! Matt Genever - vou were the star hack this week - cheers mate. Oh yes and Kevin fancy watching

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Norwich vs Ipswich tonight! TV Ross and Diane - you were about the size of it! Music kids about the size of it! Music kids are alright too - awards for patience go out to Robbie. Jenny and Joseph. Cap'n Wilson -you've started filling yer boots with glorious reviews pages and Lauren - I never did get round to that Blockbuster -

Spike and the boy Straw - both stirling efforts and keeping the Leeds flag flying high. Linden -you thought it was all over...it wasn't! But good pages nontheless.

Clubsman Phil: Lets hope there's plenty more drum 'n' bass where that came from. Well done.

Alex, a man of many comments - and quite superb pages, as usual. Excellent stuff. Indira and Martin - amazing return to form for both of you. Simon-year in Spain and you're still addicted to the fax machine!

Furious printing managers have just caught me typing so I'll have to stop. Erm, who have I left out. Probably loads of people, in which case, sorry. But Louise Arts: a special mention to you for keeping me sane on Thursday morning AND liking Nutrigrain. And of course, the dynamic duo-Alex and Claire, I wouldn't be here without you. And that's the truth. Thankyou. And as I believe is tradition at times like

'Come back Smithy. Your country needs you."And while I'm at it, fancy a return Abbie, OG, Moon, Feller, Leadbeater...?

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At Easter 1998 students from UK universities will be taking part in a hitch hiking race to Morocco, to raise funds for the educational charity Link Africa. Why not join them?

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Careers Day

ONE for your diaries. Leeds
Metropolitan University Careers
Service are promoting a Careers
Training and Information Day held by
the National Mentoring Consortium.
This day aims to attract groups that
are traditionally under-reprensented at
events like these, such as ethnic
minority students.

It's being held at the University of

Westminister in London on Wednesday 26 November 1997, and if you need more information, please contact the Careers Service at LMU City Site, Room D204.

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Up close and Persona-I!

careers

Never considered working on contraception? Sarah Blackford talks to Kay Collier, recent graduate, about how to play safe and secure your future - before anyone else

> which can be advertised as early as August and September.

"I went on two courses" Kay s, "and they were both really

useful experiences - not to mention the plush

he early bird catches the work?" It's certainly true in the case of Kay Collier, recently a student at the University of Leeds and currently production control manager of Persona - the trendy new contraceptive gadget which tells you when it's safe to have sex.

Since graduating from the Chemistry Department Kay has been working as a Management Trainee with Unilever for one and a half years. Now she manages 70 people and her salary is over £20,000 - which means she managed to pay off her student debts in no time after leaving university.

"You could say I've been very lucky", Kay says "but I don't think that's true really. You make your own luck and mine changed when I went to the University Careers Service during my second year". Kay had originally thought about being a lecturer because she was so keen on her subject but she wasn't sure if she had the

right personal skills to succeed in this career.

What she found out when she talked things through with her careers adviser was that she works best in a team situation, rather than on her own, and since lecturing doesn't involve much team work she probably wouldn't have found the work as rewarding as another career.

career.

"I hadn't realised there were so many other careers on offer", Kay explains, "I'd only thought about the obvious, and in relation to my chemistry degree.

"It's amazing how many opportunities there are. You can get on lots of the employer training programmes with any degree subject - they're interested in you as a person, not which degree you're doing."

What Kay found invaluable was the fact that she'd come to the Careers Service in her second year rather than waiting till the end of her final year. It gave her the time she needed to research her career and to take advantage of all the Careers Service events. She was shocked to see that the closing dates for applications are so early on in the final year.

Careers Service Information Room during my second year, I would have found it hard to make applications at the start of my final year". Kay says. "It gave me the

'You could say that I've been very lucky. But I think you make your own luck in today's careers scramble' -

Graduate Kay Collier time I needed to choose the kind of career I'd be suited to and then to research the employers offering these kinds of positions.

Being around the Careers
Service also kept Kay in touch with courses run by employers

accommodation provided. The courses involved working in groups to solve real problems that the companies had faced in the past. It compounded my belief about thriving on team work and also helped me decide which

company I wanted to work for."

Kay's career's going at great speed already - and it's not just because she's got a PhD.

"Everyone here is rated on their ability", Kay concludes. "These days you've got to prove yourself in terms of your skills and that goes for getting in as well as



OWN GO/4/4

OW not many people have noticed, but there have been serious climactic changes north of the tropic of Cancer recently. The direct result of this is that after 65 million years, dinosaurs are starting to re-emerge in the most unexpected of places. In London this week, the

much-feared Lispus Monoclaurus announced at a press conference that he would be resuming his fighting career. Whilst a traffic warden outside was fining him for parking on a double yellow line, "Chris Eubank" (as the creature is commonly known) told laughing journalists that he will be fighting Mark Prince in Sheffield on October 11. "Before, I used to please myself" he told them. "Now I want to please the fans." Such heart-warming sentiment, you might think. Presumably that's why Frank Warren felt compelled to offer him a potential £10 million payout.

Another prehistoric beast to be reincarnated is the flamboyant Brownenvelopus Moustachiosaurus. After previous sightings in Liverpool, Southampton and Winchester Crown Court, this strange creature of African origin has been signed on a three-month contract by Sheffield Wednesday. At the grand old age of 39, "Brucie" has been drafted in to cover the injured goalkeeper crisis at the club. Worries that

would have trouble settling in have been with the news that pint-sized Richie Humphreys is working well with him - after all, the Zimbabwe keeper is experienced at dealing with short men. Allegedly.

obvious when you think about it, but I really A

couldn't see the point of it in the first place. But the more you consider it, the more and more logical it becomes. The definitive way to make England a credible force in Test cricket is to take the top eight county sides and make them play a one-day "Super Cup" in April and

May. Within years, Wasim, Wasne and the W Waqar, Warne and the Waugh brothers will all be sobbing into their whites as an invincible English XI sweeps away all before them. Three cheers for the counties for making such a brave decision to ensure the future prosperity of the game in this country

KNOW it hardly seems topical now, but I love to see egg on Rupert Murdoch's face, and the Rugby League World Club Championship landed a veritable omelette on the Sky supremo's grinning features.

Disappointment was followed by despair, frustration and finally sheer amusement as, one by one, the Australian club teams wiped the floor with their British counterparts. The tournament descended into farce as sponsors Visa found out that their last-minute involvement had proven to be ill-judged. My advice to Rupey, as he wipes away the pieces of yolk, is to think twice before trying that one again next year.

N the great traditions of British justice, it is Loustomary to let the punishment fit the crime. So the activities of the FA disciplinary committee recently have made football watchers wonder just what is going on up there.

It all got nasty a few weeks ago, with something of a brawl taking place after the Leicester-Arsenal game.
Consequently, Ian Wright and
Steve Walsh were summoned
to Lancaster Gate to be.... reprimanded, Quite what Frank Sinclair must

have been thinking this week when he was fined £750 for dropping his shorts as part of a goal celebration, I can't imagine. Suffice it to say that he'll no doubt be the butt of many training ground jokes. Sorry ground jokes. Sorry.... Theories that the FA

borrow one of the National Lottery machines when it comes to fining players for being naughty are yet to be proven, as the committee Graham Kelly

> Teletubbies CS

Gloucestershire's larger-than-life pace

PORTING greatness relies not just on natural talent, but also on that old determination to win characteristic.

definitive The testament character Gloucestershire England cricketer David Lawrence is that the when moment suffered the agony of a shattered kneecap came as he was giving his all for his country in a Test match that was drifting remorselessly towards a

'Syd', as he is known to everyone in cricket, suffered this cruellest of breaks at the Basin Reserve ground in Wellington, New Zealand, in his first overseas Test match. It was January 1992 and, after the promise of the previous summer's series against the West Indies (which West included a five-wicket haul in the Oval Test), it seemed likely that Lawrence would be spearheading England's bowling attack for the next five years.
All that changed with the

first ball of his third over on that fateful afternoon. Ever the optimist, Lawrence hoped to playing again by June that but it soon became apparent that this would not be



Interview by **Chris Straw**

the case. The road back to county cricket was being cordoned off by his doctors, whose advice to him was to not even consider a return to competitive cricket. How little they knew of their patient's character.

Syd today is as jovial, irrepressible and larger than life as he ever was - if not even more so. In a way this is a reflection of his determination in the face of adversity, and he's glad to have made it back this far. "I this guy's going to get back into first-class cricket. Well I've proved them wrong, I've done it, but I still feel that I've started something but not finished it. I've only played four games and for me, that's not enough. I really want to be able to contribute something to

Gloucestershire next year."

Words to make the members at Bristol salivate. They have already seen their team turn in some vastly improved performances this season to climb six places

commitment that repays the faith the club has shown in him. "They've stuck with me", him. "They ve stuck with me", he acknowledges, "but I think they know that I'm the kind of character that if I say I can do something, I try to do it to the best of my ability - and that's why they gave me the opportunity to come back and play I've enjoyed it but I feel. play. I've enjoyed it, but I feel I'm a better bowler than what I've bowled this year.

THE future for David Lawrence looks better than it has done for some time now, at a time when the future of English cricket the future of English cricket has been held up for closer scrutiny. The ECB, led by supermarket king Lord Maclaurin, put forward a package of measures designed to re-vamp the county scene, with the ultimate aim of with the ultimate aim of making the England team a

making the England team a credible international force.

The plans were put to the counties, and the resulting vote saw them opt to retain the same structure to the championship. This drew fierce criticism from lan Botham amongst others, and Syd clearly shares Beefy's viewpoint.

"County cricket hasn't

changed for a hundred years. They had the perfect opportunity to change things but they decided to ignore it. I can't see any development at all really - it's still the same old scenario. The emphasis should be on four-day cricket, but instead they've come up with some Mickey Mouse competition called the Super Cup. I'm disappointed, of course - as cricketers we want

'I've proved them wrong, I've done it. But I still feel that I've started something but not finished it'

bang", he enthuses, "and I enjoyed playing my first game, against Hampshire." Setbacks almost inevitably

followed, with a side-strain picked up against Surrey putting him out for nine weeks. Despite this, the big man has rightly forced himself into the reckoning, and Gloucestershire are only too happy to see him back in their attack. What seemed impossible five years ago has been achieved, and Syd has made his point as emphatically made his point as emphatically as ever. At 33 years of age, is he satisfied enough to put his

feet up for good?
"A lot of people said that after five years there's no way from their 1996 standing, so the return of a fit-again David Lawrence could see the club mount a serious challenge for trophies next time around.

"The boys have done extremely well", he says, "and the progress has been fantastic - nobody gave us a chance at the beginning of the season. They said it was all over, but the guys have proved them wrong. Probably the wheels have come off towards the end and we've not achieved what we wanted to, but it shows that if you've got good team spirit and camaraderie, then you can achieve something.

These sentiments perfectly commitment

SYD LAWRENCE FACTFILE

Born: 28 January 1964, Gloucester

1981 - Debut for Gloucestershire, aged 17

1985 - Awarded County Cap; Young Cricketer of the Year

1988 - England debut v. West Indies

1990 - Hat-trick for Gloucs v. Notts

1992 - Shattered kneecap playing in first

overseas Test

1997 - Returns to first-class cricket with **Gloucestershire**

Best Bowling Figures: 5-106 for England v. West Indies, 1991 7-47 for Gloucs v. Surrey, 1988

Most Wickets in a Season: 85 (1985)



bowler is back on the county circuit - with a boom

LAW-RENCE



want the pressure, the competitive edge, that's what it's all about."

And if you're looking for that competitive edge, look no further than the hard, bouncy Caribbean pitches on which Mike Atherton and the England side will be pitting their talents this winter. Lawrence's fairytale comeback hasn't quite extended to a national call-up (yet), but his experience of playing against the West Indies (all but one of his Test matches to date were against them) puts him in the position to offer some sound advice to this year's touring party.

"They're a very hard, competitive side, and when you play against those guys you've got to be up for it.

There's no way you can even fractionally doubt your own ability, because if you do, they'll come at you and come at you hard. The whole team has to go out there believing that they can beat them, you have to play together as a unit and get into the winning habit early on that tour."

early on that tour."

As regards the captaincy, Lawrence believes that Mike Atherton's decision to continue in that capacity was the right one. "The selectors wanted him to do the job", he explains, "and at the moment there's no one person who can succeed him." That surely is the strongest case for Atherton's staying on, because Adam Hollioake, suggested by many as a replacement and who surely will be a future

England skipper, is lacking in experience, and there are no other potential leaders in the team. Atherton, then, is the best man to lead a winning side in the Caribbean.

Beating the West Indies was sweetest for Syd Lawrence when his 5 for 106 at the Oval in 1991's final Test helped England to a famous victory. He rates this as the best moment of his Test career, although it was overshadowed by Phil Tufnell's six wickets in the first innings. Syd is typically positive about this: "That's fine, I haven't got a problem with that. I'll always remember it and it'll always be in Wisden that I took five wickets against the West Indies, and for me it's

something I'll always treasure and keep close to me."

Russell in the England squad has been pleasing for Lawrence. The two are good friends and Syd rates Jack as "the best wicket-keeper as in the world as far as I'm concerned. He's got a fantastic cricket brain on him as well and he's got that little bit extra it takes to go out and win a match." Russell is also known for his eccentricities and one of them is that he won't let any of his teammates round to his house, not even Syd Lawrence, apparently: "No, I haven't been round to his house. There's a rumour going round that Salman Rushdie's hiding

out there - it's like a fortress." As for Russell's infamous eating habits, Syd has only one word of comment: "Bizarre."

What Russell makes of the gourmet cuisine at Lawrence's wine bar and restaurant in Bristol is left to the imagination of the reader. 'Boom' is certainly booming, and Lawrence sees it as a main part of his life: "It's my business, not just a hobby I'm there all the time in the winter running the place."

When visiting Bristol, the pilgrimage to Boom is a real must - if the boss is in, you will be sure of the most enthusiastic of welcomes from the man with a reputation as one of cricket's most genial characters.

5 Great Sporting Comebacks The west in the West in the Salman Rushdie's hiding characters.

1. Bob Champion & Aldaniti

THE greatest comeback of all.
Both horse and rider had been
struck down - Champion
contracted cancer, Aldaniti
suffered a broken leg.
Fortunately they both made

Fortunately they both made miracle recoveries, and completed a comeback even the fairies couldn't script, Emotions ran wild as they swept to an unbelievable win in the 1981 Grand National.

2. Diego Maradona

AN unfortunate habit of 'going down the line' too often has turned the cheating Argentian's career into a real

Stop-start affair.

Old Dingo has come back more often than a boomerang over the years, his mates at the Argentine FA making sure of that.

If only the hand of God had kept away from those small plastic bags. Ha, ha, ha...

3. David Lawrence

THE Gloucestershire fast bowler suffered one of the most horrific injuries ever seen in sport when his kneecap shattered as he was bowling for England against New Zealand.

Medical experts told him that a return to competitive cricket would be completely impossible, but Syd defied all the odds, making his return to first-class cricket in 1997.

4. Botham & Willis

TEST match cricket had seen nothing like it. At tea on the third day of the 1981 Headingley Test, England were still over 100 runs behind Australia and an innings defeat was looming. Bookies were offeriong odds of 500-1 against a home win.

First Botham with a brilliant century, then Willis with eight for 43 sealed the unlikeliest and most famous of wins.

5. Nick Faldo (courtesy G. Norman)

THERE was only a little credit that Faldo could, take after winning the 1996 US Masters. as most of it went to Greg Norman.

Few can forget the way that the Australian, going into the final day with a six-shot lead, slowly fell apart in the Augusta sunshine to hand Faldo victory. Hilarious.

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The Celtics in what could turn out to be one of their last matches at Weetwood

Report by Paul Brown

LEEDS Celtics are poised to accept an offer from Dewsbury Rams RLFC to use their ground for home matches.

The American football team may leave Weetwood in an effort to arouse the interest of potential sponsors.

The team is the most successful in the history of its 31-team University league and

has never been defeated on its present home territory. But they are set to move in the hope of attracting larger gates.

Sponsorship

"The problem with Weetwood is that you can't really advertise a field, so it's hard to attract sponsorship," explained club chairman Steve Murray

"It costs £250 to kit out a player in this sport, so we're looking to move to a stadium where we'd get bigger crowds. The old LUU Seniors got gates of 8,000 when they played at Elland Road.

"Dewsbury Rams RLFC have offered us the use of their pitch, but it's quite expensive, so we're looking to organise some cheerleaders and make our games more of an event, to bring people in."

Cheerleaders

The 90-acre site at Weetwood is used by many University sports teams for BUSA fixtures, and has also played host to prestigious events such as LUU RLFC's Silk Cut Challenge Cup Second

Pic: Nick Lee

Round tie with Thatto Heath in January.

"Weetwood is of course a very good site," said LUU Sports Officer Neil Rayer "but I can understand that the Dewsbury pitch would be ideal for the Celtics."

"I think they will struggle to find the funding necessary to play there, but if that's their choice then good luck to them."

The Celtics are no strangers to controversy. An alleged discrepancy in signing a team sheet meant the team's first three victories last year were reversed by the BACFL, the sport's governing body.

Thankfully, their season was saved by a last-minute appeal to the national top-brass, the BAFA, who overturned the decision