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Hardship worries grow as summer dole is axed

GRANTS UP IF NO BENEFITS?

Student welfare leaders in Leeds have predicted that students will face major hardships if the Government carries its proposal to cut supplementary benefit payments to students during the summer vacation.

The Government hopes that the plan will encourage students and school leavers to find jobs, and that where of the social security system will be reduced. The National Union of Students estimates that 130,000 students claim supplementary benefits during the summer.

The University Union's full time Research and Welfare Officer, Martin Blaney, claimed that it was a "folly" that students do not want to work. He said, "Remember that students are entitled to this benefit, but need would like jobs, hence 60% of first year students will go to work with benefits, and would not wish to pay them off."

by the News Staff

He said that a cut in benefit payments that students were entitled to draw would be "extremely disastrous". The full non-graduate grant of £250 per annum, already compares unfavourably with the £155 that a single householder can claim from the Government. The loss of a summer's benefit would mean another 275 reduction in income for students. NUS has said that a 25% increase in the student grant would be needed to cover the cuts. Mr. Blaney commented, "This is a realistic figure overall, but it doesn't take into account those with medical needs or expensive living conditions."

The Government's attitude towards those would severely benefit, such as low dental treatment, prescriptions and optical care has not been clearly defined. "They probably haven't time to legislate in detail, therefore the cuts will be rather sweeping" said Mr. Blaney. Where the Government axed Christmas and Easter payments that was the case.

"LOANS"

Even if students were able to continue claiming loans, they would, along with other claimants, face a 44 drop in the real value of the payments by 1983.

The University Union Welfare Officer, Chris Sherman commented, "This Government seems to make cuts at the expense of anyone who cannot fight back."

"Not everybody can get a job, it is most unrealistic of Government to apply measures against unemployed students, and not against unemployed people in general."

Meanwhile, Industry Secretary Sir Keith Joseph has repeated his personal view, on the grant system, which he mentioned in a talk at the University Union last term. He would like to see a loan system replace the existing grant. The student would repay the loan at the end of their course, though this is not yet of those Terry policy.

• Ragged Repast



The Leeds Rag Committee began their traditional fundraising of the general public on Wednesday, by holding a breakfast party in the Mexican Centre.

The start, which was mainly a test of organisation and did not involve any selling, was held outside Mexicana where breakfast shoppers were treated to the scene above. While the Rag staff packed up bowls of Muesli, Lyke, the caterer, Rag Ladies, enjoyed a freshly posted luncheon.

Rag work begins on November 24th and will involve many similar stunts, including a pavement clean-up, Biggie, a 'Bank the Freshmen Day' contest and a market pen drive, whereas the evening entertainers whom he or she may be -- will receive a fair fall of the delicious confectionery. There will also be a chance to see Terry Sney, 'The Dirty Dancer', Stephen Power and 'A Patch of Daffodils' all for £1.00 -- a meal for all Our Eastwood fans.

All proceeds will go to selected charities.

Cons. stall raid

by Shona Hastings.

The University Union Conservative Society staff was attacked during the Freshers Bazaar by two masked persons.

A large cloth banner belonging to the Federation of Conservative Students, which the Union's Society had borrowed for the event was stolen. The banner was worth £20.

The incident happened last Friday afternoon when the staff, in the Royal Smith Hall was the target of four hostile forces by two people disguised in red hoods and black caps.

Late in the afternoon, a poster was found pinned to the Conservative desk, on a tree written, "Join the Tories here, and get your free piece of Lord Mount-

banes".

Investigations are being carried out, and the society's chairman Anthony Gannon, is appealing for witnesses to the incident to come forward, he said.

"If and when they are caught, we will lay charges before the chairman of the disciplinary sub-committee."

Mr. Gannon added that the society was considering asking the Police to investigate the matter if no further information was forthcoming.

Should the offenders be brought before the disciplinary Tribunal they could face fines of up to £20 and/or suspension from Union activities.

NUS Sec Kidner resigns

University Union NUS Secretary Graham Kidner has decided to resign from his non-substantial position because of the demands of his course.

Mr. Kidner, who is a second year law student, said he has little of resignation that the amount of work involved in the second year had "taken as quite a shock".

He added that he was "in a new lease of life" about his course and that he felt that it would be unfair to students to continue as the position without doing the job properly.

Union President Steve Anderson said:

"I think it was extremely honest of Mr. Kidner to resign at this stage, rather than just struggle on as perhaps some other officers have done in the past".

No date has been set yet for the election of Mr. Kidner's successor.

Ex-Olympic joins Univ.

An Ex-Olympic shot pointer has joined the University staff as Director of Physical Education.

While Lindsay, who came 16th at the Olympics in 1960, comes to Leeds at a time when there is a growing demand for the indoor sports facilities to be increased.

"I think that the University is absolutely aware of the situation, but the major problem is money. I feel sure that the University will do the best that they can, but one must be practical."

Mr. Lindsay was keen to point out that Leeds has a strong tradition of large scale participation in sport. "Facilities are lagging behind the interest of students, but what gets on to a place is not determined by the facilities but by the individuals involved. If I was away on the tradition that already exists then I shall be happy."

Prison for arrested comen

Two women who believe themselves responsible for taking thousands of pounds from students in the Hyde Park area have been arrested and sent to prison.

One whose story was that he needed to get to the life of Shoppers to see his mother, confessed that he had been coming students for £20 a day for the last eighteen months has been sentenced to three years imprisonment.

The other, who told officers that he was in Leeds for a one day homecoming conference and needed money to travel to London, received a 12 month sentence.

In each case, as the men have been sent to prison, there was no award of compensation.

Pt. Platt, of Millgarth Street Police Station, said, "We were very grateful to members for their assistance, and we hope that they would give it again if needed".

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LEEDS STUDENT

12th October 1979

Consider this

Last spring student grants went up by 16%, barely keeping pace with the rate of inflation under the Labour Government. Since then, the Howe Thatcher Budget, with its increase in VAT and its tax cuts for those with higher incomes, has produced a rate of inflation that far exceeds the increase in student grants. With no extra money from the cut in income tax and higher prices resulting from the VAT increase, students are struggling to make ends meet more than ever before.

Now the Government has suggested that to encourage students to take jobs during the summer vacation it will make it harder for them to claim supplementary benefit. It is not clear how clearly the Government has examined the details of the proposed legislation, but it would certainly be well advised to consider two important points.

Firstly, the case of the student who wants to work but is unable to find employment. With the country's unemployment figure somewhere around 1.5m people seeking temporary jobs are at a serious disadvantage. There is no guarantee of work for anyone, least of all students who are available for only 14 weeks.

Secondly, there is the problem of the student who wishes to study during the summer months. University vacation study grants are very limited. Many lecturers and tutors are already disturbed that students have to work in order to support themselves at a time when they might really be doing additional course work.

Fresh ideas

The purpose of the almost endless round of Freshers' Dinners is ostensibly to enable new students to get to know each other, yet a less appropriate venue is hard to imagine. Perhaps the Freshers' Conference organisers could arrange meals where students can simply talk to each other.

'Life of Service'

A funeral was held on Monday for Mr. Oswald Dick, the University's Careers Adviser who died last Tuesday.

Mr. Dick died only a few months after learning that he had cancer. He came to Leeds from Glasgow in 1952, and was then the only Careers Officer at the University. Now there are ten Advisers, and his work and dedication has helped to spread the profession throughout the country.

Before the war Mr. Dick went to Poland with the Friends Ambulance Brigade and was captured by the Russians. Later in the war he was captured by the Germans and spent some time in a Prison Camp.

Mr. Arthur Stone, Senior Careers Adviser, who worked with Mr. Dick for 24 years, commented, "His life was one of service to people, particularly students at the University. He was a man of great fortitude and courage, even when he was critically ill he maintained an interest in his work. He had great personal warmth and a deep concern for students."

He was deeply loved and respected in the University.

Mr. Dick was a loving Christian, he leaves a widow, and a daughter who lives in Australia.



Mr. Oswald Dick.

Kitson union closure threat

by Ben Hazzen.

The Student's Union at Kitson College may be forced to close, as a result of action by the Transport and General Workers Union.

Members of the TGWU involved in courses at Kitson objected to membership of NUS being obligatory, and a letter was sent to the governors of the college asking for NUS membership to be made optional for part-time students.

The governors complied with the request, and this year, all part-time students at Kitson can choose whether or not to join the NUS.

As the majority of students at the college are part-time, this deprives the Students' Union of most of its income.

At present, only about 30% of the part-time students have joined the Union, and Leeds Area NUS secretary John Peel says that the Union "might have to close down".

Mr. Peel is also worried that the policy might spread to other Colleges in the Leeds area. He said, "It could be a test case. It could end up with other governors trying to do the same thing, which would be a serious attack on Students' Union autonomy."



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Ripper rumours increase

Two female students living in University-owned accommodations were terrified by an anonymous phone call on Sunday afternoon.

The caller, speaking with a distinct North London accent, "I will stalk you and be lying in wait," she reported the incident immediately to the Police who are now investigating the matter. One of the girls, "I don't know the name of a student. Possibly it was an older one, it wasn't a strong accent," she says.

This is just one of a number of ways in which the presence of the Ripper has been felt during the last week.

A rumour has spread round St. James's Hospital, where a number of students work, in the effect that a man, nicknamed 'The Ripper', is about to have said that the next victim would be a nurse.

Paul Higgins, the Principal Administrator, Assistant, at the Hospital said, "We are not aware of the phone call being made to the Hospital, but being made at night could be serious with the lates. We are aware that the rumour has been circulating since the weekend."

As a result of the rumour, four life sizes from the Polytechnic have asked the Student's Union to consider treatment when they arrive home. But as skills in their lodgings in the Havells and

Chaplinova area. "One RSC had you name, said, "I wish a bad you have to walk up a dark lonely lane by the side of the houses."

"I think maybe the Poly should provide treatment, but this would depend on the number of women on the late shift. I personally would be prepared to take up their places at the house."

I have said that the Ripper had said "I love you" and it really said "no."

In addition to this threat against people already attending the Polytechnic, it appears that students are not taking up their places at the Poly because they are frightened of the murders. Around twenty students have decided to take up their places, citing this fear as their reason for withdrawing.

Society cuts?

The University Union Executive are considering stopping the grants for some Union Societies, as from the second term of this session.

The matter was considered at a meeting of the Executive on Monday when Cultural Affairs Secretary Andrew Buchan proposed that another £1,200 should be drawn from the Union's account to supplement Mr. Buchan's dwindling funds. He said that he had received several complaints from societies over the amount of money they had been granted for the first term.

Union President, Steve Auld, agreed that "The amount of money the many societies received was totally inadequate", and that Mr. Buchan should try to

raise the money through a new allocation system. Mr. Buchan replied that since it is money now forthcoming he would have to consider cutting several items first, but said "There are 125 reasons why we shouldn't do that". A new system would do nothing to rectify the present financial situation.

The Treasurer, Len Sakel, suggested that some money could be recovered through the payment of about twenty societies which remained dormant during the last session. This again was rejected.

The second decision of the Executive was that nothing would be done until the Union's financial situation had been clarified, and then that the matter would be referred back to Union Council.

Andrew Buchan Cultural Affairs Secretary.



Two killed in America

Two students from the University were killed in a car accident this summer while on holiday in America.

Brian Francis Kirwan, 21, of Chorlton-on-Heath, Manchester, and Stephen Wayne Ross, 21, from Tesley in Wales, were killed when their car drove from the car in which they were travelling after the evening had ended. A third passenger, who had been wearing a seat belt, survived the crash.

After working in the United States (under the auspices of the U. S. N. A. C. scheme) during the early summer, the three men bought a cheap car in which to travel around before returning home. The accident happened on the California coast near Monterey.

Mr. Ross had just completed a three-year degree course in Food Science, and had a new job awaiting

him there.

Mr. Kirwan had completed three years of a four year honours degree course in the same subject.

T. W. Stowman of the Peace Department of Ford Science, who knew both Mr. Ross and Mr. Kirwan, said that they were both good students, as well as being liked in and out of class.

The BUNAC Secretary at the University, Tim Pratt, said that he didn't think that anyone would be so stupid as to travel to the States by the railway.

"I don't see why it should put anyone off, it could have happened anywhere. If anything, roads and cars are better over there than here."

Members of BUNAC working in the States are insured for \$1000.

A memorial service was held for Mr. Kirwan in the Catholic Chaplaincy yesterday conducted by Father John Twist O.C.

People's Republic of China. Mr. Nanning returned the compliment by presenting the University with a collection of paintings by a famous Chinese artist.

Students have been asked by the University Union to contribute to the mounting of government cars by reporting any violations in standards such as larger national groups, but instead of any necessary change of equipment. Union Deputy-President Dick Quibell also asked for the Union to be informed of any jobs being done that can be directly attributed to the cars. He accused the Government of showing ignorance by giving guidelines on cars. The accusations have had to decide which the most important areas are, which has caused confusion.

If there is a 6% drop in intake of students in the university, the Union will lose a similar drop in Revenue due to the loss of the per centage fee for those students.

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Cuts cause entrance confusion

The Director of the Polytechnic, Dr. Patrick Nuttison has claimed that the Poly has lost about 300 students this year. Entrance authorities have increased their entrance requirements to beat the expected Government cuts.

This was explained at a Headmaster's Conference at Cambridge. He cited the case of a student who applied for a BMD course at the Poly, and withdrew with two A — level passes of physics grade B and general studies grade A, in study credit sciences at Leeds University.

This view is also backed up by University Union Deputy President Dick Quibell. He called the increase in intake a "massive" and a "low score" in one sense because the University has reached its target figure. However he said it may create problems for the whole student who will have more chance of failing the course later on.

One man who disagreed with Dr. Nuttison was the Deputy Registrar Dr. Buchan who said that no conclusion could be reached as it was necessary to analyse data about A — level performance first.

However, Dr. Buchan said there is no evidence to support Dr. Nuttison now that there is a deterioration in entry standards at the University.



Mr. Jung Nanning

In Brief

Several Leeds students will be among a host of demonstrators trying to prevent the South African Boat Race from taking place in their waters of Cowley on the ITD Canals.

The Anti-Apartheid movement is organising two meetings for the event, which has been planned in conjunction with "Stop All Racist Tours", an organisation campaigning for the international boycott of South African sport.

University Union Deputy President, Dick Quibell, is one of the organisers of the group, which will leave from Leeds in the late afternoon to arrive in Cowley in time for the 7.30 pm kick-off.

Mr. Quibell hopes for 'a big day at Cowley' and is selling tickets for £2.25.

A party from the Sheffield University branch of the Anti-Apartheid movement is also expected to join in the demonstration.

At the Eastonians previous meeting, the police have used their right of powers to restrict opposition to the boat.

Last week a visit was paid to the University by Mr. Jung Nanning, the Chinese Minister for Education.

The visit was part of a tour of English Universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Mr. Nanning inspected several departments of Applied Science, and saw some being streamlined, a Computer Centre, and visited the new departmental computer facility.

Professor Lawrence, head of the department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, presented Mr. Nanning with a small but highly sophisticated piece of satellite communications equipment as a symbol of the links between the University and

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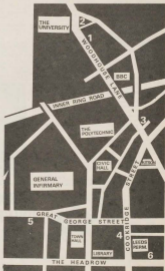
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Warbeck

Following an evening full of delectable jollity at the Federation of Conservative Students' soiree in the University Union's Terrace Bar last Sunday night, I fear that at least one reputation will never show as brightly again.

These students dutifully paid their £60 membership and sponsored in the event. Subsequently, they managed to recruit a number of the happy band to adjourn to a party "somewhere in the Royal Park Area". Amongst those enticed by this obvious ruse were several members of the University Union Hockey, General Secretary Ray "Gassner" Collins, and Education Officer Pat Sanderson. It is they who were then a pretty few!

Conservative of this could afford any of the most basic type. Topics which come under the medieval microscope of the hedonist crowd included Cantor's public dimension, the cockle and the cat, and the life, though quite why these might be viewed as interesting any more in a complete answer.

Fortunately Ms Sanderson, whose electric victory had almost nothing to do with her ability, and



'I'm a father'

virtually everything to do with some revealing publicity pictures, and other more subtle activities, retained enough sense to refuse to remove her pants to prove her supple. She was not so adept at avoiding some extremely strong looking cigarettes, though, of which the least important ingredient was tobacco. Fancy, made up with Fry including with attachments of all people.

Word has reached me that the slipup which has been the basis of this organisation for so many years is about to extend its advice and pertinent influence.

It seems that Fats Secretary Deyne "I'm a father" Lennon is trying to make sure that as many of his contacts as possible can have the maximum number of on-the-road perks. His latest scheme is to set up a management society of all the first stewards (they are now a profession that they are now a geographical phenomenon on their travels during concerts) can get into all "supporting" organised by Deyne for nothing, in return he has divided his advice down into ten items into his little pamphlet for the year price. A pretty little came up on 11.

It was in 1967 that the then Labour Government first introduced discriminatory tuition fees for students from overseas at levels above those of home students.

In April of next year the present Conservative Government is expected to abolish all subsidies on overseas student tuition fees and announce the introduction of fees at what they describe as "the full economic cost" by 1982. In the space of fifteen years successive governments of both complexes will have effectively ensured that only those students from wealthy countries or with substantial independent means can afford to study in the U.K.

Overseas students have always been seen as easy targets as the government dashes headlong into public expenditure cuts, and the last twelve years of this reveals a history of remarkably steady thinking and short-sighted action.

Short-sighted

The basic premise that successive governments have adopted is that overseas students use this country a lot of money and that in a time of financial cutbacks they should be the first to feel the effects. This attitude is inaccurate. It is also extremely short-sighted in view of Britain's reputation in the developing world.

First of all I would like to dispel the idea that the British taxpayer is paying out huge sums of money to enable foreigners to study here. The Government's assumption of a subsidy of £100 million per year is purely incorrect. Indeed, according to a detailed report by the London Conference on Overseas Students in conjunction with the

University Union President STIVE AULSBROOK gives his reaction to the increase in Overseas Students Fees

United Kingdom Council for Overseas Students and the U.S. and the British Treasury is something in the order of £25 million.

The report says that the 82,774 students from overseas last year brought in a total of £136 million in trade benefits, foreign exchange and research work. This compares with the £153 million it costs the taxpayer for the 605,000. Yet even this is a bogus figure, since overseas students still employ, and the lighting and heating for the lecture theatres still be paid for, even without these foreign students. What the savings of additional cost are for each of these overseas students has been the subject of much debate, but even in total they represent only 2.5% of the total number of students, it must be relatively small in the major disciplines at least.

Millions

If the three million profit is added to the £29 million that overseas students paid in fees, it comes to £32 million. In total, it may be very much more than that.

The benefit that overseas students bring to Britain is not only financial, but in other disciplines, overseas students are the mainstay of the departments, and without these much vital research work would not be done, and many British students would not be able to carry on.

On a higher level, the academic and vocational skills which British Universities pass on to these students, particularly in Agriculture, Medicine, Textile Engineering and the like, represent a significant form of assistance to the underdeveloped world.

At a time when a recent World Bank report indicated that even with a greatly accelerated rate of development, it will take one our hundred years for the Third World to reach the same standard of economic achievement that we enjoy in the West, we should be providing more, not less, assistance.

Expanded

The role of education in development is a significant one and since the British University system is the finest in the world, and our Colleges also are of the highest quality, this role should be expanded considerably.

The present government's action in trying to suppress it but the student situation out of our educational system is extremely foolhardy. As the developing world increases its influence in the political arena, and at a time when the West needs the goodwill of Third World in terms of our trading position, and also as more and more people are aware of the Soviet influence in Africa and the Far East, it seems to be a reasonable fully to embark on this policy of educational isolation, which will inevitably have an effect on our more general relations with those countries.

The British Government, whether it be Labour or Conservative, has taken a regressive attitude for too long. At a time we had had it now, before it's too late it is done.

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It is very hard for many students, whose only contribution to society is to keep employees of the brewing industry in pocket, to imagine the dedication, patience and hardwork that was put into helping these children. Both students concerned were members of ACTION, the

University Union's community to help society, the largest society in the Union.

This year's president of ACTION is Nigel Collier, a second year psychology student, he explained the two roles of ACTION.

"There is the volunteer side, where we provide volunteers for other community groups such as the Samaritans, Shelter and Arnsley House Visiting Group. Secondly, we run our own groups which are organised and funded by students themselves. These include the Saturday Clubs and Decorating Groups."

Indeed, the Saturday Clubs are especially successful. Nigel

is himself still involved in the Herald Club. Altogether, there are three such clubs in Leeds which meet every Saturday morning. About fifty children attend each club, occupying themselves in various and bustling activities for about two hours.

These children, who are often from deprived homes tend to be high spirited and unpredictable.

In the summer of 1978, ACTION took them on holiday to the Premier Hotel. Nigel tells an amusing story, which involved an attempt to organise a festive game to stimulate the children's imagi-

nation. The game began when a student in a purple suit approached the children. However, when they saw the figure coming from a distance of about a quarter of a mile, they became frightened, convinced that it was "ten feet tall and roaring eight miles an hour". Apparently, children in Herald still talk about the appearance of this terrifying beast.

You don't, however, have to be under sixteen to gain attention from ACTION. They are involved in a case at the moment, for example, which Nigel detailed.

"A couple who are disabled were living in a house in

Middlesbrough as a long-term mission. They have now been there for fifteen months. It, however, has Jungs and rats, has no heating, and 8 women in a wheel-chair. At the moment, a student is taking the women out trying to help emotionally".

Another ACTION volunteer involves teaching children a read, this takes place at a day school behind the Morris Centre on Thursday night. Students work on a one to one basis with the children, trying to build up a relationship, helping them to make friends and at the same time encouraging their reading.

Unfortunately, ACTION

ACTION SPEAKS THAN

by Mike Hatcliffe Photography by W. M. L.



Not all of ACTION'S work involves children - here, members are making patients at Homestead Mental Hospital - and dancing with them.



An ACTION helper taking over the role of...

themselves in the area of literacy is not so straightforward. The students themselves are considerably more confident than their pupils, and it is difficult to build up a confidence when students meet at regular intervals for days.

"We want to get an adult literacy group going," said Nigel, "but we must do it slowly."

Another unique idea which comes from a physically handicapped people's home near the Park, is that the students themselves should go into the area to put in what they can understand some of the needs that disabled people

face — the idea came from the disabled people themselves.

"The hope is that all these ventures will help to improve the image of the student."

"There is a lot of anti-student feeling in the community," said Nigel, "ACTION tries to get over it."

"This year, we are trying to do a lot more support schemes. For instance, the Saturday Club helps will be going to weekly training sessions linked with the community education officer."

Of course, the projects do not always go as well as was intended, and as Nigel commented, "It is difficult to

provide specific successes because consistently action is a slow process, but the failures tend to be more obvious".

There was a large comprehensive school in Leeds, for which ACTION provided a group which tried to help first year students who were finding it difficult to adjust to their new, larger surroundings. The children were referred to ACTION by a particular teacher. However, when the teacher left, the Headmaster refused to allow the group to continue, partly because he felt that it was elitist, and, says Nigel because he objected to students.

Meeting and helping people

is what ACTION is all about, but to keep such a large society running smoothly needs a great deal of administrative work, particularly in the ever-problematical field of finance. ACTION gets £2000 from the Union, which it must spend on students. The money it gets from membership fees, donations, and the sale of posters goes towards such things as children's Christmas parties and outings for Old Age Pensioners.

"We are not very well funded compared with other Universities (Susan's community group get £3000, and in Manchester, the figure is nearer £10,000) though we

understand the problems that the Union has" said Nigel diplomatically.

There is also a major problem. Everyone on the ACTION committee, including the president, has a course to do.

Last year 1000 people came to ACTION's initial meeting, but sadly the group just cannot cope with that sort of number, and so some had, reluctantly, to be turned away. This year, 350 freshmen were signed up, which is a good sign that students in Leeds are still prepared to give a little time and money to help those a little less fortunate than themselves.

AKS LOUDER WORDS

h & Chris Etchels



ACTION helps children to enjoy themselves through the Saturday Clubs, sometimes the children's high spirits get the better of the ACTION helpers.





Michelle Dean

The agony & the ecstasy

This was probably the most eagerly awaited concert I've ever attended. The Banders are probably the most "difficult" band around at the moment and the support performance by the Dave 80 nothing for my objective friends.

The problem is this - a band is on stage playing some pretty ghastly music and my ears are in pain because they are being twice as powerful as I.P.S. as they said. Yet I cannot walk out because there is a strange woman on the stage. The reason of this concert was due entirely to the theatrical presence of Suzanne Vega.

The Banders are back on the road mostly due to the perseverance of this intolerable lady. The beginning of the show had been planned for John by the unexpected and unexplained departure of Billy Preston of the Banders. However, in spite of several very short of light from the "strange" music establishment, the replacements were found and the gig was resumed.

It is possible that Friday "concert" was the result of this up

beared, though the essential spirit of Suzanne's songs have remained the same since the first recording at the 101 Club in '76.

There is something magical and appealing in the Gothic withdrawal of the Banders music. It breaks one's normal standards of the musical and the discursive, the phonological and the parafied. It was reminded at times of a Nazi solemnity by the strong illustrated booklets. The Banders use a single method of manipulation except that they're louder than the Nazis. It was a fascinating evening for the non-believer like me and by all accounts an enjoyable one for the believers on the floor.

This was a happy concert with last year's concert where many people thought they would hear twenty versions of "Love Song" Carter and were suitably disappointed. When just before the last song "Widows" the band did perform this old but simple, the crowd went wild. All a longers of round I suppose - but I will don't understand it.

John Armstrong



Pick: Penny Gresham

The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams

The Hitch-Hiker's Guide follows in the best tradition of BBC humour, though unlike ITMA and I'm Sorry It's Not the Guide it's in a series that has one target, pulp science fiction.

First broadcast on Radio 4 last year, the Hitch-Hiker's Guide has already taken on a minor cult status. The story concerns a Mr. Norton, Arthur Dent, who is suddenly transported into Outer Space when the earth is destroyed by the Galactic Planning Council to make room for a new hyperdimensional super race.

Great scenes such as vegetable characters as Marvin the mope depressive robot, Earthed Beethoven, Marzipanite City (where those one head's a hyper intelligent shade of the colour blue, and a host of others).

The story is funny and the likes of Hitchcock and Adams get a heavy pasting, but the sheer sense of humour that has characterised British humour from Lear to Woody Puffinbarger creates the pit. For instance a huge computer manages to work out 1000 70 million more than the Answer to Life, the Universe and everything is -24. The problems of course is to find the ideas.

The series translated well from a radio show into a book, although the construction of the BBC Radio4ishness, including an overly detailed.

The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy... is more popular than the "Distant Horizons" Quarterly, or the selling than "Fry's" more more things to do in "Zoo" and "Voyage" more conventional than "Oolon" "Chalchic" trilogy of philosophical "radio-plays" which had "Voyage" "Walden" and "Who is this Person" "Kid" anyway?

Tommy Tuckwood

* The Hatched House - Piskowski/Haimson (13.95)

The price of £1.50 may sound a little excessive for a book which contains only 73 novels, but the publisher of *The Hatched House*, is Pan/Pantheon (Harcourt, 23.12.84) is so widely available, it is disappointing. The book's format makes that company (in the majority of the words, *The Hatched House* is a popular book and although there is nothing new about the post-war format itself, it was certainly well used in such an imaginative way.

The cover credits Ted Loring as the book's "major engineer" and the reader need be one of the most diligent practitioners of this very curious craft. The book is a south-eastern tale of a hatched house, beginning in the hall and ending in the upstairs room of all the arts. On the way the reader encounters the most surprising mix of characters and ghosts ever found in a novel.

Nothing is left to the imagination, even the heads of some of the characters are visible, and all the characters open to avoid their contents. The text and meticulously designed monochrome would alone make this book the essential Christmas present for 1978, but there are a number of other small features that provide extra gaps of delight. For instance the portraits have up their eyes at what they see, a considerable margin out of the picture, a double-line top of the proverbial cupboard, and, on the last page, there is one, a good effect.

Deceasing of Babylon: A Private Eye Novel 1982

Richard Eastman
Deceasing of Babylon is one of the most entertaining and witty novels I have read and deserves its highly favourable reviews already done by the worthy critics of the Guardian and Financial Times. The

novel revolves around a plot her around the sympathetic character of C. Card, a dove and not private investigator whose debts would be solved only with the help of the international detective Frank G. Card, a man who was through the novel, a re-looked home from which emerges the problems which dog his path as he continues to further work in Babylon where life is on his side.

Card himself has some, very own ideas and is pulled into rather than pushes his way into situations. He is an all-rounder in a world which requires the ordinary little man, whereas in Babylon he is the almost to him, private and of course, machine. C. Card's optimism to many like him, some who dream away their lives,

Books

yearning to walk into the world of the silver screen where they can live out their fantasies and become great.

Braunton's punky prose and short chapters make this a very readable novel. It originally has the potential to be a good character and a refusal to become a money-peddler.

The story? The plot barely advances as the actual story takes place in less than 24 hours and ends in the present. The main body whose body is worth more dead than alive Brown, you will find that the plot is hardly credible. In the novel, the depression (which are numerous) dominate the story line. The plot is simpler. G. Card is kept by a beautiful blonde to read a couple. Several others are interested in the body of the worthy private G. Card is interested in his client and

her money. His client is interested in her...

W.G. Don't read this, read the book! Linda Chapman

The Slaves' Nails

by Philip Newman
Harcourt Brace, £5.95

Although in the form of a novel, the book contains some of the most sensitive (sociologically) childhood memories I have ever read. So accurately does Philip Newman capture the emotions of the child that one derives an almost child-like delight from reading them. The novel is set in the late forties/early fifties and describes a typical English middle-class upbringing during those post-war years. The total recall which the novelist has of this period is amazing. He can remember the smallest details such as the working of old soap boxes.

This kind of memory, combined with Newman's very considerable skills as a journalist as well as novelist, makes the most convincing and authentic canvas. Not only is the descriptive prose superb, the understanding of the psychology of the characters, especially the child Louis, is also excellent. For example...

The door was big and it fitted in its frame; it handle hung out from on a pole. He grasped it but then washed, his feet clinging to the floorboards, because an instinct told him that if he held his breath - if he could hold it long enough to come to sleep - he might still possibly God and find that after all, he had been mistaken. Life might still be able to go on as it did yesterday, and the day before...

of old soap boxes. This is the almost scientific and clinical

observation of detail. In one vital this is fine, but after a while one begins to long for a little more realism and even more imagined detail. But this is a small objection to a most outstanding book.

Allan Scott

An Introduction to 50 European Novels

by Mark Seymour Smith

This book gives a learned and breezy account of the development of the European novel from the time of Rabelais (1494) right up to the present day. It is unique in that it shows the historical development of the novel, not just the best individual novels, although most of these are in fact included. The contemporaries of each of the authors and their influence are analysed, enabling the reader to appreciate readily the influence which have had on each other. Seymour Smith makes liberal use of quotation from noted critics, thereby giving some idea of the development of criticism in the field of the European novel. A bibliography of critical studies is usefully included, as well as a bibliography of each author studied.

The books covered range from the early German romanticism of Goethe's somewhat facetious *Young Werther* to the more serious probing of *The Fall* by Albert Camus. Other authors included are Proust, Balzac, Balzac, Dostoevsky, Ljafayette and, more recent writers, like Hemingway and Schopenhauer. As a piece of CEPS this book may well become vital reading for those interested in comparative European literature, whether for study or pleasure.

Dennis Quigley

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Leeds tour de force

First run turns up trumps

Any cricket tour is a special occasion, and the 1979 Tour to South Wales and the West Country by Leeds University last June was no exception. The weather was perfect, the cricket was first, and most importantly of all, the right balance between playing well and having a bit of fun was achieved. Even with 17 club members taking part on the tour, everyone had a chance to perform on the field, as well as off it!

The journey down to the heart of Britain in an overhauled and converted Minibus was initially forgettable, but the first game against Cardiff University was exactly the opposite. Under the inspired captaincy of Mark Walwyn, the team got under way with an exciting win. Walwyn himself played a breakthrough innings of 39 in rapid time, which set up the crucial Leeds total of 190 for 3. Mick Hughes, with 61 backed up by Mr. Walwyn's great performance in a second wicket partnership of 132. Cardiff's daily order reply was no exception, as John Braggins, working up a pace that did not slacken during the whole week, and Mark Barkhead immediately reversed the Cardiff innings. Some assistance came from the lower order, and it was left to Mick Hughes, with five wickets to success-

ful balls in the penultimate one to clinch a well-deserved win.

The evening, too, set the tone for the week, lots of fun, lots of ale, a tremendously successful first 'head-on' effort by the evening tour captain, Mr. Turner, and a warm attempt by a well-dressed Wednesday to get off with some of the local ladies.

Celebration

The next day's play, against Exeter University followed a similar pattern.

Leeds, skippered by Steve Turner, won the tour again and better first. Through first Robin Cook (47) and then a pivotal 61 by battler and strike guru Tony Lynch, Leeds made 135 for 7. Turner was well short in reply, with Mark Baldwin picking up 7 for 5 in a total of 64.

After the evening celebration, someone was too enthusiastic about getting up to play Bristol University on the Wednesday. With a broken wren and two wens already, the pressure was on captain Brian Cook to keep the record going. He responded by single-handedly leading the Leeds score of 177 for 3 with a masterful 107 not out. On a perfect batting track, it looked for a long time as if Bristol would threaten the Leeds score. Tight-



The Touring Party

bowling, and even steadier fielding at the crucial time put Leeds in a position where they could press for victory in runs. Eventually though, the game ended as a well-fought draw.

In the field, the Leeds team was especially hampered by an irresponsible pitch invasion by members of the tour party not involved in the game - all somewhat the worst for drink.

I think this disgraceful piece of behaviour should be noted, for not only was the present captain, the aforementioned Mr. Turner, one of the top-leaders, but also the future captain for 1980, Mr. Hughes, was not very far behind! It is possible that this decline in personal restraint was due to the appearance of the outcasted Mr. Rick Farnes, fresh from graduation and intent on causing havoc.

The captaincy was taken over by a slightly long-term Mick Hughes at Bath University who put in a return Lynch (40) and Mandon (28) fol-

lowed by a resplendent Farmer (73) to build the Leeds score to 147 for 9 declared. Mr. Hughes then took 4 for 30 but was out-classed by John Fingleton (4-14) who took 2 wickets in the last over.

Attacks

The last game of the tour took place against the Bristol Optimists and captain Mark Baldwin was the one (a 1980 success later) and put Leeds in line for the 0th place. Major contributions were made by Cook (80), Farnes (21), Walwyn (25) and Steve Turner (41) at the end.

The attacks of the Optimists led by ex-Tour man Roy Swainman were repelled by the Terry Fingleton, and Leeds played a tight game to secure a draw and an unbeaten tour record - no great achievement.

The Crickets Club Series will be held every Friday in the Sports Hall from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mark Baldwin

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Tonight and Tomorrow: 4.15, 7.15, 8.45, 9.00. "The Gershwins" Starting With Stravinsky, Robert Nigro and Sylvia Kalish (with her clothes on). Sunday and All Next Week: Jane Collins in "Star" (and see in "The Body". See 4.25, 7.05) Weekdays: 4.40, 5.10 and 7.30.

ABC 2
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"Fog of Fear" 7.25 and 8.50
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Weekdays 2.35, 5.30 and 8.30.

ABC 3
Tonight, Tomorrow and all next week: Mel Brooks and Gene Wilder

in "Hazing Babylon", a brilliant satire of everyone's worst. Sun 4.10 and 8.45. Weekdays 3.15 and 8.30. Also showing: John Cleese, Graham Chapman and the Knights of NI in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" Sun 2.40 and 6.15. Weekdays 5.25 and 7.50.

ODEON
Tonight and tomorrow: "Stepping Out" 4.15 and 7.10. Fil and Sat also showing in Odium 2. Monday and all next week: "Alice" — 30 great scenes can tear you apart! starting John Hart. Sun 5.00, 8.00. Week 5.25, 8.15.

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ODEON 3
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TOEIN
Tonight and Tomorrow yet another chance to see Oscar Noy, Jodie Foster and Alec Guinness in "Dentist Schweig" 3.10 and 7.00 Sunday and All Next Week: "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure" at starring Michael Caine and Telly Savalas. Sun 4.00, 7.40. Weekdays 1.00, 4.40 and 8.20. Also showing "Stand up Virgin Soldiers" based on a book by Leslie Thomas. Sun 6.00. Weekdays 1.00 and 6.40.



THE KINGS AT ABC 3

LEADS STUDENT PERSONAL COLUMN CLASSIFIED ADS.

Editor and Special welcome all new readers to the personal column.

See you first week!

Badger says hi to Janet Brown of Bromley of Arns, Cumbria.

Leads Student applies to the Anti-Badger League. He's the only one who actually pays up.

George is a Banker.

Comic Jack Kinty, at a forgotten.

Badger welcomes Sam, Phil, Nicki and Ailsa of group B175.

Sally, thanks for staying faithful over the summer. Arns is a dream. Please please please, I love You.

Badger is able to receive fans in East this year.

personal

Editorial posts wanted — 4p. tips, Corbis, Suspense, Editor wishes you. Applications with pics to the Union Free place.

PHS — stop breaking hearts.

Badger and Special are pleased Mrs. Beale is better.

Good Luck to Dave in America.

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Hope you feel better soon, Cat, we need you.

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COTTAGE ROAD
Tonight: Woody Allen's "Interiors" plus "Some Like it Hot" 8.10, 8.45. Tomorrow tonight: "Steeds in 'Leave No New World' plus E. L. Plus "Picasso at an Exhibition" 8.15. Next week "Land of the Kings" Sun 4.30, 7.30 weekdays 5.15, 7.55.

LOUNGE
Tonight and tomorrow "Mozart" plus "E. L." and 8.15, 8.25, 8.45. Next week "Dante" and "The Dancin'" Sunday 4.50, 7.15 weekdays 5.45, 8.15.

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POLYFLIX
Tonight at 8.15: Sun 7.30 p.m. "The Winter Man" and "In the Year of the Pig". Wednesday, Richard Palk. Sat at 7.30 p.m. "Ginger Baker and Ringo" which is "The Three Musketeers". Also showing: "Goodwill Face".

Theatre

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MISCELLANY
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Crash Caric Market
Sean. Claf's. Lovers. Oily Road. Monday 13th. October, 9.30 — 4.

Talk by Peter West to the Police Society on "The Organisation and Work of an Amateur International" Wednesday 17th. October at 7.30 p.m. in 10.15.

DEART Ray Richards, Denis De Great. Politics at the White Elephant Gallery on 18th October, at 7.45. 80p admission.

Carole Gibbons and 13th October. Education Gallery in the City Art Gallery.

In aid of Amnesty International, a Lunch of songs and instrumental heard Friday at 3 p.m. in Emmanuel Church. Cost — 25p.

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