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# Leeds Student

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## 'Humiliating' initiation rituals drive freshers from sports

By Alex Dooney & Rachel Harter

"Top sports teams are losing players because new comers are too intimidated by their initiation ceremonies," a Leeds Student investigation has found. Every year, freshers are subjected to humiliating rituals, with even experienced players turning away from university sports, membership of which demands leaving drinks and public humiliation.

"If players who have dropped out due to the state of their team's off-pitch activities and scared freshers put off by harsh initiations have told Leeds Student of their ordeal.

Last year, the National Union of Students passed policy against the inclusion ceremony culture, with little opposition.

League players hoping to join the men's rugby team were told to strip off, wear a boiler shirt and make to play rugby with a bovine chicken for five years' laughter, one team. The entry rugby squad looked on and after drinking throughout the match, they were then covered in oil as they ran in the same outfit. Those hoping to join a place on the women's football team were given a tampon and a pint of Muckabee and told to drink the pint through the tampon.

One experienced hockey player said she had to leave the Union's women's hockey club after facing shocking humiliation at the initiation ceremony. The student, who was too intimidated by four of representatives from six teams to be invited, said: "At the initiation, we were put into teams and made to drink as every single girl we went to, I was literally forced, I couldn't get out of it.

"When I was completely wasted, they made me buy everybody in there a round of drinks," she continued. "When I said I couldn't afford it, they got louder at me and said I was right, that I looked poor enough." "On the end

of the initiation I just burst into tears." She also described how her academic career was beginning to suffer and when she was made to surrender her schedule in fear of being isolated from the group, it became too much.

"I had to make excuses to stay at work hours. There's such a big social aspect to it, it was one of those things that made me want to quit."

The writer told the story of players who had dropped out of Leeds University Union's RUSS squad in favour of the city's team, which puts a greater emphasis on on-pitch activity. "People do want to play but just feel they can't," she continued.

Both Rugby and Hockey are run-acted by two of Leeds Uni's biggest sports teams. Hockey has had the honour of a Director of Sport to oversee coaching and development, for a number of seasons. Recent plans to set Rugby offered the same provision later in the year.

However, a culture of fear also seems to exist amongst the sports teams' most junior players. They are afraid that, through talking about this issue, they will be the next victims of further initiation in cycles of bullying.

Hockey try-outs do not always contain either, with freshers even dropping out at trials due to humiliation.

One experienced male hockey player, too worried to be named, said: "I don't know if they were too intimidated by fog bells, but we were made to play ruggies in the freezing snow for four hours. They drew numbers on our faces and checked them out if we weren't good enough. There were a lot of us who felt intimidated."

Hockey is still closing its name after it was banned by the Leeds Student for its disintegrated 'cup' victims' (they ran, and banned from several pubs and the Leeds University Union building).

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**NOT UNDER THE COLLAR:** A fire juggler shows off his skills at last week's Light Night outside the Parliament Building. Picture: James Pridmore/PA



## Sketch

By Alex Conway

**F**or a few brief moments in the last couple of weeks, I actually felt like I had been cast as the central character in a movie depicting the great Orwellian espionage of the Big Brother world. Or, more specifically, its campus equivalent.

There are several "speakers boxes" around campus, including ones above the Union and above the gateway to the residences. They spit forth a torrent of lectures and information in various languages, usually in the hushed tones of those before them.

Thinking about these high-tech information posts in the context of our campus, I realised that against the

backdrop of our very own so-called Berwick building it would only take a massive drop of producer placement on campus to convince me that I'd somehow wandered onto the set of J. Edgar 2.

And then the Leeds-wide team descended upon us. Whether or not they had successfully launched a military campaign our previous editors, the venerable Coors hierarchy, is unclear.

Perhaps we need to fight our two new enemies, both the bots and the editors. My weapon of choice is, roughly a popular one: a pair of headphones. On the first occasion I'm caught without them I try and keep a

few like mental block to keep these damn robots out. Like it or not, this is the very beginning of the end for your "normal" year.

Unlike Will Smith before you, you may be certain of the possibility of a biological woman asking if you'd like another pair of the pants that you expect six months ago. Or you may laugh at my sarcasm come February instead. But, one day this set of things will exist. It will exist right here in the very Union. And the score for that one has already been played.

Thinking that I might come across as having completely disintegrated myself from reality, I decided to ask

them to let know about these speaker boxes. They will tell me with their own experience of the doom-god that greets you upon entering the Union. However, I do continue to fail to bring a straight face when one member of Coors will tell me that "nobody's got any idea what sets the bloody thing off".

Now, I'm sure they've got some other idea, but I will tell you that I am certain that somehow, somewhere, someone, is doing it. It is only the cases and the profiles from my imagination. But I still can't bring myself to accept it as being either welcome or indeed necessary. And it feels like I'm talking out a pair of shoes that just isn't up for sale.

# A dying protest

By Alex Conway

It will feature a myriad of student protests on Monday when a group of activists organised in front of their hall at this year's university careers fair.

They were, first students held the "die-in" as protest of the deficits and aerospace company's involvement at the scene, late in the Pilkington building on Monday, over accusations that it sells arms to numerous countries engaged in conflict, including South Africa.

Students were held up by a number of cameras usually, some of whom are in plain clothes and had been stationed around the hall in readiness for a major release point.

Scarcely was long after another protest against BAE, even launched last year, when protesters there some kneeling at the company stand and its staff. On the occasion campus society were caught off-guard as they were offering a protest on the Pilkington steps.

The students did cause an obstruction, but one BAE representative, Ian Page, said that the die-in had had only positive effects for the company, increasing the interest in their stand and that just over an hour into the protest representatives had no out of professional material.

"People think the die-in is a publicity stunt by an anti-armament, not a protest," he said.

Three students, holding by security, also attempted to hold up large banners around the hall bearing the slogan "BAE Systems - killing for profit". They would not give their names as any information about groups they represented, but were thankful of the University's decision to close the company. One of the men said: "It is not important what we think, it's who we represent." We saw a group of concerned students who think the University has made the wrong decision in letting BAE stand its ground for and protecting them in this way. They make money from Lockheed.

"Who asked for qualification of its claims, but accepted that the best examples come from BAE's own website."

On former statements, "every conflict region were opportunity for us" to future might lose their documentation" he said.

"New day is still their aerospace business. They are not exclusively

involved in defence weapons" another of the three added.

However, the aims of the rest of the group seemed less certain with one protestor, who did not wish to be named out of fear of retribution by the University saying she was only there to support "grass roots". While asked how long the protest would run for, another pro-

testor, again refusing to be named, said: "As long as it takes to prove our point." When asked to clarify his "point", he had no further comment.

Enthusiasm died within a few hours as the last student left. When asked why he was leaving the die-in, one protestor replied: "I've got a lecture to go to."



**STING TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR:** The die-in seemed only to promote interest in the BAE stand

Photo: Paul Tait



By Rachel Hunter

**T**he University of California at Berkeley has become the first university to have its own featured page on Google Video. A library of over 150 hours of video has been put up for public viewing, including lectures and seminars, allowing the university to deliver college courses free of charge.

There are around six Berkeley courses in their archive, including Physics for Future Presidents, Integrative Biology and Search Engines, Technology, Society and Business, which features a lecture by Sergey Brin, who co-founded the Google site in 1998. The company has been offering this service since 2002, and is planning to add more course material to its own featured page on Google Video in the next few months.

Unsurprisingly, a growing trend in educational technology, enables students to download audio and video recordings of class lectures to their computers and portable media devices. Although critics have complained that digital lectures remove the vital interaction between professors and students, course material is becoming increasingly popular among American universities.

Eric Schmidt, Google's CEO, who was in Berkeley last month, and Richard Dugan from Berkeley, said "Google appreciates the opportunity to partner with progressive universities like UC Berkeley to make advanced lecture and course content available to our users." Christian Glueckler, ETS product manager for webcastBerkeley, said "Google Video is a wonderful extension of our open video program."

# New pig facility to save British bacon

By Rachel Hunter

The National Pig Development Centre was launched last week by Shadow Agriculture Minister MP James Paice.

The aim is to help the UK pig industry regain its position as a world leader. The University of Leeds has joined forces with the Veterinary Laboratories Agency and the University of Newcastle to create the largest facility for pig research and development in the country, funded by the British Pig Executive (BPEX). The Centre will link academics with pig producers so that new research findings can be quickly translated into good farming practices. This will also ensure that problems on the farms are more quickly addressed through research and development.

Dr Helen Miller, from the Faculty of Biological Sciences at the University of Leeds, is a co-director of the Centre. She said: "Britain has some fantastic research going on in pig production, but this doesn't filter through to the farming community. Our pig industry has had a rough time over the last few years but initiatives like this are helping it turn the corner. Our research expertise exists in multiple centres so getting the best from their strengths and the new centre will ensure that they are able to benefit from one roof."

New research will be conducted in areas such as how to manage variations in feed quality without affecting consumer demand, and will also look at the best ways to refurbish buildings to improve pig health and performance.

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**BEARING:** Leeds Uni has teamed up with the VLA and Newcastle University for a new pig facility

reduce the seasonal effects on production for the 25 percent of pigs produced outdoors in the UK, and to investigate the best ways to refurbish buildings to

improve overall pig health and performance.

BPEX, Director of Pig Industry Development, Mark Wilson, said: "The

Pig Development Centre will help to increase the speed with which information is disseminated to and from the industry and give us a single point of

contact with leading groups of academics who have been extremely proactive in wanting to see a successful, thriving UK pig industry."

PHOTO: University Press Office



**FUNDRAISING:** Leeds Uni has teamed up with the VLA and Newcastle University for a new pig facility

PHOTO: University Press Office

## Hockey hair raisers

By Charlotte Griffiths

Last Friday proved to be particularly unlucky for a few hockey players when The Original Club played host to a painful charity event hosted by the Leeds University men's hockey team. In a bid to ameliorate some of the negative press that the team have received in recent years, and to raise money for Whitcliffe Hospice in Headingley, School Hockey players offered up their backs, legs and other hairy areas to be waxed for a pound per wax strip.

The team brought over 180 wax strips for the event for the giggles of Billy Lloyd and smattered hockey players. The grand finale was a hairy pound bid by Tom Gibby, the club captain to have his "extremely hairy" chest waxed.

"Gibby has the hairyest chest in West Yorkshire" said Will Rogers, the captain of the second team.

"He was apprehensive and reluctant at first, then in the end, with over thirty pounds in the kitty, he was shamed down and had to give in. Tom was very chel and his masculinity was completely undented."

The event also proved to be a good opportunity for people to get their own backs on their mates for just coins. Tom Spinkler, a third year English student did just that.

"Waxing is the worst hair removal when it comes to waking up and shaving" he said. "He always leaves his stubble bit and stubble boxes around for us to try our own, it was thrilling to get him back by waxing off his chest hairs. Next time he's being hairy I'm going to threaten him with a waxing strip and he starts cowering."

In all, over £200 was raised for the hospice, which has been providing free specialist Palliative Care for the seriously ill since 1976. Mark Douglas, a third year management student said: "It's a touch of both air to say so many enthusiastic people involved in ensuring the hospice receives much needed donations, hopefully in the future other students will take a leaf out of the hockey team's book."

Plans are already in progress for the fourth, fifth and sixth hockey teams to take part in a fun for event.

"I'm really looking forward to being a specific this time," said Mark Withrow, the club's general secretary. "It will be brilliant to see the efforts going through exactly the same pain, and it will also mean that there will be less people to nibble off my patches because they will be hairless too."

# Light light Business is booming

By Charlotte Griffiths

The Pakistan building was illuminated all weekend before last for 'Light Night', an evening of art and entertainment to celebrate the centenary of the Leeds Illumination Society's 100th birthday.

The aim of the initiative was to bring together the cities of Hull, Bradford, Sheffield, Leeds and York. The 'magical, musical, dramatic and surreal' tour of Leeds culminated in a night of 19 different locations including Leeds University. The Honey House features the Royal Armoury museum, and the streets of Leeds themselves.

Tony Demagoratti, a key organizer of the event, was very happy with the end result.

"For me the highlight is the dogmatism that 'everything worked' for me."

It's taken six months of engaging culturally with the city to bring it all together, and the result was a big success of foreign students and Leeds students coming together and getting involved with the fun.

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The 'Breathless' library and Pakistan court were open to the public and students for the night to stage fully-stunning workshops. African dance, theatre productions and award-winning contemporary dance works.

In the Education reading room and special collections room, visitors gained to hear speaking book stories by torchlight.

The Great Hall was the backdrop to



FLUME ON: The event included a variety of acts

Photo: John Pugh/Leeds

a 'Light Ball' game designed by Yorkshire brand design company K&A, in which visitors competed in mirror ball games, using their whole body to be fully lit up goals that represented the five cities of Hull, Bradford, Sheffield, York and Leeds in a stand-off as well as winning Electronic City.

"The Great Hall game was also a highlight, it looked beautiful"

- Tony Demagoratti, Event Organizer

Other activities around the city included a giant video screen in Millennium Square that broadcast mobile video clips of the people of Leeds, a Workshop Theatre production of 'One Thousand Blips I Love', a performance of one man talking for 24 hours about his life's love, and game video games on the walls of Leeds Mill University.

This was the first event of an initiative held in Leeds and was inspired by similar events in Europe including Venice Biennale in Paris and 90 in Amsterdam. Planning to already underway for a similar event in 2007, to celebrate the 600th birthday of Leeds.

Highlights of the event's year included 'The Radical Brothers' - a student's festival celebrating the lives and work of the Marxist writers, and Constantine the Great - an exhibition marking the 1,700th anniversary of the discover of Constantine as Emperor in York.

By Jessica Goon

Leeds University Business School (LUBS) has been ranked among the world's top six business schools, according to the 'Which MBA?' guide, published last week by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

LUBS is ranked 45th in the world's 'most global' list last year's position of 60th.

Data was collected in spring 2005 from over 20,000 MBA students and graduates across the world, using over 5000 self-rated questionnaires.

Students and alumni ratings made up 28 per cent of the final ranking, with the remaining 90 per cent being based on data provided by schools.

The final rankings were based on factors such as cost of study in the UK, salary increase after graduation, and percentages of graduates in employment.

As well as an overall ranking, schools were ranked in 17 sub-categories. LUBS scored particularly well in 100th of post-graduation salary increases, which it ranked 13th. The school also achieved a high ranking of 12th in terms of graduates in employment three months after graduation.

Professor Andrew Luck, Dean of LUBS, said: "This marked rise in our rankings is a further step in our progress as a world-class business school. It's based on the strong performance of our graduates in their careers and on their excellent reputation for studying at Leeds."

He attributed the rise to 40th place

to the school's decision to cut out

to recruit and strengthen the

recruitment after the downturn

in the MBA market four years ago,

which has resulted in an "exceptional"

of the current 40 students, as

well as a new, specially tailored

career development programme.

Professor Luck also cited the school's

success in "attracting outstanding

academics over the last 10 years

as a

"Only seven UK business schools

are ranked above Leeds, some of

which are located north of Warwick

UK, the school ranked above LUBS

across the world, 11 are North

American, 14 are European, and

remain in Asia.

LUBS has also achieved success in

the Financial Times' rankings, which

are published each January, giving

Leeds the place in the UK and 16th

Europe for research in business, management

and economics, based on

an output of around 40 leading journals.

# It's positive yet for uni on fees

By Jessica Goon

Universities have received their calls for the £1,000 a year cap on top-up fees to be retained, saying that the current charge is not bringing universities through climate to maintain standards.

The University of Leeds says it does not yet have a position on the proposal. However, the previous vice-chancellor, Sir Alan Wilson, said in 2003: "My own judgement is that the £1,000 fee is well-judged."

At present, no plans to remove the cap have been confirmed by the

Government, but ministers have promised to review fees in 2009.

Professor Malcolm Grant, vice-chancellor of University College London and chairman of the British Council, which the University of Leeds is a member, said he would like to see the £1,000 a year cap being removed "subject to sufficient progress to self-up to standards."

This view has been echoed by other vice-chancellors, including the vice-chancellor of Bristol University, Professor Eric Thomas, who said: "The general feeling is that £2,000 would be a better level. In the taxpayer prepared to pay any more for higher education?"

My answer would be no."

Universities have been complaining for some time that financial difficulties would result in a decline in academic standards and low work. Alan Hand, vice-chancellor of Oxford, described the university's accounts as being in "grave deficit", and that higher fees would be needed to maintain the quality of teaching.

The University of Buckingham, which charges £2,500 a year to 10,000 undergraduate students, is currently the only private university in the UK, but there have been warnings that other universities will follow suit if they are not allowed to set

their own fees.

The M5 is vociferously opposed to the suggestions, and is holding a national demonstration against top-up fees on October 28 in London. It believes that top-up fees and the proposed increase would create a two-tier system of education, with students choosing courses based on cost, rather than academic interest.

Both Universities Education Office for LUBS said: "I think that the current system of top-up fees is detrimental to the university system - this year alone, nearly 14,000 students who were expected to apply to university didn't." She added: "I'd prefer it if we had a

free education system from release of

of teachers."

Lauren Smith, a second-year

German student, agreed with this:

"I would just increase the gap between

and rich students. We have a massive

debt already."

Leeds South West Liberal Democrat

MP Greg Mulholland has also raised his opposition to increased top-up fee





# 300 Seconds

## Hold your breath and swallow twice

by Rachel Hunter



**Name:** John Bacon  
**Occupation:** Sales assistant in new Uleas shop 'Hiccup'

**L.S.:** What would you recommend in here?

**JB:** What, for you?!

**L.F.:** Hello and welcome to 300 seconds. Here's your day going so far?  
**JB:** Yeah it's been good, I've sold a couple of bags so, it's been alright. It's a nice shop to come into.  
**L.F.:** There's loads of stuff in here, anything you'd recommend?

**JB:** For you? Well, we've got a new brand of clothing in called RonFrodo, and our wallets and purses are very popular. They're going to be more of a boy's shop to balance our work C&A's but we've got lots more girl's stuff in store, like loads of card. It's nice jewellery and finally a start of women's! Lots of stuff here then.  
**L.F.:** Would a discount be on the cards?  
**JB:** No no.

**L.S.:** You though, worth a try. So have you worked here long?  
**JB:** Well I worked at C&A's first for about a month and came here when it opened this year. I much prefer Hiccup, it's got a load of 'swaps exchange' feel to it.

**L.S.:** C&A's is a bit girlie.  
**JB:** Yeah. Hiccup is more modern, but it's got something for everyone.  
**L.S.:** What makes a good day at work?  
**JB:** If I've got everything done on my list, like all the cleaning and stuff, which sounds a bit boring. It's good if I've sold lots of stuff, and we can put our new CDs on so I like to have

good music playing. Also, it's nice when people I know pop in - my sister's doing her degree here so sometimes I see her around.  
**L.F.:** Do people ever get on your nerves?  
**L.F.:** Yeah definitely, some people come in and obstruct the way we're set up the shop - little pushy things, that people don't like. Also, it's annoying when people try and get things cheaper.

**L.F.:** Looking a little bit shopaholic then, you that must be very annoying.  
**JB:** Mostly though people are fine, the great thing about working in the Union is that the students are generally very laid back.  
**L.S.:** What's the weirdest thing that's happened to you at work?

**JB:** Well, doing this interview is pretty weird. Other than that I can't think of much, which is probably a good thing. Every day is different though, with lots of people coming in.  
**L.F.:** Right, time for the question round. Are you ready?  
**JB:** OK.  
**L.F.:** (Says MEH or Galaxy?)  
**JB:** (Says MEH.)  
**L.F.:** Are you Angelina?  
**JB:** (Sings for a moment.) No.  
**L.F.:** Happy as Glee?  
**JB:** (Sings.)  
**L.F.:** Mmmmmm. X Factor or really Come Dancing?  
**JB:** X Factor.  
**L.S.:** Even though Emma Bunton's in it this year?  
**JB:** Even so?  
**L.S.:** Any plans for the weekend?  
**JB:** I'm taking my girlfriend out on Saturday night, and then probably staying in on Sunday.  
**L.S.:** Have a great time and thanks for taking part.  
**JB:** Thanks.



Hiccup is a department in the Union, near Lovell's. It sells clothes, jewellery, leather accessories and other gifts at reasonable student prices. It is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am until 3.30pm, and Saturday, 10.30am until 4.00pm during term time.

THE OLD BAR & TERRACE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE REAL ALE & WINE SOCIETY PRESENT:

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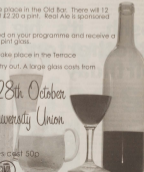
The Real Ale Festival will take place in the Old Bar. There will 12 ales to try over three days at £2.20 a pint. Real Ale is sponsored by Moor House Brewery

Get all the stamps filled on your programme and receive a free commemorative pint glass.

The Wine Festival will take place in the Terrace  
There are 16 wines to try out. A large glass costs from £3.25.

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# House that RentMe built

By Charlotte Griffiths

RentMe directors live in luxury white apartments situated in a quiet suburb.

This is the half a million pound home of RentMe director Shelley Marston, in a leafy suburb of Leeds. The large house, spanning three and a half acres, all with in law minutes of three golf courses, are a far cry from the squalid blocks of tenets of Healey Avenue.

Last month Leeds Student found huge numbers of tenants who are unhappy with their RentMe accommodation. Many have had problems with even the most basic requirements of safe and livable homes. "We told RentMe about a crack window in room so we moved it," one student said. "They ignored us, and only came to fix it in time we had been begged".

RentMe have, in most cases, proved almost impossible to contact. Tenants are phoned "three pillar to post" often leaving their phone calls ignored. "I was tried to phone up, the guy who dealt with us was never around," said Jason Whitson, a 2006 law student. "This is my housemate since called 15 times in a day and was eventually put on hold at 7:30pm but the phone was cut off as they".

The company's record for repairs has been so bad that they have been reported from the Leeds City Council landlord accreditation scheme. "If you get 90 per cent of complaints resolved RentMe are one of our staff members said. "I have received a number of complaints from various students".

"The agency even offered cash prices as a 'reward of former game' to tenants who signed with them, however RentMe were not forthcoming and many tenants are still not to receive their 'prize'". They said they had no cash at the party," said Rebecca Chavall, a PGCE student. "but this is fairly hard to believe for a landlord that has a mortgage coming and going all the time".

**See p.23 for a letter from Shelley Marston.**

## Shop your landlord today

A 90% advance in offering students the chance to rate the quality of their landlord and now also LMS. For the first time, students can give feedback on their landlord as part of a campus rating. Set by the Union from October 20 to November 28, Andrea Kordala, Housing Specialist at the Student Advice Centre said: "We want to give a positive campaign to enable students to be active in the choices they



PHOTO: RentMe director Shelley Marston lives in comfort in quiet Leeds suburb

Photo: Gill Clarkson



ALL CARE: The street outside is the iconic image of a safe, clean neighbourhood

Photo: Gill Clarkson

make, and to know the best landlords to go to." Last year, 49 per cent of students signed up with landlords from the Discover site, suggesting that students who first registered to sign up as soon as possible, in order to being left with nothing. However, with a housing supply of over 3000 spaces in Hyde Park and Handsworth, students can afford to be more choosy. The scheme aims to make

students more aware of their rights when it comes to finding accommodation, particularly by making information more readily available through an online service. Clive Shaw, Union Housing Officer said: "We want students to participate in order to make the scheme more representative. Students can get complaints about landlords who belong to the Group Code of Standards - this will take things

to another level". The Student Advice Centre is also looking to train student volunteers. Eustace said: "Anyone who's had good or bad experience with landlords and would like to help out, please contact the Student Advice Centre."

To find out more about the Student Advice Centre, call 0113 381 200 or email: [advice@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:advice@leeds.ac.uk)

## Mobile maps cause a stir

A new mobile service has been developed to help students get around campus.

Over 1,000 early adopters have already downloaded the maps, say to their mobile via WAP. As well as navigational information, students also have access to health and educational information.

Harrosh Whalley, who is co-ordinator of MobileMap, said: "MobileMap represents a way of providing students with information, locally at their fingertips". However, the service is a job to reach Leeds University.

One second year English student said "I will wonder sincerely round campus trying to find my seminar room in a lecture room, somewhere. Sometimes on my mobile would be helpful and less embarrassing for those who don't want to look too lost and bewildered, especially freshmen".

## Pink Parade

Last week Big helped to raise £100 for breast cancer. There will also be a "Share Life" in the Old Bar today and a women's Pink Party with aaffle prior next Tuesday. Events around the city will be taking place for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

## Leeds Breakaway

Leeds Trinity and All Saints College will attempt to gain university status this year. IASL, the official college of Leeds University, hopes that promotion will raise its profile and increase student numbers by over 40 per cent over the next five years. The college, which boasts undergraduate work experience and placements for all its students, including placements at broadcasting company ITV currently has its income accredited by the University of Leeds.

It would be able to act as an independent body if it was awarded the new status. The move could bring better funding opportunities and more promotional status for the college, which boasts specialist facilities and production centres.

## Cuba Challenge

David Jackson, a final year law student at Leeds University will join 20 other competitors in Cuba on November 9 for the "Cuba Challenge", a 1000 mile run which takes place over four days to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

He will raise £2,500 for the charity in order to take part. A track is even to allow taking place on October 29 at 9:30am.

The occasion will be a link in for all successful runners with 24, including Kate and Gill Flavin, going to play games with personal meaning.

Tickets £5, call 07568 209 312  
[www.myspace.com/lockinleeds](http://www.myspace.com/lockinleeds)

# Party Season

September means many things for many people. For politicians, it marks the parties' political conferences. **LS** sent its political correspondent, **Jessica Parker**, to report on the the chaos, the politicians and the free wine.

**S**hould we feel sorry for Brighton, Manchester and Bournemouth? They've been made online security out of it, but thank of the internet. Each city has successfully had to bear the brunt of bombing, over-excited and determined to be noticed and more, wrong and, worst of all, politicians. The latter category being one of the most despised of our species, these slippery "ambassadors" also being such things as an entrance of equally slippery "tabloid" who make up another replaceable domain of society, the political animals. Another layer to

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the scene are those bunch of frantic journalists who set themselves in an unrelenting orbit of all significant, vaguely significant or not-at-all significant, but slightly quirky looking personages who might cause a story (try Boris Johnson). These are the main elements that roll up to a Party Conference.

It is not surprising that these creatures are unleashed in only a very small and well-guarded area. The "security reasons" are often cited in the cases for exclusions etc. I suspect, a fabrication. The innumerable police, barones and moral forces are

probably rigged up to protect the local population from Conference members, as much as to protect Conference members from terrorists.

Encouraged not to stray from the arena, what chance is an already high concentration of opinion in a dangerously small area. It all becomes like one of those GCSE chemistry diagrams where hundreds of little molecules get gradually heated up (themed up, in this case), start to bounce around, off and onto each other until the contents of the beaker look like they might boil out and spill into the surrounding area

the it ends a nothing someone's best out of the unfortunate cities of Brighton, Manchester and Bournemouth.

Or worse the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Conservative Conferences might have completely passed prey by or, perhaps, they were none of a passing interest. I never know some people who found themselves passing one altogether (though how the latter instance occurred I couldn't possibly imagine). Regardless, it is hard to say that only very, very few people seem to attack the coming of Conference and I can't



**DUMS AND DUMBS:** Boris Johnson, shadow Minister for Higher Education, and Matthew Parris, journalist and former Conservative politician, were more or less wrapped up in proceedings of this year's Tory bash.

## Politics Extra

Make them. Isn't it just an opportunity for the so-called party 'leaders' to gather and indulge their political facades through either polemical ranting or self-congratulations or disproportionately loud personal rambles? (I am referring to inter-party chats, not Poincaré's diaphanous, yet-nevertheless, ruminations.)

Then, at the time of last year's election, choice falls over an abandoned main conference hall in the measure - done with the light of Conferences as a model debate - move on to less than adequate for a 'pin up' with new words and old members. In other words, a 'special occasion' of the rest of life once before and sometimes are done for the day, only the house a Day. Here's the list available and other impressions. Not the correct, costly, grumpy and grumpy type of congratulatory rather, but the fierce, smart, walking stick, wearing type. You will find every member from these heads unless a certain result are observed.

In the case of a Conservative final, Maggie's name must be declared with happy nostalgia. For your Labour final, word perfect knowledge of the 'The Real Flag' song is required. For your Liberal Democrat final, no knowledge of, or opinion on anything, should be demonstrated clearly in order for members to be considered.

Does the free 'You're' button emerge this mass of hypocrisy, I said about that I like the party conference and actually attended one of the 'You're' ones. Certainly one of the 'You're's. I dramatically threw myself into the pursuit of endless praise, paid for parties and 'honest' and 'honest' from the powerful and powerful (to say all of the 'You're' are party, but I think it is to suggest some correlation since I see the speaker, listened to the debate and did my very best to understand why Conscience 2 would otherwise Conscience 12 which can only be passed if Conscience 9 goes in a and one in the unlikely even that if Conscience 10 steps in and tells

**'If a vegetable is the new Conservative image then they must be green.' £40,000 well spent, I'd say.**

For Conscience 2 to shove all the anti-Conservative Conscience up if Conscience 3 is behind. Yet despite my rant, it is all announced happily, thought provoking (if brief) and perhaps the essential word 'then'.

Then, I am slightly reluctant to say, as the time that strikes in my mind as the most accurate description of 'Conscience' of course, is most people's 'I think, perhaps not supported to be here at all, but to reflect the previously mentioned article and, a withdrawal of that, the main message I had into the latter group - 'and in fact, for me, it is not a bad and I wouldn't want to be a God and I would be in being wiped

out of Conference altogether but, as they say, 'a little goes a long way' and I wonder that perhaps, in this particular case, 'too much goes to the way' is a very little way.

We have three conventional sense ready to hand which I will try to handle with care. By which I mean treating any personal, bias and avoiding any of those enlightening, enlightening Conferences. Though each of the parties views the role of Conferences somewhat differently, in a traditional view as something of a policy forum has certainly been overshadowed for all the parties by the new Party Conferences' of words, performance. Conference has become weighted away from delegates of normal party members in favour of displaying the party leader and parliamentary executive. In this respect, 2006 has been particularly exciting and significant. I am leader for both the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives and a leadership speech almost split into two sections for Labour, the Labour-in speech and I should be the prime speech. Performances varied from amusing to mediocre to gripping. I must not say I couldn't see any real moments of all that without taking this article shared off to the 'Comment' section, when I don't believe there's any more, so here are a few notable ones. An attempt to keep in some with the 'last name of conference.

The dancing, 'bit of broad' (apparently an old line appearing in all corners of the Conservative Party Conference. Halfway through the week, horrified members realized this was to be their new party symbol. Conscience clearly hopes the public's logic will go. It is a regrettable to see Conservative ideas that they need to pass. £40,000 well spent, I'd say.

When the Foreign Secretary, Margaret Beckett, includes in her speech an admission that 'perhaps we never my strong point' you have to wonder if she's in the right job. Like Don't give Tony Blair's suggestion that his own party is 'in the grip' of the 'pre-learned, lobby, Member but to mention her for a slip on the side and a politician to meet a supposed case of paranoia.

On a slightly odd note, Conservative Higher Education spokesman David Johnson's solution 'might should give their kids pin through the school's rafting' (Purchased but account I would just. Respectfully, David Johnson's new teaching flows here to apply science psychology to education policy.

Then's (did she say it, did she) don't 'well that's a bit' comment on hearing Gordon Brown's answer discussion of plans of the PM, provided Blair's shock, average-five-on-the-street comment: 'Well at least I don't have to worry about her running off with the blonde one. A-haha!' If only the nervous but relaxed laughter of Conferences speakers to do, 'the world's laughing'.

En-Lib. DM. leader Charles Kennedy's refusal to shake hands with 'normal' leaders. Gordon Campbell's public 'I don't regard it as a snub'. Members claimed, Gordon the understanding of snubs, when his line is up to leader, it might be hard to tell the message across to him, don't you think?

Do we have about there Cameron's

offer of 'a ray of sunshine' for the British people? From whom he is planning to end the gloom (it may not be unexpected, but it's a kind of thought - if not positively cringe-worthy).

If these highlights show a little policy for then it is only because the Conferences, despite its official purpose, is just that. Of course policy is discussed, debates are held and motions ticked about the Scottish. The only thing to emerge from the whole charade, however, are drafted but generally satisfied articles who

**Our politicians are everywhere, singing out their song of the week to try and catch our attention and our vote.**

have 'had their say' (or rather should) and a slightly more closed-up. Here who has been getting to grips with exactly who's annoyed with them and why, at grass-roots level, it's an annual looking back for the higher and lower elections of the party to be close proximity to each other. It's a certain looking back for the leaders to reassure the members as well as to try and impress the public with a show of brilliant speeches, unimpeachable party unity and catchy soundbites.

It's a show, plain and simple and here lies the essential reason as to why Conferences (although it's nice to hear and see for those who go) doesn't really matter outside of the party. I'm going to have to use a double-edged sword here (and I apologise for it) but 'the show must go on'. And of course it does. Policy doesn't start and stop within the confines of conference. It is an ever-existing formula that slowly adapts to each day. It's there, all the time, on the television, radio, internet or any other futuristic form of media communication on which you choose to avoid current affairs. Our politicians are everywhere, singing out their song of the week to try and catch our attention and our vote. We know before the conference that Cameron was trying to get all our votes and ready on us. We know before the Conference that Blair would be kissing us goodbye and Brown would be saying to go to sleep Scottish back beds. We know that Mervyn Campbell was probably going to say something about some don't have to worry about her running off with the blonde one.

So for the average casual observer of the news, the only really interesting thing that might come out of the Conference is that certain propaganda by my GCSE chemistry diagram. And, even that has turned out to sound far less interesting than I thought it would. I guess you have to be there, have access to the live wire and of course, to cars.

I just hope that Brighton, Manchester and Bournemouth are feeling better.

Five bloggers.



**GIVING DRAG:** Prime Minister Blair not-way through what pundits say was one of his best conference speeches

Photo: Gae Campbell

# amogul

**Undeniably one of LS' most successful alumni, Paul Dacre reached the highest level of his profession, being appointed as editor-in-chief of the Mail Group. Kevin Widdop visited him in his Kensington office to talk politics, reputation and the media.**

**A**s you made the headlines of Associated Newspapers, images of rich tycoon and just plain old coffee you. In the pubescent-land Britain, the sun pours through the glass windows. There are spiral staircases to the right, transportation lifts to tug and to tug on the left and the wind of blowing before in the distance. Two minutes past you at the top of the stairs, below a golden face sits the name of Irish-born Alfred Harcourt, the late Lord Northcliffe and the man to whom the Daily Mail owes its existence. He died in 1932, having published the first Mail as 'The Sun'. He is infamous for killing his enemies that he wanted to give them a 'flurry bite', which led led to the paper's many critics jumping on this for the 1910, such as 'Oppressor of England', as in Sir David, the Mail's co-writer from 1977 until 1992. One day, there will be one for the present edition.

Dressed in dark trousers, a quiet blue shirt with a bag, not-deterred by and walking from lunch, Paul Dacre stands in from the corridor and enters LS into his office. It pays lip service to Kensington decor with its precise beige carpet and red and a blue-tinged walls. A large oak cabinet, possibly where the wall behind the editor's chair, harbours, dark and always, the warm, smiling against a practically oval head, it could be a metaphor for the storm that the paper's Mail creates daily to the corridors of power.

Looking out into Davy Street, which leads into the busy and lively Kensington High Street, Dacre looks as unimpressive as a journalist's most formal, or as one journalist told me, 'the Don Corcoran of Fleet Street' or, in another word, 'a nuisance, an absolute \*\*\*\*'. You could go on.

While he said this, his eyes came from? "I can only say to you I think

that people who haven't worked on the Mail have an impression of it they come here and they see a different paper. It is a very hard-working, fast, driven newspaper that produces more words than most newspapers on any day. As an editor, that demands enormous willpower and energy, creating a sense of enthusiasm and excitement. But if I was a monster, it wouldn't be able to get the best people in Fleet Street working for me, would it?"

So he is also well-liked. One journalist who has been knocking about for decades says he is "surprisingly nice". And it is true, he is. Add to this, the extensive amount as an 'editor's editor', highlighted by taking the responsibility under a MORI poll voted for by 38 national, regional and local news editors and you have a character about whose media is said, get in to know.

How does he take such talk? "I take it with a very smile," he says somewhat lamely, scratching his arms across the length of the sofa. "I'm a professional

**"If I was a monster, I wouldn't be able to get the best people working for me in Fleet Street, would I?"**

newspaper man who really very hard to produce a good paper that's driven by circulation." By money? "Money?" he asks matter-of-factly, a questioning eyebrow of his position as the highest paid editor in the land, taking home around £1.5 plus perks. "No, I'm well

paid but people don't go into journalism for the money, do they? I love the creative buzz. I still love words, still love dealing with words. I still love the fact that you can come in every day and maybe things don't exactly work but by the next day can be a total new start. I will get the buzz when you know you are producing great journalism and probably making people think about things."

Just as someone credits about Paul Dacre, as I wonder if he has 'huffed' them by creating this quiet heaven. He says, like the following: "Having 'brother' over at the Telegraph, that he is 'a very private man', 'highly private', 'grudgingly'. This was proposed then, as he was 'naturally busy'. He says to private. This must have me down's not. To someone with private on there, no chance with the idea of Dacre as an enigmatic, powerful figure, more than a press baron than an editor, the editor is a six-legged, middle manager's poor, while for the camera, Paul, he looks & behaves the last thing, not the skin very last child.

He could more be considered for a governmental Mail reader: they are unsharpened and politically sophisticated, probably married, probably property owners, probably, fairly-impertinent. The Mail's journalism is dog-eared and unattached. Does it play a special role? "No, No, it's a newspaper," he says halfheartedly. "It means, what is a newspaper's role in society?" To inform, to entertain, represent its readers' interests, to give people who haven't got a voice, a voice. I mean, it's supposed to say we put politicians under a microscope, but that's what we do."

It asks him if the Mail will support Dacre's sometime dining companion and friend of the paper, Gordon Brown. "It's too early to say, it really is," he says of the Chancellor, but he is one of your few politician friends? "I have lunch and dinner with many

of them," he says, the more so with the likes of Brown? "I have had many dinners with Mr Brown. I think Brown is a remarkable politician. I don't agree with all his views. He is a change man of believing genuinely in the free market and in the power and the energy of the free market to create wealth, while also being concerned with a kind of Statist approach which believes the state can improve people's lives. I think he attaches too much reliance on the second, but you can't doubt the sincerity of his beliefs."

Paul Michael Dacre was born on November 14, 1944, in Barrow, winning a state scholarship to a north London public school and working as a tea boy

on the Sunday Express before a year as a trainee on the Daily, he headed to Leeds University where students journalism was his world. Appointed business editor after the war, he was a complete failure. Jack Straw, Leeds University Union (L.U.U.) President when Dacre became step dad, chatted out the paper as "not useful". He stood down after five months for "pressure of work", which accompanied a picture with the phone fixed to his ear and an embarrassing, non-verbal foot. Dacre's Leeds Levees' semi-famous scolding partners of Leeds' famous on the front page accompanying news about the NHS and the state of LCU. He missed more than a few lectures at the School of English



The Mail man, Dacre himself

Photo: Courtesy of The Daily Mail

## Extra Interview

where he met with Kathy, an academic, and remember a file dominated by newspapers. Upon leaving university, he joined the Daily Express in Manchester.

"I don't remember about interviewing Tim Blair, whom, he says, he has a 'friendly relationship' with, then he

**"I wish people would worry as much about the power of the BBC than they do about the Daily Mail."**

is talking by implication. He says of the Express, "It sells 800,000. It's run by a man [Richard Desmond] who doesn't respect journalism, doesn't like the press code, doesn't care what says about politics, when politicians talk denigrate them people like that in the paper. It's a very bad newspaper." Dacre's version of the Express proprietor are obscure. "He's still kicking about," he adds, "but his credibility is in permanent free fall. He produces a very poor paper. I'm not going to miss my words. I thought it was a very sad day for Fleet Street when a newspaper was allowed to be a top-class national newspaper."

But there is one man he reserves maximum respect for. "A huge respect for Murdoch - yeah, yeah," he says. "I have a huge respect for promotion and imitation who really have their teeth in news headlines, but people on the Mail have their teeth." It is the same ideology of a man at the top of his class assuming you fervently believe right and wrong with a good catch phrase, who could be perceived as arrogant. Many have said that.

The interview is punctuated with Dacre's insistence that, no, he is not pompous but, yes, the Mail does have a reputation and prestige and writers and columnists on Fleet Street. If Paul Dacre has any say, the *Mirror* had would soon admit every copy of this to the land. "We're proud that we, yes," he says of the experienced one in circulation since he took over. "The Mail continues in this way, we're proud working at 2,000,000 with a 5 million readers, there is still some truth the golden age - and Dacre will be the man to have taken it there."

And he says very easily, "I think politicians attach more weight to the Mail than perhaps we deserve because we do seem to have an ability to be identified with what we believe in. I think one of the problems is the fact that there's been a very weak opposition in Britain for many years."

And he says very easily, "I don't know," he says adamantly. "I wish people would worry as much about the power of the BBC as they do about the power of the Daily Mail. They get a greater share of news in Britain and a far greater influence on people's lives." He adds of the anti-reports of the BBC last year against the government under Gove, "I think the media

that was made originally was that both Greg Dyke and Gavin Hastings had been done in the Labour Party. I think it was therefore very important for Blair to be appointed Chairman and Director General at this by a Labour government who had more and more faith in both of them. His title must be beyond reproach - like Carter's wife - and should not appear poor clients to us."

He is also a vocal critic of his competitors. "We've got on about 800,000 circulation in the last ten years and every year more and more funds have moved their terry into our laps. The Times is clearly going for the Mail, the Telegraph is going for the Mail. From the Independent, is going behind it is a long serious paper. And they're all allowed to be middle market." Had Dacre opted to include Times in early years, Murdoch came calling in the early years when he was Evening Standard editor. At 41, those might have been very different.

He goes on to compare in talk about the Australian. "I respect Rupert Murdoch and am critical of him to equal parts. With the Popping revolution, he has brought in newspapers more than any other house, which led to a big increase in British journalism. That's how it has been. At his worst, I think he has disturbed some of the Times and he must have some responsibility for that. Yes, he's arrogant. I decided not to join him because I felt in the end it would bring amongst he would not accept any duties to edit with freedom."

The only food paper to assist Dacre's will is perhaps his most controversial. The February 1997 *Weekend*, a reference to the five men who were critical of murdering black teenager Stephen Lawrence. This was reproduced neatly to coincide with the findings of a BBC documentary. His last hour being gone to bed that night. "It certainly felt very, I would have gone to bed, over it," he says. "We know all the background on those things. We know how evil and bad they were and how poorly they

the NHS and water stories, then this was a stick-to-the-guns manifestation of a generalists-attempt - dating, direct and ahead of the pack. They said what no other paper would."

With the Conservative Party Conference just gone, I asked Dacre his views on Cameron's did he doubt's be of use, does it matter? "I think it matters," he says in a concise reply. The Mail has repeatedly targeted the so-called Cameron, tending to alleged drag about national issues they certainly are not at Kensington. "I think you as editors are entitled to have quite a lot of doubt people who will dominate our lives. I say that Cameron has made his position clear as one option." Really? "Well, he's made his position clear as he doesn't want to talk about it." Is that a yes - he did take drugs? "I don't know, you'll have to draw your own conclusions. If you're talking about another industry, then, I don't think that matters a Cameron's son. If he was taking drugs up until last year, then clearly that would be a matter for someone more concerned. But I'm much more interested in his politics, I really am."

Can the Times scoop the Big One?

"I don't know. The lowest answer is it's far too early to tell. We've got to give the other every backing. We need a healthy opposition in this country. Cameron and Osborne are attractive men, very bright men and if they can change people's perceptions of the Tories, then good luck to them." Because they're politicians? "No, because they're thinking through politics but they believe will change some of the received wisdom about the Tory Party. As long as they do that without throwing the baby out with the bath water and, as long as they subscribe to sound conservative principles, then I think they can be immensely successful."

As he takes 15 onto the news news then before the 4 o'clock editorial meeting, journalists lean back in their chairs and discuss the issues of the day, scribble final copies of the paper and the sound of keyboard-tapping mingles with laughs and shouts. When Paul Dacre steps onto the floor, you know people are watching. "That's City, Politics, Don't be Nervous, Dark, Dark, Dark, Leaders," he says jutting his right legs, like making off each track in the edifice of a success story.

Some weeks ago, a government source told me an anecdote about Paul Dacre. It was something seemed to give the Mail chief a dose of his own medicine, perhaps because he never indulged in it on reports as an apprentice on the show. He says they are forever asking him to go on the programme as an *Express* and the not - interviews aren't really Dacre's thing, his own discovery what *Newsnight* were up to, the story were, and proceeded to launch an investigation against them from over sitting the piece. I have since learned that it is nonsense. "I wouldn't inquire anybody," he says adamantly. "Absolute rubbish," he adds. But it is a matter of the speculation - the memoirs, the half-truths, the tabloids - that surround Dacre that a government source should talk so readily about the story as if it were set in stone. Perhaps that will be his legacy instead of the headlines and headlines of Charles Foster Kane proportions and class and drink at the Ivy, he created a mystique that was an impossible to build a newspaper - a family - that became at once the most powerful and talked about in the land.

# Could you hack it?

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# Welcome to the jungle

**Two thousand years of human intervention: hunting, deforestation and commerce. LS Travel Correspondent, Alex Anderson, takes a look at what's left in the verdant jungles of Borneo.**

**B**orneo, Malaysia, is a study region: simply your stereotypical Pacific honeyisland. It holds all the ingredients: exceptionally wild, white sand, shining turquoise water, amazing scenery and explosive species, which, when combined with sea otter dall and rainy climates here is quite enough to give anyone truly fit. However, there is something about this island which sets it apart from all prototypes, a uniqueness which all too often doesn't get the credit it deserves and, indeed, requires to survive its habitat and wildlife.

The tropical rainforests of the Far East, particularly Borneo and Sumatra, are the most diverse and complex living environments on Earth. They contain more species of plant, bird, fish and mammal than any other biological location that we know of. Why the Amazon has got so much attention and Borneo's rainforest has been almost completely overlooked is a good question, which I don't have an answer to.

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flowering plant species in the world, supports 222 species of mammal, 420 species of bird, 156 reptile species, 200 amphibian species and 794 fresh water fish species - many of which can only be found on the island of Borneo. That is why I decided against writing about my holiday experiences in Borneo, in favour of describing some of the lesser and exceptional animals found in the island's rainforests.

Borneo is the homeland of everybody's favourite big, red ape. It is one of only two places on Earth where wild orangutan remain. Orangutan means 'man of the jungle' in Malay, the name being quite appropriate as the ape is the species' closest biological relation, sharing 97 per cent of our DNA. It has proven its ability to reason and think in numerous ways. For example, when it rains hard, orangutans have been seen making umbrellas for themselves out of large leaves. It has also been concluded through studies of their movements that they must have a detailed map of the forest, as their minds allow with incredible

knowledge of timing cycles of monsoons. Their gentle nature and almost human sensitivity is also apparent. Wild orangutans are known to visit human-run facilities for orphaned young orangutans, nursing and interacting with them.

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The orangutan is the largest tree-dwelling mammal in the world. Its body is designed perfectly for tree dwelling, with very agile limbs and feet that allow it to climb. Makes them great climbers for humans; they are much larger and fall up to three times the size of a human, and they have large cheek pouch and dorsal sacks.

Orangutans can live 35-40 years in the wild, but only give birth every eight years. This is probably because orangutan babies have the longest childhood dependence on the mother of any animal, staying with her well into their teens. This means the orangutan population is very slow to recover, which does not bode well for their chances of survival as the population of orangutans is decreasing by 2000 a year due to human interference. In the last century, while our numbers grew at an unprecedented rate, their very



own by a massive 90 per cent. Estimates of how many are left in the wild vary, but 22,000 is the most commonly given number. If this is accurate, and unchallenged, jaguars in the Kalimantan forest in Borneo continues to coexist with the illegal pet trade, then there will be a good loss of wild orangutans by around 2030.

The Baby Pygmy Elephant is smaller than the common African and Asian elephants, being about the size as a German Shepherd dog, and is also more wild tempered, often coming quite tame. There is a controversy about how they originally came to be on the island, and many scientists believe that their rates and pasture

source is proof that they descend from an imported population, domesticated elephants in the 15<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> century, while others believe they are indigenous to Borneo.

The pygmy elephants of Borneo have, in fact, been recently discovered new subspecies, which has led increased research and attention being given to this incredible variety of elephant. It is the most endangered of all the elephant species, with less than 5,000 surviving in the wild. Like most elephants, they are very social, live in herds of 50-80, and there are an extra 300 species of plant found in the rainforest. Since research has been





only have limited, that is basically that it lives about five, 10, 15, it rarely has more than a single young cub, with five or six cubs being born over the course of its life span. It can have more about their social structure, migration routes, mating systems and so forth. With this information it is hoped that they will be able to launch a more effective conservation programme.

So far, our conclusion can be clear. There is human disturbance in the region. There is deforestation and land use is being disrupted by logging. Their territories are being over-run by commercial crop plantations, in this case a mainly palm oil.

Clouded Leopards are found spread across tropical forests in China, India, Myanmar and Sumatra, but some hold their strongest populations. This is due to the lack of leopard tigers, who as their other main predators often eat occasional predators but clouded leopards.

The clouded leopard has short legs, a pale and a thick tail which is as long as the leopard itself. It is the size of a normal cat. Their cat look is the largest in relation to body size of any of the cat-like leopards eat monkeys, cats, deer, wild pigs and fish. In Malaysia they are known as the "tiger", spending the majority of its time high in the trees. From this it is able to ambush their prey effectively, and to remain motionless during the day. They are very

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has existed, the African White. Other differences include their reddish, brown colour and they are strong swimmers, even swimming in the sea. They love mudbaths, and are often spotted taking mud in mud walls in the jungle to cool down and get rid of insects. Sumatran Rhinos feed on plants, with wild mangoes, bamboo and figs being their favourite snack.

The Sumatran Rhino is one of the world's rarest mammals. They could previously have been found in India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand, but now Indonesia and Malaysia are the only places in which there is still a sustainable population. More specifically in Sabah, Borneo, two important populations of Bly Sumatran Rhinos are their best bet for survival. There are believed to be less than three hundred left in the wild, living in small and highly fragmented populations. It is hard to know where they still exist, there is an estimate of 30 living in Thailand, and there is speculation that they remain in Cambodia and Laos. Their numbers have decreased by half in the last 15 years due to a loss of habitat and to poachers who hunt them down for their tusks, or the front one sometimes being up to 11 inches long.

There are but a few examples of the incredible diversity and unique wildlife Borneo's rainforest supports. Another rhino, an Asian elephant, proboscis monkey, white shark and bull shark are a few more on the list. It is not just an exotic island, but a complex and fragile ecosystem, a natural marvel that humans could never reproduce and one that is disappearing as I write. The lives of these animals depend on this ecosystem and our preservation of it.

If you found this article interesting and want to help the orang-utan and surprising animals of Borneo, you can help by donating to one of the following charities online. Keep your mind for the elephants.

## So far one result clear: human disturbance is the main problem

fall in trees, while in captivity, they are bred only to run down the tracks. They feed and sleep along horizontal wires upside down, aided by their yellow claws and long tail.

Yap's data on their population there is not known since they are a largely nocturnal and solitary species are placed at around 100.

Disturbance is a problem for the cloud leopard, but they are also found here too. There has been a decline in spotted pygmy leopards, with mudings and colorings killed in each set. Their homes are used in traditional medicine.

In Sumatran Rhinos take the hairy 70, has long shaggy hair on its face, in contrast with its smooth, hair-



# Free-wagging

**Forced to resign from her front-bench position after comments about how she would empathise with suicide bombers in their situation, Liberal Democrat, Jenny Tonge, relishes her position as one of the least PC MPs. LS sent Hind Hassan to talk Israel, Botswana and creationism.**

Jenny Tonge is not the most "politically correct" MP you will encounter. In a sense when the general consensus is that there is not much correct about politics in the first place, it is arguably her most appealing attribute. Not one to weigh in with conformist imposed socialists, her personal life appears to epitomise that of her political life. A medical graduate, with full scholarship following the death of her father, she subsequently met her partner over a pickled corpse. As with many prominent figures, with a medical background (her own VC being one) it was her obsession with science which provided her drive into the realm of national and international politics. Her support for Israel with convincing conviction is something Tonge appears to have come to terms with - embraced in fact. Having resigned from the House of Commons and now a fully engaged peer with complimentary title, however, it is clear that Tonge has made a mental note to capitulate on any gross opposition to such the foundation of debate. Generally approachable, though this could be due to the fact that she "doesn't need student support" but "wishes the main opposition" to resign, it seems, as one of her friends from discussion. Though her comments were headed withers of "irresponsible" from specific context, there seems to be no signs of her taking a more cautious approach.

As we transition into various topics of debate, all of which are not allowed to consider too far from international politics, each-line of contention is generally met with an accord of how Tonge had once travelled to a place relevant to the discussion. These first hand accounts appear to provide the grounding for the self-stated conviction with which every point is made.

In her interview remarks about suicide bombers Tonge declared that if she "had to live in the Palestinian situation" she "might consider becoming one" herself. Standing freely by her comments faced a concerned Charles Kennedy, then leader of the Liberal Democrats, in regard that she stand down from her front bench position. After Tonge's main line of argument is that "we have to separate between criticism of Israel and anti-Semitism" - that the critique of Israel does not amount to critique of the Jews. More recently she went on to add that the "two-track lobby has got a financial grip on the western world, kind of party". This once again fuelled a media frenzy, with select party colleagues identifying Tonge as a liability. She relishes this claim. She would love to be being left by

somebody whom Tonge immerses into an elaborate, "there's a lot of people with in the party who believe it is in their interest to stay friendly with Israel. This is what I mean by the least lobby."

It is apparent that this conviction was not whimsically conceived, the tales are long with regards to a paper by John J. Murnaghan and Stephen Paul, two professors at the Kennedy School at Harvard University, called the least lobby. An unorthodox piece of work, it comes to the conclusion that the least lobby has a significant influence on western foreign policy - by both political and financial pressure. It goes on to speculate whether this is positive for Americans in a whole. Drawing comparisons with her own predicament she states that, "as a result of the paper, the dean of Kennedy at Harvard was told to discipline the two professors and suppress the paper, which he refused to do and I have understood as a result a lot of funding has been withdrawn." As this piece I refused to be a single caption by a friend and British journalist who was accused of "reporting a lie" by Harvard Professor, Alan Dershowitz, after exposing his attempt to suppress the publication Beyond Chutzpah. Whilst by another established Jewish politician, Norman Finkelstein, the book centres on the nature of the Jews and Zionism and the abuse of history, lampooning my sensitive Tonge concludes that "this is just one example that when anyone criticises Israel they get cut into territories" and Jewish.

Therefore everyone is terrified of anti-Semitism, quite rightly. I was born during the Second World War, I know that the Holocaust was the worst thing that ever happened in the history of mankind, a terrible terrible terrible thing but because of that everyone is afraid to take a any father and withdraw their convictions. I have decided enough is enough."

Jenny Blair's name is not with the same level of conviction reserved for her most avowed opponents. It is her belief that, along with Israel's "aggression and enslavement of the Palestinians", the invasion of Iraq, lies at the root of the increase in Middle Eastern terrorism. Tonge puts a long line of personal professions, calling for the Prime Minister's immediate resignation. "I think it is quite extraordinary that the man is still in the position he's in and that he hasn't resigned, he must have skill to stick in a chair for 10 hours a day, usually. Suggesting he should be tried for 'culpability in war crimes' she goes on to add, "he should have resigned years ago, he should be so ashamed. You see that







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# Why Black History matters

\* With Black History Month currently in our midst, Damola Timeyin looks at the various layers of multiculturalism within our society.



Damola Timeyin

Multiculturalism is defined as the doctrine, which, states several different cultures (rather than one national culture) can co-exist peacefully and equitably in a single country. This definition is clear however despite this, the interpretation and implication of this concept in the time of colonialism in the UK today.

On one hand a multicultural Britain is celebrated as an example of total acceptance of all cultures and people, on the other it is condemned as a false concept, creating a sub-culture removed from traditional "Britishness".

We see interpretation of a multicultural society supports the belief that all individuals receive the right to live in a manner in which they feel comfortable, and able to express their

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culture beliefs and practices. It is the natural tendency for humans to behave in a way that they feel comfortable, and therefore inevitable that conflict and vibrant communities will develop where there is a high density of diverse communities.

Those who insist that the only resolution is an ethnically diverse soci-



ety is cultural assimilation, where all must conform to a uniform cultural identity contributes to the rising tensions within our communities, by effectively dismissing ethnic groups and actively opposing the contribution of these groups to society.

One can see an eye to see European neighbours and more specifically the Netherlands and Denmark who have moved to an official multiculturalism and observe the rising tensions, where issues of immigration, race relations and nationalism have come to the centre of the political debate. This debate has filtered down from the actions of politicians to the people creating

an air of suspicion, and hate. The sentiment of a once accepting people has developed into the dismissing of groups who are not seen to be proactive conforming to a cultural norm.

I feel there has been a misguided emphasis placed on multiculturalism, within the UK. Government officials, policy and organisations have used the term as a ploy to bring a period of the changing cultural landscape of the UK.

Multiculturalism and supporters of a mono-cultural state often blame multiculturalism for the creation of cultural ghettos in our cities, these self contained groups then having negative impacts on British culture and society.

With all hopes pinned on the substantiality of the land understanding and accepting the term as reason for all before these changing, one can almost understand the growing national anxiety that exists across the U.K. Little has been done to create an acceptance with all communities are able to better understand each other and more importantly understand how to interact. The term Multiculturalism fosters a psychological barrier, each party feels that each exists but making no efforts to engage, understand and adopt elements of different cultures. Chair of the Commission of Racial Equality

Troyer Philips recently dismissed the term multiculturalism and supported a move towards the use of the term integration, as a more palatable term, which better reflects the way in which diverse communities can interact with communities, which naturally exist in the UK. Integration also suggests a two way process of assimilation, whereby all communities adopt a hybrid culture with elements of all who exist within it.

A multicultural Britain has existed for as long as there has been inhabited human beings, the cultural landscape has changed over a period time and takes the form of what we see today. Observing the cultural landscape of Leeds may indeed struggle not to recognise the increasing levels of diversity around us. The difference between now and then however is the emphasis currently placed on people's differences rather than their similarities. I believe the identity of the British people must reflect those who shape a therefore impression of a complex cultural identity and not of values it has only borrowed from oppression.

The journey to a multicultural society has been largely groundless, the occasion will require an approximately 10000 hrs. dedicated involvement.

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## Sports clubs lack team spirit

The banalising 'initiation ceremonies' taking place within many of the University's top sports teams are facing students to give up the game. This week we reported on the dominating drinking culture that accompanies team membership, a culture which is having a major impact on the reputation of university sport. With thousands of pounds of Union money going into team funding, the way that we are represented by our sports teams should be carefully considered. Whilst the Union has made it clear that it does not endorse these 'initiation ceremonies', introduction and peer-pressure does often play a part in team socials, resulting in frightened newcomers dropping out. Not all teams are as intimidating as some, and many have relaxed initiations in an attempt to make sports more friendly to new players. However, if the behaviour we reported this week continues, teams may find themselves turned with the same brush. Playing for a university sports team should be about just that: playing and enjoying your sport, not having to endure the 'hazing' that goes with it.

## RentMe a new house please

Last week, we reported on the lousy living conditions of students signing up with disaster company RentMe letting agents. After a burst of complaints by students living in houses so bad that they were offered temporary accommodation, RentMe are undertaking 15 separate investigations. This week, we looked at the accommodation favoured by Mr RentMe himself, and found it to be somewhat different. Despite allowing his tenants to suffer poor quality housing, the residence of RentMe boss Hedley Minton resides amongst so very nice eight point houses in the rural outskirts of the city. Students can rest, knowing that their money is going to a worthwhile cause.

## Making an art out of lying

Ah, potatoes. When they converged on the floor of the Parkinson case in front of the BA2 stall there was a mixture of bewilderment and giggles from the passing crowds. Grabbing as many free pans as possible wasn't quite enough for many viewers to the event, and some grabbed photos on their cameras photos of the tragic and badly hidden artist on the floor. LS asked some of the non-constable participants what their 'point' was by lying down - certainly an odd way to protest. And none of them really had any idea, aside from making a nuisance of themselves. Which is somehow quite deliciously ironic.

## Rent me responds

Sir,  
I write in response to your last story on Friday 9 October 2006 (Standard layout).

Rent Me has experienced overwhelming success over the past 11 months with more than 5,000 tenants and 1,000 lettings.

Communications and revenues have at times been critically stretched, but we are constantly addressing this through an ongoing media investment drive and development of IT infrastructure, ensuring it delivers the best possible service to the marketplace.

Over the School of Finance programme we succeeded that the original closing date was extended, allowing time for the distribution of prizes, but the backlog will be closed within the next few weeks. Our new long-ongoing refurbishment programme to ensure its housing stock is consistently up to date and rather than showing students a building site, they'll often choose completed properties showing what features and fittings they can expect, with an option to view their own property before completion.

Which improvements are carried out doesn't inevitably be an amount of stress and disruption caused as carpets and fittings are removed.

The major ongoing investment being injected into refurbishment, IT and communications, maintenance and ongoing promotion is also proof of our own commitment to fulfilling a requirement as a responsible, dedicated landlord.

Hedley Minton,  
Director Rent Me

## Insensitive treatment of sex story

Sir,  
"Wasn't just part of the production business in Leeds are fall over students," Charlotte Gaffney writes (Leeds Student, 25 September).

In a serious, intelligent article addressing a very serious issue, the publishing level of support students get financially is so bad that some females

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are subjected in desperation to selling their bodies for cash.

"So what made your choice to headline it "More Sex Please for the Students?" And also choose the headline, so easily captioned "WTF? Students like sex?"

No, they don't like it actually, or at least women students don't like having to sell themselves to the highest bidder just to survive.

As a student prostitute John Charles, "It's disgusting some of the people you have to sleep with but I need the money". Most women "WTF? Students like sex?" women's issues please. But as the year goes on, drop the LS's blah approach to headlines and editing.

## Keen-and-diply correct

Sir,  
Mark Kinnear ("Left to one side", LS October 6) accuses the leading programme of being a British anti-war movement of leaving a blind eye to the ongoing tragic events in Darfur in Sudan, and claims there for not expressing "outraged demonstration" to "encourage Western nations to act". The problem is that someone who reads Kinnear openly while demands he thinks we should all be stating an Act of Government.

Should we be calling for Bush and Blair to need in steps to occupy the Member Middle country, perhaps under the guise of the UN, as the demonstrators on "Dutch day" said? Then again, after the original shooters of Iraq and Afghanistan, and given the fact that Kinnear owns "Western style living area" the past few centuries, has been one of the most effective leading initiatives in human history - it is perhaps not difficult to imagine that the anti war movement refused to subtitle for "Dutch day".

However, Kinnear is quite wrong to suggest that members of Rassist or the Socialist Workers Party have had nothing to say about Sudan, anyone who listens to, say, George Galloway's show on Talk Radio, or reads Caroline Walker will disagree. However, Kinnear's decision to make Newt Chomsky to make the disgusting suggestion that anti-war activists are "sexually deviant", because they are "being killed by American and British

intervention", he left me "super sad". "Normally would surely state would be second one of the 5,000 innocent Sudanese people innocently killed by the US bombing of the IT Sola pharmaceutical factory in Sudan in 1998 - a death by Western intervention that Kinnear, for one reason or another, seems to have forgotten about. Christian Hopfner,  
Leeds Register.

## An apology to our readers

Dear Readers,  
And readers of LS may have noticed the newspaper was absent from the newspapers this week.

Last night Thursday the editor started having some unfortunate problems, and realised in the end. The disk which contained both the design software licenses and the pages that we composed, having missed all the available print slots, I took the decision to abandon all the week's editions and work instead on fixing our IT problems.

Myself and the sub-editorial team apologise for the inconvenience and any inconvenience LS's absence may have caused, both to our readers and advertisers.

And assured that we have worked to fix the hardware problems and have secured adequate backup has been installed for the future. Special thanks for this must go to LS's IT support, Les Whitehead, for his sterling work in the office.  
Ben Schofield,  
Leeds Student Editor.

## Corrections and clarifications

The gun review article in the week before last's issue was, wrongly attributed, belonging to the named reviewer in addition to Kyle Green, Louise-Marie Cumber and Lucy Penketh. A reader has brought to our attention the fact that last week's issue was in fact, absent. My apologies for the missing information, as well as for any associated harm this error may have caused.

It is the policy of the Leeds Student to correct significant errors as soon as possible. Please contact the editor and page number.

\*\* Improve your text life - text LS \*\*

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# Top-up fees add up



**Michael Moncreiff**

British Universities are among some of the best in the world. *The Times* top 100.

Education has a British tradition, including the best and best highest ranked Universities in the world. Unfortunately, this standard of education isn't cheap, and in such our Universities find themselves ever dependent on more cash.

It is taken as a given that Universities need substantial amounts of money to operate, especially given that Newcastle and Reading are closing their Physics departments with others set to follow. Universities are in the need of increased funding. This is where Top-Up fees come into play.

It is not unreasonable to ask a student to contribute towards their education. This is a step in the right direction. The new afterwards, they've got the same, but University Education for all is a

new idea, but increased given the increasing financial strain it would put on the state. The net effect of such a move would be higher spending, higher rates and fewer jobs in business and government, leading to a reduction in employer staff and pay their trade. It is not only unreasonable, but practical to ask students to contribute towards their University education.

The new system bears many similarities to the old one. Students can apply for loans for living costs dependent on what they are doing. This includes whether they are living at home or not and Household income. Students from poorer households will be able to apply for an additional means-tested grant to help them through University.

One major difference is that students under the new system can apply

it is not unreasonable to ask a student to contribute towards their education; they will reap the benefits afterwards.

for a loan to cover their fees, a loan which is repaid at the end of their degree. This is a shift from the present system where students are expected to pay their top-up fees at the start of the academic year. This is definitely a benefit to students, who no longer have to worry about getting a job, or living

on a clearing to afford their student fees. They only have to start paying them back once they have finished the course and are earning over £15,000 a year.

That of the current system put ahead in the public domain at the time the act was passed, was that the legislation



would ease working class students from applying and would be middle class students particularly hard. Whilst applications to University did drop this, this can be attributed to a lack of knowledge about the system rather than anything else.

The fee among students, which I

Top-Up fees will not lead to more cases of financial difficulties among students; the new loan will relieve pressure on student finances.

appreciate was that the increased fee would impact them financially after they had finished University. This is clearly not the case. The graded payment system means that a graduate would pay £11,000 per year until they only pay back £5.19 of the loan back per week. This is less than £20 a year, and of course, with interest linked only to earnings. This is a step in the right direction, considering the enormous financial benefits that come with a University degree, on the expense that a mortgage brings, and most expect, studying for poorer backgrounds will not receive additional assistance, students from middle class backgrounds will be entitled to a large loan to help with their Top-Up fees will not lead to more cases of financial difficulties among stu-

dents, arguably, the new loan to pay student fees will relieve present student finances.

What has a University system that we can all be proud of, but we cannot expect to maintain our excellent standards unless we continue towards the ends of our education. The system has changed, I feel, for the better. Let us not stand at the end of the year and wish that the system is what I did not see that locality to improve this, maybe have about one new student that studying the benefits they have compared to all others.

We cannot expect to maintain our excellent standards unless we contribute towards the costs of our education.

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Illustration: Jerry Lewis

# Political arresting Georgia

'Russia exposes its 'domineering and imperialistic' approach as Georgia attempts to continue its political reform.

Politically arresting Russian military officers is probably not what you are expecting to do when you set a small nation such as Georgia. However, it has gained the latest USMR state of the world award and has secured a significant victory in Georgia's fight for independence from Moscow's increasing grip.

This article is related to:

Russia is completely over-reacting to the Georgian arrests and its measures are unfair

Moscow and Tbilisi has been particularly over the top Georgia these democratic values and a European treaty policy by cutting the corrupt Russian-friendly leader Eduard Shevardnadze in the 2003 Rose Revolution. In fact the situation has arisen due to an increasingly domineering and imperialistic Russian Foreign policy that has seen all Russian leading former Soviet states affected to some extent. Russia has used the price of oil considerably to Russian autocratic government, has

prepared Russian conditions in the post-Soviet era and will have increased some of its neighbors borders including Estonia, who is now both a member of the EU and NATO.

Russia is completely over-reacting to the Georgian arrests and its invasion an unfair, arrogant violation to its own political form. How can a state in the 21st Century depict people simply because of their race? It's pretty simple.

If you have more power on the international stage you can do anything. Russia has already demonstrated this when it used Chechnya to the ground in a decade of war and human rights abuses. It was also almost certainly involved in the poisoning of the now Ukrainian President during his before campaign that sparked the Orange Revolution of 2005.

What is so tragic, however, is not that Moscow believes it can do whatever it pleases when dealing with its neighbors, it is rather that the West seems not to have our support. Public attempts to punish Russia have come in the form of EU and US statements in a hope of return to 'normalcy' in Russo-Georgian relations. Public attempts to punish Russia have come in the form of EU and US statements in a hope of return to 'normalcy' in Russo-Georgian relations. Public attempts to punish Russia have come in the form of EU and US statements in a hope of return to 'normalcy' in Russo-Georgian relations. Public attempts to punish Russia have come in the form of EU and US statements in a hope of return to 'normalcy' in Russo-Georgian relations.

Georgia joining the NATO military alliance it seems unlikely in defaulting on all; when its economy is so heavily hit by its sanctions including the freezing of its most lucrative products, wine and mineral water.

The current situation has been the perfect platform for Europe and America to criticize Moscow highly for its extreme policies. Since 2004 Georgia has suffered a gradual

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breakdown in its relations with Russia. Russia's military presence and support of leadership regimes in Abkhazia and South Ossetia have particularly concerned Europe. As has its continued military presence in Iraq since Georgia with Russia agreeing to remove its forces by 2008, raising at the price of further deterioration in relations.

What Russia is essentially lacking in fact in its dealings will countries it is

reality itself.

It is a policy and dialogue are by far better enforcers for increasing pro-Russian sentiment in the former Soviet space than undermining the elected governments of all of them. It is to be hoped that it is to be so.

Georgia has shown that despite its small status it is willing to confront Russia and not respond to bullying with submission. Indeed Georgia has not only shown Russia that it will not be made into a puppet but that it is determined to continue with its democratic reforms and determined to uphold its values.

Russia has not intended to Russia's former and successor and has furthermore been voted by the World Bank as the number one world reformer in 2004, having significantly reduced corruption. It had kept from 1.25 billion to 376 in the two years before, by contrast began ahead of both Italy and Spain. Economic since the Rose Revolution have been also ahead of the year before they were ousted by irregularities and immorality. So they have much to be proud of. However, public comes before fall and that they very well be the result of coming to yield to their powerful neighbor.

Despite its small status Georgia is willing to confront Russia and not respond to bullying with submission

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**Jonn Hall**



**"The Union is not for students, it's just for profit"**

**Jimmy Turner  
Breakdown Captain**

**LS:** Alright Jimmy, '96 is behind you now did you still last season?  
**JT:** Yeah, well there is only one major competition which is the university championships. We came first and second with our A and B teams. Basically, you're down one of a hat to break against another uni team. The A's drew all the topdogs and the B's got the others. So the final was all Leeds Uni, so we couldn't lose.  
**LS:** So what else do you get involved in?  
**JT:** We do a fair bit of publicity. As the uni dance shows are usually done a few acts each year and we've been asked to do it

again this year. We mainly train a lot and do the Fresh live every year. It used to be held at the Effere Fitness but now it's at the Warehouse and was set up by the society's founding member, Shane.

**LS:** What is Fresh Live?  
**JT:** Well, it happens on the first Saturday of every month and we have battles like a two-on-two or one-on-one. The main thing is probably the crew battle. The biggest crew in Leeds is probably the G.L.P. the Get Low Positiv, formerly the Gheto Low-life Crew. The G.L.P. are one of the best on the UK scene. They actually train with us which helps us.

**LS:** It's a relatively unknown sport isn't it. Do you have team members?  
**JT:** We've recruited a quite a bit in Freshers' Week. At the Freshers' Fair I think we had about 200 people sign up. We also had a ladies session a few days ago, between 40 and 50 newcomers, which was great.  
**LS:** Do you see any still looking for new breakdowners?  
**JT:** Unfortunately not one. We just don't have the space. This is the problem we

have. With the Uni sports scene getting bigger, the Union have changed funding so it's costing more to join each society. I think that's a daunting prospect to come down. The Refco was the main place we could practice but they seem to be increasing the cost for gigs and food. It's not for students, it's just for profit. We usually train on Wednesdays but we can't. Also, it was quoted around £30 for a two hour session in the Sports Hall which we can't afford to pay. I'd like it if our Union could dedicate some space for sport rather than being dedicated to making money.

**LS:** What would you say is the best in the team?  
**JT:** Erm, it's debatable. For pop-rock, which is where they're based up, I'd say J.E. Brown. Like 8-hey name is Vance. Not 8-hey name, Vance, whose 8-hey name is 'Angler'.  
**LS:** Hang on a second, what's a 8-hey name?  
**JT:** Ah, okay, everybody who breaks gets one. It's like an acronym name. Like a signature name. When you're breaking that's what you're known as



**Neil a member Jimmy Turner  
Breakdown Captain**

**LS:** Is it mainly a male sport?  
**JT:** It is mainly guys, but I'd say it's probably a 70-30 ratio. Some people win all summer so the standard is quite high, especially with all the crews, but we do have coaches teaching the moves. People sometimes think they can turn up and do a breakdown but you have to work at it and battle through the pain.  
**LS:** Apart from breakdowning, would you do anything else?  
**JT:** Thinking a break from snowboarding at the moment. I was snowed out and sponsored by a shop in New Zealand. Before now I did back-bank snowboarding sessions in New Zealand and America.  
**LS:** So will you be going back to it?  
**JT:** I might go back to it and think about it as a career. I've done snowboarding with my breaking and things which I know what the hobby is?  
**LS:** What's your most inspirational quote person?  
**JT:** Probably the people I break with, with the G.L.P. as an inspiration. It snowboarding it would be Eric Burdon.

# Gone too soon

**By Ky Capel**

Spectator is mourning the death of one of its brightest talents. Leeds fan Paul Hunter, whose funeral was held yesterday at Leeds Parish Church.



**Paul with his wife Lindsay and daughter Eden Rose** PHOTOS: SHUTTERSTOCK

World and fan have been grieving for the former who died at the young age of 27 following a long battle with cancer. Hundreds have left messages in a book of condolence for the Yorkshireman, who sadly passed away on Tuesday 19th October in Kirkwood Hospital, Harrogate.

Winner of three snooker titles at Wembley as well as three

world ranking tournaments, leaves behind his wife Lindsay and their 18-month-old daughter Eden Rose, who was born on Monday Day last year.

He turned professional back in 1993 at the age of 16, but a year later he became the youngest ever player to reach the semi-finals of a world ranking event.

Paul's most memorable match was probably his 2004 Masters final, where he came from 7-2 behind, to beat a stunned Ronnie O'Sullivan 10-9, and in the process joining Cliff Thorburn and Stephen Hendry as only the third player to win the Masters on three occasions.

Everyone had hoped that Paul would recover from his illness, but when he couldn't attend a charity event in his hometown in 18th last month, that hope began to fade. Hunter was diagnosed with cancer in March 2003 but despite chemotherapy treatment, he continued to struggle professionally. However, when he was only one match lost season and left team club at 18 in the rankings, it became clear that the illness was one great a hindrance for him, particularly as he would sometimes lose to his hands and feet.

Paul was born in Leeds and went to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary in Moortown and continued

Hornsea High in Moortown. Motherless (Hunter was Paul's teacher at the Immaculate Heart), she told Leeds Students: "He was a lovely lad, both as a pupil and an adult."

"I've gone the whole two trophies which we present every year to the open bar, and spent great of the year. Paul presented the award nine years in a row, which the kids loved, but unfortunately he couldn't come this summer because of his illness. Both awards have Paul's name engraved on them."

"Paul never saw himself as a celebrity, he always made time for us here at the Immaculate Heart. I'm very glad that he's gone. He had to believe he's not with an oncologist, but with his illness you were always prepared for the worst. He will only be missed, but never forgotten by everyone here."

A Leeds-based musical website has set up a page for people to leave a message in remembrance of Paul. Within 10 hours of Paul Hunter's page being set up, there had been more than 2,500 views.

Local businessman Terry George who set up the free-profile site said: "I think the response on Paul's page shows immediately how much people have been touched by his life."

"They want to be able to send their messages of support and comfort to the



**Paul winning the masters' laurel**

family. They've got a normal family who have lost a national champion in the world of sport."

Some of Paul's fellow players have already discussed naming the Masters' Trophy after him, the competition in which he enjoyed most of his success. Paul Hunter was regarded as the 'David Beckham' and 'puppy love' of snooker, but he brought his own style and personality to the sport and will be missed by all.



# Varsity: the fallout

Sporting comment

## Michael Niles looks at why the Uni fails against their arch-rivals

So we go to it, it's not the best of the great set of works in the world of university sport with the 15-6 defeat in the Met on Varsity day on 18th October. Surely though it is to be expected that we will get thumped by it as it is typically a sports based university?

Leeds University has a long tradition across the sporting spectrum, boasting international level players, champion cyclists and a cup-winning football team. It is difficult to compare with universities whose focus is similar to that of Leeds Met, where students attend from across the country to take advantage of their sport facilities and coaching, whereas here, educational emphasis seems to take precedence.

On a regular basis, the vice-chancellor of Leeds Met, Professor Steven Lee will utter words of wisdom on his 'VC Reflections' section of the Leeds live website about things that are on his mind. Last Thursday he decided to congratulate his students on a great performance at Varsity, in itself perfectly acceptable and it would be surprising if he had not done so. However, he also thought it appropriate to inform our students where we are going wrong.

Since the last Varsity ending, a number of new sports have been added to the sporting day, possibly to give more sport playing students the opportunity to get involved and take part, possibly to build to the attraction of the day or maybe just because the sports coordinators working together bring both universities led the more sports these ways, the better the competition? Professor Lee's intention however was that Leeds Uni had allowed the extra sports to give them the advantage in winning overall last year's defeat but, as he says, "so no need". He continued to say how "our extra university" (and by that he means Leeds University) has begun copying into competition to coaching. "I think Steve, director of sport and physical activity at Leeds University, told me he accepts that as a university, not our obviously, learn from the Met, however "I would like to think

there are bits we can learn from each other". Met's vice-chancellor then criticised what the issues were concerning, "they might not follow our example of consistent team kit across all sports types. This is a long competition works". Lee goes on to comment on how they are "pioneers" where other universities should follow their lead, along with how the best sports of these students, "already seems world-class".

A great deal of time, effort and planning went into making this year's varsity more enjoyable and a bigger spectacle than last time around, and I think you can say it was successful. The main people responsible for this are Andy Sample and Emma Bell, the two sports coordinators from the respective universities. With the vice-chancellor commenting on the event every so often as an attempt for Leeds Uni to win back some points, is to believe the preparation put by these two student led teams, one of which works for his university.

It is a pity wonder the Met were overall winners when you consider the money they invest as a university in sporting facilities, sporting degrees, team coaching and apparently too I think it is fair to say that at Leeds University the investment tends to be directed towards other educational areas of university life. Students here usually attend for a certain minimal qualification and expect resources in terms like library facilities and research material. Studying sport at the Met is an interesting topic where students can spend three years studying. Exercise Science and I think it is a degree. "If you want the Sport or Leisure and Recreation" (don't laugh, I'm sure they'll get good jobs out of it). It is possible when the subject is being handled around at Leeds. Met's vice-chancellor Lee could look past the small world of sport and see which university has got its head screwed on the right way.

Despite the defeat, Leeds University was more events than they did last year. Leeds Uni vice-chancellor Michael Arthur expressed here pleased to see with the victory in the city, especially following

the narrow defeat in the last ending. "I think we comprehended the format, show part as by sports men and women learn both universities adding "Leeds is a city that can be proud of its sporting talent". He highlighted the loss varsity. "The key thing here is that teams and individuals need more support to help them fulfil the potential that we know is there". Emphasised at Leeds Uni will be coming to the world of sport in the near future, and it is interesting that the one sport it has

teached appears to be rugby union, which we won.

Having spoken to "Steve Bell", he believes that the comments made by the VC from "our state" university may have been meant the way they sounded. The post discussed internally how our facilities for all sports was a good idea, as the VC stated that Leeds University will now follow the "pioneering" example. He may also have meant to say that we get learning facilities university on the best ways of

coaching, rather than as "copying" what they are doing. "I'm a bit weak on finding bits on articles when he said these were more events this year because Leeds Uni wanted to make sure they actually won something. It wouldn't come under the bit as it is 200 words he extended to the best news space to write what he really wanted to say, and if that was what he really wanted to say, is to be a little more candid in future and keep his nose out of our "back-break" business."

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# Met claim the

Men's and Women's Football

By Joseph Hibbert

## Men's Football

LEEDS UNI 1 - LEEDS MET

Forget your own goal, ever-hungry, and ever-less grumpy Aston that jilted their track in the Premiership for countless seasons of such, this derby was a clash in its purest form: a clash with two sets of five firing away at each other from across the vast football pitch.

The game began at a quick tempo with the University making sharp, neat passes down the left flank. With three at the back, Uni were taking the game to Met, who seemed far happier to react to long ball set-pieces.

Within three minutes, Met won the first corner of the game, which resulted in a poor sweeping header at the back post.

As with any derby occasion, tenacity in and the conditions were ripe for some scrapping challenges. Met were the first to be punished on the stroke of half-time after their number four mis-fired a challenge.

After the frantic opening minutes, Met began to steady their mid-table on the pitch, with their best chance coming



Leeds Uni look for a goal having just gone down 1-0

Photo: Jo Capel

through a long ball from a centre-back. The number nine was through, but the University's on-form keeper came flying out of his box to clear the danger.

Met star another glorious chance wasted as they fired a first kick from 25 yards out far over the line a best Johnny

Wilkinson himself would have been proud of.

The first yellow card of the game came on 30 minutes for Met's number six, a perhaps needless card and evidence of how the referee blew up far too often. Admittedly, derby games are always ill-

feels for the man in black to control, but for the record, it would have been a far better game if play was allowed to flow.

It was Met who took the lead in the first half after great work by their number seven down the University's left wing. The ball was sent in low, evading University defenders and finding a Met player at the back post.

Just before the first half was out, a minor fracas involving handbags broke, giving the Met fans something else to get excited about.

In the second half, Met added a second in similar fashion to the first, the Metropolitan's number nine not a great hero the way at the near post, and finished clinically.

This fired up the University back who pushed a goal in a late fight back effort. Capitalising on poor Met defending, the ball found a Uni head, and was expertly directed past the substituted Met goalkeeper.

The goal intensified the last minutes of the derby with the University fighting to push the game into extra-time.

The equaliser never came, butobby Abubakar, a find of the University's backworking defence, was not deterred by the outcome. "It was obviously a disappointing result, and we were unlucky in difficult conditions. Met's

keeper was the difference between the two sides. It was too boggy and muddy that suited Met who use more direct tactics, which worked well for them."

Abubakar also believes that the defeat will have a positive affect on the new season after promotion last year, concluding that, "This defeat will spur us on."

## Women's Football

LEEDS MET 7 - 0 LEEDS UNI

A grudge match between the two women's football teams kicked off before the men's match, and the tactics between the two was almost as tense as the action on the pitch. The Met won away 7-0 winners in the end with Uni pulling one back after going two behind.

The conditions didn't suit the Uni side, the pitch was heavily bogged down and passing became awkward. However in the final minutes, when for many knew it would have been the easiest option to give up, the Uni players fought on and came close with their play around Met's area.

Leeds Uni Captain Jane Shapiro was gracious in defeat, stating "I am proud of the team".

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Leeds Uni on the attack during the thrilling 26-22 victory over the Met at Headingley Carnegie Stadium

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## Men's and Women's Tennis

### By Naomi Sutworth

The tennis team Leeds Uni were a double in they picked up wins in both the men's and women's titles.

The day began with the doubles which took the format of five or eight games, Leeds Uni ladies got off to a flying start with both first and second points winning 8-3. Their winning streak continued in the singles with fourth seed, Josh Rodgers, beating Leeds Uni's Ellie Rawns 8-1, 6-1. Emma Layton, number three seed, gave Leeds Uni a short glimpse of hope when she then beat Leeds Uni's 9-2, 6-1. Emma attacked continuously and said, "I was actually pleased with my serving today and felt that's what gave me the edge." The final two matches were close encounters which Leeds Uni lost on. After a closely fought first set, second seed Angela Crowley won 6-4, 5-3 against Leeds Uni's Olivia Lewis. The top

## Men's Basketball

### By Neil Walker

Unfortunately this year The Met got the better of the Leeds Uni men's Basketball team, winning 93-37.

The Met looked more disciplined and better trained than our one, who seemed to be having problems in both ends of the court.

Leeds Uni went behind from the start and despite some bursts of brilliance they didn't look like catching the Met, who were moving confidently on offence and shooting well. The Met have taken a number of new players into their team, many of whom have played at a high level before, making them a formidable side.

It's a real defeat for the Uni basketball team, who last year went the only men's team to beat the Met, in a fantastic hard-fought match at Barclay's Park. The two teams are set to play in the Northern 1st Division this season for their first game of the

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This led to more pressure from the Met, but they were hampered as Tom Ramsey was withdrawn for 10 minutes for a dispositive tackle. As half-time drew ever closer the Uni were looking to take advantage of their extra man, but even with a man down, the Met took the lead having been awarded a penalty in the 39th minute. Tom Whitaker converted to put the score at 12-11.

After half-time the Met increased their lead further, Tom Whitaker scoring yet another penalty, leaving the Uni trailing further behind. However, the Uni fought back with their second try of the evening, scored by Neil Tait and converted by Luke Gray. The Uni now lead the advantage by 20-11.

In the final minute, the Uni were awarded another penalty, but Whitaker put his kick wide to leave the score the same.

Five minutes later Gray added another three points to give the Uni a six point cushion.

With the clock running down and the Met missing out of play, captain's touch to Gray and a man fight for one, led to the delight of the crowd. After celebrating his touch judge, the referee showed a red card to the Met's John Butler, judging him to be the main culprit. The Uni gained the new set of points as Gray put away his second penalty, and so the wounds kicked away the scores read 26-17 in favour of the Uni.

The Met scored a consolation win as Andrew Robinson try, but the game was ended when Whitaker missed his winning conversion.

As the final whistle blew shouts of "One Uni, One" echoed the ground as the South Stand showed the Uni team the honour.

## Results

Men's Football  
Leeds Uni 1 - 2 Leeds Met

Women's Football  
Leeds Uni 0 - 7 Leeds Met

Men's Hockey  
Leeds Uni 4 - 3 Leeds Met

Women's Hockey  
Leeds Uni 0 - 4 Leeds Met

Men's Rugby League  
Leeds Uni 8 - 38 Leeds Met

Men's Rugby Union  
Leeds Uni 26 - 22 Leeds Met

Women's Rugby Union  
Leeds Uni 0 - 18 Leeds Met

Men's Badminton  
Leeds Uni 5 - 3 Leeds Met

Women's Badminton  
Leeds Uni 3 - 5 Leeds Met

Men's Squash  
Leeds Uni 2 - 3 Leeds Met

Women's Squash  
Leeds Uni 0 - 2 Leeds Met

Men's Volleyball  
Leeds Uni 3 - 0 Leeds Met

Women's Volleyball  
Leeds Uni 2 - 3 Leeds Met

Men's Basketball  
Leeds Uni 57 - 96 Leeds Met

Women's Basketball  
Leeds Uni 50 - 69 Leeds Met

Men's Tennis  
Leeds Uni 1 - 0 Leeds Met

Women's Tennis  
Leeds Uni 2 - 8 Leeds Met

Men's Track and Field  
Leeds Uni 30 - 113 Leeds Met

Women's Track and Field  
Leeds Uni 40 - 156 Leeds Met

Golf  
Leeds Uni 1.5 - 4.5 Leeds Met

Final Score  
Leeds Uni 5 - 15 Leeds Met

Leeds Met win

## Women's Netball

### By Rachel Passmore

There was joy for Leeds Uni on the netball game following a convincing 43-20 victory over the Met.

It was clear from the outset that both sides were determined to win, and that this match was going to be fast-paced and very competitive. Leeds Met started with the ball but this was quickly interrupted by Leeds Uni, who promptly scored within the first minute. Leeds Met, underwhelmed, scored once also.

It was clear throughout the entirety of the game that Leeds Uni were the stronger of the two sides, consistently scoring goals, and in possession of the ball for the majority of the game. The defence on both sides was exceptional, however Leeds Uni had the upper hand, making them to when intercept the ball and score.



Leeds Uni attack in vain against the Met in their 95-57 loss in the women's basketball match

Photo: Mike Gerrard/Leeds Uni

week brought out the only three-set match in the ladies tennis, Juliet Dick of Leeds Uni was 4-0 up in the final set, but lost it to Leeds Met skipper Rachel Stubbs, so overall on women Leeds Uni won 8-2.

The Met and Uni men's teams went into the singles first, having each won a doubles match. Leeds Met went on to take the singles by seven, winning their first two matches in straight sets - North West Nick Rogers gave an excellent performance to beat Dan Campbell, while Nick Jones too came out on top as he won 6-1, 6-1. In the match between the top seeds, Yan Linka of Leeds Met beat two sets to one against Alex Pagan of Leeds Uni.

The final match of the day was the second putting - a tight first set saw Leeds Met's Tom Lewis win it, with only one break of serve, 6-4. David West didn't give up and took the second by the same score. Tom Lewis took 4-3 in the end after the longest match of the day, Leeds Met won the men's tennis 8-1.

season, so no doubt the Uni will be looking for revenge.

Leeds came back towards the end of the match, showing that it was more of a case of pressure and tiring rather than skill that was setting the teams apart.

Captain of the Leeds Uni basketball team Neil Smith said, "They were a much better organised team, so just didn't play as well as we can do. There's a lot of work that needs to be done as training on Friday so that when we play them in the league we can hopefully get the win and some revenge."

With a new coach and an influx of freshers joining the squad, it looks like Leeds Uni are still going into the swing of things this year, hopefully this defeat will only make them more determined to do better this year. The team finished second last time around and are looking to finish-top this time round, but the newly-promoted Met side are looking like they could be a formidable opponent.



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# White wash

\* **Met clean up at inter-uni sports gala**



Let battle commence! The rugby union teams go head-to-head at Headingley Carnegie Stadium

By Graham Clark

Leeds Uni grabbed the consolation prize in Wednesday's Varsity series by winning the bluegrass event, the men's rugby union, 26-21 at Headingley Stadium.

Results up to this point were very much in favour of the Met, with their taking all but four of the trophies available, however this was the match that maintained the mood and this could be seen throughout the stadium through the players and both sets of fans.

As the match got underway, the Uni had given the chance to take an early lead and they did just that. The Uni's number 10, Luke Gray, drove down the wing in the early stages of the match, before the game to give the Uni a 3-0 lead, however the early advantage was to be short lived. Within a

minute of the Uni taking the lead, the Met scored back and were on and a penalty which Tom Whitaker comfortably put away, making the scores level after only three minutes.

As the game continued, it was the Uni who were sharper and more lively, and the resulting pressure nearly brought about the first try. With great work commencing down the Uni's right hand side, a combination of head handling and a strong Met defence, derailed the chance of grabbing that elusive try. Minutes later the Uni's numerical injury time when they thought to go to the blood bin, and on in its place came Andy Shefferson.

Despite the early pressure that the Uni had earned, the side was to be overruled as the Met gained momentum and really looked to see the reaction of the Uni defence. At first the Uni held strong but after 25 minutes they could hold on no

longer as the Met's Chris Hughes crossed over the try line to give the Met the first try of the match, and the lead. The Met had the chance to extend their lead via the following conversion, but here what was a difficult angle Tom Whitaker could not take advantage and ultimately missed the conversion, yet even as the Met were now 3-3 up.

The Uni replied immediately, good work by full back Pete Walsby in the middle of the park was (subtle) and by Sam Taitler. Luke Gray then converted to put the Uni ahead. He shifted another penalty in the 17th minute, and as half time was closing the Uni once had a 13-6 lead. This was soon to be cut as only two minutes later the Met were awarded a penalty and Tom Whitaker comfortably put the ball between the posts to level the scores now at 13-6.

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