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# Campus bullies

By Paul Tait & Ben Schofield

More than one in three new academic staff at Leeds Uni have been bullied, according to a damning new survey.

The survey, which was funded by Leeds Student, reveals 11 per cent of staff were being bullied at the time of the survey and 40 per cent believe that there is a problem with bullying within the workplace. 56 per cent said they had been bullied at work.

The Leeds branch of UNISON, which conducted the survey, believes there is a link between bullying within the University and why so many leave the sector at the lowest of its awards.

"Bullying was widely defined in the survey, including shaming, threats, abuse, intimidation and victimisation.

But the figures do not tally with the University's own statistics on bullying.

A spokesperson for Leeds University said: "We monitor the well-being of all our staff through an annual survey, which looks at attitudes to work, work demands, management responses, work-life balance, facilities, services and development and also work relationships.

**"Some of the comments were very concerning"**

- Nick Crofton, UNISON

"It was designed to be the highest academic standard and is run by independent organisations. When asked about bullying at work, only 1.8 per cent of respondents felt they were often or always subjected to bullying at work, and this is in line with the national Health and Safety Executive's figure of 2.4 per cent of staff experiencing bullying at work."

One of the immediate outcomes of the

UNISON survey was an increase in the number of bullying incidents being reported.

Nick Crofton, UNISON branch Health and Safety officer, said: "We thought unfortunately that the University had issues with bullying, stress and harassment in the workplace.

"We thought we would use this year to focus on bullying to take the issue in people's thoughts and in the workplace. If nothing, it has achieved that."

One of the survey's most revealing aspects was said to be the additional comments written by respondents in addition to the questionnaire.

"Some of them were very striking and concerning," Crofton added.

"I was amazed that 56 per cent of people had been bullied at the workplace, which I think is an alarming statistic. I wasn't surprised that 20 per cent had been bullied by senior members of staff. I think that figure would be even higher if we surveyed."

Crofton was concerned that the structure of universities makes them prone to incidents of bullying.

"In this kind of environment, you have senior academics and more junior clinical staff, there's a clear divide. Academics are in their own silos and don't see how the support staff, so it's an environment where you have more bullying than in industry, say."

The Leeds Uni spokesperson was at pains to emphasize they do not accept bullying. "Leeds has a zero tolerance policy on bullying and harassment and we will investigate any allegations reported by our staff."

The UNISON survey was designed in a precise format, partly to allow the understanding of some support staff whose first language is not English.

Crofton believes the survey has been beneficial as it has "helped people recognise their experience so to whether they were being bullied, how they should report it, and will anyone help".

The results that have come out are not finalised, but they provide a snapshot of the extent to which staff are bullied. Crofton is currently analysing the results further.

The Uni spokesperson continued: "While bullying is found to have occurred, we will take clear and decisive action. We appreciate it can be a difficult problem to take and

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- University Spokesperson

complex to address.

"To help staff deal with work relationship problems at an early stage, we are already recruiting and training staff for our mediation service which offers on best practice in the public sector. The new service is -- we understand -- the first in a UK university and it will play a substantial part of engaging with outside Leeds a better place to work."

However, the spokesperson pointed out that this is not an issue which is so easy to understand or to deal with.

"Bullying and harassment are complex issues and it's difficult to interpret the anonymous information supplied to us by Leeds Student. The approach taken and questions asked in the survey of UNISON members are different from those used in the University's annual staff wellbeing survey."

"As a result it's not possible -- or at least to make a comparison between the statistics from the two surveys. UNISON has told us they will bring the full results of their survey to one of their regular meetings with us. We will discuss their results and work with them to develop an appropriate response."



**INTENSE**, winner of the international piano competition, Sonoweb Kim, *drawn with sword during his recital*  
Photo: Gary Anderson

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## Sketch

By Paul Task

On Monday there will be a meeting held in L111. One of an ever increasing number of organised sessions which decide exactly how your Union is run and what is done with your money.

The various sweeping those happen which are aimed at our beloved building will finish me on time to be away with 3 members of our current 11 strong Executive and to restructure the organisation of the Union into two distinct halves.

One half will deal with 'representa-

tion' and its counterpart will be concerned with 'organisation'. Quite honestly proposed duties cannot mean to improve more than a solitary function in a quarter beyond more terrible than you can tell.

Whether that motion will be passed to a referendum or passed to the Council's public sector level is not to be seen. However, it's time for the weekly roll to the cynical looking amongst us all. Yes, stand up, be counted, and do a collective brow.

Now, if you were so inclined, you might wonder as to why we would want to see 3 members of our Exec - an effective saving of £40,000 - when there are far more lucrative ways to be filled from L111 funds which would give the air to a team of a significantly greater size.

The extremist observers reading this might dare to suggest that this is because of a lucrative, since for such a long time and lofty L111 administrators in the restructuring for those who might currently consider themselves a little out

of the loop. At least according to their poor plan.

Don't I hope, this political one regarding and metaphorical mutual maintenance in preparation for a error fledge from the transition of time and death is made possible thanks to the unique way the Union is funded by you.

The inverse pyramid of political power looks like it is about to be spun on a steady wheel, and nobody knows where it's going to end up.

Don't have nightmares.

# Freshest week for Headingley

By Jessica Goss

Freshers' Week in Headingley has been hailed as 'an enormous success' after local residents complained that littering, noise and antisocial behaviour had made their lives a misery during the start of the last academic year.

Headingley's Liberal Democrat coun-

cill, James Moughtin, added: "After last year there were so many problems that we decided we should set up a multi-agency task group." A committee comprised of local residents, councillors, the police and representatives from Leeds University Union have met regularly since March earlier this year to discuss strategies for improvements.

Ms Moughtin stressed that the plan

was not intended to stop students enjoying Freshers' Week, and that the aim was to encourage a "fun, safe week with minimum disruption to residents". The campaign was also aimed to ensure students of the expected standards throughout the year. Inspector Richard Colwell said: "We wanted to family and fairly send a clear message to students of what was acceptable and what was not."

Later this afternoon Eysing was

visited by the most visible police.

However, the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act of 2005 has given Leeds City Council more power to control the problem of litter and areas of fly-tipping content were introduced from September 15th, ahead of the latest influx of new students. Noise and street drinking were also tackled, with local pubs being asked to carry out promotional activities with consultation for residents in the area.

The police presence was increased during the Week to address the recent resources, including the LEWPO (designated public places) order implemented in Headingley last autumn to prevent street drinking.

Charles Loughlin, a first year Physics student, had his drink poured over by a police officer on Kirkstall Road last week.

"He said very little, didn't give me a chance to explain myself and pushed it down a gutter, then handed the bottle back to me. I wasn't given a fine."

The high level of policing in and around Headingley meant that trouble was described as being "at an absolute minimum".

"This was advised by Claire Southam, a third year Geography student and bar worker at 'The Art' in Headingley, who said: "It's been better towards the end of the week, but there hasn't been any trouble. The police came in to check everything was OK, but they pretty much just walked out again."

Local residents had that the campaign has made a difference this year. Peter Hirstonson of Nostre Bank, said: "I haven't seen Freshers' Week nearly as much as last year and there hasn't been a particular problem."

Barris Paine, a member of the Freshers' Week committee, described events as "a bit better, without a shadow of a doubt".

He continued: "However, there was a big bus coming round during our music. My wasn't very happy about that."

Although there have been some minor complaints, the strategies are felt to have been successful, and meetings will continue to plan and prepare for next year.



## GLOBAL

By Paul Task

The university of Iowa has announced that the university employs the highest number of minority students and faculty members in history. The university has had 29 new minority faculty members, who will begin at the university this year.

Meanwhile, minority students make up 14.1 per cent of the student population, which is the highest percentage since 1968. The university runs a Faculty Diversity Opportunity Program aiming to close the gap between the number of minorities and non-minority professors.

"We believe that students who come from areas going to be living and working in a world that's more diverse," said Steve Parvizi, the director of University Relations. "They need to be exposed to people with different cultures and different ways of looking at the world, so they can succeed when they get out of the university."

In a similar move, Indiana University has become the first university in America to offer a class in the Karamji dialect of Kurdish, a language spoken throughout central Middle Eastern countries, including Iraq and Iran. Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. It is also common in Western Europe, where close to ten million Kurds have been re-established.

"Until recently, few Kurdish areas were accessible to scholars, with Iraq and Iran closed and an insurgency in the Kurdish areas of Turkey," said John Williams, chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. "We give our students and faculty a unique opportunity to acquire the language skills to work with an important and understudied group."



ALL QUEST: Headingley enjoys a successful Freshers' Week.

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# Corinne bags two

## MOBOS

By Virginia Newman

Pop princess and former Leeds student Corinne Bailey Rae chose at last Wednesday's prestigious MOBOs (Music for Other Black Origin) awards for best UK female and best UK newcomer.

Bailey Rae, who has risen to fame in a very short period of time, was also asked to perform at the Royal Albert Hall ceremony, marking an ability to compete with the greats of British female singers.

She saw off Janetis in the best UK female category although originally Beyoncé's 'Single Ladies' triumphed over Bailey Rae's 'Put Your Hands Up' in the best song category with her smash 'Toxic'. 'Sober' featuring Jay-Z. But disappointment is far from being on the cards for Bailey Rae as the winner of her career victory has been awarded.

At only 27 years of age, she has 1.5 million copies of her debut and is currently in Germany to film a TV show. She has also performed in America, reaching the US Top 20.

Bailey Rae was a student at the University of Leeds, and she was happy to comment on her time here. "It was great, and it allowed me time to work on my music too" she said.

A student of English Literature, she gained a 2:1 after her three years of work here (see us at a level).

During English Lecturer Tracy Ruggers' of Leeds University's interview, praising Bailey Rae in

her third year. "She was fantastically enthusiastic and was very committed and curious about what she was studying, always had lots to say. A very generous student in many ways and exceptionally flexible."

As a student Bailey Rae needed some extra cash and she found this by working in the Chuck Café, Hyde Park. The manager has fond memories of her from which she used to eat on tables and register staff told.

Hyde Park has now become her new home, having recently moved back and she has reportedly earned £120,000 on her first lease.

Clearly Bailey Rae was a bright and hard working student, however she decided to leave her career in music. She said, "She made your choices and I'd found music long before then and so longer had all the time I'd have needed to study."

She said "I enjoyed my time at Leeds Uni. Whilst at Uni, I continued developing my abilities to music by playing at my indie band REELZ, and also broadening my experience by taking an interest in jazz, deep soul and hip-hop - this included working at various local clubs and eventually being asked to sing occasionally."

It seems that an English degree provides a good base for many career paths.

Tracy Ruggers comments "I suppose you would come to some understanding about the structure of writing, about jazz, about literary and poetic forms, about metaphor and other kinds of imagery; it's also about



writing at a state of critical independence too and learning not to take things at face value, about understanding subtext."

To go with her MOBOs, Corinne has been nominated for the

International Women's Festival International Artist award at MTV in America and the UK and Ireland Act at the MTV European Music Awards. Her new single, 'Like a Star' will be released on October 9th. There

will also be opportunities to see Bailey Rae on TV in the UK in the coming weeks including the special award recently awarded for the BBC and a new music video on Channel 4.

## Lecturer proves you're never too old

By Tracy Cowley & Claire Harries

In the age of reality TV, 16 Leeds students Dr Rosalind Lipson has proved that you're never too old to enjoy academic success.

The 60-year-old academic is currently causing a storm after being awarded her PhD 30 years later than she did.

After getting his Doctorate in Social Studies at the University of Manchester, his work has caused much of a stir that he has been considered worthy to write popular articles, give lectures and has been asked by two well-known publishers to write a book.

Dr Lipson, who studied for his first degree at Leeds University in the 1970s, was a wholesale

jeweller before he studied in 1984 - a job which required travelling through old Europe (Price 1984).

30 years ago, "terrible hours" and not contact with retirement, he took an AET Foundation course at Leeds Metropolitan University but it was his subsequent Master that led him to further studies.

His thesis on the interpretation of ancient Egyptian black Jews from Ethiopia to bond and their problems integrating into modern Jewish societies caught the attention of fellow academics.

On 10th July of this year, Dr Lipson gave his Doctorate of Philosophy.

As he prepares to give a lecture in London, Dr Lipson said, "I think it's very busy at the moment but I'm just being things happen."

## Poetic past

By Charlotte Griffiths

A major project is underway as being together the Bradford Library's extensive archive of manuscripts, correspondence and rare recordings to past poets of Leeds University.

The Leeds Poetry Project, funded by a Research Enhancement grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council of £140,000, will provide a detailed electronic catalogue of the work, standardising records, cross-referencing between different pieces and making the whole archive far more accessible than the current Bradburn Special Collections section in the Library.

The website will act as a search

tool offering clips, reviews and statistics of poetry in addition to a detailed index of the entire collection.

Professor Lacey of the School of English and Dr Oliver Pickering of the Library are leading the project and are hoping that the archive website will act as a research tool as well as disseminating valuable historical texts.

"It will be particularly good for interactive work," said Professor Lacey. "If someone wanted to write a history of 20th century Yorkshire poetry, for example, or of regional literary groups in general, this will be incredibly useful and easy to access."

The archives have a rich base to work with. In 1976, the pioneering 'poets-in-residence' scheme began in

the School of English, when poet and author Elin Gregory made reading possible for the establishment of Fellowship in painting, sculpture, poetry and music.

Between 1980 and 1985, twelve writers held the position of poet in residence, the first such position to see British success. They include respected poets such as Thomas Blackburn, Wayne Brown and John Heath-Stables.

The website is due to be completed by next September and it is expected to lead to other special collections work.

"We have particularly strong 20th century literary holdings," explained Dr Pickering. "This is definitely something we would look to develop in the future."

## New Chair of Council needed

A new Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Council to replace David Astor is to be announced at the end of the academic year as reported in Leeds University.

The new Vice-Chancellor will be responsible for the wellbeing of the University, be a part of the council and monitor its effectiveness. They will also be in charge of the University's strategic associated plans and budgets and determine major policy directions. Another important role for the individual is to have a major role in the University's 2011 objectives to integrate world class research, scholarship and education to secure its place in the top 10 universities in the world.

## World's biggest coffee morning

The Leeds bar in the Union will today play host to just one of millions as part of the world's biggest coffee morning, organised by cancer charity Macmillan.

Prof. Rowell, one of the event's organisers, said: "Come and be part of the world's biggest coffee morning and help make a difference to the lives of people living with cancer. You can join us for some hot drinks, see some prizes and play some raffle games of that old favourite 'Guess Who' while raising lots of cash for the wonderful people at Macmillan."

The coffee morning runs today, Friday 29th Sept, 10am.

## Headingley a dumping ground

30 Headingley properties have been listed with a mark warning to stop dumping rubbish or face the possibility of legal action.

The decision to order the clean-up came after local councillor James Moughtin and council enforcement officers went on a "walkabout" to the site, Moughtin said. "During the walkabout a house was apparent that despite the best efforts of the council's enforcement programme, we are still finding a significant number of land-owners not taking adequate care of their premises."

The benefits of a clean environment are huge. It could save anyone who has dumped waste in their garden (except the council) who will go the length to remove it.

If you have a waste problem then contact: 22.04.06@leeds.gov.uk

## Theatre opens after facelift

The Leeds Grand Theatre has reopened after a 14-month closure and extensive facelift. The work has already cost £2.5m, with a further £10m more still to go. Warren Smith, General Manager of the theatre said: "This is a project that has been in the planning for 12 years. We have been waiting a long time for this opportunity to go." Improvements in the auditorium include new seats that provide the body and provide more leg room. It is hoped that the facilities will bring these productions to the Grand in future.

# Gates foundation puts faith in Leeds

By Carly Colwell

Researchers from the University of Leeds have been given the opportunity to make a significant impact on the fight against malaria, thanks to help from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Drugs lecturer Dr. Stephen Russell and medical entomologist Dr. Bruce Alexander from Headfield at the Radiochemistry have received a £100,000 grant to develop a new, more effective material for mosquito nets, which are the main means of controlling malaria.

They will begin work on the three-year project to develop a new material that will be more effective against malaria-spreading mosquitoes than these existing ones.

Currently, mosquito nets are made from chemically-treated cotton or polyester. The problem with these nets is that within 20 to 25 washings, the chemicals wear off and speed up recycling. Additionally, mosquitoes can develop a resistance to the chemicals. Russell and Alexander's new netting material relies on structure

rather than chemicals to kill mosquitoes. "We are taking an unconventional approach to the design and construction of the net which maintains their inherent breathability, strength and durability," said Dr. Russell.

Dr. Alexander said: "The new nets would be a more sustainable way of protecting people from mosquitoes, and, we hope, could go some way to preventing some of the more than one million deaths from malaria every year."

"Unravelling global health problems, such as malaria, require innovative solutions," said Dr. Regina Rabinovich, Director of the Gates Foundation's Infectious Diseases program. "If successful, this research could produce an important new tool to fight malaria in the world's poorest countries."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation raised the £100,000 with the support of the North America Foundation for the University of Leeds. 300,000 people die each year from malaria and the Foundation hopes to cut significantly with the new net.



LEAF SAVERS: the foundation hopes to cut the 300 million deaths per year from malaria using Leeds researchers' nets

Photo: Ernie Dobbie

# Mine strikes gold in awards

By Paul Tait

Peoples Union Against Mine hosted a celebration on Wednesday to commemorate its victory in the Successful BETA Award 2006.

The BETA Award is an award designed to recognise the best the industry has to offer in terms of services and specialist country.

An LCU official said: "It's absolutely brilliant for the profile of the Union and to come away the University itself." LCU is the only Union to win the award twice after Sigma success in 2002.

"Our members expect to deliver the best in everything we do. It's not just about the design of the venue, it's service levels, and the operation as a whole."

The judging for the award was conducted by a "jury" chaired by Lord BETA. Union representatives were on hand to pick up the award at the Birmingham NEC on September 24.

Donna Tymoczka, the LCU's Communications Officer, said: "The venue reflects the diversity of our membership. They have access to facilities here that you won't find in

other universities. It allows people to express themselves. I think Mine is a demonstration of how we listen to our members."

Since its opening in October 2005, Mine has become a vibrant and popular addition to the Union. Mine describes itself as: "LCU's hub, a place you can visit with its vibrant atmosphere, impressive sound and lighting. Mine plays host to a range of club nights, live concerts, social meetings, conferences, exhibitions, art installations and occasional cinema courtesy of the Media Arts Film Network."

From Fletcher's walk-on-act, the venue is also open for its event "Sunday lunch," which acts as a showpiece for a number of acoustic acts from across LCU's Music societies.

There has also been the addition of the housing of open mic nights where students are encouraged to bring their instruments and show off their skills to fellow diners.

The BETA awards also recognised Leeds' Governance and new staff/club Officers and new superclub Officers in its award winners, both winning separate categories in the "Best of the North" section, with Oceans also awarded for best student Award.



WANDS OFF MY GOWN: Union versus Mine wins best student night at the BETA awards

Photo: Phil Tait

# The keys to success



LAND OF SUCCESS: Senewok Kim wins the prestigious 'Leeds' award

Photo: Gary Wilkinson

## Shelling out to students

By Rachel Hunter

A student from Leeds University has been awarded the thinking given at the 8 Day 'Wise Up to Waste' Awards, hosted by Recycling Action (RAV).

Overall winner Samantha Haron, a 21-year management student, spent 12 weeks working with the Shell 8 Day 'Wise Up to Waste' Awards. The sustainability programme plans undergraduate, post-graduate, small and medium-sized business to undertake project based work using their skills and abilities.

Samantha worked with Kelly and colleagues, developing a plan to integrate working practices towards electronic media which would not only save companies more than £11,000 a year, could also benefit the environment by reducing contributions to landfill by 100 tonnes.

She said, "One of the most important things I made was that they should begin thinking towards reusing, which is not totally new, but it means that almost all work and communication with the world becomes electronic. The quantity of paper that solutions is with a reduction and doing this will obviously cut down the amount of waste to be recycled and reduce

their costs and the environmental waste they produce."

More and more businesses are looking to introduce 'green thinking' initiatives, a move which Samantha thinks would not only benefit the environment, but also the companies themselves. "Firms can produce a huge amount of waste which all contributes to environmental damage. Even simple changes like getting involved in a recycling program would really help. Being 'green friendly' doesn't cost much and as well as helping to bring the environment, it would give firms a good reputation and save them a lot of money," she said.

After working on these projects, students were entered into the local 8 Day Awards, with three students sharing £1,500 in prize money from RAV. Successful applicants can go on to be entered in a national competition. The programme runs every year and offers a variety of projects, in such areas as IT, marketing and human resources.

Samantha said, "I think I'd like to work in marketing or PR but I know that it's very competitive at the moment. Winning the award will help give me my CV and hopefully make it stand out from others. I would definitely recommend getting involved in other students' projects."

The awards scheme is just one of the innovative competitions run by Shell.

By Julian Rao

This week saw eighteen year old Keaton, Senewok Kim, emerge as winner of the Leeds Studentship competition, netting him £20,000 and immediate receipt, as well as a choice of over 100 engagements with charities around the world.

The 'Leeds', as it is affectionately known, is ranked as one of the world's most prestigious prize competitions and consists of a grueling two-and-a-half week series of performances, held in the Great Hall at the University of Leeds.

This year more than seventy competitors from around the globe were whittled down to six finalists who then went on to play one piano concerto each with Healey's legend-complimented symphony orchestra, the Halle, in Leeds Town Hall, after which a winner was finally chosen.

The University of Leeds has a long standing relationship with the Leeds, and this year welcomed the six finalists back to the Great Hall for a special gala recital, first audience the chance to hear solo performances.

View-Chancellor, Prof. Michael Athor said "The University of Leeds is very proud to be associated with and support this high quality and successful leading competition. While no Leeds students competed

in this year's competition, it is open to any students under the age of 30 and the standard is always very high.

Deane Puntery Waterman, Chairman and Artistic Director of the competition, said that she and her fellow jurors would be looking for "a sense of style, fine technique, musical understanding, judgement and insight, rhythmic stability, inspiration, passion, artistry and magic."

Senewok Kim attributed his success to the fact that he approached each of his performances as a separate concert, rather than as one big competition, while one 1998 Leeds advance simply "never play in one show".

The Leeds' is seen by many as the cultural cornerstone of its home city, however the competition itself was not the only musical event taking place over the past week.

As well as a number of live broadcasts concerts featuring famous names from the world of classical music, the BBC's 'Piano Everywhere' scheme saw an array of pieces played in unusual places across the city to encourage members of the public to show off their talent.

2008 also saw the Competition's first ever educational outreach programme with a number of highly successful workshops at two schools in Leeds.

The next event will be in 2009.

By Bryony Hutchings

Students handing out flyers could be facing a hefty fine for their company if they are without a licence to do so. The council's legislation on litter has been changed to include flyers as official litter, and there is now a charge of £115 per person for a licence to distribute them.

Anyone seen handing out flyers without a licence, or even dropping a flyer in the street can now be fined up to £20 on the spot. The decision was made partly due to the actions of the BSM, the Huddersfield student action group, who frequently incidentally hand out flyers during last year's 'freedom week'.

However, similar companies feel they have been treated unfairly by the new legislation, which they say they have not been sufficiently notified on.

Leeds Valley manager of UK Student Events, said, "Since the new laws were introduced in August, all the larger companies in Leeds have received substantial fines about it. The smaller companies and these outside Leeds weren't told anything, I found out through a friend and we had to go down to the council offices and pay £275 for these new licences."

Environmental officers in plan whether have been using flyers for the last two months in various student areas including the Parkinson building.



FINED: many flyers outside the Parkinson building are without a licence  
Photo: PATRICK MOON

# Council eyes airport sell off

By Kirsty Brooks

Stragglers living in Hyde Park could be in the money again as the flight path over the area becomes clearer.

Leeds City Council is considering selling its 40 per cent share in Leeds Bradford Airport for a hefty sum, which means that it would have no control over the Hyde Park flight path, which it can currently control.

The proposed sale, which is expected to make Rotor Yorkshire receive £14 million comes at a time when airport business is at its most successful with over 2.5 million passengers using the airport last year.

The council are finalising their decision to sell after figures showing that passenger numbers were expected to continue to grow over the next ten years. They concluded that investment needed to improve the airport's services, terminal facilities and road and rail access was beyond their means. They added that the airport's future development could be better handled by a private owner.

Leeds Councilor Andrew Carter said: "The airport business is complex

and we believe the sort of commercial risk is better suited to the private sector". The money raised from the sale could also go into public and social services in the region.

However, members of the public have expressed concern as to what the sale would mean for local communities such as Beeston, Yeadon, Horsdon and Gataker. While the council maintains a controlling share in the airport public concerns can still be upheld in terms of restrictions on noise, flying hours and congestion.

Although the council insists it intends to act as safeguards with regards to the airport's future should the proposal go ahead, many will believe the interests of the public would be better served if the council continued to hold an active interest in future decision making.

Leeds, the major shareholder, has agreed to follow the advice of financial experts and put the airport on the market, and Wakefield has also made a decision but has so far refused to make it public. Councillor will decide next week and Kirkstall will decide next month. Bradford has started the decision-making process until October.



**SAF HIGH PROFIT:** The council may sell its share in Leeds Bradford Airport.

# Hospice Exec Suspended

By Chris Stevenson

St Gemma's Hospice, a local charity that cares for thousands of patients across Yorkshire has confirmed that its Chief Executive has been suspended until April of next year for a "performance related issue".

Professor Gerald Richards, a previous Governor of Health Studies at Leeds University and recent

Chairman of the Board of Management at St Gemma's, said: "I can confirm that David Pux has been suspended from his duties as Chief Executive of St Gemma's Hospice until the end of April. His suspension is not a disciplinary action but will give the Board of Trustees the opportunity to fully and fairly give consideration to David's performance in his role. This is primarily an internal matter and the Board of Trustees are

working to resolve it, as further information will be given until the considerations are complete."

Director of Spiritual Care at St. Margaret's Hospice, David Murphy CP said as Chief Executive with further notice, Professor Richards was going to assess patients and their families saying: "The dedicated and committed staff at St Gemma's will ensure the continuity of our excellent services."

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# 300 Seconds ACTION HERO



“Does it hurt to clean poo off the nose and mouth of one of the children?”

## Anthony Coward Action Co-ordinator

- Q: Good afternoon Anthony, how are you today?
- A: I'm very well thank you.
- Q: You are Action Co-ordinator I believe, how did you get into this early position?
- A: I joined at the beginning of the second year, then I didn't really do anything until I was a while, and then I did really involved and now I'm an action hero.
- Q: Was I one that I hear that volunteers who have to pay a wage to get into. What's all that about?
- A: People only have to pay a lesser fee if they don't deposit or that we can't afford which is a police check for all

people that work with children, the volunteers get the money back once they have worked with a few times.

Q: And once they have proved they are not a pervert.

AC: Yep.

Q: Now, every year you have a big party in the railway for the Leeds office, is this the highlight of the year for you?

AC: It is the highlight of Action's year because it is the most widely known thing that we do, the mayor comes and everything, but it's not just personal highlight, which is the Christmas party.

Q: Ah, spending Christmas with the children, that's nice.

AC: Well no, it's just a party for the children.

Q: So the highlight of your volunteering was a giving child, rather than

working with kids or the community?

AC: Not the favorite part of volunteering is the Saturday Special, spending five days with the kids.

Q: That's better. So what is the greatest thing that's ever happened on a day of volunteering?

AC: Once I had to clean poo off the nose and mouth of one of the children who had had an accident, it was in the middle of Flamingo Land.

Q: That is really gross. So what is the worst thing a GI has ever done?

AC: Once a kid said to me that he had had the best day of his life, that was really sweet, I nearly cried, but I didn't, I don't cry, I never cry.

Q: You so did cry? Do you think that you have managed to help change the bad image of students in the community?

AC: A lot of people in general think that students are all lazy bogan students,

but I think that Action helps to prove that we are not that bad, and we can be helpful members of the community and not people's children or just be generally helpful.

Q: Do you have any annoying and lazy volunteers?

AC: Some are annoying, I have had one guy that volunteered for a child's day that hated children and one that came for an outdoor camping project that hated the outdoors.

Q: Speaking of which, do you put on your camp voice to reduce the female volunteers, or indeed the male ones, or indeed the old ladies at the tea party?

AC: It's just because of my northern accent and the fact that I'm quite common. I am quite camp I suppose, I like being camp, so good you can get away with things more and you can be more cheeky.

# Shortlisted for best student experience

by Alex Doney

Leeds has been shortlisted in four award categories for excellence by the Times Higher Education Supplement, including best student experience. The prestigious THES awards recognise more than 90 of the UK's 115 universities, with awards coming on every part of the country and from the Commonwealth.



Professor Andrew Smith: "Our success in a competition to make a fantastic difference right across the board, encompassing teaching, leadership, sports and in providing the best possible experience for our students, and staff, is very proud of the achieve-

ments of our staff."

Judges selected Leeds University's leadership development programme, the Skipton Building Society scholarship scheme and spin-off company systems as potential winners in the national awards. Leeds has also been voted one of the best universities the student experience in a national poll of undergraduates.

The Leeds and the Skipton Building Society is operating the UK's only university scheme helping students from rural areas step in education before the age of 18, and into higher education.

This year 24 students from low-income families, where the weekly household income is 80 per cent below the UK average, are receiving financial and personal support to help them into university. Scholars, all from North Yorkshire, have gone on to study at Leeds and other institutions across the country.

Teachers for MRSA and zero are among the products being developed by Leeds spin-off, Mycotech.

The company was founded in 2005 by Leeds University microbiologists Dr Ian Cole and Dr Anne Eady and based on their Mycotech Trust-funded research on skin conditions.

## By Charlotte Griffiths

More than 90 per cent of the production industry in Leeds are full time students, and according to a new survey, froths are more pressurised than ever.

Researchers at Westminster University have estimated that three to four per cent of students on a national level have to be in the industry to pay their bills each week. Steve Agnew, manager of the Peace Street Project in London, Britain's leading clinic for prostitution, "Changes in the great system have affected their lives". Students are also being targeted by brothel owners for their potential income in the industry, it has even been claimed that they target companies to bid new recruits. "We get quite a few students applying and they are welcome here," said Charlie Daniels, owner of a Leeds based massage parlour.

James Connors, former Leeds Student Union education officer (published online from Leeds groups in 2005) "It is obviously not a good state of affairs if our students are having to resort to such drastic methods," he said.

applying to some girls, as one student prostitute suggested: "Hopefully by doing this I will have cleared up debt and will have been through college and university and that's setting you up for life" she said.

"It's disgusting, some of the people you have to sleep with but I need the money".



BUMM! Students like sex

regularly, more than double the amount than in 2002, according to the survey conducted by YouGov. Students are also becoming more than ever, with over 60 per cent admitting that they drink more than usual

# More sex please, we're students

and excessively during their brother's week. They're taking however it is or the doctors, with 70 per cent of survey respondents claiming that they didn't take or get stopped by drugs in any way compared to only 30 per cent in 2004. Lucy Clarke, author of student based novel 'Just Was and Under Sky', claims that this increase is because students are less likely to get into good jobs as well as leaving less.

"In your first month as a brother you are there together with thousands of 20 year olds, there's cheap alcohol and a lot of parties, this creates a heavy cocktail for the week. Things quickly add up then after brother's week, when lectures begin and lecturers start to discipline," she said.

"Students today have a work hard, play hard attitude because when you're spending three thousand pounds a year on fees, you want to make sure you don't have to finish a year."

Liam Basher, political science student, is, revealed about the statistics, "I was actually really good in my brother's week. I did loads of drinking, but I didn't get together with anyone".

"My little brother has just come to Leeds to be a brother and I found it interesting to have sex with a different person every day. It's really weird about what he's getting up to. I don't even want to think about it."

# Forever mooning

To most people, the moon is nothing more than a distant rock that people walked about on in the sixties. But, to a few billion people in Asia, it's the cause for frenzied celebration. **Alexandra Andersson**, a former resident of Hong Kong and Moon Festival veteran, gives an insight to this mysterious and overlooked event.

**T**he 15th of October is a date of celebration across Asia. Friends, family, moonlight and hundreds of candles, lanterns and monuments all come together to create an atmosphere of love and respect. It might sound cliché, but how can an all-night festival with levels once focused on the Moon's beauty and secrets be anything else? The special evening is celebrated by millions, even billions, of Asians from Sri Lanka to Hong Kong who prefer to group on beaches, beaches, beaches or anywhere with a particularly good view for one simple reason - to admire the Moon. There is no mention in any other culture where such mass appreciation for the life-giving orb that surrounds our planet takes place. The Moon, shined with the help of legends, love, food, guffing and decorations makes the Moon festival a special night for families, friends and lovers across all of Asia. The Moon Festival is traditionally Chinese, but is celebrated in different ways in many countries such as Bangladesh and Korea. This is because the concept behind the date of the celebration is simple: it is the night the full moon is at its roundest and brightest. This means the date changes each year in our calendar and it usually falls somewhere mid-September (this year is exceptional, however in the Chinese lunar calendar it is always the 15th day of the 8th month).

The reason in which Moon festival is held means that it coincides with the end of harvest, which traditionally is also a cause for celebration. This is more prominent in all cities or country people, and is still important in Taiwan, Okinawa and





## MoonExtra



prayers are held to the moon and earth gods for a coming bountiful harvest.

There are also many legends surrounding the moon in Chinese mythology, adding a sense of mystery to the most spectacular sky of the year. Most especially lives a beautiful woman, Chang'e in the 'Cold Palace' on the moon. She floated up to the moon after having drunk an elixir of immortality meant for her mortal family. Having drunk it all herself, she betrayed her husband and

A rabbit also lives in the Cold Palace on the moon as a reward for offering to sacrifice himself to those who wish he had no food to offer them.

It is said that on the night of the moon festival, because the moon is shining so brightly, it is possible to see these three characters. The various gathering places are therefore always filled with kids both used to be up and out so late, roaming around with lanterns and glowsticks and looking up trying to see if they can see a woman floating around, rabbits hopping or men sleeping on the Moon. No stranger than the legend of Father Christmas, really.

The Moon has been the subject of much Chinese poetry and song since ancient times. Being a very superstitious people, they worshipped and studied the moon, which explains why the festival continues with such enthusiasm and significance today. The moon's circular shape is said to represent unity, from which a well known Chinese saying comes: "When the Moon is full, mankind is one."

This saying, for me, really expresses the essence of the Moon festival. Growing up in Hong Kong, I was privileged to experience this festival first hand. Glowsticks, sparkles

and lanterns in all shapes, sizes and colours appear on moon to walk in the weeks approaching the night. Mooncakes are made in all the bakeries and food shops. Bunches of 33 small red candles start being sold everywhere you go - all in anticipation for the night of the moon. The beaches start to fill up at about 8pm and by midnight are completely packed. Boats fill the harbour and skydivers light up. The Beach is where most of my Moon festivals were spent, which, with its availability to all, really did exemplify a unification of all peoples when so crowded. I noticed that there are many different styles in which people celebrate, although the purpose and features of the festival remain the same. Families with excited children picnic on the beach with lanterns and usually leave soon after midnight. Young couples lie on the beach having usually lit an outline of a heart around them with the little red candles glowing inside. Groups of young friends assemble and usually stay until the



### The Secret of the Moon Cakes

Round, doughy, quite savoury cakes made from sesame. Usually contain a raw egg in the middle to resemble a moon. Traditionally eaten during Moon festival. As common in China as flapjacks are here. Were once used to overthrow the Yuan Dynasty in China. The revolutionaries distributed them to the people, saying a plague was spreading and only by eating the cake would you survive. Inside the cakes the message of "revolt on the 15th of the 5th moon" was hidden so everyone could unite and successfully overthrow the rulers. Which they did.

**"The Moon has always intrigued and enchanted humans"**

moonlight and drink the moon. The fact is that everyone was spending time with people they loved, under the beautiful moon celebrating in their own style.

Being a celebration of the moon is what makes it so special and different from other festivals. The moon has always intrigued and enchanted humans, and remains as a symbol of romance, mystery, horror...and that of its importance in folklore or even Lady and the Tramp! One never, in the West, do we do anything in honour of its entrance or exit of its beauty. So on 15th October, take a moment, think about all the billions of people enjoying moonbeams and the curves of the sky in the East, and look up at the moon.

**When the Moon is full, mankind is one.**

children and so takes their indebtedness to them. She was later joined by Wu Kang, a woodcutter equally punished by immortality and banished to the moon by the God. He is only allowed to return once he cuts down a huge Chinese oak, which he works on day and night but to no avail, as it is magical and restores itself with each blow. End luck. Wu Kang



# From under the bombs

Two LS Special Correspondants, one a citizen of Lebanon one and the other a Western Aid Worker, write from the battleground that the troubled country has become. Photos - Miriam Al-JaaJaa

## Miriam Al-JaaJaa President of the PSQ

"How was your summer?" is probably the most repeated question on your return from the summer vacation. Each time I attempt to answer mine, I am forced to admit the stages I witnessed these weeks ago in Lebanon. Luckily, at the time of the initial bombardment I was across the border in Jordan, although various members of my family and friends were not so fortunate.

It was my 28th birthday when I returned to the south of Lebanon. The most conflict zone between the Israeli military and Hezbollah. I felt like I had been reborn. I was suddenly like a seventy year old lady that has seen so much in her life and a first year PhD student that has realised the world is so far from being "utopian". I visited the grandfather of Huda, a six year

old boy that had died during an air raid. Many another family near the border, they had lost their life's work in a second.

On my previous birthday my family and friends would treat me to a five star restaurant. That day I ate in a restaurant called Al-Zabara (I think) that had only been open for five days. Though it was extremely cheap, having a very limited menu to offer. Occasionally traditional Lebanese food of stuffed vine leaves and tabbouleh, I felt it was the most delicious meal I have ever eaten. This was the only restaurant in Beit Jallouj (an area that had the lowest taxes). Despite its obviously low income, the owner was providing food for people who were already cleaning, designing and rebuilding in the rubble. Amongst the destruction there was the sense that you couldn't escape feeling a little hope.

The infrastructure has been meticulously damaged - it will require four years of labour to return it to its condition prior to the bombardment. "What is the use of these bridges if we can't walk on them with people?" was the response I got

A line of parties have crossed Lebanon of crossing a road and was with least. The country is double in size and the largest recipient of UN aid (covering over one

## Even the parties opposing Hezbollah were ready to shelter refugees and give the aid they needed.

third of total UN foreign aid. My war tourism through Al-Dahiyeh was overwhelming. This like I was in a hot Hollywood movie. Al-Dahiyeh was the main target of the air attacks and it is situated on the outskirts of Beirut, the capital. The destruction was intolerable, I attempted to mitigate my shock by taking in many pictures as possible. Pictures of refugees who came back to look for what was left from their belongings, pictures of citizens who actually can not determine which pile of rubble is their home, pictures of children who had given up access to attend the ruins in order to reach the Lebanon and resistance they are on top. The unity of the population could not have been stronger. Even the parties opposing Hezbollah were ready to shelter refugees and give the aid they needed. There was already an exhibition in the middle of Al-Dahiyeh. The resistance had children's drawings, pictures, and newspapers calling for all to resist the occupation and of course condemning Bush and Blair for paving the way for the markets of their demands.

Israel's war on Lebanon did not achieve any of its purposes. It did not lead to the return of the two Israeli hostages. It did not "regain the Lebanese resistance". The only result I would observe is that it created a humanitarian crisis and that civilians died on both sides.

Lebanon, to me and many other Arab

in the Parts of the Middle East, is not usually nicknamed "the phoenix" following its destruction and reconstruction several times in terms of thousands of years. Throughout the year despite its violent 21 year history of occupation, it is the beach mark for many Arab nations, recognised for its liberal, diverse religious and culture. I have visited Lebanon over fifty times, yet the images of devastation from my latest visit shall be forever etched in my

mind. I did however learn a very important lesson from the inspirational survivors, no matter the conditions Lebanon goes through, it wipes off the dust and stands up taller than it was before.

I am currently launching a campaign to fundraise for rebuilding Lebanon. If anybody is interested contact me on [miriam28@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:miriam28@leeds.ac.uk).



old girl who had died during an air raid. Many another family near the border, they wanted me not to pick up any toys on the street because they might be bombs that were thrown by Israeli helicopters. It was difficult not to become traumatised due to the emotionally charged atmosphere. I witnessed graves sites, towers and fortresses, crying because of

when I spoke to various Lebanese citizens. Fortifications, whose construction the death tolls of over 1,500, the latest response was "It's nothing, but this is the price of freedom". Israel occupied parts of Lebanon for 22 years and most of those years were liberated by Hezbollah in 2005.



## Focus Lebanon

Jono Hall  
Aid Worker

\$100 in the morning, July 13 2006. Pumps are heard in the distance. I'm awake in seconds. I can feel something in my chest. I find my glasses and my travelling companion is already at the window. What is going on? Outside, the whole city is in front of us, as grey as a hill. There is an orange glow in the sky. We hear rumbling, and loud booms. Apparently Beirut has bombed the airport. All around us the city is alive with anti-aircraft fire that seems to come from within the very hills themselves. But it couldn't be an Israeli attack? In the middle of the night? On such a compassionate, mild, nice, safe city?



front in the back of a very old American Dodge. A night spent in a full description of the process. All the border I was (most quiet) thankful of my Swedish passport which meant a hassle-free visa. Then my British-American friends. I am usually half Swedish and half Lebanese with my childhood being spent largely in Egypt, which is possibly one of the reasons I chose to travel to that part of the world, as it still holds a lot of nostalgic grip on my life. Anyway, really just made it possible that the Middle-East is one of the most friendly places to be whether English, American or any other nationality. And Lebanon is probably one of the most generous countries in the Middle-East.

Coming from Jordan (with plenty

**There is an orange glow in the sky. We hear rumbling, and loud booms. Apparently, Israel has bombed the airport.**

of rancour of how 'friendly' and exciting Lebanon is I must say I was a bit shocked! In stark contrast to Jordan and Syria both fairly conservative by Western standards Lebanon was practically a Western country! I lived in Jordan for around 6 months and therefore having was a bit of a culture shock. I don't expect to see alcohol or pork on sale, nor did I expect the advertising which can be fairly racy. Lebanon is great as it has a lot of variety. I actually managed to find things as diverse as biryani and Swedish coffee (think of which I missed a bit in London). The country has a refreshing mixture of religions including the Maronite Christians, the Druze, Muslims and Catholics which have all influenced the way in which the country has developed. It is a very modern country and is undoubtedly influenced by its French colonial past, many people speak English and French as well as Arabic.

My few free days seemed to just fly by. I managed a trip to the American University of Beirut (where I hoped and still do hope to spend my year abroad) as well as doing it all my favourite chains that I had been missing so much. Dunkin' Doughnuts, Subway etc. One note of advice if you are in Beirut, make sure you know when you live. I thought and anyone who has been to Beirut will know, transport in the capital is no easy thing. Ever since the civil war that tore Lebanon apart, organization of things like transport, water and electricity supplies have been lacking. That does not detract, however, from the vibrant city with huge contrasts, it just makes it a bit confusing to navigate.

The charity had hired out a wonderful building. Very modern, with

AC in every room and beds were changed every day. A big change from my living conditions in Jordan and the beds I had been in since. I loved all the foreigners who came to the conference and had stayed together, the money to make or spend these days of their summer helping others. None of them reported the events that would erupt within the next few days.

We all heard about some sort of kidnapping in the north of Lebanon, possibly Israeli soldiers, maybe even so. One was really sure but we didn't think much of it to begin with. That night, however, we heard rumours in the middle of the headline news. It's actually hard to describe exactly how I felt but I definitely felt excited. I even went to phone a friend working for the AP to let them know what was happening. It was a very surreal event. The explosive boom of the Israeli jet went on all night and I didn't want to fall asleep in case I missed out on the action. By involving everyone at the conference were using the internet, phones, mobiles, Skype to tell their family and friends they were OK. The night before we were so concerned by what we had never seen before that I made us travel, but the mood in the morning was much contemplative. I think I felt quite guilty over my feelings, as did a lot of others. The Americans all just wanted to spend the day talking about their feelings and so that meant that the meeting never became a major '90 year feelings out session. After that everything for the day went back to normal. We had lunch and the planned ses-

**Lebanon and Israel have lost and nothing has been gained.**

sions went ahead. However, that night Israel returned and bombed Beirut more than the previous night. They were wrong to think it had just been a one off air-raid by Israel to ensure the safe return of their soldiers. It was clear that this was going to be a major offensive.

When I first came to Lebanon, people were excited about tourism and no one was talking politics. When I had to be evacuated by a friendly Baptist Church there was no Swedish Embassy in Beirut no one was talking



about summer. The border was a nightmare to get through as the valley it was now or was being heavily bombed. In fact, the last bridge to the border was bombed so more than 20 minutes after we had safely crossed.

Obviously there was, and remains, the huge humanitarian tragedy. Lives lost is, as my opinion, given a favourable outcome, Lebanon and Israel have lost and nothing has been gained. Hezbollah is stronger than ever. They were on the verge of being disbanded as calls have gone from the UN for them to lay down arms or to head join the Lebanese army. All the aid that the EU, US, Britain and other countries have given towards rebuilding Lebanon after its invasion war has been done in protest, and there is also the huge and still growing by Israeli bombs that has devastated wildlife and the natural beauty of Lebanon's famed coastline.

The Christians (sheltered Muslims and Druze) as the Christian ones were mainly in Beirut, but a sense of national identity has formed there before the scars of the civil war were healed by Beirut. When I was leaving Lebanon, walking the hills at the border, a few foreigners I had become friends with decided to get out a whole lot of drums, bells, shakers etc and we created a bit of improvised musical for the thousands at the border. What a testimony to the Arabs that they came and danced and sang with us even when they knew that the reality, their homeland was being bombed.



# Chill out in Cuba

Frequently misjudged, Cuba's politics reaches the news far more often than Cuba's people. Arriving back from a trip to the tropical paradise, LS's Travel Editor, **Nina Derham**, reports on the people of Cuba - how they live, how they drink and the extent to which their lives are affected by the politics of their country.



erksen. The flickering landscape dimly lights up a live feed about of us. Other than that darkness. Then suddenly the illuminated by light where the... Random and floundering... which temporarily plagues... landscape into colour... pain waves are suddenly visible... the world's biggest window light... though someone is trying to... power on the other is phreaked... but it only works a moment... The effect is beautiful and... is over as each lightning bolt... takes a strike at the cath... tubes again.

compassion down another can... does. Flashes start streaking her... along either side of the car... are FBI's biggest air action... who's begin to roll on their... with drivers and navigators keep... of cars, slam the doors and off... On seeing my somewhat scep... into the driver's glare. "Is to

easy to get  
apt away by  
salsa and a  
mojitos,  
filing aside  
western  
irations

to say honestly, Will I  
myself as the English was, I  
myself as you spend into the  
specific lighting, body  
up in the total absence of  
light. We were most definitely  
moving from Santiago through  
Villa Clara and Trinidad until  
to Havana. I was completely  
by the landscape, the fusion of  
groves, new fruits, hot beach-  
water and spas and where white  
city's untouched natural beauty  
shows the picture postcard of a

tropical paradise you'd never believe  
exists. The buildings were also beyond my  
comprehension, the once grand colo-  
nial homes, pilared, beled and orna-  
mented like wedding cakes now left to  
rot with collapsing staircases and  
faded peeling paint work - the grandeur  
gone, grimed up helpless, displaying  
the same worn down beauty apparent  
in so many aspects of Cuban life. The  
fact that nothing has been built  
(besides hotels) since Castro gained  
power 47 years ago means that these  
decaying metropolitan slingers are in a  
state of disrepair and even when  
change does come, most will be  
beyond repair and gone.

For while each home fits so much  
warmth and unity that I began to ques-  
tion our own family values. In care-  
fully painted wooden bars amongst the  
decaying metropolitan slingers are so  
immaculately clean interiors of the old  
colonial mans in the cities, sometimes  
extended families, sometimes four  
generations in size, live side by side,  
happy, smiling, reading, pipe and  
singing. An every where in Cuba.

Made in every appropriate way, from  
the most far thing isolated shack to  
central Havana, people dance in the  
street for no reason other than that they  
hear some music playing on a window  
and they feel like it. When all the  
restaurants have run out of food for the  
day, a bottle of Havana Club rum and  
some case of beer are always at work.  
Priorities are so different and it's easy  
to get swept away by the salsa and a  
few mojitos. Easy made our Western  
aspirations and expectations for a few  
moments and feel totally liberated.  
Sadly, it is never long before you are  
reminded of the intense lack of free-  
dom that lies behind every Cuban's  
life.

I spent a lot of time wondering what  
people were doing. There were people  
everywhere, sitting in parks, on veran-  
das in rocking chairs, opening coffee-  
houses, clearly waiting for something but  
most of the time I really couldn't fig-  
ure out what.

There is always a sense of these  
families being somewhat trapped with-  
in their four foot walls they call home.  
Baring or selling a house, moving out  
and starting afresh are all completely  
illegal as is having a mobile phone,

computer or using the internet and  
although they all are possible, they  
have to be done as the city through  
letters and favours in the police.

For this reason, it is incredibly dif-  
ficult to live in Cuba. Even a machine  
top to the shop can involve the police  
who seem to look around every corner,  
looking for some reason to stop you  
and extract some kind of fee. This  
became especially apparent in Havana  
where one night two Cuban friends and  
I were stopped for no reason and asked

## As a tourist you are pretty well untouchable by the police

for my ID cards. Rather than going  
into prison, as I would have done,  
Cubans are well prepared and it's all a  
bit of a game to them - who gets the  
best deal to get out of the police  
trap. As a tourist, you are pretty  
much untouchable by the police,  
although if you're with Cubans, they  
can get in trouble on your behalf. On  
this occasion my friend very quickly  
introduced me to his wife to avoid  
further investigation. In search of another  
reason to detain us, the policeman  
spent five minutes going the other  
way to ensure that my other friend's  
was legitimate. My friends were con-  
vinced to leave we don't carry ID in  
England, sorry to know. "But what do  
you do when the police stop you then?"

Try to keep low-key and  
never appear to avoid exposure to  
sensitive information about the out-  
side world is one thing. But what the  
best option for any tourist who wants  
to experience Cuban life is to stay in a  
case particular, government approved  
family home, the law becomes quite  
sluggish. This is one of the most prob-  
lematic a family can have, how-  
ever, plugging tourists into the heart of

a Cuban home is hardly the best way of  
avoiding contact, especially as the  
landlord has a huge interest in foreign  
life. One woman even asked if I could  
find her husband a suitable 40-year old  
to marry that so he could get a passport  
out the country. These laws don't seem  
to deter the Cubans too much, they  
appear to spend more smiling the  
borderline.

My Cuban family insisted on taking  
my friend and I to the beach for the  
day, which required donning dozens  
of sweaters, jumpers and sunglasses  
despite the intense heat so we  
weren't such blatantly obvious for-  
eigners. When the police did stop the  
car, they demanded a random vigils  
check rather than making they could  
lose the car for three month's wages for  
carrying weapons. Even with the very  
sunny weather though, I think that  
policeman chose to see what he wanted  
to see, a common wait of the Cuban  
police force.

In the cities there was a definite air  
of frustration in the people, despite  
their happy faces. At every opportunity  
they tried to tell you some lurid tale  
that they're got for getting off the  
island and it's easy to understand their  
frustration. Cuba has one of the best  
health and education systems in the  
world and due to the food situation

## One woman asked if I could find her husband a 40-year old to marry him so he could get a passport

there are a lot more super healthy and  
fit young people than you find in any  
walking around in Britain. The English  
are well qualified with degrees in  
accounting and so on, and up to the end  
of our entry, the system seems to work  
in their favour. However, at the end of  
all that, people do not have the oppor-  
tunity to use a well-educated and car-

also stands have an inflated opinion that  
work in a job for 10 years to come.  
The word comes out's worth thinking  
about.

There was a very distinct shift in  
frustration in the countryside where  
more people have never come into  
contact with a foreigner before and  
have never really questioned what is  
out there. The people live off the abun-  
dance of natural goods and seem to  
enjoy it and there was a much stronger  
feeling of being content there. Perhaps  
it would be fair to call it ignorance rather  
but either way the frustration and  
frustration left in the cities clearly  
rubbed away the better side of the coun-  
tryside I got and it was incredibly  
interesting to meet people who did not  
want for anything, but were truly  
happy with what they've got. Perhaps  
these people are successfully living  
Castro's original dream then.

Nothing could have prepared us for  
Cuba. Recognisable images of  
Catholics, teachers and Che were all  
there. In fact Che's face was spotted  
now almost every here well, but these  
stereotypes aside, the life you experi-  
ence when there is the indescribable  
peace.

Who knew what just is more like  
Cuba? The answer is more definitely  
frustrated, but despite Cuba's social  
issues and handling one of gener-  
ation there does appear to be the sense I  
had expected to find. In fact, the only  
thing that was affected was the corrup-  
tion of cars which coincide with  
Fidel's birthday, as a sign of respect.  
As in most, Cuba is incomparable,  
between the unforgettable sights, the  
tropical warmth, the music, happy faces  
and constant that you know it truly is a  
very special sort of destination with a  
much more to offer than the beach  
resorts of Florida. However, travel-  
ling is not made easy, and it is far more  
complicated to learn about than just  
pictures had warned.

"It's so wonderful," I thought to  
myself as our car came to a standstill  
for the borderline line on the highway  
to read my companion jumped out  
again. There was nothing a Western  
mind could do other than feel amazed  
and... so all back, here a only of Cuba  
and go "to Cuba". Besides, I knew  
we would get there. Eventually.



## Extra Focus

# Student Entrepreneurs

With a host of challenges that stretch beyond those already faced in starting your own business, students also have far more limited help available. With the first meeting of Leeds' Enterprise Society, James Haddon takes a closer look at the campus' budding businessfolk.

While starting a business as a student leaves you open to all the difficulties of starting a company that rack and every entrepreneur faces, it comes with the added complication of having no money, little experience and limited time to invest in your idea. There are, however, advantages to the environment: the campus makes up a readily available market of students and, if you target this market, it's certainly possible to find success.

As if yet, there's no society affiliated with the Union to support and help those interested in starting, developing or continuing a business, but this in no way means that there are impossible activities, and there are countless examples to the contrary. Businesses set up by recent graduates tend to stand out as examples of what a university environment can lead to, and ones such as The Scribble Company show that recent-graduate and graduate run businesses can become extremely successful. This skill, however, ignores the efforts of those who try to combine running a business with a university education, and the number of students of businesses that are struggling to doing just this.

Reapers Clothing, specialised in finding and selling hand-to-hand vintage and retro clothes, was created earlier this year by Andy Mason, a second year Product Design student.

As a student, there's always a big risk in the initial investment: finding people willing to invest is difficult, the expenses often come out of your own pocket.

Established while he was working a full-time job during the beginning of summer, the business is continuing to expand through the full schedule of university life and shows that even within the confines of full time education, there is still enough time outside of formal student activities to run a business. "With university it'll be more difficult, but easier too." Without working a nine-to-five, full-time job, he explained, there was more time open to give over to his business, but there is still the challenge of balancing university work and a social life as well. "It will take quite a good few hours, a couple

a day evening, getting quotes and selling more stock."

As a student, there's always a big risk in the initial investment. Finding people willing to invest is difficult as the expenses often come out of your own pocket. Before you reveal the percentage of the loan he'd open to launch his business, Andy simply explained that "Every business has risks. Sometimes you're just not in accept them". As a student, and on a student loan, there's a limit to the advertising that you can afford. In many cases, student-entrepreneurs use their creative ways of selling their products. While a website catalogue is common enough in the days of e-marketing, finding customers remained in the areas targeted by a business - via Facebook and approaching them personally is far less usual. An innovation that Andy was quite proud of. "It's networking. Hand-picked clothes sold to hand-picked customers." The fact that he made a living is not making the fully investment necessary for conventional advertising is another advantage of his system.

While there are certainly challenges specific to the circumstances of students that need to be overcome, the barriers set up by students can still become very much successful. In 2005, two students, Andrew Bettle and Alison Parnell, set up www.illusion.co.uk - a website selling good accessories - with an estimated annual turnover of £100,000. They were nominated for, and won, Yorkshire & The Humber's Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2005 while they were both still taking their first-year classes - an example of what a good idea, a little luck and some hard graft can lead to.

Sometimes, the promise of being a student offers certain benefits to those who want to explore the world of business without immediately making their day-to-day lives on the idea's profit making potential. Working under the student loan can offer up an opportunity from the security of providing their living

costs, and their courses can provide them with skills useful for their endeavours. Fashion Design student, Maggie Nixon, began making covers during her A-levels and through the

first year of her degree before she began to seriously investigate the possibility of setting up business full-time. "I have this Student Loan, so I thought 'why not make money doing



RETROSPECTIVE: Andy Mason poses with a portion of his stock. PHOTO: ANDY PATTISON

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**KT WORK:** Maggie Horne posing in her workshop with her most recent creation. Photo: Rita Pattison

what I expect?" she explained. "You need to be passionate about the idea, not just the business. I made my first as art, for a project in A-level, not for money."

In establishing the Box Constructor brand, she faced the same challenges that Andy Mason and every other student entrepreneur face: finding the time a business needs around the time your course demands. "Usually, I spend three or

**"I've asked myself 'where do you see yourself in two years' time?' and my answer is 'still making corsets'**

four hours a day making corsets. Sometimes three, but sometimes none." For all the benefits of having a course that directly relates to the business, it also presents challenges. "I work with clients all day and come home to work with them through the night - it's exhausting."

the second, experimental or risky, corsetos have a better chance of success on stamps than they might in other situations.

A common difficulty seems to be finding the money needed to make the starting investment, so in many cases it is necessary to spend a lot on starting stock. Although he was quick to point out that the website which runs at the centre of his enterprise was developed and coded by one of his own staff (taught through the Product Design course, Andy Mason still conceded that most of his starting investment was spent on buying a range of stock, a number difficult to pinpoint in the case of Maggie Horne, as well: "you've got to buy from specialist dealers, and in bulk - if you become a dealer's top buy, he'll begin with." The element of risk, especially financial risk, seems to be one of the areas most off-putting to the potential entrepreneurial. Funding, and taking a valuable slice of your time to finance an effort that may not make you back over the money you initially invested can be a daunting prospect.

The University does offer some degree of help for those seeking help, guidance or assistance in starting a business - through Ignite, Incubation space. The business start-up service, based in the University's career centre, provides access to networks, access to specialist office equipment like phones, photocopier equipment and computers, as well as a mentoring service in areas where an inexperienced entrepreneur would get the most advantage: marketing, finance and business planning. This service is open to students, graduates and alumni of both the University of Leeds and the Leeds Met, and has helped launch a number of businesses.

Our prime example is that of The Smoothie Company, whose managers set up the company shortly after graduating from the university. Platinas in their final year, Chris and Lucy were inspired by smoothie companies abroad and spent a year raising money to launch their business. "Only start your own business if you're willing to work long hours. It's not a get rich quick scheme," Lucy was quick to warn entrepreneurs entering the business world with misconceptions. With the help of Bank's incubation and its staff, the company launched in September 2004 and now employs around fifteen staff. Lucy was adamant that, without the university's help, the business would not have gone ahead. "Anyone can start a business if they work hard and are determined," Lucy explained. "Entrepreneurs are not born that way."

**"Only start your own business if you're willing to work long hours. It's not a get rich quick scheme"**



**TIGHT FIT:** A custom-made Halo Kitty pret corset (left) and standard, pink prettified corset (right).

Photo Courtesy of Box Constructor

way", she conceded, however, that it would have been far more difficult without their help. The University was invaluable in other ways, though, and through her experience Lucy became more independent and confident, and it helped to transform a hobby into a business partnership. "We will live together," she explained.

There is now an Enterprise Society, a group that - while not yet affiliated with the Union - offers its members, which include a thick profusion of students and graduates, support and opportunities to help them in the business world. While the group has been set up only recently, with the first meeting having been held on the 17th, it was well attended and its members seemed enthusiastic about the prospect. Peter Dwyer, a recent Leeds graduate who has been instrumental in organising the society, explained that while the group was, at present, focused largely on networking he hoped it would expand and find a new, commercial direction. Asked where he'd like to see the society going, he was keen to stress that it was a big decision but admitted that he hoped to attract the attention of established businesses, perhaps even getting the society listed as a whole on provide solutions to other businesses' problems. Peter explained that, as an environment for someone interested in business, or who wanted to see the response to their idea, the society would be perfect. "You go up to someone on the street and pitch their 'your' idea, they'll say 'yeah - go for it'." "We want somewhere where, if you pitch your idea, you'll get a useful response and some feedback too".

In many ways, as a student running a small-scale business, if the initial investment is affordable then it might be the best chance to get your foot in the business door. Andy, Maggie and Lucy all stressed how the first step is a "calculated risk" and in the process of equipment of services, this risk is considerably lower than in the big cut-throat, hundred-thousand business world.

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\*As Blair bids farewell under a euphemistic cloud we are left with the consequences of his liberty undermining legacy.

Steve Akehurst

As Tony Blair steps down the barrel of his last annual conference at Prime Minister's, it's safe to assume that there's nothing more our beloved PM wishes about this his very own personal legacy.

After a week where Charles Kennedy received significant applause and praise from the same party who so heavily disowned him earlier this year, one can probably expect: Blair's final address to play a similar role when Labour's election upon Blair's resignation, most likely to be intended for as much additional retrospective as minimum wage, second reinstatement into the NHS or signed up to be written into legislation could provide, not forgetting those conservative election victories. For most of the rest the day we will decidedly dominate the language of Tony Blair's tenure. However there are some of us for whom the abiding memory of Blair's time at the top will be one of authoritarianism and reckless disregard for age old civil liberties.

Five years after Blair first clambered aboard his high horse and returned to all that in the wake of September 11th our values are under attack, and having used a similar gambit after the attacks of 7th July, he has systematically undermined those same very values by its perpetrating it by promoting, like has done so in his own different ways, some more over than others.

Finally his government have curtailed the basic freedom to protest with the 2008 Serious Organised Crime Act which prohibits anyone protesting within our Houses of Parliament.

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without police authority. Mary Evans is one of those that has fallen foul of this protection piece of legislation, hence the irony as she did to read out the names of dead troops in Whitehall a few hundred yards away, whilst Simon Fogg was charged under the same act for carrying a placard bearing, most appropriately, a George Orwell quotation.

Perhaps the most brutal case was that of activist Simon Blair who had become a memorable sight outside Parliament, peacefully protesting every day against the Iraq war. Mr

Blair was arrested and charged under the aforementioned Serious Organised Crime Act. After receiving his protest for being held was they called by police at 7am and all but one of his placards confiscated. Supporters of such acts include The Independent. Steve Richards who says such measures "are farcical, sensible as a move when there are groups that would welcome the

The Terrorism Act 2006 is the most brutal attack upon the cornerstone of our criminal justice system in recent history.

chance to bring up half the Cabinet". That may or may not be the case, but surely we have to recognise the issue of balance between security and liberty of our basic fundamental rights in their practice and lobby a democratically elected parliament to ensure in these are times to grow that should preserve this right, this value.

In an email exchange with the excellent

Bruce Perry of The Observer and Nancy Fair, Tony Blair said Anti-Social Behaviour Orders were designed to "bury, banish and bound" serious criminals until they "give up or leave the country", however, upon refusing to give an ASBO to serious professor Linda Perry, District Judge Roy Anderson expressed a note that authorities was attempting to use ASBOs as "a club to beat down the reputation of legitimate customers". Mr. Perry has also been subject to electronic tagging and curfew. This incident alongside numerous others, including the election and subsequent detention under Terrorism legislation of Rachel Wadgwan for shouting "That's a lie" at Jack Straw at last year Labour conference, increasingly give the impression that new legislation and powers are in fact being used and abused to "bury, banish and bound" protestive acts media. This alone from this government introduces "Third-class powers taken in the name of crime and terrorism - eye for abuse" in Queen Elizabeth's of Liberty, para 6. One doesn't even like to think of the potential abuse the ruthlessly authoritarian 'Glorification' of terrorism legislation could do itself upon our free speech.

Indeed The Terrorism Act 2006 does't even attempt to be subtle in it's attack upon free speech. The act itself, stating as it does that one can be held without trial or charge for up to 90 days, is the most brutal attack upon the cornerstone of our criminal justice system in recent

history if human corpses, magpie carts or basic presumption of innocence aren't central to our freedom and liberties, then what of them can any government stand to cast about our 'rule of law' while breaking with their age old tradition.

Indeed the thousands of Muslims detained and never actually charged under such acts merely serve to abrogate and punish those towards the future and consequences whereas they set as opposed to prevent.

The Future for our Liberties doesn't appear to be getting any brighter either, with the government continuing to push its (co-opted) Ministry of Justice, which would provide authorities with an unprecedented centralised database of personal information and internet data. This is on top of the 24,000 swaggers alone whose DNA they have taken and kept on record despite the campaign being ahead of any wrongdoing.

The incidents mentioned, just a small selection of available examples, may in isolation appear to pose no real danger to our way of life, and I don't suggest that we're living under a police state or dictatorial regime, but together they are as big a threat to our values as any outside borders. In paragraph six of Queen Elizabeth's of Liberty, the paragraph by Catherine Franklin, since we give up essential liberty for temporary safety, nobody suggests that the danger does't very often appear indeed. The very poisonous words and propaganda our Law is built upon, that the protection we give up essential liberty for temporary safety, nobody suggests that the danger does't very often appear indeed. It appears those who demand there were as accurate those in their own time.

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It was Blair himself who said in the aftermath of 7/7 that "Whatever they do it is our determination that they will never succeed in destroying what we hold dear in this country and to other freedom nations throughout the world". It one takes the major risk of taking Blair's words at face value and adopts the illiterate and questioning perspective that attacking our values was the most evil of all behind terrorist practices, held a decade on from September 11th and 14 months after the London bombings, Blair's Government and associated response, leading to the erosion of our fundamental rights and liberties, his by-product of which is the more time was unnecessary and profitable of what we say and think, but to mention the further dangerous alteration of these, innocuous, has meant they've with us on their way to succeeding in destroying the values this country holds dear.

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## Bullying: our problem too

That more than one third of non-academic staff at Leeds Uni have been bullied can at best be described as shocking and, at worst, scary.

The very fact Nick Daignton said he remained unsurprised by the revelation that most bullying is carried out by senior staff is one of the most alarming developments to come out of the UNISON survey. That an official designated with protecting the interests of staff has been driven to expect the highest echelons of his institution to be the ones doing the bullying represents a problem of endemic proportions within certain sectors of this University.

The structural system of our University and its complex hierarchies has almost made bullying 'part of the job'. The day we accept this and forget about it is a very dark day for us all; not just staff, whose reckless work is seemingly unappreciated by their superiors, but for students as well, if we are to stand by it and remain silent as those who work to make our University a better place we would be as bad as the bullies.

## Calm freshers not too saintly

The praise given to the conduct of students in Leeds heading during Freshers' Week is a pleasant contrast to the annual condemnation of previous years. It's about time that students accepted the small degree of responsibility they have towards the community they live in.

However, it was only last week that Leeds Student reported on the 'troubling' of the Welcome Tent at the foot of LUX. So, whilst we can all welcome in praise from time to time, it is pertinent to remind ourselves that the wacky element of student culture remains. And even if we forget to acknowledge such warnings, Richard Tyler and the Honours of Multiple Occupancy lobby's omnipresence will be quick to remind us.

It takes a long time step the public tarring a particular group with the same brush, a sentiment which would certainly be echoed by students involved with Action and the like.

## Students are having sex

Well, isn't that just the shocker of the century. I almost felt like holding the front page for that one. Next week we'll get a press release telling us that students are in debt, they like going to pubs, and that some of these enjoy an occasional act of traffic cone theft. Perhaps the same people who become students sickling at the financial state of society might want to also question the practices of some of the employed.

### Crowcroft 'deluded'

by Alex Storey (LS September 22, page 3)

Mr Crowcroft's deluded, absurd and unconvincing remarks regarding the "Singapore model solution" towards US policy (LS 18th page 1) that physics student compiled me to respond. The fact that people with severe sense appeared in the globalisation and advanced military domination of today, which has replaced the tacit implications of yesterday seems to bother Mr Crowcroft. The picture he paints of a harmful Islamic force rising "while the West sleeps" would suggest he is slightly misinformed as it hardly appears as though the West is asleep in Iraq or Afghanistan or indeed in the military bases they occupy all over the Arab world, or in the base matter during the formation of the many gun Western detachments in the region. In fact I would say it was Western civilisation that dictated war in the Middle East and not the other way round.

Mr Crowcroft mentions the threat of the Wahhabi militant doctrine towards the West and I have to agree with him, however I would like to point out that this threat is far greater towards the Middle East itself - see the daily suicide missions in Iraq. Also that Britain was key, supporting the Al Qaeda - Wahhabi alliance which founded the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the early 20th century which is now a major ally of his beloved America and has been for over 60 years. Mr Crowcroft may want to turn his gaze onto a more potent threat to world peace, human rights and civilisation as opposed to selfish Western interests. Lead.

Zakia Hakeem

### Nightline Backlash

I am writing to complain about the article "Cold Call for university's

and Leeds in Leeds Student newspapers, Leeds University Email, 30/08/06, Leeds LS11 3TU, or email the editor at editor@leedsweb.org.uk. Phone 0113 3801 450 or 230 2000. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

service number" by Alex Storey (LS September 22, page 3).

I believe Nightline provides a vital service which is an essential part of the student support network. The article really did not show the service to be "nearly inactive". Instead of focusing on the fact that 90 per cent of students did not use Nightline, the focus should be upon the fact that 5 per cent of students did use it, that is around 3000 students. I personally consider helping 2000 students to be far from "nearly inactive".

It is surely a good thing that most students do not require a listening service, but that does not mean that they will never need the service. We do not have to expect all students to use the service. The main reason to do that is that students that have not used the service did not call that they needed it.

Furthermore, saying "although the service cannot offer counselling advice because it is run by students" is an inaccurate statement which shows a lack of knowledge of what the service is. Nightline does not offer advice because we want the callers to come to their own conclusions. This is the same service that is offered by the Counselling and Guidance. Not all students need advice.

The student support network is far more comprehensive and wide-ranging than a nightline.

Nightline, as well as providing a service also provides volunteering opportunities for the students in Leeds. Learning active listening and teamwork skills are vital to students development.

I have to be honest, but I would also expect better grammar and spelling from a Leeds Student article. To me the entire article appears to be badly proofread and badly written.

Joe Taylor

In response to the article in last week's Leeds Student entitled "Cold call for

university's advisors number," I would like to say a few things.

Firstly the UNISON Report for the second semester last year is not very clear that Nightline was nearly inactive. The survey said that only 5 per cent of students used the service and that for the majority of people the main reason was that they "haven't heard of it". Out of that 90,000 students is nearly 2,000 students who've played every and the whole service is told he/she's ignore those people judged by Nightline. Surely so long as Nightline helps anyone there is a justification for its existence.

Secondly, the article then goes on to write, "Although the service cannot offer counselling advice because it is run by students..." This is simply incorrect, the whole point of the Listening Service that Nightline offers is that it will be non-judicial and non-directive. Nightline allows people to talk through their own problems and come to their own solutions for these problems, we do not offer advice because it would alter beyond recognition what we do. It is also worthwhile noting that the Samaritans don't give advice either for the same reasons as Nightline. Even just reading the Nightline website would have revealed that Nightline doesn't offer advice through choice not necessity.

Richard 'Cotton' Adams  
Nightline Co-ordinator

### Only comments 'divisive'

Dear Leeds Student,

We would like to clarify that we consider Rami's comments completely unhelpful and divisive, not less as a person. We acknowledge his work in the fight against racism and his continued work to raise racial tension on campus.

Thanks

The Five

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# 300 Seconds in sport 'Pom Pom Queen'

By MICHAEL NILES



"Simon's the biggest idea, he knows who he is..."

## Natalie Friedlich Cheerleading Captain

**Q:** The year had a great answer for you, didn't you?  
**A:** Yeah we did really well. We won a title in the European championships which were held in Italy and was one of the favourites, but was the group that. Also, at the CA Nationals we won six titles in every of the different Championships next year, but unfortunately we can't go because it's too expensive for us to attend them.  
**Q:** And you still looking for partners in the UK?  
**A:** Yeah definitely, there's so many great things they can do. There's

clubs teams, we cheerlead for the American football team and we get to these people around. It's good fun and we always go to the pub after.

**Q:** A lot of people say it's all pom-poms and music, is it?

**NE:** No way. If you give it a go, you'll see how athletic it is. Doing jumps, lifting people and throwing them in the air. You have to be pretty strong to do some of the moves. Yes there are pom-poms, but there's a lot more to it than that.

**Q:** How are others interested in the cheerleaders, are there any girls in the team?

**NE:** Yes we have those at the moment. I think most are a bit scared of what their mates will think of them but at times like you could see how many lads were impressed.

**Q:** Still can imagine... Is it as big in the UK as it is over the pond?

**NE:** University cheerleading is the fastest growing sector in the UK sport. Every competition we enter there seems to be a new team from a different university. It's obviously not as big as it is in America but we're growing there.

**Q:** A sport from the tropics you've seen here you observed any other big events?

**NE:** Last year we came on as a ball team at the City of Manchester Stadium in the Man. City v Chelsea match which was very noisy. I think there were about 30,000 people there. We've also done a charity football game at Bradford Bridge. The Everton cancer charity is also something we were asked to do and we were the only team in the country to cheer without all the Olympic committees with loads of loads of sports. That was a bit noisy and it was in a really poor London hotel.

**Q:** So on a night out, who can attend the rest under the table?

**NE:** Yes, well I'd say there's a couple of us. Me and Gemma were the last ones standing on Sunday. We don't have restrictions though. We're not as loud as the women night. We go out every Wednesday and are together all the time so we know each other well and are all good friends.

**Q:** So is there any stereotypical Americans?

**NE:** No, not the people think. People

seem quite scared to come and talk to us. I was so scared at first and had to get my friend to walk up with me to join up at the weekend that. Everyone was really friendly.

**Q:** So who is the hottest girl in the squad?

**NE:** Eh, I don't know. The American cheerleaders are the best ones to ask, trust ask them.

**Q:** OK, we'll do that. Who are the cheerleaders rivals?

**NE:** It's always a grudge match when we go up against Loughborough University Pig rivalry but it's friendly competition.

**Q:** What's your role as captain?

**NE:** I'm here to encourage the team and always improve on our past successes. I try to keep everyone happy, make sure we're all ready to do our best.

**Q:** And finally, who is the biggest idea among the cheerleaders?

**NE:** It's got to be Simon. I won't say anymore, he knows who he is.

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# Europe seal hat-trick

Sporting comment

## Adam Lord looks at the biggest event on the golfing calendar

The European Ryder Cup Team celebrated a second opening third victory in a row over their American counterparts at the K Club in Ireland this past weekend.

Henk Steiner's victory over American rookie Vaughn Taylor gave them 15 points and guaranteed they would win the trophy tonight. Steiner's victory showed what would have been a dusty back swing for Irishman Darren Clarke, whose placement in the order for the final day's singles suggested it was hoped he would sack the winning put. Clarke was only playing in his second competition since losing his wife Heather to cancer just prior to the USPGA Championship six weeks ago.

Captain Ian Woosnam declared the



Darren Clarke and Tiger Woods embrace during practice.

vicinity was 'The Roadster'. The administration of Woosnam also appeared all celebrations by lowering a grid of Gulloness on the clubhouse balcony much to Clarke's delight. This display of celebrating proved to be enough to make any student proud.

Europe were in control from start to finish. They led 3-1 after the first day and their 19-6 going into the final day's singles involving only a further four points to retain the trophy and hold onto it for a night. Steiner's victory ensured the Europeans had once again won the trophy and they would go on to secure a convincing eighth and a half to one and a half victory.

Colin Montgomerie kicked off the singles with a one hole victory over David Toms. With his vast Ryder Cup experience, Montgomerie took it upon himself to lead the team out on the course all weekend. In a surprise Sergio Garcia lost 4 & 3 to Stewart Clark. Garcia had been in brilliant form all weekend and mounted up the great more spirit of the Europeans, something which the Americans were criticised for lacking.

It was a great day for the English girl with the trio of Paul Casey, David Howell and Luke Donald all winning. Casey was an impressive win over world number three Jim Furyk. The American has made headlines since his team's defeat by hitting out at critics who said the US team lacked passion or team spirit but he claims they simply played 'professionally' and were out-clashed by their European counterparts.

Another impressive win was for Spaniard Jose Maria Olazábal who defeated world number two Paul Michelson. Lee Westwood was the other European victor.

The American success came for Scott Verplank in the final match against local hero Padraig Harrington. The other winner was Tiger Woods who defeated Sevee Robert Karlsson.

Despite winning three of his five matches Woods was under scrutiny for the whole of the weekend. Not for his golf, but his apparent lack of team spirit. This led to an amusing instant where it is believed that Woods was forced to stand up and sing in front of his American team mates. Scott Verplank was said to have commented the Woods should 'not give up his day job'.

Woods however was held in high regard by Darren Clarke as Woods is said to have treated the Irishman several times to champagne late in play. Woods himself had been giving the cheer of his father earlier in the year before his win in the Open Championship at Haystack near Liverpool.

In his match with 11th entry, Irishman Paul McInerney conceded a twenty plus first put to his opponent allowing Henry to take the match on the final green. Last week's commentator on how his summer has been earned by controversy across all sports, the Ryder Cup was played in the height of sportsmanship especially considering the results of Darren Clarke coming over the weekend.

Next Friday is the main change with winning the trophy for Europe in America two years from now. The wing the



Sergio Garcia celebrates sinking another putt 100000L.

impressive performance at the K Club. Fazio played that he wanted he could give the current team more direction and a new shot and work their across the Atlantic to defend the trophy eight years. Although the British golfing legend was joking, his comments made into a very impressive performance from a great team.

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## 3 peaks Uni cyclist continued

Yakubo, although now over three hours from the race many riders were off and willing due to exhaustion.

Starting the final climb, Leeds rider Kaituma was one of the strongest overall, a winner Kaituma led as he descended the finish and his shift collective alone and placed in the second best time, Craig Crowle led the pack, saying victory to the top. Having to take the line up the last kilometre left nothing in the legs but the riders held on through the miles and drops that threatened punctures at times. Kaituma was again close to the road for a silver spot in the finish, less where Kaituma picked up his under-23 reward for the under-23 winner.



Photo: Ben Peck

# Yorkshire in search for new skipper

By Alan Symonds-Baig

Following Yorkshire Cricket Club's disappointing season, in which they finished only one place above the relegation zone, former England all-rounder Craig White has stepped down as captain of the Division One club. White broke the news to his teammates in the Huddersley dressing room, immediately after Yorkshire had secured Division One status for another year, a draw with Durham on the final day of the season proving enough to send Nottinghamshire down.

White announced: "I have done the job for three years, and feel that now is the right time to hand over to someone else. I led us to promotion last year, we have started up this season, and I am proud of the record. He was also keen to ease his playing days for the White Rose County are not over, and with another year of his current contract still to run, Yorkshire fans can rest easy knowing that he guarantees at least

another season of excellent performance with bat and ball.

Chief Executive Stewart Rogan praised the contribution made by White in his captaincy, adding: "Craig's performance in recent weeks have been particularly impressive, and he remains a vital part of our line-up." He also added that the search for a new captain would not be taken lightly, adding that: "The Management Board will now look at appointing a new captain for 2007, but there is no particular rush."

White's three clubs record is impressive: the aggressive style of play which he brings to the pitch has earned him half a million in prize money, with an average of 55, and found him just one of 600 wickets in 260 matches. He has scored nearly 1000, and kept 80, and has a best of 146. He also played 20 tests for England, making his debut in 1984 against New Zealand, and playing his first match in 2002, against Australia. Over those eight years and 30 tests, he averaged 26, with a best of 121, and claimed 69 wickets, with a best of 5-42. This wealth of experience means

despite relinquishing the captaincy, he remains a key player for Yorkshire as they look to another season in the top flight of English cricket. They will do so without the services of Richard Dawson and Darren Lehmann, however former England off-spinner Dawson will not be receiving a renewed contract, while Nottingham International Lehmann has departed after leaving a huge mark on

Yorkshire cricket since 1997.

In the coming season, Yorkshire's new captain will be aiming to reverse the fortunes of the club, and in doing so will be able to call upon the talents of two exciting young prospects, Matt Radford and Mark Lawson, two young English top-order bowlers, will be placed on the club's outfield success.



PHOTO: yorkshireccr.com

# Uni sports users

By Michael Miles & Alan Symonds-Baig

Leeds University are in search to have the largest number of registered sports users in recent years with the introduction of more expensive membership.

Early figures show that more students are signing up for their sport and activity memberships since the introduction that has taken place over the summer months.

Formerly Sport Leeds, Sport and

Physical activity at the university has introduced a new form of membership which enables students the option of a normal sports user membership or an advanced version.

The new system allows users access the choice between the standard £45 membership which gives them access to all the sporting facilities of the university but with a 50p addition for an every day. Alternatively, students can opt for £200 membership for the year which gives unlimited access to all facilities

without the hassle of paying extra on every visit.

MR Batesworth, Assistant Director of Sport says: "We surveyed 16,000 sports users last year to ask them how we might improve the sports club system. A large number supported the idea of an inclusive option as it meant there would be no need for 50p every time they came to the gym or other sports facilities."

The has been mixed reaction to the changes in membership price around the university.

Alexis 20, doing environmental management was happy to pay the full amount. "The gym is one of my most used expensive £20 per month and compared to the £20 for the year it's good value facilities like the squash courts are free."

Reneah 19, media student, "I only use the classes. I find the gym quite restrictive with the time limits on the treadmills. I much prefer Virgin Active."

Ron 23, politics and Postgraduate student said "when I was given a 100 but that would work out cheaper overall if I use the gym three times a week."

MR Batesworth added "the aim is to make the facilities more available to all students, we are pleased to see some first students, exercising on the cheap! All the income from the sports user card is being passed on to the sports user operating costs of the facilities and the £20 for the whole year is a really good value against other gyms and

sports providers in the area. We have increased again in upgrading the gym and facilities using the money we make and we will continue to try and improve the facilities over the coming years."

Another aspect of university sport is the scholarship scheme that has been introduced. The University and Union are seeking applications from talented students athletes to earn a sporting scholarship. The scheme known as the sports performance programme has been running for two years and allows students, who are top performers for regional or national teams, an opportunity to gain some financial and sporting support. "We've been really pleased with the number of talented students we have at the university," said Wayne Wells Sports Development Manager, "last year we had over 40 scholars who represented us and this country in all sorts of different sports."

Although Bill, University ladies hockey first team player, was on the programme and played for England at the U21 World cup over the summer and continents, "I think it's great that the University and Union are working together to give help to students like me. In my first year, perform in your sport at a high level and get some fun out of it, and the sports performance programme has been very supportive of my efforts."

## Cresswell set for Leeds return

By Michael Miles

Leeds United defender John Cresswell has promised to help Richard Cresswell's recovery after the attack made his return from a knee injury.

Cresswell completed half of a practice match-a 90 minutes game this week. His first competitive outing since the second leg of Union's Championship play-off semi-final against Preston last weekend and he is set to make his first team return next month for the rest of the Club.

Cresswell has undergone two knee operations since the 4million transfer to Leeds from Preston in August 2005, and his first season in Yorkshire saw him make just 12 league starts.

His recovery has kept him out for the first two months of the Championship season, but a successful operation against



Doncaster Rovers in a match which ended in a 1-1 draw has moved him a step closer to a return. Captain manager John Cresswell confirmed the Cresswell is set to be fit for the week-end game in Ray Bost and will only play against Stoke if he is fully fit.

# Bouncing back

★ **Graham Clarke looks at the Tykes' fall from grace and their recent run of form**

**T**his season marks a new era for the Leeds Tykes, as for the first time in six seasons the Tykes are playing outside of the Guinness Premiership.

No longer will mean that the Leicester Tigers, Sale Sharks and the Northampton Saints be getting the Huddersfield pick, instead it will be the likes of the Cornish Pirates and the Bathford Blues who will be playing their heads there instead.

After losing many of their key players from last season the likes of Ian Blackburn, Clive Row and Jason Whelan, this season will show just how much trouble the Tykes have as they look to do a Huddersfield and bounce straight back up to the Premiership. The Tykes could not have got to a worse start by losing their first fixture of the season at home to London Welsh 20-16, however since that defeat the Leeds have challenged up three times on the bounce with success coming away against the Harlequins Reds and Saracens RFC, and most recently against the Cornish Pirates on Saturday. As well as keeping the services of captain Stuart Hoggie, the Tykes still have the valuable services of Tom Briggs, but season's top try scorer for the Tykes, and overall award-winner by scores in the entire league, but a great rise of Bangs has made the Leeds' season caught up with Wex to take a few questions.

After last season's disappointment of relegation it would be expected that the team again may be at a bit of a low level, but as it has been the case for the Tykes in Tom Williams: "There's a fantastic spirit within the team at the minute, all of the new boys have gelled really well and it was nice in the way that we had a good preparation."

"The lads that have been brought in were to do well for the club and this is evident within the team's good spirit, the new lads all want to play in the Premiership and want to achieve this with Leeds."

After losing in many plays it makes preparation that bit harder, but can it be done? "Yeah, we're brought in a lot of good players, obviously we're still going to be tough challenges as many of the teams in the league are playing professional level this year. Domestic and Premiership, but everyone is capable of beating anyone, everyone is closely matched."



As a player Tom has now played in both the Premiership and the National League Division 1, so in many ways there are clear differences between leagues and again this is no different in rugby: "I would say the main difference is the speed in the divisions, in the Premiership it's very much stop-start whereas in the league the games seem to be much quicker, there are less stoppages as everyone is not kept on with playing, the games also seem to be a lot more interesting."

In the Premiership there is a definite split of who will be in the running for the league, however it doesn't seem to be apparent in the National League 1: "One team seems can beat anyone so it's difficult to say, Leeds' really put my finger on one team, however, I'm looking forward to the local derby which is a firm for me as in the Premiership we never really had a local derby whereas this year we will be up against Doncaster and Oldham. I'm looking forward to playing in these games."

After a spirited fight back, again a well organised Pirates side on Saturday allowed the Leeds the Tykes need. Tom thought, however the transitive rule yet touched top ten: "Although we fought really hard on Saturday against a good team, we still have a bit more to offer, we are looking to improve ourselves over the season to show what we are fully capable of, although it was a much opposed performance on Saturday."

As already mentioned, Tom was the second highest try scorer in the league last year, now dropping down a division has

would be among the favourites to be on top of the job this year: "Once again there is a lot of competition, especially there is no one else, I know Richard Widdow is going to be up there as he was the Pirates' top scorer last year, if I get the chance out on the wing then who knows."

With the Tykes showing that they do have the money, confidence to rise on a high after three straight wins, this could be extended on Saturday afternoon against Northampton. Tom is confident throughout the Tykes are stated their recent run of good form: "It will be tough as they are coached by one of the best, Tim Simpson, they play a good style of rugby and also work hard so it's not going to be easy, however we are going into the game fairly confidently."

## Match Report

### Leeds Tykes 21 Cornish Pirates 20

Leeds Tykes played their second home match of the season last Saturday evening against the Cornish Pirates, and what a game it was with both sides having a lot of the game but managed to score a second and match the win by a solitary point.

The Tykes were slow out the sticks and went behind to a 15 British player, however it wasn't before long that the Tykes made the breakthrough and touched down with their first try of the evening courtesy of Johnny Hoggie, however Leigh Hoggie missed the conversion to extend the lead. Almost instantaneously the Pirates responded with a try coming via Rhodie Maddox, once again the Leigh Hoggie, D. Bennett missed the conversion, but the Pirates had a narrow lead. The score was levelled late on in the first half to make it 8-8 in a very much tied and tight game. By the time the half whistle had blown on D. Bennett had better added to their tally to make it 11-8.

Once again the second half saw the Pirates out of the blocks quicker and again D. Bennett capitalized upon this with a fine drop goal to once again give the visitors the advantage. Several minutes later the Tykes barely chance to level the scores but Leigh Hoggie missed his kick. As the time was ticking out, that second kick was looking to be a crucial one, especially as the Tykes had to be allowed to be what was a very marginal knock-on by Tom Briggs. Adding more heat to the contest was that once again Bennett who kicked up another three points to put the Pirates 6 points up. The 64th minute proved to be a game-changer as Leeds were awarded another chance to get right back into the match and this time Hoggie made no mistake of slotting the ball between the posts.

Going into the last 15 minutes the game was probably going for a great finish and it is 20-20 with it turned out to be. The advantage was still very much with the Pirates but by now the Tykes

were piling on the pressure and with only three minutes left on the clock Hoggie had created over the Pirates line to grab his, and Leeds' second up of the evening thanks to the precision of the 2,000 strong crowd. It all hinged on Hoggie to put the Tykes in front by one, he didn't disappoint as he slotted home the conversion to give

the Tykes the advantage.

There was really one more try to be taken as D. Bennett could have snatched it for the Pirates but crucially for the home team the ball went wide of the posts and the Tykes picked up their third win on the bounce.



The Tykes and the Pirates battle it out (sportswork.com)

## Rhino's chances ruined by the big bad Wolves

By Jonathan Bechan

The Leeds Rhinos' season is over following a 14-17 loss at home to the Warrington Wolves.

The Rhinos had to play in the first weekend of the playoffs for the first time since 2002 after finishing second the top two in the Superleague.

The Rhinos took an early lead through a try by the smaller man in Superleague Rob Barrett, and Danny McGuire doubled their first half tally and when full time arrived they led the Rhinos by 12 points to 6.

It was the second half of the match however that would have the fans disappointed. It took the Wolves only four minutes to score a try but they failed to score the conversion and the Rhinos still held a two-point lead.

The visiting tackles from Danny McGuire and Kevin Barthel stopped the Warrington attack in the lead and kept the Rhinos in the game. The Rhinos converted two penalties to take a six point lead but with only 38 minutes of play left Warrington scored a well worked try touched off by Stuart Wood and converted by Lee Thomas to put the scores level.

With the scores at 17-17 the game was only 21 minutes away from becoming the first ever playoff in history to go to extra time. But then the match Lee Thomas had different ideas and when he scored the ball 43 metres from goal he put his head down and kicked between the posts to give the Wolves a one point

lead.

The Warrington fans now know the game was theirs if they could get possession of the ball and the Rhinos' handling let them down as it had done all night. With under a minute left Warrington put the Rhinos under pressure and managed to put the Rhinos down. The Warrington fans were wild and the boys from Leeds knew it was the end of their season.

Warrington will now come up against the Bradford Bulls in the Playoff Semi-Final this weekend for a place in the overcast Grand Final, but for the Rhinos, it is a disappointing end to this season which started which such hope and belief.



Rob Barrett tries to win (sportswork.com)



Rhino in action (sportswork.com)

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# Student Sport

# Tony the tiger

## ★ Leeds Uni cyclist wins 3 peaks

by Michael Miles

Leeds University Cycling Club member Anthony Salmons has won the region's 21 category of the famous three peaks race in the Yorkshire Dales.

The 51 kilometre course was completed in just over three hours and the Groupway riders completed the cycling club's second successive being run via the BCAA team championships last year.

The 3 peaks event saw its 45th edition this year around and over 400 riders took action in Leightonfoss, Wharfedale and Percy-Ghens at the weekend. The nation's premier for the cycle cross calendar is held as one of the toughest tests as riders race on a mixture of road and off road sections when having to carry their bikes when the going gets tough, be that up or

down. The riders use modified road bikes built for the rigours of off road riding, but still giving straight-line speed on the tarmac.

The day of the race saw heavy rain as the riders gathered on the line at Kettlethorpe Bridge. The track was hot but by a race car for the first 9km road section before Leightonfoss where the race suddenly became heavy going as the riders left tarmac and headed up a steep hillside. As they climbed further riders abandoned their bikes and leaned up the near 45 degree slope, using all the feet and hand force that they could up the muddy hill.

Close to the top of the peak, visibility was reduced to 10 metres. As the course flattened out Salmons and the other riders caught their breath before the greasy and slippery off road descent towards the next road section. Salmons picked up position in a large crowd of supporters gathered right to see their

riders coming down at one pace.

At the next peak, Anthony sped off to a grudging climb up a rocky stepped path. Among the highest peak riders crowded in went began the previous descent dropping down on rock steps and through boggy sections. It was here that many suffered at the hands of the perfect course with punctures and crashes as they descended down the hill side. Leeds' classic and previous club captain Eric Preece was on hand with drinks and spurs at the service stations along with many other friends and family urging their riders on, without which the number of Leeds Uni riders heading would have been far less.

The final and longest road section brought the riders finishing close to the finish but not before a descent up and down Percy-Ghens, completing the mix. More of this climb too.

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UPSTREAM: The winner takes a corner through the woodland course

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