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• In case you hadn't noticed...

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## POLY RENT STRIKE

Leeds Poly Students' Union have called for a rent strike at the Poly's Beckett Park site in protest at the allegedly substandard facilities available to residents.

In a statement issued by the Residents' Halls Committee last Tuesday, residents were called upon to withhold their hall fees until negotiations with the Poly management are underway.

Complaints about the standard of accommodation at Beckett Park have been rife for months. Residents claim that many rooms are damp and shabby, and in dire need of renovation.

Dore Gadd VP for Beckett Park also felt that the rents are unfairly calculated. While the services available in each hall vary immensely - some have tea washing machines, some have none - the rents are practically the same across the whole campus.

In a statement issued last week, Dore Gadd highlighted

the plight of three women in Northcliffe who sleep in one room not much larger than many singles.

The desperate situation was illustrated at the end of last term when a student almost died after he pulled with a fire door. Two other students were injured in similar incidents whilst the Poly directors maintained that the glass was not substandard.

An alarm attempt in one of the halls revealed that fire fighting equipment was faulty and inadequate.

"They have reneged on their

contract," Dore Gadd told Leeds Student. "We want to make our point. A rent strike will be an inconvenience to the Poly but that's their problem."

A full rent strike of the type called for last Tuesday will amount to withholding of £10,000. The Union have commissioned an architects report of the halls which they hope will be available within the next ten days.

In Hackley, the Poly assistant director told Leeds Student that they were "committed to re-housing the facilities, available at Beckett Park." However the

Poly have only set £10,000 aside for the necessary renovations, which is likely to be a good deal less than is actually required.

Nevertheless LPSU deputy president Karen Hunt was optimistic. "I am confident the situation can be resolved once negotiations commence," she said.

Residents at Beckett Park will be kept in touch with the situation as it develops through their hall committees, and a poster and leaflet campaign at the site.

Jay Rayner

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# NEWS

## RACIST QUESTIONS?

Last Tuesday saw the beginning of industrial action by workers at the Eastgate Unemployment Benefit Office.

The action is in protest at the Paymaster General's decision to reintroduce a Department of Employment system to monitor unemployment amongst ethnic minorities. The scheme, originally established in 1983, was discontinued in October 1984, but in December of last year Kenneth Clarke brought the system back into operation saying that "participation is voluntary, and individuals are free to opt out if they so wish."

However, the system is one of "racial monitoring" according to a spokesman for the Government Central Office of Information, who wished to re-emphasise the scheme. This involves the ethnic at the Unemployment Benefit Office merely looking at a claimant and then noting their ethnic origin under the headings 'African-Caribbean, Asian and Others'. Clearly such

a system is difficult to opt out of, despite the presence of posters in each office advising claimants that they may request not to be categorised.

Leeds has been selected as one of three pilot cities along with Birmingham and Nottingham, areas with a high ethnic population in any case, making the entire pilot scheme extremely subjective and inaccurate.

UBO workers are therefore refusing to comply with instructions to complete such forms on the grounds that they are discriminatory and will serve no practical purpose in increasing employment amongst ethnic minorities.

However, the most alarming aspect of the scheme is that it has the backing of the Commission for Racial Equality, a body normally known for its stand against such discrimination.

Hugh Dent, head of the Leeds branch of the CRE was unambiguously explicit, claim-

ing that "racial equality in employment is a large step and at present this is the best way of going about it." He went on to add however, stressing the fact that this was purely a personal opinion, "It is not the one I would have chosen."

The decision by the CRE to support the Department of Employment was in fact taken by the Chairman of the Committee, Peter Nelson, who was unavailable to comment. Clearly it is an unpopular decision, destined to become even more so if the monitoring system is adopted nationwide.

In the meantime, both the Department of Employment and the Committee for Racial Equality maintain that the reintroduction of such a monitoring system will lead to an improvement in employment prospects for ethnic minorities. Others are less convinced.

Chris Douglas

## SLATED

The Presidents of both the Poly and the University have been elected at National Organisations of Labour Students' elections for part time posts on NUS national executive.

Both LUC President Paul Bauman and LPSU president Tommy Hutchinson were elected to the democratic left, housing members of the militant tendency.

The new go-on to fight the elections proper which will be held at NUS Extra conference. Paul Bauman told Leeds students that it should be hoped to be given work on NUS anti-apartheid campaign.

He put the motion in the first round election down to his experience in helping to run one of the largest student unions in the country. He told the work would be a direct continuation of what I'm doing here.

Tommy Hutchinson would be interested in working on anti-racist campaigns if elected.

He also expressed an interest in international issues. "We have to continually remind our own students it's about matters abroad," he said.

C.J.R.

## IN BRIEF

A major restructuring of Polytechnic departments is underway. The old system which left 18 separate schools under one discipline was criticised by policy director Jim Morgan as being too "divided" for proper inter-departmental co-operation. Under the new system the schools would be divided up into five central faculties to bring Leeds Poly into line with other polytechnic nationwide.

Although he admitted that the change was being made at the expense of academic staff he felt the growth in communication with just five main faculties would benefit academic education.

Poly union Eric Deputy President, Karen Swift expressed fears that there would be problems with student representation on faculty boards, however Mr Morgan claimed that although no firm decision had been made students would maintain their right to give their opinions on departmental course, and policy decisions.

As part of the Labour party's

pre-election campaign to discredit Tory policies Mr Glen Auker, Labour Education spokesman, attacked Kenneth Baker's recently announced "unemployment measure". The Tory party has been cutting education spending over the last seven years but has recently announced plans for 20 new technical colleges throughout Britain.

This work as an alternative to the policies the Labour party committed themselves to abolishing grammar schools and assisted places in top-performing schools as well as removing private private schools completely.

The money saved would then be used to encourage pupils to stay on to sixth form level and generally reduce the present state system which is one of the poorest in Europe. Mr Auker claimed Mr Baker's measures were a cosmetic attempt to pass time whilst staying away from the root of the education problem.

A.B.

## SHELL OUT

The international anti-apartheid group has recently decided to add the oil company Shell to its target list.

Almost all oil companies have links with South Africa, but, according to Brian Cooper on chairman of L.L.U. anti-apartheid group, Shell's connections are the largest.

The University's anti-apartheid group plan to inform students of this boycott, in particular students living in the James Hadow flats as there is a Shell garage near there which also has a retail sector.

Mr Cooper admitted that as a student organisation, the University anti-apartheid group could not exert as much pressure as Shell as Barclays, as a high percentage of students didn't own cars or motorcycles, but pointed out that this was a national campaign.

Two months ago, L.L.U. decided to withdraw its account from a Shell garage, prompting anti-apartheid's decision.

sion and Tim Hanson, finance officer said that by Friday, 16th January the account will have been completely transferred.

LPSU's account is with Bradfordshire Motors according to Tommy Hutchinson, LPSU president, but it was not known what brand of oil this company used.

Mr Hutchinson said that the Union would check to see if it was Shell, and if so would look into the matter.

R.H.



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FOOT IN MOUTH

● Investigators to be made into this possible introduction of an officers of the Union.

● University student accommodation discussed - decided at the push for more student halls, rather than flats, bit to try and negotiate a rent freeze close work for the removal of vandals from halls which were described as worthless, and a thing of the past.

● Plans for the Vote four education campaign outlined, which will include learning and information slots.

POLY EXEC 12/1/87

● A.MATHE (National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education) representatives came to talk to the Exec about the present overtime ban. See story, page 3.

● South African scholarship report given. Its funds appear to be particularly healthy.

● Dialogue: the Poly as host organisation, formed to give the arts in the Poly, was refused a grant of £250 for events later on this term, as no satisfactory breakdown of how the money would be used was given.

POLY SRC 8/1/87

1. Beckett's Park rent strike discussed. See story, page 3.  
2. Decided that in future SRC shall decide whether the Exec are issued with Poly Extra passes.

J.R.

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Motion Deadline  
29th Jan  
Amendment  
Deadline  
23rd Jan

UNI EXEC 12/1/87

● Decision taken to invite the second lobby to Committee Room D.

● Rugby club funds withdrawn after the captain produced the names of five people involved in violence at the Union at the end of last term.

# NEWS



The British Woodhouse Moor march at the end of last term saw several hundred students make a candle lit procession over the Moor which was lit up for several minutes with

flashlighting equipment.

The student-led LEU 4500 which they feel will be well spent if it encourages the council to light the moor full time.

## BREAKING LINKS

Leeds University is poised to become the first academic institution in the country to introduce a policy discouraging academic links with South Africa.

Already LEU and the University have agreed policy in principle based on UK, EEC, and Commonwealth rulings which seek to discourage scientific or cultural events, except those which contribute to the ending of apartheid or have a possible role in supporting it, although the exact wording of the policy has yet to be drafted.

Under the new policy, academic staff would have to seek the advice of the pro-vice-chancellor before deciding on the desirability of the visit, while being made aware of the university policy on such visits.

The impetus behind the introduction of the policy came from LEU which launched a campaign following revelations that a demonstration in the department of Mechanical En-

gineering, Mr. John McIligan was attending a high speed photography conference with military implications in South Africa last summer the policy is the same as the present British Government which suggest that it may be less than radical. LEU president Paul Brennan was quick to assert that "an extreme headline anti-apartheid policy would have been checked out by the conservative university community". LEU was undoubtedly helped by national press coverage of the issue and such approval from MBH The Duchess of Kent.

The University was less than forthcoming in its comments on the new policy. Mr David Birchall, Deputy Registrar refused to condemn Mr McIligan's visit and stressed the university would only be advising academics from going to South Africa.

Rob Gahan

## MOTHER'S DAY

Rallies are being held up and down the country tomorrow in protest at the abolition of the 425 maternity grant.

The rallies are to generate support for a national rally being held in London on 10th April, the day the abolition will come into effect.

Key organisers, Maternity Alliance, are concerned about this measure in the new social security Act, and also those contained in the Government's White Paper, *Thriving Businesses... and Barriers*. The group claim the proposals will prevent many women from returning to work after having a baby, as it proposes to raise the threshold on the size of the firm, the number of hours a woman works, and her length of service with the company, before she can claim the new employer subsid-

ised "Statutory Maternity pay".

"Students at University and College now will be the most badly affected group," a Maternity Alliance spokesperson told Leeds Student. "The Government's policy is for equal opportunity in education, but it does nothing to allow women to continue their careers."

Kate Daniels, LPSU's Women's Officer, was also said to be concerned at the Government's action, and Leeds Student were told that plans were in the offing for an LPSU march to go down to the London rally.

The Maternity Emergency rally will be held on Saturday 17th January, 10am-12 noon at Leeds Civic Hall. Both women and men are welcome. GW

## MESSY DEPOSIT

A row has broken out between LEU and the Student Accommodation committee over a proposed £15 deposit to be taken from students wishing to spend a second year in University accommodation.

LEU president Paul Brennan is angry not so much at the proposal itself as at the fact that it was 'backhanded', through the

## TUTOR'S STRIKE

Teachers at the Poly and FE Colleges are on the brink of taking strike action following the breakdown in talks between them and West Yorkshire Education Authority.

Talks between the LEA and National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE) broke down in November when the employers demanded that teachers increase a class time from 16 to 22 hours a week without discussing the structure of the changes.

This was followed in December by a national ballot that resulted in overvoting 95% support in NATFHE for the proposed govt. plan, which has affected students this week.

Brian Whittington of NATFHE said that the union was reluctant to take the decision and was concerned about its effects on students. He stressed however that it was a last ditch attempt to have the employers back to the negotiating table. Linda Brown of NATFHE's

Leeds Committee went on to point out the damage to students could be negligible.

LPSU is fully in support of the NATFHE action and Deputy President Karen South, adding that while students may suffer short term problems the future of education as a whole was at stake.

So far the effect on students has been negligible, but some short courses and field trips have already been cancelled as teachers have withdrawn their overtime and voluntary work. The real problems, said Linda Brown, would come with the lack of cover for absent teachers due to the bad weather. She warned however of the prospect of one day strikes if the 'obnoxious attitude' of the employers continued.

West Yorkshire Education Authority refused to comment, and said that they could only wait for national developments in the dispute.

MS

## ON DEMAND

The number of NHS abortions in Leeds is barely a quarter of the national average and many women are forced to go private to have one. Only one in ten women are provided the facility through the NHS, despite the DHSS recommendation of 75% according to Leeds City Council's 1986 health report.

On a total of 65,000 NHS abortions performed in the country last year only 200 were in Leeds, compared to 400 performed here in 1980.

LEU welfare officer Claire Meech confirmed that Leeds's record was one of the worse in the country. She believes it is due to the fact that many doctors are anti-abortion. One is even a member of the society for the protection of the unborn child.

She told Leeds Student, "We

advise people to go to private clinics where they will be given support and counselling." Private abortions cost between £100 to £200 depending on the stage of pregnancy.

The Abortion Day Care Centre Campaign has an up and up year in response to Leeds's poor facilities. Day centres are safe, quick and run by people who support the idea of choice. They cost one third of the NHS service, which involves a two night stay in hospital for purely administrative reasons.

The report also shows that more than one in 7 deaths in Leeds are now directly related to smoking. The number of road accidents was the lowest recorded last year and perhaps surprisingly, suicides are down as well.

JS

LEU are only willing to accept it as part of a general deal on accommodation.

University accommodation committee member Harry Davis pointed out that any private landlord would require a financial safeguard such as a deposit.

CH



## INTERNATIONAL Special CHINA

Thousands of Chinese students have been demonstrating in the streets of major Chinese cities since early December last year, calling for the speedy implementation of political reforms.

The students' demands centre round five main issues. Firstly they want the introduction of elections to ensure political democracy and the elimination of 'party cliques' who misuse power.

Secondly, they demand freedom of the press, thirdly, previously promised University autonomy.

Fourthly the students want the freedom to choose their own course of study and jobs on graduation instead of being allocated them by the state. Finally they want an improvement of living conditions, up to 60% of students in China suffer from malnutrition, and the improvement of teaching in Universities.

In September 1988 party leader Deng Xiaoping, well known for his importance for political reforms, renewed his official attitude helped spark off a demonstration on the streets of Hangzhou and Qiongzhou during the second week of December, a traditional time for such events.

The spark soon ignited the fire as student demonstrations swept the country despite being ignored by the media. Indeed in Shanghai on 21st December, 20,000 students rallied in People's Square, yet a week's time later the week of demonstrations.

A subsequent government edict banned demonstrations without prior permission, it was largely disregarded. Earlier this month the official newspaper, the *People's Daily*, reported the students of the penalties for counter-revolutionary behaviour were being banned during a rally in Tianmen Square, Peking.

The official press is taking outside agitators for taking advantage of the students and their longing for democracy and freedom.

Many students have been arrested while no known prisoners have been released. It seems the government are anxious to avoid escalating this confrontation.

The protests however seem to have died down somewhat at the moment.

Danien Earle

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# NEWS

## SILAGE THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING COMMON ROOM...

The bright lights, class photo, and tape-recorders of TV set Blackout Park on Tuesday when the Emeralds from Union, stranded in the Lehigh for a day during.

Apparently the moving was not needed a location that resembled an empty NAAFI... and Blackout Park's bar, filled the hall. Regular drinkers there will probably know why.

The script called for Emeralds characters Milt and Doty to have a dramatic confrontation (read about someone or other's alleged male child (L23)) in a NAAFI bar.

No up next the labor plagues and sign posts, in came the kids who came maturing (thereby, the hair) in the background, and it was ACTION! "The bar manager Richard Jackson was really helpful to the crew," Dave Gold, Blackout Park VP observed dryly, "which is rather unusual since he's normally a tight pain in the ass."

Milt, yes, quite. So what does Richard think?

"Ermm, I can't talk now, they're just starting to shoot..." came the whispered reply. OK, well...

You can see the frustrated Blackout boozers in all its television glory on Emeralds Farm in about six weeks time. Suspense or what? A.B.

## BAD BOYS NAMED

Three members of Leeds University Rugby Club may have jeopardized the future of the club due to a series of incidents of unruly behaviour at the end of last term.

The three, along with two other people, none of whom have yet been named, may be facing a disciplinary tribunal.

After LRU's last day had shut on the last Saturday of their stay in Union beer over



It may be the coldest winter in LRU's since records began but the icicles sure are pretty.



## DINER DISASTER



The Polytechnic Students' Union has come to the aid of 300 European Students in Finance and Accounting students, who claim their traditional Christmas meal was ruined on December 8th last year.

The meal, held at Hockley's in the city square, had been booked with a £450 deposit paid, before a fire, two days before, badly damaged the restaurant. Two

ESF-A students visited the restaurant on the morning of December 8th, and were told that the booking would not be affected.

The students say that they were all seated by 7.30pm and ordered then, yet starters did

not arrive for two hours. "There was disastrous service, inedible food and extremely rude management," claim the students.

D. Lawrence, the current manager of the restaurant, says that complaining students were not "prepared to talk in any reasonable terms at all." In a three page letter, sent in response to inquiries by the Polytechnic Students' Union, he refuted claims of poor and rude service.

The Polytechnic Students' Union wishes the full £450 to be reimbursed to the students and is threatening to take the restaurant to the small claims court.

S.R.

people, including two female members of Union Council.

The two victims reported the incident to LRU who decided to freeze the club's funds and to stop the club playing its fixtures at the beginning of the second term until the five were named.

"It is unfortunate that the whole club has been involved due to the behaviour of only a few of its members," said LRU

Finance Officer Tim Mansson, who was on duty in the Union on the night. He also said that the club, as a whole, had been well behaved and extremely co-operative this year.

Charlie Aikman, the rugby club captain, came forward with the names of the five, and as a result the club can resume its fixtures and their funds have been unfrozen. If the five go before a disciplinary tribunal,

then a letter may be sent to their departmental heads and a possible fine could be imposed.

Charlie Aikman has also been advised to ask one of them to leave the club as he has been involved in other incidents of fighting and insulting behaviour with Union Security and Kees members.

R.P.



# Letters

Dear Editor,

I would like to express the shock and dismay I felt upon reading the pathetic attempt to condemn the Labour Women's Group defamatory (sic) description of men.

Her fantastic story would possibly having foundation in the case is neither statistically viable nor the norm. I cannot see how the sexually related activities of the children can be considered to their father's benefit and ruining their mother. More likely is that the boys had seen dogs mounting one another.

A single case was used where the father had possibly attacked his wife. This has no statistical foundation and does not in any way reflect an association between men. It would be equally untrue to say that all women are prostitutes as a minority of them have been accused of soliciting.

Here a person of obvious responsibility defends the use of explicit language describing men as dogs escapes me. The article obviously supports female equality via the infringement of male rights, increasing the divide between equality and inequality.

Yours  
R.B.

Dear Editor,

Alison Hayes' understatedly expressed but anger in a letter dated 1st December about the appalling lighting at Beckett Park. Just last week we less than 30 lights were not working, and those that do work light little more than the lamp

post. The problem is particularly bad for those women who study towards the Grange. Serious attacks on women have occurred, especially last year.

Where Alison Hayes is mistaken is in her view that the Students' Union does not take the matter seriously. I raised it in my first meeting with the director last August when he insisted me that he would raise the matter with the local authority. I have also written to the leaders of the city council Mr George Maule.

Needless to say things have not improved. For this reason the Women's Officers Kate Daniels, Vice President Doree Gould and myself are currently putting together a campaign strategy to make the local authority realise its responsibility.

Yours  
Tommy Hutchinson  
President LPSU

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the executive committee of our disband at the photograph and caption at your centre pages of your last issue. As you are aware, one of our students came very close to death when he fell through a fire door in a Beckett Park flat.

This photograph, along with the caption 'Fire door at Beckett Park claims another victim' was in very bad taste, especially in a serious feature.

Yours  
Tommy Hutchinson  
President LPSU

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Dear Editor,

The last edition of Leads Student was totally disgusting. In the light of recent events and the tragedies of this town at Beckett Park Leads Student have lowered themselves to some of the gutter press.

Have you got no feeling for the friends and relatives of those involved plus all the students at Beckett Park?

I have always been a supporter and defender of Leads Student as my time at the Poly but you still have to improve me greatly before any support can be regained.

Let us not be supporting a paper that insists on lowering itself to such insensitive material.

Yours in disgust,

Edward Gamble

Dear Editor,

I found the picture with the caption 'Another victim of Beckett Park fire doors' extremely sick and offensive.

The word meant to injure you had the students to complete a letter which said all of the apology, but then actually tried to justify the printing of the picture.

I know the person who went through this ordeal - how do you think he felt when he saw it? To print such a picture was a stupid, insensitive act.

Yours honestly,  
Steady Motion

## APOLOGY

Leads Student regrets any offence caused by its inclusion in the issue 5.12.86 of a picture that trivialised the plight of students injured at Beckett Park.

We unreservedly apologise for what was a cross, insensitive and unfeeling action.

The Editor



**THE FAN**

This week's torrid tale of people in high places doing low things is enough to warm even the hardest heart. Hold onto your heating bills - 'cos here's the fab Fan, and this week it's blowing hard and hot...

Some people are born great. Others achieve greatness, and others are invited to become great by Volvy Phillips. Our beloved leader, Mr Paul 'convicted' Brannan got the call for great things the other day

from Phil Phillips to come join the Party, and get in with the groove committee. Yes, a place as NUS Executive awaits the lucky punter who manages to complete the form, send it the revolution and get elected. No one knows for the ever popular bright-eyed Brannan then, thank you!

Well... not quite. No shouting was tolerated as even as the sleepy hawks crashed the accumulated cigarette ash from their desks, and got into the campaigning spirit. The first campaign of the year rolled into action, on unemployment, housing, gases, nuclear waste or the crumbling welfare system! No, no, this was much more important than that. Brannan's Stanes had to get himself on the radio, and time was rapidly running out. But never lose for maestro's Munson and Blackie by donned their Super Secretary's cap, and for 12500 a clock to NUS HQ. Whistles blew, flags were waved, flowers laid on the roads as the dancing champions rolled into town, and that excited his name on the dotted line. Another triumph for democracy was duly recorded.

Meanwhile over at the Poly, the Hatch Hutchinson was, likewise, summoned by P.R. Pringle to take up his main radio and come follow the truth. With an MJS Executive at stake he and his comrade Johnny Added had the

load as true Keweenaw style, and then wheeled it down to the big smoke. Which is as far as they get. While the University heaves coasted back north courtesy of BR, the dynamic duo got stranded somewhere on the hill when their trusty Roland Robo popped its three wheels and let it all clear out. The feature became more late spotted peering innocent earth-bound jury divers in the Scarborough service area for a crust, a coffee and a copy of National Student to see them through the dark hours.

But all was not well for the once Innambrant Brannan. Rejected by his own Labour Club he was reduced to winning the Leeds Student shoe-biz to live and scrape some grassroots support from the human detritus under the desks. We pointed him in the right (left?) direction to winning the SHQ but on the way he stumbled across some wide-eyed Union member who duly provided the signatures for a few cogwheels and a clipped red Roland Robo chassis that had mysteriously appeared from somewhere.

More exact travels, as Simon 'twoside' Buddy has been noticed walking with a limp and talking about war wounds to anyone who is unfortunate enough to sit within a five-yard radius of him in the Old Bar. It seems scabious socialist Simon was having a laugh with some friends of his

on exits security before Christmas, and they were so taken with him they expressed their affection by kicking him around the Tartan Bar dislocating his knee in the process. Knee-cap! Brannan as he's known to his pals is planning future laughs when his molars, glass here for the May Day parade, and bow him with copies of Das Kapital for keeps.

But back to stony-eyed Brannan, as scoundrel heeded that someone would back him, the tramp dictator went headfirst refused to let the staff of the Union off early, even though the buses stopped running because of the snow, and some faced a hike all the way to Wakefield. But his generosity didn't stop there. No, recklessly he allowed some to go to 15.15, yet, one-quarter of four, he early, and responsibly patronised them all with the warning that if the privilege was abused he'd make them stay all the time. Power-stunt! Mean-hearted! Movement! A model MJS candidate saw us - officious, bureaucratic and pompous. No wonder the call from Ms Helen came. Democracy by invitation only - a new student slogan.

And as the snow starts falling, the ice builds up on the windows, and no one will let us in the election 'cos we're not properly dressed the twilight falls on another fab Fan. Never mind, as Lavee once said, 'Cos, bloody freezing isn't it comrades!'

# THE FIFTH COLUMN

NUS loses one of the biggest no confidence votes ever in the wake of the Blackpool Winter Conference with the emergence of a united liberation movement. Lesbian, gay, black, Jewish, Irish and disabled students have come together in an attempt to actively liberate themselves after years of liberal tokenism from the student movement hierarchies.

The NOLS stronghold on NUS has created executives that have rarely had the interests of the liberation groups at heart. It took a million from ordinary members of LGB for NUS to seriously create a policy on AIDS, just as it has taken the efforts of lesbians, Jews, and the disabled to create policies that seriously tackle the oppression that they face.

This may well not be surprising in itself - hierarchies are notoriously conservative and careers in the establishment often end up coming before campaigns to change it.

What has been surprising is the way in which the hierarchy has appropriated the aims of liberation groups as their own in a superficial manner, often subverting the aim of the original struggle.

This move on the part of the liberation groups towards a politically powerful autonomy can only be for the good. It is an invigorating prospect that will signify the end of half-hearted token gestures on the part of the student leaders, and initiate real liberation from the oppression that such groups face.

Let us only hope that the groups that have come together can maintain their alliance and hold their individual differences at bay as they work towards liberation their own way.



## ARTS



## FORESIGHT

First of all, apologies to theatre goers for my comment on their pants – it was “unduly flippant and heavy-handed,” as they say.

So, another column begins – hopefully without any of those flippant and heavy-handed faux puns.

Information on the Leeds dramatic front is small and a long time in coming. LU's Workshop Theatre could be worth checking out as the very wonderful Caryl Churchill's *Vinegar Toss* opens in the 20th. It should prove once again that we're really lucky to have a place like the Workshop – renowned for being an experimental theatre that not only draws on the traditions of academia, but lets the wild Leeds streets onto the stage as well.

Otherwise, O Theatres, best go to Bradford. From Monday onwards the Playhouse there shows Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*. You saw the film, you heard the Oscar nominations – now see the play. It's rather different from the pushy basic spectacular that was the film, an upmarket version of Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap* that's all about the death of Mozart – 17th Century-baggart and romantic genius. Was he murdered? Plot of duels, slaps of thunder etc. Or was he not? Shaffer's play makes fun of all those biographies of great men that are so badly scattered around the history books.

A final word of advice: write a live performance. Cut out the coupon on the page opposite. *Devil on the Cross* might be in Lifford, but it's decent. *Devil on the Cross* has a fine bass voice, and it's a marvelous mixture of 17th Century French royal pomp and ancient primitive. Ballet Rambert – the second act of the double bill – is a rigorous set. *Chicago* and *Barry*.

On the dramatic front the ever reliable *Hyde Park Picture Palace* is the best bet. Sex and treachery are the two big themes this week. You can get movies on *Wilsons* for three, late night (Friday) and *'Decline of the American Empire'* (one feature from Monday) – the film of a dancer party held at a gymnasium – should be decent. If you're poked and want to get away from sin and such like then make the trip to *Bradford Film Theatre* on Saturday and Sunday, see the fireworks, and enjoy its stupendous arrangement of Carol deMile's *'10 Commandments'*. 219 minutes of unintentionally funny pomp.

*The Boy Wonder*

## BEN &amp; THE BIG J's



Ben Elton is a very funny man.

His unique blend of political humour and cleverly observed social satire is delivered with the grace of the *Private Practice*, and set with the verbal control and intellectual skill associated with the best of Python.

It was interesting to note however that for a comedian who advocates strong political views, Elton's more overtly political material was perhaps the least successful.

Similarly the abuse of Third World countries by American multinationalists brought some applause but little laughter until he turned to the tried and tested subject of the 'Big Double-Gay-Mac-Whopper-Jance-Dog-Burger', why not just flush it down the toilet and cut out the middle meat?

Feminist humour of the 'anti-male chauvinist' variety was more successful as one was able to detach it from its unconvincing reality through such topics as *The Blue Joke* and the satirically crude but truthfully funny *'If Men Had Periods'*.

Elton collects together all our amusing, painful and embarrassing experiences and blows them up out of all proportion, creating a grotesque parody of the human condition.

At times Elton was undeniably funny, stuffing with keenly observed satire, and verbal contortions equal to the more physical humour of Atkinson and Cleave. But then as I said before...Ben Elton is a very funny man.

## SOYA SOP

**Big Trouble in Little China**  
GUYAN CHEN

Otherwise entitled *'Script Trouble in Big Hollywood'* this film fell apart on account of its droopy dialogue. Nevertheless it is saved from joining *'Howard the Duck'*, and other recent flops on the cinematic graveyard, by its constant action.

Obviously inspired by Bruce Lee and that ridiculous Japanese TV series *'Masters'*, *'Big Trouble'* is packed with martial arts battles and ancient Chinese society, thoughtfully debasing from some of the most awful one liners ever experienced.

Set in and below San Francisco's Chinatown, all American hero Jack Burton (Kurt Russell), and old Chinese chum Wang Chi (Dennis Dun) and upgrate in the Chop House. After chasing centuries old villains and avoiding black magicians our champions get the girls and a disastrous sweet and sour. Not too convincing is it.

Unfortunately the cure lot was not strong enough to be amusing, while Jack Burton's character was too much to be taken in the joke it set out to be.

Dubbed as 'action, individuality, variety, King, a wonder story Big Trouble', never quite gets away from the recent string of adventure films attempting to match *'Indiana Jones'*.

*Osley Oracke*

## TOTALLY TRFED

**Little Shop of Horrors**  
Leeds Playhouse

Skid row schmuck makes big bucks for boss's florist shop and his little chickadee with a kinda weird plant that eats people. Everything goes well with the schmuck secretly feeding the other characters to the plant, until disaster strikes - the plant gets mighty hungry and eats the chickadee and then probably everybody else.

On Rocky Horrorque lines, *Little Shop of Horrors* is a musical spoof of American downtown flower life of the Rat Hop She She Wop Wop era, of those too good to be true pristine love stories, and of tipically atrocious B horror film of the type usually made in B movies. It combines comedy and quite gruesome horror, personified by the sadistic China, the chickadee's first crush. Scriter named Sewerby. Told the dentist, in a surprisingly easy to swallow (and engaging) way.

As such an innovative piece of theatre, it not treated as highly, it could have the potential to produce a crisis of embarrassment from the audience. Yet this production certainly doesn't: the acting and singing are good and *Andrey II*, the plant, named after the chickadee, is a work of art. Her 17 voice, Black Horrors dwarf, is beautifully produced by Mel Taylor. The only point that detracts from the performance is an inability to reproduce any of the special effects that were used in the original West End production, like Audrey II's tendrils falling on the audience, due to the Playhouse's limited facilities, yet this really doesn't spoil the enjoyment of the show as a whole. A put on the back for director Stewart Trotter for pulling off on stage something which would seem to have to be confined to black or film only.

*Philippa Holland*

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## ARTS



## S U B L I M E

## NORMA

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Bellini's *Norma* is a real heavyweight. Opera at its grandest with a capital 'O'. A Christian myth set in the midst of a pagan society illustrating nature's positivity in the face of human suffering, and, more significantly, man's redemption through a woman's sacrifice.

Norma, High Priestess of the Druids is torn between her people's desire to rebel and her secret love for the Roman Consul Pollione. Norma awakes rebellion only to find that Pollione is unfaithful to her and her children. Unable still to see how she can save the novice Priesteress her now 'sons' and sacrifice herself.

The grandeur and passion of the leading performances, notably Monica Pisk

illustrated as Norma were offset by the classical codes of the costumes and set. The gods are indifferent, and man once again is saved by woman. A quite farcical working of the ridiculous. Gardens of Eden myth that personally suggests that even in the Pagan Druid matriarchy women have to carry the cross for Eve.

Jonny Keats



## R I D I C U L O U S

## La Bohème

**Grand Theatre**  
A production of Puccini's *La Bohème* that pretends to be a deconstruction of the bourgeoisie myth of the Bohemian but merely reified the comfortable, inside class image of great men in starving garrets.

Complacently romantic and halfheartedly naturalistic David Freeman's production was sloppy and

intellectual. At times it seemed to want to explode the pretence of the middle class bohemia but with its frequent manner and clichéd box set caricatures it did nothing to escape the delusion that dying of hypothermia or consumption was not only a good track but great art. An array of the more apparent in the comfort of the theatre bar, with the cold Leeds winter safely looked out.

Mimi's death is dismissed by Freeman as not a tragedy but a pity. This may well be true for the pompous Rodolfo who is uncle can eye him out of the bluish poverty of bohemia, with a good job and secure future.

On the whole a superficial production that failed to realise the potential within Puccini's debunking of the bohemian pose.

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# WINTER

## NUS BLACKPOOL - FI

Blackpool is used to conferences, during the great winter migration it gets descended on by everything from the TGWU to the Tory Party, but even the unflappable citizens of Blackpool must raise an eyebrow at the NUS annual conference.

Thousands of students filling hotels and conference halls with a sea of grubby overcoats engaging each other in long winded discussions about the suspension of the order permitting the suspension of standing orders.

Conference "buzz" seemed fairly high at the start of the Christmas thrash. Several small towns north of reality coloured paper were thrown around the foyer and the buzzer where cause groups had set out their stalls was doing a brisk trade in these badges it was tough to visit.

Conference proper got off to a shaky start when practically the first decision made was to no confidence the Chair. The issue - a vote over increasing the level of Conference representation for part-time students.

Though the first vote was 480 for, 276 against, the motion did not have the required two-thirds majority to be passed. In ensuing arguments over the possibilities of a second ballot (and vote etc), the Chair was no confidence and President Vicky Phillips was accused of "patronising the whole congress" during her attempts to maintain order. Finally there was a reverse, but no change in the result.

Explaining her lack of support for a move aimed at improving democracy for part-time students in the Union, Vicky Phillips told Leeds Students that though universities and polytechnics could afford to send more delegates to Conference it

would be "financial suicide" for small further education colleges which have a lot of part-time students. She also pointed out that the increase in numbers would mean the Conference outgrew the Blackpool venue.

Part-time students protested at what they felt was Conference's lack of support for their cause by occupying the stage.

The second main upset at the Conference was the protest made by the liberation groups.

Angry of the lack of interest and concern for their causes they formed one big pressure group which they felt would be pretty difficult to ignore. They were right.

Banners protesting against the treatment of minority groups at Conference were slung from the balconies, though publicity of this sort is forbidden in the hall it was felt prudent to leave these hanging.

Most of the groups occupied the stage and remained there while an executive member explained the reasons for the protest. The disabled minority in particular had a number of grievances. The constant noise in the hall caused problems for the hard of hearing as did feedback from the microphones. Access ways blocked with bags or people caused problems for blind delegates and those in wheelchairs.

All of the groups felt Conference was displaying a tokenistic, participating attitude to their problems.

National Executive as well as delegates appeared fairly insensitive on a few occasions. During the AIDS debate, for example, a speech reserved for a delegate on the Conference floor was taken by an exec member, there were protests and finally the delegate got her say.

Conference on the whole was something of a shambles. Constant suspensions of standing orders to make statements meant that a lot of business did not get discussed at all.

Publicity and a ballot for guest speakers proved totally superfluous as there was no time to hear any of them.

Despite its faults the Conference was a useful

publicity exercise. The student loans issue and other topical French student victory inside student politics big news.

The Guardian published two reports, the Telegraph was also there, while a ha from Today envisaged the impressive feat of turning comments from Vicky Phillips' rather dull opening speech into a call for free love.



Sensation seekers found cold comfort at the Conference which was to the least, a little short on laughs.

A Dark stood for exec committee, after being to leave the floor unless it professed its delegates' indebtedness. It wasn't elected mainly because of a thoroughly tasteless AIDS joke in its campaign speech.

After the huzzings it exterminated Vicky Phillips for the cameras.

Leeds delegate, Mike Green's worthy speech on housing was followed by some spotty harber who shouted "Bulldozer" and microphones repeatedly it was turned off.

After he left the microphone he was immediately leapt upon by the Daily Telegraph who carried out an in-depth interview.

The standard of speech from the floor was another low though Leeds speaker particularly the LCU School Secretary, Simon Banks were brighter than most. Whether the Confer-



# CONFERENCE

## ITING FOR A FUTURE

views prove far-reaching and entirely rely upon NUS membership as a whole. One of the most important service decisions, to resign on 'Grants, Gifts and Housing' (this is a could mean important) a between students and rest of the community, ing our problems with us, or it could just mean a failed and self-destructive roach which will be much icker than a campaign used on a single issue - 'lans', for instance, considering the amount of epend at Conference, a little was decided, the ilding process being out in the extreme, could surely have been nered as what still is, ailing democracy by being at the start to do out the endless and-ude statements that were de.

y Monday morning when drows was leaving town, IOPF and SCF delegates nembering into their onot buses, Conference stants were already fore. he was a lesson to be mnd from this Conference her NUS needs to get its together and decide on its hanks in time for the next nial lecture. If the rning body of the Union n'organize itself, how is it elling to help the rest of rganize?



### NUS SECTOR

Universities National mities was revealed to on the brink of collapse. To summarize, no violence, no work to not... in North East reg. ty Murray said in his

annual report.

This gloomy view of his area, which includes Leeds, was typical and there was a strong minority at the sector conference who wanted to close the UNC down altogether.

The first motion on the sector report paper read simply, 'University Sector Conference resolves to call for the dissolution of UNC'.

Decided by opponents as a motion that "wants to break down its own democratic structures in the interests of the resuscitation cause", it fell, though not without heated argument.

A second motion entailing less drastic changes was passed. Now universities should each receive at least one visit a term from their UNC member, two UNC meetings must be held a term in each region, UNC members will be better briefed on their responsibilities and will be considered to have resigned if they miss two national meetings without written apology.

Less controversial motions supporting British students opposed to Star Wars and calling for a ban on animal experiments were passed. A motion on ensuring provision of childcare facilities at universities, proposed by ULU member Sue Caldwell passed almost unanimously.

### POLY SECTOR

The Poly Sector Conference got off to a sluggish start. Various libration groups put their cases forward including several personal attacks on executive members. The resulting time loss prevented much of the material on the agenda being discussed.

The first motion, carried unanimously resolved to oppose NAB cuts to PSHF art colleges.

Voluntary colleges played a large part in formulating the accusations of negligence that were levelled at the NUS throughout the conference. Two motions were passed: to encourage all VCs to set up the post of Women's Officer and to have at least one subliberal officer.

The next two motions passed instructed Conference to organize the widespread cuts to Scottish PSHF and the inequalities in funding between England and Scotland.

The last motion called for a campaign against the latest threat from the Tories - privatization, which was carried unanimously.



### FE SECTOR

The FE sector could best be described as militant (with a small 'm'). Many delegates were very angry over the fall of the part-time students motion. One delegate remarked, "This is the worst conference we've ever had."

Three FE motions were passed. The first was on tertiary education. A pack will be produced to help FEs involved in mergers and local councils discussing tertiary education will be given help and an audience.

The second motion passed was on the 'Work to the Future' campaign. A campaign conference will be held before this year's spring conference and the FE sector will now convene half yearly.

Finally a motion on a £25 minimum weekly grant was passed. Conference regarding gay and the £25 grant will be held with trade unions, and the Labour Party will be encouraged to adopt the demand.

## POLICY INDEX

### GBH

- NUS are to organize a national demonstration on 'grants, bursars and housing', casually referred to as 'GBH'.
- A roadshow will be staged to advise and help local student unions, particularly at FE Colleges on how to organize for the demo.
- Joint campaigns with trade

unions are to be mounted on the issues of social security cuts and student loans.

- An amendment to the main motion instructs NUS to involve local communities and to provide the needs of FEs and the discriminated in this campaign.

### HOUSING

- NUS will call for the extension of the 1977 Homeless Persons Act to ensure homes for the young, the single and childless couples.
- For rent campaigns will be mounted and students' rights with private landlords stressed.
- The policy sets out details

for the campaign area.

- Information packs and briefings will be produced on housing and housing benefits.

Note: some of the aims of the Housing and SF-S are contradicted by the GBH policy. It is up to NUS policy group to reconcile these differences.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- NUS is to demonstrate and lobby Parliament and MPs demanding restoration of the 1979 grant value.
- No grant must be linked to the cost of living and take travel, accommodation, books and equipment into consideration.
- Education must be open to all with free childcare provision for students.
- NUS membership should be extended periodically for

16-18 year olds.

- A campaign pack is to be produced on achieving a fair rent.
- Amendment two seeks to include mature students in the action - NUS will campaign for an older student's allowance for those over 21 or with parental responsibility and fight the government's removing the right to these allowances.

### AIDS

- Leeds University proposed the policy.
- NUS will educate students about AIDS and fully back any student found to be suffering from the disease.
- The union will work with other campus unions to decide a sensible strategy for dealing with the problem of AIDS.
- £500 will be donated to the Terence Higgins Trust and £250 to Bolei Positive.
- Amendment sets up more detailed guidelines for dealing student AIDS victims.
- NUS will campaign against compulsory H. TG testing and insist the DHSS

protects the confidentiality of AIDS patients' records.

- Amendment two instructs NUS to campaign for adequate funding for research the disease.
- Amendment three asked for an explanation from National Students' magazine as to why it published anti-gay letters in its November 1988 issue.
- National Student is to apologise for this in its next issue and allow the Lesbian and Gay Liberation Conference space for an article which explains the work of Conference.
- NUS will publish information on AIDS and safe sex.

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# WINTER

## WHAT TO DO GUIDE

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**Brrr...as your fingers freeze, your nose goes numb and even your eyeballs start to ice over, the Leeds Student WHAT TO DO guide gives you some tips on how to survive West Yorkshire's coldest winter.**

### WHAT TO DO FOR WARMTH

#### KEEPING WARM

The best way is to wear lots of clothes. Thermals really come into their own here and have the added attraction of being incredibly trendy.

Those intent on keeping their bills low can sit in a sleeping bag, wear a hot water bottle and drink lots of hot drinks.

Other suggestions include:

- Double glaze your windows with cling-film and double-sided tape or clear plastic sheeting.

- Keep curtains drawn (unless it gets sunny).
- Only heat the room you're in and try to confine all activity to it.

- Use gas rather than electricity where possible - even if that means leaving the door open with the door open.



**BWARE** of portable gas/air-fuel heaters. Both give off a bad smoke which is pretty sure to kill you very quickly. If the heater is not maintained or the room you use it in is not ventilated,

heats, etc., and those taking the waste away.

Waste pipes are the more likely to freeze, as parts of them often run outside houses, but as they are larger and often made of plastic, they are not so likely to burst. In any case, if they do burst they are less likely to cause damage, as the water going into them is not under pressure. Pipes containing water under pressure pose much more of a problem.

During cold weather the most likely places to freeze are: Unheated roof spaces, any other under-heated or unheated part of the house and any glass rear windows, air bricks, ventilators, doors or places where draughts occur. Keep a special watch on pipes in any of these spots.

There are several measures that can be taken to make a frozen pipe less of a likelihood. For a start, prevent any draughts you



do be careful not to put anything which might catch fire round pipes which you know are going to remain very hot.

If a pipe does freeze, first of all turn the main off at the stop tap. It is worth finding out where this is before anything happens! Then, if you know which pipe has frozen, you can thaw it by placing an electric heater next to it, or by directing the heat from an electric hand-drier onto it. If you decide to do this do make sure you don't apply too much direct heat - a blow-drier for instance is out. An alternative method of defreezing a pipe is by wrapping it in towels or other pieces of cloth, spread it and then pouring hot water from the kettle over it.

If you have central heating with a back boiler, make sure you turn it off if any part of the system freezes. Failure to do this could cause an explosion.

If a burst does actually occur, the first thing to do is, again, turn off the stop tap. Next, drain off all the water you can by opening all the taps in the house. Obviously, if water is leaking, use a bucket or bucket to catch any drips and mop up any spills.

Once you have done this contact your landlord and a plumber. Emergency advice can be obtained from the Water Authority by phoning Leeds 492 291.

### WHAT TO DO FOR FOOD

Forget your diets, the foods that make you fat are the ones that keep you warm. What better excuse could you want? Throw caution to the winds and indulge yourselves in any case, who's going to see the fad under your winter woollies?

The best foods to keep up your energy are those packed with calories - fat, carbohydrates

and sugars. There will never be a better reason for eating chocolate or sweets, fat, paste, puddings, bread, biscuits and cakes are also full of warming calories.

Don't forget the value of hot food. A cooked meal will keep you going that much longer than a cold one. Soups are easy to prepare and easy to reheat when you come in from the snow.

Baked potatoes are another particularly good idea. They can be kept hot until they are wanted and the heat from the oven will warm the room at the same time.



#### LEEK AND POTATO SOUP

SERVES 4

- 4 large leeks
- 2 sliced potatoes
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 pint milk
- 1 pint water
- 1/2 chicken stock cube
- 2 oz butter
- 2 table spoons top of the milk salt and pepper

Peel the leeks and finely chop them. Melt the butter in a large thick bottomed saucepan and then add the leeks, potatoes and onion.

Carrot the vegetables as well coated in butter, season with salt and pepper, cover the pan and leave the vegetables to sweat over a very low heat for about 15 minutes.

Now add the water with the stock cube dissolved in it and the milk, bring to a simmer. Cover the soup again and leave the soup to simmer for another 20 minutes, or until the vegetables are soft.

Halfway from the stove and mash as blender the vegetables. Reheat the soup is now ready to be served or kept until needed. Cream or top of the milk is tasty stirred in just before serving.

### WHAT TO DO WITH PIPES

There are basically two types of water pipes in a house. Those taking water to basins,

and make sure the temperature in the house remains above freezing, the expense of a little extra heating is well worth it to avoid the hassle of a burst pipe.

For waste pipes the best method is using salt. Put this down sinks, wash basins, baths and the s.c. pipe. It is also possible to lag any pipes which seem to be in one of the danger areas. This can be done quite simply by wrapping cloth, or even newspaper round them. But

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December 28 saw the Penton full to capacity. Word had spread that John Hart, the Three Johns lead singer was to be wed, united by the Penton's head bannan, sealed with a ring put over the bar which was doing a good impression of an altar.

Not so, the Fat-Punk and his fair maiden celebrated at the Hudders Hall, entertainment rooms, with Pink Peg Slax and assorted Leeds folk heroes in full support.

Speaking of fat, it was suggested the party should have a fancy dress theme, with weight being the said requirement.

Fortunately for the Pink Peg Porters they didn't need to don any costumes.

Of course, no party is complete without resident hairdressers Napoleon and Flannery Snipperfield, who, riding on a goth backless believed they could enter a 'Fatty' party looking like emaciated pencils; no chance however.

Brandon Greker played blues to an audience who began to get increasingly into it, even they had come prepared, and out came some striped mohair jumpers, heavily made from organically grown Nicaraguan rabbits ears. No shin man.

Finally the Penton came on stage, sporting their delightfully beakless crack suits. However, you had to give it to the old cooners 'cos they



● John H. dreams of wooded bliss

got the over-80 parental element jiving throughout their set.

Meanwhile the groom was enjoying his 66th pint of ale with the rest of his Poly line an evens, including the gill-swinging head of department Mr Id and Teo-dele.

Good luck to our local new-lywicks, locked together in holy matrimony.

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## MUSIC

## THE ONE'S THAT GOT AWAY

## Bits &amp; Pieces from 86

1986, well what was it all about? Quite a lot of it was about 1976 as it turned it, with lots of ageing hacks wallowing in their punk memories and trying to make out how on the scene they were. If the reports are anything to go by, the 'Ridole' historic first appearances at the 130 Club were attended by about seven hundred and fifty fresh faced punks 's-to-be' all taking in their future 'ten years on' articles.

But what else? When burst their pop bubble in a blaze of glory at Wembley, Sique Sique Spatnik burst them at a University ignored Media event at the Albert Hall in a dangle of off-in-interest, and the *Exile* Beginners hype rapidly deflated since people got to see how truly talented.

Julien Temple et al really are as far as film making goes. But it wasn't all bad. Lots of very good albums were released by the more established bands - Test Dept., REM, Triforce, Nick Cave, The The, New Order, the Fall, Billy Bragg, S&D, Prince, Smokey, Husker Du etc etc, as well as a few interesting vinyl samples from the Bluebird Warriors, Stan Ridgway, Three Johns, Ruzbik, Sheo Assistants, the Feebles... the list is long. Five moments were the whole of

Senic Youth's brilliant 'EVOL', Husker Du's low-lost 'Candy Apple Grey', and the way Morrissey sings 'Dressed in your mother's bridal veil' on the superb 'Green is Dead'.

Locally Leeds got bigger and sort of better, as the Wedding Present got multiple sessions, Age of Chance covered Prince's Kiss, and got voted his 2 in Fred's festive fifty. A new band called the Dead Devils arrived on the scene, and promise much for the future with an LP planned for release in a couple of months. The Mekons 'Slightly South of the Border' made bitter sweet listening, and further offerings were forthcoming from the Cassandra Complex, Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry, Mission, and other crazily get left over.

New Pop blighted the independent charts, and gave the pop press a much needed shelf in the arm but the song wore thin after the third listening, and C86 was really a big musical non-event. To add insult to injury one of the first and best of the bands, The Partials, were relatively ignored whilst worthless groups like the dreadful Takahashi got much undeserved coverage.

Hip-Hop ruled the world, Troopie Funk grew Go-Go out of Washington, Shiffts, and Chicago replied by recycling tacky seventies disco in the form of 'house'.

The future points to more domination for Prince, Run DMC, Beastie Boys and so on, but the names to watch this side of the Atlantic are Age of Chance who'll get more attention, the Smiths who'll dominate the world by this time next year (that is if they don't already) and Ween who'll release a much awaited album soon. Hip name to drop will be the Sewer Zombies, whose single 'They died with their Willie Nelson T-shirt on' is received listening for those who love fuzz, heavy beats and insane lyrics. The ten-years-on piece is already under preparation. See you in hell, mutha's.

Sean O'Shawn

**LEEDS STUDENT** rescues three photographs from the dustbin and offers advice on how best to capture the elusive moment that makes a classic live picture.

Atmosphere is essential for gig photography and this moody pic of the Mission (top right) beautifully evokes the dark unwholesome centre to their music. Shooting as far away as possible from singer Wayne Hussey (who'd wanna get close to the ugly bastard?) creates a sense of great depth to the image - Hussey symbolically rests on his head, weighing him down, almost leading the chorals as he plays them. But hat a gleam of inspiration! Light falls on Hussey, a halo of genius highlighting his delicate features and suggesting the intuitive genius that lurks behind the darkness of the rap-bans. A truly perceptive photograph.

Capturing passing moments is the art of 'snapping in time', and as the pic in the middle shows, that moment is all to fragile to miss. Here the eye is concerned with a moment slightly different than what normally makes the average gig photo. Instead of concentrating on the artist (the heart) look, the lens falls on the visage of the roadie, delicately pushing an enthusiastic fan's face into the floor in order to dissuade him from jumping onto the stage and juggling his beer belly in the psychedelic light effects. All the ingredients are here: concentration, movement, surprise, hair and microphone stands. The rock 'n' roll mythos lives!

The final picture selected (bottom) tries to create an impression of what exactly goes into a gig from a musician's point of view. Equipment is strewn around, light is reflected from the metal of the drums, microphones appear in the semi-visible like some mutated alien form. The picture chooses as its central subject that most vital of equipment: the microphone stand itself. Without this where would the musician be? The photo seems to ask: Note how the stand is expertly in focus, the mark of a true pro, and something you budding less than musicians will have to work hard to achieve. It's just a pity that the stupid drummer had to get behind the drums and ruin the composition, but that's the way it goes. Happy picturing you all.



## ents

Old bands for the  
New Year at the Poly

**Girlschool -**

**27th Jan - £3/£3.50**

**The Icicle Works -**

**20th Feb - £3.50**

**New Model Army -**

**27th Feb - £3.75**

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light and alcohol experience -

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# WHAT'S ON



**ABC CINEMA (436012)**  
**Heartbeats**, week 2.00, 5.00 and 8.00; **Sun** 2.00 and 7.00.  
**The Mission**, week 1.45, 4.45 and 7.50; **Sun** 2.30 and 7.00.  
**Heartbreak Ridge**, week 1.30, 4.40 and 7.45; **Sun** 2.15 and 6.45.

**ODEON (436031)**  
**Big Trouble in Little China**, 11.15, 3.45, 6.00 and 8.15.  
**Crocodile Dundee**, 2.00, 5.00 and 8.00.  
**Labyrinth**, (afternoon only) **Playing for Keeps**, (evening)

**HYDE PARK CINEMA (752046)**  
**About Last Night**, from 10th for 3 days, 7.30.

**Decline of American Empire**, from 19th for 3 days, 7.30. Late shows - **Fri** 10th, 11pm; **Witness**, **Sat** 17th, 11pm; **East of Eden**.  
**Women on the Big Screen Series - Secret Places** on 22nd Jan at 7.30pm.

**LOUNGE (751061)**  
**Sweet Liberty**, week 5.50 and 8.15; **Sun** 5.50 and 7.30.

**COTTAGE ROAD CINEMA (751066)**  
**Double Bill - Turtle Diary and Emerald Forest**, week 6.45; **Sat** 5.00 and 8.40; **Sun** 4.15 and 7.50.

**LEEDS POLY FILM SOCIETY**  
**Absolute Beginners** on 21st Jan at 2.00pm.

## WOMEN ON THE BIG SCREEN - AT THE HYDE PARK CINEMA

Following the success of last year's **Women On The Big Screen** programme, here by popular demand is a second season of 35mm feature films by women directors. For the first time in Leeds there will be a chance to see films by women directors from China and Argentina, as well as new works by English and European film-makers.

**15th Jan: Sacrifice of Youth**  
 A young Peking teenager's sexual attitudes change when she is sent for re-education in the remote perceptive community of the Dai people of Southern China.

**22nd Jan: Secret Places**  
 A German refugee is the new arrival in a girls school during the Second World War. The film portrays a sensitive analysis of the delicate relationships between the girls. **With The Street**.

**29th Jan: Camila**  
 A romance based on the true story of society belle Camila O'Gorman who defied Argentina's bloody dictatorship in the 1930s.

**5th Feb: Friends and Neighbours**  
 This beautifully made film portrays the friendship between two women and the mental conflict it provokes.

**12th Feb: November Moon**  
 A lesbian love story set in Nazi occupied Europe where it is as much of a crime to be homosexual as Jewish. With **High Fidelity**.

**19th Feb: Rosa**  
 An account of the life of Rosa Luxemburg, a Polish communist revolutionary, who was assassinated in 1919. All the films start at 7.30pm admission £5.00/2.00.



**CITY ART GALLERY**  
 22nd Jan - 22nd Mar, **Revolution for the Hands Sculpture** for you to Touch.

**ART GALLERY**  
 22nd Jan - 22nd Mar, **Make your own male sculpture**.

**LOTHERTON HALL**  
 2nd Jan - 22nd Mar, **The Lotherton Competition**.

**PAVILION**  
 Woodhouse Moor, **Women's Gallery**, **Mar-Sat** 12-6pm. **Darwinism/Exhibition**, Space available to any women interested.

**BRADFORD**  
 (dialing code 0274)  
 Exhibition of the NMP **Women photographers in Britain 1960-1964**, extended until 25th Jan.  
**Women of Consequence**, photographs by Jane Brews, until 18th Feb.

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY**  
 (Princes Way, 221008)  
**Science's Selection Series - The Ten Commandments**, from 17th Jan for 2 days at 6.45pm. After hours, 20th, 21st, 24th and 25th at 7.30pm.

**PLAYHOUSE AND FILM THEATRE**  
 (Chapel St., Leeds Rd., 202023)  
**The Blues Brothers**, 16th Jan at 11.15pm.  
**Aradous** (on stage), 19th-20th Jan at 7.30pm.

**YORK**  
 (dialing code 0904)  
**YORK THEATRE ROYAL**  
 151 **Leonards Place, 23568**  
**Mr Cinders**, until 24th Jan at 7.30pm; **Wed** and **Sat** until 2.30pm.

**ARTS CENTRE**  
 (27129)  
**York Jazz All Stars**, 16th Jan at 8pm.  
**Film - Stranger than Paradise** at 8pm, on 21st Jan.  
**Alternative Cabaret Evening** (featuring **Skinn**, **Video** and **Worrying Symptoms**) on 22nd Jan at 8pm.

**SHEFFIELD**  
 (dialing code 0114)  
**Images of Women** by Louise Shearstone. Until 25th Jan at **Maxim**.



**LEEDS GRAND THEATRE**  
**Stravinsky Double Bill - Decapies Rex and Pulcinella**, with **Rafael Hernandez** on 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 22nd Jan at 7.15pm. Tickets from £1.35 to £8.25 (with student reduction).  
**The Barber of Seville** on 21st Jan at 7.15pm.

**LEEDS PLAYHOUSE**  
**Little Shop of Horrors** until 21st Jan; **Alan**, **Tues** at 8pm; **Wed** to **Sat** at 7.30pm. Tickets **Mon** to **Thurs** £3.74; **Fri** and **Sat** £3.50/£4.50 (with student reduction).

**CIVIC THEATRE**  
**Babe in the Wood** until 24th Jan; **Jan** at 7pm (admission, **Sat** 4pm). Tickets £2.15-25.

**CITY VARIETIES**  
**Jack and the Beanstalk**, **Mon** to **Fri** 7pm; **Sat** 17th, 2pm, 4.45pm and 7.30pm; **Sun** on **Tues** at 2.30pm and **Sun** at 3pm.



**ROYAL PARK PUB**  
 Every **Saturday** night 9.30-9.30; **Little Wouldn't** like it.

**THE DOCK GREEN PUB**  
 Sat 17th; **Little Chief** and **Three Party**.

**ASTORIA**  
 Fri 30th; **Shundi boys**.

**ADAM & EVES**, **Central Road**  
 Fri 19th; **Depraved** **Dan**, **Innocent** **Brook**, **Crow** **People**. **Sat** 17th; **UK** **Subs** plus support.

**THE COCONUT GROVE**  
**Jazz Club**, **Lower** **Merrion** **Street**, **Every** **Wednesday**; **Alto** **Latin** **Night**.

**PRINCE HENRY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OTLEY**  
 Fri 19th; **Victoria** **Swing** **Group** 7.30pm.

**LEEDS TOWN HALL**  
 Sat 17th; **Royal** **Philharmonic** **Orchestra** 7.30pm.

**LEEDS CITY ART GALLERY**  
**Wed** 21st; **Wassan** **Boatyard** **Chisel** 1.05pm.

# WHAT'S ON



## GREEN FAIR

The first organising meeting, committee room C, Tuesday January 20 between 1pm & 1pm. Anyone interested in organising this year's fair come along.

## ANIMAL RIGHTS SOCIETY

1st Annual Rights meeting of term in R.H Evans lounge, Thursday January 22 at 1.10pm.

## VEGETARIAN & VEGAN SOCIETY

1st meeting of term, R.H Evans lounge, Tuesday January 20 at 7.00pm.

## SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Talk by Alan Doney (ex BSGA) in the R.H Evans lounge, 1pm, Wednesday, January 21. Admission free.

## PSY CLUB

Glashwell's Party at the Catholic Student Centre, Clarendon Place, Friday January 23 at 8.00pm. Tickets £2.00, available from notice board, 1.50pm every day.

## PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY

Johnathan Dancy (Keele U.): 'Tolerance & Commitment' in Philosophy, 10pm; Thursday January 22 at 7.30pm. Free, all welcome! Plus discussion on Wednesday lunchtime: 'Philosophy of Sex & Relationships'.

## BUDDHIST GROUP

Meetings Thursdays, 7.45pm., 173 Woodhouse Lane. All welcome.

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

A session of empowerment at the Pavilion, Woodhouse Lane, Saturday January 17 at 10.30pm - 12.00pm, £2.50 - £5.00. Clairvoyance - aura, etc., workshops. Talks/discussion on spiritual growth. Invitation to exhibit all art works.

## POLY WOMEN'S GROUP

Meetings every Wednesday at 1.30pm, in Women's room, Brunswick Terrace.

## LESBIAN GROUP

Meetings every Monday at 1.00pm in University Women's Centre.

## LESBIAN & GAY SOCIETY

Video night in R.H Evans lounge, 7.30pm., January 20.

## LEU ENTSTECH

Join the 'Weather Boy', Tartan Bar, Saturday, January 27, 9pm.



## PERSONAL

Tim - No Fred - No 'A's? We wait in anticipation. J

ARTS SOCIETY - POTTERY MEETING 1.15pm Tuesday, 20th January - GSA Lounge. All interested member suit attend.

PAUL - HAPPY BIRTHDAY from RSE

J & A - you should see the other one.

JANE & GARY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

Men/Women Basketball Club, 20th night - only 50p!! Tartan Bar.

DID YOU DRINK DICK DURING DISCO? ... DUBIOUS - DONUT.

WANTED: Four sturdy persons to assist with EVENTS Stage Crew, half day per week. Apply to EVENTS office.

Wedge talks to God - God says: "Gotten pounds twenty pence! Thundabeds - arfies are ge!

Fancy tea in the Refectory?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HANNAH - LONG FROM PRESH & PRESHLY.

ERIS, copper coloured tops still lasting!

MARK a whole weekend with a fridge!

MARK has Percy still got freetime?

BALDRIC EASY?

What's Gaby?

SIMON is frog another fridge?

STEWART have far with Rat?

SUPERMAN no room at the inn!

Happy New Year TIGGER with ROO

P.S. BIGGER and ROO need new writing bed warmer!

SHAGHEAD: MAY THE SEEDS OF YOUR LOINS BE FRUITFUL IN THE BELLY OF YOUR WOMAN.

T.C.A. MARY HAPPY RETURN, LOVE FROM B.C.

PH. SATURDAY NIGHT (BRIND YOUR MATE'S LOVE LOLA and T.B.B.E.

LOO BEALE would like to wish T.C.A. a very happy birthday.

SHRZ, Trev wants to know if the engagement is still on. Place your diamonds lacy dice in the bedroom window if you still love him, love Julie and Tracy.

Kath Harris, and B... hope you get better soon and will be out of the rubber sheet stuff! Lots of love to the 3999 Gang.

## J. SOC SERVICES

All in Hales, Shabbat begins 4.00pm Friday night 5.00pm. Shabbat morning 10.00am. Shabbat terminates 5.10pm. Monday and Tuesday meetings 8.00am. Wednesday afternoon 2.00pm. Friday night reform services 6.30pm. NB: All Chigum are restarting this week. Good luck to the new Poly Committee.

## J. SOC

Monday January 19 - J.Soc Disco, Tartan Bar at 8.00pm. 70p only. Wednesday January 21, Rudek Akush 'The Threat of Missississipi', 10.00am at 7.30pm. Thursday January 22 - Speaker: Rabbi Julie Neuberger, 'should religion interfere with politics?' University Union at 1.30pm.

## LEEDS POLY COO'S

Parliamentary candidate for the Green Party, Tuesday January 20, main Poly Union building at 7.00pm.

## TOGETHER FOR LIBERATION

Speakers from - NUS Women's Committee, NUS Lesbian and Gay Committee, Disabled Students Alliance, National Black Students Alliance and Irish Students Alliance. Thursday January 22 in the Riley Smith Hall at 7.30pm. Free. Come along and hear about the work being done by the liberation struggles within NUS and the problems faced there.

## BRIGADE WOMEN'S WORKS

Practice sessions: Monday nights at the Bradenell Centre. Now members welcome. For information/bookings - Bradford 500730.

## LEEDS WOMEN'S CENTRE

Meetings every Wednesday at 7.30pm, 229 Woodhouse Lane. Tel: 448921 ext 10, ext 10.

## LEU WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

Present Marjorie Lee of London's Women in the Media action group, Tuesday January 28 at 5.30pm., LG15 New Arts Block. Women and men welcome.

## WOMEN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting every Thursday at 5.00pm. In the Women's Centre, 14 Corner Terrace.

## FOOD AND FAT WORKSHOP

By Corleen Heenan, January 21, Run by Women's Counselling and Therapy Service Limited. For details: Oxford Chambers, Oxford Place, Leeds LS1 3AX. Tel: 455725.



## TEN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE SAVINGS CARES STONY!

1. Lay it under your carpet as extra insulation.
2. Cover the windows with it.
3. Roll it up as a draught excluder.
4. Lay your pipes with it.
5. Roll up water from burst pipes with it.
6. Roll it up with a friend to stimulate circulation.
7. Wrap yourself in it.
8. Burn it.
9. Use it as emergency toilet tissue when close board.
10. Read it.

## CLASSIFIED

## INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL DAY

Wednesday 21st January RSH

12.30 onwards

Various international and community societies will be presenting stalls of a national, cultural and religious nature.

FOOD, MUSIC ETC

ALL WELCOME

LEU Anti Racist and Multicultural steering committee

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# SPORTS

## POLY TAKE THE HONOURS



### STRENGTH AND FITNESS TOO MUCH FOR UNI

Leeds Uni Zeds 18  
Leeds Poly Zeds 16

The Poly pack produced some of the best forward play of the season to win this attractive local derby. Excellent half back play from Atkinson led to the try which eventually settled this lively contested match.

The Poly took the lead after their dangerous forwards had provided the opening for Moorhead to score. Straight from the restart, they produced another try after winning possession in the scrum but before half-time the Uni had hit back with a penalty.

Another penalty early in the second half made the score 10-6 but the Poly were equal to the Uni revival and good back play allowed Bruce to go over for a try which he converted himself.

Also this score the Poly were forced to hold on but thanks to some tenacious work they finished deserving winners.

At the end of last term members of the Polytechnic Canoe Club made the 780-mile round trip to Devon to compete at the BPSA White Water Racing Championship.

The previous year's course of the first Dart had produced something akin to canoe-cross due to low water but reports suggested more exciting conditions this year. In the event, the river was fast but without excessive risk to life and limb.

Saturday was reserved for the team events and the Poly A team of Benson, Heston and Southall did well to finish fourth in the general purpose category. The D team which

included two novices achieved a creditable 18th place but the C team of Grant, Leadbetter and Priday finished runners up for last place.

There was a mass canoe on the Sunday with most members taking part. Bailey, Betson and Hewitt elected to race in the individual category. Bailey was 18th 16 seconds ahead of Hewitt in 18th place. Betson was 23rd in the white water race at the first attempt.

Overall, the weekend was a worthwhile experience for all members with some good results and some excellent canoeing, the social side wasn't bad either.

### RUGBY CLUB BANNED

Leeds University Rugby Club have forfeited their first two fixtures of the term after complaints to the Union Council about the behaviour of three club members in the Union before Christmas.

In effect this means the loss of seven matches, the first, second and thirds fixtures

against Liverpool last Wednesday and four matches against Aireborough tomorrow.

Although these matches would have fallen victim to the weather anyway, executive member, Tim Manning, stressed that the cancellation of these games would mean the loss of these fixtures in future years.

### SNOOKER CHAMPIONS

Leeds University Snooker Club are the new National Universities snooker champions. On the first day of the recent tournament held in Southampton, Leeds won all their matches and Leeds B were the only B team to qualify for day two of the competition.

On the second day Graeme Bland and Ian Richardson kept cool, taking the last four frames to stretch a 6-4 victory against Bath and won the quarter final group for Leeds.

In the semi-final Dave Leeds were paired with the University of East Angles, winners of the other quarter final group. Number one John Pennington was

comfortably, and in a very close match Mark Lloyd pulled off a memorable pink, sending the cue ball the length of the table twice to finish perfectly on the black. This frame put Leeds 2-0 up but UEA scraped back to 2-2 before Ian Richardson stepped up with a 25 clearance to put Leeds in the final.

Bristol had beaten Salford in the other semi but were no match for Leeds who won the final easily 6-2, with a particularly fine performance by Alan Mavis. The team did miscue on the way home however, when they ran out of petrol on the M1!

### MOTOR CLUB ROAD RALLY

1981 Road Rally of December 6-7 attracted three crews from Leeds University and despite atrocious road conditions, three cars made it through right to the finish.



See Hill

and the half-way petrol halt was a welcome opportunity to assist for damage.

In the second half, conditions were even harder with a strong wind restricting the drivers and making life very uncomfortable for the rear marshals. After the competitive sections, the last section was the 'wet as mop' Gort Valley, which consisted of a twisting road which passed up the side of a long valley with a steep bank on one side and a 150ft drop on the other.

The three Leeds crews all completed the rally with the leading car of Sue Hill and Dave Maudsley (1:27.5) finishing in 20th place at about 7.15pm. S. and David Holfey were 34th in the Morris GTE and Nigel Hantley and Liz Wood's Escort was 26th. Nigel and Liz also won the 'Spirit of the rally' award.

See Hill

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Following the sensational news that football was to be played at Horswood this autumn by a team from the University comes the revelation that Gold from football will also be on the sporting agenda.

Leeds Cubans, the local experts of the game, played one game during the Christmas vacation and have been given permission for five more during the summer.

Mike Brooks, sports administrator at the University, says that the Cubans have had trouble finding playing facilities and that the agreement was for the team to use a rugby field at Westwood.

He stressed that this was a temporary arrangement and he anticipated no problems for any of the University sports clubs.

### ORIENTEERING

The Orienteering Club had a cold start to the new year when a severe University year created school, road shapley. Despite the sub-zero temperatures and snow blizzards, the Leeds students recorded some impressive times.

On the grueling 15km course, Leeds runners filled four of the top five places with Thomas Sissoner Cooke winning in fine style. He was closely followed by local favourite Martin Porter, then Steve Parnsworth and P. Parnsworth.

In the women's race, Rachel Spensley was disqualified due to an unfortunate error and in the distance class, Nick Strange proved too strong for his class, rival Chris Parnsworth. Caroline Hayes



● From left: Jennifer 1 to 5, Steven Allen, John, Ian, Mark, Graham

### UAU ROUND UP

Not a pretty physical Round Up for Leeds University sports teams in the UAU competition last term, the first college round's only victims were the two squash teams. All other clubs won and got going to the quarter finals on study 28.

One of the most impressive performances was from the 200 2nd XI which beat Kent 1-0, with goals from Andy (non player), Matt Pearson, and Peter Perreotti and Mike (non player). The second XI, Mike

line away win is a home tie against Exeter in the next round.

Both men's basketball teams won 3-1 while the women's team won 6-3 away at Manchester. There were also wins for the men's and women's hockey 1st and the fencing club, as well as the netball and the table tennis teams.

The golf club finished the term unbeaten and they play Southampton in their next All match on February 28.

