



That Friday free thing

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Councillors debate referendum agenda

By Virginia Newman

... motions will be put to a one-way referendum (and this month also being passed by Union Council on Wednesday.

It is the first time Leeds University Union members will be led to set policy at an open referendum. Annual General Meetings were previously the primary focus of choice, but they are brushed aside in favour of officials after last year's Kenyon and other Union policies should be more accessible and transparent.

Eight motions were discussed by C, the institution's highest decision-making body. The first motion was carried forward into the next executive. Leeds Student, A.G. and Palestinian Students' vote to Education matters.

But UC refused to continue a bid also a motion put forward by forwarding student action. Two of the one asking to abolish the current fund and one concerning digital campaigning on campus opposed by the Palestinian Students Group, were withdrawn by their proposers after the council used amendments to block.

The Executive Committee, opposed by L11 Communications, Democratic Officer. Students wish also students to vote on a 30-40 member Student Executive, which would be two members fewer than the current Executive Committee.

The Executive were already granted to the Student Officer when that officer sits at the end of the year. One other position would also go

The proposers believe that the newly drafted job descriptions of each Executive member will better represent students.

Tronovic said: "We have reviewed and taken into account the views of students." Those former Independent Student led motions in the agenda all of which sought to overturn parts of last year's Student Action Review. The only successful motion from the activities was the Leeds Student motion.

LS's executive officer Fred Hassan proposed the motion which sought to establish a cross-campus election to choose the society's constitution and to incorporate the body into L11's constitution.

Speaking for the motion 23 editor Ben Schofield argued that the whole campus should have the opportunity to choose who runs the paper.

"Everyone who reads the paper is part of the society," he said.

The LS motion also stipulates that candidates in the cross-campus ballot should have at least one year's experience running a section at Leeds Union.

The Action and R.A.G. motions both asked for more time before going off funding and to allow Action to fund back for a co-ordinator.

Clare Lyons, R.A.G. chairperson, said: "The time scale is unrealistic for us."

The co-ordinator agrees it is topped in a wider community."

The R.A.G. motion, although it was passed, has since been withdrawn by the proposers because council had amended it too much. There was dispute over the text of

contract of the co-ordinator.

Welfare Officer Omar Khan said: "During the summer months an official goes to the executive office and say that they don't have any work to do."

In opposition the group explained that they needed to be on-site during Freshers' week and that the plans in the SAR would not allow this.

Both Action and R.A.G. plan to raise a petition for each of these motions to be included in the referendum in their original form. They will need to get one per cent of campus such to sign a petition by this Wednesday, about 330 signatures.

The motion on Palestinian Students' Right to Education will, if it is passed by referendum, promote student exchanges between Leeds University and Ramat University, in Ramat, Palestine.

The group argued that this motion was "asking Leeds to stand up for its basic ethical moral function." The other PSL motion on political campaigning was withdrawn after amendments. Union councillor Daniel Lyons also withdrew the motion seeking to abolish the Union's abolition fund also after it was amended.

Members will get the chance to vote on the general motions which polls open after an open debate meeting in the Wiley Smith Hall on November 23 at 7pm. Voting will continue until approximately 1pm November 30.

Those wanting to read or sign the petitions asking for motions to be included in the Referendum can do so at L11 reception.



LU Q&A, York Park is illustrated by the annual Freshers' Dinner



Sketch
Stephen Schofield

The wheels of democracy spun at last motion on Wednesday as Union Council was asked to lead through or deny passage to a host of motions for this month's housing referendum.

As the minutes died down and the speaker spoke up, councillors listened forward intently to hear down the die of Wellhouse, the Aston hall introducing the crowd in the Refic. UC had an impromptu session for this purpose of democracy.

Indeed, a small crowd of protesters, students and interested parties had also gathered in the courtyard of the room. The minute later heeded first, then noted down what must be one of UC's

only ever audiences.

The volunteering students were there to sign on the Aston and R.A.G. matters, members and supporters of Palestinian solidarity attended hoping that members would be allowed to vote on tomorrow with a UC in the West Bank, and Jewish Society supporters hoping that members would be allowed to vote on tomorrow with a UC in the West Bank, and Jewish Society supporters hoping that members would be allowed to vote on tomorrow, rather than if they agreed with them.

The speaker read his Introduction on his behalf as we saw night, which he lectured about the desk, fanning at the auditorium. He pulled his notes in a few minutes, then read the Introduction and went short down, but not before those speaking wheels were brought

to a halt. Can councillors attend tomorrow's Bank class? If someone pulls out this motion off tomorrow's class, it will be put for petition in its original form. If that class is cancelled, then it will be put for petition in its original form. If that class is cancelled, then it will be put for petition in its original form.

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Ex-Leads lecturer: "ban the veil in uni"



By Charlotte Griffiths

A student of the University of New South Wales was faced today with the prospect of wearing his Islamic faith as he prepared for his final exam. The student, who is a member of the Islamic faith, was asked to wear his Islamic faith as he prepared for his final exam. The student, who is a member of the Islamic faith, was asked to wear his Islamic faith as he prepared for his final exam.

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By Alex Doreau

A retired senior lecturer in Social Policy at Leeds University has spoken out against the Muslim veil being worn at University.

In a piece for The Independent, lecturer Harding says that he "supported the banning of full face-covering veils in institutions of higher education" and that retired students were "actively disabling to non-veiled others".

Harding said of the veil argument: "In my last few years as a lecturer in higher education, I realised I faced a hypothetical dilemma. Fortunately, for me it never became more than hypothetical."

He continued to deliver what he perceived to be a "veiled student would be" around the campus. I saw the occasional figure shrouded in black from head to foot, only the eyes visible. Sometimes the eyes were further concealed by the addition of second, pebble-like spectacles. What would I do if one of these students, I assumed they were students, turned up in a lecture or tutorial?

In views supported by the British for Higher Education, who advocated the banning of the veil at Imperial College London, Harding claimed that the veil was impeding teaching.

Any full-covering lecturer will be working the faces of the students for feedback during a lecture. As they proceed, recorded, unrecorded, enthusiastic, in disagreement, turned off, or what? Part of what we expect comes from the face, and part of what we respond to in others comes from the direction of gaze subtle facial cues. Veil-wearing blocks out some of these signals.

and this is going to affect fellow students, who have a right to be considered, as well as the more. She asked that students would also be within their rights to complain about a man who wore a veil in a seminar.

"What would it would be like for the students if the man wore a veil, blocking out his facial expression? Wouldn't the students have grounds for complaint?" she said.

Harding went on to say that the veil prevented lecturers from identifying students, creating

for lecturers severe depression. How do I know you are who you say you are, or know whether I have met you before?" Harding wrote that the veil could be in a concordance with our notion of facial recognition, creating a loss of trust for veiled women.

"Signed individuals know each other largely by facial recognition, rarely some kind of lost when the face is concealed."

Harding went on to criticize the defiance of Azzam Amin, 21, a school teacher who was dismissed over her

and veil. "It was noted that there had never been a problem with Mas Amin, and pupils at Headfield Church of England Junior School had never complained about her wearing a veil."

Harding however said that the veil created a bad environment, creating a acceptable disguise. She said: "The veil becomes a more anonymous and threatening place, where disguise and duplicity are more possible."

Harding also added that: "None of these objections apply to the face, however, which features the face fully visible."

Melja bin Patel, a second year Business student at the University, disagreed with Mr. Harding's comments. "If her comment was an isolation it would be alright, for example if I wore in a seminar and the lecturer asked me to answer my veil I would consider it, but I don't agree with her other points."

When asked if she had ever been in a situation where she had to remove her veil, she said: "Once on a physiology module we had to see our mouths, but I was in a group of four where only three had to participate, so if I had to remove my veil for that I would." She added that there had never been a problem during her time at Leeds regarding her veil.

"Some lecturers might make the point as if there is a barrier, but to avoid that I try to be confident and generally do my best."

A spokesperson for the university said: "We want to provide a welcoming, supportive and safe environment for all our staff, students and visitors. As part of a diverse, multicultural community, all our students are free to choose what they wear, as long as it does not cause any problems. No problems have been identified in regard to full veils."



VEILED VIEW. Comments come just weeks after Leah Khan revealed her position on the veil.

difficult in the classroom and in exam time, alleging that women using the veil could create confusion by posing as the real candidate. "I've done it because it actually is a counter argument. The veil, whether it does to the woman wearing it, is basically a disguise. An un-veiled woman, and higher education institutions have a responsibility to think of these others, both students

and staff." She added that there had never been a problem during her time at Leeds regarding her veil. "Some lecturers might make the point as if there is a barrier, but to avoid that I try to be confident and generally do my best."

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Energy drops in

By Charlotte Griffiths

Senior leaders of the Tory party and senior shadow foreign secretary William Hague were held to account by a large number in the House on Friday.

Hague addressed the audience in the afternoon with a speech touching on a wide range of subjects including road construction, jobs, taxation and education, during which he said: "I can't be too interested in politics, you've not interested in anything in the world."

Hague followed up with questions and answers, including his stance on topics including abortion, nuclear energy, nuclear weapons, water supply and immigration.

Climate issues were high on Hague's agenda, he spoke of his hope for reducing CO2 emissions with great focus to avoid potential disputes about reducing pollution and agreeing to new scientific findings.

"The conservative party really

believes the price we always charge" he said.

Having recently returned from a trip to China, he spoke of his rapid expansion of the economic "engine" that stimulates South for Britain. "More than here than the population of Britain are learning English over there. We need to ensure a conservative country that does not get taken over by another," he said.

His last point of the session "will concern the students and the idea of creating communities locally among the student and staff. The former leader went on to stress a conservative country that is not based on a "British job".

Students who attended were

impressed by the politician's appearance. "I was really pleased that such an influential member of the Conservative party was willing to come in and talk with a few students right here in our street" said Andy Clark, a third year politics student. "He was a really good speaker and quite funny at times, it was much more personal than a long speech in a lecture theatre."

Hague, who has also made appearances as guest presenter on BBC quiz show *Have I Got News For You*, also joined Leeds Student for an exclusive interview.

When asked to comment on the possibility of power shortages in the next 10-15 years, despite North Sea gas and oil reserves, and how the country will maintain a strong economy in the future with these possibilities in the future, Hague replied: "We're not to make sure we have energy supplies and energy security."

"That means a lot more renewable power. It may mean nuclear power, but in my view that should be a last resort. It means, unfortunately, that for the time being there will be a lot of importation of gas. We have to make sure that the way we use our energy system and we recently brought out an energy report of our energy reserves, which argued for a system of energy payments. We think the power sectors have changing so that the gaps quickly in them. The last report will be between now and the next year."

Leeds Student also asked for Hague's opinion on David Cameron's desire for significantly less immigration into the UK from outside the EU, to which he replied: "It's right with him on that. We think immigration is good for this

country but it does need to be better managed that it has been in the last few years because sometimes we have been taken by surprise and the infrastructure of the country in housing and other areas has struggled with the number of people. We do have to make sure as far as possible that the people coming in are contributing to our economy and society as a whole."

"We've used a volume of immigration, and we do need a proper border policy issue in order to make sure we can actually enforce the rules we decide on. I think that if we were able to do that people would have made more contribution in our immigration system and it would be much less controversial. I think there's even scope for cross-party consensus on this. And we hope the Labour Party will respond positively to these words of advice."

When asked about his time at Oxford University, from which he graduated with two class honours, he said: "It was great but I was really sorry when it came to an end. I didn't work hard enough academically, except at the last moment."

"I think I learnt a lot about politics by 'doing' rather than reading books all the time. I think we all came out our own way of thinking it, it'd be quite good in a sense. I did do it again as I went to business school three years later in Phoenix."

"I decided to have a year as a student on a completely different basis. I did nothing political. I didn't join the organisation, I didn't become chairman of anything, I didn't do any of that. I just had one year where I decided I would have a great time socially which I think I've ever only taken a year to do before. I think I enjoyed that time most of all."



FOCUSSED: William Hague talks to Leeds students on Conservative policy

PHOTO: JOHN RICHMOND

By Alex Dooney

A Leeds University Physics professor has teamed up with an award-winning production company to make a series of films explaining complex physics to 12-13 year olds, aimed at a school.

Professor Bob Crossland has been awarded £30,000 to make the films, which are narrated by the well-known scientist Lord Robert Winston. The films, if successful, could bring a £1 billion investment from the European Science Project to Yorkshire to secure a site for a new science building.

"We needed to explain the building's purpose to the local planning committee to get planning permission and we saw the films as quite a different way to explain, so we made a short film, with live action and animation. The production company spoke never had more ideas science work before, so we wrote the script together as they might have some ideas coming up with very checked ideas."

Bob is hoping that by explaining difficult ideas in questions new children will realise that physics is not just a mundane school subject but a world where a positive common sense could be applied to a different reality.

"Physics at school is pretty boring and teachers think that one like Black holes and relatively is too complicated, I think the opposite, by university people's common sense is already found, who not get to students when we can defy their common sense, put it in one tick."

Bob went on to make the pilot, an episode about quantum physics, in two weeks at Holbeck studio at Leeds. It did not receive complete support from teachers, but the pupils who watched it were in full support.

"We sent it out to 150 schools and I got great things from teachers thought it was a bit complicated and maybe needing the children, the kids loved it," Bob said. "We're not trying to overreach on the learning scheme, but you can get around the difficult sciences. You don't just have to stick to one."

In the video, two children and

their teacher are guided through the world of physics by an animated science demonstration, led by a professor Bob.

They travel from a stark factor of 100, where a quip is about 20 metres across in scale, to the surface of a molecule chip which looks like a small city at another million factor of 1,000, to eventually reach the nucleus of an atom. By this time, they are at quantum level and they begin to separate into waves to work."

In the pilot episode, Bob does a sitcom and cowboy boots, in a virtual hologram cowboy guide.

"Don't ask how it ended up in a cowboy costume, there was a chance of a more hipster job in cowboy, and the children picked it," Bob said.

"I would have preferred job myself, but there you are."

When asked about follow-up episodes, Bob added that the children had helped to decide "what they would like to see". "They wanted for lasers, relativity and black holes, but we had to not."

Quantum leap



COWBOY FEELINGS: Bob does his debut to revive the study of physics in schools

PHOTO: LANCE SLEIGHT

News

Gang attack on UAF

By Alex Downey

Several members of the student Union Against Fasces group were attacked by gang members while out cycling last weekend.

Some of the group, which included several more elderly members who were pushed over a wall and kicked as they lay on the ground after their first cycling in Moly, the jurisdiction of a BNP councillor, Michael McDowell, a member of the UAF group and student at Leeds University said. "When we met at the town hall on Saturday morning, we saw a group of men we knew and

recognised as BNP members and supporters, taking pictures of us and using these methods.

"We decided to carry on cycling, we thought we would be safe in groups of four and no attacks of any kind had happened to the group in the past."

"I was cycling down one street with another UAF supporter when we noticed these BNP members following us, about twenty yards behind. As the rest of the group they came up to us, and one said 'If you want to fight fascism, fight us, I'm a fascist.' Michael went on to say that the group were clearly trying to intimidate the protesters out of the area. "They came up to us cycling on their leather gloves, making us give up our flyers and

saying that it was a BNP area, really trying to terrify us."

Michael's was not the only group to be intimidated, as more BNP members threatened another group and resorted to physical violence. "We carried on with our cycling after the Labour representative walking with us said it should be alright."

"The first five different BNP men jumped out on the group we'd joined. They hit James, one of our members and a school teacher in Bradford in the face. One supporter, John, who was about 50, was pushed up against some railings and attacked."

"When asked whether he thought the attack had been organised, Michael was convinced that it had been the

case. "They were definitely organised. One of them had a headset and was communicating with the others. Some of them had mobile phones, they had probably stayed up at a local pub and called each other. It's not as if it is a black group, including themselves from outside parties."

"We have never had problems in

Moly before, we held a stand in town centre and we've had positive results. The BNP only won 17 per cent of votes there. After the UAF Response Conference at Leeds Uni on December 1, we'll be going to five again in Moly in green numbers."

The UAF conference will include speeches from indicated survivors and the M3 Officer for Black Students.

Army acts to stop drink-driving

By Charlotte Griffin

Carlton Army Barrack took stock between educating university students about the dangers of drink driving at the event they hosted last Wednesday.

Over 120 army cadets attended the event for students, part of which involved a simulated car crash and lecture by the Fire service, in which a casualty was contacted via the radio. Ben Freeman, an officer cadet and second year Geography student at Leeds University played the part of the casualty. He said of the experience: "It was really quite scary being in the car, especially when they simulated the windscreen and started seeing off the road. I thought that glass was going to go all over me, but the firemen held my head and reassured me all the way through," he said. "They were lovely even though I'm not, but I wouldn't want to go through that again, certainly not in real life."

Lieutenant Colonel Mervyn MBE oversaw the event at his barracks. "Not many people are aware of the dangers of drinking when they're a family member," he has directly

involved in an accident. LUTIC has very strong views to take care of a cadet's all aspects of their lives, we are training not just future officers-officers, but for those that do continue on to the Army. Intelligence officers and sign safety."

As part of road safety week young drivers have been taking it headlines to road safety campaigns such as "Make us" are calling it. "It's a great idea because the more you know about it, the more you can do to prevent it, particularly for the young, unlicensed motor drivers. It's 182 year old advice."

DIOPC rider Alexander Budge, leader at Leeds University. "I've got a licence in my car already and I have a very good idea of how to drive, but I've been taught. It's a serious offence but also scary dangerous."

Senior Officer Colin Downes Gaskin led the event as a message. "I don't want to see you get into any trouble, we've done our best to get it message across that the army care about its cadets and road safety students and young people," he said.

For more information on a safety visit www.motability.gov.uk

i-to-i HITS THE ROAD

• Meaningful Travel Camper Van Tour Gets Underway in Leeds

Leeds, the meaningful travel opportunity, is bringing the message to the masses with a unique tour of the UK kicking off this month in Leeds.

The campaign, which gets underway at the University of Leeds on 13 November 2006 followed by Leeds Met on 20th November, will see a dozen of customised 1966 split-screen VW camper vans visit a series of key universities over the next six months. Students will have the opportunity to find out more about the many research opportunities available with i-to-i, including volunteer projects over

seas, teaching English as a foreign language and working holiday programmes abroad.

The university roadshows will also include open day events where people can drop in to hear talks and find out more about living and working overseas. Other on the itineraries will include giveaways, and competitions including the opportunity for two students to win a five week work trip to one of the many i-to-i projects in South Africa.

As well as informing people about the travel opportunities available with i-to-i, the tour will serve to help

the many communities which the company works with around the world.

By asking people to pass on their unwanted items, i-to-i will aim to gather supplies for various projects, including pens and pencils for under-resourced schools and kits for under-privileged sports programmes.

Students will be invited to rifle through their desks and bring along unused pens, pencils, paper, crutches, calculators, staplers and calculators in the customised campaign which will start outside the Leeds University Student Union building from 13th November, 2006.

Leeds is the first city on the agenda with further stops including Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and Nottingham.

Don Roseworth, Head of Global Marketing for i-to-i says: "This is a significant new direction for i-to-i. Our new fleet will allow us to reach many people that ever before, as we decided it would be an ideal opportunity to gather supplies to help our projects overseas in we go."

"Everyone here is really excited about the vans and we're planning to have a go at driving them. Vehicles with a hindrance for some vehicles should keep their eyes peeled, because they'll be taking Leeds any day now."

i-to-i is the UK's leading provider of experiential travel options. It offers a range of 300 programmes in 28 countries, including volunteer projects, courses in teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL), paid teaching programmes, meaningful work and 'life skills' trips.

To find out more about i-to-i and the camper van tour, visit www.i-to-i.co.uk or call 0800-001111.



RESCUE: Firemen in action rescuing the trapped casualty

PHOTO: Corvus Gal

20,000 march on climate

By Christine Cooper

around 70 Leeds students were among the 20,000 people who marched through London last Saturday to call on the government to do real action against climate change.

They were joined by a further 4,000 for a rally in Trafalgar Square, where groups as diverse as the Women's Institute, student union group People's Planet and the old firebrigade gathered for the largest demonstration on climate change ever held in the UK.

The event was organised by the Stop Climate Change students in co-ordination with an international day of action on the eve of the UN Climate Summit in Nairobi, Kenya. Student organisations took part in 45

countries across the world.

A samba band and vibrant weather-themed banners lent a carnival atmosphere to the People's Planet section of the march, which was designed as a meeting on occasion by cartoonist Polyp.

Leeds People's Planet member Lizzy Fellows described the parade as "absolutely brilliant" and Leeds graduate Amelia Wood said: "This was a real sense of unity."

Above all, a tangible sense of optimism prevailed and all 20,000 people involved were confident that through actions like this, climate change can be stopped. "I got amazing inspiration from the event" said Leeds student Ben Milner. "Pleasure for a half" were of climate change action.

The ongoing talks in Nairobi aim

to decide what will replace the current target for cutting carbon emissions, which will set out the Kyoto Protocol and which expires in 2012.

According to the recently-published Stern report, the current target is not nearly far enough to reduce global warming to manageable levels, generally agreed to be the maximum temperature increase sustainable. To achieve this, Stern says emissions must be cut by 25 per cent worldwide from 1990 levels and by 60 per cent in developed countries by 2050. But according to another government report published on Monday by the Institute for Public Policy Research, even Stern's targets would fail to avoid disaster.

It says that worldwide CO2



MARCHING FOR CHANGE: protesters in London at the weekend

PHOTO: People's Planet

emissions would need to fall to about 70-80 per cent below 1990 levels by the middle of the century. This comes in the wake of UN findings that the world's richest countries, after reducing emissions to 60 per cent by 1990, have actually increased them since 2000.

Atmos India, Director of Stop Climate Change said: "This Blair must listen to the urgent demands of over 25,000 people in Trafalgar Square today and millions across the

UK. Now he needs to make his government's actions count too, by introducing a new law to reduce carbon emissions year on year. He must take a lead on the global stage to bring global leaders below a two degree carbon increase.

"If we all come together we can stop climate change."

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Black history day a success

By Virginia Newman

Black History Day, the University's celebration of student diversity, has been hailed as a success by participants and organisers.

Carlton was vibrant, academics and pupils celebrated Black History Day 2006 and were involved in conference aimed to encourage more applications from the currently under-represented to higher education.

Dr William Gould, organizer of the event and lecturer in Modern Indian History, said: "As well as celebrating different cultures and traditions about the history of Black and minority communities, we want to show young people that Leeds University is a welcoming place where you can make a huge range of friends and exciting subjects."

The event was a clear success the organisers reported. "The number of schools wanting to take part has increased significantly. We have had to adjust the duration of the day to take this increased demand into account."

The University is hoping for an increase in under-represented groups and under-represented groups after the success of this day.

Gould however said: "The link between these events and increased applications is not very straightforward unfortunately. We have seen a slight increase in applications from under-represented groups in the School of History, but I think it will take quite a few years for the most important effects of these sorts of events to filter through."

"There are a whole range of other considerations that affect student choices for applications, for example a tendency for some of the groups we are targeting to choose more vocational courses, despite the fact of being well-qualified to A-level and Humanities at Leeds University. However, we are following up these events with targeted letters to groups of schools, encouraging teachers and pupils to think about applications to Leeds."

There are definite plans to hold more events such as this in the future. The organisers said: "The feedback on the event, so far, has been very positive and teachers were asking about the possibility of being involved next year."

"We will run this event every year for BHE4 now. We are regularly taking our project into schools in the region and will be expanding our work out to community centres too."

For more information go to www.black-history-month.co.uk



300 Seconds

Cooking up a storm

by Rachel Hunter

Name: Darren Roberts
Occupation: Owner of
Peppin's Cafe, Hyde Park

“
You can have
a laugh with
students -
it's fantastic
”

LS: Hi Darren, how has your day been so far?
DR: Has had a bit quiet but it's been a good day, business is booming.
LS: Good to hear, what's it like owning

a business in the middle of student land?

DR: It's really, really good. I've 18 years and it makes you feel young - it's fantastic, I love it.

LS: It's nice to hear a bit of positive feedback on the student population for a change.

DR: I don't understand why people don't like students, you can have a laugh with them, take the mystery out of them - it's fantastic.

LS: What's your best dish?
DR: It's got to be the breakfast, got to be.

LS: Good for hangovers?

DR: It's a try-up - anyone who has a hangover needs a try-up. You're sorted for the day.

LS: Unfortunately I've only got £3.71. Excusey.

DR: Basically I'd honestly recommend anything in this place. I've tried it all myself - if I don't like it I won't sell it.

LS: Do you do all the cooking at home?
DR: No, I do not cook at home. I have a lovely wife who does that. Don't put that down though - it'll spoil my

chances - are you writing that down?

LS: I'm very quick.

DR: I've noticed.

LS: If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would it be?

DR: Here. Definitely. I'm having the best time of my life at the moment. I'm enjoying every single minute I spend in this place, which is a bit.

LS: Married to the job?

DR: Yeah, seven days a week.

LS: Did you do anything for Saturdays night?

DR: I went down to Remodding Park - I didn't do anything last though.

LS: It's been a bit mental - luckily the wind's been blowing away from my house.

DR: Yeah, the gardens around here aren't exactly top but it's all good fun, having a bit of a laugh and a few beers.

LS: What's it like when all the students go home for the holidays?

DR: It's quiet, but luckily I get a few locals in, so it fills area, which I'm happy with. Lots of students go home fairly early for Christmas but we'll still have the decorations up.



LS: What's your favourite song?
DR: It's got to be Don Jovi - Living on a Prayer.

LS: You like a bit of rock then?

DR: It's the best music - as if by magic, Living on a Prayer starts playing on the

radio.

LS: Wow, what are the chances?
DR: It is on most days. I'll listen to anything except opera. Anything else though, from rock and pop to classical. I'm not heavy.

LS: I like all the set you've got on the walls.

DR: This comes from a local guy who used to work at the Hyde Park cinema. He came in and asked to put some pictures up - he's selling them pretty cheap. They're meant to show the back side of art. They remind me of that TV show *Katharine Hepburn* - the old version.

LS: Can I take a quick picture of you?

DR: Ohh yes, I don't like pictures. It's hard to kill you if you take a photo of me.

LS: Are you serious?
DR: Oh yes.

LS: You'll have to provide an original.

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Early doors on takeaways

By Rachel Hunter

Early takeaway orders are being treated with more caution as they continue to take longer than their counterparts.

Customers have said that fast food sites or takeaways which serve hot or hot to drink between 11pm and have only a specific licence granted by their local authority.

Leeds Council officers are now trying to prevent enforcement action against premises which continue to operate outside their licence after complaints were made regarding the extent of their, meals and items consumed by them in the early hours of the morning.

Takeaway outlets such as Little's Italian and Country Sandwich are regularly visited by hungry students late at night, and often may open to a capacity limit in order to make the most of this late trade.

However, both these fast food outlets, and possibly others, are only licensed to open until 11pm, stating they may be targeted by the enforcement officers.

James Price, a second year sociology student said "After a night of it I always feel the fatigue of a takeaway, especially if it's the highlight of the night."

"Typically if I'm still working in early places I'll only get takeaways to give my savings for something

slightly. Obviously it's not good for the takeaway either as they'll be losing business."

Loretta Jeffrey, Chair of Headingley Network said that complaints are not directed as an attack on students. "The community has been under pressure for a number of years. The late opening of a new, general purpose, the lack of facilities and shops for families in the area."

"For those living near the marina, the depressing sight of litter, food debris and cars is becoming a regular experience, and it makes me more long-term residents in the city area, having a waitlist on their walls."

Councillor Mark Harris, chairman leader of Leeds City Council said "This is a fair thing to say, takeaways owners who open their businesses knowing they are breaching the law."

"The council will not accept any breach of licence and will prosecute to protect local residents from unnecessary noise and disturbance."

According to Leeds City Council, premises under threat can apply for extended licensing in order to stay open later. Ian Crumpton, a spokesperson for the Council said "If takeaways apply for extended hours, we would look into certain factors."

"These factors are the prevention of crime and disorder behaviour, public health, protection of public nuisance and the impact on local residents. These criteria must be met before extended hours can be granted."



Closing their: Late night takeaways may be a thing of the past

PHOTO: John Puddlephat

Graduate helps Russian orphans

By Virginia Newman

Leeds graduate from the University of Leeds has embarked on a new charity project to help homeless children suffering in post-war Albania.

University of Leeds graduate was recruited as the project manager of one of the projects, a Russian charity set up 12 years ago to provide clothing and toys to orphanages and orphans during the financial crisis being the transition from the Soviet Union.

The charity aims to support children by providing a day centre providing such as lessons, projects and facilities for homeless children.

Head of the charity, Helen Hogg said "It is hard for everyone, but it is the worst children who I had to find. A couple of my cousins founded Leeds's club, and I have known about them ever since I was born."

My girlfriend Hannah Lewis and I decided to come and see what it was like and to help out. We were involved with voluntary work with disadvantaged children before, especially during our time at Leeds."

Hogg said that the main objectives. Firstly it deals with older orphaned managers and prepares them for adult living, for example helping them find jobs, training and

education.

Specifically it addresses the other end of the problem by working with teenage children who are considered to be in the 'at risk' group, giving them a short course in how to manage their finances and avoid addiction and living on the streets.

Hogg's address on helping troubled people started when he was 17 in Leeds. He said "During my time at Leeds I was very involved with Africa. I volunteered in a number of projects in my first year, coordinated a project in my third year, and held a continuous position in my final year."

"Support and staff are hard to find for the charity's work. Hogg said that the challenges are finding and maintaining financial support. Finding staff who are dedicated to making a difference and getting support among important members of the business community and city administration so we can continue our work."

"It's hard work, especially as there are so many wonderful charities out there competing for funding and support. Fortunately we have some very generous supporters, but we will have to spend lots of time trying to find new sources of money."

For more information visit www.RDAG.org

Two pints and a packet of fashion

By Rachel Hunter

Fashion lovers will have the chance to discover their labels at the Hyde Park job this coming Monday.

A fashion show will take place at the popular pub on Roundhay Lane to help a group of Leeds-based designers show off their work, and have their designs seen by local people.

The event is being organised by Kim Wilkinson, who works at the Hyde Park pub, with the help of local university students and graduates.

She said "Some friends and I have recently opened our own shop called 25 Spaces. The style is a mixture of trendy, retro and bright colours and will appeal to a wide age range. However, starting a business is not easy, particularly in an industry such as fashion where big high street chains dominate."

"The Hyde Park is a really popular pub with students in particular and so we thought it would be a great place to have an event."

"We'll be had lots of help with brands volunteering to model, a design student producing a flyer for the event and a photography student agreeing to come along and take pictures on the night."

"I hope so many people as possible will come along to enjoy the fashion show and a night out with the

difference."

25 Spaces will feature designs with everything on sale being made in Hyde Park. The shop sells clothes and accessories created by a group of 12 designers working together to promote their work.

Lizzie Barrow, a third year fashion student at the University of Leeds is a co-owner of the shop. She said "We've got on this fashion show to exhibit our work. It's been absolutely brilliant as the fashion show is a fantastic medium in connecting to the actual market out there."

"Knowing that your staff is selling makes the process of design seem much more real. It's a really good way of showing skills and ideas with other people. Our team also will show work in the shop, and it's a good way to see designs by other students who aren't in your class."

"The event starts at 7.30 pm on Monday and there will also be a DJ. All of the models played will be from local universities. Accessories is free and the clothes and accessories modelled in the fashion show will be available to buy afterwards."

For more information on the event visit the Hyde Park pub on 011 274 5547

Federation comes to Styhus

Leeds University played host to the legendary gay club night Federation last Saturday.

The night, which was held in Leeds' new Black Canvas in Gateway Ward and has since moved to venues in Liverpool and Manchester, has not been held in Leeds for some time due to the upcoming refurbishment of its old home.

But since the revamped Styhus and Terrace opened their doors, it is back and again and could prove to be even better than before due to the increased capacity of its new venue. Federation is well-known for its lively outdoor parties, featuring visual effects and elaborate décor.

In keeping with this reputation, the club night organisers brought in their own production team in Steve Styles and Terrace a complete package, including a Wizard of Oz theme.

Federation will return to the Union on the first Saturday of every month.

Rock for research

On December 5, Mike will lead Rock4Research, a night of live music aimed at raising funds for Cancer research charities nationwide. The gig will consist of performers from all up and coming bands with a range of different styles from rock to indie. All proceeds will go to the cost of the entry tickets will be donated to charity.

The band performing include Andrew, Chis, Phil for Styhus, Catherine, Blouse and My Salvation.

For further information visit www.Rock4Research.co.uk

Water main drains campus

On Wednesday afternoon, a heavy water leak on the crossing outside Leeds University Business School started to affect University water supply, with some departments 'drying up', with toilets and flushing and water cut off.

Roger Gird, University Secretary said "I understand that water supplies are now drying up in some parts of the University. We have been told that normal water supply should be restored very soon."

The issue is anticipated a regular service again by Thursday.

Volcanic Discovery

This night, a programme at Leeds University, has discovered a volcanic eruption that is believed to be capable of having a near-apocalypse.

After further research by a team of British and American, what was thought to be an unlikely, but now has been revealed to be a much larger scale problem. Wright interpreted the volcanic eruption and was witnessed by the audience. "The process happening here is identical to that which created the Atlantic Ocean. If this continues, we believe, parts of Britain, Lithuania and England will sink but we might be able to save it from the Red Sea."

Under the radar

Bradford nurse banned

A nurse from West Yorkshire's Bradford Royal Infirmary who routinely gave a constipation balm to her work colleagues in 11 instances has been barred from working with children for a year.

The Philadelphia-trained nurse, Eva Ferrero, 49, administered the drug in 2004 and admitted failing to perform an adequate checking procedure. The year-long ban includes any-toilet-aid use and paediatrics. Once the year has expired, a review panel will reassess the case. Mrs Ferrero can still perform her other nursing duties but must be supervised. The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is not a legal body but enforcing data and must be supervised. The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is not a legal body but enforcing data and must be supervised. The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is not a legal body but enforcing data and must be supervised.

Nairobi Mafia caught out

A British man is becoming increasingly notorious among Nairobi's underworld and gangsters as he attempts to undermine their financial plans. The British retail moving money out of Nairobi using a foreign bank account - the account of which the man has already received a size of the money moved. Having obtained the bank details, the founder then drains the bank funds into an account in another country. Mike Berry is promoting the shareholders to give with an appropriate credit card, or fly to a more distant airport. The man, who Mike Berry doesn't show. Despite their threats, Berry is convinced that these new warning orders will inhibit the business.

Piro fend off Oil company

This week has seen a success for an islander who in Piro who has finished off the advances of Chinese oil company. Piro has been successful for liquid gold in the specific part of the Atlantic which the Piro community states that they decided to withdraw from the project. The fact that there is already - although not an 800 strong - blockade of African Indians here in the southern Peruvian Amazon who tried to stop the advance of Argentinian oil company Petrobras. Piro has not been stopped, but has pledged to remedy their previous ecological mistakes.

Sister-in-law kept as slave

A woman and her brother have secretly in Yorkshire were jailed for seven and ten years respectively but work by carrying out a trade of vehicles and also acting as a business executive. Sensitive - sister in law, the Antonio Piro, who was arrested was subjected to sexual bullying consisting of whipping, blind injuries sustained from scraps, being held captive but he had not asked anything broken by a selling job. Two years of police investigation has come to an end in which Piro's wife, who is a mother of two and had to sell her house. Her six children, who was subjected to watching the attacks, have been put into foster care.

Cluster bombs mean no end to Lebanese death toll

By Sam Ward

Beirut, Lebanon Live cluster bombs fell over the conflict that followed Hizbullah's attack on Israeli military positions earlier this year as killing raged in one Lebanese village a day, according to humanitarian groups.

UN clearance teams have identified nearly 400 separate Israeli 'wide dispersal pattern' weapons strike sites in southern Lebanon blamed with most by Hizbullah fighters by Israeli forces. 350,000 unexploded bombs were thought to remain after the ceasefire on 14 August, while the Lebanese army have put the figure at 'possibly around 1 million'. With both sides using the weaponry during the fighting, Lebanese people are faced with the threat of land mines, mines and roads as well as among the rubble of ruined buildings still being shelled.

One report by the group Landmine Action has previously stated that two months after the cease-fire 'an average of between three and four civilians had been killed or injured by unexploded bombs in the area' - some 70% of these casualties were children. The report also described how crop harvest, power supplies and infrastructure were being maintained in rural localised situations which can be found from the ground or dropped from planes and have a high 'dust' rate.

Chris Clark, manager of the UN Mine Action Coordination Centre of South Lebanon, said the cluster bomb threat in the south was 'extensive and, in my opinion, underestimated.' David

Mason, the United Nations humanitarian coordinator in Lebanon condemned the unacceptance but that many of these munitions were fired in the last three to four days of the war', when the conflict had largely been resolved. At the end of the Israeli government's admitted last march that it used conventional phosphorus bombs during its 34-day campaign, any illegal use of cluster weapons has been banned.

In a report released by Human Rights International last Thursday, 90 per cent of deaths and serious casualties caused by cluster bombs since their introduction in the 1960s were said to have been suffered by civilians, with one-third being children. This has led to Sweden, backed by several other countries, calling for their use to be banned in a similar proportion to that of land mines.

Shaharil in the UK, a local leader in cabinet colleagues, Hilary Benn, the international development secretary, recently argued that cluster munitions used by Britain and other countries are causing thousands of unnecessary deaths and injuries. Benn's protest is likely to cause friction with the defence office which the government has with American allies who are also known for their use of cluster bombs as well as supply given to other countries.

Both sides in the July war have met with disagreement for alleged indiscriminate attack on civil areas and have insisted on from the ceasefire there have been several reports of munitions fired from Hizbullah positions and significant activity by the Israeli air force over southern Lebanon and Beirut.

Home of London music scene to be demolished

By Michael Woodbridge

London, UK Cultural institution the Dakota Theatre, Hackney, was sealed by police who evicted the remaining music acts, clearing the site, breaking all of the ground floor windows, leaving them up and preparing the site for redevelopment.

Despite protest against the proceeding, Hackney council an remaining concrete in their plans to redevelop the old Victorian site into new buildings during discussions with the existing architect.

The site dates in 1908, between the old theatre and the 4-Ace club, and has been the home of the Liberty club in Hackney. The music scene in Hackney started from the music scene in Denmark Street, the Marley and the B. King.

After buying the site from Transport in 1975, Hackney council had done nothing to maintain the site nor ensure the future of the Dakota Theatre. Hackney council has also pledged that some buildings in Hackney 'have particular historical association or are described as local landmarks', and 'committed to keeping these buildings wherever possible.

Destroyed by rain, the building now resembles nothing of its building past, and has just been demolished and adapted by the local group OPEN who are campaigning for the building's regeneration into residential of the site.

London's white-pigeon-winged rock scene, Transport to London and the London Development Agency are generating a more coherent support link between music and London. The original link between Dakota and Broad Street in the City being closed down in 1996 due to a lack of funds, the council has decided to acquire land and develop a new scheme which will cope with the Olympic sport. The donor's name without its support, and is proposed to continue to be a station. It has been a long time since the music scene in Hackney such as the Dakota Theatre and the Broadway Market are therefore being built to development agencies in order to generate the funds needed for 2012.

The government cannot be expected to help, considering the benefits to the Olympic site that the redevelopment of Hackney will bring, and it is known that the original style of Hackney and Dakota will be lost to the Olympic, and historical monuments that hold cultural significance will continue to be replaced by the spiritless white box culture.



CLUSTER WARNING: Lebanese authorities are using photos such as this to warn their citizens of the dangers. Bomb posed by cluster bombs dropped by the Israelis during this year's invasion.

'We're full' email undoes Tory health's House bid

By Stefan Page

Cam, Wiltshire. A Conservative councillor and parliamentary hopeful has been suspended from the party after an email was sent from his account that attacked foreigners to 'Go off - we're full'.

Kieron Beach, who stood at a parliamentary candidate in last year's election, was expected to see relations with the Liberal Democrats who branded the message as offensive and deeply unpleasant.

The email, sent from Mr Beach's address, featured a poem about Palestinian immigrants heading to Britain to claim benefits. Coupled with the title 'Liberal/Palestinian Piss', the email described how migrants come to Britain 'poor and broke' and expect tax payers money through claiming welfare benefits.

Mr Beach, who has represented the Conservatives on Cam's Town Council in Wiltshire since 2003, denied sending the message. He has also suspended pending a full investigation by Conservative HQ. This will no doubt affect his own time on the local council's shop.

Mr Beach is very distressed by the allegations. 'I don't want anything that

I'm accused of sending. Someone else did. My email address is something that's used by my husband, too. I wish you remember it, it's a very high-top poem. We have Anita, Diana, and I work well together and all accept other other different ways.' The night doesn't even begin with the personal message 'Oh you're full', and ends with a picture of the white cliffs of Dover and the words 'Go off - we're full'.

In an interview with the BBC, Mr Beach defended himself, calling the message 'offensive' because he had not accepted 'I'm not a racist'.

David Cameron's assistance that Conservatives have disassociated themselves with the party in the past has been a first election bid.

Ed Davery, the Liberal Democrat chairman of campaigns and communications, said: 'It's totally unacceptable to describe representatives to be distributing this kind of material. Racism has absolutely no place in British politics and it is asking the CBE to advise on whether further action can be taken. If David Cameron wants to retain any credibility he must immediately take the appropriate action against the person responsible.'

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Short change

Resigning in the dramatic circumstances surrounding the Iraq war, **Clare Short** has become a symbol of dissatisfaction and dissent from within the heart Labour. **LS** sent **Hind Hassan** to talk to her about politics, the Iraq war and bitterness.

Having stepped down twice while in opposition, from junior front bench positions and more recently from the government in 2001 over the war in Iraq, Clare Short's resignation from the Labour whip on October 20th was the final nail in the coffin of her volatile relationship with Labour. Despite her public appraisal of Blair's government, she remains a member of the party which she describes as "a tail of justice - a project for which she..."

As I make my way through the corridors down at Portico's House and following a rigorous search, I'm instructed to wait until I am summoned, except what appeared to be a single high-fringe, jet-black wig, a mysteriously poisonous pearl behind two eastern European looking eyebrows in Jimmy Choo, so less, my mind begins to wander from contemplating the imprudence of the architectural interior to wondering what particular bracket Short would fall into. Eagerly only or fashionably late? Neither it seemed, at least not exactly I look up to find Claire Short herself waiting for me over in the revolving doors that separated us mere months from some of the most heated authority figures in the country. Dressed in a dark power suit, broken up by her trademark fuchsia pink scarf, we exchange the requisite pleasantries and proceed to take the journey to her office.

On being joined at last by a track just waiting, under its yielding overcoat, I find myself listening in on a rather surreal exchange. Responding to the spokesman's inquiries, Short explains, quite professionally, that she would be taking a bit longer if "the bloody whips would just leave me alone". The whip's constant "leave" and "holding" in order to prevent her from saying what she has "concluded over the past 25 years in the House of Commons," provided the final stimulus for her exit. One conclusion was that she believed there "was a high chance of a hung parliament" in the next government elections - advocating Labour 30% and winning 24. A coalition for

which she was duly threatened with resignation. Now that her remaining legislation is the whip here all her disapproval Short does not hesitate to elaborate "So the liberals use their leverage to get the change in the voting system but if you clean up and succeed in British politics, you'd get a House of Commons that had members over the government instead of just creating such a large majority that the process becomes paralysed - it makes it a bit like gas very strong, which we've seen under Thatcher it's a back-to-front system."

But when I'm indignantly professionally rebuffed around what she believes to be the personal door by Tony Blair in the hall up and the aftermath of the Iraq war, is it the talk of Blair breaching his promise to create a "credible" government in Iraq I query whether she is indirectly undermining the authority of the Iraq elections. Her response is a carefully phrased analysis, "technically there's a UN resolution that accepts the recognition and validity of the legitimacy of Iraq and part in the legitimacy

Extra Hindsight

► At times, but most people in Iraq think the occupation is illegitimate and are totally disappointed for the way it has been elected. And of course, it sits in the Green Zone with an American administration. Government ministers can go out in the streets because they have an escort from the police. The lack of a UN resolution from the outset of the conflict, the ad-hoc "no-ideology" coalition that set us on Iraq without a UN resolution, the proper way to proceed was through the UN. If we let Iraq know this, we will win all over the world. There was no WMD, all the sanctions, open up the country make Saddam Hussein free the states, the Middle East. Let the people of Iraq help to get him to the international court. I mean if there was honest good will towards Iraq, it could have all been done differently. We now know from the project for the New American Century, which the American neo-cons, all now in the Bush administration, published before they went into power, that they planned regime change in Iraq, and the establishment of permanent bases in Iraq to get a pro-American state so it could dominate the Gulf. So there was bad faith right through.

With so much of Bush's pretensions played on the discredited authority of the UN, I think it is my opinion that the war was pushed for a foreign intervention, one that is often manipulated by world powers for their own selfish ends. The sceptics partially agree with the sentiment but points out that, "In the war they couldn't get that UN resolution" could they? If that were France, Russia, China and a lot of the leading countries - China was on at the time, and some of the African countries, would not vote for it they couldn't have it through. I think the real compromise of all of it, is that the UN is severely diminished in the eyes of the world and now it seems that the UN of the US with the UK, always looking behind, international law means nothing. America says we'll engage and act unilaterally and that means violating international law. Britain says the most important alliance we have is the alliance with America and we're trying to take intervention and we need to be independent with American troops so Britain is just abandoning its position. It is this American policy that is so wrong and so dangerous and against American interest because you know they assure people like us of being free-American, more than half of the world are not American. American foreign policy.

As we delve further into the headlines of pre-war I would not be surprised what other states should be taken into. The assembly believes that Britain should publicly denounce these "desecrated zones" and provide a public Muslim funeral. Blair's spokesman "As the Chief of the Defence Staff said, "we are one of the problems we are experiencing over resistance in Iraq" who should give up any suggestion to permanent bases, the assassination of Muslim leaders which typified the British campaign, has said repeatedly they would call for an end to the occupation of America declared its willingness to end the occupation. There is so much instability, could that bring stability? It is a rhetorical question, and there appears to pre-empt my next query, I do not know then after the word "and" when she intervenes that "there is a valid side to her view. No. I think the occupation is part of the problem,

it will never succeed, the American cannot stabilize and contain Iraq. The isolation will go on. What we have seen with Hezbollah and then Iraq, is that the greatest military power in the world and the greatest economic and political power in America, with all of the of all the defence revenue in the world can not succeed against insurgency and non-state violence. Even, the great power of the Middle East with all of the military equipment America could give it, nuclear armed, could not defeat Hezbollah. For all these angry people in the Middle East and the increased level of suffering of the Palestinian people, the consequences shall be more and more staggering. The cost will rise that at the rest of all the devices a Palestine, that continues suffering and the lack of a just settlement."

Clare then provides an optimistic prognosis for the eventual outcome of the Middle Eastern debacle. She suggests the idea, that there is the possibility America may be forced into changing their foreign policy on the

"The promises he made which made me painfully decide we better try and retrieve what we could he just completely broke. He lied to me.

promise that the Middle East plays have to halt the world oil supplies. Should this supply be substantially disrupted, the world would witness a "massive global depression". She continues, "America can just walk out. It is wants to leave some stability what does it have to do? It has to risk to Iran and Syria but they in the end of Iraq, Iran and Syria are not going to help - Syria wants the Taliban brought back and Iran - just wants a lot of things. The only way for America to get out is one piece, is to really withdraw its policy in the Middle East."

A well known fact within the walls of the University Library is its small class room where both Labour MPs Nicky Katt and Clare Short are Leeds University alumni. During the revolutionary late sixties, Katt held the position of President of the Union whilst Clare Short's political participation was limited around involvement with the Labour party on a local constituency level. This common heritage does not appear to inhibit criticism of Short's position whilst she was defence secretary in the build up to the invasion. The "secret negotiator" mentioned in her letter complained Blair to report that he was "confused" by her suggestion. He asked her to elaborate for his benefit the delays, once again, later of disbelief and manipulation. "One day I remember I was going to engage at the same time as Britain, Korea and with against the war. I could have just wanted my hands and come out and have a beer. They had me in for a

whole series of reasons and asked me what do you want changed? I said you should have proceeded through the UN completely and whether any military action was legitimate. Then I said suddenly we've got to deal with Israel, Palestine. That's the corner cut off at the angle in the Middle East, and finally if you can't stop the war, the reconstruction of Iraq should be completely internationalised and not just by America. He persuaded me he would do these things. He got Bush to announce he supported the Road map, or I partially thought we've got to retrieve what we can from this disaster but he was just lying to me to keep me in."

The process of negotiating a resolution for the reconstruction of Iraq was all done in secret. What had wasn't consulted. My department, which was meant to work with the UN on reconstruction, was kept out of the loop so that was it. The promises he made which made me painfully decide we better try and retrieve what we could be just completely broke. He lied to me."

I suggest that the majority of her comments about Tony Blair's characteristic qualities - of manipulation, the reality evidence, she paints a picture of a substance, defined Peter Hain who is far too eager to please. "I don't think he can change his mind" "oh, I'll just say that and it's completely untrue", and I'll write things and get her to do this. I just said he's in the kind of situation, she and I don't realise he's not allowed to be that devoted. That's his character... but when doesn't the Labour party say they don't have the answer to that it Labour has got to the point of power at any price."

It is his newly discovered freedom as an independent, it suggests that a recent story I'd come across that the possibility of signing with the option of joining a Parliamentary "secret group" one that George Galloway, also a former Labour MP, apparently endorsed. Though sceptical of the invitation she doesn't rule out the possibility of signing with Galloway, Peter Davies and Richard Taylor. "I just read about this on the two this morning, that doesn't sound like a very serious invitation when they tell the press before they talk to me. I think when it's suggesting to me that you have a certain number of MPs you get more information from the offices in the house about the planning of business and so on and of course you need to know what's been said in order to know what you're going to do. Someone tends to come and talk to me about what the proposition is and what it would mean to me I'd use. But I was not impressed by their communication through the newspapers."

On the subject of George Galloway, Clare Short describes her RUCF as a "good political involvement" made up of "George Galloway, the young Muslim leadership of the Stop the War Coalition and the Muslim Workers Party." She is dubious, however, of their ability to vote, "because a minimum party". "Labelling herself as a "Social Democrat" who claims herself with the notion that the UK should have towards economy of Scandinavia, who, in the past it, are in conversation of the "most open society of equality in the world." She is clearly disturbed by what she sees as "Britain maintaining America's self becoming "worse and more corrupt" and the prominence of "more crime, more violence and more prison population."



SHORT STRAW: Leeds student and ex-cabinet member puts a girl's behind and that resignation letter to full Labour



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Dear Tony,

I have decided that I must leave the Government

As you know I thought the cut in the tariff in Iraq was motivated, but I agreed it was in the Government to help support the reconstruction effort for the Middle East.

I am afraid that the assurances you gave me about the need for a safe market to establish a legitimate free globalised free-trade market. The Security Council resolution that you and Jack gave on security regulation contradicts the assurance I gave you in the Middle East on economic and financial stability. The legal advice of the Institute of Law, and the need for a UK in the process to establish a legitimate free government. This is a very important job.

I am afraid a good letter like this to you had the establishment and development of the Department for International Development last night so please I am proud of what we have achieved and would like the Government to do.

I am glad and sorry that I have missed this one.

Yours
Clare Short

CLARE SHORT

the Minister the current Labour agreement for moving "two by two to the right", hence having a gaping "hole in the middle of our policies."

Having initially opposed a change in government that included the resignation of Gordon Brown as Vice Minister, Short's prescription was that he has since become "disillusioned". She continues [Blair] had to keep saying he supported everything that Blair did. His reaction was pretty surprising, especially in view of his nuclear experience, it is very easy to imagine, that any debate we now have is being managed primarily at a distance with no-one printing it or but it locks us into the American alliance. He should be known that he supported his own decision for questioning the nuclear power. It is probably will continue in very much in the same way that Blair has gone. Though his calling when Blair Johnson's name is out he has the essential access to the same conclusion. "He's a kind of body therapist he's got an alternative because he's very confused but he's one along with everything Blair's done... keep up less, anyone staying in the government is defending all these values."

Turning back to the 'lover' debate, Blair compares the threat of possible religious fundamentalism with the IRA attacks and that 'bombing' of London. It is her view that the 'repressive' prevention of terrorism laws during that time led to "more angry young Irish people" having "access to Northern Ireland to support the IRA." She believes that "maximum cooperation is required" to show that "violence isn't the way" - "it puts us '90 days diversion for sentencing. I don't get it. If you suspect someone and you have to little information then you should put phone taps on them. Follow them around" - "anything any infringement of liberties, that believes that phone taps would give intelligence to find out what they're doing in order to prevent it. That should provide you with the evidence to bring them into court" - "but, disagrees that this would amount to a further strain on what appears to be our diminishing liberties as it is legitimate to use phone taps if you suspect that someone is plotting violence to kill people."

With Murdoch constantly hounding the media front pages, Jack Straw's name pops up again - the same repeating his comments on the veil. There have been public enquiries of 2001 surrounding the timing and the

issue Straw chose to tackle in the public arena, with accusations of racist motivations being levelled at the current leader of the House of Commons. Though the decision to draw is an emotional political, she appears not to be wholly aware of the notion that the debate was indeed by a desire to raise his profile before the government leadership election. She does note, however, that it was taken as "a further demonstration of the Media's complicity," and cites further over the "war other members joined in."

In particular naming Phil Woolas, who she implies is in Jack Straw's Junior Minister, she goes as far as to call the emphasis on the veil "very destructive" and a further "marginalisation of the Muslim community." Her constituency, she tells me, is home to a large Muslim population. Claiming she has seen 300-200 heads per month for the past 15 years, very around five of them, as the members, were from radical women. According to Short, there was no barrier in communicating with any, talking up from her chair, her facial expression suddenly coming to life, she went to face me and demonstrates how one of the women looked her "divinely in the eye." She then cites an article by Iranian Guardian journalist, Leilaen Parfard, who had recently observed that "if all these comments were from five, I'd be reaching for my paqoo."

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perception that politics is often riddled with corruption. Describing British politics as "brandy less

crappy" than the American system, due to the latter's "all law approach to those who fund them." It was Labour in opposition that said we're going to bring in a control on the national spend and anyone who gives a donation has got to be public because, of course, business have funded the Tories and Labour has been little people and the unions." Shaking her head in exasperation she refers her concern over the Prime Minister's apparent misdeeds. "What goes off to get loans to evade our rules. It's very very shocking, and of course now there's a legal inquiry. It is illegal of course, if there is any suggestion that giving some finance, you will get into the House of Lords, that would be a criminal offense." Regardless of the legitimacy, it is something Blair believes is common. "Well there's no question in both parties, there's a track record of big donors going into the House of Lords and that's just not good enough. That's what is a House of Parliament is meant for money to back political parties. It's got to be cleaned up. Labour thought we were cleaning it up by making all those rules about transparency but that were behind them and were for loans instead of donations so he never had to declare them. Terrible Jack Aron was the treasurer of Labour party and he knew nothing about it - that is outrageous. But the thing is, there's also politics inquiry"

Believing that in "best to think that

the politics will prosecute Tony Blair," she is adamant that the law should be applied if there is evidence that there was people prominent seats in the House of Lords in return for loans.

I don't think there's anyone that could possibly win that isn't implicated in all of this but if we get a parliamentary select committee or an overall majority and, so, Gordon Brown was the leader, he'd be a different leader. You'd have to be constantly keeping public opinion with you before to parliament keeping the majority together. I hope we actively try to bring in a long parliament in order to get electoral reform."

As he signs in parliament comes to a symbolic end, Short joins the ranks of the dying breed of left Labourers. Chris Short appears doubtful if the hope that Labour can one day return to its working class social roots, maintaining loyalty of the days when the party used to represent what was respectable. It is a desire shared by a great percentage of the population. Overcome by a significant part of voters in the interview done to us and I am left to contemplate the black hole that exists in the place of 'respectable' politicians who have been misled in the scramble for come grand. Like Tony Blair before her and Kate Livingston many more of them will doubt be strong side of them to come in. Short looks an interesting guy.



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Up the Andes

Although it's one of the South American countries often left off the budding traveller's agenda, **LS** travel correspondents, **Rachel Esplen** and **Heather Austin**, set out to prove that Chile, with desert at its northern tip and glaciers in the south, has a lot more to offer, and that it's definitely not to be missed.

Chile. Please it. What is most likely to come to mind is a major impact of the odd-shaped country, imaginable like that of a world map. Maybe you know it's Spanish-speaking and perhaps you're fond of Pinocchio. If you are an appreciator of fine wines, you'll know it is one of the fastest growing producers and exporters. Put these notions together with geographical splendour, the fastest-growing Latin American economy, following Brazil, exceptionally warm people and, more recently, South America's first democratically-elected female President and you'll have a better idea of what Chile is all about.

Walking in one town in a desert half-deep, my eyes were suddenly drawn to the awe-inspiring sight of the Andes mountains range stretching out before me. This was not just glimpses of Chile. After many months of

planning and wondering, excitement and nerves, the 11-hour flight was almost over, so worry nearly faded. The first few days flew by in a heady mix of euphoria, indignation and a fast pace of questions. This was all in the fine company of 20 other travellers, also part of the British Council programme and in Santiago for a couple of weeks' training before some of us were sent away from the big smoke to places like Valparaiso, Talca, Concepción, Temuco and Yumbel. Mañe, whose car would adopt our new roles as English teachers. It was time to go to know Chile and its people properly, time to begin our new lives.

Often overshadowed by its better-known and more conspicuous neighbour Argentina, Chile, with a length of 2,600 miles and 16.7 million inhabitants, is measuring more than 100 miles wide, is surrounded a 6,000-foot (1,800 m)

apex. At Yumbel, where words of preference in hot food, travels in 4 Plus Country, Chile "index" in the desert desert in the world, a glacial advantage of a thousand hands and most of the things you can imagine in between." With the risk of naming this article into a Lonely Planet except, it is needless to say that Chile has a wealth of natural beauty, but when adorned with its eclectic mix of rich and poor, and rapid development coupled with social inequalities, makes it a no-brainer.

We'll begin with the capital, Santiago, where Rachel spent her year, an often confusing mix of 'upside' South American cities surrounded with housing, glittering skyscrapers and a booming odd culture, representing all that is Chilean. Walk down one street next to the infamous Mercado Central in downtown Santiago and you'll pass

open street markets, selling everything under the sun, unattended dogs and battered US tank trucks and yellow school buses which add to Santiago's problematic pollution problem. All this combined with the fast-growing Rio Mapo going off its banks and you'll really feel it all been listed all the page of a guide book. In fact, the area of town became a favourite starting point for Rachel, full of its incredible views of the surrounding snow-capped Andes (when the smog allowed) and the bay (at high tide) in existence.

Move two miles upriver and you'll come to a different scene entirely: wide, two-lane avenues, small apartment blocks guarded by proud doormen who pass their keys aroundly waiting the perfect time, you'll amble in between the shadows of the skyscrapers and other blocks, past Starbucks and

the Friday and close into the nearest metro station – an unimpressive efficient system that puts every European country to shame.

This remarkable mix does not even end; you are not out of Santiago's beer jump on a clean, efficient Tussot train showing Europe's most two beers wait to the coast and you'll come to Yumbel del Mar and Valparaiso where Heather spent her year. These two places could not be more distinctly unique from each other, and yet be just a mile apart. Yumbel del Mar, an idyllic seaside resort, sporting one of Chile's few casinos, is inhabited by wealthy Santiagoans during the summer months, who tell the beaches' bathing pools, buy into the shopping malls and take advantage of the relaxing air-conditioned stands. Right on its doorstep, you'll find



again, slightly glimmer and a light from an galaxy more dense than... teaching, colorful and... they did not fit into this country... by asking "Giving an honest... as much as belonging in... culture. On one hand we find... its diversity and its history... a huge statue and think we're... or less environments, living on... our wine, which is often... that sweet, ripe, to the... in, getting off over the Andes to... an area for a "sobered" drink... on the road 24 hours south to... and flying in numerous tiny... a quiet hill of yellow... crops. This is not to say we... and "live" in any way. Our... in language accounts teaching... groups of 16-20 year olds... much of our social life was... spent around our respective... nations, hanging out with... the city and teachers in their... own local buses, attending... again in the freezing cold (the... time, it would seem, are even... situations than the best) and... going to try every Chilean... variety including pizza, wine... 'n' fish, chotipán, chupín, and... the que... is discovered in Chile a country... to be not only incredibly diverse... surprisingly... understood... only. Chile's tourist industry is... by expanding and it's easy to... why. For tourists and travelers... the location that Chile holds... mostly by enjoying landscape... comparable to that of New... You can follow the tourist

will and visit the highlights or stay... for all the buses track and explore... corners of the world which feel... completely untouched by humans... and entirely unaware of 21st century... life.

We took every opportunity to... travel and for anyone considering a... visit to Chile, show us our highlights... VALPARAISO - It's hard to... know quite where to begin in... Valparaíso (Español). This former... port, the forty-six hills that surround it... and the heavy protection that still... in some, have often been celebrated in... Chile's popular culture. Pablo... Neruda adorned this "poetic town" and... delight in giving it body and... breath in his poems. Adhere here... once, it said, "Española, la vida... complemente orgánica," and many will... agree that life here has a unique... charm. Valparaíso's citizens are... known in a colorful mass of... structures that cling precariously to... the cliffsides overlooking the sea... and busy port. Blending with culture... wandering around Valpo's tiny maze... of hillside streets is an experience in... itself. In fact, it has been argued all... valid that Valpo remains such an... enchanting place. The port has... survived fires, raids, protests and... several earthquakes, yet humbly... continues to busy with theater... music, art and all of course the usual... of the sea. The port is certainly worth... a visit; go on a boat trip (it) to see... the whole of Valparaíso in one stunning... panorama. For succulent, fresh fish... go to the Mercado Central or Cabota... Parvise, try the restaurants. For good... contemporary beer, head to the... El Canal. It used to be a prison but... as the town grew up the hillside, its

inmates were relocated, leaving the... cells to be converted into a popular... cultural center. There is live music... here and to many of the bars in town... - by La Seda for something new or... El Cero for some old Chilean... favorites, alternatively just wander... through the streets. The streets also... provide the city's best art gallery... with colorful, bold murals that give... you an artistic taste, especially up on... Cerro Alegre and at the Museo de... Cero-Alto, a collection of striking... murals created by some of South... America's best famous artists. There... is rubbish on the streets and there are... curious smells, steep steps, ramps... and thieves, but Valparaíso captures... all of these things in its imperfections... and its wisdom are what makes it... such a memorable place.

TORONTO DEL PAISJE - Many... miles south of Valparaíso, in Chile's... XII Region lies a sight that each year... draws many thousands of tourists... from all over the world. Torres del... Paine National Park. This park is a... melting cauldron and groups hiked out... head to toe in North Face can be... seen on all sides. You should, however, be... sure not to let everyone else... determine this breathtaking place... based on your own reflections on... the miracle of nature. The park's... majestic towers and carefully formed... "beams" are well worth seeking for... even if you're carrying colorfully... over-sized backpacks. Use, too, as... indicated in the Easy Glacier, a... warning signpost of ice that stretches... beyond the horizon. Ignore your... shivering feet and some of Iceland... before returning. From sleepless... nights in a wet tent, and instead find... the fresh air in your lungs and marvel

at the shimmering blue of an... untouched glacial lake reflecting... snow-capped mountains and fat... mountain sheep. Breathtaking.

BEHON DE LOS LAGOS - A... bit like our very own Lake Ontario... but Chile's version is depicted with... several large and active volcanoes... In winter, all down there, in summer... climb up there. And if you're brave... enough to face the sulfur fumes you... might just be able to glimpse the... stars that spin and twinkle above... the cloud line. Outside most of the local... towns built are rustic, light-colored... versions of the traditional... of eruption. Paine is a particularly... good jumping off point for sailing... aboard; try it alongside a waterfall... for a more relaxing option, however... trekking and kayaking. Be as active... as you fancy, then relax in the... volcanic hot springs before heading... back for an evening of glass wine... and marvellous chat.

ISLA DE CHILE - Don't expect... a tropical island as Chile is perhaps... more like southern Ireland. This... group over 800 varieties of plants... here. It is an intriguing fishing island... which is bathed in magic and... mystery. Look out for the chanchos... (pigeon fish) emerge from net to table... and lounge in the beach as they... recount their fascinating legends.

SITTE TAZAR - Hop on the... school bus, with the locals from... Curico and eventually you'll arrive at... this rarely visited wonder. Its name... refers to the seven pools of water... like sea cups, that flow out into the... often, forming a spectacular sight of... cool blue that is remarkably inviting... despite its cool temperatures. There's... a good campsite nearby. Reflecting

and relaxing

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - Another of Chile's tourist hotspots... and a must for any well-respecting... traveler, the village of San Pedro... invariably remains an interesting... strip of white fronts, hotels, however... the testimony to tourism is... obvious - bars, pubs, hotels and a... million and one tour agencies. It is... the desert that really captures one's... imagination here. The sight of salt... flats and sand stretching out into... the distance is truly overwhelming. A... popular activity is climbing one of... the jagged domes in "Valle de la... Luna" is called because its surface... resembles that of the moon, to watch... and marvel at the evening sun sets... watching the valley as a sea of blood... red fire.

CAJON DEL MAPO - Head to... one of our most incredible "up-pul... or more" weekends, this impressive... valley makes us the Andes brother, a... mere two hours south of Santiago. Too... much grass and too many "I... have been" ways not a good... practice to a long horse-ride in the... relatively heat and the unaccountably... comic, near-death experience of... Snowy Plover.

We went lucky enough to take in... some amazing sights, certainly... challenging to fly local we would find... in desperate attempts to perfect our... Spanish.

These are our highlights, but they... only go a short way in describing this... wonderful country. Expect a warm... welcome, to climb peaks and cruise... deserts, drink luscious wine for under... a quid, swim in the Pacific, see... prospects at the end of the world and... most of all, expect the unexpected.



Extra Focus

Death penalties

Saddam's impending execution has gained a positive reception the world over, but are we seeing justice or forgetting that Saddam's not the only one being hung out to dry. LS Correspondent, Jess Parker, reports.

I have been one of the greatest Hollywood execution dramas of all time since the opening credits. Saddam Hussein's trial has drawn most of its success, a very predictable death. The Hollywood game. There has been plenty of plot, acting, an unambiguously central plot, the length of the American way of life, the sense, death for the members of the Hollywood game. There has been plenty of plot, acting, an unambiguously central plot, the length of the American way of life, the sense, death for the members of the Hollywood game. There has been plenty of plot, acting, an unambiguously central plot, the length of the American way of life, the sense, death for the members of the Hollywood game.

and pure plot resolution that leaves me with a sinking feeling when I think about Saddam's trial. The punishment of "death by hanging until he is dead" seems barbaric and inhumane, even though pronounced upon a man like Saddam Hussein. I will not mean to punning when he goes and I do not regret this method of punishment for his sake but when you consider Britain's involvement and effective contribution to this sentence then it is more than just Saddam's neck in the noose. Britain suspended capital punishment in 1969 and finally abolished it in 1998. Yet Margaret Thatcher, the Foreign Secretary, has welcomed the result of Saddam's so-called "executions" since then has been continued. "The only sentence that has been continued." It is right that those accused of such crimes against the Iraq people should have long prison terms. It is right that those accused of such crimes against the Iraq people should have long prison terms. It is right that those accused of such crimes against the Iraq people should have long prison terms. It is right that those accused of such crimes against the Iraq people should have long prison terms.

British society, we should still examine our attitudes. Not only because of the ethical implications, but because capital punishment, as highlighted by the news, is used in Iraq. It is still a common global practice used by countries that Britain both respects and distances itself from.

An estimate put forward by Amnesty International for the number of worldwide executions in 2005 puts the figure at 2149 people although the true figure is almost certainly higher. 94 per cent of all known executions took place in only four countries out of the sixty-one countries that retain it. China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America such as capital punishment's greatest subscribers. China conducted by far the highest number of executions, with a conservative estimate placing the number of people being executed in 2005 at 177,000 people. The USA, with the lowest figure of the top four, conducted 90 executions last year through the criminal justice system. Therefore, the great supporter of the present and the great supporter of the future are both countries that endorse and carry out, on a large scale, the death penalty. If two of the most advanced countries in the world are its top supporters, then can the death penalty really be a barbaric, primitive and inhumane practice?

To take some individual cases, in China Teng Yongsheng was sentenced for murdering his wife in 1987 and executed in 1992. In the UK, the capital punishment was suspended. Teng Yongsheng had therefore been wrongfully shot and executed seven years previous to 2006. "Guantanamo" (Iran) Amine Amini Mahdavi made the desperate effort of smuggling cocaine into Saudi Arabia in his car, arrested, tortured and put on trial, the court sentenced him to be publicly beheaded.

In the United States, Scott Panetti was sentenced to death and remains on death row in Texas for the murder of his co-worker's supervisor. Mr Panetti was declared fit to stand trial and represent himself, despite it being acknowledged that he suffered from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder with a long history of mental illness.

In Iran, Mahmud Faroukh was sentenced to death for the attempted kidnapping of an aircraft in 2001, upon conviction. Although international law forbids the execution of those who are under the age of eighteen when the crime was committed, Mahmud was sentenced to be hanged in January 2005. He received a stay of execution but still remains on death row. In the United States, capital punishment's greatest subscribers took place in 2005, and the execution of a man, put to death, by in May 2006. A survey, undertaken by the United Nations in 2002, concluded that "it is not proper to accept the hypothesis that capital punishment deters murder to a marginally greater extent than does the threat and



The electric chair: there to inject the spark back in to your day.

application of the supposedly lesser punishment of life imprisonment." Canada, for example, abolished the death penalty for murder in 1976. The year before that was 1980, the year that 200,000 people saw 3,000 executions in 1980. Four years after the abolition law was passed, the figure had fallen to 2,411. Despite these statistics, "Canada's criminal and judicial system does little to global politics currently has 3000 prisoners under sentence of death, with 80% of America's 90 states still using the death penalty (consider their usage of the electric chair as a viable means of execution, while America's eight remaining states have "trial and optional punishment").

On a global level, other methods of execution sanctioned through the criminal justice system, actively used since 2000, also include beheading, lethal injection and stoning. It is obvious that in Uzbekistan, the body of Mamur Avonov was examined and found to have several bones covering scars to several points on his body. The legs were found to contain a large, fibrous, bony-like mass and were suggesting death by immersion in boiling water. He died in 2002. Having been imprisoned in the Uzbekistan death prison, demonstrating that this probable execution by torture occurred under the state and government system.

If it is all beginning to sound like an Amnesty International advert, I would advise you take a moment and consider what this boiling water. He died in 2002. Having been imprisoned in the Uzbekistan death prison, demonstrating that this probable execution by torture occurred under the state and government system.

people that will never get the job that Saddam has had to face. "Waiting for a death that is often delayed, humiliating and cruel" seems to do not think that, because we have a previously acted in bringing about the sentence. By not acting, by not making a statement or protesting against someone such as Saddam's, we are not showing the way but we are not acting and effectively saying to the rest of the world, "that's okay." If Saddam case is okay then so are Mullah Ayaz's, Mahmud Faroukh's, Amine Amini's as well as countless other people, both known and unknown to the world.

Of course, if you really understand the application of Saddam Hussein's bid, I would advise you to think. One of the British national body members through organisations such as the UN, our influence is undeniably limited. It is not to say that a nation's political beliefs should not be acted upon, as if these actions will make no difference. Anyone who does act, whether it is daily basis will know that their efforts have made some degree of change. If the age-old habit of just sitting on your hands, a 30 year period into a short battle and with a war supply, which is believed that is one 30 year period added on to thousands or millions of 30 year periods, there suddenly comes a great opportunity to change. It is also worth considering that some of us are able to have a statement as that may be Mullah Ayaz's was once a child, were the three of Saddam's death, beyond announced during the trial if brought about Britain's so-called, "the justice." Many figures throughout I would involve in all sorts of might, although some are more visible, although the point might seem as obvious, it is more so early to consider it, as a future, or student, that we should be able to do within your given influence or change.

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a deeply unpleasant history. And although few would dispute Saddam's guilt, some might dispute the nature of the punishment and the timing of his execution.

It is a coincidence that Saddam was condemned just seven days before the polls opened in America's mid-term Congressional elections? For by a close margin to suggest that the cause of the run was anything more than a take that nevertheless, Bush might have hoped that Saddam's sentencing would be the last major vote winner that could be the election in his party's favour. Also, the President's law approved strategy might be used by this clearly elected of terms. Republican control was lost in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Things could have been more however at least the trial date's death seven weeks ago, is originally scheduled, or also the Republican's Congressional losses might have been more positive. Of course, when you are able to pour over one hundred and forty million dollars into something then back in time likely to be close to... incidentally, this is approximately one hundred million dollars less than Hollywood received in the big budget Hollywood blockbuster, Titanic.

However, it is not just the bid acting

Political Realities of British Film - Part: 1

a world that has bowed to the dominant media presence of Hollywood. Steven Smith investigates the political decisions that have shaped the British film industry in to what we know today.

18 years after the first attempts at motion picture production captured the eyes of generations of Londoners in 1895, the British film industry was still "building Lough Bridge" which is only one in a length, was the first in a line created by the internationally oriented business entrepreneur Louis B. Mayer, and made France's film scene, in 1916, a technological marvel, the result of a new experiment tradition that did not know that in less than 50 years motion would dominate the world and gradually give back to us the right to see.

1890 The Prince founded a team at Gaumont in Paris, followed by a trip (and then here, Americans were moved to the world). His major success, however, was his success in developing the importance of his own, the city of his invention, a city now lost to the world. His major success, however, was his success in developing the importance of his own, the city of his invention, a city now lost to the world. His major success, however, was his success in developing the importance of his own, the city of his invention, a city now lost to the world.

of film since the 1950s century was its domination of motion pictures, and Louis Lumiere had been using celluloid with their technology, showing groups of short film with one static shot usually capturing a part of everyday life. One of the earliest films "Workers leaving the factory" was only 40 seconds long showing work. Films in this early stage were only a cinema act, neither movie lengths, though had to include motion-changing from single images wasn't built in as a single event, rather, it had to be cut into a series of individual scenes. People were calling it series of motion pictures, in fact they still need for it, believing it to be one level, specifically for the individual country's own national industry and still make money. The British film distribution became equally placed, and they built American product for both British films but will charge the same rates they did for any film. By 1915 British film sales had exceeded those of the U.S. film industry was there. The huge irony of this was that all the money made from American films went straight back to the U.S. by the means of a U.S. company with America's national market advantage, which ultimately nullified the domestic industry. This film was only restricted by the methods of war in 1914.

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economically. The British industry boomed in 1908 when it was only three companies registered as film distributors, 5 years later in 1914 that figure soared to 1,000. By 1916 Britain had built 10,000 cinema seats nationwide which amounted to 6,000 by 1917. The French industry was also growing. In 1908 the Pathe company and its studio in New York was making more films than the entire American film industry combined. Steven Pappas formerly of the British Institute of Cinema and television industry. Between 1907 and 1914, cinema established itself as the leading form of visual culture among rapidly expanding global media. It emerged from a rich tradition of scientific, scientific, entertainment and educational practices, and rapidly developed as a world-wide business. This initial European success was manufacturing that level. The film on film, that industry, was a product of the industry's greatest asset was seen to become a huge success.

Uniting America has led to that any single country in Europe was lead will call to a huge dramatic market. It was because of this American film companies and they could really get companies to become product from domestic audience. When they went to

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London, including Edison and Powers, formed a backbone for vertically integrated companies like Rank. These film companies gave loans to American distributors to allow a greater exchange of British products, and the whole industry grew in a healthier fashion to Hollywood, allowing studio companies such as "Burrage" not only to compete but also complement the larger production companies. Within twenty years, World War two had broken out and cinema-theater took on a wholly different role, both informing citizens of the latest news, but also to raise moral through entertainment.

After the Second world war, Europe's economy and infrastructure was decimated. However the results of the film industry, as distinct from other war-torn sectors, is documented that there was 32 more cinemas in 1945 than 1941, meaning that Britain had worked to build a cinema industry, an exhibition industry throughout the war. Post war conditions from victory caused a huge run out in cinema seats, which created a demand for 20 million cinema tickets when sold per week in 1946, over half the population. The London studios started working together much in the same way the American Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America (MPPDA) was creating a weekly conference across the pond a decade before. From 3 years the "Britishers" for studios started to divide with the rise in radio audiences, and later the invention of television. This was because domestic audience had changed. A post war baby boom brought the middle class of the 1950s in home family, which was opposed to the type of film being made at the time. No one had predicted that change in demographic (or the industry itself), leave him to 1950.

In 1967 America created the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Meant as a general agreement for the trade of goods "it has been historically a free trade agreement to help to free trade without trade barriers, specifically film. This is predominantly caused by the way it regards it Media industries. America undoubtedly the largest supplier of Media, has to recognize the organized history process that makes the product. The film industry was such a huge part of their economy, even in the UK, but they don't view it in the same manner, believing that that European potentially did because the two types of industry were such polar opposites. Secondly it appeared that the Government believed in being on a non-interventionist stage. This was seen as necessary as 1999 when the French created a new American-style film industry, President Clinton was found in saying this would be necessary to an act of war, stability the French intended. Exported before GATT undermines the individual identities of countries, but historically but no one in yet has the economic strength to defend against it.

With changing audiences, British film production slumped and over again

changes American product saturated the market. In 1947 the government, specifically Hugh Dalton Chancellor of the Exchequer, attempted to cap American imports through the introduction of a tax, the Dalton Duty. This taxed imports on film with the intention of bringing that money back into the domestic film industry. The American government, led by an act by their own industry, as the basis of the Motion Picture Export Association of America (MPEAA) demanded a boycott of any film trade. Now before, in an attempt to stop the critical response of Rank and ABC, Albert Finney had sided against opposing the companies but put a cap on their growth, as well as legally denying them any growth at all. With threats of an American boycott, the government doesn't immediately take a step back. Gradualists are held with all the single British film companies, until they were given the plan and made enough time to fill the British spots, without American imports and now without their companies growing in size? The answer is a resounding no. Was this a free account? Suspicion will surround Rank and ABC's local distribution contracts with a medical companies like "Kaiser Brothers" that the deal was done, the government bowed and America had political and economic control over the British film industry ever since.

The only legal way for the British government to support the film industry,

in the day has in direct funding, or control of the amount of film shots. They need both. The cinematography act of 1948 forced exhibitors to show a certain percentage of British film. At the same time they awarded a three million pound "National Film Finance Corporation" loan in to use Alexander Korda, the first film director ever to be knighted. Unintentionally Korda underestimated the cost of his experiment, and when the film Perfect Strangers Really Tipped at the box office, all money paid for the production of film was lost.

Between 1950 and 1955, in 62 years, this new invention of moving images had become a political player on world stage capable of changing governmental decisions. The British film industry itself had yielded to the pressures of cultural interaction from America since and had failed to come back to a world stage capable of changing governmental decisions. The British film industry itself had yielded to the pressures of cultural interaction from America since and had failed to come back to a world stage capable of changing governmental decisions. The British film industry itself had yielded to the pressures of cultural interaction from America since and had failed to come back to a world stage capable of changing governmental decisions.

The British film industry was at the whim of American commercial position. But it was by no means clear. The Gates through to England was about to discover French film, and raise them to an as Hollywood international stage.



Thomas Edison: A bolt in hand is worth two in the bush.

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an-damn farce

With the news of Saddam's death sentence by public hanging, Hind Hassan, born in Iraq, comments on what this could mean for the future of the country and its occupying forces

Hind Hassan

On Sunday the 10th of November 2006 Saddam Hussein, the former president of Iraq, was sentenced to death - by hanging. His crime is the execution of 143 Shia villagers from the town of Dujail after a failed assassination attempt on his life in 1982. So long as his appeal fails, the Bush administration will have achieved its deceptively simple legacy: that the "liberation" of Iraq, led by the United States of America, led the people of Iraq to the long overdue resolution of 24 year detention. That the deaths of civilians by the Iraqi occupation shall not have been in vain. That the millions arrested to death over the 15 year period of occupation, sections will have been justified and that the hundreds of thousands of Kurds, gained by Saddam's regime, and the millions slaughtered by the war with Iran, all with the aid of Bush's military aid will finally have been avenged.

The sad truth of the matter is that this court is a further mockery and insult to those who suffered at the hands of such a tyrant. The trial fundamentally ignores the problems of international law. Its sole purpose is to progress the interests of the coalition. That the announcement was made one day before the US military elections raised more than a few eyebrows. Russia went as far as to voice its concerns over such a dubious conviction. It could be argued that with the slow disintegration of American spolia towards the invasion, mainly due to the ever-increasing death toll of American soldiers, came a desperate need for Bush to divert the attention away from his demise in opinion polls. How fitting that at a time when the Republican's popularity is in free fall this appears judicial success can be attained out to the world.

One point the proceedings have served to highlight is the occupation's arrogance and insistence to act unilaterally with not a hint of concern for international law. Why was Saddam not taken to international courts and tried on a world platform for all his crimes? Why did the US, in their self-proclaimed role as world police, not intervene when Saddam was using chemical warfare against the Iranians? Because he was using US supplied arms. Because he was supported, like many other dictators in the Middle East still are, when he was an economic ally and Iraq was a client state. The same reason Saddam will not be indicted for the injustices suffered by the Iranians, and the same reason Bush, Austria, Libya and Egypt are left in a tizzy, and impatient whenever they feel wronged.

The laws under which Saddam is being convicted are invoked from select parts of international law and the 1971 Iraq Criminal Procedure Code - an outdated legal code that requires little burden of proof and

makes convictions too easily obtainable. The regulations that make up the temporary court - the Iraq Special Tribunal, is not under the auspices of the United Nations but run instead by self-named Iraqi ministers and financed by the United States. This makes up just one apparent contradiction of the UN's Geneva Convention, which prohibits occupying forces from establishing judicial systems in another country. Human rights lawyers have divulged that the tribunal lacks legitimacy because its statutes were passed by one other than Lt. Paul Bremer's U.S. Coalition Provisional Authority, have not been approved by the council since June 30, 2004. Under international law it is clearly stated that the powers of an occupying force end at the time the occupation ends. Amnesty International, who is a worth noting, held its official position on the war itself, have also criticised the process. Malcolm Smart, director of the Middle East and North Africa programme stated that "illegitimacy negates the results of the death penalty against Saddam and one of his co-accused. We don't consider it was a fair process. The court was not impartial. There were not adequate steps taken to protect the severity of defence lawyers and witnesses - and this has not been a fair trial."

Under the ICTJ's provisions a death penalty cannot be executed by the acting head of the republic, furthermore judges must remain "unaffected" of bias (either that be convinced by evidence beyond reasonable doubt. Both of these are, once again, contrary to international

law. The secretary of the defendants have and been upheld, one of Saddam's lawyers have been murdered. Article 11 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in the Geneva Convention is also breached. It is often to guarantee a defendant's right to a "competent, independent and impartial tribunal." There are many substantiated reports of the ever-holding detainees for months without access to legal counsel.

Since the start of the invasion, the British Medical Journal, Lancet, reported that over 600,000 people have lost their lives that need not be. There is a true proverb of the entire Iraqi population. The death of 500,000 children alone by 1998 due to five years of sanctions, which saw the banning of "dangerous chemicals" such as chlorine disinfectants, was a price that was "worth it" according to Madeleine Albright. This colossal figure rose to a total body count of approximately 1.5 million by its end in 2003. This brings the deaths to just under 2.5 million, not including the millions slaughtered in the Iraq-Iraq war - financially and militarily backed by the USA, not to forget the Gulf War. Imagine the impact of such a systematic annihilation on British soil. Such figures are necessarily shocking the families of those killed will never see justice because, in the eyes of money, they are nothing more than a burden of numbers that some would rather not even say and deny the reality.

So Saddam is to be hung. But that does his arrest and the divide that dual Monrovia's civil war was changed all the more gloriously

evolve, then what? Will the coalition's economic, health and education system be unshaken from the gears? Or the country, Saddam will have been made martyr. Not just for his supporters and Iraqis, but many Muslims and Arabs across the whole of the Middle East.

It is also ironic that the accusations of brutality and medieval attitudes directed at the Middle East, as in this case, actively encouraged. Where are the Western morals now? Death by public hanging is an act that should be outlawed in every country not just when it stands on. There is no doubt that Saddam should be brought to justice for his atrocities and civil war crimes. He should serve as a warning to all authoritarian governments who participate in acts of genocide and the dehumanisation of innocent civilians. But his conviction should also serve as an example for the successful application and participation of International Law, rather than, once again, a tool used by America to undermine its stability, and inform its foreign policy, within an already crumbling nation. This US military tribunal is nothing more than the most costly and deepest extension to the ongoing battle of spin and propaganda employed by those with vested legitimate interests. Saddam should be tried on an international stage by international law, along side his former associates and war criminals: the Bush administration.

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Make your voice heard

For the first time, members of Leeds University Union have been given the chance to determine Union policy at an open Referendum. Students will be asked to vote on four motions, one of which gives students the option to choose the co-ordinator of Leeds Student. The paper is read by students and belongs to the students, and they should have a say on who runs it. Other motions passed include the reinstatement of the Even, R.A.U. and a motion on Palaeontom Students' Right to Education, which, if passed, will promote student exchanges between Leeds University and Birkbeck University in Palestine. The Referendum will give students a chance to set policy which ultimately affects them. Have your say and vote on November 27.

Veiled views

A retired senior lecturer from Leeds University has asked her name to be given the chance to determine Union policy at an open Referendum. Lorraine Harding has come out in support of the banning of face-covering veils in universities. The University of Leeds prides itself on being a diverse, multi-cultural community, in which students are free to express their faith through what they wear, and it would have been a dangerous error move for Ms Harding to make such comments in an institution whose views go directly against hers. While her comments that a veil could help participants of an examination to be impersonated by another (a matter solved simply by a quick identification by an examination officer), Harding's view that the wearing of the veil impedes the teaching process holds no evidence with those interviewed for the article. Indeed our sources claimed that she had never had a problem at Leeds University with any lecturer. Education is the right of the student at Leeds University, and the only thing 'dangerous and misleading' about a veiled student's outward appearance is the debate itself. Many critics argue that the veil is also a choice by some women as an outward expression of their religious beliefs. It is not viewed in a negative fashion by its wearers, but by its observers. Discussion about the veil must come to a close before a more threatening environment exists for its wearers.

Attacks on UAF: shameful

The attacks on UAF supporters is just another example of right wing thuggery and the small-mindedness we expect from the likes of the BNP; although it is awful if they were responsible for this particular attack.

Regardless of there being a UAF councillor in an area, it is the right to peaceful protest of the BNP members that should prevail. Violence is not a highly acceptable practice in modern British politics, and can only bring the reformist party further into disrepute in the area. It is important to remember that only 12 per cent of the voting population of 'BNP Stronghold' Middlesbrough agree with the BNP's leadership there, and only eight per cent in Doncaster. Whether the members involved were acting in a party-organised attack, or simply out of self-motivation, party leader Nick Griffin should aim in his case to expel members.

Landlord bullies

Dear Fildon,

I've had a meeting but trouble since I signed with Kewall Estate. A problem with damp in my bedroom, but led to at least a thousand pounds worth of damage to my personal property, all because of an employment agency.

It's gotten so bad that the last time I changed my bed the pillow was wet inside! We are considering taking legal action as well as getting done and we are made out to be the wrong party. Watch out for badly landlords once they get their money they just don't care.

Liamie

Theatre Farce

Dear Editor,

After writing in response to the full-page advert for the proposed Drama Theatre misunderstanding it as a review as last week's issue. Whether your article was framed as a sale's exercise or simply had to complete a submission process to re-analyse a question that needs to be answered. As they say, "the point is in the pudding" and in this article the sales pitch was barely even concealed. The theatre's renovations "greatly increase comfort", concealing its place as "one of the most beautiful examples of Victorian architecture in the region" where you can even "social gaming" by collecting your drinks on arrival. Where did your reporter get his information from these sales 'exp'?

Until we can rely on good quality, reliable journalism there is little point even reading the blurb as it tells you very clearly you're being sold. Better pages or just a sign.

Cynthia Jacobs

Leeds Uni/Leeds

Green issues

To the Leeds Student Staff

I've got in a fix, I'm impatient! I need study tips & I want to help my contribution. How someone mentions environmental issues but I actually quite enjoyed your Green issues. You managed to avoid discussing being an anti-green, which is pretty rare which something like the environment comes up. Particularly interested in the 'where's my best story' regarding the 10000000000 you should have an award or something!

Dean Stanley
Art Trade Model

E is for Ediot

Editor -

I'd be written about Ms. Andrews of a page from it I write you. "Eggs has been an avid follower", "Eggs says whether it just own it", "has made a golden leap" - she gave a golden scholasticism. You should get this page through or something - he's got the grammatical accuracy of a comic print and all the charm and some of a DALLIED even parties. Tarko's, ponce and no-bodies - there that in your page and stuck it.

Henry Moore

2nd Year Neuroscience

Sketchy reasoning

When the point of sketch? three hundred words which three people give attention to. It's multifarious, given that off. You should just put something in THERE! I still don't know student politics, so you listed things at home and some political commentary in a student paper. Why don't you just go and report on something relevant?

Ken Lewis

1st Year Maths

Unfashionable

Staff

Had one question - how do you actually avoid fashion? I mean, you're completely correct, and the the looks about as ugly as the Monday a wig and a hat. Perhaps the guidelines on the layout reflect the fact a modelled look of the who? Why? they say, they certainly do not the impression you get of it which you had read a...

The 'fashioning' which in the the articles not only exclude the population but an is last ending clothes are - more in going to their fashion advice from a modelling unit in a newspaper, are they? Got in touch, got a new design get into Vintage and there, my you I have a page that's mostly up. Kate Hart.

2nd Year Cultural Studies

Phat

Phat - your article tells me with a desire that at least one person more uphobic world has been got stand up, speak out and laugh publicly about education. You're giving a voice to the silent majority, numbers, not mass!

Being into the revolution - check your desire and because your Mat aids and being on the door of a...

Matt Black

1st Year Sports Science

Corrections and clarifications

The front page article of last issue incorrectly gave the results for the university's LEU ranking: '71,100' instead of approximately '71,200'. We apologise. As a change of the Leeds Student to correct these errors as soon as possible. It reports the date and page number.

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Unhealthy competition



Michael Macneff

As so many general elections as I am convinced, the public has cited the NHS as an important issue in coming to voting. The top of that, it says Labour will say much to be trustworthy when it comes to the NHS. Recent events must have struck widely held belief to the very core.

The opposition have been riding a tidal wave regarding the NHS ever since David Cameron pledged that it would be the central plank of governing if he led the next general election. Then, last week, the Telegraph released a damning report showing that 800,000 as claims were false in the Conservative's Liberal Democrat coalition government. This was the first of an ongoing investigation by the media press following reports that the Secretary, Patricia Hewitt, had ordered the shutting up of 'hoax maps' and had managed to win more than 400,000 signatures for a petition that she presented as a real existing problem there.

Her article, complete with a largely redacted map showing the evidence, is a damning statement of the fact that Labour has played politics with the

NHS. It shows the contradictions which beset a policy which the government have publicly announced or proposed in one form or another. In 2005 of all Liberal Democrat held constituencies, and 34% of all Conservative held ones are targeted for closure or cuts. Only 14% of Labour held constituencies are to be affected by cuts and closures. 130 constituencies are listed as not affected by the plans, but only 6% of them are held by Labour, who hold a comfortable majority. The statistics not only confirm that Labour are manipulating NHS cuts for their own political benefit, but that Ms Hewitt is a liar for suggesting that there is no 'political meddling'. What were the hoax maps for then, Ms Hewitt? I don't know that you were such an avid Cartographer!

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Playing politics with the NHS is the way is guaranteed to anger the voting public, the governing party no longer cares about the health of Britain if it ever did, it sees it as another way to cling on to power as its support base erodes.

Other reports do little to encourage faith even among Labour supporters. The use of Private Finance Initiatives (PFI)

has cut many new hospitals to long contracts at exorbitant rates, and it is the impact we will feel this significant fall. As the NHS debates spends out of control, it seems particularly imprudent to commit to these schemes, which health hospitals with a long standing commitment to a company. These long contracts reduce the resources for the companies involved to improve their services, after all, so long as they fulfil the requirements of the contract, they are safe from outside competition. It is not value for money, it's just business to support that over the next 30 years, the British taxpayer will be paying £20m for hospitals worth only £5m. Without a real sense of competition in the market, it is unlikely that we will see the standard of service

rise, or the prices fall. If that isn't enough to work up a fury among millions of Leeds, consider that the Labour government is now trying to blockhead the Leeds City Council into closing Leeds General Infirmary. The

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government want LGI to close, cut back its operations until it no longer serves a purpose and can be closed - and if they are refused? Then Leeds will not get the children's hospital it was promised.

Blackmail, manipulation and deceit. Do you trust Labour with your National Health Service?

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Value of an active witness



Michael Macenzie

To live in a democracy, I read that is to look outwards. For the majority of people in this country that they put across a lot of paper every five or so years. Every though seems to be more of a ritual, and if it is to function, it has to be more than a ritual. Official political activities are merely window acts of education for acts of witness, and in this sense of witness, I think it is a good tradition.

Official politics are rapidly eroding from mainstream political parties,

with Labour in particular being better shaped almost 100% in members since 1970. On the other hand, interest groups and single issue organisations are booming. They have achieved immense success in politically educating people and their impact on policy formation is growing.

Ten years ago the environmental lobby was perceived as hippies on the fringe of politics, now environmental issues are close to the top of the public agenda. Major history has educated a generation to the history of international debt, and risk governments now have been forced into considering social relief and poverty reduction strategies. These campaigns have had their mod-

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ernities, but their political impact has been low. It is democratic sense though, by far the most important achievement of any movement is as potential for political education. And it is through acts of witness and civil disobedience that groups can draw attention to themselves and to the issues they care about. The classic example of course is the anti-war protests of 2003, the largest political protest in British history. To adopt blood, journalism systems, it could be said that these protests were a slight failure, as not thousands ignored them and they were avoided. This of course though vitally raised the point. On the day two million people came out on to the streets and fought, just what kind of democracy they lived in. They learnt how how they were manipulated, treated with contempt and their right bodies by the government. In coming together to protest in such a remarkable numbers they educated millions more about what they believed in, it was active, radical democracy.

In Scotland you read this remarkable protest is taking place at the Paines Infirmary base. Contrived members of a large number of interest groups are blockading the facility used to station

Britain's nuclear deterrent. Unfortunately, their protest is not going to achieve their ultimate aim, nuclear nuclear de-

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armament, but this is no minor matter their protest a failure. The executive branch of our government has decided to reuse Britain's nuclear weapons at an unnecessary and currently thought to be in excess of 600 billion, and without any democratic scrutiny to do so. The protests at Paines are teaching people about this, and showing that there is no way that this decision will be made quietly and slipped through the backdoor.

On my own campus we regularly see several witness taking place. A few weeks ago a group of students took it into their

hands to ensure that no one entering the campus library would leave without knowing exactly what RAE Systems do to make money. They are arms manufacturers, and they don't care who they sell their arms to. These students ensured that anyone answered in a job with RAE knew who they would be working for, and they also made certain that everyone else knew exactly the kind of people that was being invited to an interview to try and sell arms.

I have no doubt that a future can develop into tactics, but so long as we have people willing to put themselves forward to protect non-democracy and tell us the things that this is power would rather we don't know them will always be kept.

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Sport



"You have a ball balanced 40 feet down a lane and a ball through the red. Now, how do you win?"

Steve Madley
Men's Temple Bowling
Club-Captain

LB: It's hard. Can you 'beat' an ever so much interesting fact?

SM: Yeah, it's regarded as the second most technically difficult sport after golf. There's a huge amount of machinery that goes into the lanes and the balls, that if you're not involved in the sport, you wouldn't think about. It's a good because men and women can compete on a level playing field. To get to the top involves years dedication, time commitment and a lot of financial commitment.

LB: How do you see your role and the ball in the eye of the line, and then it comes back to the centre? I can't even

get it straight.

SM: It comes down to lane conditions and the ball technologies. It depends on how reactive the surface of the ball is, if it slides on an oily lane or if it grips. Balls are drilled differently as well as you only use your finger tip. You tend to be playing for a while before you do that though, you could drop it on your last or something.

LB: Could I not be a done as 'Bobby world best' though?

SM: I wouldn't recommend it no. Keep it straight forward. If you want to go further you should remain a coach.

LB: Do you have an interesting fact about ten-pin bowling?

SM: Well, first, the first bowler in England and European champion is from Lancashire that his brother.

LB: Who, who is the brother?

SM: He is called Paul Moss, his brother is Les Moss and was Chris DeBorgh as 'Stun in their Eyes'.

LB: I know the fellow. As you go on 'Olympic sport'?

SM: Well, it was in the Commonwealth Games for the first time in 1998 at the last's report. It's not, but should be an

Olympic sport. When you get to the top, it's very technically difficult and is played in most countries across the world. Everyone in the Olympic committee therefore would have a good chance of success.

LB: Is the sport on the up, popularity-wise?

SM: Yeah, Sky Sports showed the first live championship in October - the Weber Cup. It's a fair bowling's version of the Ryder Cup where Europe takes on America. To get it live is a huge step.

LB: Who is your favourite sportsman?

SM: That is Paul Moss. As well as Chris Rames. His attitude on the lanes and his general quality of play is just a generally nice guy.

LB: Who is the first player on your desk?

SM: It's close between three or four representatives of the UK.

LB: If you were to see your bowling ball for an unusual purpose, what would it be?

SM: Well, one probably to knock down brick walls of corrupt politicians. Obviously having the heaves of the



"Keep bowler bowler bowler bowler" Steve Madley
PHOTO BY GARY

By Michael Nelson

good ones.

LB: What is the biggest thing you do when you're bowling lanes?

SM: Don't You Talk, Chris. Ever attempt a walk that and pure ball through the clip capping. I've shown someone a launch a 40 foot distance and seen a video of someone throwing a ball through the red. No, of the above are advised.

LB: Who is the fittest member of your team?

SM: The girls would get offended, picked out can obviously they're lovely. The boys would probably offend as well, so for safety, I'll avoid.

LB: What is the gap between US and Europe?

SM: It's hard to compare. It's a big long-term European gold challenge to the PBA. You can pretty much win a living from... it's not.

LB: Will you share with... American you fancy sharing with...?

SM: Yeah, some drinks and beer, but not anything like 100k a year.

Not fed out?

Rachael Passmore looks at the Olympic future of equestrian sports

Equestrian sports have traditionally enjoyed a strong following and support. It encourages an outdoor interest and is exciting to watch. Who then, has there long been a debate as to why equestrian sports, especially eventing, do not receive much media coverage?

It is true that horse racing does receive a fair amount of television coverage on the BBC and Channel 4, but although it has a strong following, it does not necessarily appeal to a wide range of people, whereas eventing and show jumping would.



Olympic medals from Athens 2004
PHOTO BBC

It is somewhat worrying that equestrian sports do not receive as much media coverage which in turn means it does not receive as much funding. There is also even talk of not including it in future Olympics because it is so expensive and one of the lesser followed sports. This would be a crying shame as it is such a traditional and wonderful sport that promotes an interest in outdoor activity, in an age when obesity is on the rise as well as mental welfare.

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There has been some advancements however in gaining more media coverage over the past five years. In 2003 Sky announced that it planned to cover at least 10 British show jumping shows for the following year, and advancements in increased TV coverage were made for polo and show jumping following the success of viewing figures of Olympics in 2004.

The recent reality TV show 'Only Fools on Horses' was a major success pulling in a huge number of viewers. The BBC demonstrated a new day reformer show jumping challenge for Sport Relief where famous faces spent their judgements and tackled up for the show jumping ring live on prime-time television. The celebrities competed in live show jumping competitions in front of a panel of equestrian judges watched by viewers at home. It proved to be an enormous success and

A traditional sport that takes advantage of the great outdoors... and a sport that is enjoyed by all.

helped raise the profile of equestrian sports and encourage more media coverage. Thus, hopefully in the future and with more widespread support, equestrian



Leap of faith
PHOTO BBC

sports will enjoy more media coverage and funding, leading to the realisation that it is a fantastic sport to be enjoyed by all.

It does not necessarily have to be a horse to be a horse. It is a multi-sport that takes advantage of the outdoors, is positively competitive to watch and take part in, and it is unique in its appeal.

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Eventing is the discipline where a horse has to perform a dressage test in series of complicated movements, show jump and jump a series of jumps across country. It is exciting to watch, difficult to perform and can be very dangerous. It could even possibly be described as an equestrian sport. Perhaps if it was, more people would be interested in following and supporting it.

However, even in July this year there was a lot of speculation in the newspapers about the loss of certain

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Could the sport be absent from the London games?

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Pardew v Wenger

Sporting comment

Iran Symonds-Baig looks at Sunday's handbags at 10 paces

In a bid to West Ham last Sunday, several one-man talking point lists named Martin Howe as the best player. Howe was not a fan favourite as Jonathan Marray's United Alexander has the right of Arame Wenger's his cool and coming to know Alan Pardew, as the West Ham get regularly criticised what I did to be the winning goal.

Iran Symonds-Baig looks at Sunday's handbags at 10 paces with a statement on West Ham's website from Managing Director Paul Allday saying: "West Ham United are attracted by this charge. We believe Alan Pardew did no more than celebrate in a passionate manner following a crucial goal in a London derby. Alan Pardew has the full backing of the board with regards to this charge, which will be defended vigorously."

There have been similar incidents emanating from Ashford Green, as Arsenal Chairman Peter Hill Wood suggested the matter was "a very minor incident... it was a little funny and quite broadly, it is a game played with great passion and people are passionate about it, so I am very relaxed. I have not said anything to anyone about it and I do not intend to say anything to him about it."

This is not Arame Wenger's first clash with a rival manager. Wenger and his counterpart at Spurs, Martin Jol, squared up to each other at last

down and taking injury, buying time for their side whilst breaking up the opposition's pattern of play, then players have now been told not to kick the ball out under any circumstances, and to allow the referee to stop play. This has always been something of a grey area, and while the new direction would seem to be the common sense approach, it is sad that the profession's agreement has been forced out of the game.



Head to head: Pardew and Wenger (Photo: BBC)

is now called, has started a game for the last few years. Choosing a referee in this way in order to win a penalty or to get an opposition player sent off (or indeed, both) is gallingness of the highest order.

If sportsmanship demonstrates respect for the opposition, then by cheating, players demonstrate the lack of respect which is raising the game.



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Clashing off: Last Sunday's confrontation

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per's Association's attempts to end the dispute. Pardew attempted to shake off his head after the match, but "fired, and the cameras boom" simply led to a media storm. The Football Association, Pardew said a statement, saying "I apologise to the fans. It was a very unfortunate incident, which I apologise fully to Arame. We've had a rough old season and maybe it came out of me. It was removed with that. I am going to sign, but I hope that I can get out and we will be big. I do look each other in the eye. It is not a personal, it was celebratory. The fan got good respect for me that wasn't charge".

man's South London derby, following a controversial (but) match in which Arsenal fans were to play on, despite the fact two of Wenger's men were down, apparently injured.

These incidents would seem to be symptomatic of a lack of good grace in today's game. Sportsmanship has been replaced with gallingness as teams are increasingly more willing to try anything to snatch points from the opposition.

This gallingness is evident whenever you look. Once, if a player was down injured, whoever was in possession would kick the ball into touch, and after the injury had been attended for, the ball would be returned to the ground of applause as the crowd appreciated the good sportsmanship.

Nowadays, this rule has been abused so often by players staying

The White stuff Smash and gra

Women's Premier League
Leeds United 0-3 Lancaster

By Wendy Vee

Having beaten their toughest opposition Durham by 12-0, Leeds United were set to prove they were a force to be reckoned with and had's usually what they did.

Lancaster did not have the best start and Leeds dominated from the outset, exploiting Lancaster's weaknesses and presenting them too much on. The first try came only seven minutes into the game, as Leeds' powerful forwards won a Lancaster scrum, from which half

Larry Mackay broke through from the halfway line to score. Five minutes later came the follow-up, with Sarah Wain hitting an inside line to exploit the gaps in Lancaster's defence. Although Leeds gave away a number of penalties they made the most of their chances when it counted the most. A Leeds scrum saw White run blind and pop the ball to Jordan Dixon, who scored at the corner flag.

Lancaster tried to make ground but spent a very small proportion of the first half in Leeds' half. Amina Blaise showed her scrum half skills by kicking her opposite number from the back of the scrum to cause a knock on, while

know it she was over the line. Body Paine took advantage of a half clearance kick from Lancaster, beating them of their defence to score.

Then the next six minutes Lancaster picked up the pace, making the most of the width and trying to evade the Leeds defence line. This was often lived as they barely stuck it over the half way line before Leeds intercepted the ball, and a pop from Steve Harrison sent Jordan over the line again. Two minutes later with the last play of the first half a penalty try was awarded to Leeds by a dangerously high tackle on Kate Mackenzie, who had a clear run for the 10's line.

At the start of the second half the score was 4-0, Lancaster failed to impose themselves and within three minutes Leeds had scored again. This gave Lancaster a break and for the first time in the match they showed their attacking prowess with previous progress in the Leeds half. After lots of pressure a penalty was given against Leeds, and Lancaster were rewarded with their first try. From then on as Lancaster showed more dominance and the scoring cleared with only four minutes to go. With before the end of the game.

The final score was 6-0, a brilliant scoreline to prepare Leeds for a tough match next week against Sheffield. A win at Sheffield would put the team in pole position to win the league and be promoted to the Premiership.

Manchester's Vallyball
Leeds United 0-3 Manchester United

By Gemma King

Leeds women's volleyball team took on the reigning champions Manchester University in their fourth league game this season and were down three sets to nil.

Leeds got off to a good start and were quick and snappy in the first set, thanks to some powerful hitting from Karli Shinghis and Sophie Lawson. Manchester's team led by an English outside hitter - were too consistent in their attack and pulled away to take the first set.

Manchester caught Leeds on the back foot at the beginning of the second set, but their quick attacks through the middle proved too much for Leeds' defence.

Leeds managed to pull it back with some cracking blocks by Lauren Pivrell and Miriam Kay, but it wasn't enough to clinch the set.

An ace from Karli saved the Leeds U's spirit for the third set and they pulled it together to play to a strong third set. Unfortunately,

Manchester managed to clinch for everything and made it really difficult for Leeds to make any kills.

Manchester triumphed it through the block, catching Leeds out with a short cross-court hit to end the first set, and win in three straight sets. The women's captain said "It was a good

game, but we let our heads go once we fell behind, and from now we're always on the back foot credit to Manchester as they're a great individual talent but still really well as a team."



The reply gets got stuck in during their training was over Lancaster

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Smash: BLSA action as White

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WEDNESDAY'S BUSA RESULTS



Men's Basketball I	1	Women's Hockey I	3
1 Central Lakes I	7	1 Longsight III	6
2 Men's Basketball II	7	2 Women's Hockey IV	3
3 York II	2	3 Haledelle II	1
Women's Basketball I	3	4 Netball I	34
1 Longsight III	7	5 Elmington I	21
2 Men's Basketball II	180	6 Netball II	20
1 Manchester I	1	7 Newcastle II	47
2 Men's Basketball II	27	8 Haledelle I	42
3 York St. John I	67	9 Haledelle II	26
Women's Basketball I	59	10 Rugby League I	24
1 Sheffield I	48	11 Nottingham I	19
Men's Bowling	125	12 Men's Rugby Union I	18
1 Newcastle I	118	13 Sheffield Hales II	18
2 Men's Bowling	153	14 Men's Rugby Union II	20
1 York I	130	15 Sheffield III	19
2 Men's Football I	0	16 Men's Squash I	1
3 York St. John I	0	17 Longsight I	4
4 Men's Football II	1	18 Men's Squash II	8
5 York I	3	19 Sheffield II	0
6 Men's Football III	1	20 Men's Tennis I	2
7 Sheffield Hales III	2	21 Durham I	21
8 Men's Football IV	2	22 Women's Tennis I	3
9 York St. John IV	1	23 Leeds III I	2
10 Golf	4	24 WINS	21
11 Sheffield Hales I	2	25 DRAWS	4
12 Men's Hockey I	2	26 LOSERS	38
13 Newcastle I	1		
14 Men's Hockey II	1		
15 York III	2		
16 Men's Hockey III	5		
17 York IV	2		
18 Men's Hockey IV	2		
19 Northcliffe I	1		

Men's Tennis Leeds III - 10 Leeds III

By Joseph Hibbert

It was a frustrating day for the first set of the Leeds III team as they lost the first set, but they fought back to win the match. The Leeds team were put to the sword at variety 5-1. The University side didn't get away without a fight, but notably Hans Gellin who fought through the pain in his right hand, making his game look a fair opposition increasingly isolated throughout the contest.

The doubles lacked the afternoon off with the Frenchman, Gellin, teaming up with Richard Greenwood and Nick Fagan pairing with David Waters. Both doubles tested the Max, with Greenwood and Gellin putting the opposition on the ropes for long periods in their game, but the Leeds pairing eventually cracked out 6-0. Again the court Fagan and Waters were left looking "disappointed" at their 0-2 defeat.

After the doubles Gellin found a gruff singles match which was the highlight of the day. In the opening exchanges the Uni player, but after a while the pace was lost making it more difficult for both players to continue.

Fagan certainly was in the first, but was coming up against a fresh pair of legs. "I'm very tired, after the doubles match. I played well in the first set, but I got very tired and couldn't find my legs anymore. He hit me very impressive."

Richard Greenwood loved the opposition to test for their result as he singles did. By set down 6-3, 6-0 to the man in purple who seemed to become invincible against the equally dequoting purple captain representing the court.

Waters advised with a smile that he, "taught him on a good day", when describing the outcome of his 6-2, 6-0 defeat to his Uni counterpart. The match was fought with frustration for Leeds III, with the day becoming increasingly more negative.

Fagan was the last Uni representative to take to the court for the singles, and unfortunately he reflected the same fate as his teammates.

The first year from Nottingham picked up a match when he was first, eventually reaching a high level under the age of 34. This experience was notable as Fagan played eleven Uni matches during the tournament.

However he eventually lost 2-0 to a skilled Uni player. For this it was, as Fagan's words, "One of those days where shots don't come off."

Football girls maintain unbeaten run

Women's Football Leeds 2nd 7-0 Hull 1st
By Hannah Burgess

The women's second team continued their 100% record with a 7-0 victory over a depleted Hull first team, taking their good side for the season to an amazing 32.

A goal courtesy of captain Hayley Brown following impressive play by Frances Darby secured the victory after a frustrating first half. Leeds using several opportunities to score through a well-organised Hull defence.

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As the final whistle approached, Hull began to dominate Leeds' back line, but Leeds defended on an excellent one-on-one standard. Keeper Hayley Brown secured the "super second" with a crucial save. The game was not over, and more importantly, their eighth successive victory.



Ready for action: Leeds. Uni halves second team before their 7-0 hammering

And the 1st's are bringing sexy back.

Women's Football Leeds 1st 4-0 Chester Uni
By Francesca Siding

A huge crowd gathered at a Mater Westwood to witness Leeds first WFLA side of the campaign. They didn't have long to wait for something to cheer about, as Leeds pulled on the pressure in the opening stages and soon made the breakthrough, Jane Fingers leading on to a long chance described by Leeds goalkeeper Fran Carey. Burgess kept her head to square the ball as Laura Gage, who had no problems putting Leeds ahead.

With the wind behind them, the play was all in the Chester half and the momentary Leeds Ticker controlled and was up to take to an immense set piece nearly over.

It wasn't until the second half that Leeds increased their advantage, and the second goal was all about the commander Burgess headed Turpin's cross against

the bar. The Ticker was there to claim a free as off the bar. Following over after the second, Burgess made space in the box and scored home a second goal. That makes it five goals in two games for the public, however.

The goal that completed the red came after a fine passing sequence from Charlotte Johnson who once again kept the Chester half hot for Leeds. A goal from left in Rebecca Martin who did not hesitate to hammer a right-footed shot towards goal. Turpin was on the ball and latched on to the loose effort to finish successfully.

The game was not as one-sided as the score suggests with captain Hannah Burgess and Erica Martin dominating at the back. In conditions that played havoc with the ball, they adopted a more solid 'no pass' attitude and thoroughly defended their first clean sheet of the season.

After the game Katie Young, just past her 20th birthday, and a number of other goalkeepers said, "The WFLA was a big time coming and we're going to celebrate in style tonight."

'grave' outcome

Adrian Keath

Following an excellent opening by the Celtics' long serving leader, who picked the Raiders back off 20-21 yard line, the Celtics led much of the first half. An impressive Leeds team, including a number of new players including last year's standout Newcastle but just didn't quite finish off as a leading side. The Celtics had led 3-0 at the

moment drive towards the Newcastle end-line, but were contently thwarted by the numerous of scrums, often by their own individual errors, as by Newcastle players, who were more successful in dipping deep impinging running back Adam Brown to his shot, in a last ditch tackle. Fortunately three points later in the second quarter when wide receiver Adam Keath got his first touchdown catch as Celtics gave and back, on a short pass by quarterback James Finney. After completing a ten-point advantage, they continued to push for another score to put the game beyond their opponents, but Newcastle continued to hold on by the skin of their teeth. At half time the mighty Leeds Celtics led 4-0.

The second half began in much the same way as the first, with the Celtics pushing their opponents back towards their own end zone and winning the battle of field position. No matter what Newcastle threw in their offense or defense the Celtics had an answer in it. A defensive Leeds applied their pressure to the Raiders quarterback, with Dave Betton defensive tackle Lyle Bellfield, Celtics captain Hugh Ingham, linebacker Danny Thompson and defensive back Darren Grogan all getting loads. Midway through the third quarter Leeds attempted a field goal to get 11-0 up, but first game statistics meant that Newcastle was able to kick it.

Newcastle, having been stopped at every turn by a tackle wearing a pink and black sash, seemed to be in a state of offense, shunsky plays beyond a wall of bodies behind which their running back could carry the ball Newcastle scored a touchdown on a long run, but were prevented from completing their two-point conversion attempt, leading the score 5-4 to Leeds. Newcastle pressed with their action offense, but the Leeds defense held firm, and the Raiders got wide with a pass to a wide open receiver, who was able to return a touchdown for a touchdown, to take a 13-4 lead with only seven to go.

After an excellent kick return by Hugh Ingham on the opening kick-off, the Celtics offense got the ball back with only moments to play. Led by Finney and Grogan they drove the ball all the way down to the five-yard line and with five seconds to play they had one last shot, but Newcastle outmanned the pass to end the game and took Leeds leads in a match they could have and really should have won in 1997. The Celtics also lost their first game of the season, but came back to score a record number of points and won College Bowl.

Danny Thompson will have the history anyone half when he made Glasgow Tigers won the Greyhound at Laramore on Sunday for the pugilist match which kick off at 5pm.

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Bowling for success

★ Tenpin bowling club take one step closer to the BUSA national title

By Steve Medley

The University's tenpin bowling team have reached the quarter-finals of the BUSA (Baylor University and Colleges Athletic Bowlers' Association) (CUBA) Championships. In the second year in career, following a six-week absence from the latter stages.

After a closely contested match against Sheffield two weeks ago, ending in a 11-5 defeat, Leeds topped two victories in their matches against Hull and Liverpool. The matches were held at Hollywood Bowl, Brentford, last Saturday.

First up was Hull, and with 30 of the team's 16 players not having played for the University prior to this year, a quick getting team was required. Six performances came from Dan Anderson in the 8th frame, hitting a 180 average, a full 40 pins above the previous championship average, while Tom Stone and Luke Cook proved the squad's depth, helping the team to cope with the loss of four 200+ average bowlers, bowling 180

and 178 in their final games respectively. A special mention goes to the entire 17 team of Mike Derrison, James Hunter and Tim Stratten, who despite being a player absent, refuse managed to win three games without the need of the 'third' scots. These performances helped Leeds to a 32-4 victory, with a winning marginal area of 800 pins. Only the presence of a BUSA representative in the Hull ladies team proved the difference for them, preventing a potential 8-0 whitewash.

Confidence was high in the team, going into the next match with one win under their belt, and after a short break, it was pretty much straight into a further three games against Liverpool. This match began following the same pattern as the previous one, with each of the A, B and C teams taking their points, while this time, the ladies lost out by a mere six pins in a game that went right down to the last dice. In the second game, Leeds managed to take a piece of the match, claiming a further three points. A team score of 352, including captain Steve

Medley's 256 gave the A team a lead of over 300 pins, ensuring that they were virtually guaranteed to take the point for the series, while several bonuses in the ladies' points meant victory was all but assured. However, a personal best from newcomer Lucy Hutchinson of 170 helped them to their first point.

The C team returned strongly to take their final game, showcasing a great solo performance by one of the Liverpool bowlers in the process, leaving just one point needed for confirmation of victory. This came when the ladies team took victory in their final game, with Louise Bentley hitting her high game of the day with 146. The B team completed proceedings, with first year bowler on the scene in the final game, hitting 191 despite a slight foot injury.

The second 12-4 victory of the day for Leeds ensured safe passage through to the next round, where hopefully the team will manage to go one better than last year and make it through to the final day and take the official title of Best University.

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Strike the pose: Leeds Uni's tenpin bowling team after their double victory

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