



INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

# FORCED TO PAY

## First students called to Poll Tax courts

### Four court defences

Leeds City Council finally sent Poll Tax summonses to a proportion of the city's student population this week as it stepped up its campaign to collect the tax in Leeds.

The move comes after continuous speculation about whether the Council would delay an attempt to collect the Poll Tax from students who only pay 20 per cent.

Summonses have been sent to all the main student residential areas of Headingley, Woodhouse and Beeston, but the Council refuses to say how many students will appear in court.

Students summarised this week included Leeds University Union's General Secretary Andy Bellon who confessed to being "surprised" that he will be among the first to go to court.

"I hadn't paid my Poll Tax until now because it is so unfair and unjust and until now I simply couldn't afford it," he said.

But he went on to say that having made a point he would now pay the tax at his hearing at the end of the month "to stress Council services can continue to be free".

Five papers attending the court hearings are being given the opportunity to pay on the spot or seek to a council representative without their financial situation.

Mr. Kewen's French voluntary legal advisers are also on hand to provide advice. The Leeds Federation of Anti-Poll-Tax Groups has organised a picket and legal advice sessions at the courts ever since the first summonses last year.

Though representatives of the Federation will so-

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company defendants into court they are not allowed to put forward a defence.

Members of the Federation said they were angry at the latest attempt by the Council to obtain payments.

Ian Gowers, Secretary of the Federation said the Council's actions were "arbitrary, unreasonable and unrealistic" but advised students who are refusing to pay to attend the court.

"People who don't attend are dealt with in a couple of minutes. You are making an extra effort for them if you turn up."

Lionel Wright, Employment Monitoring Officer for the Federation attacked the Labour Council for going to extreme lengths to collect a tax they oppose.

"Leeds Labour Council is trying to be much more Tory than the most reactionary Tories," he said.

"If Leeds announced it would cease to implement the Poll Tax that would be a major breach in the Government's front but there is little sign of them taking any stand."

Wright believes the Poll Tax is driving a great number of Leeds residents into debt, with the Council encouraging borrowing to pay the bill.

"It seems to be standard practice to tell people to take out a bank loan, and some people will inevitably go on loan sharks. This is the sort of intimidation



Protesters picket Wednesday's hearings. Mark Brown

that is going on," he said. The Federation is continuing to urge Leeds residents not to pay the tax.

"If you feel guilty about paying in 1990 there is another chance not to pay in 1991," it says.

The Council has recently

announced the Poll Tax bill for this year, payable from 1st April.

The figure has risen to at £400 with students paying 20 per cent at £80. The new bill represents a rise of around 100 per cent more for students.

Students summoned to court will have to give their reasons for not paying in front of three magistrates, as lawyers put the Council's case.

The courts are offering four standard defences against non-payment. These are:

That you have paid, that your name is not on the register, that you are registered in another area or that council publicity procedures have not been followed.

Magistrates are unwilling to listen to reasons for not paying other than these.

If a satisfactory defence is not given to the charge of non-payment, the court will impose a liability order for the collection of the tax and charge the defendant an additional £30 in legal fees.

In another development this week, the Council started to send bailiff orders to residents who refuse to pay the full tax. Similar proceedings will eventually be taken against students.

Under a bailiff's order, the Council now has the right to enter and sell the belongings of non-payers. Prison is the final option open to the courts.



The Big Chill. As Leeds faced the coldest weather for four years, the University Union closed down last Friday. Matthew Roper

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## Animal houses get cash boost

By Nigel Dixon

Leeds University is to receive £1.7 million to improve and extend its existing animal house facilities, but animal rights activists have received another surprise.

The money, granted by the Universities Funding Council, is part of a £70 million package made available to more than twenty UK universities.

With the extra money, the institutions will be able to improve housing to accommodate with the 1986 Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act.

A spokesperson at the University Bureau's Office said the cash would not be used for extra experiments.

"It is not intended to increase the number of animals or the number of experiments," he said.

But Robin South, North-East Regional Director of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, did not believe the University's promise.

"I don't think they can give us a guarantee that this money will not be used for experiments," he said.

Recent research by the BUAV has shown a "dramatic increase" in the number of animal experiments at Leeds.

Mr South was also angry that such a large amount of money should be going to improve animal housing instead of being channelled into areas of more relevant research.

University Assistant Registrar, George Brown, stated that the University would be bound by the UFC to use the money for the sole purpose of innovation.

# Picket attacks BBC 'censorship'

## In Brief

### RAG hitchers brave snow

Five students from Leeds University Union (LNU) braved the winter conditions for a picket line for the RAG Film Week.

They arrived safely, a five mile chiller, at the Virgin Magazines in the Clarendon Towers on the Sunday afternoon.

High organizers have scheduled the event to March 15 to enable more people to take part.

Successful hitches will be treated to a hot-chip night at the "Locustwood" nightclub.

### Iraqi rights motion

In the wake of the intervention in Iraq university students this week to campaign against the Iraqi human rights and of being living in Britain.

The motion, proposed by Labour Club member, Dan Liversidge, will be read by the General Secretary, Andy Bilton, to write to the Home Secretary to condemn both the arrest of hitches on security grounds.

Supporters of the motion believe the action of the Government is a breach of human rights.

### US students protest

The spirit of American students from the very east, as a study by the American Council on Education and the University of California.

The survey of 200,000 freshmen found that 79.4% had protested at high schools in response to the 1983-84.

Students were particularly concerned about racial discrimination and gross income and felt that the U.S. government was not doing enough to curb pollution.

### Fake fivers

Leeds University's catering and mail orders are on the lookout for fake five pound notes after several reports of a forged note was discovered which contained a virus handed over to the University.

According to Mr Steve Baskley, Secretary (Shop Manager), the University is now part of a "lock down widespread" money campaign.

The BBC is deliberately censoring its Gulf War news bulletins, says Leeds University Staff Against the War who staged a picket outside BBC Leeds on Tuesday.

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A small group of University staff and students braved the winter weather to picket BBC staff assessing the verisimilitude of using "a special language designed to play down the horror of the allied attacks against Iraq."

One of the organisers of the picket, Foad Khatami, said the BBC was broadcasting bulletins aimed towards support of the allied action.

"There is self-censorship being operated. They want to present the war in the best possible light for President Bush and Mr Major."

He said the media was using phrases that portrayed the allied effort favourably but condemned Iraqi actions.

"There is censorship in Iraq but exactly the same thing is happening in Saudi Arabia under the good reason," he said.

A briefing paper released by the group gives examples of what it calls "double talk."

"Addressing innocent innocent people. The coalition forces have been invading Iraq without kill, maim and destroy. The coalition's weapons are invisible, take out and eliminate," the paper says.

Povey believes that if news bulletins were not censored the public would run against the war.

He said the other protesters opposed the allied action in the Middle East.

"What difference does it make whether we buy our oil through Kuwait or through an oil company owned by Saddam Hussein," he said.

A spokesperson for BBC Leeds said the corporation was "doing its damndest" to give an accurate picture of the conflict. But the national BBC News and Current Affairs Departments refused to comment though it said



● The BBC - 'lies to the world'

the allegations had been proved.

Leeds University Staff Against the War is a small group coordinated by the Association of University Teachers which opposes the war.

## Team caught in gang riot

By Alison Phillips

Leeds Polytechnic hockey players were caught in the crossfire of a gangland battle when they visited Manchester for an away game last week.

Seven players from the Manx Seconds team had just ordered a curry in the Dore Thai Indian restaurant in Rasthane when a gang of youths wielding machetes, gas canisters, baseball bats, iron bars and samurai swords smashed the restaurant and smashed windows.

Nick Hewitt, Hockey club member and V.P. Communications at the Poly who was in the restaurant in the early hours of the Thursday morning said: "We were sitting for the food to arrive when people from the kitchen started coming out with knives. There was a lot of people appeared from nowhere, but they didn't call the Police until after it had happened."

He said some knives and one gas canister were used to injure the players, while others were used to defend the restaurant.

Frighthead team members left to the floor under tables as gas and optics shattered around them.

"We were sitting right at the front, nearest to the window where it started," Hewitt said.

"Being in a drainage area, I was all thought it was rather amusing. We weren't asked to pay for our meal," he added.

Although there was no serious injury, a few players suffered from cuts, grazes and shock and were still finding place in their clubbing the following day.

"We haven't stopped talking about it since we got back," Hewitt said.

He believed the violence to be gang related as no attempt was made to hurt any of the officers, but simply to cause maximum damage to the building.

He said when police officers finally arrived, the hockey players were not even questioned about the incident, which reinforced his theories of gang involvement.

The team spent the night with hockey players from the Manchester Polytechnic team, who had been there earlier in the day in the quarter finals of the British Polytechnic Sports Association contest.

## Arab helpline started

By Justin Lane

Concern for the welfare of both Arab students and the Arabic community has led to the introduction of three new telephone helplines in Bradford.

The helplines which are situated at the University and the Polytechnic have a dual purpose. Firstly, to help students suffering from mental stress and attack, and secondly to provide general

advice, particularly for students who have enquiries about the welfare of students caught up in the war.

Bradford college spokesman, Steve Bentley, said over the last few incidents of verbal abuse had been reported, and both of these had been dealt with effectively by the college.

He viewed the helpline's role as "significant" and forward in creating a bond with the incoming local

provision in the area."

In addition to the helpline set up for the Bradford students, plans to introduce a local helpline as part of a nationwide organisation have been put forward.

This will be directed by The Supreme Council of British Muslims, who are concerned about the growing amount of aggression directed against British Muslims who display anti-war sympathies.

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# Uni tells students 'Open your windows'

## New plans to leave WYANUS

By David Walden

Students campaigning for improvements in living conditions in St Marks flats are furious that they have been told by an architectural officer to "open windows" to solve the problems.

Drain pipes have spread across walls in up to five corner rooms in the blocks of flats. Students in Block Four have even complained of an infestation of mice.

President of St Marks, LUI Mackie, a first year Russian and French student said automatic or heated radiators were being adversely affected by the ongoing situation. Others have had possessions and clothes ruined by damp.

On Tuesday Mackie, co-chaired Harry Davies, Senior Assistant Bursar for accommodation at the University with the grievance.

However, after the meeting, Mackie said: "We just didn't listen, but was somewhat apologetic."

"He said the money was raised because we don't open our windows, and if he doesn't get damp in his house," he added.

He said proposals for partial ventilation in ground floor windows

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were not even mentioned because as the problem affected the same place in every block it appeared to be a structural defect.

"Obviously we can't rebuild St Marks but we do need vents," Mackie said.

She said that with rents currently standing at over £800, and flats to let next year, something had to be done soon by the University.

Davies denied that the origin of the problem was a structural fault, and blamed it on a condensation, which he said could be avoided if students ventilated their rooms properly.

"Unfortunately the problem seems to be more with an individual or a group of individuals," Davies said.

However he added that



St Marks one of the worst accommodation

the University was currently contacting contractors for quotes for ventilation which would not endanger security of residents.

Security became a key issue at St Marks last year when four intruders were found in a women's flat.

However, LUI General Secretary, Andrew Bellon who has helped pursue the

case, said LUI had not been told on Tuesday that contractors were being approached.

Bellon said: "Considering the problems of security at St Marks, that Harry Davies has said opening up the windows as a solution to the problem of damp is ridiculous."

Davies said the mouse problem was currently in

the hands of Leeds City Council's pest control department.

St Marks students have already completed a petition and approached the mayor and LUI Welfare officer. A representative from the Welfare office will be carrying out an independent assessment on conditions at St Marks today.

## Victimisation claims after Sabs raided

By Adrian Daniels

Leeds Home Saboteurs are claiming they have been victimised after a student member was arrested last week when police raided his house.

According to a spokesman for the Saboteurs, who wished to remain anonymous, the student was arrested for possession of cannabis worth £15.

"This is the third time they've raided Home Sab's houses in Leeds during the last two months. Police don't raid houses for such small amounts, they worry after our files," he claimed.

The Saboteurs have complained that at each raid, the police have confiscated large numbers of files and leaflets belonging to the society.

"They told us they were from the Drugs Squad but they took our records of house going back 18 years and lists of the names and addresses of our members," the representative said.

The Saboteurs believe the

raids were carried out by a branch of Scotland Yard known as The Animal Rights National Unit.

"They think that we are part of the Animal Liberation Front, but we have nothing to do with them. Our actions is non-violent," said the spokesman.

The Yorkshire Police Press Officer, Patrick Bracken, was unable to comment in detail on the allegations because the man charged is due to appear in Leeds Magistrates Court on March 23rd.

"To say anything may jeopardise the court action," he said. But he admitted the raid was carried out by members of the Leeds Drug Squad.

"The squad is unable to give details of the first two raids on Saboteur houses."

The Saboteurs claim the other charges were dropped because they were "no offences".

"It just goes to show how easy it is to get a Magistrate's Warrant to search a house full of hippies," said David

Higgins, a member of the Home Saboteurs.

Members of the Society say they are worried by the possibility of police raids.

"Everyone is expelling a nuclear on the door at any moment, even publishing my name would make matters a lot worse for us," said the spokesman.

The presence of Leeds Saboteurs follows the death of a Saboteur on Saturday. He was killed after falling from a van and being struck by the wheels of a lorry, while trying to disrupt a hunt in Chorley. The arrest of 26-36 activists throughout the country on Monday has furthered fears of a national clamp-down.

"The mood has changed and the way we do things could change," he said.

Leeds Home Saboteurs are sending their vote to a national protest at the Kennedy for housing leagues in Cheltenham on Saturday. A large turnout is expected, a spokesman put the estimated figure would be 1000 Saboteurs present.

## Cutbacks for Med school

By Neil Everett

Leeds Clinical Medical School is to make out of budget cuts after being allocated 21% less funds this academic year by the Universities Funding Council.

The allocation is £2 million, but the equivalent of the Clinical Medical school is estimated to be about £21.2 million.

The Director of Medical and Dental Development, Professor B. W. Jewell, explained Leeds this year the allocation of money had been historically based.

The cut in our budget comes as a shock and now the problem is how to reduce our expenditure.

He said that the process of cutting expenditure would be spread over a couple of years.

"This year we have reduced our expenditure by 9% by not filling vacant posts and by reducing the amount spent on consumables."

"We can expect to go on lowering posts until we have made the required savings," he added.

One option for the school

would be to seek an increase in funding from the N.H.S.

"The N.H.S. could take over the funding of University posts because University clinical staff make a major contribution towards the N.H.S. and at the moment the proportion of salaries paid for by them is relatively low as Leeds compared to the situation at other universities."

Despite the inevitability in expenditure Jewell claimed that the school was currently operating efficiently.

"In May 1980 the U.F.C. issued a ruling which stated that the number of students must be adhered to, the numbers being 118 students from the East Yorkshire Community and 10 from outside the community."

However, the medical school was designed and built for a total intake of 214 students. Therefore, we are running with a spare capacity. Requested representations have been made to the U.F.C. but to no avail."

The member is fixed by the government," he said.

The growing attack on West Yorkshire Area 70's gained momentum this week after a motion was submitted to Leeds University Union's A.C.M. agenda calling for dissolution from the first session.

Last year LUI submitted £8,300 to the annual funds of WYANUS. The Union is the largest single contributor in the annual WYANUS budget.

Simon Paddock who proposed the motion, said he wishes to "bring the debate about West Yorkshire Area 70's to the open."

"I begin with a debate on the issue, the students at LUI will be able to make their policy as to whether or not LUI should affiliate or not, instead of having one-way affiliation because it is in the constitution," he said.

WYANUS Area Convenor Mike French believes University dissolution would severely damage the benefits of the Union.

"The University gives us approximately 55% of our budget. If we dissolved we would have to run a staff union."

The latest LUI campaign follows a similar motion calling the dissolution of the Polytechnic Union last year proposed by President, Gary Alderson.

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# Eddie and waiting

by Michael Hann

## First Person

Fame beckons for Eduardo Cansellas. Since he is only twenty three, one might think that he has his sights set on pop stardom or the like, but this optimism is far from Eduardo's mind. He has set his full-time political activist.

His protest against the Gulf War is just the latest in a long line of campaigns concentrating on the broad fronts of peace and ecology.

His political career began in the mid-eighties when he joined the Young Liberals, later serving on their National Executive. "You know that The Sun called me 'Red Ed' after our Young Liberal conference?" he remembers proudly.

However, he never considered a full-time career in the Liberal Party.

"I've not seen it possible for anyone to have a political career in the Lib-

eral Party" he says, a smile flickering across his face.

Other organisations which have led to the benefit of Eduardo's activism have included Students CND (of which he is currently Co-Chair), Chances '88, the high-powered environmentalist organisation, and the American Radical Christian Group Supporters.

"Working with the Senators in Washington DC was an extremely formative experience.

Working with a community of people with strong political and spiritual beliefs furthered me resolve.

"The thing is, I no longer have any formal party links. Some things are more important than elections" he adds, with an air of finality.

Eduardo attributes his beliefs to the experience of his family. His father, a well respected actor, was for many years engaged in the last efforts to rescue the Catholic dictatorship, while his cousin was a leading light in the Communist revolution of 1974.

"My family has had



direct experience of fascist dictatorship in Portugal, and of racism in Britain.

And my cousin has taken direct risks in standing up for a principle. He risked prison, or even death."

Currently a national organiser of the Students Federation Against the Gulf War, Eduardo faces

the future with a mixture of irritation and optimism.

"We're organising a national flag burning day to protest at the Gulf War. So John Carlisle MP has called for me to be expelled from the University."

Eduardo shakes his head and sighs.

## OFF CAMPUS

### BR slated

British Rail has been criticised by Leeds North-West MP Dr Keith Hampton, for the poor Leeds-London service.

He demanded an enquiry into the reported failure of new equipment, and questioned why trains had come to a standstill on Sunday despite "hundreds of millions of pounds of investment in electrification."

### Rent rise

Leeds City Council is set to sharply increase rents, which council tenants will be asked to increase unless in an attempt to minimise poll tax increases.

Council leader, Joe Trickett, pledged that essential services would be maintained and added, "We have always run a tight ship in Leeds and never been rent capped or poll tax capped."

The council are to meet on Thursday to consider setting next year's Council and Charge at £45.

### New air link

A new Leeds to Bristol air link is to be established by the Bristol-based Celtic Airways which plans to start passenger services later this year.

The flight will connect Bristol, Leeds-Bradford and Newcastle.

The service will be aimed at businessmen although it will also be useful to students planning a trip to the Clifton Suspension Bridge or the Gales being used for any other specific purpose.

### Store crisis

Speculation is growing that the Lewis' group, currently in receivership, will be taken over by the John Lewis Partnership.

The Partnership had previously shown an interest in acquiring the Leeds branch of Lewis' because of its size and prime location.

### Clamp anger

Motorists are being driven into a frenzy due to over zealous clamping by private firms, according to Leeds Council's Trading Standards Board.

A report to the board said drivers were being charged £50 to release their vehicles from areas which were not being used for any other specific purpose.

Leeds University Union elections

# DO YOU

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Union Committee ??

Then Union Council 1991/1992  
could be want you are after !!!!

There are 13 Open places (anybody from any faculty can go for them) and 10 faculty places  
2 Arts 2 Science  
2 Engineering 2 Medicine  
2 Humanities, Social Sciences and Law

Good Press: Recruitment papers will be available from the Postbox Office (see below) from 10th February and should be completed, signed and returned to the Postbox Office by Monday 20th March 1991. The election will close March 27th - i.e. 10th March 1991. For more details, please see the April, the Administration Secretary, anytime.

# BUT

.....if you can't wait for next year why not try and get onto Union Council for the remainder of this year (or even do both!)  
The places left are : 1 Open place +  
1 Arts Faculty place + 2 Medical faculty place

The procedure is exactly the same as above.

# Leeds

STUDENT

The primary election for Leeds Student editor will take place at 2pm next Wednesday in the Poly Office. The following are entitled to vote:

Damian Whitworth  
Aileen Phillips  
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Andrew Burgess  
Suzannah Kinsella  
Karen Thornton  
David Walsley  
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Michael Zaiman  
Elsie Carbon  
Stephanie Bentley  
Kate Townsend  
Graham Sykes  
Hermit  
The Hack

If you have contributed to 8 issues and are not on this list, see Damian



# Calling WYANUS to account

## STUDENTS

In recent weeks West Yorkshire Area NUS has emerged from almost complete obscurity to make the headlines in this paper.

An explanation that had previously only been reserved to a handful of backs to the chair of a debate there is of relevance to us all.

Gary Alderson, LPSU President, had generated controversy by proposing the motion for yesterday's AGM that the Party (i.e. the AGM itself) should disaffiliate from WYANUS. He has argued vigorously in this paper that the £3,000 LPSU con-

tributions to WYANUS would be much better spent on the more immediate needs of Polytechnic students.

Now a motion has been put in to the reconstituted LNU AGM, by two ordinary members of the LNU, proposing that LNU disaffiliate from this organisation which comprises of 20 colleges in the region.

This opens up the whole issue of the future of WYANUS, LNU is the largest single contributor to the WYANUS budget, contributing roughly £9,000, 55% of the annual

If this money is withdrawn WYANUS will lose its ability to operate smoothly, regardless of a decision on whether to join LNU and LPSU's money would be better spent elsewhere should be considered carefully.

The strength of WYANUS is that it provides the smaller colleges in the area with some basic services, like a fax machine and a desk top publisher,

that they cannot afford by themselves. It also has the Sir Leslie and Gary committee in the country and has staged some reasonably successful campaigns such as the recent poll on democratisation.

In theory, it should provide an opportunity for the division between further and higher education to be bridged as all the colleges in the area meet together at a regular level.

However, this is not the

case. WYANUS is completely dominated by the extreme left wing group Left Unity. The non-Left Unity in the region, supplying the bulk of members of the WYANUS budget have been totally alienated by the actions of the committee.

A prime example of this is the work WYANUS has done for the Ship War in The Gulf. The Sir Leslie and Gary Alderson of LPSU has opposed sending coaches to anti war demonstrations because by doing so he would be breaching the law that says Students can-

money should not be spent on political campaigns. This has not meant non-student WYANUS, on the other hand have been quite happy to spend their money on a small group of activists off to coaches to work in demonstrations in London.

WYANUS is wasting LNU's and LPSU's money. It is evident that this debate has been opened up and WYANUS has been forced to account. Both Unions should withdraw their funding until such time as it is worth putting it in again.

## Something to hide?

I am writing to answer allegations levelled at me in the front page article of the 19th's 'Leeds Student'.

Concerning the Disciplinary Tribunal matter brought up by the General Secretary, I must know I am only a member of this committee and have nothing to do with the calling of it.

Campus Radio was an issue that an Executive member put on the Union Council agenda and it was discussed.

The Union's Executive had it's legitimacy meeting on Monday 11 February when I brought there and other points up. The General Secretary paid Mark when I answer questions that I asked him and refused to say why he was refusing to talk? Who has he got to hide? Who can he talk to his colleagues in a forum designed for him that? Why can he talk to Leeds Student's Association 7000 and not to 18,000 people in a room?

You'd make mistakes here, we truly seem, two mistakes I will make future mistakes but I am after all only a human being who finds his job very demanding and very difficult, I have only ever tried my best.

I welcome constructive criticism but I do not welcome people talking behind my back.

This is the second week running a substantial effort has been criticised another Executive Officer, but let it stay as he's got on with the job we were all elected to do. Serve students which is what the Union is here to do.

Finally, say I thank the members of Executive and

all the other people who spent many hours helping collect the AGM agenda. Yours sincerely  
The Arts  
Administration Secretary.

## Forgotten sacking

Dear Editor,  
Having just read Leeds Student account of bungling and cheating in High places (last 19th), I felt compelled to comment from a perspective which your readers may find illuminating.

Damian Whitworth's comprehensive coverage of last week's AGM debate made it abundantly clear to all concerned that those simply don't get things done in this country.

However, it is no surprise to me, given recent personal experience of the Belgian regime. A long sentence is clearly inappropriate, but I am disappointed in our elected representatives, and most readers will have long forgotten, but I refer you to the front page story of Leeds Student on November 1990.

Following the unfortunate dismissal of myself and a colleague from the Union that I signed a wrong complaint with Mr Bolton.

When Leeds Student kindly aired my grievances, Mr Bolton was rightly surprised, and my right. My name was held behind the closed doors of Paul Sampson's office. Particular phone calls urged me not to rock the boat and most notably, both Sampson and Bolton urged me not to discuss the affair with Leeds Student. Of course neither ministers or I were denied to the press in the first. All our elected representatives must.

I therefore found it highly amusing to read that Mr Bolton was a letter

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to Leeds Student to complain about the efficiency and ability of his colleagues. Surely Mr Bolton is aware that a letter such as yours comes as a right with due?

Yours faithfully,  
D.J. Williams.

## End elections

Dear Editor,  
It's time to discontinue with union elections altogether! It is an undeniable fact that the vast majority of students never vote and are concerned only with the recreational facilities of the union building.

All we need is an adequately paid, full-time body of senior and professional people to organise our facilities to a high standard level - and a bunch of self-seeking, politically indoctrinated amateurs. Why don't you hold a poll on the subject? I am sure you'd get a hell of a lot more interest than these so-called elections.

Yours faithfully  
Phil Winters

## Frittering careerists

Dear Editor,  
During election time a great deal of money which belongs to the membership of Leeds University and Polytechnic Unions - is wasted on financial backing.

You after your own interests mainly of self-promoted careers instead of doing their jobs properly. The only way to get people of the proper calibre onto these is to

make them pay their own election expenses, thus ensuring the proper level of dedication and commitment, reducing the amount of waste paper and verbiage, while drastically cutting down the number of no-hopers and time-wasters.

This does not mean that only the folk could stand for election, since a truly dedicated person could receive commercial sponsorship and would have to ensure more positive contact with the electorate, who would then vote the person they are voting for.

Chris  
Jonathan D. Knight

## Abusive jibe

Dear Editor,  
I am writing, with reference to last week's column by 'The Hack': I think that it is a bit of a stretch to say to be in to meet to slapping of a person who does not speak out against the student union that the character is poor.

I find it ridiculous of my inability to speak highly of someone, especially when we score 50 years to obtain a GCE qualification in a particular subject when I am supposed to be a student. I am disappointed by the abuse that I have received especially after Leeds Student favours people of about quality for disabled students.

I am also amazed at the Hack's inability to write more than a few lines of a column when the elected chair of our union will speak to me 'CONVINCED' as he speaks to most here in the 'backstabbing' Mr Patrick.

I am not a follower of Mr Patrick which I agree with. He is a bit of a hypocrite in that he says he is not a member of the NUS but then he says he is. Finally, how can you make light of Homophobic attacks and students? It's glad that people attend

yourself come.  
Yours faithfully,  
Adam Tucker.  
President Park Lane  
Student Union

## Bradford backs WYANUS

Dear Editor,  
The AGM at Poly will have passed by, whatever the result, the issue that LPSU President Gary Alderson has brought up whether or not to affiliate West Yorkshire Area NUS (WYANUS) is typical of an internal looking, negative attitude.

When a Union such as LPSU goes out and provides the student with what they want, it is not surprising that President Alderson backs the Union. LPSU is only one of many student members of WYANUS, WYANUS is a Union for students in the region, not just concerning FE's, HE's and some left wing colleges. It is about getting rid of the 'Binary Divide', working on issues which only to offer students to support to attend in student own unions.

As for the WYANUS, it can be criticised as one of the years Area Convener, Mike, in reality is not the majority of student members in the area. There are many people who are not members of some left unions, but working their guts out to give their students the information that they need and support they deserve.

Yours faithfully,  
Steve Harding, President  
Bradford College Student Union.

## Humanity not loyalty

Dear Editor,  
I fear with grave concern that the Society of British Muslims is being governed now by the God's Guild. Yet Tony Benn MP and Dennis Haddad MP are not regarded as extremists, nor is former PM Edward Heath who is historically opposed to the war. I see you Ben Haddad is a traitor, having written an

excellent 'Sagebrush' article in Leeds Student Feb 19th, condemning the 'hypocrisy of UN 676 to the God...'

A number of mosques have already been built, despite the obvious lack of logic behind this act. Back, Egyptian, Syrian and other Islamic religions are on the same side as the Americans, so it cannot be regarded as a religious war against the God's Guild. It is a case of a political war, as most tend to be.

A great majority of Muslims are strongly opposed to Osama bin Laden in Kuwait, yet are equally against the God's Guild.

It is a time to be selective to Osama bin Laden? Surely not! It is more a question of humanity rather than loyalty.

Yours faithfully,  
A. Ahmed

## Power - crazed

Dear Editor,  
Natalia Murray totally missed the point in her letter in last week's Leeds Student. The main principle that a person-crazed mentality shouldn't be allowed to control any country's political machinery without any right to apply being granted.

The average student, not represented by the outrageous Fascists, is not stupid enough not to be offended by a cartoon drawing and would acknowledge the absolute status of a teacher's political minority which irritates basically good sense, leaving people like ourselves.

Yours faithfully  
Peter Dewar

Letters should be no more than 300 words. The Editor reserves the right to edit any letter.

Direct from the constituencies the ELECTION PERSPECTIVE team of Stephanie Rigby, Simon Pava, Fraser Lawrence and Jane Moore bring you the candidates in their own words.

# LUU SABBATICA

## QUESTIONS



1 - Name, Age, Course and political affiliation

2 - Why do you want to be a sabbatical? What do you personally have to offer?

3 - What are the main purposes of a Student Union, in particular LUU/SPSU?

4 - What services should LUU/SPSU be providing that it does not already have?

5 - Should there be collective responsibility for Fees, or should individual members always stand up for what they believe in?

6 - What do you see as the biggest problem facing students in Leeds this year?

7 - What will you do about it?

8 - What do you think of NUS?

9 - Should you fight in the GURT?

10 - Who should be your ideal volunteers, and why?

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The team reader will have noticed that a number of candidates are missing from ELECTION PERSPECTIVE's comprehensive coverage of this year's names and ideas.

It is particularly Mr. Chalm, standing for Administration Secretary, Gen. standing for General Secretary, Abolish Money Backwards, standing for Financial Affairs Secretary and Oliver North Believes who is offering himself for the job of Education Secretary, were all unavailable for interview.

LUU's traditional election buildings are at backstreet in the Brown Theatre at 1.00pm. There are also EPSU meetings at 1.00pm at City Site.

Voting is on Monday and Tuesday next week and results will be printed in next week's paper.

Analysis of the list and vote of the campaign can be found in The Black.

The above matter is on...

## GENERAL SECRETARY



1) LUCY COLEMAN, 22, Politics, SWSS

2) Sabbatical officers in the past haven't really done anything. I will try to get the union to ask for more funds to back political and welfare campaigns such as the non-payment of poll tax.

3) To improve facilities for students and to be concerned with their welfare. It is important that the union takes up campaigns against education and grant cuts and opposes the dismantling of local facilities.

4) There is a lack of adequate cloakroom facilities. The union should be campaigning for better welfare services.

5) I feel that individual members should stand up in a personal capacity for what they believe in.

6) Housing and the poll tax.

7) I will campaign for the union to back non-payment of the poll tax and approach the council about housing problems.

8) I think we should remain affiliated to NUS, and to make more use of them and to support their campaigns.

9) Definitely not, I wouldn't expect anyone to.

10) Paul McDermott. He's my boyfriend.



1) ENDERA MCCARTHEY, 22, Philosophy and Politics, Independent

2) I like LUU and want to achieve something for the Union. I want to organise a cross campus questionnaire to find out what students want from the Union and try to start implementing the ideas in the second term.

3) The main purpose of students unions is to serve students, and most Independent Gen. Secretaries I intend to try and make LUU the one Union in the country that serves its students instead of an elite.

4) Broadly speaking, the services seem adequate. A cloakroom, cloakrooms, the Union would be nice and people have talked about a cloakroom.

5) You can combine both of them. Individual members should stand up for what they believe in but they should do it within the framework where they know that whatever they do or say will come back at the whole structure.

6) Further cost increases of another few pounds this year, which makes it the equivalent of something like 20p/s in ten years.

7) The questionnaire will ask people about the state of the union, the state of people's housing, and also whether people feel unhappy at paying whatever the rent is going to be. If people ask us to do something about it, then we will have to look at the private landlord situation and see what we can do.

8) NUS is an organisation which if allowed to run properly would serve students very well. But the NUS is abused by political minorities, and until that can be changed it's not worth us.

9) Yes if I could find a way to get out of it.

10) Yes, Stephanie, you're such a brilliant interviewee...Natacha Kinoh because of Tina and because this question requires a pretentious answer.



3) SEAN DONLON, 22, Arabic Studies, official candidate for Gracioso Marches

2) I promote the dissolution of the union.

3) The main purpose of the University union would be to destroy itself in the most provocative way possible because I think we're sick.

4) Aural procreation, contact with alien, group sex therapy, that would be most productive.

5) Members of the exec should have the power of life and death. They should be able to execute people on the spot and they should be able to take insurance policies for anything they wish.

6) Random I think.

7) I would entrust them, transfer them indefinitely by bringing my opinion of Zen Chalmers into effect.

8) The NUS is a totally useless body and I think we should get out of it.

9) No, I'm afraid I'm an official coward.

10) Margaret Thatcher because she's a real easy bitch.

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY



1) CLAIRE LIDDIARD, 20, Economics, Independent

2) I have the necessary experience, such as student governor of a college and running my own business, and I'm rational, clear headed and reasonable.

3) It is important that students have a good time. Campaigns about areas affecting students such as student loans and poll tax are also important. Union members should have the chance to do as many extra-curricular activities as possible while at University.

4) LUU should be providing a cloakroom, a mock letter head agency and a campus cinema. There should be more regular and bigger loans and an opportunity for all students to go on exchanges.

5) The Old Bus redevelopment is very important as well as a record shop and a sports shop.

6) If an executive decision is made, collective responsibility should apply whether or not people believe it. People have the right to initiate change but once a collective decision is made it should be stuck to.

7) The biggest problem facing students in Leeds next year is housing, the high rents and the poor state of the housing. The lack of bad accommodations for first years contributes to this problem.

8) I intend to put extensive pressure on the University, and launch a campaign to tell people about their legal rights with landlords on-line in the year. The Union should keep a list of problems and be prepared to take landlords to court.

9) There is a need to be in the NUS for the National Student Service Organisation which buys goods for Students Unions and enables us to have discounts. Although the NUS is laughable.

10) No

10) Sling, because I've been in love with him since about the age of 14.

1) FERMIAT VALLA, 20, Economics, Independent

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3) It is important that students have a good time. Campaigns about areas affecting students such as student loans and poll tax are also important. Union members should have the chance to do as many extra-curricular activities as possible while at University.

4) LUU should be providing a cloakroom, a mock letter head agency and a campus cinema. There should be more regular and bigger loans and an opportunity for all students to go on exchanges.

5) Individual members should stand up to what they say and apply their case with the executive. However over an executive decision has been taken then collective responsibility should apply.

6) Making votes such as mine.

7) Put increasing pressure on the University to fulfil its responsibility in providing adequate housing. Also it should be the University's responsibility to use that information on housing in the private sector is given to every first year student. The University should be responsible for the welfare of students and for their students well-being. There should be more stress on creating opportunities for students to participate in University life, which should start at a springboard for talent.

8) The NUS as it stands is very unrepresentative of students. For example the National executive is full of extreme left-wingers. There should be a mechanism where every five or ten years there should be a referendum to see if we should be affiliated to the NUS.

9) I don't know

10) Mary Whitehouse because it would offend her.

## CANDIDATES LPSU

## RATON SECRETARY



**1 MORAG FOTHERINGHAM**, Fresh and Italian Modern Language, no political affiliation.

2 I know quite a bit about how the Union works. I have seen things that have gone wrong and I have seen things that have worked well. I think I'd be able to do it.

3 In my year in office I've introduced new ideas and new projects, like setting up the self-help group for women with eating disorders. I've re-introduced the women's affairs committee.

4 Here to serve the students. A lot of people forget that the union is not all about politics and a lot of the political aspects. Everybody sees the Union and you have to make the Union the best it can be for every single student that uses it.

5 Information about the Full Tax is something we should be doing.

6 Exec and union would should work together, that's what being a management team is about. You have to present the fact that we are a team and in the past that's been a bit of a problem.

7 With the University accepting more and more students every year there is a big housing problem, which means that all the needs have gone up. Also this week the first students are being announced to appear for the Full Tax.

8 We should publicize the fact that there will be people at the centre who will help you. Student accommodation is built that to be looked at. We don't want to go back to students living in vans.

9 I haven't had that much to do with NUS. I've been to women's conference. The women's unit is generally very helpful.

10 No.

11 Winnie-the-Pooh because he's cuddly and nobody bothers with the right things.

## EDUCATION SECRETARY



**1 MICHAEL RATCLIFFE**, 20, Philosophy, no political affiliation.

2 There is no-one better. I think it is important that we have a good representation of all the students that use the services. I know what's happening, I know what the issues are that are coming up and I think it is very important that students know about those issues. We need to press on. Student fees are going to kill education as we know it.

3 To provide services, like the Bar, and Welfare services which is an important. The other service we offer is representation, putting things across to people. The University listens to the Union.

4 I think a big hole's been covered with the consulting service. It that can be put on a proper footing, it's very important.

5 When you've got individual members who disagree over how to run things there is a lot of friction and we have seen that in the last two years, being bound by Union policy is absolute. Whether or not Executive should hang on an individual person's morals, probably, but I'm not really sure that's the individual cases.

6 Tuition fees, the first years arriving at the University could end up paying for their courses, and that's terrible. The accommodation problem is horrendous.

7 Collective responsibility on Executive would put accommodation into the hands of other people. A lot of what we've held dear over the last twenty five years is going to be tipped over.

8 I haven't seen NUS do anything in this Union except for the services group which gets as cheap food and cheaper drinks. You can have what the political way that to run.

9 I don't want to get fighting, what's the reason might be in the Guild. It's just too different.

10 The person I'm with is the account.

## WELFARE SECRETARY



**1 AMANDA GOLDMAN**, 21, Social Policy and Administration, Independent.

2 I've spent three years doing a lot of things in student politics, particularly for women, and I want to give myself the chance to do everything I haven't done.

3 It is really important to get an affiliation to the Union. It brings students together with a focal point.

4 Facilities for the disabled are absolutely disabled, and there is not enough awareness.

5 You have to form a united body and deal with all your problems internally.

6 Next year the main problem is going to be housing, there is just not going to be enough.

7 I don't think you can actually tell and it comes along in Welfare. You have to act as problems arise.

8 I have been to a lot of NUS conferences, and I don't think they represent students. Conference is a total waste of time. But I do think NUS has great potential and is very necessary to unite students.

9 No, not a hope in hell.

10 There is a man who sits on level 13 of the library with dark hair and he wears a leather jacket.

## PRESIDENT



**1 GARY AHERDEEN**, age - split question, no course, politics, not really serious.

2 To see through to fulfilment the more towards the Union becoming more orientated towards the needs of students. I feel I would be good at helping to improve these services.

3 To care for the needs of its members, like shops and bars which provide a service but also generate an income, which then can be spent on sports and cultural clubs.

4 A much better service. Redevelopment of facilities, especially at Beckers Park and Inverwick Terrace, so that they're still places to go to.

5 Once Exec arrives at a majority decision they should be collective responsibility.

6 The growth in the number of students will lead to lack of resources, classroom shortages and housing problems.

7 To keep pressure on the Poly to provide more accommodation, and expand the welfare services to help with problems, and also provide better canteen facilities.

8 It's vital to have a national body as a pressure group, and useful as a source of legal advice. It also makes a nice purchase at a discount through the bank buying shares. But it tends to be over bureaucratic, and doesn't get things done.

9 No.

10 She'll find out on Thursday.

## VP ADMIN



**1 PAUL TURNBULL**, 21, Executive, Independent.

2 We've made a lot of progress this year. Basically I want another year to see the outcome of the work we've done this year. I'd like the chance to be a bit more innovative and expand clubs and societies.

3 A broad area of services - welfare, clubs and societies, entertainment, some political side to it.

4 Not really, just try to improve all the time, and have progressive change, changing for student needs as opposed to seeing what goes wrong and changing too late.

5 Collective - yes, to a certain degree but you have to remember that each person stands for a political ideological position, and their motivation and skills are trained with that job. But you have to work as a team.

6 Probably housing, which is general for every student. Everyone talks to it in Leeds 6 and it's very over-represented. The Poly is trying to go in as many students as possible, causing overcrowding, perhaps a drop in standards of education.

7 Some poly directors look at their responsibility to look at housing - I go along with that. If they're going to encourage students to come here, they've got to be accommodation.

8 It's good that there's a national body to put students' views across. It's also very good for NUS services, to provide cheap loans etc. I don't think it's always worth, though. It often becomes too many political tensions fighting against each other.

9 Truly question. That I actually get the call-up papers, I'd say so. I do support our armed forces out there.

10 My female friend is Patsy Kensit.

## VP COMMUNICATIONS



**1 NICK HEWITT**, 25, Business and Education Studies, Independent.

2 It seems a logical progression. I've been on the SOC for 2 years and want to NUS. I've never confused. I'd like to get a lot more experience now.

3 Our first priority, at the local union level, should be towards the student services themselves.

4 With only two students trying to do low people's jobs, publicity and communications, education and computers are leaving the students' sides down.

5 I think we should give a collective phrase and be united in our decisions in representing our union. I you have individual decisions, there's the danger of a split union.

6 The reason. Having the votes are rocking, and the quality and conditions are falling. Also education standards, given the increasing numbers the poly is taking. Remotick Park is supposed to be expanding now, but the actual quality is abysmal.

7 To get our point across there is going to have to be collective action on behalf of all the students, we're going to have to visit our courses.

8 It's dominated by people promoting political ideas all the time. It's not a bad idea as a collective body to have different opinions. I would like to see more representation of student affairs, it seems like they're seeing their concerns over matters that only indirectly affect students.

9 I haven't made up my mind yet. At the moment, if I was called up, I'd go. But I'm not sure if I'd be a conscientious objector or not.

10 Someone with brains and beauty, maybe like Demi Moore.

VP EDUCATION  
AND CAMPAIGNS

OWEN EVANS, VP Union Development, standing as Independent but a member of the Labour Party.

2) I've been involved in the Union for 7 1/2 years, mostly as Buckets Park activist, and I want to carry on. I'm hardworking and very sensitive. Ideally, someone and listening to the advice of the national officers.

3) The most important things are to offer a bar service, a welfare service, shops etc. If we can make money that, then we can provide campaigning, and work up for social rights.

4) I think it could improve on services. I would like to see the development of the Beckett Terrace coffee bar, and also Buckets Park bar.

## L.P.S.U.

## VP BECKETT PARK



PAUL COLEMAN, VP, Town Planning (BA Hons), no political affiliation

2) I've been a non-sabbatical officer for two years. I know how the Union operates, and I feel that as a sabbatical officer I could do a lot more for the Union. I've lived at Buckets Park for four years. I've been a hall president for two years, and I've been on one at all.

3) To provide the best possible service for its members - who come in for drink, entertainment, welfare.

4) I think sabbatical posts good but, obviously resources are limited. I would like to see Buckets Park and Beckett Terrace

improved in certain ways... but I think we're getting there.

5) It's like the Prime Minister and Cabinet, you work as a team but each person has got their own individual ideas, but you have to work as a team.

6) Probably housing, and visiting Leeds Poly\* wants to increase its intake by about 20% a year, 25,000 by the end of the century. They're just not providing the accommodation to do this. Leeds itself has got a housing shortage.

7) Obviously campaign for the Poly\* to start building more, or to cut back on its intake. The problem is, it is increasing more numbers to get more money from the government, and it's a vicious circle.

8) NUS is a good idea as an organisation, it suffers sometimes from communication problems. We often get information too late. We need an NUS body to coordinate across the country.

9) We're not trained for a career, although if I could pick some positive part I would.

10) I've got a friend back home...  
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**LEEDS STUDENT GOURMET NIGHT OUT**  
Is next Saturday.  
All contributors, friends, and hoses welcome.  
Sign up in the office.

Leeds University Union

## TOP-UP FEES: THE BEGINNING OF A NIGHTMARE!!!

Leeds University Union

If you thought that the Poly Tax, Student Loans, and not being able to claim debt at all in any holidays, or Housing Benefit was the last step in the government's attack on students, then think again! Here comes...

## TOP-UP FEES!

University funding comes from two sources - a block grant, and student/unions fees. Last year the government reduced the level of block grant, and vastly increased the tuition fees per student. And the more students the Universities have, the more block grant they get.

New Universities are being invited to set their own level of tuition fees per course. To "help" them the Universities Funding Council has issued guide prices of tuition fees (which the Universities may grant under- or over-charge) - that is, to put it in a bit more words at a price lower than the guide price.

e.g. 200 students at £1400 per student.  
INSTEAD OF 400 students at £1600 per student.

## WHY?

Universities are being encouraged to do this because it means that their block grant will increase, and because it forces the government who can enhance their reputation for opening up Higher Education to all, while actually not putting any financial commitment behind it. BUT: if the guide price of £1600 for a course was an underestimate of the true cost of tuition then the underbid price of £1400 is even more of an underestimate. SO WHAT WILL UNIVERSITIES DO TO RAISE THE MONEY TO PROPERLY TEACH STUDENTS?

## VEILED TACTICS

Universities are going to have to charge students a certain proportion of their tuition fees. How this would work remains a mystery. At present there are four different options which the government has revealed: all students paying the full amount of their fees per year, and some of the money they raised being made available to certain students as scholarships; top-up fees where all students make up the shortfall (in the example above, students would have to pay the £200 lost by the University); repayable loans to cover the shortfall, which would work in a similar way to Student Loans; or a graduate track to repay the shortfall after graduation.

## STUDENTS UNDER ATTACK

Basically whichever option is decided, students are going to have to pay for or part of or all their fees. This is a vicious government attack on students; first our financial grant is reduced so that many people have no option but to get into debt in order to exist as a student, and then we are told that we must pay a percentage of the cost of our education.

## WHY WE OPPOSE TOP-UP FEES!

- Education should be free of charge, as laid out in the 1948 United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.
- Top-up fees go against the Access and Equal Opportunities initiatives since they discriminate against all potential students, and in particular those from lower-income backgrounds, women, black people, people with disabilities, and mature students, who have higher fixed costs.
- Since the cost of courses is not the same, fees would disadvantage those entering higher cost courses. This would highlight inequalities between courses and institutions; a two-tiered system of education could well be the result.
- Universities could easily take advantage of weak economics and therefore over-inflate: this would have severe negative effects on access, education, Staff/Student ratios, building maintenance, teaching quality, and general quality of education.
- The fees scheme would be extremely complex (and expensive) to administer.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Write to your MP declaring your opposition to the proposed introduction of top-up fees.
2. Get your parents to write stating the same.
3. Sign the NO TOP-UP FEES petition in the Union Foyer at lunchtime on Friday 22 February.
4. Sign the Union card to Alan Howarth, Minister of Higher Education, also in the Union later this term, voicing your opposition to this entire scheme.

FIGHT TOP-UP FEES BEFORE THE NIGHTMARE BECOMES REALITY!

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**PRESIDENT**

**Gary Alderson**

For the last 10 years I have managed the Union, redevelopment of Beckett's Park and Brunswick Terrace bar/café. Further expansion of recreation and sporting facilities, creating the playhouse/roastery, expansion of the Union's voluntary welfare advice service and continued focusing of the Union's services to be more student centred. Vote Alderson.



**VP ADMINISTRATOR**

**Paul Turnbull**

My primary concern will be a large increase in Sports/club budget to complement our national success. The continuation of bar redevelopment work at Beckett's Park and Brunswick Terrace. An increased Welfare Service and a campaign to bring better student housing with cheaper rates to Leeds.



**VP COMMUNICATIONS**

**Nick Hewitt**

As a result of membership of the SAC and appointment to this post within the last fortnight, I understand how this Union operates. My policies are to increase all other activities of Union services and activities and improve facilities especially those at Beckett Park and Brunswick. Vote Nick Hewitt.



**VP EDUCATION AND CAMPAIGNS**

**Wyn Evans**

As a member of this year's executive I feel I have the experience to take on a full time post. My policies are: To make a major grant of Beckett Park bar/café Brunswick Café Bar. To Spend on Welfare & Campaigns Children's facilities, student housing, access to quality education.



**VP BECKETT PARK**

**Ian Morris**

Vote for me because I'm not. I've also interested in helping students have a double free time while at Leeds Poly. But I've not interested in playing at student politics to unless you want some political excitement with a very gay board to win you'd better vote for me.



**Paul Coleman**

Having been a hall president and Union Executive Officer for two years means that I know much about Beckett Park and how the Union operates. I want LPSU to provide the best possible services and facilities for its members. You know I make sense vote Coleman.



**Michael Jones**

I have the experience of Beckett's to successfully lead the Beckett school. Beckett's is an enjoyable environment in which students can live and study as long as it is in the safe hands of somebody who puts students before politics and personal power/strategery. Vote Mike Jones.



The above candidates are standing for election as full time members of the Executive Committee which is charged with the day to day running of the Union. Full manifestos are displayed on Union notice boards.

To vote take your Union card to any of the following locations:- Brunswick Terrace and Woodhouse Lane coffee bars, Beckett Park Union, City Site Infopoint or City Site Refectory (12-2). Voting takes place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February.



**THE HACK**

The Hack is still reeling as it recovers from an attack on the freedom of the press that took place within this very office just a very short time ago. As he sat moping on the corner of the last week, per-

ceiving down a low blow in his journal in a quiet corner of the room, he was astonished when three individuals crashed through the door, wearing plastic bags taped over their heads and revelling in their own procedure to hold the editorial, and rightly disgruntled, editors of this publication were their shoulders and heads.

The Hack followed as a distant distance but soon found himself embroiled in the action. After dragging their shagging captives up three flights of stairs the kidnappers grunted and heaved to declare that their hostage would not be set free until The Hack, himself, president in his hands their tales about them in his column.

Luckily, at this stage that well known LPU chap, The Hoax, rammed onto the scene and clomping on the hot lead into the children, before they could drag him away into the Gen-

erators's suite where they were bound.

The Hack, therefore, had to make no pretence of name dropping. Indeed, there is no question of holding the open of these individuals by throwing who they are, except to mention that they are all standing for editorial posts in the forthcoming elections.

The Hack suggests that voters put their names in the Hack box in next week's elections. A way to respect nominations and keep the politicians who can't handle their own, out.

Campaigning has started in earnest up at LPU. Of course, The Hack is right behind Mr. Boston who is holding for all points. If he can just beat Monday he should be able to handle all these jobs as his intention is to destroy the Union by inflicting such political as actual printing and summary executions on innocent members.

Of course, he will have to read off that long time

favorite of the Hack, Leslie McLeary. Leslie seems to think that because he has been hit upon on numerous occasions on this page that he can speak 'As addressed in Leeds' through across his powers. The Hack would like to make it absolutely clear that neither he nor this paper would ever associate themselves with a candidate who shows a photograph of himself flying through the air sporting a grin like a bulldog. Certainly plans to be put on his powers.

The Hack feels he should pass comment on a couple of other eye catching, but slightly suspect posters. For one, is advertising himself as a Newark Brown willing, Financial Times reader and Amanda Goldman has a strange portrait in which she seems to have fallen into the side of the picture, almost as if by accident.

All the others seem very tame by comparison. But of course, The Hack would never suggest that you

choose candidates to their powers. Just because Erika managed to get all his friends to colour in his posters for him with felt tip pens doesn't mean he is necessarily the best man for the job.

On the subject of job suitability The Hack has been extremely concerned about the performance of Be Beady Man in the role of LPU Financial Affairs Secretary. He has taken notice to the fact that when asked to get his random notes into The Observer and is now trying to fit them in The Mirror. He claims that the Mirror Man on the spot in Leeds is very interested in his self appointment to the job of Canadian Affairs Secretary.

Of course, he is totally deluded and when he leaves off at the end of this year and old life catches up with him he will be left, alone in the world of pop flavours, with nothing but his childhood in his column to comfort him.

Finally, The Hack would like to put a word in the anxious teacher for providing the most hilarious spectacle he has witnessed all winter.

While sipping a coffee in the café at the bottom of the Roger Hovest building and gazing absent mindedly across the food, back, weary pool that student designers considered was a landscape lake, he noticed a group of sixth formers being led past the Brasserie equated of water.

His attention was caught by one particular young lady who had slipped from the group and was making her way purposefully towards what she no doubt thought was firm concrete mainly covered with a layer of ice. Even as The Hack kept up and began entirely gesticulating from his position, she disappeared up to her waist.

The hapless prospective student was last seen giving rudimentary waves Leeds City Stadium.

# In the eye of the desert storm

## ISRAEL

by Sara Conway

I thought I'd try on lending on Tel Aviv airport last Thursday with the three hundred and fifty strong Joint Israel Appeal Mission of Solidarity from Great Britain. My tears came later though, on Saturday night while I sat in a shelter with my gas mask on listening to a child, aged about two, crying and shaking in her mother's arms. Getting away in a gas mask isn't a good move; it steams up the eyepiece and you can't do anything about your route now.

There is also something psychologically disturbing in a Jew almost putting on one of these things, but as Ehud Olmert, the Israeli Minister of Health commented, "it will never

happen again - we have been and we could defend ourselves now". Conflicting words, but what you can hardly find your way to the shelter as you have to take places off to put on the mask, the siren is wailing and you wonder where the

shelter the experience with them.

And you wonder what as north brought you to this "war zone", a term coined by my very Jewish mother in an emotional phrase used at the weekend. Whoever claims that Zionism is

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mistaken are falling and what they are carrying, you can't help but weep.

And you feel terribly angry too, angry that a people who have to put in this war are being surrounded day and night by a man committed to their destruction, and that you can do nothing about it apart from

reacting but not get a clue what they are talking about - it is actually a form of madhouse strap on to the Jewish people.

Over to Ehud Olmert, "There is no greater expression of Jewish solidarity than coming and sharing deep-seated emotions with the people of Israel".



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Kasim Kassir, one of them, spent under eighteen, and is just too close to home. Being in the destination in the heart of civilian Israel felt like someone sleeping me around the law, stealing my Jewish identity, nationality and all that I hold dear.

And yet the Israelis will manage to survive because it is all. On seeing the protective plastic tents to which parents have to place their small children during an attack, one observer commented that "without people left to make sure that

the children don't put their heads inside plastic bags, we on the other hand have to encourage them to do just that - it's all getting very confusing".

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Leads, I am unconsciously listening for the siren. Every ear alert which goes off makes me want to fall for cover. Having experienced three missile attacks in four nights it's no wonder I am slightly jittery.

I am not the only people reading this article have been thinking, "well this is all very tragic, but what about the Palestinians in the occupied territories as missile air force will the missile attacks on Israel cease. This is because they are perceived to be an additional threat to Israel's security at a time of crisis. One should indeed have every one free for someone for them as one of the missiles was by itself self-appointed "suicider" while I was in Israel fell over on Arab villages in the West Bank. The announcement on Israeli TV and radio of a possible attack is accompanied by a request for the Arabs to avoid areas off their rooftops where they observe the three posed in the Jewish state.

Saddam Hussein's repeated attacks on Israel appear to have driven the Palestinians and the Kurds out further away from each other. It is interesting to see that since Iraq invaded Kuwait, there have been more United Nations condemnations of Israel than reflecting on the situation from the other side the other night, it struck me that the peace is likely to prove even harder for Israel than the war. And that was it! Thank you all.



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### BASKETBALL

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WEDNESDAY:  
Leeds Polytechnic 85  
Doncaster 76

By Neil Kirkpatrick

LEADS Poly were a basketball team, one of last year's success stories, are looking likely to again lead in some areas, with their leading three straight win record.

However, with two wins secured, the enhancers now

very early continued last week thanks to the timely arrival, after traffic delays, of match hero Jeff Abrams.

The heroic work of handball for the men's Poly team began on Monday with an away visit to Farncliffe League side Minsterhoe.

Manchester surprised the visitors, coming out with three leads high, encouraged by their coach to succeed, and up until half time they were matching the Poly both in consistency of play and scoring.

The Poly's weak performance overall was brightened only by the individual showing by Tim Thomas, who scored the first points of the game and maintained an exhilarating display of basketball. All skill and hard work throughout.

The Poly's strength and

brass shows through mid-

way into the second half when they began to take the game to their next opponents. They eventually matched winners by eight points.

Tuesday night saw a long trip up to the North East with the B.S.S.T. club against enhancers Totside. Neville Strainford and Neil Stanger set out in the side for this all important cup match. Totside started the game well and ended the first half five points ahead.

Totside, who really believed the match was won, sold their impressive home support who created a good atmosphere, but luck was caught in their complacency by a dazzling second half display.

As the start of the second period the home team were again level up and the first four or five minutes saw

them maintaining a lead which fluctuated between three and seven points.

The Leeds team then switched up a gear when the defence was tightened by outstanding play from Neil Hepper and Steve Marshall and offence was sharpened with inspirational play by Thomas and Millett.

The players on the bench did not stay seated long as they took over the home crowd's role of inspiring their team to what turned out to be a convincing victory.

Perhaps the most important match of the year for the Poly is the Yorkshire League game on Wednesday against rivals for the championship Doncaster. Doncaster began well, maintaining a four to six point lead in the first few minutes. The visitors were

showing themselves to be a difficult team to beat with their style of play and what appeared to be a series of lucky breaks given to them by the referee. The teams came off the court at half time with the score level at 18-18.

Polytechnic saw Jeff Abrams banked but may struggle to get back to Leeds. Arriving at half time, he was immediately brought into the game by Marshall and as soon as he came on the team shifted up a gear.

A team typically given to dominate the court, inspiring the Leeds team into arguably their best game of the season. The first of the Poly team began to lead in the final ten minutes as they stretched out a lead of seven points by the end of the match.



Since President de Mark's announcement that the system of apartheid is to be dismantled, there has been much speculation as to the future of the amateurs that have effectively banned South Africa from the international sports arena since 1975. It is worth remembering a voluntary effort the ban was backed by agreements such as the signed at Glasgow in 1971, which stipulated that international sports should not engage in sporting links with South Africa, as long as the latter maintained its apartheid policy. The primary reason for the agreement was the need to prevent the threatened boycott of the 1978 Commonwealth Games by the South nations, but it was also hoped that Glasgow would restore its sport an image that was seen as being first broken down in 1960 when the South African prime minister John Vorster refused to accept an English touring party which included Basil D'Almeida, a black South African. This was followed by the last world cup of England in 1970, after meetings between the MCC and the South African Cricket Association in the streets of massive anti-apartheid demonstrations.

However, it would be untrue to regard the situation of sporting contact with South Africa as being a mere formality. Talk of participation in the 1978 Olympic Games in Barcelona seems ill-judged, although there is a possibility that South Africa's name will be entered into this December's draw for the qualifying stages of the 1984 World Cup. Apart from the fact that it is not a sporting issue, and as long as the economic sanctions remain in place it would seem unlikely that the prohibition on international sporting contact will be lifted for the time being at least.

Chris Brown

## Pulling power

### ROWING

LEADS Boat Club had one of the most promising starts to the new season with the development of what looks like a strong, consistent and fit crew by professional Mark's squad.

This new found confidence originates from the club's acquisition of a new skiff, with two separate oarlocks on each oarman's competing instead of just one.

A pair of about twenty oarlocks have been fighting for the skiff seat in the 1st and 2nd teams for all of last

year.

It is difficult to remember a training regime more arduous and punishing than the one that has been imposed upon the rowers this year. Practice both on the water and on land takes place every day of the week. The University coach, John Bond, is a veteran of hard training and he has already remarked that this year he has the most talented squad he can remember.

However perhaps the most exciting result of the speed work is its obvious effect on the younger freshmen rowers, many of whom have taken up the sport this year. New rowers can now gain experience through competition in



● Pulling power - Leeds led 1st VII.

the 2nd.

The delivery of both the women's and the men's 1st teams seems admirable. What usually, Andy Lee, a rowing, coaching veteran has proved worth time and time again. He is a natural officer whose potential has been fully exploited, so that now he is almost ready to start his own training with the seniors.

The first big test for the 1st

and 2nd VII's was at Peterborough last weekend. Peterborough is one of the top events in the country, a qualifying 5000 metre race for about 90 teams, all set off in individual 1000m heats and a final and deciding time trial.

The Leeds 1st VII started very strongly. Unfortunately the crew was nothing but an epitome of the 10. The 2nd crew was so bad that Avenue Wil-

son, the first VII's member of the day and had to take a hospital. Despite their advantage, the Leeds rowers for three shagged themselves.

The speed has now slowed for a week and, with morale noticeably high, they are ready to continue their build up to the Healey Royal Regatta this summer.

## Dick's Tips

WITH THE advent of the weather affecting all of Saturday's events, and at the time of writing, little progress of any discernible nature for another week, the Yorkshire Tipster may even record his regular Colford Domesday when he returns home tomorrow. Nevertheless, rather than standing in an empty bar on Saturday after coffee to be de-

vised to race his attention is not of that much problem in racing.

The Jockey Club which is supposed to not racing a horse used to be as useful as a comb in a cowboy. Run by ex-colombians, leeks, and mill-brokers it is one of the few remaining old boy clubs. It is usually said that the main loss at the Jockey Club headquarters is John Major's election victory.

One of the many jobs of the Jockey Club is to investigate "non-fixers". This is what a horse deliberately loses a small race or to keep his running weight down and make high for a large sum. A prominent offender is the Frank Stammers of the racing world, John Biddling. However, most offenders go unreported because the Jockey Club members have no one to bother about bookmaking, and their familiarity with various handy tricks behind what they said to Dick's Tipster.

With little progress of a full card on Saturday they appear little more in the Yorkshire Tipster, updating hours led-

### RUGBY LEAGUE

On Wednesday the Poly Rugby League team are looking to retain the Narrows Amateur Rugby League Challenge Cup that they won in 1980/81 season last year.

They will play either Cardiff University or North South Pole in the final at Roshington and hope to win their first trophy since 1949.

The match starts at 7.0pm and all supporters are welcome to cheer on Leeds' most successful sports club.

Richard Fletcher



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# MUSIC

## THE BUMS OF BRIXTON

### Faith No More Live At The Brixton Academy (Slash/London)

**P**unk-funk-metal crossover? They're all just puppets at heart. They don't feel me. Beliefs and their... for selfish as you ask me. I mean to say, Faith No More were do a ballad on this one, OR, they call it 'Zombie Nation' in an attempt to gain some esoteric/lyric symbiosis by them. And then they kick the record off with a bloody jazz/blues kind of thing. Who the hell do they think they are? Look kids, just do it properly, right. And they'd been doing so well up to then. Kiddin' me and all that. There was even a stab of the Sabbath's 'War Pigs' thrown in. Very typical that one, you know, all that stuff about

Generals gathering "just like witches of black masses". Right on, man.

The other bits were pretty bloody heavy as well. 'We Care A Lot' - see that one. Great lyrics - "We care a lot anyway, sorry, we care a lot!". And 'Epic' - 'Meeh!' see. Great guitar, that blinks with the propensities head and off. But why did the singer have to go and ruin it by singing that bloody 'Power To The Jew' at the end of the song? I mean, you get a real sea-kicker riff, and then go and parody it by singing so-called house music over the top.

Listen, it's a fact - only guitarists dance. Real man headbong. Thank God you actually do that to most of the LP, although I was a bit worried by the hints of things like wistful meeping in between the guitar solos and swelling voices. In they all seem just a little closer to be a proper metal band, if you ask me.

Michael Horn



• Faith No More - several shows

### Gene Vincent Birthday Bop The Duchess Of York

**I**t was pure rock'n'roll all the way. The first offering being *Big Bang* from Knightry. It was an album set which easily fits The Clash's 'I Fought The Law' obituary covers and imitations of the original rock sound. The relative success of the band's attempts to produce the sound of the era were undermined by attempts of the leather-clad singer to capture the sex appeal of Elvis by just flexing his pelvis. The effort of this music producing is now simply ridiculous. The magnificently titled *Pink Pig* *Meats* were a far more attractive proposition. Most of their songs are far

sterner than *Big Bang*, but not all. Their success in producing faithfully the sound of Gene Vincent, Eddie Cochran and so on is an achievement as they were forced to take the stage with an unheated drummer. The Pink Pig *Meats* are the self-entitled front of rock'n'roll. A band who follows in the footsteps of yesteryears style innovators and do not pretend to do any more than that.

What does is the value of trading through the cover to hear these songs played over listening to your records at home. These records were always meant to make you get up on your feet. The fun is in the dancing which is always better when taken out on the town with friends, than when you are standing alone in your bedroom.

Euan McGrory

### Nine Inch Nails Pretty Hate Machine (Island)

**D**ramatized white American Trent Reznor, sounds one hell of a messed-up guy. Last year, apparently, he faked his own death for a video which the police thought was for real. It's easy to see how they were fooled, you listen to this unrelenting barrage of intense hate and bitterness and read from the emotional deluge thinking that if he's not shouting about from the heart then he's the best liar you ever heard.

Rezzed guitar and industrial complex slash a menacing path over clipped double bass and repetitive synth patterns. Almost every word is audible. If Reznor has had singing lessons it's not obvious, but his voice holds the whole thing together. Sometimes it whines, sometimes it screams, sometimes a blasted howl from the edge of madness. It is direct and brutally compulsive, pulling the listener away from the harsh backing which looks enough variety.

The album's epic contemplative and best track by far is 'Something I Can Never Have'. It's an empty, brooding spiral of despair built on a wonderfully desolate piano riff and understated (yet) skanking Reznor's voice higher in pitch with each verse as he is finally reduced to sating 'in being fucking remember of who I used to be.' It's perfect, devastating, the sense of failure overwhelming.

Most tracks, though, could operate like those of the Pixies, as perverse studies in anarchy for those who consider themselves alternative and disaffected. If you buy this album, you might hear Trent Reznor as a little. But then again, you probably have your own problems.

Phil Scowen

### God's Acre Ten Gospel Greats (Wax Trax)

**I**nterpret is subtle and bigger like weapon, best used sparingly. And there's nothing nobler than an American gospel rock band calling their LP *Ten Gospel Greats*, now is there? They give it away early, mind. After all, Seven Things To Do (Speed) and Killington are far from being your average Christian rock song titles (although the idea of Cliff singling hardware is remarkably appealing. Imagine it. 'Thank You (The Gals - The River)' - I'd be much writing too).

Regardless as it may sound, God's Acre's main focus is sounding for top pleasure. This is well produced, well performed and ultimately unshaking.

It's like Mudhoney had finally gone to college, grown up, got old mature, and stopped being funny. Well, actually they might be trying to be funny, but I can't tell due to the singer's half-strangled growl. If he shows the same lyrical concern as every other band in this particular genre, I'll take a bet on it all being 'Man and Pap' don't understand me... My girl's unfaithful... I like drugs... I like doing strange things in the mud with rubber thongs...'. But I don't know.

Nonetheless, this I suspect is meant to be an intelligent LP. They signal it rather loudly by having a larger 'concept' type piece, full of funny little boss rums some rump changes. But hey! This is punk rock, so we've got to have that bit of knowing self-mockery and call the thing 'Hippie Trilogy', haven't we? Ohhh, it's alright. I've listened to it a few times and quite enjoyed it. But it's just awfully listening. It's not anything much really, it's just a bit of... Er, it's not being much help, is it?

Michael Horn



• God's Acre - No. 100 sessions

# SINGLES

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# WHERE EAGLES DARE

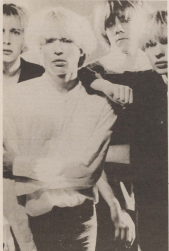
## Birdland Birdland (Loxy)

For a minute there, it looked like Birdland had given it their best shot and no matter what might happen once they could perform, they weren't going to grab anyone's attention, much less hold their interest. From the ultra-mellow, friendly, sometimes teasing, acoustic which resulted in the Birdland live tab being picked up by *E.M.*, and just as quickly dropped, seemed hardly a rhytm... And then there was the remix that surrounded the release of the *Slip With Me '85*, a record that despite being a much needed sense of new into the top forty (especially, as it was the only one to get a lot of play on the radio), I mean taking the *Wonderwall* for a ride? Actually, maybe I can see the point... I literally recall of desperation, and looked as a man or a rock track and possibly Birdland's approach. It was not a particularly unshiny light.

Take in this vein, the related to (commercially, that is) unmeasured sense of Paul Dill's guitar solo, a collection of rock 'n' roll education, the infamous 'Rock 'n' Roll Nigger', was a godsend. If Birdland had lost the thread, there was no better way to which to pick it up again than by taking their cue from the great High Priestess herself - if you are going to shed, or leave, then leave to the best. Birdland is a sign that these lessons have not only been learned, they have been taken to heart.

On Birdland, the little things in life like melody and tunes have finally managed to fit through. Something has been taken that the musical value of rock 'n' roll rebellion and singing has replaced the rough 'n' ready articulation of rage that appeared on the first two EPs. The best thing, though, is that all this development, don't I say it, and what is, is not at the expense of Birdland's much wanted sense of fun. Yeah, they can do all this and much, much more without reducing themselves to the level of subcultured nihilism that say, *E.M.*, is/were.

The aforementioned last two singles are both here in their finest glory, but it is the current track *Sound Ball* or *Fire* that is going to make some people's lives. *Everybody Needs Somebody* is an infectious guitar propelled anthem with a shining ray of positive vocalized freedom. *Sound Ball*, Birdland have grown up and give, don't it sound



• Birdland - Flying High.

good!  
And what about the future? (I mean, ah?) A couple of years ago, Birdland would have struck two fingers up at the prospect. "No Future" [The last song. "It's" gives us all the potential, all loss and regret. "We were so wild that

year", with a monumentally reduced sense of purpose which conjures up a perfect image of Birdland up against the world. Well, if it has to come to that, I know which side I'm on.

Phil Smith

Anyway, on with the record. All Dads People is a Queen gift all religious on us. Don't pretend you can imagine how bad it is, you can't. Don't try.  
The whole damn thing comes with *The Show Must Go On*. I guess that says it all. I feel it.

This album is probably none any already. There's a nature of really sad poems out there. And democracy now!

Mark Morris

## EPMD Business as Usual (Def Jam)

There is a thorough 'rigger' record, a given to the in confidence and highlight everything I hate about rap music, the meaningless machine, gratuitous game, and endless pretensions of rap-gogony, shortcomings which leave

no sensibly unshaken. It's all I can do to face EPMD out.

"Three tracks of set on the ground of a sprawling ball hit. 'Jive' is the best sounding bit of a woman who dresses in a man and jive the ultimate top penitents... EPMD live in a world where transmitters are for tearing up and women are for fucking. Brothers are my Jacks in the official meaning to top credit. It comes on for money, an old, a disease water torture of a song. And finally, 'No Spoken Word', the second riddim rap. It's overly aggressive and publicly unimpressive but one might have expected the jury's police to have intervened and canceled.

It all seems so pointless to me. EPMD have made it sound about some, one and instructive format. They've created foundations and pointed the finger wildly in all directions, but essentially it's the sort of self-indulgent narcissism, in which, from house to house, Business As Usual is not big and on the cover. It's wild.

Ben Thorne

## Queen Innuendo (Parlophone)

It's not just for the point if someone had to play this in a room I would probably be there very hard. It's never been to take to this again the *Cherry Tree*. It's not too much to ask. It is.

Tim being slightly *Mad* makes Freddie the drinking man's Librarian. Gee, do you mean he's only got *mad*? But Freddie's vigils, *It's About May* I can't stand. How can you trust a man who has long gained their in *1971* Guitar work magazines will tell you that he is a great guitarist. This is built. Being a great guitarist is about making great music, not learning loads of technical junk and then playing endless boring solos while playing riddims, boring faces. That's why Johnny Ramone or even Dave Dinklage are better guitarists to him than Neil. My favourite Dave is a Brian Auger and Brian Auger.

## Spaceman 3: 'Big City' (RCA)

Spaceman 3 are one of the few bands who really understand the power of repetition. They also know how to rock. Ifing that gorgeous log from *Blackhawk's* "Europe Endless" and playing it with a different feel that covers on rock, showing a lot of life this evokes confidence and swagger from every spring move. Single of the week, undoubtedly.

## Mandisa: 'Our Frank' (RCA)

In which the most unrepentant whinger of the 80's convinces that no-one seems to make good conversation anymore. Just about all of this man's life events revolve around his first conviction that he is much, much more clever than you are - a typically boring old fiction that's common to most self-proclaimed English economists. For positively the last time, money, that there English isn't wearing a shirt.

## Gangsters 'Take A Bow' (Chrysalis)

Gangsters I know used to be their own continually renewed and renewed themselves by living, it is Spaceman 3, anything they don't want. Their anykind of samples has served them well here. Alan Dimes, probably *Drum* and a vocal on *Drum* and *Drum* as *Drum* - what on earth made you think a Queen *Justice* was clever?

## My Bloody Valentine 'Tremula EP' (Creation)

There are two tapes on this record, no drums and no vocals. We're talking minimalism, you understand, and per se penalties from one side of your mind to the other on like it was or was, one of the few truly authentic attempts made by a post group to reproduce a music. Here that the dark has finally caught up with the light and from thing, it is a welcome relief to discover a record that is considerably lighter than us, and this one is a tiny kiss on the edge of your perceptions. Love it, thank you, much of love.

Ben Thorne



# The ins and outs

Oooh, if only you could get some... Never mind, let's talk about it instead - Here's Damian Whitworth and Michael Hans on sex and the student

**V**alentine's Day is not supposed to be about sex. It is supposed to be about the thrill of anonymously declaring true love, of being wowed from afar or, alternatively, declaring to your lover that you will be devoted to them until the end of time, or the end of time. All this is supposed to be communicated by the solemn giving of red roses and scratchy pink gifts.

However, in truth, it is nothing like this. Of course, the Valentine crush of long term love can do other involve little pink letters, but for the vast majority Valentine's Day is seen as a chance to get a bit of useful advice.

Basically, it is student kingdom. For when again in your life will you find yourself surrounded by so many desirable individuals? When again will you spend such a disproportionate amount of your time being caught unaware when something inside you seems to physically twitch or the sight of port bottles or hair that falls perfectly onto the shoulder... everywhere you look?

The truth of a student is that thousands of hours of your course is spent missing on the ins and outs of his or her female sex lives.

The great difficulty with being a student and attempting to have a sex life is that everybody else knows just about as much about your sexual activities as you do.

The physical environment you live in - cramped flats and jakesy student houses - are the problem. Everyone is aware of exactly what is going on under the roof and this often leads to accusations that see anything from unambiguity to being brutally infuriating.

The fact that one of your housemates is submitted to telephone interrogations is fairly amusing, there by the corner, flouncing down stairs in a skimpy dressing gown to answer the phone, grinning all over his or her face, making everyone in the room perfectly aware of what they have been up to. But when this character begins to appear regularly in this way, with a mischievous 'No, no, look what I've been up to' smile, beware, beware, suppress.

These idiotic floundering conversations jeopardise your relationships with parents, imagine the thrill of showing mum and dad your brandy snarely home one sunny Sunday afternoon in

October, eager for them to wear your cheating housemates, 'Hello Johnny' you call before ushering your parents into his room. And what sight confronts your parents' eyes? A parlor, suspended uncertainly in mid-air, before crashing down to meet another parlor. And to whom do these parloves belong? Why, to Johnny and his girlfriend, of course. Oh dear! There goes the flirty parloves your father was going to slip into your pocket before heading off back into the streets.

Noise is a personal difficulty. Creeping down to the kitchen for a late night snack starts to become an

**"One is suddenly startled by some young buck bellowing like a bison, eagerly participating in the act of intercourse"**

impossibility when one is suddenly startled in the act of opening a fridge to some young buck bellowing like a bison from the ground floor bedroom, eagerly participating in the act of intercourse.

Even if one were not a little perturbed by the sound of the wild, would one be able to hold one's future little snash down, when a rapist is heard to intrude discreetly through? Fast, fast sleep protocol! That's your dense parlor, not mine, and you're bloody well sleeping in it!

Another occasion when it is essential to sleep one's brains, firmly over one's ears and sing 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside' of the top of your voice while loudly leaving the house, is when a housemate and boy-girl friend or their kids-in-a-same-gender-garment all hand and the apartment and slips from the bathroom become deafening. Why is it that so many passionate couples have no conception of quite how much noise they are making when indulging in the variety act?

It is also recommended to make a speedy exit on the occasion of stumbling into their famous embarrassing situation all returning early after the riotous to find housemates and parents peremptorily going to it on the kitchen table television table.

Each toilet behaviour should not, however, be the order of the day when

the sexual exploits of others interfere on one's own life more directly. Who, if double bed owners, cannot tell the tale of coming home from a weekend cruise to find evidence that their marriage has been pressed by the strong flesh of a busy housemate and by Friday night company? This is always evidence of the act. This evidence has been known to be most unpleasant when the (illegitimately borrowed bed is covered in black shears.

When unfortunate happenances such as the collapse of one not being permitted even and indulged in the average student love maker and his or her partner are likely to be struggling to express themselves in an extremely uncomfortable single bed.

This poses the greatest obstacle to healthy student romps pumps. The actual act is as pleasant as it is in any other bed. The problem lies in reaching one's bedroom after this twelve hour love extravaganza, for where is one to sleep? Single beds one called single beds for a reason. These designers intended them to be used in the singular, not in the plural, and not for the packed with the louche 'love' act. For how many people are you to use?

For hours you toss and turn, convincing yourself that you'll get enough sleep to last through these few hours of turbulence. You'll make up wandering who you never noticed the fact that your lover had a night back to compare with the most of all, and harrumphing the fact that they sleep in a snuggly position, with the edges of the duvet tucked underneath them.

The problem might seem bad enough already, but if you're living in halls of residence, or university flats, this is the least of your troubles. As many of you know, certain halls and flats have beds that are designed to be multi-purpose. Instead, rumour has it that they were purchased from an American's catalogue. These curious beds are double as sofas, divans, chairs, bookcases, heavy duty industrial ladders and skyscraper yards. In their safe capacity

they have padding against the wall which is not actually connected to the bed, the bed being some inches removed from the wall.

Thus, it is so risky to find a lover in the climate stress of anxiety, bodily parts protrude, who has actually attached down between the wall padding, the bed and the wall. Needless to say, it is pointless trying to convince oneself from this terrible mistake of despair. The partner who remains in bed should keep the strangled lover's hopes of survival alive by chatting merrily and the helicopter rescue team arrive.

**"It is a sad fact that love and the student life will never correspond with those glossy and intriguing bodies advertised in the colour supplements"**

It is a sad fact that love and the student life will never correspond with those glossy and intriguing bodies advertised in the colour supplements of the student Sunday paper's. Dr. Alan Confort, the famed author of these books, has nothing to offer the student who shippers of the Roma Sun.

But please don't be repelled from the very idea of a loving relationship, for now is the time to be loving, not fearful! It may seem to you as if the whole world is telling tales of being in thousand times while coming down the Cresto Run or 13000ft in a two-man bobsleigh, and maybe they are. But they're probably lying. The average student's weekly ration of sex act productivity extends to drunkenly showing their hand inside someone else's pants after a particularly heavy Saturday lap. No more.

Is this what you want?

No!

At this magical time of year, cast aside your physical wants and concentrate on the spiritual. Love is in the air, you can feel it all around. If you received no card yesterday, don't worry. Always remember that somebody loves you, and that somebody is always going to see you off from from you. Forget those snazzy young things in the flats with the bulges in all the right places. Concentrate instead on the one who you love and who loves you. Hello them.



# of student LOVE

Illustrated by The Mighty Hermit

It's not Blind Date, but what is? Suzannah Kimella on Leeds' very own dating agency

Beautiful women, nice, dark, caramel, teeth whitened, soulmate. The quest for love can lead to extraordinary measures. But the columns of a quality newspaper are not anyone's idea of a typing place. Pauline Moore is altogether more discreet. She is the good mother of Premier Introductions of Leeds, an agency for professionals and business people.

Personal and confidential are her watchwords. Her marriage over. Ms Moore approached a host of introduction agencies and found their service disappointing and far from discreet. So, eighteen months ago she established 'Premier', a sales' agency for 'Top People' aged between twenty two and sixty.

"I felt there was a need for a confidential, personal service. You can feed details into a computer but people aren't robots. Computer dating and video services are fine for those who want to meet lots of people and don't mind their particulars being read out to everybody and anybody. My clients, however, prefer my confidentiality.

The initial interviews are held in the posh pink sitting room of her rather grand Victorian house in West Leeds. Perched on the edge of her chair dressed in a light fitting Chanel suit, she explains that she sees of her clients herself and may spend hours with them. The essence of her work is honesty, she says. She has to know her clients and only then can her matchmaking mind set to work. The way she uses the word 'know' suggests the importance she attaches to her job. It's almost a craft, some, gained only from years of experience.

"When I am interviewing someone, something flashes into my mind, someone on my register who would suit them. It's an instinct I have. I know when people will be good together. Men come with open mind and heart,

but some do stipulate hair colour, height and so on. Mr. Moore cautions against this.

"It's important not to be too selective. If you close your eyes to someone with features hair you may miss out."

Once her selection is made, the clients are put in touch with each other,

if needed, some would say.

Only the brave would admit to using an introduction agency, but according to Ms. Moore her clients are certainly not the shy, slip-of-tongue types.

My clients are well developed people. They are all successful, interesting and articulate but, happens to



From here on in they are on their own. Ms. Moore offers no coaching and they choose their own meeting place.

"Sometimes subtle and powerful," she says, "somewhere they can chat and become acquainted. This is usually a restaurant or bar near their place of work." A precaution in case swift escape

be stuck in a crowd. They want something more from life.

"But I only have the best people," boasted Ms. Moore. "They are all very nice and not at all the sort to pick people up in pubs. I am constantly surprised."

And, her part time assistant (and he has been a high opinion of her clients. "There was a lady here the other week and she was absolutely beautiful, a real stunner. I thought, 'what an earth are you doing here?' I expected her to have a wall of admirers."

Ms. Moore knows that Premier enjoys a fine reputation and takes every step to ensure its continuation. Advertisements are placed in their books of respectability. The Times, and gets a significant number of clients by word of mouth recommendation.

Her clients are truly international. She has found suitors for lonely Americans, Europeans and has even received inquiries from Russia. Ms. Moore explains the attraction for Americans. "American businessmen are very fond of British women. They find us so much more feminine and sexy. They are looking for a sophisticated lady to take back to the States."

As yet, none of her clients have made it to the altar, though some are close, she protests.

"When people do for it all, I find a great deal of satisfaction in that. It's what keeps me going."

But in a job dedicated to bringing love to the unmarried, the temptations for the single person must be immense. Does this lady live of romance ever creep up with any of her gentleman clients? She says not, but indulges in a rare treat piece of self-flattery by saying "I had the time I would just go agency like mine. I think it is a superb way of finding your mate."

As I left Ms. Moore pressed me to see Premier, promising that I would not regret it. A little taken aback at the suggestion, I replied that I was probably too youthful for most of her clients. "Not at all," she said. "I know some young barristers who would be highlyly interested."

"Where do I sign?" I replied, without a moment's hesitation.

next week on these pages, the JESUS JONES interview

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# GOOD LIFE

The EGO guide to the week ahead.



it may have been sold out for weeks, but that only adds to the lure of *Seduction*, which takes place at the University Refectory this Friday, from 9-11.2 in the evening.

The biggest legal issue even to be held in Leeds, *Seduction* realises the traditional valentine's Day Refect. Bop, bringing the losers, the lights and the oomph of house music to replace three endless plays of 'Everybody Wants Somebody To Love' that dog students @11.00.

Amongst the DJs is Paul Coleman, the man who made his

name by making the Happy Mondays' homes. Clearly, this is the major selling point of the night.

However, recent reports on the 'live performances' of some DJs have suggested that they are being paid money for old rope, playing exactly the same boring old track that your Thursday Bop run go for. It must be said, though, that we've not yet seen this written of Coleman.

If you can't make the dance, look out for SDO's picture special on *Seduction* next week.

# CLUBS GIGS

**LEDS POLY UNION**  
10 Feb - ATRUM - rock/fresh/garb  
new disc

**LEDS UNIVERSITY UNION**  
12 Feb - SEDUCTION

**MR. CRAIG'S**, 54 New Briggate LS1  
tel: 42224  
Mon - BANG student night - 75p a pint  
Thurs - PARTY NIGHT

**MADISON'S**, Free Parade, LS1  
tel: 44221  
Wed - STUDENT NIGHT - adm £1 pints 80p

**THE NEWS**, Queen's Hotel, City  
Tel: 44782  
Wed - STUDENT NIGHT - adm £1  
beer, lager or cider 80p a pint 9.12 pm  
Thurs - PARTY NIGHT

**PHONEIX**, Francis St, Chapelarm  
Thurs - AUDACITY - house music, £2  
adm, 9pm-2am

**LE PHOTOGRAPHIQUE**, Marston  
Centre, LS2  
tel: 45080

Tues - PIRE - £1.50 with union card,  
10.30 until 2am, indie dance  
Wed and Sat - GOTH NIGHT  
Fri - house, techno and indie

**ROCKY'S**, 9 Marston St, LS1  
tel: 48578

Mon - ARMAGEDDON - £4 adm, all  
pans free  
Tues - KALIDOSCOPE POP - indie  
Thurs - THE MILE HIGH CLUB - £1.50  
with union card, 70s disco and Funk

**BITEY'S**, Marston Centre, LS2  
tel: 43440  
Mon - THE WORLD - £1.50 admission,  
drinks 70p

**SCRAMBLES**, 2 Central Rd  
tel: 445811  
Wed - APHRODISIA, £1.30-£3  
indie/souly dance, live bands and  
discs

**THE WAREHOUSE**, Somers St, LS1  
tel: 48087  
Mon - ESP - indie night with regular  
guest DJs and bands - £2

**DUCHESS OF YORK**, Vicar Lane  
tel: 452025

15 Feb - Cairns  
16 Feb - The Moonflowers  
17 Feb - Joe Strong  
18 Feb - The Senseless Things  
19 Feb - The Marvins  
20 Feb - Bolson and the Angel  
21 Feb - Stunning End Spectral  
22 Feb - Little Chiel

**BRADFORD QUEEN'S HALL**  
tel: 0212 320112  
15 Feb - September People  
22 Feb - Wicked Rich £2.50

**LEDS UNIVERSITY UNION**  
15 Feb - The Sisters of Mercy  
19 Feb - The Brithlays

**LEDS POLYTECHNIC UNION**  
17 Feb - The Sisters Of Mercy  
**Barbeck Park**  
19 Feb - Wild River Apples

This month, the Registrar of Leeds City Art Gallery is on exhibition entitled *Le Steno Verde* by Antonio Canova, an artist whose substantial international reputation has gone largely unmentioned in this country. The exhibition which appears of Leeds before going into London, is subtitled "elements from drawing and sculpture", and this is probably the reason. Apart from a few interesting glimpses of sculpture, all that the exhibition reveals are "drawings" from over a hundred and fifty pictures which add up to very little. The catalogue proclaims these to be "sketching images", but in actual fact, all you get are many sparse, semi-abstract sketches that are simply too boring to sustain one's interest for very long. Though acclaimed for his sculptural "innovations", in which he uses a variety of new materials, as well as everyday objects, Canova's work has paradoxically not yet been given the status of formal sculpture, and ironically, he refers to himself as just a "painter". This is a shame, as the exhibition is in need of his more exciting efforts.

Ravi Tabor

# STAGE

**THE GRAND THEATRE**  
46 New Briggate LS1  
tel: 429251  
10-14 Feb - CINDERELLA - at 7.15  
Tickets £5.50-£9.50

**WEST TORNSHIRE PLAYHOUSE**  
Quarry Hill Mount, EPP  
tel: 442141  
Quarry Theatre - **PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD**  
10-20 March; Tues - Fri 7.30, Mon & Sat 8.30  
Courtney Theatre - **Life Lines**, all at 7.45  
16-18 Feb - **IN ALL INNOCENCE**  
19-20 Feb - **SCARPE OFF THE BLACK**  
tickets range between £4 and £12 with £2 student concessions

**CIVIC THEATRE**  
Cookridge St, LS2  
tel: 461450  
10-14 Feb - **SCARCEERS** - Full Truck  
Theatre Co., 7.30-8.15 and 8.15-9.15  
and 10.30  
tickets £3.50-£5  
18-19 Feb - **SPRING AND FORT WARE**

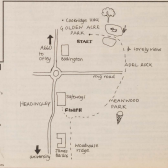
**WORKSHOP THEATRE STUDIO**  
(Immanuel Institute)  
15 Feb - **Chickens** 7.30-9  
567955, 7.30pm, tickets on door

**THEATRE AT THE POLY**  
The Studio Theatre  
28-31/20 Feb - **Spies** - House Theatre  
present ON A STONE BRIDGE, Tickets  
£2-£2.50

# OFFBEAT

(needs to be rounded by parks, and there's a route especially devised for cyclists (mountain bikes in particular) and walkers. Follow the yellow arrows for the **Waterwood Trail**, a 7 mile adventure starting in the disco waters of Golden Acre Park and ending up at the beach. It is mainly downhill from this direction. Cycling or walking, take a picnic to Adels Park and follow the arrows until you emerge in Beadings, never having travelled on the road. If you have the choice, start at Cookridge Hall and retrace about around the abandoned mammal institute and the despoiled village ground.

Lucyie London



# FILM

**CANNON CINEMA** - View Now, 121  
 tel: 491-9  
 10:45-12:30-12:30-Fri with union card  
 before 4.85  
 1 KINGDOM HEARTS - 12.99 9.95 1.50  
 8.45  
 2 FASHION - 1.42 1.20 8.20  
 3 MIN AT WORK - 1.20 2.00 8.80 8.40

**ORION CINEMA** - The Pavilion  
 tel: 492-2  
 Subject range from £2.85 to £2.25 with a student reduction of a pound  
 1 THREE MEN AND A CRIB LADY - 12.40  
 9.50

3 402 25  
 3 ROCKY IV - 12.45 9.55 8.90 8.40  
 2 TURTLES - 1.00  
 4 AMY POEHLER - 3.10 3.00 15  
 4 HOME ALONE - 13.20 12.50 9.45 20  
 3 DOCKTALS - 1.20 3.00 4.50  
 REVERSAL OF FORTUNE - 8.10

**MSD PINK PICTURE HOUSE** - Broadway  
 tel: 763-66  
 10-11:45 - NO ANGEL AT MY TABLE - 7.20  
 12-12:30 - PRESSURED BLOODLINE - 6.50  
 2-3:30 Feb. - AIR BOAT TALK WITH - 3.00  
 Shows on 11 - Fri. - WILBY'S SERIES OF TWO  
 ORGANISM - tel. - LUCY LUCE

**COTTAGE ROAD CINEMA** - Westbury  
 tel: 791-88  
 £1.20 with union card  
 HOME ALONE - weekdays & Sat. - 6.00 Sun 6.50  
 THE SAGITTARIUS MY - weekdays 8 Sat 9.00  
 Sun 7.20 Late Show 10.45 Fri 8 Sat  
 HOLLYWOOD

**THE LOUNGE CINEMA** - Highbury  
 tel: 791-88  
 Subject £2.00  
 THREE MEN & A CRIB LADY - 12.10 8.20  
 Late show Fri Sat at 11 - SAMPSON'S KISS

**GREENWICH** - 17 Oxford Rd, Bristol  
 tel: 1074 0227  
 tickets are £2.25 with a student for  
 students, or for weekly showing before  
 6.00. Ring for times of showing.  
 AIR AMERICA - TURTLES - HOME ALONE  
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 ABANDONED - SLACKERS  
 FANTASIA - THREE MEN AND A CRIB  
 LADY - STAIRS TOGETHER MEN AT  
 WORK - FORD FUR LANE

**Man at Work**  
 Charles Sheen and Emilio Estevez are  
 a duo that who one checked to discover a  
 comedian who one checked to discover a  
 comedy in the release. A funny career, live  
 in form of language for the rest of comedy (it  
 clearly is) along with this comedy thriller  
 as a brief diversion.

**The Intruder**  
 Based on a true story. The intruder is  
 the debut short film by London based director  
 Paul Rogers. It's a low budget movie. But  
 the director will be available afterwards  
 for a brief discussion.

**The Unbearing Sky**  
 10-11:45 pm. A film and a film  
 (James Cameron as Bernardo Bernhardt  
 to make the West Berlin town). Directed  
 by John Wood and John Wood. Directed  
 by John Wood and John Wood. Directed  
 by John Wood and John Wood.

**Samurai**  
 The classic '70s. A film about the  
 director's own. It's a good film. It's a good  
 film. It's a good film. It's a good film.  
 It's a good film. It's a good film. It's a good  
 film. It's a good film. It's a good film.

**An Angel at My Table**  
 A film of love and loss. Directed from  
 Emma's director, Jane Campion. It's a  
 good film. It's a good film. It's a good  
 film. It's a good film. It's a good film.

Every year and then Sarah Student  
 feels the need to give some complete  
 unknowns a gentle, supportive push  
 to propel them from the darkness of  
 obscurity to the hot glare of  
 limelight. Philanthropy abounding at  
 the moment - what is the Bag, and  
 Carole Kitchel's learning - not too would  
 like to do our bit. The *Birthdays* are

a local five-piece band emerging off  
 a year spent writing fresh,  
 guitar-orientated material. Next  
 Tuesday they pop up at the  
 University's Tavern Bar. We know  
 next to nothing about them, which  
 induces in this writer a delightful  
 sense of suspense. Take a gamble on  
 the 19th.

# MISC

**Cabaret in aid of Bag** - 13 Feb - 8.30pm  
 - Royal Park Pub. Live music, comedies,  
 poets, food including freshly baked rolls  
 and cakes. Steering the World Supreme  
 Revolutionary Punk Orchestra

**Wed 20 Feb** in the Tavern Bar, 8pm  
 Ep. 17 of the *1985-1986 Comedy Club*  
 discussion

**Tues 19 Feb** in Cantorise Room C 7.20pm.  
 An open discussion **The Great  
 Comedian**

**Wed 20th Feb - Lesbian and Gay Sex**  
 at normal meeting, drinks from 9.00

**Thurs 21 Feb - Lesbian and Gay Sex**  
 Discs 8H from 8.30

**J-Sex** (open - beginners group, Mon 6.30  
 Hillside House. For details contact 4302)

**J-Sex** Tues 10.00 Hillside House - Janet  
 Reed. By your own local officer

**30/1-28 Feb/1 March - Two-Fit Beanie  
 Group** (beginners) and The Frags  
 (experienced dance remix) - Greek Club

# VIDEO

The plot of the week's releases  
 from Blockbuster's Video of  
 Brumford Road

Unsurprisingly, *The Hand 2* is not as  
 good as *Die Hard*. But Willie's sassy  
 nature of this, to judge by his constant  
 "Why does this happen to me?"  
 remarks. This time around he is  
 entertained with characters who take  
 over on airport. Willie's wife is one of  
 the players left stranded in the air,  
 live on land and subject to the  
 terrorist's whims. Hubby has to beat  
 the bad guys in time for tea so that he  
 and wife can get together for an  
 emotional reunion at the end of the  
 film. This is accomplished with the  
 usual bodies, blood, and broken glass.  
 The action is exciting if rarely

imaginative and the plot makes a  
 gesture towards originality with one  
 surprising twist among the clichés. You  
 won't find the meaning of life here,  
 but Willie's charisma and the well shot  
 stunt sequences make it an enjoyable  
 year of viewing also.

*Right Night 2* has all the  
 ingredients for the usual vampire film  
 a comely young hero, a pretty  
 heroine, a sexy vampire, and a  
 retired vampire hunter. Luckily the  
 combination is used heterodoxically of  
 times to create life into an old  
 formula. The film blends comedy and  
 conventional horror, and relies along  
 happily, never letting you get bored or  
 take it too seriously. The movie's  
 deaths are typically spectacular, and  
 the make-up men seem to work with a  
 vengeance. The romantic vampire  
 probably steals the show by virtue of  
 an amazing pair of sideburns -  
 definitely one of the scariest parts  
 of the film.

James Worwood

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