



That Friday free thing

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## RUGG fashion shoot sparks controversy

By Charlotte Griffiths

When charity fashion shows organisers have intended to use fur for their shows, they have been forced to change the following items of the dress code for fur.

The RUG Fashion show, which is held in collaboration for a charity event known as March is usually held in the gym for a supposedly anti-fur show. Photos from the fashion show feature elegant model wearing jackets in different poses, but the fur has caused criticism for getting around for rather than raising the events of the fur-made world.

"Organisers say their aim was to raise animal rights and discourage the use of fur in fashion, but this impression is not just one of the photos in the book or even holding a show on a runway for jackets in some length abandoned building site. The RUG Fashion Show Committee maintain that intention was not to promote fur use," said "RUG and all associated items strongly condemn the fashion shows for any purpose and the illegal use of fur in the Leeds University of the Wildlife Foundation (LWF) in our commitment to the campaign for the use of fur."

The Fashion Show Committee were planning to use real fur for the show event as well as the photo shoot. In approval of the DDFV charity, we will receive one third of the money raised, but the programme was changed 11 days of details from promotion and photos were to shot using real fur like fur. An event organiser said to be drawn on her opinion of use of fur and when asked by Leeds local would only maintain that the fur used to change because of the threat of fur.

"I can't imagine that despite being made innocuous the total use of fur

by the organisers was not justified, particularly as the man-made alternative is cheap and easily obtained. A spokesperson from Sheffield Animal Friends said: "We believe that the use of real fur to promote fake fur is a seriously foolish. This glamorising of real fur is appalling, and is quite frankly false advertising. I think that these fashion students should be made to watch animals being skinned alive, which is what the aim is for the industry, to see if they would still consider fur to be a glamorous fabric."

"The students should apologise for such a ridiculous mistake. Whilst promoting fake fur is good, raising awareness of the way fur is produced, and depicting such truths such as real fur being glamorised is also essential. There is nothing fundamentally about dressing animals alive, going or really dehumanising an animal who has been taken from its natural environment only to wear a short life span in shiny wardrobe to be inevitably killed as a terrible manner."

DDFV are still backing the fashion shows organisers, a spokesperson commented. David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation supports the RUG Fashion Show 2007, and the students involved, in raising awareness of the illegal trade of fur and other luxury products.

Dr Ray, the RUG Co-ordinator said: "Ray strongly support the fashion show 2007 that is highlighting the anti-fur campaign and their chosen charity to discuss the point. This year's fashion show will only feature fake fur as we have a strong ethical position regarding the illegal fur trade. This is a multi-year event that aims to ensure students expand their skill base and enrich their university experience."

A spokesperson at the Bradford RSPCA charity shop said: "All our shops are different, but in a student area we do tend to get in fashionable items, often fake fur jackets and waistcoats, but if someone chooses a real fur item to the shop we would do our best to get destroyed. I like

to think that most students would not buy such items even if we did stock them."

Charlotte Cox, second year Art History student is a voluntary model for charity fashion shows, she said: "I do wear fur. I wear lots of it, and I would be willing to wear it down the catwalk if I was required to. I don't think I would be shocked if I went to see a fashion show that didn't use fur - I don't even anti-fur people. I understand their point of view, but I still choose to wear it. Sometimes people literally walk away from me if I wear a fur coat, but even friend refused to talk to me one day when she saw me wearing one. I am too scared to wear my

coat around university. I have only dared to once and I think I got away with it because most of you see around those days in fairs."

Many fashion designers banned from these catwalks during last week's London Fashion Week is a bid to discourage the glamorising of real fur. Anita Singh, the Campaigns Coordinator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) said: "Fashion should be fun, not girly, and creating a coat made from an animal whose skin was ripped off its back, supports a violent industry. The only rational occasion, like Santa Post, Julia McCartney and

Ralph Lauren, are able to design beautiful, fashionable and people clothing without getting blood on their hands. They are able to amuse a young and fashionable crowd without trapping, beating, or drawing any fur, milk or honey. Wasting real fur sends the unacceptable message that it OK to catch animals, harm or harm, to stamp on their heads and strap their necks for the sake of vanity. If you just have to have the very best, replace faux fur, use legs and humans, plus they are closer to your wallet and your conscience."

• See LS2 page 6 for RUG Fashion



**FURRY FASHION:** The photo shoot that caused controversy. The fur jackets have since been replaced with man-made, animal-friendly alternatives.

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## Sketch

By Alex Dinwiddie

It can't help but notice an age group anomaly on campus this week, made more obvious by the fact they were on board, the group of 35 students have arrived. Too early for the spring one 2008 prospect, they'll just have to do with a slightly long-winded introductory presentation around campus, speaking "To you, assuming" an appropriate cliché. And then they reach the Union, it has been interesting to observe the behaviour of the body which they reach the Union, not just because their local orientation spot is the lower table behind the food doorway, but because of the lack of other faces. The bulk of students coming to the year a while ago had the possibility of seeing new faces, this is the part the programme has written

It's the full-time £10 on-line guide has been drawing. Essentials and the little steps always go well, but before the guide can catch up with what a reader said at the back stops it. "This. Not for Profit. And for Students," they say. "What does that mean?" "And what's this information all about?" The guide copies. There's no one around to ask, because all the people involved in the recent spot in student politics are too busy seeing each other's. Self-declared pockets off the notice boards. "Well, it's a amazingly rich. Student politics and all that. No For Cash" notices the guide, not mentioning up enough enthusiasm to deter his audience from the fact that he had to let off the wall. Upstairs, it only goes worse. The guide has never actually been up here before, but apparently there's an 'As a host?' and some lines. "This is the Executive Office," says our guide, pointing towards the messes that it was written on the door. "What's the Executive?" says our guide again at the front, who is clearly disappointed that there hasn't been a bit yet. "That, what's the Executive?" says a less interested student, who has tagged along because he doesn't have enough math content here to keep him amused. "Moving on?" says the guide, checking his watch and making a mental note to try one of these two people again at everyone in the upper messes of the Union seemed to have. A bit further down the corridor there's a room that sticks off off, with and pizza that declares it

a newspaper. At last, the guide has familiar territory. He's definitely going back there, people saying "Good luck!" a place outside the living that it's and knows it has something to do it. Maybe someone in last year's year is this. As thing is. After that, there appear to be dead end. All the guide can see is the middle of several '09 and it's a state labeled. "Welcome every year to the second quarter of the house, so please going through them. It's a bit of home, the guide leaves his. It's possible for three-day-old sandwiches and food to some benefit. The first in and back has been an As as all. All in possible for him, the guide can hardly be disappointed.

# High flying lawyer opens new governance centre

By Jenny Walker

One of the most influential international lawyers in his generation came back to his institutional roots to speak on boundary disputes at the International Union of Human Rights week.

In Brewster, IRE, OG, FBA and former Leeds student, gave the inaugural lecture for the opening of the Centre for International Governance, a new department of Leeds Law School. The event was held in the ceremony of the Brotherhood Library.

The Centre for International Governance was established in August 2008 in order to facilitate the growth of state-sponsored activities by external institutions. It is hoped that the centre will help protect the school of law from the world stage. Already a number of writers from the centre are already working on issues of environmental, international governance and markets as well as the concept of rights in international law.

Professor Brewster was an appropriate figure to give the inaugural lecture not only because of the high regard he is held in but more

particularly because he began his career at Leeds before going to become Chichele Professor of International Law at Oxford and later on the head of the world. Professor Brewster, speaker for several an hour in a closely signed yet wide-ranging speech on the issues of regional dispute.

The Professor's speech was highly well-received and although an international relations PhD was the speaker did not stand a chance against an audience of a most high schoolers at the International Court of Justice. Professor Brewster's presentation was apparent throughout the evening, particularly when some outstanding female postgraduate students joined in with their own professional photographs to capture an image of the lawyer on their mobile phone.

The launch of the Centre for International Governance looks set to go from strength to strength, with a number of other high profile academics and professional speakers looking to the wings out to continue what could become a winning streak for the institution.

The speakers on the agenda include Clare Short MP and

Professorly at 2pm and Sir Michael Wood former legal adviser to the PCO



INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS: Brewster returns to Leeds to give his inaugural speech

PHOTO: Jenny Walker

# Referendum motions passed

By Alex Dinwiddie

After careful consideration, Union Council has announced the motions that will go to referendum this summer.

The motions, as a referendum Campaigning were to a secure position as it was not voted by Union Council. It required 35 valid student signatures for it to be part of the Referendum Agenda. The process, which was available at the Union Reception, received only 76 signatures by the time it was closed yesterday 1pm.

The motion for gun prohibition was deemed acceptable for referendum

and had been referred to the Sports Council for decision.

The first motion, "Political LEU", called for the creation of a Union Board in accordance with the Union's charter that "The Executive shall have the right to experience to provide LEU with the people's welfare or, should not act as a trustee bound above or else put its Union at risk.

The Board, already a common practice for many natural charities and other organisations, will have final say over Union business, actions and strategy.

The motion for Action Against Climate Change calls for the Union to

strive to reduce its carbon emissions by as much as possible, but by at least 1 per cent per year. Union Council may increase this figure following the results of an audit.

The other three motions passed were "Making Democracy Accessible", "Ensuring Funding Ais", and "Equality for All Students", a motion motivated by the recent murder of black teenager Stephen Lawrence.

The Making Democracy Accessible motion looks to increase the prominence of Union assemblies and proposals to change the Union Code in the Union to a "meeting space", that would also act to prevent Assemblies.

The Governing Body will also receive evidence the process of referendum and prevent Union Council from controlling that process.

The other meeting for this referendum will take place in the Riley South Hall on 26 March. This will be an opportunity for people to ask questions about the motions presented and also the proceedings of the Referendum. It will provide an opportunity for students to ask questions about the Union's budget for the last year.

The Referendum Agenda will be published on February 25.



By Charlotte Griffiths

American student at some universities for negligence about residential issues lead into her best-selling book in her series.

Amy Nolen, a student at Pennsylvania State University is touring through a microcosm of what she has seen in her own life.

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# New exhibition looks at life on mars

By Chris Stevenson

The exhibition organised by the University of Leeds as part of its "Life on Mars" event is on display at The Light until 25th February. The event also involves Leeds City Council in a bid to "Celebrate Leeds 2007" which marks Leeds 500th birthday.

The aim of the exhibition is to bring the "Arctic Mars Analogue Expedition" or AMAXE project to life by way of photographs, videos and abstract art and aims to bring "the search for life down to Earth" by breaking down the barrier between art and science.

The expedition was run by a group of interdisciplinary scientists, engineers and artists who have been visiting Southport, an island in the Arctic Ocean every August since 2003 to carry out their research in the harsh conditions of the Arctic. The artists involved in the exhibition were inspired by the Arctic environment and the people working in it.

The engineers and scientists test and develop equipment for future Mars missions in the geology of Southport and the climatic conditions around a close analogue to those that we know exist today on Mars.

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Some of the equipment tested in the last few years is scheduled to fly on two NASA and ESA Mars Missions in 2011 and 2013.

Dr Liane Bennett, a reader in Geobiology at the School of Earth and Environmental at the University, who is co-ordinating the event, said "This is a great opportunity for people to see the work of the expedition and bring Mars closer to home."

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds Professor Michael Athar said "Leeds University is delighted to sponsor the exciting Life on Mars event with Leeds City Council as part of Leeds 500th celebrations."

He went on to add "This is one of a series of such events which represent part of our on-going commitment to further improve the excellent relations we have with our local and regional community."

The exhibit will be available for viewing from 8 am till midnight on Saturdays and 8 am till midnight on Sundays.



IT'S A BEST SELLING SHOW: Life on Mars is on display in The Light, Hebble

PHOTO: Patrick Nisus

AMAXE200: The Expedition's NASA-style logo

PHOTO: Patrick Nisus

# 2View donates big money to ISOC

By Rachel Hunter

A donation of £1000 has been made to the Islamic Society by local property company 2View.

The money, which will be used on the society's 'Discover Islam' week which starts this Monday, has been welcomed by the society, who were struggling to fund their work of clubs and activities using funding from the Union alone.

Wazim Akhtar, who runs Media, Video and PR for ISOC, said "The donation is a big help, and at least it offers some sort of support. It's a bit disappointing that our own union can only prepare to give us £500, but that someone external to student activities."

"Discover Islam" week is the highlight of the year for the society, which invites students to discover something which is surrounded by so many misconceptions, which we've found really hard to eradicate."

Asked why he chose to make his donation, Chris Bridges, Director of Marketing for 2View Properties, said "I chose to donate the money to ISOC because I knew the hard work that these students put in every year. They're getting speakers which appeal to the University and trying to put forward a mainstream view of Islam. The fundraisers that work with us have given a lot of this money as well."

"The support that ISOC has been getting from the Union has been

positive, but I think business also has a role to play in student life. Leeds is a vibrant town, and businesses can't just take, you have to give as well. I put forward the idea of setting up a system of awards for student clubs, and societies which help the community with a whole network of businesses to put forward the scheme. However the Union said that it wasn't the kind of thing that they would be involved in."

Akhtar said "Without help and support we won't be able to do this in the future. If we can't find people to donate money we won't be able to do something like this again, something which is vital for Muslim students."

"Discover Islam" will be taking place all next week in the marketplace of the Union, Akhtar said "We will be using the money opposite the Union, they'll be an exhibition which people can walk through, and also an area where people can sit down and watch some showings. They will also be having a professional calligrapher coming down to do workshops, and also in the evenings we will be having talks throughout the week."

This will include a talk on the prophet Muhammad and how Islam began, and also the role of women in Islam.



GRAND GESTURE: 2View makes a large donation to the Islamic Society

PHOTO: Rachel Hunter

## News

# Private firms move in on undergrad accommodation

By Jessica Cross

about the spiralling cost of university accommodation and the growing number of private suppliers.

The survey, jointly commissioned

by the NUS and Unipol, found that students' rent had increased by 23 per cent in two years and 53 per cent of bed spaces in 2007/08 will be

provided directly through private suppliers such as Unipol.

However, Leeds was praised by the survey for having a wide variety of 'wacky' cost bands, with prices ranging from £60 to £118, although in partnership with private suppliers, weekly prices ranged from £66 to £160.

Private suppliers were described by the survey as having a "wildly simplified" range of accommodation, with 31 per cent of rooms being self-catered or en-suite. Private suppliers were also found to have less provision for disabled students, or those with dependents.

LEEDS Welfare Officers Umar Khan said: "We've been consulting with the University on accommodation costs, and they've been asking the question what we think."

Things are changing - value for money is increasing, and something like 95 per cent of rooms now have internet. You want it to be a very good experience, with a wide range and help with paying rent, if necessary. There's a surplus of beds this year, students have a choice, and standards are really going up."

He added: "The Price is Right-owned residence has lifts for disabled students. Before, we had a 'no lift' policy but this, but they have started to advertise with us, so they have met our requirements. In the last year survey, they did very well - students would recommend them."

Megan Owsen, a first year Fine

Art student at Leeds College of Art and Design said: "I live at The 19 and the cost is so high, even though the service was nice and the food takes for itself to be fair. The only costs were a £250 utility charge, £250 deposit, gym membership (I originally opted for £50, it turned out to be £60, and another £10 for the 'clean' contract), but I don't think the expense for post-graduate."

"A University spokesperson said: "The University aims to provide students with a range of accommodation options and to charge from £35 a week to £90, to include energy bills, internet access and insurance for your belongings."

Our own accommodation cost includes wardens who are important part of pastoral care - is something you don't get in a private sector - and students pay 40 weeks of the year rather than 10. Our fees have remained competitive and even less than those in the private sector (with an average of 17 per cent since 2004 compared to 23 per cent in private sector).

"To help us provide a range of choices in competitive prices, sometimes use private providers, particularly when we are carrying a substantial work on our shoulders. At the moment, Unipol James Bustin for the University and we do have to be able to help our students in the Unipol-owned category."



**GENUINE PRIVATE:** Students face the choice between private or uni-owned accommodation, but is it a really decision?

PHOTO: Michael Lewis

## Undergrads pay more to receive less

By Laura McManis

Recent evidence has shown that students are paying more but receiving less than ever before.

A report, published by the University and College Union (UCU), which represents academics, has revealed that even though current students are paying more in terms of tuition fees, they will see no effect on their time with lecturers. The report claims that as a result of the falling rate of staff to students, the quality of the "student experience" is fast decreasing.

The problem seems to be largely down to the introduction of tuition fees which has created pressure on universities to conserve fee applications in an effort to secure more funding; the report said that such pressure has led some institutions to "compromise over academic standards".

The report follows accusations that Bangor University in north Wales has agreed to give more students first-class degrees in an effort to secure up to the league table, and has been criticised for the education and skills select committee as part of its inquiry into higher education.

Sally Hunt, joint general secretary of the UCU said: "The government says education, education, education. What I am saying is quality, quality, quality. It is not possible for students to have the same access to staff as ten years ago."

It certainly seems that while all first year undergraduates are paying the same £3,000 a year in tuition fees, that some are receiving markedly more teaching than others.

Medicine students in particular receive a practically one off five education while students studying for degrees such as history and politics are receiving far more. First year history students at the University of Bristol recently complained when teaching hours were cut to just two hours a week.

Unfortunately the University of Leeds seems to be following in its footsteps with some students, particularly those of the POLS school, receiving as little as six contact hours a week.

Laura Dalton, a first year Law student, has been contacted twice a week but said Leeds is not enough, she said: "They have would definitely benefit my degree if I work more with professors but I don't." Lucy also believes that the increase in tuition fees are unfair

and discriminate against certain students: "They're not for those who can afford it but more often than not, sometimes middle-class students miss out because they aren't eligible for the grants which lower income students receive."

Philippe Skinner, a first year Business International student, feels that she has the right balance of contact hours and reading time but agrees that the increase in tuition fees is discriminatory.

Philippe said: "I don't have to pay tuition fees, but if I did I wouldn't be able to go to university."

It seems that universities are going to have to make changes if they want students to continue applying to them. Gemma Tansley, President of the National Union of Students, said the "National Student Survey", which ranks universities in terms of student satisfaction, was becoming increasingly important for students choosing where to study. She said: "Universities are going to have to deliver value for money to make the 'wonderful' worth it."

Tansley is set to appear to the committee on 19 February along with student members who will demand more contact hours and better facilities to ensure a reasonable price tag.



**STRAPPED:** Students could soon be even more out of pocket

PHOTO: Peter Cox

# A marriage made in heaven

By Rachel Hunter

Muslims seeking marriage can turn to a new UK matrimonial website singlemuslims.co.uk.

The site was set up and is now being run by Leeds University graduate Azeem Yousaf. "You see the idea came from a demand for sites like www-muslims.com

who were looking for a marriage partner from the Islamic faith. It was part of the Islamic society at Leeds. It caters within the society at the mosque and also occasions such as weddings there is always separation of males and females. There was no place where single males and females could find each other. Dating is forbidden in Islam, so in terms of socialising it's more at restaurants and through family and friends where there is segregation".

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According to Yousaf, the number of arranged marriages in the UK are decreasing, which he attributes to cultural differences between English-born Muslims and their arranged partners who are generally from countries such as Pakistan. He said: "As to a heterosexual culture of love between English-born Muslims and their arranged partners who are generally from countries such as Pakistan. He said: "As to a heterosexual culture of love between English-born Muslims and their arranged partners who are generally from countries such as Pakistan."

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The UK's Leading Single Muslim Matchmaker App

a certain age, there is a real pressure to get married, and singlemuslims.co.uk helps young people to find their own partners, who have similar interests, and the common values we're all looking for in a partner.

In Islam, dating is not allowed so the only single way any young people to a marriage angle. It might take three months, six months, but marriage is the sole intention." Addressed a recent marriage that originated from his website by giving the couple Unash colours to lead the holy Islamic city of Mecca in pilgrimage.

He said: "It's been extremely successful. Everyday we get notified of couples, people getting married. It's about providing a service for people who are interested in arranged marriages alone."

"We've got about 80,000 people on the system at the moment. There are about 300 to 500 people using the website at any one time."

Yousaf is planning to expand the scope of the site in the near future. The first is that more and more arranged marriages are heading down. It's definitely changing and www.singlemuslims.co.uk is part of that change."

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## Oxfam make a call for donations

The Oxfam shops in the Union Building is calling out for donations.

The shop, located on the ground floor of the Union near to C.A.S., is looking for clothes, shoes, books and any other unwanted goods that could be sold into other markets.

Heed Gooles, the manager of the Oxfam shop, said: "We ask that clothes are clean and wearable and we would really need women's everyday clothes." The shop is also looking for accessories, hats and shoes that can be sold to raise money for the charity.

Gooles also said: "We always need books and textbooks in particular would be great as there is such a high demand for them."

Donations can be made by taking goods to the shop. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. It is also possible to leave goods in the shop's entrance outside these hours.

## EU- the pros and cons

A talk is being given by Zak Cooper, Director of Business for New Europe on Thursday.

He will be talking from a pro-EU stance, offering some examples of the benefits of EU membership.

The lecture will take place on Thursday 1 March at the Regent Business Lecture Theatre 22, at 5.30 pm.

## Grill the man at the top

A chance is being offered to grill Vice-Chancellor Michael Ambrose this week at a Question Time session being held in the Union.

The Leeds University Union Student Executives will be giving students the opportunity to question the man who is ultimately responsible for the quality of your Leeds student experience and has been charged with leading you successfully into the world's top 50 institutions.

If you want to find out why Leeds University student pay £3,000 a fees while your Leeds Metropolitan University counterparts only pay £1,000; why you can't get the books you need in the library or why you only see your lecturer once a week, come and question the Vice-Chancellor on Thursday 27th February at 5.30pm in the Riby South Hall.

LEU recommend that students an additional advance. To do so please visit [www.leedsuni.org.uk/contact/contact@ll.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.leedsuni.org.uk/contact/contact@ll.leeds.ac.uk). Email together with the event and submit your questions at [http://www.leedsuni.org.uk/contact/faq\\_questionnaire.php](http://www.leedsuni.org.uk/contact/faq_questionnaire.php).



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# Eco-friendly fashion

By Laura Mackenzie

There has been talk by an eco-friendly press producer to get the fashion world to go green.

University of Leeds student, Anna Carey, has been promoting eco-friendly fashions at Leeds University and national level. Anna Carey organised a conference with 17 players in the fashion industry such as Next, Gap, Topshop and Nike in order to discuss ways in which textile manufacturing can work in harmony with the environment. She said: "My report has been building up in the area of there was an eco-friendly everyone agrees."

Technology in the world of textile manufacturing has not been updated for over a thousand years and Anna Carey is the developer of modern 100%as essential if companies are continue producing clothes. She said: "The current technology is not suitable for the future." As part of a work for her PhD in Green Industry and Trade, Anna has been working at the Leeds process, to consider the application of chemicals (Shea), in order to find ways in which clothes can be manufactured with minimal damage to the environment. Although using ancient the fashion date as being too concerned with saving money to help the environment, she believes it is not simply down to costs and a lack of caring. "It seems

like an issue of a lack of technology - fashion companies don't have environmental experts in their departments and therefore aren't aware of the information and technology which could help make their clothes more eco-friendly." She also added: "They are going to have to change about."

Although progress is slow, a discussion that the industry is starting to take note of the need for sustainable fashion. Marks and Spencers have already introduced organic cotton, linen and wool and are even making polymer based recycled plastic tubes that will. Primark has also recently launched a range of T-shirts which are made from organic cotton and cost as little as four pence.

In the current political climate where much focus is laid on the environment and energy resources, the clothes-hungry public are becoming increasingly aware of the ethical side to fashion.

Isam Whitbread, a first year law student is keen for the high street to increase the amount of environmentally-friendly clothes on offer. She said: "At the moment it's too limited - eco-friendly clothes should be made more sustainable in order to persuade people to buy them, particularly teenagers and young people."

Anna has also recognised this gap in the market and has produced a 'Green Guide to Fashion' which is targeted at students to filter-year-olds.

She suggests brands such as Green Culture and Hester's to those who want to be more ethical with their fashion. Isam added that while some designers such as Ann Hester are offering eco-friendly clothes, these brands were too expensive and therefore not available to the masses.

However Anna believes that organic and environmentally clothes are

actually more cost-efficient than those made using more destructive processes. She said: "Some garments only flow around the world they times. Certain stages such as bleaching and dying can be taken out of the manufacturing process, saving both energy and money in terms of transportation and manufacturing time."



HOOR FASHIONAL Will the catwalk welcome green thinking?

Photo: SOBARC website

## News



Name: Jonny Steen  
Occupation: LSR Station  
Manager

“The tunes that get played on LSR you won't hear anywhere else”

LS: Hello and welcome to 300 Seconds. How do you feel about the air?

JS: Yeah, that was my weekly show. They don't want me 'til now - have to check it plays in there. It's called 'The Evening' - I can't have live jazz but I can have a bit of jazz. I can have a bit of jazz. On the radio show you get to

explore, develop and advance through different types of music. Today we did a lot of gospel and soul - it's largely African-American music from the past 50 years. It has to be back of the show with something from the 30s or 40s, and then progress through the years throughout the show.

LS: What's it like knowing that students are listening to you every week?

JS: It's an absolute privilege. When you've got people interacting with the show it spins you on to step it up - you know your game and not communicating with them. It makes it a lot more enjoyable.

LS: Have you adopted a Terry Wogan style DJ voice?

JS: Absolutely not - I haven't tried. Every professional I've ever been in the presence of has said 'be yourself'. It got in there and just do what I do, and I people like it then most are - if they don't I don't care enough.

LS: Why do student listeners choose to listen to LSR over commercial stations?

JS: There are average radio stations plays commercial music for teenagers or adults or there's way to work. Don't persuade me, you're just talk about this time, it's when a student perspective. We just do our thing, it's not done. I think there's a show

# 300 Seconds

## Radio gaga

By Rachel Hunter



for everybody. A lot of stations have a two-hour show - we don't have that. The ones that get played on LSR you won't hear anywhere else.

LS: What's it like being the boss?

JS: It's great. It's fun, and increasingly challenging. It's a huge challenge but the people I'm working with are an absolute pleasure to work with. It's worked in that way with a team of people who are young, intelligent and enthusiastic - and capable as well. You see their achieve and it's a good to see that. They know what they're doing.

LS: If you could only play one more tune on LSR what would it be?

JS: David Arcaud - "The Fly". Yeah it's intense. That's the one that.

LS: Are you gutted about not getting the licence this year?

JS: I'm sure we are. It's a disappointment. I'm gutted for my team - it's what they've worked for all year. But at the same time, it gives us a real chance of life to have money. We've never had before in capital equipment and modernise the studio. It's not really and administratively it could be the best thing that's ever happened to us.

LS: What do you want to be when you

grows up?

JS: That's the million dollar question isn't it. I've been asking that question since I was 10 years old. I've had radio, and been in behind the microphone. If I'm up working for Radio Scotland behind the microphone then that's what I'd actually like that back about Radio Scotland. What I really want to do is to go to Canada - that's where my accent would be most marketable.

LS: Will you be handling on any professional radio in the future?

JS: Yeah, there's things that I've been asked about the job that I've never been asked - you're in your job, and where your music career will be the best station to get me to've had that, because as the years go by, more and more knowledge is gained and passed on. One thing I will do is to try and move to be in the States. Some have said to be in the office, technical services have to learn. I can't give away trade secrets though, that would be it.

LS: Do you have any good judges?

JS: Every show on Leeds Student Radio has the three judges below to mark, it's shared in a gold-plated production by baby, really producers.

### The Woolldridge report

## A few good socialists



By Michael Woolldridge

good men that we're all been waiting for. I built a sponge - I'll admit - I even thought things about ego.

I was listening, and to describe exactly. I started off with my head held high, my lips held drooping at my side, happy - and safe - in the knowledge that I had expressed my social role of student-political activist that will, as of next year, become reality

of fixed emotions and hearts - was at everyday in strange shouting 'you must' at me in solidarity - rather more frequent than I would like. I'll have you know.

My point is, it's with 3,278 votes being cast last week, out of a potential 3,000. It's important, independent displays of opinion which make students dropping up as Blue look like bigger-happy-revolutionaries. I believe that we don't care anymore. One vote out 'have an effect, if it was to have an effect we are unsure as to what that might be, and it's being at 5.38 for Neighbours, compared, maybe greater and less.

However, I was duly informed that turnout for votes and weekends are higher in Leeds than in most student unions, nationwide. 5,500 was last year, 1,900 were last November and 1,500 on the last day of last week's voting period. It is growing, but it does still seem a little low, don't you think?

Well, apparently, gone are the days of spring 'throwing' - that sort of behaviour represents a dying flame that can't do perfectly well without revival. We are in an era of age of internet voting, and it's not that students are apathetic, rather they don't care for public displays of opinion. AOBs, or other such other, and perhaps that's a good thing. It's just I didn't expect the wild to be here over a year, to step - up - at all - even - BDM, the dogmatic Marxist from gaining power, using monetary laws, and remaining unseen under our very noses.

“Tony Blair faced a barrage of wet sponges as he was dealt fatal blow after fatal blow..”

Imprecation of the fact that the workers looked as though they would never have been anywhere else, I sort of think that they represent the dying flame of activism that - back in the days

## Doherty on city's poet shortlist

By Chris Stevenson

The shortlist to decide the city's favourite poet has this week revealed a surprising candidate.

The list, which includes such classic poets as 'Sonnet 130' by William Shakespeare, 'Paradise Lost' by John Milton and Federico Lynch in the song 'Adonis' by Peter Doherty.

The shortlist was drawn up from a list of over 500 nominations from the students and staff of Leeds University, asked to choose the poem that meant most to them and why. Liz Walker, Head of Public Service Strategy at the University of Leeds Library, is pleased that nominations have come from both older and more recent poets, she said. "These poems show a link to emotion and family, as shown by many of the poems poets, but also a link to old poems and poetry through words studied at school."

She was also keen to stress the reasons for choosing poetry over books this year. "There is such a rich

collection of poetry available from Library and the Special Collections, all you have to do is ask, it is a great resource just waiting to be used. We have asked about books for 10 years now and believed it was time for a change, they in perhaps it was more available when asking about poetry, as shown by the number of votes for over 300 different works."

David Vayles, a first year student adviser with the diversity, the shortlist and the name attached to each work, said "There are so many great poems, it is why they are such a fantastic source of literature. It depicts a mood I'm in as in what a mood I am in a public mood they're never by force. It's a superb read, it shows the poet's power over their own 'Tattooed Abbey' by W.B. Yeats."

Voting for Leeds University's favourite poem will continue on 23rd February, with the winner to be announced at a special event at James Armistead on 1st March.

# 'Take uni home' initiative brings new links with Chinese city

By Anton McKee

A University of Leeds student has won a scholarship for his role in convincing Leeds to several hundred people to his home city in China.

Bei Chen, who is studying for a Masters degree in International Marketing Management is among over 800 international students who have volunteered to promote Leeds in their home countries.

The initiative was set up by Marketing Leeds, a marketing agency which received students from the University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University to publicise the city to the world. Students from countries including Canada

Germany, Hong Kong, India, Norway, Pakistan, Nigeria and the USA have already signed up to the project.

Bei, who is from Wuhan in China, was singled out for particular praise for his enthusiasm in promoting Leeds in his home city.

Emma Gray, Marketing and Communications Manager at Marketing Leeds, said: "Bei is a real credit to our student ambassador project and is a perfect example of what we want other students to do."

"He has been an excellent ambassador for the City and his knowledge has been invaluable spreading to many of the other students."

Bei said: "I love living in Leeds

and it's an honour to be part of the student ambassador programme for the city that is my home for the year." He made a short film about Leeds and showed it to over 300 people in the business and student communities in Wuhan during the Christmas holidays.

Wuhan is the capital of Hubei province and is the most populous city in central China. It has a population of around 9,000,000 and has been called "The Chicago of China". It is a major centre for hi-tech industries, pharmaceuticals and financial sectors as well as a base for many international companies.

"China is the most densely inhabited country in the world, it has the world's fastest growing economy and business deals with the country will flourish in the coming years."

Ian Williams, Executive Policy Director for Leeds Chamber of Commerce said: "You can get everything you have in London in Leeds but at a considerably reduced price. The educational expertise in Leeds is second to none."

Marketing Leeds believes that students will be an important tool in helping to promote Leeds as a viable alternative in London. Gray said: "International students are the very best ambassadors for Leeds. Many will go on to become leaders in their own countries and may well be influential in helping business in the city."

This view has been endorsed by Leeds City Council which is also supporting the initiative. Adrian Strain, Head of International



WUHAN: Leeds Masters student returned to his home city in Wuhan to build the Leeds link.

PHOTO: Dennis

Relations at the Council, said: "This event has helped to tap into a hitherto untapped asset of using students from the two universities to promote this City and break down the perception that everything must come through the south-east of the country."

Bei was certainly pleased at the opportunities working on the project has provided for him. "The student ambassador endorsement from Marketing Leeds enabled me to give presentations with real authority and credibility. For example I was invited to a very well known English club, which would have been hard without the backing of Marketing Leeds," he said.

The project has the support of the

University of Leeds, Leeds

Metropolitan University, Leeds Chamber of Commerce, Leeds College of Music, Leeds Teaching Hospitals and the International Relations Unit at Leeds City Council.

Marketing Leeds recently held a networking event at Leeds Civic Hall to give an array of student ambassadors vital marketing tips and skills, including how to use blogs and social networking, e-postcards and informal presentation to promote the city internationally.

Bei will be among the Leeds students competing for a prize of a VIP weekend in the city for the student whose promotion has the most impact.



WUHAN: Wuhan University campus

PHOTO: Dennis

# 'Die-in' against trident

By Alex Downey

Demonstrations around campus have attracted concrete opposition to the government's nuclear strategy. Trident.

Students campaigned on the steps of the Union last week and performed a 'die-in' to express their concerns about the country's actions in warlike.

The demonstration had particular resonance on a week when Prime Minister Tony Blair announced that a quarter of British troops would be withdrawn from Iraq over the coming months, and that more would be recruited from bases within a year.

Students dressed up as Trident soldiers, and displayed protestations consistent with predicted death tolls from the nuclear missions to disarmament in their names.

There was also a petition for students interested in giving their support to the campaign. The die-in involved around twenty students lying outside the Union building, a similar action to that of the protesters at the RAE promotional stand at the Careers Fair earlier this year.

The demonstration was held in anticipation of the national anti-war protests due to take place in Trafalgar Square on Saturday 24th 24.



NO TO TRIDENT: Students campaign on the steps of the Union

PHOTO: Alex Downey



NO TO TRIDENT: An anti-nuclear protester

PHOTO: Alex Downey

# Under the Radar

## The truth about Steroids

By Stefan Papp and  
Michael Woolbridge

"There are no victims,  
only volunteers"



A typical example of an abnormal physique produced through steroid-based hormonal change.

The use of anabolic steroids is skyrocketing on the increase according to a 2006 survey by the charity Drogos. Anabolic steroids are moving into the mainstream drug market, available in 12 of the towns and cities surveyed: Blackpool, London, Birmingham, Middlesbrough, Nottingham, Torquay, Cardiff, Manchester, Peterborough, Luton, Newcastle and Leeds.

In the majority of people, anabolic steroids are a mysterious drug of drugs. For those who have heard of them, they are thought of as producing hard-as-rock muscles. The purpose of this article will be to reveal quite the strange world of steroids, dispelling some misconceptions and warning some about health.

Anabolic androgenic steroids are a class of natural and synthetic steroid hormones that promote cell growth and division, resulting in growth of several types of tissues, especially muscle and bone. Anabolic steroids were first discovered in the early 1930s and have since been used for medicinal purposes including promotion of bone growth, spermatidogenesis, and muscle growth. The most widespread use of anabolic steroids is their use for chronic wasting conditions, such as cancer and AIDS.

More notoriously, steroids, or 'roids' as they are referred to by users, are taken by athletes and body builders as a performance enhancing substance. From the 1960s to the 1990s (Olympic and 1993 world 100m champion) and his career in diabetes when he tested positive for the steroid methandienone and was banned for two years. Various drug charities are concerned over the steroid cycle, which has come out of the athletic and gym culture and more into the mainstream.

Bodybuilders and athletes have used anabolic steroids for some time. However, new users are emerging, ranging from all the way to building workers. Students are also mentioned as a significant area of growth. "It's all about how they look, that

image on the streets," according to Mike Linnell of Liddell, which runs a needle exchange project in Manchester. "But the problem is that a lot of them are taking steroids with virtually no knowledge of what they're doing." Liddell has set up a dedicated clinic for steroid users, whose numbers have risen from one or two to 40 a week. Rusty Maguire of Drogos says young men buying the drugs have no idea what they are getting. "Some are counterfeit, some are for veterinary use and some are genuinely for humans," he said. "People are bringing them in from countries in eastern Europe, and in Greece they can buy them over the counter."

Travelling to a Leeds gym, the weight room is mid-afternoon. Gary is well aware of the steroid culture in Leeds and is very opinionated on it. He doesn't use steroids but knows people who do. He can get them via the internet and through contacts. He claims he can tell whose on steroids merely by looking at their "mid eyes". He claims they are easy to spot, writing that he has heard of them "cheating" during Olympic events of sport. Red bull however is also abused within the steroid effects of steroids, but also because the high caffeine is part of the steroid user's diet.

Gary talks of bodybuilding as a "working class enterprise", and that people come to see his physicians, much like generalists and visit to a new level of "keeping up with the Joneses". Steroid users are cheats and Gary has little time for them. On the problems of side effects to steroids, Gary says with a shrug "there are no victims, only volunteers."

A common misconception is the side-effects of steroids is that they don't do the job. This is a fallacy, however they are very effective at raising natural hormonal production. Side effects can include development of lower breast in males, a condition called gynaecomastia. This is usually caused by high levels of circulating androgens which also causes testicular shrinking. Reduced sexual function, and temporary infertility are also common with heavy users. Female

specific side effects that can occur include increases in body hair, thinning of the nose, enlarged oil-filled hypertrophy, as well as a primary decrease in menstrual cycle. The real concern is that the steroid hormone users, as hormonal disturbance in teenage years can lead to unresolvable physical damage. The prevalence of steroid use in the United States says they are at least 2.7 per cent, and while this figure is undoubtedly significantly lower in the UK, it is representative of the prevalence of 'roids in teenagers.

Teenagers in Britain are coming under surveillance for their potential problems, but it is primarily binge-drinking or taking alcohol. Misuse of steroids, however, is never been a mainstream issue. This is a similarity between steroid misuse and anorexia, in that misuse of steroids seems to be preventing the body which looks to staying alive and maintaining. The recent high profile case of anorexia in a young media figure, resulting in the collapse for being seen 8. In why high-profile figure died through anorexia, it is not clear if the misuse of steroids is a contributing factor in public shaming of anorexia.

Part of the answer lies in the fact that it is very little evidence of steroid misuse directly causes the misuse of steroids leads to serious liver and heart problems which can result in death, but it is not as clear cut. Another major issue is the health problems associated with steroids, 90-95 per cent of bodybuilders suffer from diabetes. It is not clear if the steroid use, or on some sort of medication to treat various forms of mental or emotional stress, often one both provide a bodybuilder or competitor's answer.

A further reason for steroid use being widely ignored, however, is that it is almost usually accepted, being a drug with down the line of an abnormally pumped up physique is more likely to cause attention than (despite from neck, which is Victoria Beckham's waist is regarded for being too thin.

### Also in the news

#### WYP leads Community Sports projects

West Yorkshire Police Forces are becoming active on a sport front as they help to set up young sports teams who would otherwise be unable to afford such equipment. The Neighbourhoods United through Sport Consortium in Rotherham have hired out football teams in Bradford, and aim to do the same throughout Leeds and the surrounding area. It is all part of a drive to get young people more engaged at the universities that they live in, encourage healthy lifestyles and guarantee an environment through which children can focus energy into an activity that is taking them off the streets and away from trouble.

#### Brian Haw - 'Most Inspiring Political Figure'

Brian Haw was awarded Channel 4's "Most Inspiring Political Figure" of the year award last week with a 34 per cent vote. He has a track record for carrying out the longest prison sentence in Parliament, Kipps, London, where he has been copped out for 2095 days, since June 2 2000. He is 34 years old. Haw has gained the admiration of many, from Blair, and proclaimed "This is a role that our government's killing, maiming, torturing, mauling. It's a role that the children of 11/9 and Afghanistan, for all not children - our family, For 100s, justice, peace and democracy for all."

#### Gates Funds AIDS research

Bill Gates and the Canadian Prime Minister have embarked on a new initiative together that aims to focus more money, time and resources into the finding of an HIV/AIDS vaccine. \$111 million will come from the Canadian government to be provided \$28 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to form the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative. This is the first significant investment in the President's 'new dawn' at the recent world AIDS conference in Toronto. The CHVI will take resources to the clinical trial processes and spend more on the point of success, preventing the spread of AIDS will be another of the foundation's major goals.

#### Guatemalan HR Lawyer Faces death threat

José Roberto Morales, a Guatemalan Human Rights lawyer, is facing a death threat from Indigenous Mayan citizens who are supposed last week, dropped a bomb on another neighbourhood and is still with a death threat stating that he should follow the procedures for being E. Rayo, Maná, to trial, he would be killed. Morales, a volunteer who has been active in the struggle to end the massacre of over 200,000 indigenous Mayans, is considered to be the head of the country's human rights movement since the end of November. The Attorney General's reluctance to let Morales to trial has caused the investigation stage.



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Snag decisions preventing snap-climate change, could the world be frozen in an instant?



RESISTANCE: Graffiti that reads "The nation of Israel is alien"

PHOTO: Paul Raymond

# State of play

Volatile, complicated and divisive: the situation in Israel is one fraught with difficulties. LS extra correspondent Paul Raymond reports from Israel.

**T**he village of ARI'el Menashe sits among rolling hills covered with sandy-coloured boulders and olive groves. From the lookout point on the hill above, you can see the green walls and hot fire roofs of the houses. Beyond that, the landscape broadens out to a level plain which stretches as far as the Mediterranean. On a clear day, from up here, locals say you can see the sea.

It's a scene of rural tranquillity, but the reality here is far from peaceful. Ari'el Menashe is an Israeli settlement in the West Bank. It has one of the 2007's notorious tag which is supposed to mark out Palestinian land into the State of Israel, and it is considered illegal under the 4th Geneva Convention. The protest here is more than moving civilian population into occupied territory, yet since 2006 there has been a continuous expansion in the number and size of Israeli settlements. These are estimated to be around 270,000 Israeli settlers in the West Bank, and the number is growing.

The settlement issue has long been the subject of heated debate, as Israel

as much as in the international community. On the one hand, many Israelis admit that at least some, perhaps all, of the settlements erected since 1967 will one day have to be abandoned if a peace agreement is to be reached. On the other, many factions support the settlers, particularly the religious right, who say that this is part of Eretz Israel - divinely awarded land which can never be given up.

The failure of various peace plans throughout the 1990s led to a bitter divide in Israeli politics. Those who saw the settlers as heroes continued to support them - through public discourse and financial aid, while many at home and abroad saw them as an obstacle to peace and demanded that Israel withdraw a partial withdrawal from the Occupied Territories.

In 2005, Israeli security forces evacuated 8,000 settlers from the Gaza strip - the strip of Palestine a part from the West Bank, sandwiched between Israel's southern border and the sea - in a unilateral move which won both support and criticism at home and abroad. While the political left had long been in favour of pulling

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## Extra Middle East

out from Gaza, the way in which the matter was handled was not what they had had in mind. By withdrawing unilaterally without negotiating a settlement with the Palestinians... Nothing, the international had left a security vacuum in Gaza which was to become a powder keg for Israel."

"Before the pullout from Gaza, public support for this step was something between 50-60 per cent," says Yair Sheleg, of the Israeli Democracy Institute, a Jerusalem think tank, when Leites' student spoke to him earlier this month.

"People wanted to have their territories, they wanted to leave the West Bank, and the hope was that this would be a start, that the Palestinians would build their independence and hope, but what happened instead was that it was used as a base for continuing the war against Israel."

The inability or unwillingness of the Palestinian security apparatus to prevent and/or punish groups using Gaza as a base for attacks on Israel is a point of intense debate. The Palestinians hold that the Israeli government is culpable in the failure to make the Gaza pullout succeed. When the most recent round of serious violence started in 2000, Israel placed heavy restrictions on Palestinian security forces and withdrew them to the point where they were no longer able to tackle the militias which were starting to dominate the political scene.

"The feeling is that perhaps the pullout from Gaza was not wise - we paid a price and didn't get anything from it," says Ephraim Kam, deputy director of the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv.

"The return of rocket fire from the Gaza Strip against Israeli villages and towns has increased tremendously since the evacuation. I think that this disappointment has undermined the current Israeli government and Prime Minister net to

into civil war."

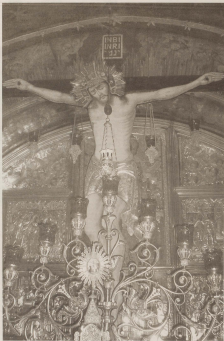
"The Palestinians are falling apart. It's just - it's chaos," says UN Director of the Israeli Democracy Institute, when UN sought an agreement with the relative quiet of Amman. "They're close to being declared a failed state

immediately."

The war has between Hamas and Fatah looked set to end Palestinian security apart, and Saudi Arabia, a major regional player with a history of brokering peace deals between rival Arab factions, stepped in early

President of the Palestinian Authority and head of Fatah, designated Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas to form a National Unity Government, thus suspending tensions between the two factions. Yet questions remain around the structure of the new body - a

dominate of the Quartet (Russia, the United States, the EU and the United Nations) which include recognition of Israel, a request for past aggressors under the Oslo Accords, and a renunciation of violence. However, the Hamas Charter calls for the destruction of Israel, a contradiction



ART: The author of the Hamas Charter in Jerusalem.

PHOTO: Paul Hayward

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continue these unbroken ties in the West Bank, for the Gaza living at last."

Muslim religious radicalism had been emerging on the Palestinian political scene for many years. With the death in 2004 of Yasser Arafat, the leader of the secularist Palestinian Liberation Organisation, the Islamic group Hamas started to gain support and in 2006 won election with a 56 per cent majority in the Palestinian Legislative Council. The Israeli government responded by boycotting them and withdrawing tax revenues, effectively crippling the entire Palestinian public services. Since then, Hamas have continued in an armed conflict with their erstwhiles Fatah, which looked like spending

by the community of nations, and look at what kind of leadership they have and what kind of civil society they have. And they're asking for a state. Envision a state when you don't have the basis for this is a recipe for catastrophe, because that you have a state which will fall apart

this month and invited the leaders of the two parties to attend a summit in Mecca aimed at ending the impasse.

The Mecca summit, signed on the eighth of this month between Hamas and Fatah, met with a lukewarm response from the international community. Mahmoud Abbas,

must be accepted by the Palestinian Legislative Council, and more importantly from Israel's point of view, it must be in line with the requirements of the international community.

This forces Hamas into a corner. On the one hand, it must order to the

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which leads many to believe that the Mecca summit are already dead in the water.

"The international community should have seen this coming," senior diplomat told US "leaked" a warning to say how Hamas would react to the pressures of defectors, and then watching them when they refused to recognise Israel. He should have said "welcome to the democratic game," and allowed them to play within the rules of that game.

The implication is that the Palestinian electoral process was set up under the Oslo accords which required recognition of Israel, so taking part in elections Hamas implicitly did just that. The Hamas leadership would renounce violence.

"We will never recognise or accept Zionist government and we continue our jihad-like movement until the liberation of Jerusalem. Haniyeh told thousands of worshippers in Tel Aviv the day after the Mecca deal was signed. The declaration of Israel is a central part of Hamas ideology and has been increasingly radicalised Palestinian mood.

However, Hamas' victory in the 2006 elections was not simply victory for radicalism. Fatah has long been seen as corrupt and prone to nepotism, a factor which Hamas set to its advantage. Its election slogan "change and reform" was picked up wide Palestinian audience but up wide criticism, and the movement did not in presenting itself as clean and new to do business. The problem is not for a Palestinian government to be accepted by the international community, it needs an alternative route way with Israel, something Hamas consistently refuses to do.

This position places in full doubt the whole structure of a bilateral Oslo Accords signed in 1993 by then Israeli PM Shimon Peres and Arafat - and full-depth the ending depicts in a recent. The prospect of full-revision is hard to deny, but would Jerusalem Day remind a cartoon Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's speech, with a full of saying "The deal includes me clipped in the hat." The point which he refers appears new to him is a point, perhaps, of the

Olmert himself! Says to domestic politicians. Pithy show 1. only 14 per cent of the Israeli pub-

approve of how he has done since he took office last spring among a group of potential candidates for the office of Prime Minister he took only three and one of the seats – an unprecedented figure, and less than 5 per cent margin of error in each vote.

In some ways, this is ironic, the numbers and scenery, the two main factors influencing the Israeli elections, are doing better than ever, in 2006, for the first time in Israel's history, exports exceeded imports, credit down by the high-tech sector of increased foreign investment, stocks on Israel set down – the

Editor of Haaretz, the Israeli Hebrew language daily paper. "Even the weather is nice."

But Olmert has been a major flop in the polls and Shimon Peres has on a lack of love.

"People don't trust the PM, people don't trust the Defence Minister, people don't trust the ruling party," he says.

Lack of leadership is a major theme in discussion across the political spectrum. While Olmert's main problem is one of trust, he also lacks an essential quality in a Israeli leader: charisma. Ariel Sharon, a much-loved – and hated – figure who

was vilified at one time or another by almost every faction in the Middle East, nevertheless had bags of charisma.

"Sharon had been controversial throughout a 30-year career in the military and politics. When he built settlements, the Left said he was a demon. When he dismantled the same settlements, the Right said he was a demon, and except all the same accusations, only from the other side. But everyone appreciated his charisma. Even when his health was not as good as he, even after his first stroke when he came out of hospital to work for a couple of hours a day,

diplomatically period, and all we can hope for is that his statement will not blow up in our faces sooner rather than later, and some new direction will be found during this delicate rather than after another round of violence."

There seems to be no immediate prospect of investment in any side. Regional and international actors are ambivalent with regard to the Mifco agreement, and commentators are indicating a rift between Knesset and the EU on one side, who are in favour of engagement with Hamas in order to encourage it to take part in diplomatic proceedings, and the US and Israel on the other, who hold

Alfons is keen to send this to all eyes, and has defended the Mifco deal as the only chance for a lasting ceasefire and resumption of peace talks. Yet most analysts believe he is too weakened by his party's recent defeats and the situation on the ground in Palestine to be able to achieve anything concrete.

Yet the US-Israeli line is incoherent. No recognition of the Qatari's conditions equals no deal. Hamas seems equally resolute, and the world is waiting to see who will break first. This is a delicate diplomacy of the best kind, but very few people hold out hope for a breakthrough.



MEMBER OF PEACE: An olive tree in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

PHOTO: Paul Payment

likely haven't a controversial election which many claim is an attempt permanently to secure a future for Israel as the West Bank, an nevertheless been a success in terms of preventing outside meddling, and there has been a notable reduction in Israeli casualties on such acts.

"Very few people were killed in suicide bombings since Olmert took over. There was one suicide bombing in Tel Aviv about a year ago, and one Eilat three weeks ago, and that's it. You look back over the past two or three years, hundreds of people were shot in the streets, and at buses and cars in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem – we will have that any more," says Alufkes, Diplomatic Correspondent and

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people still appreciated his leadership since that they appreciate Olmert who's missing. "Here a day now," remarked Rose.

Hope is an essential element of leadership and leaders on either side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have little of that to offer to their peoples. Condoleezza Rice arrived in Jerusalem last week to hold talks with Abbas and Olmert aimed at raising tensions and facing a way towards kick-starting a new round of peace talks, but the Israeli public remain skeptical.

"Don't hold out expectations," Rose continued. "Nothing will come out of it – no peace process, no agreement, no new movement towards a Palestinian state. We're in a

"identical position," referring to deal such as Palestinian administration which does not explicitly adopt the Qatari's conditions.

The US and Israel are seen as having the hand of Hamas, which could go in one of two directions. Firstly, they could succeed to the immediate process to participate in the diplomatic process, through recognizing Israel and the terms of the Qatari. On the other hand, they is the serious possibility that Palestinian PM Hanayyah's movement will be scuttled off and refuse to take individual and violence, meaning a new round of unproductive violence between rival Palestinian factions and Israel.

"I think resolving the conflict is off the table for most Israelis," says Rose. "It's about managing it better, being more robust."

Though he admits to being cynical, "Reading is very complex, but on average, you're more on the mark in a pessimistic than an optimistic," he insists.

A cool breeze blows in off the Mediterranean, but the sun is in the hills around Abu Matarah seems laden with tension. The beauty of this landscape before the intricately complicated human conflicts taking place here, only time will tell whether, and when, those conflicts will see these hills slip.

Extra Organic Veg

# Anatomy of the veg boxes

Are vegetables. Even if you are one of those rarities that gets their five-a-day, is it the right kind of five-a-day? Fresh, ethically produced and pesticide free - and under our very noses.

Christine Cooper digs deep.

It's Thursday afternoon, and the courier arrives in the GM Bar in once again filled with piles of fruit and veg. The delivery driver hands the invoice in to the Green Action Group before heading off to complete the day's drops. There are plenty of volunteers around today, so the boxes are carried to the Green Zone and stacked neatly to await collection. Someone checks the order book and marks a name on each of the "Special" boxes. These display instructions on a white sticker. NO SWEET perhaps, as the most popular vegetable is ONLY LOCAL. Students begin to drift in to collect their veg, some place next week's order while they're back. A

**The pesticide Lindane, which has been linked to breast cancer, is applied extensively to sugar beet crops in Lincolnshire, where the incidence of breast cancer is forty percent higher than the national average.**

few people discuss the more unusual contents of this week's boxes, a hairy green leafy vegetable of an odd-looking structure. This is a Kohlrabi, apparently a relative of the cabbage but with a flower close to eating.

So what is all this vegetable activity

about? A few members of the University's Green Action society first started to order veg boxes for personal use around three years ago. Inspired by the cost and difficulty of buying local organic produce, in September 2003 the Green Action Co-Op began to officially order veg boxes for anyone who should wish to place an order. Their first order consisted of one medium and one large veg box, one large fruit box, and some loose onions and carrots. A size large and veg box today seems to have taken hold. This week's order consists of twenty Every Veg and three large veg boxes, eighteen small and three large fruit boxes, and some loose potatoes and carrots. There are also a larger order of eighty six boxes was placed earlier this year. Kim, a languages student, who has ordered a veg box every week this year, is enthusiastic about the scheme. It's great that organic veg is becoming so readily available. It's good for you, but less expensive, and saves a million times better than super-market veg. There's also very little packaging, and you get introduced to exciting new vegetables you didn't even know existed.

Organic food is growing in popularity in the harmful effects of non-organic farming methods become clearer. Pesticides are incredibly potent and toxic to insects, weeds and small animals. Every year about a pound in weight of all 50,000 commercial available pesticides is applied to crops for every man, woman and child alive on the planet. These harmful substances are washed into streams and rivers where they usually have an accumulation, and into the underground aquifers from which we get our drinking water. Very little is known about the health effects of long-term exposure to these chemicals, but something we do know is all but the pesticide Lindane, which has been linked to breast cancer, is applied extensively to sugar beet crops in Lincolnshire, where the incidence of breast cancer is forty percent higher than the national average. Pesticide residues have been found in levels considered "harmful" in more than a third of non-organic fruit and vegetables sold in the UK.

Generally much food which, when developed by the very same corpora-

tions who manufacture pesticides to widespread extensive use of these pesticides, are another threat. Again, so one is aware of the long-term effects on human health and GM crops (despite to wipe-out many of the different varieties and strains of crops that are currently eaten). Organic produce does not contain any GM organisms. It though from a farm shop or through a veg box scheme, it also tends to be as local as possible, an important consideration in a world where a gallon of airplane fuel is used, and proportionate greenhouse gas emitted, for every pound of supermarket food that ever to eat from the UK.

It's a development of organic veg boxes in West Yorkshire is largely thanks to one person - a Green Action's supplier and still the largest of his kind in the area: Goothorpe, Wetherby. I visited their headquarters near Wetherby last week and after an hour and a half, walking through country lanes on a bus followed by a taxi, I finally pulled into the small God's Own way just as the sun was setting. I was welcomed by Goothorpe's founder, Arnold, a rather imposing, gruff man with a wild, wiry grey beard. He showed me Goothorpe's five polytunnels, a raised on the raised patch of land bought by Arnold and his wife Alan to start Goothorpe eighteen years ago. Today these are used to grow sal-



Organic Veg Extra

ly, herbs and chillies. "The remainder of the night's job has been controlled grass mowing, providing protected beds for threatened species of nearby wading birds. Arnold emphasises Gooose's commitment to maximising their environmental impact. "We do not compromise on anything," he says. "Even if Mr Daniels offered us millions of pounds to supply them, we wouldn't agree. It's organic or none at all, or we refuse Government if a contract is well-founded we will definitely try to correct the problem."

Arnold and Alex left successful days in marketing and competing in local food fairs they couldn't take food for their children to a. They planned to give strong organic vegetables for their local families, including themselves. The idea of putting a selection of Gooose's produce in a box and delivering it to households came from Tim

and Jan Dixon, based near Exeter, when Alex encountered a concentration of organic growers in London. At that time, it was common to see small and veg box schemes whereby Gooose and Alex decided that they couldn't reach a large of one hundred boxes a week after six months, they would give up. After four months, they were delivering as hundred boxes a week. The small size of Gooose's farms made crop rotation difficult, and the soil was not suited to certain crops, so Arnold and Alex started using vegetable alternatives. "In the early days the nearest organic grower was 'The soils store,'" Arnold remembers. "But we encouraged many other growers in the area to convert to organic, and promoted to buy from them after conversion."

Gooose is a

supply small-organic health-food shops and restaurants, and so become a wholesale and distributor.

A Devon Action veg box begins life at the farms that supply Gooose. Arnold will only buy from soil to businesses which Gooose's organic ethical guidelines. Mike Bellows, from New Park Farm has been organic since 1984, and is one of Gooose's long-standing suppliers. Mike, who worked at Lush University's research farm before getting into organic, remembers that when he began farming, "People got involved for ethical reasons, not for money." His story seems very farm produce: broad beans, spinach, asparagus, runner beans, broad beans, cabbies, and begins among other crops when in season. Arnold places weekly orders with Mike depending on what is available. This week, the order is for 200kg each of cauliflower and cabbage.

broccoli and Jerusalem artichokes, the three crops Mike currently has on offer. The produce is dug up and taken to Gooose's veg box factory to be sorted into white vans. Potatoes and carrots currently come from a farm in Bournemouth, who have recently earned an ethical accreditation. It can be installing a million pound preparing and packing plant for carrots. "I was keen to get to supermarkets, and I'm not happy," Arnold says. "I've got a good line of supermarkets in a super market that's very safe. But if I stopped buying from Southampton, I'd have to get the veg from much further away."

The veg box contents are chosen to be as local as possible, priority is given first to produce grown at Gooose's farms itself, second to produce from the local area, and third to UK produce. Particularly in winter and early spring, when the UK experience a "hangover" with very little available produce is imported from a select few growers abroad, all of whom have been visited and inspected by Arnold. "My whole veg box experience would have it if I didn't supply a range of produce all year round," says Arnold by way of justification. "If I saw one veg box made up only of potatoes and onions, they'd be sent back to me. To go out of business." Imported goods are never all-frog food, but travel by air, boat and lorry, and Arnold himself also refuses to fly. He won't import crops such as strawberries which require large amounts of packaging in order to travel. He advises customers when buying produce which may appear to be local. "My biggest worry isn't supermarkets taking veg box schemes, which they are starting to do, it's the franchising of organic-only local schemes." He gives an example: Riverford Farm in Devon has set up branches of their successful veg boxes all over the country, but supplies their own from the original suppliers rather than the most local ones.

"The type of franchised veg box scheme is dangerous because it's misleading, people think they're buying local produce from a local, friendly, small business, but you can get organic grown near Harrogate, they'll be shipped down to Devon for washing, up to Newcastle for chopping and packing, down back to Harrogate where they'll be sold as local produce."

Once Arnold knows what produce is available to him, he makes up orders for the small, medium and large fruit and veg boxes, standing out from the rest and add up to roughly the current price for each box this week's £55 but it is less than £5. He allows a good variety of new produce in each box. The smaller boxes tend to be more local, because they contain less variety. Behind fifteen percent of boxes, reduced every week are "specials," which have some sort of special request attached to them. The menu also worked out in the Gooose's will be limited and only with second-hand ingredients, then the boxes are assembled in the warehouse below. Gooose's electricity comes from renewable sources, and they make sure to keep the end user safe for maximum efficiency. Thursday is veg box delivery day

for Leeds. The city's deliveries usually fill three vans, which can on a light schedule to complete the day's deliveries. The boxes are sorted and bagged into boxes back by the drivers for recycling or reuse where possible. This means that the vans never run empty. "Our motto is 'don't put one bag of waste to landfill every week, despite taking back all our packaging,'" says Arnold. "That's less than the average household's. I've seen Christmas trees Gooose's sold 500 five tonnes of vegetables, but produced just under three tonne bags full of waste. Wooded areas are avoided and composted if they can't be reused. Landfill boxes are recycled to make plastic, Office paper is used on both sides before being sent to be recycled, which Arnold sells me with disgust happens in Hong Kong. "Our government's lack of commitment means British recycling companies are very expensive and inefficient, making it not viable to recycle here."

Once the piles of fruit and veg have been collected from Devon Action veg boxes on Tuesday and Friday, it is up to the job drivers to get crates to their offices. Kate Dickinson is a Green Action volunteer in organic-to-veg, having previously worked on only of potatoes and onions, they'd be sent back to me. "People think organic food is more expensive. But if you buy raw ingredients and make everything from scratch, it's actually more economical because you buy things produced local. There really is no such thing as cheap food. The price is paid in environmental damage, and damage to the health of those who grow and eat the crops," Arnold says. "In an ideal world, there would be out of business, but everyone would grow their own food. But the choice is between Gooose provides only a very small percentage of our needs, but as a group of people who share our values, they are very important to us."

Green Action Order Fruit and veg boxes every Monday afternoon, but delivery on Thursday afternoon. You can order any time at the Devon Action Group, opposite the Old Bus

Where's the veg from

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# Awkward climate

Less likely to be a slow degradation than a sudden change, LS Correspondant Sarah Prompton examines the science and issues surrounding abrupt climate change.

At a time of growing concern about the repercussions of global warming, a paradoxical water is gaining credibility among climate scientists. This notion is based on the idea that global warming could lead to a massive drop in temperatures. Scientists believe that the average global surface temperature could drop as much as 4.5 degrees Fahrenheit over the next 80 years, and that this is a

as the water moves north, it cools and becomes denser - sinking to the bottom of the ocean. It is carried south towards America, before finally reaching the Pacific Ocean. As the warm waters reach the north Atlantic, the warm surface waters evaporate, warming up Europe. If the pull down carrying this warm water was to slow down, or shut down altogether, temper-

atures would drop quite the opposite way happen. Contrary to conventional thought, abrupt climate change has been the norm in the past and the earth's temperature effectively follows a flip-flop pattern. Climate change can occur dramatically in a very short time, sometimes within less than a decade. An example of this is a very cold episode labelled the Younger Dryas,

which was available to flow into vital areas of the North Atlantic. Evidence has shown that the Gulf Stream over the last few decades has slowed down, and it is predicted by climate models that it will slow down between 30 and 50 per cent in the next century. A study by Henry Breiter (National Oceanography Centre at Southampton) shows worrying results. It states that, on the Can-

ada and have had serious consequences. In the past, mass extinctions of species have occurred on numerous occasions, and are thought to have been the result of changing global conditions. Although it may never be certain about why abrupt climate change occurs, scientists are fairly confident in their looking of its repercussions such as ocean currents, atmospheric gases and



impacts of human activity. Much work has focused on the impact on the oceans, and the impacts of these effects downstream in seas, in rivers, and the frequency of hurricanes, floods and levees etc. All of these activities threaten to human health, but perhaps our biggest concern is the risk of a drastic drop in temperature, and one that far the very worst of all - a change as low as ten degrees Celsius. How likely is this? May be not much research has shown that a significant decrease in temperature could lead to the northern hemisphere in the past. The research focuses around the term known as the Ocean Conveyor Belt - the thermohaline circulation, which is a system comprising of large-scale flows that the pull results in the North Atlantic Ocean. The pull moves hot green Europe to relatively warm waters from the tropics are carried south via the return to the Atlantic Ocean and

seas in North America and Europe would plummet by as much as five to 18 Celsius, having as high temperatures comparable to those of Siberia. Some like the theoretical oceanographyologist William H. Clark (editor of *A Warm or All Seasons: Human Activities and Abrupt Climate Change*) believe temperatures could reach those of an ice age.

The shutting down of the Ocean Conveyor Belt is actually more of a possibility than you might think. The more explanation that scientist's make into this phenomenon, the more fears they have seem to grow. The conveyor belt has shut down several times in the past, which is thought to have played a major role in bringing about periods of extremely low temperature. Fortunately, scientists believe that climate change was a slow process, taking place over hundreds and thousands of years but recent findings made during several ice ages into ice cores have

which started very suddenly 12,000 years ago, and lasted for about 1,200 years before ending abruptly. This sudden cooling of temperatures occurred during a period of rising temperatures near the end of the most recent ice age, which ended about 10,000 years ago. The Younger Dryas event is thought to have been caused by the shutting down of the Ocean Conveyor Belt as a direct consequence of the melting of fresh water from North American glacial lakes into the North Atlantic.

An influx of fresh water could stop the sinking of ocean water that plays such a strong role in the pull remains present, gradually halting the pull of ocean system. How likely is it that this will happen? Well, perhaps quite likely considering the ramifications of global warming, which could act as a significant trigger. Global warming could increase precipitation, melting the Greenland ice sheet and polar sea ice. This will increase the amounts of fresh

water into the North Atlantic, making water less buoyant naturally but that in an area on the European side has partially shut down, standing only half of deep sea water south. Evidence of reduced surface within the circulation system is an extreme cause for concern and other circulation models have found a 70 per cent chance of a collapse in the thermohaline. Although knowledge is limited and scientists are unable to say whether these falls in the conveyor belt are a continued trend, they give cause for concern. So much so that it appears the American government is alarmed and taking notice.

We have been living in temperatures that have been relatively consistent in the last 10,000 years, since ending of the last Ice Age, and allowing the expansion of civilisation. This has not, however, been the norm through the history of the earth. Although we cannot be certain why these fluctuations occur, sudden changes do occur

rather energy. Although the information we have is limited, and we may only have scratched the surface, it is already plainly obvious that global warming is taking place. We are unable to predict with certainty how severe the changes will be. The implications for global warming if it is allowed to continue could well be huge. Rising temperatures could cause more flooding, droughts, famines or, it could lead to a drastic drop in temperatures, plummeting us into an ice age. The repercussions of this would be undetectable, nonetheless, we may have to start thinking about them. A serious decrease in temperature would test the adaptability of humankind and threaten our continued existence. As Brian Fagan writes, "Humanity has been in the narrow, pre-oligocene change for as long as we exist". Even if the likelihood of an ice age is a small one, surely we should start thinking about this now, before it becomes too late.

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Hind Hassan

# Exit Strategy

With the annual Stop the War demonstration, Hind Hassan dissects the most prominent argument surrounding the current situation: should the troops pull out of Iraq?

I believe it is safe to say that the majority of the population were either opposed to the invasion of Iraq from the start or, at the very least, had a change of heart after being presented with evidence of governmental lies, the phenomenal death toll and the near annihilation of what was once referred to as the 'Cradle of Civilisation'. Today is the eve of the fourth Stop the War demonstration in London, the title of the march has changed from the demonstration to 'Troops out of Iraq, No to Troops', forgetting the merits of demonstrations and the impact, if any, they have on the government. It, for me, believe they have proved to play a fundamental part throughout history — but that is beside the point, the main argument that appears to crop up is whether the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq would be beneficial to the current situation.

I am not sure you would call a path with regards to politics — since would you usually step when it comes to attempting to get through a night without mentioning the US in Adam Smith? What I have come to find strange is that, through it, I have encountered a phenomenon I have labelled 'popular thought'. This is when an idea or opinion is presented in a few media outlets — papers or political shows — and is then latched onto by a considerable number of people and bandied about without any real thought. Let me give you an example: Communism. Nothing annoys me more than when an individual gets all excited and responds to the idea of Troika with 'It's a good idea, in theory but it's not realistic.' You've all heard it before. Now, I would not call myself a 'Communist' — I am of the belief all 'isms' are flawed, at different rates perhaps, but flawed, nonetheless. However, I will say that such a simplification of a complex ideology discussed, dissected and developed by many minds over many years is one that is only used by the naive. There are genuine people who possess a superficial interest in politics but value no time in investigating the truth behind the propaganda.

It is this same theory that I believe applies to those who constantly cry that the United States' presence is required in Iraq so as to prevent its dissolution into a civil war and that their departure would be detrimental to the nation. It's time I had this myth to rest once and for all.

Firstly, I would like to make a statement: Iraq is currently in the midst of civil war. Not balancing on the edge ready to topple over as soon as the troops pull out but slap bang in the middle of one. The American civil war killed around 600,000 in action, the death toll in Iraq is estimated 700,000 with 500 people dying on average, on a daily basis. People are no longer shocked by

revelations of violent deaths, torture and rape. One of my cousins are currently desperately trying to get visas to the UK because their medical colleagues have been dropping off the face. Professionals are being targeted. Not so long ago at a gathering I asked my dad why one of his friends was absent, to which he responded, in a shockingly blunt tone, that he was mourning the death of one of his brothers-in-law whose mutilated body had been left in plastic bags outside his wife's family home in Baghdad. Stop any Iraqis, and there are hundreds of them in the UK, and ask them about their family in Iraq, they'll have a story to tell. So let's not decide ourselves with how much worse the situation could get: it's about as bad as it can get.

Secondly, Mr Bush himself set up the Iraq war, a group which presented a 140 word document arguing what we've all been saying: permanent bases and the US's opinion quite so correct. Iraq's oil reserves are exacerbating the situation, and the logical solution should include plans outlining a steady withdrawal. Bush took no look at the report, threw it down the toilet pan and made a few express calls for a further 20,000 troops to be flown into Iraq.

The main point I am trying to make is that removing the troops is strategically or tactically wrong but that the grounding on which the argument is based is flawed and that has no basis to be discussed. The outcome makes no sense for the following reasons. I do

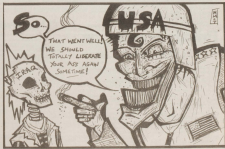
not think it would be naive to state that most people are of the opinion that the US entered Iraq for purposes of self-interest. The idea has been further confirmed with the ever closer WMDs. Hence, calling for the US troops to stay would be asking for an occupying force, directly responsible for the complete destruction of another nation's infrastructure, health and education systems, one whose invasion has resulted in the death of 2.5% of the Iraq population, to keep the peace. The idea is an oxymoron. Were the United States in Iraq solely for the interest of the Iraq people then one could understand the purpose, but their greatest role in the Middle East makes the suggestion similar to calling for a drop dealer to take their victims through which. It just doesn't make sense. Now I would, in an ideal world, advocate US withdrawal and United Nations involvement, were it not for the US's constant efforts to undermine that authority and credibility of what should be the leader in international diplomacy. As this is not the case, I believe the US should have a role to play in organising and cooperating with the introduction of a pan-Arab peace keeping force. It is an idea greatly neglected by the masses and one that I was sharply reminded of following a recent conversation with some political friends. It's time the Arab countries got off their arses, wiped the oil stains from their sleeves and started being proactive. The Middle East is lacking a progressive, similar leader

and party. It's asking for a Grand Arab Nation type, a solution, and it was duggled down by religious in-fighting and economic greed. If it their concern being stated that allowing Iraq to disintegrate into oblivion and is the heart of any resolution to the Middle Eastern conflict.

That, hopefully, will come with time when the people of the Middle Eastern awaken from their political slumber and close their deluded internal self-obsession. But, for now, Iraq is in dire straits, and the only thing that is certain is that the United States and their troops are most definitely not the answer.

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CARTOON: Mark Mackay

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## The Fur debate gets hairy

The fur debate has always been contentious, particularly among students who are often strongly opposed and politically motivated when it comes to such issues.

Well-known fashion designer banned for fur last week's London Fashion Week, writing a proclamation that nearly everyone should follow. As Anna Singh, Campaigns Co-ordinator for PETA, has said, big names such as Ralph Lauren and Stella McCartney will do well for themselves, and the industry, by not using fur. Endorsements against fur by these big stars in the industry will no doubt influence others to choose

against the use of fur.

It is a shame that an event run by the members of the union could have made the headline of using real fur. The industry is likely to allocate and anger a lot of people, but it should be remembered that this is a charity event, aiming to raise money for a well-fitted charity, among others.

Hopefully their good intentions will not be overshadowed by the controversy for debate.

Let's hope the threat of protests has been quashed and that the fashion show will go ahead without any further complications.

## Praise for our green fashionista

Our inventory should be proud that our good Auntie Barry is achieving so much success with her bid to make fashion eco-friendly.

It is a shame that while machinery has not been updated for almost a hundred years and surprising that people consider such arduous ventures as methods to be sustainable, not least in the future.

The process of producing fashion should not rest so much on the environment, and clothes should not be made by factories far away from the world three times just to be bleached and dyed in a jet stream costly and damaging process.

It is about time someone like Anna managed to get key industry players like Topshop, Next, New and Marks and Spencer on board with her ideas.

## Private housing on the rise

It's surprising to hear that the amount of first time buyers who have a bank loan has gone up 25 per cent in just two years. However it seems that, according to our Wellbeing Office Chair, Ken, students are attracted by getting more value for their money with nearly 100 per cent of loans contracted to the internet.

Results of the survey, commissioned by the NUS and Lloyds, show that private suppliers will provide the majority of help options for the next academic year. James Bellie is already equipped by private suppliers.

Private sector prices have increased more than those for University accommodation, which is a con-

cern if more and more student housing is supplied by private accommodation.

The pricing band for private housing is between £100 and £150 a week, which is much more compared to University supplied accommodation ranging as low as £60 per week. Private suppliers though do offer, in the majority of their points, self-catering and ensuite, which will be applied to a lot of students who can't be bothered to cook and don't fancy sharing their laundry facilities.

If you can afford the increased prices of some private accommodation then it's no problem, but for some it is a concern.

## Ignorant about Africa

Dear Editor,

I report a quote from an article in last week's edition of your newspaper named "So fair to fashion" - persuasive that they should lower their insatiable demand on a helpless country like Africa.

My response to this is as follows: Africa is a continent, not a country! The demand and ignorant perception towards the historical discrimination towards a continent continuously originated by the western historical divide between South and South.

Furthermore, the writer continues by defining African countries as "non-developing". As we, as university students, we surely intend to not know that since independence, Sub-Saharan African countries have had to deal with ineffective, discriminatory, various state institutions and institutions inherited by the 'great colonial powers like Britain'. Not to mention the continuous exploitation of the continents natural resources by the grey non-colonial nations of 'made for aid'.

When will we finally stop viewing the world's richest countries in terms of natural resources, heritage and education as a cheap labour or a help-less-kind of 'need of assistance. Instead we should take a body of educated youth acknowledge the efforts of citizens of a free world who are facing the constant daily struggle for survival with dignity, hope and belief in their future.

To appreciate a more educated opinion on international affairs before making such sweeping statements about the 'developing' world.

Amali.

Laura

## Kill off 'e', please

Dear Editor,

In this the end of Page 6 there are no longer 'ed' through the final pages of notes, misreading messages and complex text topics presented by Tim Bennett.

Send letters to Leeds Student newspaper, Leeds University Union, Mill Lane 171, Leeds LS1 5TA, or email the editor at editor@leedsstudent.org.uk. Please keep comments to 200 words. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

Last week's article was immediately shorter than usual and was on the hot topics of magazine press and other press. The article seemed more the result of a dodge of the way Google had to offer rather than an insight on reality.

Students of India the one biggest problem was on the facing page to my book reviews, it's as though the feedback between cars and railcars was through these very pages!

To further add to the mystery of the Page 6, third of the page was taken up with an ad asking the readers if they would come up with something better to replace said article. It is a thought that was an acknowledgment that the article was a failure, but it was Page 6's loss to shuff of the moral code.

I bet the whole writing on the third page thing was once quite funny and imaginative - for about five minutes around two months ago. Page thanks the, Page thanks the. This letter thanks Page twice.

Carl Burrowsleigh

Third Year History

## Lightweight idiots

Dear Editor,

Last week's front page story just goes to show how irresponsible some people can be when it comes to drinking.

I remember going on my first night in my first year and if I had had had enough I would say, I know where to drive the bus. Unfortunately it seems that some students don't. How stupid must have been to not realise you had fallen into your lap, how stupid is that.

University students have died in the past from drinking too much in one night, so it would come as no surprise if we witnessed this kind of tragedy at our own university in the not too distant future. Students need to take note of recent events, even if it means that the College UK night was not the case, to ensure they don't overstep the mark and end up in hospital instead.

The majority of students leave when the line is between being drunk and being absolutely legless, the majority need to be hit.

Yours

Chris

## Facebook campaign

Dear Editor,

In regards to last week's article on Facebook's influence on the Sabbath, I just want to say that it is better Facebook to find out more about a candidate I was interested in voting for.

I found that I could get more information this way that directly looking through social candidates' profiles. It's only disappointing thing about that is that Facebook posts will draw the number of friends they have which may influence some voters into the most popular candidates.

During last week's campaign I also discovered at the amount of people who said they voted for the person who had the biggest number, or the coloured posters. This is not an end of the day the candidates are made for full-time jobs which aren't a good thing. I hope that next year those who begin their appointed positions will show that the students of Leeds wish to elect them. I vote and vote.

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## Corrections and clarifications

On page seven of last week's edition we incorrectly reported that US-born student Leanne Tams applied to the International Debates Festival. It was in fact International Affairs Forum which Tams was invited to speak.

In the puller of the Leeds Student Council Application form an oversight possible if you see an error in the pages, email the editor at editor@leedsstudent.org.uk. Please quote date and page number.

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Well done, Richard, you're leaving it a couple of weeks before negotiating and adding "the problem with alcohol" into the next issue. Agonising over it.

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It is just you who thinks about it in a "character" format, really says including references to her "partner" every week. No, it's not.

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No you can't afford the increased prices of some private accommodation then it's no problem, but for some it is a concern.

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Jono Hall

## Jono Hall takes a look at the international community as it discusses the final status of Kosovo and argues that there may not be one solution to please all.

A state can be defined by many things: the value of its people, its cultural heritage, its history and its linguistic background. But can a state will be widely defined by its ethnicity? According to the majority of the international community, it can.

Kosovo has had a turbulent past, having been conquered and ruled by several empires including the Byzantine, Roman and Ottoman Empires as well as being controlled over by almost all of its neighbours at some point in history, making it very ethnically diverse. However, it has been known to exist as a single entity by name of Dacia. Many in the international community now hope that a single independent Kosovo will once again appear on European maps.

Serbia, who legally 'own' Kosovo, has suffered many losses over the past few years. It was once the proud land of the Yugoslav nation which it also played a part in peace in what were merely bloody conflicts. More recently the tension between Serbia and Montenegro was broken after Montenegro declared independence. To top things off, having a very ethnic mix, part of it is considered Europe has been pulled into question

with the EU suspending an Association Agreement (seen as a prelude to membership). These factors have led to Serbia taking an increasingly hostile stance towards the independence of Kosovo, which they see as an integral part of Serbian heritage, even adopting a new constitution that recognises Kosovo as part of Serbia. Now the UN, under Martti Ahtisaari, have proposed a non-favouring independence. After all of Serbia's insistence and the slow pace of reform that has resulted, it would be unwise for the West to impose on Serbia yet another humiliating international law that can only lead to further chaos in the Balkans and a greater mood of despair in Serbia itself.

The UN has largely been ineffective at helping to keep the region stable and peaceful during the years since the peace agreements. However, there have been several flare-ups and with independence looming the situation is once again tense. Over the past week there have been increasing bomb attacks that have not just killed any human lives. But that can't change, war Kosovo is to be granted independence, it is that or the Serbian community in the region,

which Serbs evaded from the political process in Kosovo, would migrate and potentially the violence would break out. This would not be a surprising outcome, as tension between Serbs and Albanians in the region have never quite recovered since the peace agreements were signed. Serbs and Albanians even live in separate areas. With this climate it is understandable that no negotiations can reach an agreeable compromise. What is needed is not a decision on a final status, but efforts to resolve the two communities and work towards building up an effective and dynamic economy.

Over the last few years of the recent past and the depressing state of the economy, the most attractive prospect for Albanians is seen as independence from Serbia. This will not, however, solve the issues. It will create a small landlocked state in a turbulent part of Europe that will still see the remaining presence of a large foreign peacekeeping force. Furthermore, it will have a border state in the north of Serbia which have been giving their men and putting up with another amount of violence. It is the UK and EU whilst trying to move forward. An

imposed resolution may also see provisions for the forced one to other states conflict in Europe, with Bosnia being more regions may be incorporated into the Federation. There are undesirable outcomes that must be taken into account before declaring a solution.

The issues surrounding Kosovo are complex to solve. Yet, can, however, be certain that granting independence and giving the will of ethnic Serbs will not lead to the desired peace. At most it will temporarily work the leadership of states that European leaders have begun to designate to solve. The real problem will, however, remain and independence may only serve to make them more acute.

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Zahra Bakir

## Zahra Bakir speaks out against the stereotypes and misconceptions of women in Islam and the role men have played in their oppression.

There occurred a revolution in Arabia in the 18th century, one where the shackles and restraints were felt to this day in political Islam. Women not covered only veils, head and eyes. They headed, if anything at all, no more than material powers which often concealed away behind their eyes. Misbehaved moved not only armies, legislation, empires, peoples, dynasties, but soldiers of men and women to one third of the then inhabited world, and more. Beyond the diams, the gods, the religions, the ideas, the attitudes, the beliefs, the souls.

The message he brought was one of peace, impossible matters and it was serving day towards our brothers and sisters in Islam and humanity. At a time when infidel girls were being sold because of this, a man called Muhammad's most controversial reforms related to the treatment of women. He called upon women's rights to equality, education and adherence to name but a few laws that Europe subsequently became known for.

Conversely, with time, these same laws and attitudes have devolved to the Mar-

tinian world. They have become lost in translation - literally. As with most religions, almost all Islamic religious scholars are male, and men as the focus are observed with power, control and world/female domination whether they subscribe to religious views or otherwise. Call me cynical, but I cannot help but think that the mysterious deterioration of the laws governing the rights of half the population is a culturally-influenced political-theological and surely detrimental to the health of any society. Sadly, many pretensions of holy texts call upon women to remain inconspicuous, to unapologetically stay close, to participate less in public life.

Of course, such treatment of women is not restricted to the Muslim world only, and is found globally in a multitude of cultures and societies. But what I find most abhorrent is when religion is used to disguise and justify such mistreatment. This can be anything from mistreating the Queer sex acts and existing health situations to ignoring new ways to walk those in pain.

As a result of this power struggle, Muslim women have very little in the

way of representation. I find it very disturbing when in public debates about the legal (read) and legal (read) men that are speaking out behind of women are being viewed and represented as that were not representative nor did they sound credible.

One of the most controversial debates in Muslim circles is the issue of free mixing. Should men and women mix freely? Well of course they should. Surely in the interest of the propagation of human knowledge and the betterment of human relations, we should all share our experiences and wisdom regardless of age, race or gender, and any mix should be the way should be stamped out.

Another debate is over whether women are permitted to be leaders. The argument is that women are emotional creatures and will act on emotions as opposed to logic. I find that assertion flawed as there are men who are complete emotional cripples in comparison to women. In fact, world wide, stronger, more moral and principled leaders than any man - particularly in the Muslim communities. In any case, the Prophet's first and most beloved wife

Khadija was a pioneer in business and a leader in Muslims in her own right and had women to entrust letters.

The view of marriage is also wrong. It is not as a union over and the procurement of ownership rights to a woman who is expected to provide side care, children and pleasure. Women are taught to 'love' their husbands with no mention of respect and teaching contained which is the method Muhammad used.

I do not fully support the so-called emancipation of women in the West as it is based on a surreal foundation - for a woman this is not freedom. It is slavery to her image, dress and men. Then again, I do not advocate the 'good little wife at home' model as it reflects ignorance on the other end of the spectrum. I intend all women to take hold of their own destinies and to preserve their self-worth, self-value and self-respect despite the whims and wails of men and society.

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# World

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## Sport

# 300 Seconds in sport

## 'Irish Andrew'

By Michael Miles



"I had a go at kickboxing... and this guy kicked me in the stomach. It was a bit of a wince-er!"

Andrew Gear  
New Activities Officer

LS - Hi Andrew. What's your job like now going forward?

AG - Oh, well I'm the new activities officer for the Union which means I'll be working with the activity groups and the sports societies. I talk to the committees and discuss important findings if possible. I will be trying to make sure that they are happy and that everything is in place for them to do their best.

LS - What do you think about last year at the moment?

AG - At the minute, our groups are doing really well. All the teams are really hard but a lot of them are at full capacity and have a lack of space. I will be continuing to lobby for more space and support if things want to do this. For example using the universities space for

practice so we can get more people involved in the different sports teams. The participating society are a good example, they're having to use people away from 'they're got too many people'. It's good news that we've got the extension post on the way and that new development near the business school, so they'll be more space so we can accommodate more students.

LS - How do you think our sports teams have fared this year in BUSA?

AG - Yeah, they've done really well. The football team I know have had good results and it is definitely important that all our sporting successes this year are continued into next year. Hopefully more facilities and the extra support that we hope to provide will help that next year.

LS - Are you the sports type then?

AG - I'm not particularly sporty to be honest. I want to be swimming in the first year but everyone was really fit and I think I really shined. I like with the sports science students so although I'm not a sports person myself, I know what it is like from them.

LS - If you were to deliver your own sports at university, what would it be please give reasons for your choice.



FRUITY CHARACTER: Andrew aims to provide more facilities.

AG - Hmm, I'd probably go with football a bit. It seems like a fun sport, really active and non-contact sport so I would've got better up like in rugby for example. I did have a go at kickboxing when I was in first year and the guy kicked me in the stomach. It was a bit of a wince-er so I'll pass.

LS - Do you support a football team?

AG - I don't really follow them but if I supported anyone it would be Man United because it's what my dad supports.

LS - Events is obviously a massive one on the university sporting calendar. Are you looking forward to getting involved?

AG - Definitely. It will be a really good experience and I've heard a lot about it in the past. Lots of my friends have been involved so it will be great to get involved myself and see all the teams in action.

LS - What events do you do and, as a student, what year is your best memory of your sleep?

AG - I do music, probably my best memory would be when I organised the music society ball in my second year. It was held at the Royal Arms and we managed to get a really good down there. That ball was really good.

LS - Away from your course, do you have any other university interests?

AG - Oh yeah, numerous. Only recently I was a member of a chess team and even a member of the YMCA. I was in the Irish dance and saw the Thrax Group perform. Tinas Ambrosio, who was really good.

LS - How was the rest of your year?

AG - It was quite stressful but with great chance to talk to different people and trying to get people to vote.

LS - Do you think the current election has, having in mind many people just in last a popularity contest?

AG - It is quite popular but we have to look in the votes. They can figure out what are the good ideas, you could have loads of friends but getting people to vote needs a good message and message to inspire them to vote.

LS - What are you looking forward to next year?

AG - Yeah BUSA and UCS, which is the body for the education sports, a combination of one body. Hopefully it will get more people involved and sports development, getting people enthused about the 300 games coming up.

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# Where football kicked off

## Sporting feature

The oldest football team on the planet gets ready to face one of the all-time greats, Real Madrid. Joseph Barber looks at the life and times of Sheffield FC

Sheffield has given the world a few acts in its history, from steel to Sainsbury's to a famous pop. However, there is one offering that has been heralded as football's birthplace.

This year, Sheffield F.C. celebrates its 150th year and one man is helping the club into the 21st Century. This is chairman Richard Time.

Time has taken across the globe to be the profile of the Northern club in the East League (NEL) since Division one, meeting with a Madrid president, Ramon Calderin as several occasions. Time has also set alongside France's national FA, and is associated with Sheffield F.C. and Time is now negotiating a friendly in Madrid against Los Galacticos.

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Time has a strong sense of

It's one. The ordinary folk about town is oblivious to the fact that club football started in Sheffield, and that is something that needs to change.

With that attitude as a goal Sheffield F.C. Time also sees the club as do great work in the community. The club has several disabled teams and has coaches traveling to schools around the city coaching young kids.

Sheffield F.C. thinks in Time, has now become a powerful brand in its own right. For instance, Richard used the brand of Sheffield F.C. to start his Boots for Africa campaign. The campaign involves collecting used football boots across Britain and sending them to Africa so that children there can play football. It's a simple campaign that really shows the power that the beautiful game has to change lives.

Sheffield has always been innovative in football, from Richard's campaign for Africa, to way back in 1871, when Sheffield introduced heading to the game. Heading was outlawed in the south (as Sheffield came to the capital to play London at the Oval).

The sight of Sheffield players heading the ball reduced the London team and their supporters to fits of laughter. Sheffield rules also became widely accepted with the introduction of a solid crossbar, the use of corner kicks, free kicks for goals, throw-ins



**LOYALTY:** The chairman meets Boots  
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which includes the likes of Manchester United, Celtic, Rangers, and PSV Eindhoven, with all games to be televised on Sky and ESPN.

The club has come so far in its 150 years and still stands proud as a brand, as an innovator and as a national institution.

In a time when football leagues and Premier league ticket prices are soaring to ridiculous amounts, costing more than £20 to watch Arsenal, and more than £28 a pop to see Leeds at

the bottom of the Championship, Sheffield F.C. are a team that people should be looking to see.

At a few quid a game it's football in its purest form, it's a few football should be. The commercial side is changing the modern game, and making it almost impossible for local working class fans to watch their team. Sheffield F.C. is the alternative.



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obility and believes that field should be bringing to the '07 that it is some of the oldest. He said, "If this was anywhere - in England, say Manchester or Oxford, then everyone would know they are the home of the oldest in the world. Sheffield F.C. is the 11th oldest in Sheffield.

and the first every football match held at Bramall Lane. For Sheffield, this year's birthday are planned to celebrate the occasion, with a dinner planned in October with distinguished guests from all of the highest echelons of world football. In May, the team travel to Hong Kong to attend a senior seven tournament,

## Sport

## Good week



## American Football

Did they ever have a 'bad week'? The Dallas arrive a hot day defeat against Newcastle and set up a possible win at Sheffield in the playoffs. The boys will be confident of going a little way.

## Women's Rugby

They had already won the title with a victory over Durham last week but their defeat at Sheffield on Wednesday meant they won't win the whole season undefeated through.

## BUSA Knownocks

The last was a massive 6 games on Wednesday 11 of which were in the BUSA Knownocks. The teams continue to get going for Championships next week. Best of luck to them.

## Basketball

Of the six teams for Leeds last Wednesday, five of them came out the Hockey arena. Only the Men's side were beating Newcastle 30-32. The Men's loss and Women's 2nd loss to Birmingham whilst the Women's look to beat.

## Women's Tennis

We had they had a tough draw at Loughborough and that is what proved to be. The girls fought hard but went down 10-0. The Men on the other hand beat Aberdeen 3-2.

## Men's Fencing

The guys were one of the only other teams to lose in the BUSA Knownocks on Wednesday. They lost 11-11 to Northumbria.

## Ping pong kings

The Table Tennis Club have returned from the National University Championships as the first BUSA Champions of 2007.

Raymond Denny and Adam Bleakley were victorious as the Men's Doubles winners over the weekend at the BUSA Individual Championships, on grounds Wednesday with their first BUSA champions of the New Year.

Bleakley returned the same leads and Adam made it in the quarter finals of the men's singles event.

In their doubles triumph they entered an another one result and reached the final, despite a number of

close rounds. The competition results were a best of five games, all of which went to the wire before they progressed and were eventually crowned Champions.

Table tennis club captain, Andrew Caron said: "It was a great performance against some of the best table tennis players from all the other universities. The guys performed really well under massive pressure and each game was really close."

Caron went on to comment on the high quality of opposition they faced with Denny and Bleakley, "The rest of the team also played well and it was a good overall team performance."



Denny and Bleakley on their way to the Championship

PHOTO: Andrew Caron

## Return of the champions

By Graham Clark

After several weeks of anticipation, the Champions League knockout stage had finally come around, and although all the results did not go the way of the English clubs, Leeds was in to go out to all of them as each one is well in with a great chance of reaching the quarter finals. In short, so do we just this. With Liverpool facing possibly the biggest task of the week, it seems a logical to start the count up from the Semi-Camp as the result was probably the best achieved out of all the English clubs playing the week.

Any hope the Non-Camp is going to be interesting and exciting, but with Liverpool having several of the field positions, going into the clash makes the result even better for Rafa Benitez side. After going behind in an early phase goal, when they should pop up but that of the constant Camp. Benitez to grab the Liverpool against two minutes before half time. This thought was not to be the end of the story.

Most teams would quite happily settle for an away goal in Barcelona, but in the 90th minute, Bellamy's newly found 'best mate' John Arnesen, was to go and grab a winner for the boys from Middlesbrough. After all the on-going issue around Liverpool had going into this match, this was a nice little surprise. Leeds had played a game for the club as they now have one foot in that quarter final.

The other winners this week were Manchester United as Tuesday night saw them claim a previous away win against French side Lille. There were several talking points to come out of the game and more news to than the nature of United's goal.

Now can you mind back a couple of seasons to when Thierry Henry scored that quick fire kick against Chelsea in the 80th minute of the group stage, now more forward a couple of seasons and more goals it happens again. This time the culprit is Ryan Giggs. Not despatching Giggs and his quick thinking, as he was obviously one step ahead of the Lille keeper, and one step which ultimately won the game for the Reds but what it did do was create a sense of chaos.

The first of these was the intervention from the Lille fans to try to lead players off the pitch in protest and secondly there was the response from the home fans, a response which was limited right back Gary Neville got smacked on the head was a notable British angry crowd. As a tactical expert, United's manager for Alex Ferguson demanded an inquiry to be taken up by UEFA regarding these incidents, as they do not have a place in the game. Following both of these events, they were nearly given a 'points deduction' in several United fans became convinced after the knowing which Liverpool had reported their protest.

After a promising two of the English clubs pushing up against it, it is now time to turn attention to those who could quite mean a real bad goal valuable draw, starting with the Derby Town. Scattered today, Chelsea went into the game for another to come away with a win, which would set them up nicely for the home leg of Barcelona. However, Fortuna was not able to deny the Champions of England the honour, as on the 120th minute, Muntari was to put the home side out. A goal that is not to be a team other than Port-Coch, but then a second looking



## WEDNESDAY'S BUSA RESULTS

Men's Basketball v Glasgow	7	Women's Hockey I v Bristol I	1
Women's Basketball v Imperial College I	4	Women's Hockey II v Birmingham II	1
Men's Basketball v Aberdeen I	91	Men's Rugby League II v Nottingham II	26
Women's Basketball v St Andrews I	42	Men's Rugby Union I v Liverpool John Moores	62
Men's Fencing v Northumbria I	111	Men's Rugby Union II v Huddersfield	26
Women's Fencing v Dundee I	121	Men's Rugby Union III v Leeds Met	26
Men's Football I v Nottingham I	2 Pts	Women's Rugby Union v Sheffield	18
Men's Football III v York I	2 Pts	Men's Squash v Glasgow I	0
Women's Football I v East Anglia I	1	Women's Squash v Aberdeen I	1
Leeds wins by walkover		Men's Tennis v Aberdeen I	2
Men's Hockey I v Birmingham I	2	Women's Tennis v Loughborough	0
Men's Hockey IV v Warwick I	3		

shared a number of overabundant deflections off Frank Lampard. As well as this happening, there was a sight that no Blues fan wanted to see, that of John Terry being sent off for a foul on only 15 minutes. The sight was to be witnessed when he lay down hitting out an attacker, with long Ferdinand as a substitute for much of the remainder of the match, a factor as though on first instinct Terry couldn't defend for several weeks, a problem in which Mourinho could well be without.

Back to the match, and within four minutes Chelsea were to be back on level terms as substitute, Ryan Robson's thumping header hit through to Shevchenko who calmly struck before just the falling Frank Lampard. There were no more goals to be made, but the men did it to score a highly competitive match with both sides scoring efforts until half of the second hour. Chelsea will be pleased enough with the draw as they may have the advantage of the home leg to come, but the main draw point in the first night was seeing John Terry on



PACKED The Men's Union suffered limited space on away trip to Lille

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## Bad week

# Leeds Raiders

## Good week

American Football  
Leeds Celtic 21 - 23 Newcastle  
Raiders

By Adam Kauls

Although both the Leeds Celtic and Newcastle Raiders entered this game with their place in the play-offs already secure, this match proved to be anything but a dead rubber. The Celtic had lost their opening game of the season to Newcastle, and gained a fitting revenge in an extremely tough and hard-fought battle.

Following some inspirational speeches by captain Hugh Morgan and the long-serving John Gripton, the Celtic overcame the game setting up the opening kick-off Chris Greenwood - a special team specialist, mischievous on set-piece, and a four Newcastle players, setting the tone for the entire match.

Chris delivers their first kick and stopped their opponents on the first drive of the match, giving the defence good field position. They need it in their advantage, moving down the field with a good mixture of pass and

run plays, before Tony Giddey caught his first touchdown pass of the season from James Finney.

The Raiders, however, came back strongly. Using a lead and avoid one interception, before they slowly cleared the Celtic's back and with the first half drawing to a close they had taken a 19-7 lead.

It was at this point that the match seemed to turn back into Leeds' favour. An emphatic take set-up for a touchdown by Ben Barker and conversion by Jason Robinson brought the Celtic to within one point of levelling the game. After a great stop by the defence, Leeds again charged down the field but with one second remaining in the half could not quite get the ball into the endzone.

In the second half, after Ian Bennett scored a fumble, Leeds began to show their quality and pulled away from Newcastle. Ben Barker scored another touchdown on a pass from Finney, and in the fourth quarter rampaging running back Adam Jones put the game beyond Newcastle with the Celtic's fourth touchdown.

John Gripton then intercepted a



The Celtics will be confident of a good run in the post season

pass on Newcastle's next drive and resulted in yards for another score. The Raiders got a consolation touchdown with the last play of the game, but it was of no consequence.

With this victory the Celtic bring their record for most points scored in a season, in addition to already being the highest scoring team in Britain and by beating Newcastle managed

to tie its 2006 record and before the play-off start in a fortnight.

Leeds are likely to be playing away from home at Sheffield, but as the Celtic have not lost since their third game of the season they will be confident of having a deep post-season run.

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# A perfect season

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In the first five minutes of the second half Leeds proved their stamina and still by increasing their lead, with another try by Pauline from the 22 metres line and conversion from Gripton following a tackle on the half way line on Norman and some critical play from the forwards. Leeds' original coach the field. A post one line Adam to score a second time on the wing set up another try and conversion. Leeds continued to put pressure on, progressing quickly to the Sheffield 50 yard line. Norman sidestepped and clipped but they put the Sheffield defence to rest five more points on the score board. Mackay followed quickly with the conversion.

In the last fifteen minutes of the game, a resolve Sheffield might feel, scoring a penalty, but failed to convert the try. Sheffield started to show momentum after scoring the penalty and regained possession and managed to score a try. The fullback Leeds players entered a free kick and a lack of discipline meant

they considered more penalties now to their own try line. The remainder of the game was an even tussle with both sides fighting with any strategy they had left. A screen on the half way line regained possession for Leeds which got the ball into the hands of Parkin. The games top score. They secured the final score with an amazing run to the

try line, which as expected was converted by Laura Mackay. The final score of 50 - 19 was celebrated in style with a glorious shower of champagne.

Leeds proved exactly why they were the ultimate Champions of their division and shall make worthy opponents against highly regarded

and established Premiership teams in the coming playoffs for the RFSA Cup. The first playoff is looking likely to be played against Nottingham on Wednesday 7th March. If the girls are drawn at home, up at Wrexham, the team would appreciate a supportive crowd in between trips to the open bar.

Although the RFSA league has come to an end, the women shall only head home a short break before they compete in further exciting fixtures. Upcoming tournaments, such as the Christie Cup, leading the WFN Regional 16, RFSA 7s, and Yorkshire 16, shall all take place between now and the end of the summer.

Women's rugby then helps to give a massive lift in the launch of the second Allotment Day, due to be a annual and noticeable reaction between all girls and old boys from a wide range of secondary schools. The hope is that the event on Saturday 30th May shall gain enough interest and support to become an event at the Variety Day.



All smiles after the win that secures an unbeaten season

PHOTO: SHANE GILBERT



The Premiership

two weeks in the FA Cup on Saturday night this year, in recognition of going records to first, with the so-called 'magic' of the Cup won in the United Kingdom last.

being about the and Chelsea in the final at the New Wembley last?

Andy Murray

His year for the top ten continued but resulted with his victory in the ATP SAP Open in San Jose. The Scot showed great determination, coming from one set down to beat the Croatian grand slam finalist, winning a final set tie-break to clinch the title.



Camp

The Aces

Having enthralled England in the Big Ashes match, they have now lost their morale internationally as a new world No.1. Cup loss that last week was bitter. Opponent Matthew Hayden took a wicket in England's whether he will be fit for the World Cup.



Utt The 14th home debut of Manchester United is named by every both on and off the pitch. The players stress of following Ryan Giggs' controversial winner and scored single season a 13th, investigation look forward then.

Wigan and Referees

After making a complete game of the final, the referee allowed two late set-backs towards the Wigan players. Referee John Smith is seen off by controversial by Rob Styles.



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Bad week

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## The untouchables

★ Women's Rugby champions complete undefeated season

By Lucy Barton, Wendy Yoo and Laura Mackay

A 22-5 win at Durham last week ensured Leeds would finish top of their league. The next challenge was to beat Sheffield in the last game of the league to be crowned league champions, which they did ahead.

At the start of the season Leeds, Durham and Sheffield were all strong contenders to win the league and gain promotion to the Premiership. The Leeds team have gone from strength to strength throughout the season. They gained early victories over Sheffield and Durham on their own grounds and followed these with easy victories over Lancaster and Bradford. There was also a great number of breaks who joined the team and some went on to be vital members of the team.

Wednesday's match was a difficult fixture at Sheffield, decided worthy opponents, were determined to disrupt Leeds' celebrations. With all eyes blazing at the start of the match Leeds put on the pressure. All 10 girls gave everything they could muster, and a breakthrough by Sarah Norman meant Leeds were approaching Sheffield's try line. A cardy pass from Vicky Romney to Lucy Hubbard, meant Hubbard was free to score. Laura Mackay kicked the ball through the post with ease, to put the first seven points on the scoreboard. Minutes later a breaking run by Rebecca Parker looked like it would extend Leeds' advantage. However, she was intercepted at the 22 metre line. 45 minutes in, Leeds were in complete control of the game and a brilliant drive through Gae Delahanty put Sam Summers over the line and Leeds further in front.

Towards the end of the test ball

Sheffield put on the pressure pushing Leeds back into their own half. Leeds remained strong, fought back, and a maul by Sheffield allowed Leeds to gain back possession near Sheffield's try line. Leeds passed the ball swiftly along the back line. Parker looked ready to create space and score a try in the corner. Despite her efforts, another hard conversion position for Mackay meant that the amazing kicker did not convert the try.

Leeds gained ground from a driving run by Romney towards the Sheffield try line, finished by pass from Sarah White to Parker. She sprinted to the try line, placing the ball in between the posts, and an excellent conversion dampened Sheffield's spirit even further. Leeds controlled play in the first half, but the girls at Sheffield showed an indication of getting up.

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BLISSFULLY: The girls celebrate their victory with champagne

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