

That Friday free thing

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Protestors on far-right hitlist

Leeds students caught on camera by racist website 'RedWatch'

By Paul Tall

Racist website 'RedWatch', which is linked to the BNP and Combat18, has raised outrage amongst left-wing groups by posting pictures of Leeds University students.

The sites are of students attending last year's protest outside LLSU which was organised to call for the sacking of Leeds lecturer Dr Frank Ellis, who took off his shirt during this summer. The protesters have accused school-boy that they have even been discussed by LLSU's Executive in their most recent meeting after they were brought to the attention of Financial and Commercial Services Officer, Chris Johnson.

Blind Hasan, Unite Against Fascism Treasurer, called for students to take care when attending public demonstrations. "People need to be a bit more careful on people they're suspicious of, but the fact that fascist organisations are collecting information on students is very worrying and efforts should be taken towards finding out who is behind those sites and attempts made to stop them.

"I think it is ridiculous that these types of websites are allowed to exist as it's putting innocent people at risk."

Hasan also recognised the risk of being photographed by groups opposed to BNP as being a major problem for demonstrators.

"It is been at demonstrations where I've seen members of the BNP trying to take pictures of me and myself and others

have had to cover our faces."

Fraser-Jay/Collector, NCU Black Students Officer, does not believe the threat of fascist photographers attending public demonstrations will put students off going to future events.

"I haven't seen students go down because of sites like RedWatch. We shouldn't be intimidated by these fascists. It's everyone's duty to challenge them to create a safer campus."

"It is great what they stand for when they are going around taking photos of anti-racism campaigners. But everyone should be aware of the safety issues involved and be more aware that these people are operating."

Mark Bebbington, Secretary of the left wing Revolution society, said "These pictures are just pretty basic intimidation tactics by fascist and far-right sympathisers at the University. There hasn't been any attacks directly

numbers.

"The big demonstration like the one for Ellis, we certainly are aware. But it's difficult to distinguish those from normal students at the protest. It poses problems, but it's just one of those sites and we won't be intimidated by it."

However, the letter to RedWatch could be short lived. Colette added: "It's been suggested that it could be closed down in the near future after continued lobbying to the Government."

Bebbington added: "We'd prefer it if our photos weren't on there but we're not going to stop what we're doing because they are. When people are having their photos taken by such people they shouldn't be afraid to challenge them."

Daniela Timoney, LLSU Democracy and Communications Officer, said: "We are shocked at the presence of RedWatch on our campus. We find their rhetoric and beliefs despicable, and we will remain vigilant to ensure the safety and protection of all our students on campus."

"We must emphasize that our campus has been and remains accessible and open to all, regardless of beliefs, creed or background."

"We are working with the relevant student groups to ensure that they also remain vigilant, however it would be inappropriate to encourage teams suggesting that they prevent people campaigning for issues that they are passionate about and therefore I don't intend giving those fascist groups a platform they don't deserve."



WOLFEN: Leeds students are easily identified on RedWatch

News



Sketch

By Alex Schofield

A grade item 5.2: what? Or the line from 8 representations into 5.

Item 6: Decide whether the members should vote on installing a trustee board, effectively creating a body separate to themselves.

Item 7: Scrap the Incorporated bodies and make these Sabbs representatives rather than elected officials.

For some of the matters on which the 12 new Union Committees may have to vote when they take their seats later in the year.

I could scribble and grumble that only 2 of the 8 positions were contested, or that less than 300 people voted.

But wouldn't it be refreshing if our representatives informed themselves of

the issues being discussed and consisted of with their constituents.

Course, they may not realize they've been elected representatives. LEU's marketing arm made a welcome and asked members to vote in representations. Perhaps there's a buzzword with a sense of humor who decided to put the 'ad' back into UC. Perhaps they borrowed the LI dictionary.

Scarf our only real desire is that this new addition to UC takes it job with a modicum of seriousness.

Well, and you could have missed the democratic fudge which was last year's Student Activities Review. Rerun the table set the Free Knowledge Sabbs, the Socz and Sports Office and the Student Activities Manager. Eight

in total, mandated by the Review, or REVIEW to give it its due gratitude, to draw up a new direction for LEU activities. And what did they bring to UC is a suggestion for referendum! "Which Way Now? Vote A to accept all the recommendations, or vote B to accept all the recommendations."

This time there's no try. March's referendum called for choice for the members. You can't fault those right about the trying to get the very most of without taking the members if they approved, but UC can shunt the blame for not looking after the members' interests. That is, after all, what they're there to do.

The ethics of this organization, regardless of how many reviews it

conducts, is still to operate under a banner of being fair and by making Eight paid-up staff members can have more or many proposals as they like but it should of ways to go to the members which is adopted.

A huge pool of some of probably election winners would that only one of the new crosses they interviewed CJ had even heard of the Stan. Even to give the most important aspect of the movement. Even, which is to look the way LEU is run can do it.

Let's hope UC has its head screwed on when it comes to passing things it reforms this time around.

-See UC story on p5

Applications suffer slump

By Julian Ross

Applications for Leeds University have fallen for the first time in five years.

Over ten per cent less students have applied despite record A-level results in 2006. Notably, students wanting to enter higher education had decreased by roughly four per cent, with universities such as Nottingham suffering a drop of up to 11 per cent.

Early statistics suggest the number of registered students at Leeds University have also suffered a drop. Official figures will be published in November but there will be as many as four per cent less students.

The reason behind this is widely understood as the conventional introduction of top up fees, which force students to pay up to £1000 a year, a significant increase on the previous £1186. These results will fuel arguments from both Labour MP's and student groups who have protested vehemently against the fees. Claiming that it would discourage potential applicants because of the large debts they would face on graduation.

One Midlands Leeds North West MP, said "Students are not signing up for fear of being hounded with a crippling debt that will follow them around for years to come".

However, Leeds University is anxious to stress that the drop is just a reflection of some demanding early work.

A university spokesman said "The most important factor in the drop in applications is Leeds was

raising entry grades on popular subjects".

Leeds Metropolitan University however, has seen 30 increase in applications of 8.7 per cent - the highest rate of any English university. This may be attributed to the fact that it is also the cheapest university in the country, having set its fees at £2,000. Similarly,

applications have increased for universities in Scotland and Wales, another country having chosen to adopt top up fees.

Currently graduates owe an average of £13,000 after leaving university, with top up fees meaning the figure will rise to around £28,000, so long as the fees are capped at £1,000.



LELBY STUDY: Applications are down this year and are expected to be down again. PHOTO: Patrick Harty

This last comes under review in 2007 and MLS president Paul Fletcher believes that if the cap is lifted, by 2010, the resulting debt could be "equivalent to the price of a small house".

There is much speculation as to whether or not this will occur, but Gordon Brown, who in 2002 dismissed top up fees as "decisions and errors", has now shown that he is increasingly willing to order debate regarding the cap being lifted.

Increasing numbers of students are also choosing to take degree courses abroad, where they can receive a high-quality education in English for a fraction of the price or even, in the case of Sweden, for free.

However, debate for higher education Bill Ramsey, is remaining optimistic, stating application figures to recover in the next few years, as they did in Australia after an initial slump following the introduction of a similar top up fee programme.

He is also keen to point out that UCAS figures show students from poorer backgrounds were just as disadvantaged to apply to universities as wealthier ones, suggesting that top up fees are not as drastic some have claimed. "This has been no reduction in the proportion from lower socio-economic groups".

Both Hewitt, Union Education Officer said "Last year being difficult year before the introduction of top-up fees was obviously a blip for our student numbers."

"This year, we've still doing comparatively well compared to our Russell Group peers. This year it falling numbers of students has been noticed across the country."



GLOBAL

By Rachel Hunter

The Annual Diversity Studies programme at the US variety of Toronto has this year

donation of £3 one million from Canadian university Mark Denton to expand the number of

The interdisciplinary programme funded right from age, a one million dollars over the next five years which is been known for its scientific and medical research. With divisions on Biology, history and philosophy, and promotes an academic approach to pay, history, business, computer and behavioural science.

The programme offers courses such as "Social Performance: Can Studies in US" (scholarship), "The Arts and Literature course" (Diversity Catalyst). However, faculty also students leads that it's a serious academic programme that isn't just about arts.

Course director David Reynolds said: "It's a very serious analytical exercise and it's not a lot of people think it is. We're located in one of the most diverse cities in the world where cultural and international diversity actually play a role, and that's part of what we're"

Canadian provinces were the first to introduce in North America a legislative gay man, gay, and Toronto with one of the largest gay and lesbian communities in the world, is looking at the importance of the political location for such a programme.

He said: "A lot of the people from the university, how the president or even, think that what we're doing is important work. But there's still a lot of resistance at providing more and more people that what we're doing is legitimate."

There are plans for students and diversity programmes from 2008.

A lecture in love

By Charlie Staffles

Marriage is under the Times Higher's spotlight this week, as two Leeds lecturers were interviewed for an article focusing on couples that work and live together.

together.

The article, which featured in the Times Higher education supplement, looks at marriages between university lecturers, specifically focusing on how such couples manage to maintain balance between their work and their lives. The relationship between Chris

Meehan, a lecturer in Cognitive Neuropsychology and fellow psychology lecturer Coline Smeagel received particular attention. Mehan discusses what it is like to be married to a fellow lecturer in psychology, commenting that as they have always tried to be open about their relationship so as to avoid any awkward situations. According to the article, despite problems that arise from working in the same field, the most prominent being an element of competitiveness, the challenging aspects of each relationship are outweighed by the fact that it can be very supportive. In the article, Mehan says that they are helped by the fact that they are "both usually in love with the job". Mehan also said: "I always did my teaching in departments where there were married couples" and continues: "When I came to Leeds, it was the first department I had worked in where there weren't any." Mehan and Smeagel at first decided to check with human resources at the University that their relationship was permitted. In actual fact there is no policy prohibiting married couples working together at the University of Leeds.

been made on condition Smeagel show his right apple. The consequence: those surrounded never flash before officiating. One day he would be unrecognisable only if he married the UK.

Scheffeld was brought to a compromise of Chris Johnston, Archie Sample, Steve Smith and Phil Price. He is said by associates to be seriously awaiting the "student" he will have to carry out his mission, but is glad to have helped such a worthy cause.

Cuba challenge

By Louise May Cooper

Gerard Jackson, a final year law student at Leeds University will join 26 other people in Cuba on November 9 for the Cuba Challenge. This 1000km run, which takes place over four days, aims to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, a charity which has become important to Gerard after his aunt was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2004.

He aims to raise £2,500 for the charity and is being sponsored by Family, Dental and local businesses, as well as organiz-

ing fundraising events which include a charity golf day in Sanderford and a charity night collect £ each for the Leeds on October 29 at Sels Blue. 100 a well play music that means something to them, instead of just playing the latest tracks, to give an authentic mix of old and new with every game getting a look in. All money raised will go towards the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Gerard has pledged his own wage to Cuba so that all sponsorship or fundraising money goes directly to the charity.

You can sponsor Gerard by going to www.gofundraising.com/2006/LeedsChallenge.



RAISEY! Gerard Jackson is preparing to run 1000 kilometers over four days in Cuba to raise money for a Motor Neurone Disease Charity

Slave for you

By Charlie Staffles

RAC's slave auction last Friday raised £20 for the Breast Cancer Campaign. 13 slaves were under the hammer for the good cause, including Sports Officer Archie Sample and Leech

Student co-ordinator Ben Scheffeld. The auction formed part of RAC's programme of events to mark Breast Cancer Awareness week.

Prices ranged from the modest sum of £1.50, up to £36, which Scheffeld asked to be for the charity. Auctioneer Richard "Dinner" Adams allowed a bid of £45 which had

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Girls under pressure

High-flying career women who work long hours are the more likely to include an additional "female" than their male counterparts according to new research from Leeds University.

The research followed both men and women working in high-powered working roles, often with associate working hours. The latest sex was found to suffer more as a result of their jobs, including their workload, excessive dining and in a few cases, eating disorders.

Senior researcher David O'Connor said: "The findings are disturbing in that they show stress produces harmful changes in diet and leads to unhealthy eating behaviours."

The evidence is both 'hard' data and increased responsibility along with working hours being exceeded by the possibility of constant contact via new technology such as BlackBerry is thought to be worsening the situation.

Big Brother watches over lectures

A new electronic tagging system has been designed to cut costs in lecture room attendance. The system, created and developed by Chalmers University, is set to bring universities across Britain, saving from about £500,000 by installation of an entire university. Each student receives a key-ring with an electronic tag embedded in it, which is digitally recorded when the student is in the lecture hall at the right time. The information is recorded on the university database so that the University is aware of which students should be present for compulsory attendance, and which students are consistently absent. According to its creator, Steve Thomas, the system is not there to discipline students, but more a couple of lectures, but to solve long-term problems of absence in a more efficient manner. "We've named the system 'Gamma Tracker' - named after the device, which has been described as 'breakfast', noted students that legal 'consumable'. An MSc spokesperson said: "There used to be other ways to measure the amount of student learning."

Learning the language

Language in Africa, a two-day seminar, is being held at the Probe and Summit by the Leeds University Centre for African Studies. Participants will present papers dealing with issues faced in communities where languages come into contact. As part of a seminar programme, the seminar will feature a range of exhibits, from oral communication to the larger cities and their institutions in the African Diaspora.

For more information email: African@leeds.ac.uk

RentMe move to "luxury" new £250k office

By Charlotte Griffiths

Rent Me has unveiled plans for a £250,000 "upgrade" for their Headingley headquarters. Tenants wishing to use their facilities will now have to travel to Leeds city centre to visit the temporary office of the commercial letting agency, while the six week project gets underway.

Leeds Student has reported at the many students that have been left with unacceptably accommodation, with completion dates for home repairs being pushed further and further back. More is wrong that their facilities and decisions may be accepted somewhere else. In a letter to their tenants, the company said: "A key element of the new office will be a wall of touch screen panels which will transform the registration process" informed the company in a letter to their tenants.

This will result in a contemporary, spacious and customer friendly environment incorporating modern, dynamic lighting and design.

The current Rent Me office already has a professional look, but now the company wants to increase their high-tech. A key element of the new office will be a wall of touch screen panels which will transform the registration process.

When a tenant for repairs that is not that the company has been reported from the Leeds City Council's licensed accreditation scheme, some tenants feel that Rent Me's operations are not to be trusted on student homes, but a new office. "It's like they're taking the piss out of us with this, they must be doing the same as they did on us" said Ying Ke, a first year A&S design student.

"My lease is really simple and at the moment, the Student is to stamp that all



GETTING A FACELIFT: RentMe reveals plans for an office revamp

we didn't give really".

Andrew Phillips, a second year English and Philosophy student is not convinced by the professional facade. "They may have a professional sign front, but they treat you really badly" he said. Last week, Leeds Student reported on a half a million pound issue that is being to the company director, Harley Marston. "I can't believe they have used

something like that to their tenants, it's crap, in a way" and a member of the Student Advice Centre. "Our year year landlord where he had 400 tenants in three days, so we will have a good lot of student accommodation landlords so tenants can avoid being subjected to the kind of behaviour again."

Rent Me often prove to be difficult to contact. "We used Rent Me a time every

PHOTO: Will Cookson

week, sometimes they reply, rarely they don't, but either way nothing has been done" Ying Ke said, "one of my housemates called them three times in a day, still one of Rent Me's tenants. "We were eventually put on hold at 2.30pm but the phone was cut off at six." Leeds Student was unable to get hold of a member of Rent Me that was willing to comment.

BUPA grant to promote work health drive

By Rachel Hunter

The BUPA Foundation has awarded over £100,000 to researchers at the Institute of Psychological Sciences at the University of Leeds for a study to promote good health at work.

The study is being led by Doucie Rebecca Lawton in collaboration with the Health and Safety Laboratory in Buxton, and aims to develop and evaluate a flexible and problem-based initiative to promote physical activity in the work place.

The initiative will target employees, Motivation and Environment (AME) and will comprise changes in behaviour, health and work for employees who receive the AME intervention with

those who do not.

Doucie Lawton said: "It is a large scale study involving 10 workplaces from three different organisations, hospitals, local council and a bus company."

"We will be taking objective measures of health gain such as body fat measures and heart rate before and after the intervention."

"This compares to many studies that rely on self-reports of physical activity. The team will also be looking at how the intervention affects increases in physical activity because we will be measuring changes in attitudes and beliefs during the 12 months of the following."

Four other research teams doing similar studies have also won grants, including a project at Loughborough

University to research the effects of car driving on individuals who drive as part of their job.

Also, the University of King Kong Medical Centre will be undertaking a major research project looking at the effects of an indoor working environment on the health of workers.

BUPA hopes that the research from these diverse projects will provide medical teams with the knowledge and resources to improve both health in the workplace and overall quality of life.

Deputy Chairman of the BUPA Foundation Andrew Vallance-Davis said: "The BUPA Foundation is dedicated to funding medical research to prevent, relieve and cure sickness and ill-health, and these projects aim to take major steps in

the understanding of a wide range of work-related health issues."

"By making people aware of what is healthy behaviour, we believe they will be more motivated to prevent it. We have used the hospital here in Europe as research, which can go online way towards redefining health and wellness at work in a real sense."

"These important projects will further our understanding in the field of health at work, and will hopefully have a positive impact on the lives of countless both men and in the home."

The BUPA Foundation donates between £1.5 and £2.5 million per year through its medical research grants, the vast majority of which go to universities and medical research trusts in NHS hospitals.

Big increase in UC election turnout

By Paul Tall

Twice Disfranchised individuals were elected to LCU Union Council on Thursday after voting in the Union Ballot.

This brings the total number of representatives on the Council, the highest decision-making body within the Union, to 40.

Olivia Field, students with disabilities assembly chair, said "I'm very happy and very excited to be elected to UC. It's very pleasing that the vote out this year was higher than last year which is so important. There's much to be inspired of you but I just hope that I can do a good job."

"One issue that is pressing for the disfranchised chair is the Disabilities Discrimination Act, which comes into effect in December of this year."

"I'm hoping with that I can represent to the best of my ability. I'm going to be encouraging more people to be active on the forum for students with disabilities and to discuss what's the best for people with disabilities at the Uni, both in respect of the Act and outside of it."

Clare Lenton, women's representative, said "I'm really looking forward to getting into the job and I think I'm dedicated to the issues that we do."

The new members of UC will also be called on to discuss the governance review and executive reform proposals.

"I think that the results is a good idea because having a women's group is sometimes overlooking and now that effort will be able to represent students like me."

Abdullah Alkhalidi, first year student representative, said "I don't really have any issues that I am not going to vote for on. I just got my ballot to vote for me."

Rachel Hubbard is the ethics and environmental representative - one of



On THE UP: The number of votes cast this year increased by 41 per cent.

only two contested positions within the election.

"One of my main policies to make is to make a step to get involved with Union democracy and to help students influence the assembly and therefore have the Union as one."

Members of the Exec are also currently drawing up proposals for a Corporate Social Responsibility document for the Union.

"I'm hoping to raise awareness for all ethics & environmental issues

amongst all students. I hope to take advantage of the CSR policy being drawn up by the Union to help make the Union more sustainable and responsible in the future."

Daniela Terevici, LCU Democracy and Communications Officer, said "This year's UC by elections have seen a 41 per cent increase in the number of votes. This marks a significant move forward in the campaign to make democracy relevant to the student body and increase

involvement in Union democracy.

"The new Union constitution will be making an immediate impact and will be amending the forthcoming Union council. I think it is crucial that more work is done to increase the number of students voting however we must acknowledge the hard work of all candidates, staff and volunteers who contributed to the success in voting this year."

"I look forward to their future contributions."

PHOTO: Sarah Isaac

Calls for free science degrees

Employers have called for the government to abolish tuition fees for science degrees.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has said that more needs to be done to encourage students to study science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) courses, and suggests ministers consider either abolishing, or at least reducing, the level of tuition fees for three sciences in order to reverse the decline in the number of students choosing them.

According to a report published jointly by the CBI and the IT company LogicaCMG, in order for the UK to retain its own leading science, IT workforce and compete effectively with the developing and cheaper economies in India and China, the government must support young people with the right skills in science, technology, engineering and maths.

However, the report highlights recent UK figures, which revealed a 25 per cent fall in the number of students opting to study maths and computer science degrees between 2001 and 2005.

Professor Stanley Watson, Head of the School of Mathematics at the University of Leeds, said "Any approach to strengthening the uptake in Maths, Science and IT is clearly of valuable. Government will, however, be increasingly dependent on money from tuition fees so to give a small student experience in all areas. Many of us will remember the good days when tuition was free and subsidising grants were given. We were very fortunate, but if a different world were I'm afraid, with highly increased numbers of students to be taught, and costs high. It will take a decade of creativity to achieve an appropriate balance on this issue."

Making the band

A doctoral for talented young musicians is looking for bands who want to make it big in the Leeds music scene and beyond.

The Leeds City Council is looking for 15 bands and musicians, under the age of 25 and looking for a head start in their musical careers. The winners will get studio and recording time, a professional photo shoot and a helping hand making contacts in the music industry.

The bands will also perform live at a high-profile venue in Leeds in March and one of their tracks will be included in a thought-provoking CD. Anne Jefferson, coordinator of the event, said "I think it will be a brilliant experience for any band. It will really give them a real go and presents a fantastic opportunity, but they may not otherwise have. It's going to have a really positive impact for the Leeds music scene."

Contact Anna on 01132479471 or email anna.leeds@leeds.gov.uk for information on how to apply.

Missing backpacker's parents fly to Cambodia

By Paul Tall

The parents of Leeds Uni student who disappeared five years ago whilst backpacking are preparing to travel to Cambodia to try to find out what happened to him.

Kalle Gibson, who was three weeks into a combined Asian and Pacific Islands and International Management course at Leeds University, sent his mother an email saying he was "really looking forward to coming home" on October 31 2004. That was the last they

heard from him.

Now his father, Miles, 59, said he and his wife are to make the trip because they are "unable to move on without their son" and they find out what happened to him.

This follows a team of four officers from Sussex Police's major crime branch who spent 18 days in the capital Phnom Penh this summer working alongside the Cambodian National Police. Despite describing their enquiries as world-wide, they are still not closed to discovering when Kalle went after October 24.

Mr Gibson, a corporate financier,

said "We are not giving up hope and we are going out there to try and solve this mystery."

"We have had private investigations looking for him, we have been there four or five times ourselves already and Sussex Police officers have also visited, yet we are still in the dark."

"We are being to reach out to the Cambodians because Kalle went a bit naive while he was there and didn't really mix with Westerners."

"My hope Cambodia hold the key to solve this mystery. We haven't totally given up hope that he may be alive."



MISSING: Kalle Gibson



Name: (secret)
Occupation: LUU Doorman

“Last night we found a sweet potato on the Stylus dance-floor.”

LF: Welcome to the '900 seconds here, how are you doing tonight?
Doorman: Very well thank you, Sir, it's cold but OK.
LF: How was Friday's work for you?
Doorman: A bit hectic, leaders are definitely getting more chaotic.

LF: Anybody get particularly rowdy?
Doorman: I wouldn't say rowdy, there were a couple who were very talkative and gave a bit of backchat, but in general it all was amiable.
LF: Does your job give you a good impression of students?
Doorman: Well I'm not a student here myself, I tend not to go until the end of last year. I think students are very opinionated.
LF: Did you ever get into trouble as a student?
Doorman: No, not really. I started this job in my first year, and I've certainly never been checked out of a club.
LF: Your job involves standing around a lot in the cold. Any tips for getting through the winter?
Doorman: Always wear an extra T-shirt, never miss that leather gloves and maybe a scarf when it gets really cold.
LF: Sound advice.
Doorman: And a big hot chocolate with cream.
LF: As the overbook... does it come with

the job?
Doorman: No, I had to buy it myself. This one's three bottles.
LF: What's the best thing about your job?
Doorman: Chatting to people, it's a nice atmosphere to work in, really relaxed.
LF: And the worst?
Doorman: All the doors to lock up. So many locks and keys.
LF: What's the most outrageous fancy dress you've ever seen walk through the Union doors?
Doorman: It would have to be the pig in a gang costume. It was made of black, sort of see-through material, and it covered his entire face.
LF: Sounds uncomfortable. How did the pig get out of there?
Doorman: Luckily, the pig was wearing, we found a sweet potato on the Stylus dance-floor, another one in Palace, and a carrot in Mill.
LF: Would that also suit those. Predicting any trouble tonight?
Doorman: No, hopefully not, we have a great clientele coming to many places and customer service is our main priority. People are often a bit surprised at



our '900 seconds when we say good evening.
LF: You don't see yourself as a hard man then?
Doorman: No, that's definitely not how I would portray myself, we certainly know what we are doing but we are not that type of hard staff.
LF: Never had anyone on a headlock?
Doorman: No, never, that would be illegal. I've had to use reasonable force before but it's extremely rare here. Now and again you have to restrain someone.
LF: How far would I have to push it to be checked out of the Union?
Doorman: Well, to be checked out of the premises you'd have to fulfil certain legal conditions, like aggression, being violent, being obstructive. This study if people are ready to staff or other students or especially break house, this that would mean you're out.
LF: Did you get in trouble once for putting up with an on the side.
Doorman: That's a capital offence, the bar managers don't like it.
LF: Sorry, we'll happen again. Have a good night and thanks for taking part.

Pioneering professor dies

By Abid Hassan

Professor James Scott, a pioneer in the field of reproductive immunology, has died aged 82.

Scott was born in Glasgow on April 16 1924, the eldest son of physician and surgeon Angus McAlister Scott. He was educated at Glasgow Academy and at Glasgow University, receiving his early scientific and grammatical training as Dabhi, before developing a keen academic bias at the University of Liverpool in a lecture and seminar lecture in the Department of Medicine.

In 1961, at the remarkable young age of 37, he was appointed Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in Leeds where he built a strong clinical unit. It was in Leeds where Scott carried out his much lauded research into the role of plasma immunoglobulins which helped dramatically reduce the number of stillbirths.

Scott was appointed chairman of the Leeds Faculty of Medicine in 1965, following the post until 1972. In 1976, in collaboration with Warren Jones he published 'The Immunology of Human Reproduction', the first comprehensive review of the subject written by clinicians.

In 1986, as well as retaining his chair, he became Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, where his was concentrating interest in obstetrics and gynaecology.

During his term of office as Dean, Scott helped improve communication

between the city's numerous deprived LEA and St James's schools, and introduced the annual Christmas dinner.

A keen writer, Professor Scott wrote the numerous medical journals, as well as co-writing a biography of Dr Alan MacKenzie, a medical medical graduate of the University of Leeds who is now known for designing the Aquatic Centre on which the Union is Open a player.

Professor James Scott will be remembered as a hard working, skilled clinician, as well as a pioneer in research, the leaves behind his wife, Gloria, a pioneering pediatric cardiologist, and two sons.



Professor James Scott

Students have 'no idea' what cheating is

By Jessica Dean

Too many students have little understanding of what plagiarism is, Leeds University legal adviser has warned.

According to Adrian Davis, there is a "vast and pervasive" among students apathy at university, who have little idea what plagiarism is, or how to avoid it.

Davis said "I get the impression that when children are doing GCSEs and A-levels, schools are not talking about plagiarism to their students. Often when students come to us, the old one-and-pipe mentality might be there. It does come as a shock to some because they are expected to think more on their own".

The rise in technology such as the internet has made it easier for students to cheat by copying large chunks of text from online essays, or purchasing custom-written essays.

However, unintentional plagiarism, where students do not reference sources correctly, is also a problem. Generators are beginning to fight for with free, easy software to help students copy content of plagiarism.

Leeds uses Turnitin E, a web-based system which checks submitted work for matching text on web pages, electronic journals and previously submitted work. As the system does not take into account any referencing information, it does not directly identify plagiarism. Instead, it is used

to detect potential plagiarism.

Both Professor Union Education Officer said "I do think there is a problem in explaining to students the possibilities for accidental plagiarism. "I do question whether there is a line in unintentional plagiarism itself, but I don't think students have always had the possibility of accidental plagiarism explained to them".

Currently, students sign a declaration of academic integrity with

each piece of submitted work.

However, Mr Sims said that taken with large amounts of work to mark may not always spot cases of plagiarism, particularly in view of the increase in student numbers and sources of information. He suggested that universities employ 'plagiarism bots', and added "We have got to stamp it out which ultimately costs money".



COPY CATS: Students unaware of 'accidental' plagiarism
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Logdy drinkers

By Charlotte Griffiths

The Check 21 scheme is operative at LLSU has been called into question after a witness year-old has brought alcohol to the website.

The witness year-old, was several years off at the Old Bar, Moss, and the Terrace with no questions asked about his age. The same individual currently on a half term break from studying for his AS levels at school, was also served alcohol in the Eldon, Liberty and Parkhouse pubs.

"It's brilliant, I wish it was this easy at home, but all the pubs there are really strict, it's annoying," he said.

"I've got a fake ID that I brought up so Leeds was one pub in case I needed it, it also works some just in case I needed it, but here I've never even had to use it."

"On his last day at LLSU, after a week long stay, he had still never been asked his age. He even conducted an experiment to see if he fake ID would work in Leeds."

"I tried to order a W&A, because that's traditionally what teenagers drink, and I walked freely about going back to school and half term, but it didn't work and I still got served."

"I think the pub controlled the bar at the Liberty they have evidence on the use of alcohol when he got on the terrace, however, I know I can't be below 16 was under age but was just letting the staff think it was good thing for me, I'm 17. The very surprised but happened," commented the assistant manager of the Eldon.

"We have a very strict policy on checking under 16 usually."

The Manager at the Parkhouse was also concerned, "Our staff are well trained to recognise under-age drinkers," he said. Chris Robinson, LLSU Financial and Commercial Services



Teenage drinking: a witness year-old has a cheeky one in the Terrace.

PHOTO: Charlotte Griffiths

Officers, said, "As part of this initiative we are committed to asking anyone who appears under 21 for ID, and checks are regularly carried out by bar staff."

"LLSU prides itself on social responsibility and high standards in all its venues, and has recently won the Best Bar Award and W&A Student Union Venue of the Year awards, highlighting our efforts and successes in this area. The standards is now being investigated and we commit ourselves to taking any appropriate action to ensure such incidents do not happen again."

While half term is fast leaving young brothers and sisters have been

waiting their siblings at university all week, allowing extra days and hoping to catch a train to the Leeds University night life.

Katy Terrell, an English student, had her brother sister over to stay for an open day and a big night out.

"Lately my sister was really well behaved, she got into most clubs but she only got a bit drunk. I had to watch her at Gatsbybar because she practically got into all night long. I felt bad for taking her somewhere like that and it would have been quite a blessing if she'd been rejected."

"She looks older than me though, she got served everywhere, even at home in London."

Dev Van Der Gucht, a History student, had his brother and sister to stay for one night in Leeds.

"I was lucky because on one night she had to go to a friend's house, a little brother or sister was around getting totally drunk at the same time. I spent the whole night looking after them, even my older brother got older totally hammered."

The assistant manager of the Parkhouse agrees the staff should filter out irresponsible under-age drinkers.

"One staff we were trained to recognise under-age drinking," he said.

The Liberty declined our requests for comment.

Calls for free science degrees

Employers have called for the government to abolish tuition fees for science degrees.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has said that more needs to be done to encourage students to study science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) courses, and urged ministers to consider either abolishing, or at least reducing, the level of tuition fees for these courses in order to reverse the decline in the number of students choosing them.

According to a report published jointly by the CBI and the IT company LogicaCMG, in order for the UK to create its own home grown IT workforce and compete effectively with the developments and cheaper economies in India and China, the government must equip young people with the right skills in science, technology, engineering and maths.

However, the report highlights more UK AS figures, which revealed a 25 per cent fall in the number of students applying to study maths and computer science degrees between 2002 and 2005.

Professor Stanley Wain, Head of the School of Mathematics at the University of Leeds, said, "Any approach to strengthening the uptake in Maths, Science, and IT will be valuable. However, it will, however, be increasingly dependent on money from tuition fees so to give a good student experience in all areas."

Wain said, "Students themselves the good old days when tuition was free and substantive grants were given. We were very fortunate, but it's a different world now. I've allowed, with highly increased numbers of students to be taught, and costs high."

It will take a degree of creativity to achieve an appropriate balance in this issue."

Making the band

A showcase for talented young musicians is looking for female winners to make it big on the Leeds music scene and beyond.

The Leeds City Council is looking for 15 female musicians, under the age of 25 and looking for a lead role in their musical career. The winners will get funding and recording time, a professional photo-shoot and a helping hand making contacts in the music industry.

The bands will show performers at a high profile event, under the name of one of their tracks will be included in a Bright Young Things CD. Anna McInnes, coordinator of the event, said, "I think it will be a brilliant experience for any band. It will really give them a leg up and presents a fantastic opportunity that they may not otherwise have. It is going to have a really positive impact for the Leeds music scene."

Contact Anna on 01132745007 or email on leeds.gov.uk/MTT for information on how to apply.

By Rachel Hester

A recent demonstration will take place this Friday in London to protest against the introduction of logpay fees. Leeds University Union is joining the NUS and other universities on the "Short Fees Debate" march as part of "Admission Impossible", a new campaign launched by the NUS.

The campaign aims to ensure that all those with the ambition and ability to enjoy the benefits of higher education are able to do so, and to tackle the Government's continued refusal to recognise that top-up fees will have a 'diver effect' on those stated students to reduce university participation.

Gemma Terrell, NUS National President said, "The decision to go to

university is becoming an increasingly hard one to make for many people in society, particularly those from families where there is no history of going into higher education.

"Righting up the prospect of graduating with huge levels of debt, and an average starting salary of just £15,000 is extremely difficult."

According to recent UCAS figures, the number of students who have completed university places this year is 1.7 per cent less than at the same time last year.

The NUS argues that the introduction of top-up fees will mean that thousands of students will miss out on an university education. Research has shown that the students most likely to be put off higher education by fears of debt are those from poorer backgrounds.



CELEB HELP: Ricky Tomlinson supports the NUS

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Youth groups

Children playing games on the streets: dicing with drivers, football on the footpaths. Emma Hall takes a look at the alternative, and how students can help.

Living in Hyde Park, seeing young children playing in the road is a familiar sight for me. Indeed, anyone living in the residential terraced areas of Leeds will not be surprised to see those of lower status taking a football, or playing 'it' on these areas, normally reserved for the motorised vehicle. These, I go without saying, are hardly the safest (especially play areas, with the hazards of blind corners and fast cars made all the more perilous when you are so easily misable than for tall.

There were the worries of that visit. Educational, History and Politics student, Julie Armstrong-Dorson, when she moved into a new flat in the Butley area in July this year. With the local schools having broken up for the summer holidays, the presence of kids on the streets became more prevalent, and Julie decided to do something about it. Approaching the local primary and junior schools, she enquired whether they were seeing any similar

scenes for the children which she could volunteer for. The finding that neither the schools nor Action had any programmes planned, Julie decided to take matters into her own hands.

Julie wanted to create a free service, run by volunteers, for those who could not afford the expense of schemes like the Straycats, with its expensive uniforms and on-going costs but with the same entertaining elements where some learning is incorporated. For these reasons she decided to target the local state schools such as Beckett, Brudenell School and Butley St Martin, rather than the more privileged schools like the Woodley Girls. She was keen to create a structured organisation, rather than a kind of drop-in centre, where adults would be happy to enrol their children.

As the local schools were unavailable for use during the holiday period, Julie needed to find an alternative base with adequate facilities for the children. A short distance from her flat on Woodley Road is the

Woodley Multicultural Community Centre, a headquarters for the community's needs.

Meeting weddings, funerals and other social occasions and providing services including Meals On Wheels for the elderly, Julie contacted the centre with an idea for an Arts and Crafts scheme for five to ten year olds, which would look after the objective of providing an alternative play area to the street, as well as giving parents or carer's time off in the afternoon. On probing her idea to a volunteer at the centre however, she was met with a less than thrilled response. There was already a scheme in place, she was informed, run by a Leeds graduate, a Drama club for a similar age group. Later that week however, Julie was called by Debbie, the local coordinator of the Woodley Multicultural Community Centre. Debbie was determined to offer an artsy activities and opportunities at the centre as there were often, Kim Kuff had in fact visited on 30 July 17th, and the attendance 30-

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numbers have been growing ever since I started Kilo Kilo last Monday for the first time since of 4.30 until 6.30, and I could hear the noise before I could see it. The twenty-one children attended that day however, they were outside out of control on racism. It was more a

hall of interaction and energy that could be heard, as the predominantly female group was hard at work making cards to celebrate the religious festivals of Eid or Diwali with coloured feathers, sequins and stencils.

There were five volunteers as well as Jodie helping the children, and their approach avoids preaching or judging. The children work in groups, but there

is time for one-to-one interaction. Responsibilities like taking the register are delegated to an older child, which they respond well to, yet generates an uncompetitive atmosphere.

When I speak to Jodie, who has been running the club every Monday since July, it is clear that her intentions have taken on a broader aim than just the production of 'Viking shields and

flamenco fans, or decorating fairy cakes. "I enjoy being part of the community," she says. "The children were so nice on their way home from school, and when I was ill I received Get Well cards from them. I think there is often a view of the student population of Leeds as being almost the 'enemy', and I wanted to break down these social barriers."

It's not just the social wall between

party, Jodie was careful to avoid footballs like sausage rolls, or sweets containing gelatin, in order to avoid offence, but the activities, organised by all, seek to advocate inclusion rather than alienation. When I visited, both Hindu and Islam festivals were being celebrated alongside one another and, next week, the children will make Halloween masks. Come December there will be a Christmas party,



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down barriers and students that's being brought through the centre's work. The area contains many different religious, ethnic and cultural groups, who all live in one of the less than affluent areas of Leeds. The children who attend the club reflect this mixed population. When I talk to Jodie about the potential problems that could arise from this mix of cultures, she explains that it is in no way a negative thing. She admits that the club has to make concessions to be sensitive to the different stories that the children may tell, but emphatically insists that this has never been a hindrance to the development of interaction between the children. When being the 'Welcome Pack'

enforce of Western culture if ever they was one.

The Multicultural Centre, led by Brakley, has made this model of integration and social cohesion its slogan. The drama club will soon make a work on a Tuesday afternoon, the girl who takes a graduation with a first in Drama last July, and Brakley will only to travel from Bradford - where the teacher studied children - claim the success continue to be one she attended. Brakley is not the only one to see the value of a voluntary basis. The centre's partnership with the Al-Haq Supplementary School and Education Study group, tutoring students in science and literacy for primary school children through to GCSEs on a voluntary basis. The centre's commitment, Brakley firmly believes that "education is the key out of poverty. The SATS and GCSE results in this area are very low, and there are hardly any children going on higher education. I seek to raise the bar in attainment levels." An NFER representative has visited the centre in recent months, as has a spokesperson from Yorkshire TV, invited by Brakley to give the community schools' optimistic and positive role models, as he terms. Jodie and the other volunteers have provided. "I can't have high enough praise for Jodie, to have created something out of nothing, she has proved her worth both to the centre and the community, and guaranteed higher attendance at the centre."

The Local Network Fund, a government initiative for enhancing education through complementary studies, appointed Jodie the title of

"trainer" at the beginning of the school year. This was in recognition of her successful planning and management of Kids Kraf.

An estimate of each session cost is around £15, but money/funding is the key to keeping expenditure down. The children recycle materials, including old take-away menus and newspapers, transforming them using decorations such as glitter and sequins.

received a grant to cover expenditure until December 2007, in which Kids Kraf is included. It is also the Network Fund that contacts the Criminal Records Bureau in order to see background checks on the volunteers, compulsory for those working in the company of children. Although it's not essential to have worked with children before, it helps out at the Multicultural Centre, which

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related atmosphere made for a productive evening.

In the current political and media climate, we are told that humanitarian scenes such as those are unthinkable, yet Ibrahim's goal of community cohesion does not seem so unachievable as we are led to believe, something so simple as decreasing busy roads with ten year olds.



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At the end of each Kids Kraf, the children have a drink of squash and jelly cake, but not before clearing away all of the scrap to re-use and taking some all back on the pop ups, Iqbal says. "The children are aware that we do not have unlimited resources, they are respectful of that fact and very good at preserving and making the most of what we've got. This is a positive in a way because it teaches them the importance of sharing and the understanding of material worth." It is the Lewisham Network Fund, which provides the Multicultural Centre, which is owned by Lewisham City Council, with their yearly funding. They have just

had extensive experience caring for children, having both a live-at-home nanny during her pop ups in Malaysia as well as on her return in London and played a significant part in her son's upbringing. Two of the volunteers who have been helping out since the start of the school term are teaching Kids Kraf as work experience, as the girls have plans to go on to do a teacher training course after they graduate in July.

Community cohesion is the aim of not just the Multicultural Centre but the local community as a whole. Ibrahim seeks to lead adults in the area by example of their children, bringing people together in unity, regardless of their origins or background. He seeks to set up a dialogue between people, creating a neutral ground at the centre where people can congregate and integrate. Projects in the pipeline include a Parent Group and Ibrahim is encouraged by the ease with which the children have collected together and hopes their parents will adopt this acceptance and optimism of youth. Also planned are exchange programmes, where those from different faiths are invited to say how others worship. Ibrahim has been in talks with the local Catholic and Methodist churches and the local temples and mosques, to promote his cause, and has met with a very positive reaction. Last Thursday, Ibrahim took Iqbal to the mosque on Woodbury Road, where one of those congregations was taking place. The night was a great success and, after the address, there was food for all, and



Child killers



At any moment, around the world, hundreds of thousands of children are fighting wars that are not theirs. Kidnapped, manipulated or enticed, they are drawn into combat. Alex Anderson examines a truly global problem and the efforts that have been made to put a stop to one of mankind's great injustices.

There are few greater tragedies in the contemporary world than one of a gun in the hand of a child. Innocence and war, despair and hope, life and death – strange opposites that come around the warped image that has both, and still is, reproduced so many times around the world. There are an estimated 300,000 child soldiers today, spread across as many as 36 countries. That's been twice the number of students studying at Leeds University; it's more than a quarter of a million. These are orphans of children, as young as six being recruited in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Sudan, and Cambodia, amongst others.

All these countries have been involved in civil war to varying degrees. Sri Lanka's Tamil Tigers – for example, in the North East have recently kicked against the government again after the six year war which ended in ceasefire during 2002; the Lord's Resistance Army has been involved in a 20 year war against the Ugandan Government with millions of casualties; the Democratic Republic of Congo is particularly a child recruitment hotspot, with an estimated 40% of soldiers involved in the civil war under the age of 18, and this includes both the rebel and government side. They are still between ten and twenty thousand child soldiers there who have been fighting since August 1998, when the war officially started. As an interesting aside, the original principles and motives of these wars can often be traced back to Western interference in these countries. Tamil Indians were encouraged to move to Sri Lanka and were emancipated there during British rule over India. Belgian colonial powers in Uganda noticed significant parallels between the 'Hutu' and 'Tutsi' tribes, placing one's value higher than the other – hence the genocide and civil war that followed; displacement of people to the 'traditional lands' of others; the United or 'baptized' country boundaries being drawn which encompassed rival tribes (1894) will



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ly lead to confinement at some point, coverage and abundance. Some conflict is simply visible, and has played a visible role in creating the chaos with chaos under which child rape took.

ing in a war zone will create and and poverty. Some children or army as a means of acquiring skills, lifting the burden of the living off their families. There and impressive results are cited into believing that this is change. Some join the armies because they have lost their in the war, and are faced with in the street as their alternative, out common by the so, however, lack of children followed by social movement into the army, are mentioned accounts of gangs that, most common, rape, women, and even babies, before having to give up their children at in, then taking them back to their army. Children in these situations with the very real and always a few of babies.

The today "orphaned children" are a common sight in the streets of abandoned and broken-down cities with sewage and the empty in an effort to avoid it. While they should be having of their lives, at school and play with family, and learning mistakes, everyday things - and their men in law and of kidnapping, the forced military children.



Once at this 'base camp', the army 'disciplines' the children in order to make them obedient soldiers out of them. What children lack at maturity, they make up for in other ways. Children are quicker than grown men and make excellent targets for the enemy; they can carry and operate the lightest modern weapons; they don't ask for wages and are easy to intimidate. In many ways they approach the role of an 'ideal' soldier. The process of 'discipline' is the final step, and involves dragging the children, appearing serene before having them to control themselves into such as rape and murder

This is done to break down their, and to make them harden their resolve. You can pick out the child who's experienced 'discipline' through the eyes, some how vacant, like something's lacking. There are a host of stories from reported children about this kind of initiation, where details - which groups, custom help but pull the focus towards action. 'Some' is, was kidnapped by rebels in Uganda. "I was brought to camp," she says, "but for two months. There is made us and the other new captives, kill him with a stick. I fell sick. I knew this boy... we were from the same village. I refused to kill him and they said they would shoot me and we would not try to escape... I still dream about that boy. I saw him and he is talking to me and saying, 'You killed me for nothing' and I cry every day."

The kidnappings and recruitments are

The most common by far is, however, the abduction of children followed by their forced recruitment into the army.

not gender specific, as the example demonstrates. Estimates place numbers of female child soldiers at around 120,000 girls. They face the same psychological and emotional scars as their male counterparts, but are also faced with reproductive abuse, rape and being forced to marry adult soldiers. Sex slaves, in every sense of the term, but with the added, additional fact that she is still a child. Many of the soldiers are pregnant and give birth regularly into captivity in a war zone. 'Some' has a 4 year old child, which means she must have been born 12. This also puts them directly at risk of being infected with the HIV/AIDS virus.

the girls, but either boys or girls in any way if they manage then they are often killed, abducted a second time and returned home. Even if these are avoided, all too often they are rejected by the world they were brought up into and no longer fit to remain a part of their home, but not in substance. After the mistreatment and dehumanization, families often turn on their backs and when they have moved on to schooling, they don't have the basic skills needed for a job.

Measures have been brought into effect to tackle the problem of children's use in warfare. The most prominent is the '15250' program (Shaping, Demobilizing and Reintegrating). It was launched in the Democratic Republic of Congo two years ago and has individually made a difference to individual children, but one a national or global scale is necessary unless we intend. The demand of child abuse continues in many forms across the world - with 1.2 million children not educated to be trafficked annually, and 2.8 million are involved in child labor. Stopping the problem is in its infancy is too ambitious and requires addressing the root causes of violence against, solving poverty and closing the attitudes of other countries. While the efforts of organizations such as the ILO may not change the world situation



as a whole, they should not be criticised for the best amongst, as the only way anything will change is through the small efforts of each individual, creating a chain push for change. You can do your part to make a large difference on an individual scale by helping to fund the rescue and rehabilitation of one one child. It may not be impressive when examined on a national scale, but it would mean the world to that child. So long as the future, the children should not witness, let alone meet, in reality with a duration. Work in the way is being done by 'Save the Children' and 'Human International' at the

moment. That which is written in this article is not exaggerated and kidnapping, at this moment, and in this world, and rarely makes headlines news agencies. What you can do to make a difference is join the ILO's Amnesty society, donate to Save the Children, or simply help to spread awareness of this issue.

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Who cares?

Despite Leeds having one of the lowest first year drop-out rates in the country, life as a fresher can still prove too much for some students. Alex Hilliard investigates how the university's pastoral system compares to other institutions and what our freshers think should be done about it.



ach debate surrounds the first week at university. Freshers' week is the week of their lives. This is a time to look at a lively group of people, combined with their own individual, and in many circumstances, a contrasting career members of the opposite

lively group of friendly people, combined with a wide range of interests, and, in many fortunate circumstances, a wide range of attractive members of the opposite sex, in an amazing freshers' week.

at an exciting freshers' week. At the other end of the scale, you find yourself surrounded by people who do not seem to have any of the activities you can see that if you want to cut the extra back at home, and which you need to have in your life. As this is simply not an option for many, however living, will not look you out after a while - of work, and the weeks that you have to be dealt with, as well as the time you have to be

is important to remember that the first week at university is a very busy time. The people you spend 24/7 day, week or month with may only just become close friends in the first part of the year, but in the first term. We make love but they seem, plenty of people who are allowed that they're not happy who I identify with. At best, enjoy their company, but it's often and perhaps, the best friends for life and some for their children. The thing is to be adaptable and flexible. If you will yourself that you're in a group of friends who now aren't close a bit of work, but refuse to continue with it with someone, you're missing the point, which is possible as it's not as they're not there are all those who have brought their own with them to Leeds, and should self-sufficiently. We're groups and things have to be about their own interests. But they're not just about what makes them feel good. One by one they need to do it. One group, writing into a balanced life with people that don't get the way. It's the numbers of people can't, and as Laura Fitzroy, a student at Leeds, says: "It's extraordinary how you can be

surrounded by people, and still feel a bit lonely. A point of contact would have made me feel a lot more comfortable." What seems clear is that a system should be in place similar to that offered to medical students at Leeds, and also to other students at universities such as Oxford and Cambridge. This is called the "parenting system" - which is a first year student is placed into a "family" consisting of someone in the same class, on the same course, who is their "parent", and two "parents" who are either first or second years. This popular and widespread system means that as soon as a student arrives at university, they have the phone number and email address of people who will understand their situation and who they can contact at any time. However, students at Leeds are not given a first year academic student at Cambridge says: "The parenting system is brilliant. It allows us to rely on the knowledge that we have at least a couple of people who are really concerned about our welfare, and who will make an effort to make us feel settled and happy." There is clearly a limit to the extent to which university can

achieve, when you are often overwhelmed and open but to a certain degree, but more efforts could be made to make such students feel less like a 1 in 30,000 student and more like an individual. Casting my mind back to my first few weeks at Leeds, what struck me is the lack of effort made by the university to make me feel immediately involved. I remember waking up on the morning of my first lecture, and realising that I had absolutely no idea what I was in. I didn't know my Michael Sadler from my Conference Auditorium, or my Roger Stevens from my Repetitorium, and would have been a really useful, though it sounds so simple, would have been an opportunity to show the where it was, or at least to point me in the right direction. The University of Leeds is one of the bigger in the country, and it certainly feels that way when trying to navigate your way around the campus. If this parenting system had been in place and I had had the phone number of someone in the same situation as me, and who had second or third year, I would have felt more relaxed and probably more at home.

What does not seem to be recognised by the university, is that many freshers would benefit just from a point of contact with one of their contemporaries. Leeds, who is having history at Leeds, admits that having a university "family" could have vastly improved his experience of freshers' week. "If on filling out your application, the university's parenting system," I would have done it without hesitation, as I think a lot of people would have done. If you're going somewhere where you don't know anyone, being offered the opportunity to have those people to rely on as soon as you arrive, is a great idea." Even if it's a bit of a shame that it's not everyone, it might be a good idea to have those first days of work of some from an college into a really positive one.

Source: if students graduate go off to university loaded with

preconceptions about what their experience will be like, whether those are from friends already at university, from the media, or from their parents talking excitedly about their own university careers. It is provided at someone in which you will automatically be placed with people like you, when you will instantly get on with everyone you meet, and, most importantly, where you will have the time of your life from day one. It is almost taboo to raise the subject of whether your university career will meet your expectations. This is partly due to the atmosphere of intense positivity surrounding freshers' week. It is seen as a new start in life, a chance to explore what makes you individual, to define yourself in numerous ways, whether through the friends you make, the activities you join, or the amount of interest you have for your course. It is also a time of passage, and to suggest that there will be a breakdown to this in the form of depression, or a strong feeling of loneliness is almost frowned upon. The fact is, that for many, it is very difficult.

As a third year student, I can still appreciate the daunting nature of university life. Even the idea of joining a society and going to a social can be slightly intimidating if you are doing it on your own, however easy it sounds. Ever

Why is the emphasis on drinking in freshers' week so strong? It is largely because we relax when we're drinking and the old cliché that our inhibitions are broken down remains true. This is Dutch Courage on a large scale.

wonder why the emphasis on drinking in freshers' week is so strong? It is largely because we relax when we're drinking and the old cliché that our inhibitions are broken down remains true. This is Dutch Courage on a large scale. We feel more capable of talking to complete strangers, and are much less worried about how we may come across to others. I'm not suggesting that if you are hesitant about joining a society then getting hammered is the answer, but if you are shy, or lacking in self-confidence, this can understandably seem like a worrying thing to do. Remember that you are by no means the only person who feels this way. A simple solution is to find someone else who may also be interested in doing something new and go along together to a society fair, or a dance class, or whatever else is available that appeals to you.

University really should be the time of your life. Whether it is or not, though, is often completely out of our control, so rather than make pressure we put on ourselves to make it perfect, all you can do is be as positive as possible, and to try to see each day as a step forward in new and exciting things. As time as it may sound, it is the challenges in life that really shape us, and your time at university is no exception to this.

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The science behind stem cells

Stem cells have always been a controversial issue, and the moral anger it inspires on either side often overshadows the science it's based on. T.J. Davis explains the facts, fiction and developments in one of the most cutting-edge areas of research in the world today.

Some people believe that embryonic stem (ES) cells despite the possibility of finding a cure a variety of diseases are immoral. Not everyone agrees. Many of people prior to the rising numbers of diabetes, vision of spinal cord trauma and those suffering from Parkinson's, all of which are conditions stem cell therapy offers potential relief for. And so the debate rages on.

So what exactly are embryonic stem cells? Well firstly, in the same way that they are present in developing embryos and are crucial for the division and differentiation of various cells. All of the different tissues of the body are produced during embryonic development, and from the fusion of a single egg and sperm cell, the resulting fertilised cell has the remarkable dual properties of totipotency and potential for development. These two unique properties these cells possess which make them so sought after for therapy, which is to say that they have the capability of becoming any cell, and the ability to do so independently. Together these attributes mean a single cell can grow to become any organ, nerve cell or even skin cells. Aside from the ethical implications the embryo from which the ES cells are generated is destroyed in the cloning process, there are also technical obstacles to be overcome. The ES cells will not be genetically identical to the host cells, and so any organ grown from the cells of rejection. Of course, one of the ways to get around this problem is by using therapeutic cloning techniques, though biologists have recently pushed the use of the acronym "SCNT" - somatic cell nuclear transfer - which they claim produces a more favourable response amongst the public and which themselves state a number of technical and moral objections. But, in an ideal world, people would produce their own embryonic stem cells which scientists could then treat with the appropriate chemical messengers and get them to develop into the required organ, but sadly as ES cells develop and lose their pluripotency long before we are born.

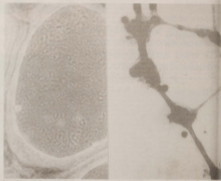
Until two Japanese scientists, Kazumasa Takahashi and Shinya Yamanaka. Last year they published their research on ES-like cells, which suggests that they

have found a way to create pluripotent cells from mouse fibroblasts in type of skin cells they called these new cell-lines induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) cells. In how did Takahashi and Yamanaka manage to turn normal skin cells into reverts (and ethically produced Pluripotent Cells)? Surprisingly, the science is not that complex, in fact it may even be described as deceptively simple.

Their preliminary work suggested that there are 24 genes responsible for the unique properties displayed by ES cells, and they then used a vector to introduce these genes to the mouse fibroblast cells. Cells were grown in a solution of DAPI (a fluorescent antibiotic) and those that displayed pluripotent traits were given immunity to the DAPI, and given new. They discovered that a single gene did not confer pluripotency, but that by using all 24 genes they could develop a very few cells with a morphology similar to that of the ES cells. Further experiments revealed that there were only 4 key genes needed to create the iPS cells from the skin cells of this mice. In essence, all the scientists are doing is reformatting an already differentiated cell back into its pre-differentiated position, by undoing the genetic programming forced onto the cell during its development.

From the promising start the researchers cultured approximately 95 iPS cell i.e. cells already partially differentiated to produce a particular cell type) to develop in a host embryo hoping that they may produce viable, healthy offspring (scientist may, it was here that the Japanese biologists developed an ethical, indicating that the iPS cells are unmarked, possibly representing the best or most appropriate of the 4 gene products. A genetic engineer of the iPS cells revealed that, for all the similarities to ES cells, there were still significant differences, and these differences could well have contributed to the later experimental failures noted by the research team.

As fascinating as this research is, it only solves two of the problems associated with stem cell therapy - the obstacles to the use of cloning techniques (SCNT) and embryonic cell problems rather than nuclear of ones. But there are still many technical obstacles to be overcome before it is possible for stem cells to



be widely used for any kind of therapeutic practice, for example, where involving undifferentiated ES cells into a body the cells typically used to form cancer, rather than such to damaged areas and repair the tissue, there is also the difficulty of how to get stem cells to turn into the appropriate tissue-type, as well as getting that tissue-type to the right place in the body, specifically to the Takahashi and Yamanaka techniques, one of the genes they used has been previously shown to be closely linked with the progression of cancer, leaving the risk that unprogrammed cells could randomly 'wake larvae in the bay'.

Not everyone in the scientific community is convinced by Takahashi and Yamanaka's research. The idea that it all seems 'a bit too easy' seems to punctuate the otherwise optimistic reception the paper has received. It should be noted that this is not the first time that the members of the scientific

community have claimed to have made great leaps forward in stem cell research, earlier in the year Robert Lanza published a paper in Nature stating 'What we have done, for the first time, is to actually clone human embryonic stem cells without destroying the embryo itself', which was later proved false. And the cautionary tale of Shou Kok Heung, who announced to the world in May 2001 through Science magazine that he had successfully cloned 30 humans and had extracted stem cells from one of them, but whose work was shown to be almost entirely a fabrication and one can start to see why stem cell researchers are reluctant to show anything but guarded optimism to new work. Perhaps the Takahashi and Yamanaka paper hasn't received quite the reaction it deserved because the idea of reformatting a cell is old news, in how 2001 Kevin Eggan (of Harvard Stem Cell Institute) demonstrated that a skin cell could

be used in an ES cell would you believe like a skin cell, and after the Japanese team have moved work forward by showing that genes are involved, the idea already here proven.

Finally, it should be recalled that just because results have been successfully demonstrated in rodents are not means that breakthroughs will be achieved in 1950, Mike Chalk O successfully performed the transplant in vivo between (SVF) on a female whoy rabbit, later gave birth to a litter of black rabbits, but the first live (iPS) child wasn't born until 1978.

Takahashi and Yamanaka have shown of researchers currently trying to generate iPS with human fibroblast cells, but it will be yield any results, and Yamanaka himself says, they know whether it will be possible, if it is possible, when they are successful.

Are you EU?

We ask two students for their opinion on the recent influx of immigrants and EU policy.



Nathan Speke

VC game read - AGAIN! It's like the old days when I had a book called 'The Young Country in the City' - we were asked to push onto the end of an imaginary horizon (like they did with my 6 five years ago, during the '90s).

Most of the idea now is unfocused Britain, Bulgaria, Romania, and... Macedonia, yes - let's get it in. Don't worry about the public eye, don't worry that all our eyes are focused into that account in a way that becomes lifestyle. We have to do it because for everyone, it's a necessity. It's not a like. (Since you want an opinion on) 'You are a... You want to get jobs at... OF COURSE! Just let me ask this: What is there in the job for leaving?

And of all, it's not like the job for leaving? It's got a place to live - they just like it. It's like, you getting paid well, they always live in Europe and they're the country of Leeds and taking care of the needs for people with children out of everything... just it's happy.

How can we don't just accept them, because it's basically about half of all and Bulgaria has started into it and supported its jobs. Underneath the already gone. That think of me on my friends John Roderick and he's taken up to the province and working hard as now, but it was to get education. (I mean the university didn't measure they don't live in places. It's like grants come, they can't go back to their same status in a place, only in the knowledge that not being helpful to people in need, they prefer to make it a demand with the European academic standards, in between choosing on whether needed in a civic organization.

It's not that degree, in fact, our credit. It's not completely unclear because the governing system has stopped the collective idea, just to get rid of it. From Hillary to David Cameron, politicians are

taking their pains down, sending right over and hoping for the best. And the best is usually the worst, it's hard - not just them but our country. The Minister also that Angela Merkel promises that he will try to open up their doors to any Tom, Dick and Harry, a job that.

So what do we get out of immigration? I would say nothing. It's because that that social system who put us down the headfirst immigration, what on earth it's like it's a social system to this country? What having a big get about on the welfare state is now a house? And these people talk about the

Immigration will always be a favourite topic for grubby students who have no idea. These people are plain thick.

Security of diversity, will you do you from the whole blending discussion in economic terms that's not increased a brick, you'll be happy to see that.

America, for enough, is a country built on immigration. But it was immigration from Britain - not just the British and French? That's why we have such strong ties with these. That will disappear by the time this great project is completely done. Forgive from the middle addresses in good, I'll give it 25 years.

Immigration will always be a favourite topic for grubby students who have no idea. These people are plain thick. They all come from private schools when they've never seen it before and they get all excited when they come to us every day and want to buy one. When they find out they can't, they offer more money - when that doesn't work they decide the next best thing is to join a social anti-civilization group. And there are plenty of them around looking like rangers on any caddy like professional group with a job pack.

Remember that thinking of money to give your gran-ids when they ask why you do nothing when this country was being built - you're sitting through the trouble in 2000 you say a flag you thought before it was banned in 2003, and screens. "We have set these English!"

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Immigration has been the subject of one of the most poisonous myths of modern times. In more than 2000 books for me alerted by a close study of social segregation and their for separation. There is simply no place to find society for such a severely depleted form of racism.

When you believe the biggest propaganda spread by how to identify you would have the impression that some grants were quality of training, the NHS, stopping all our laws and the cause of global warming. The last thing really is over the opposite. Let us take, for example, the Poles. As a result of EU social-grant policy we have had the pleasure of around 400,000 Poles and that giving our previous total - the biggest wave of migration for 200 years. It shows only a negligible amount of change in the way the majority taking on the jobs severely challenged by Poles can be indicated to do business, let's be honest searching to help us.

The greater fallacy is that the EU immigration policy adopted by Labour would be really reduced by the left. It is in fact, by no means perfect. There are still many factors that need to be addressed. If anything we should be allowing the divide in solidarity with the working class, indirectly paying against the massive wages of migrants. This reduces, not contrary, it set represent the intense heart of labour control by them. It seems for the simple reason that these employees happen to be foreign, and accepting the work we do not get wages, treatment, wages and working hours justified. We are once again witnessing the complete bourgeoisie exploitation of the proletariat.

Should the immigration regulations be relaxed we would find ourselves with the situation where the GDP of 27 EU countries would increase, leading to a common platform.

Therevisibly 2009 open borders idea, by virtue of the fundamental right of freedom to move, should be implemented on a global scale. Such a theory would unfortunately be currently impossible to implement as it would, understandably, lead to a mass influx migrants from the developing world. As it is the case

should be on the lines of Europe and the United States but much more than that situation. This would go some way to easing social economic tension resulting in less of a need for migration. Investigation into developing regions is presented by the economic stability of the 'less developed' areas - the latter is more often than not, caused directly by the actions of the former. Do Britain act a prime example. For instance Britain has support the poorest, sucking at the breast, from the cradle of capitalism from other nation's wealth. Serving the demand is not of immigration the British have voluntarily over many years, offsetting the death of money a constant social well being and economic progression. It is surely the same mistakes of these around

Britain has sapped the juices, sucked at the teat, drank to the verge of crapulence from other nation's wealth

It's not that degree, in fact, our credit. It's not completely unclear because the governing system has stopped the collective idea, just to get rid of it. From Hillary to David Cameron, politicians are

believe that going to stay at the academy of their best paying individuals.

How consistent that whenever the issue of immigration is raised the province of many British commentators on foreign soil, solely for the purpose of once again explaining their stupidity, is equally apparent. By extension this leads us on to further consideration of the monstrous capitalist computers drawing the development of the world have access. This other specific countries, such as Poland's, economic capabilities. Furthermore, we seem only to hope to 'absorb' all of our production, such as products and services, from already depleted countries.

The great difference between the Poles and the British is that the wealth of the Polish is acquired legally. While the British is not, something like that, probably engaged in a busy call with bank. They will change from their bank products - all the expense of innocent children and soldiers buried out of high wealth.

The real issue is not one of immigration but workers' greed and imperialism. Only when globalisation, the liberty itself 'but trade' and geopolitical territory are abolished will people from lesser range of the economic, social class attempting to climb out of the slums to the dirty heights of top.

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Protest with greater care in future

They might officially be banned, but there is no question that the RNP, and possibly even soccer groups, are present on campus. To allow the intimidation tactics of the fascists to deny us our right to protest would also allow them to claim some sort of victory, but caution should be exercised when attending such inflammatory events. Indeed, next week signals the next chapter in the RNP trials - a certain battle ground for the left and right when they converge on Leeds Centre Court.

Leeds University Union's protest groups should make its members aware of the possible risks, whether those risks involve possibly ending up on such websites or not, before inviting them to protest. But at the same time they should encourage them to stand up for what they believe in. Many great political victories have been given life at a student level, and to allow the light to go out on such a tradition would signal a very dark day for students everywhere. Long live the protest, but do it in the safest way possible.

We were all under age once

It might be a more distant memory for some than others, but a rejection at a bar for being under-age is part of growing up for many British teenagers. However, it is also part of the law that the establishment in question does adequately ensure it is serving customers of legal age only. Furthermore, the Union's commitment to the 14-21 campaign of responsible drinking and the Check 21 scheme should ensure that the proper procedures are adhered to. It must be acknowledged that we are a students' union, and therefore the clientele is not expected to be infested with youngsters to the degree that your average bar is in your town back home, but surely a quick flash of an ID card is a small price to pay for keeping the Union's conscience clear.

I'm surprised he's worth that

Our venerable editor, Mr Ben Schofield, stripped himself not only of his dignity by agreeing to be sold for MAG's Steve Aronson, but also of his pants as he brazenly brand his buttocks for all and sundry in the Old Bar. Reports that several female students almost choked on oil of their snuggles and chicken crisps as they saw the horror which unfolded before the eyes are as yet unconfirmed, but £50 is a worthy amount worthless. Although it may feel a little degrading to know that your exact material worth is roughly equivalent to three or six old, postage, for those of you of a certain bent, was captured by the guys and girls of LSTV and will doubtless appear on SkyTV soon.

Responding to Rent me

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to a letter in this week's paper.

Headley Mason (editor of Rent Me) is a ridiculous far and his company is the most poorly run establishment I have ever had the misfortune of dealing with.

The items of my friends and I have been nothing short of a nightmare as a result of my involvement with this company. We are now living in our third flat. My property has been sold. I have set up a new person who has come from Leeds but had a positive experience. I really wish that closing our "party zone" from the wheel of fortune was our only issue. Headley has been sent a five page letter detailing our particular case (with photographs and a cover letter from our solicitor) but I won't go into it here (although we are still going to sue him).

Nonetheless, a Mr Mason really is the "responsible, dedicated landlord" (article) wouldn't he say he is, maybe he'd like to come himself and clean up the pit and also our kicking and the "maintenance" items left us with for 2 and so forth weeks.

No Bills

A dying newspaper?

Dear Editor,

Editor's really want to write in the line of opinion, but the article "A dying protest" (LSO page 1, October 20) isn't very good, to be honest. I mean, yeah, well done and everything for writing about it, but assuming that everybody in the University are automatically dead, it isn't that hard to work out why there was a 50% drop in protest in front of the RNP. Students stand at the camera lens (obviously dead). "Try to know what is in your face". The first half of the article was alright, but then the "you" that you wanted covering at the end of the article you already put at the beginning of the paragraph and it is hilarious that somebody should have the audacity to go to a lecture! The thing is, although you write about what we read, the way you write it wasn't really balanced, to be honest. For example, putting the old word in quotes, like "you" that I just mentioned, to make it all look like the silly little, weakly opinions that we are always observed that would think we were all stupid, wrong and disorganised, as opposed to those little folks at RNP, who

Ann

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"* Improve your text life - text LS "

Having my first piece in the Student magazine published in 2004, I still hold of backing students.

Who the hell is business Africa?? It's a strange you find. Another example of LS's identity problem. R

Last month's paper was an absolute disgrace, just your lack of a words love number.

Where are these girls changing pins in and taking?? may be call, but I'm bored at lunch and need some fun. X

were chaffing heavily to themselves at the sight of it these nasty students all over the floor. So, next time there's a protest against a company selling anti to students, the headline should just be "Bloody students" followed about something clearly to demonstrate that it "hates" to "big letter on the headline" or perhaps that's a bit too impolite.

I'd Shitler

One of the items you was being over the

REVIEW asked for 'sports for all'

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your lead article on Friday 20th October "Hastings University students after free members league". Why should Mr's Hockey care about the bad press they are receiving and their bad form this year? The union has awarded them with grants worth £5,500 to run these clubs. I am not trying to single out Mr's Hockey either, it is fact almost all of the WUSA sports teams have received significant budgets this year, and I notice it was all BUSA sports that was mentioned in this article.

Whether or not people think sport activities are "not fun" or "not fun" fact remains that it does play a lot of people of playing sport. One of the major reasons for this is that it is fun. Most of the time sport needed to be accessible to all. Some of these sports may be boring to WUSA students, but how do they fit in with the rest of the REVIEW?

Moreover, many sports clubs have provided clubs that are accessible to all and are said significantly successful in national competitions in any form to budget at all, expect to support themselves, and therefore causing the members none. It seems to be that the allocation of this year's budget has more to do with "Sport for all" than "Sport for all".

Ann

Sports barrier is 'sordid and pathetic'

Dear Editor,

Having read your recent article regarding sports club initiation - it was honestly

say that I am utterly disgusted and appalled at the way you have tried to do it. In the name of my life, and mostly because graduation student.

"This morning, for the first time in 10 years, I am allowed to self-select a resident of Leeds, and a student of the university."

"The situation is further compounded by the very simple definition of this should be members of these sports clubs."

"We do still like students at the past hours" When a lot of other students have a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week, no behavior. Students have responsibilities to represent the university and the city. It follows the demands made every day from the local area.

It is without doubt money for a no-merit. These money changes, sometimes bodies need to be successful if done properly, as the reputation of our university will be severely damaged.

Unlike some - I am quite fit to my name. I am the Leeds Students' Support League in the WUSA's name in the sky and not elementary. I am one who will be intimidated by these means.

The Student

Corrections and clarifications

* "Cuts challenge" October 20, 2006

The absence of the year being given incorrectly in the 1980s, this should read 1980m. Leeds Student wishes Greg Jackson the best of luck with the new year, it is a blessing to take money for the 2006-2007 Students' Finance Association.

* "Hastening initiation class down from sports" October 20, 2006. This article referred to the Hockey team which finished 10th in Leeds Varsity Union. They were heavily banned, but have since been reinstated. Also, in this article, it was incorrectly stated that Hockey a Director of Sports. Sports Activity have listed a Director of Sports currently, currently a Director of Sports.

* "Site claim the covers again October 2006"

The quotes attributed to Ann Bay should have been attributed to Ben Higgins.

* In the policy of the Leeds Student Support League, we are seen as pro-

Atty. Sean keeps nibbling my bottom.

PLEASE note I am someone taking a shower in York Park in the party house. Checked in 21/10/06.

Has any 1 ever bought a drinker and put out on the 30 for an hour or two? World!

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ments expressed here are not necessarily the views of Leeds Student

Initiations: the inside story



by "Boof" Green - BESA BEP

Monday September 25, 24 enthusiastic hockey hopefuls took down the Oldy Road in thoughts of reaching the levels of the Oldy-Gold. To consider their quest was immediately sprung to an immediate response is "redneck", but many, this is not considered a satisfactory reply. It is about how bonding going to learn each other about it is not in personal way some would "not" but these people would almost only have participated in this activity and most probably any acquaintance from their own community.

The freshmen and upper year competitors question the validity of these results to examine those who look just in and has year's - night warriors would find that of these 24 people down the Oldy Road this year, an half did those representing the variety of activities at the A-competition or in the B-competition. In fact, several were members

of the team, who so belittlingly beat Leeds Men in the Varsity competition that was supported by over 4,000 at Renshaw Stadium.

The Club Captains from Rugby and both Men's and Women's Hockey Clubs commented that they were highly disappointed with last year's Leeds initiation from page story and the inaccuracies that were contained throughout the article. The hockey club responded to the article with the statement "Hockey did not have a disclaimer of sport. This year's hockey trials lasted for two hours and four people played without a stop, five were injured. Hockey did not finish the night. Numbers were put on the players so they could be identified. No one was disabused if they weren't good enough and other

claim that they have an idea as "these" and that the club "hate" people out of their activity" is pure hell.

Tom Kemp, who last week maintained, the men's hockey club's meeting rooming in a choice they make for themselves and after the headteacher has submitted, never again.

Last year's Club Captain of Men's rugby, Andy Zain, was asked about his opinion on the article. "I find it outrageous that our student page gives each year coverage to one person's views. I know for a fact that the people responsible for running the university sports team and the union board have been consulted with complaints about the reporting by the Leeds Student. Both sports players as well as general students. Again, this week the Leeds Student is publishing a letter representing one individual's negative view about initiation and all of the sports teams. I accept that occasionally, a team member will overstep the mark but to strip the entire basis for one person's opinion is unreasonable, to say the least."

Liam Goodison, Women's Hockey Club Captain, was asked about whether players felt out if they didn't enjoy the drinking traditions at the Hockey Club. She replied, "It is natural that friendships that begin on the hockey pitch

do grow after nights out together, but that is not done with any group of people and not something exclusive to sports teams. When it comes to selection, I can assure all that there is no bias based on friendship groups - All the Club Captains are self-conscious that there will always be a minimal percentage who do not agree with the traditions and the actions of the larger community, including sports teams. The question I would ask is, is considering though it is appropriate that these sports clubs, which are out in the sun every week, are asked to change their ways to address political correctness just to benefit the one disgruntled member?"

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Should a fresher want to go home, they are always taken home by an Old Boy.

a series of trials in hockey groups, the freshmen were informed that they were in an "Women's hockey has not had an initiation this year. There are no women from the university playing for the Leeds Hockey team."

The Men's Hockey club also wanted members of Leeds Student to approve that, at no time has the club ever held a social in Renshaw and therefore the

club captain will testify that an alternative culture does exist where alcohol is often consumed beyond discipline guidelines. Also Cap, the Men's Rugby captain, responded "Every player has the choice whether to go on in a Wednesday

is the death of God

is of God? Were his words essentially evidenced by Nietzsche in his "Don't think Zarathustra". Here I don't think God is just dead, say, dying and is a show, painful death, with no real loss done. I'm also the Christian God and I'm rejecting God's belief's exist, only if we either the fallen is only the death of God's creation. I'm a Communist and I would, I could, possibly write about in Barker, the I wanted to talk about was the fact

The roots of Capitalism sit far deeper than just a plea for reforming an individual era. Capitalism is based in all of us, it jumps through our bodies, controls our thoughts, structures the way we live our entire lives, it creates an illusion far greater than that of God. It creates the biggest illusion of freedom and happiness. The Capitalist ideology found its way in us quickly. It's almost as if we never took a minute at all, being on

where's God? Which the proletariat busy producing, producing, producing, the bourgeoisie were busy consuming, consuming, consuming. Constantly thinking of new and exciting things to produce that are more readily marketed, but were more than happy to buy, whilst at the same time having exploitation and alienation. So Capitalism set off into control, before God even knew what was happening.

As we entered the 19th century, Capitalism had passed its breeding stage and had settled down into its old, cutting, biting, whirling power. This is precisely where the all problems were shown. So why will God struggle against the forces of Capitalism? Because the heart of Capitalism is about production

can't God offer an immediate satisfaction too? The answer is that He is not a fraud name. He's not embedded on any product, and He can't consume any consumable. Until He can compete with the force of Capitalism, until He can create himself as a product, until He can be bought and sold on the market, He will lose his faith. God simply cannot compete with the omnipotent force of Capitalism. God is no longer the all-powerful in life. He cannot offer the believers our materialistic lives demand.

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It simply our creation, created for us to feel our unhappiness, to escape the misery of life



What the proletariat were busy producing, producing, producing; the bourgeoisie were busy consuming, consuming, consuming

and consumption. God can neither be produced nor consumed. Capitalism has given us new things to project all our ill and dissatisfaction onto. We've created a greater sense of alienation, inadequacy and self-dissatisfaction than any era before, whilst at the same time we've created products to offer to some sort of soulless form the way some dissatisfaction. The media will always make you feel inadequate and on the very next page will offer you the product that deals this inadequacy, and all for someone else's profit. However, unlike God, these products appear to offer an immediate satisfaction through their consumption, an immediate sense of happiness. So why



Adam Goodison

Sport



'The girls team could beat the boys. Now you've asked, we'll have to sort a game out'

**Jessica Russell
Lacrosse Captain**

LS: Do these boys, first of all, can you give us a brief idea of what lacrosse is all about?
JR: Yeah, well it's basically a kind of hockey in the air. There are twelve players on each team and the aim is to get from the centre to the goal that you're attacking. It can get quite violent sometimes and so in contact sport. You can be hit by the face but you can't hit the stick. You're not allowed to handle people either, you have to try and keep the stick under on the other person's stick head.

LS: Is there still you do last time around?
JR: We got into the Premier League which is the top division and got League relegated. We were ahead a quarter of one game last year and managed to stay up so we did well.

LS: Who is your best player?
JR: I'm not just saying this but everyone is about the same standard. Last year we had a few England players so they were probably better but this year everyone is good and our team is better because everyone is at the same level.

LS: How big is the sport in this country?
JR: Well, there is a World Cup but lacrosse, but they don't do it in the Olympics. It is a huge sport in America. Like it's not done in the majority of secondary schools over here.

LS: So have you had much feedback since?
JR: Yeah, and we've had lots of beginners as well. I'd say about half the team are females this year.

LS: What would you say is the best number of the team?
JR: Er, probably 019 is better. Did you mean front or running or in back?
LS: What do you think...
JR: Okay, well running-wise it would be 019, otherwise all the girls are quite fit - we've got quite a fit team. I can't say that anyway.

LS: It is a man's or girl's or boys sport?
JR: Yeah, it's for boys. The girls team could beat the boys. Now you've asked we'll have to sort a game out for this year.

LS: Who'd be interested to know who was that one. So which sport personally is most inspirational?
JR: I'm not going to lie, I'm not a massive sports watcher. I'm going to go with Manchester City, she's good and fit.

LS: She's a few favourites too. If you weren't the lacrosse boss, what sport would you be?
JR: I already play tennis and tennis and if I was to try a new sport it would be hockey.

LS: Who are your sporting role models?
JR: David Beckham, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Paolo Pogba among as well.

LS: Favorite film?
JR: Definitely Zoolander because Tommy and I like the can. Some can confessions as well.

LS: What are your aspirations for the new girls this year?
JR: Obviously to win in the Premiership and to win EFL. Our game is not positioned that well this because we only had one victory, you need two. At least we didn't have to get too through in the table.

LS: What else can you say or describe about you?
JR: Well, my friends use it for being each other up. I would use it as a way to stick when I'm feeling lazy.

LS: What is the scariest thing you've ever done during a lacrosse game?
JR: I personally have broken the lacrosse mace twice. I have seen three girls hit football, which is the common. There's always kicking and sometimes concussion. It always injures and blooded.



Stick it to you Jessica Russell
PHOTO: Peter Henderson

A Wise choice

By Ky Capel

Denise Wise has been named as the new manager at struggling Londs United. He will be aided by his pal Gus Poyet, who was also his assistant at Swindon Town.

The former Chelsea man was not the number one choice of the fans, but Chair-

man Ken Roberts has defended the move.

Wise, 70, will hope to stop the rot of Londs' current plight. Five defeats on the bench, and conceding 14 goals in the process.

Both Wise and Poyet were in the search to coach Londs' last loss against football in the Carling Cup on Tuesday night. The pair were officially appointed just 90 minutes ahead of the 5.15 departure.

Elated Road

Wise took the reigns at Swindon in May following his three relegations in League Two. Wise enjoyed early success as the Robbies won their first six games of the new season. However, a slump in his and Poyet's contracts allowed them to opt for Premiership and Championship sides, provided a suitable compensation was agreed.

A compensation package was agreed between the two clubs and Swindon Town have placed on record their thanks to Londs United for the professional manner in which they made their approaches.

Carver manager John Carver left United on Monday as Londs received personal terms with Wise.

So indeed, manager-hunt, have asked club captain Andy Williams to take over as caretaker manager as they look for a successor to Wise, just six months after he was given the job.

Londs will be Denise Wise's third club in his short managerial career. He became player-manager at Millwall in 2001, took the Lions in the 2004 FA Cup final where they lost 3-0 to Manchester United. Millwall were only the second team from outside the top flight to reach the final since 1982.

Having watched the disappointing decline to Southend, Wise will need to turn things around quickly. Londs currently sit 23rd in the Coca-Cola Championship, just one point above bottom side Hull.



The man with the power: Ken Roberts (Londs)

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Wise and Poyet United back when they were in charge of Swindon

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The appointment of a new manager has been much needed given recent results and lack-lustre performances. The fans though, have continued to rally the players as much as possible in recent games, the best example was in Saturday's 1-1 loss away at Luton. Even when Londs went four goals down, their fans were the loudest in the ground, shouting that they're prepared to fight even if the players aren't.

Survival is now the key word in the Londs dictionary, a great contrast to five months ago when promotion was within touching distance. No doubt Wise will sidekick Poyet will believe they're higher than ever with 24 goals scored and 102 points up for grabs, most points available will be in a game against the United against the Millers tomorrow, once again at Millers' Den.

Supporters will be eager to see changes. Wise makes and how his chairman has instructed through the players. Whatever happens, things surely get any worse for Londs or their loyal dedicated fans.

Footballers back to winning ways

By Joseph Hibbert

It was a day of smiles for Leeds Uni's men's football sides as all of them picked up wins following the headache of the recent Varsity series in which they lost 2-1 to home rivals Leeds Met.

The men's first team footballers were up against Liverpool John Moores on Wednesday. The opponents went missing minutes before kick off and it would have been perhaps best if they were magicked.

With two early goals in the first half and two goals late in the second half, Leeds Uni comfortably beat the side from Liverpool in this Division 1A clash at new stadium Wharfedale.

Within the first 10 minutes, the home side had scored twice, with Lewis Meehan opening the scoring and captain Roy Sanderson adding a second just minutes later.

In the first half, Uni dominated the game, with assured passing through midfield and a solid backline. The Uni keeper had little to do for vast periods,

with the only chance for JMU coming from set pieces. In the 34th minute, the visitors had a free-kick 25 yards out, which was taken quickly and blasted two feet over the bar.

Minutes later another free-kick outside the area from JMU threatened with a deep ball coming into the back post, but Uni defender Idris Ahmedjan was there to head the ball out of danger for Leeds.

The referee booked Leeds Uni captain Roy Sanderson late on in the first half for a coaching challenge which the refereeless JMU midfielder won't forget as a lesson. The resulting free-kick was sent in to the left of the net, coming pretty to the bar, but the Uni keeper eventually got a hold on the ball.

The second half began at a quick tempo with the visitors putting more pressure on Leeds without creating any clear-cut chances.

Leeds Uni's number 10 missed a glorious opportunity to add a third after great work by Leeds' left winger. The realisation that unfortunately work-out approximately side of the right post.

The writing was on the wall for the Meevayraders when they couldn't capitalise on their defending Don Caputo. The keeper came out of his area to head the ball clear, and JMU still couldn't find the back of the net.

Minutes later, Leeds eventually notched a third as the number 10 made amends for his earlier miss, with a superb side goal. Knowing the ball on the by-line, the attacker cut inside the box and beat the keeper from an acute angle.

Leeds Uni's number 16, Phil Woodman, hammered the final nail in the away-side's coffin, a killing off any remaining chance of a comeback, as Uni chalked up a fourth goal. Woodman finished clinically after the JMU keeper parried the ball back to his feet from six yards out. Right inside keeper, Richard Serwin was obviously pleased with the result, "JMU missed as early in the second half, but we worked hard and overall it was a good team performance."



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Men's Badminton II	5	Women's Hockey I	2
v York 2nd's	3	v Liverpool JM I	2
Men's Football I	4	Women's Hockey II	1
v Liverpool JM I	0	v Northumbria II	2
Men's Football II	2	Women's Hockey III	1
v Teesside II	0	v Leeds Met II	1
Men's Football III	13	Women's Hockey IV	3
v Durham III	2	v Newcastle III	2
Men's Football IV	2	Women's Lacrosse	P
v Hull II	0	v Birmingham I	P
Women's Football I	1	Netball I	38
v York St John I	5	v Northumbria I	44
Men's Golf		Netball II	36
v Durham I	3	v Manchester I	33
Men's Hockey II	3	Netball III	25
v Sheffield Hallam I	1	v Newcastle II	25
Men's Hockey III	5	Rugby League	10
v Teesside I	0	v Hull I	12

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Stick it in there: Sam Sissons from the men's hockey team is in action

By Ed Dallimore

Leeds Uni's men's hockey firsts, one of the sides to come out of the Varsity series in glory, travelled to Sheffield on Wednesday where they followed up last week's win over Durham with a 7-1 victory against their Frodo-like rivals.

In appalling conditions against a determined Sheffield side, Leeds were quick to get into their stride and in the early exchanges showed that they were a class above their opponents, and from a long corner, Kieran worked the ball into K. Appleton on the penalty spot who embarrassed the Sheffield keeper with a routine strike that through his legs into the home score bag. The shot looked fortuitously like an illegal back check, but with the spectators looking aghast as occurring on the Sheffield defence, Appleton was left to cough

on one of his head mark towards celebration. After a quarter of an hour, Sheffield found a corner after a defensive error from the returning Broadbuck, who otherwise had a very strong, and much welcomed return to the first team. From the resulting corner, Chapman made a low save but the centre back pairing of Jones and Jolly, fumbled the ball to the mounting Sheffield striker who duly started home.

At 1-1, Leeds were involved in a battle, but with the large frame of Arkie, finding his way into Sheffield's defences, Leeds were quick to have further chances. From a well-worked move starting in the Leeds half, the superb wing, Arkie forced the ball up to striker Andy Gassall, who scored the first of his double brace of the day with a rebound strike low into the net.

Leeds went at it the break two goals ahead after Paul Corbridge went down

right to give to Gassall to easily convert the chance. For the second half Leeds came out of the traps like a champion, performed on that red ball, and were quick to put the game further beyond Sheffield's reach with a further two goals from Gassall who capped a sound performance when Corbridge had a keeper-frolicking that saved directly into his path.

As the game wore on, the rain was hammering down as Leeds continued to hammer the Sheffield defence, and Kieran deflected a fine pass from skipper James into the top corner. The Sheffield team collapsed and deflated seemed to duty tactics to try and save some face, and in the latter stages found themselves having two players sent off for horrible tackles. Peter Frost then capped a man-of-the-match performance with a thunder strike from the top of the 'D' from a penalty corner.

Leeds finished the game with in the

knowledge that they remained top of the league after their second goal-fest in a thirty weeks.

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