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## Union boos over Print Machine— £500 Lost

THE Union is now to sell the offset-litho printing press which it bought three years ago for £750. Phil Holmes, former exec member, who was involved in the purchase of the machine, has estimated that the Union will only get £250 when it is sold.

Union President Shona Falconer said that it was originally purchased "because we thought printing for the Union would be cheaper and more efficient with someone to operate this."

The question of operating the machine has been the main problem. During the first six months after the Union bought it, Mr. Holmes operated the machine himself. After this the machine came under the jurisdiction of Services Section, who had trouble recruiting an operator.

When the machine was purchased it was thought that societies would use it for high quality printing for magazines. At that time there were twelve magazines being produced in the Union, but now the demand is very much less.

Said Mr. Holmes: "There was a much better case for buying it then than there is for not selling it now."

Here is the first in a new series of . . .

## LEEDS LOVELIES

She is Maureen Marner from London, aged 18 years, and is a first-year English student.

Watch out for an new girl every week.



This is 'Not provocation' says Tory Soc.

# WALL M.P. TO REVISIT LEEDS

By Jane Fickling

PATRICK WALL will be returning to the Union to speak to students on November 8th. After his controversial speech last session and the demonstration after it, was agreed that he should come back as soon as possible.

"We want to uphold the right of free speech," said Conservative Association Chairman Mike Redwood "Normally a speaker would not return so soon."

### TROUBLE

Last week "Union News" reported that several Conservative M.P.'s had vowed not to visit a University where trouble such as occurred last May could be allowed to happen.

Interviewed about this attitude and his impending visit Patrick Wall said: "I'm surprised at this. I would have thought it was up to us to back up the Conservative Associations in the Universities, especially now while we are under pressure."

"I naturally come to speak when I am invited

and I am very proud to do so," he continued.

Mr. Wall does not expect any trouble at the meeting. "But I'll look out my tin hat before I come," he said.

Mr. Redwood has not yet arranged with Mr. Wall what the speech is to be about, but Rhodesia is likely to be one of the issues. He does not expect any demonstrations outside the meeting but anticipates a lively meeting inside the hall.

### PROVOCATIVE

"We expect a very, very, noisy meeting and we will have plenty of stewards to provide control," added Mr. Redwood. "I don't think it is a provocative step to ask an M.P. to come and speak."

Mrs. Wall will not be accompanying her husband



Patrick Wall speaking on his visit to Leeds last May.

to Leeds on this occasion. "She does not usually come with me unless it happens to be convenient," said Mr. Wall. He stressed that her absence would not be because he feared a recurrence of last session's events when she fell in the crush on the steps outside the Union.

Members of the Conservative Association attended the Tory Party Conference last weekend and invited several M.P.'s to speak at Leeds. Three front benchers will be coming to speak in the next two terms. Reginald Maulding will be attending the annual dinner in November, and Mr. Peter Walker and Sir Edward Boyle will be speaking in the Union next term.

## New Society Formed

UNITED NATIONS day, next Thursday, will see the formation of an Amnesty International Group within the Union.

The group, which is totally non-political, is being formed by two second-year students, Jane Hingley and Felicity Glen, members of the Leeds branch. A guest speaker will address the inaugural meeting explaining the aims of the society.

These aims are to obtain the release of 'prisoners of con-

science' by contacting appropriate embassies, prisons, ministers and trade unions, emphasising their plight.

Each group will be allocated three prisoners each taken from the Eastern, Western, and Afro-Asian Blocs.

LEEDS graduate, David Cropper, last week won his heat in the 800 metres at the Mexico Olympics. David is an ex-Civil Engineering student and was British Universities Champion for the half mile for the three years that he was at Leeds.

Cropper's success was no surprise to Gary Smith, Vice-President of the Athletics Club, who puts the fact that David

## LEEDS GRAD. OUT OF OLYMPICS

was an unknown, down to his not competing in the major Athletics Championships and the 'terrible publicity' that he received in the press.

### Fastest Finish

"Nobody seemed to want to know him" he added, "which is rather surprising for a man whose best time over 800 metres is 1 minute 47.2 secs. and who possesses the fastest

finish of any British half-miler."

The first heat suited him as it was run at a slow pace, but placed in the fastest quarter final, Cropper finished last. But Mr. Smith sees no reason why he should not be among the medals in Munich 1972, if he retains interest.

Another ex-Leeds student, Gareth Bryan-Jones, the three A's steeplechase champion, was eliminated in his heat.

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## LANDLADY STEVENS OFFERS DIGS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS

AT the end of the long vacation, Lady Stevens, wife of the Vice-Chancellor Sir Roger Stevens, offered to accommodate any students unable to find immediate temporary lodgings at the beginning of term.

Several clergymen of her acquaintance also offered to help, but Mr. Stephenson, the Assistant Registrar, decided not to use the accommodation which was offered.

"I thought it more advisable from the students' point of view that they should only be moved once, from Weetwood to their permanent lodgings," he explained "rather than moving them to Lady Stevens and

then yet again to a permanent place."

Because of this, provision was made to house the students in Weetwood sports pavilion. Mr. Stephenson stressed that there are now no students there and that as far as he knows all students are lodged satisfactorily. "In fact there are good lodgings which are not being used," he added.

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# THE HALL THAT KICKED THE IDEA OF BOYS OUT



Anne Harris: "Basically it's a reasonable idea . . ."

THE sound of fugitive female feet will not echo along the corridors of Weetwood Hall for some time yet. At a recent meeting the girls of Weetwood were asked to accept the idea of the Hall accommodating both sexes. But there was no pandering to progressiveness. Modesty prevailed. And the motion was overwhelming booted out.

The general attitude was that "it is impractical to change the present situation," as a cautious girl expressed. Another added: "I get all the boys I want. What has a mixed hall of residence got to offer me that I haven't got now?"

"Basically, it is a reasonable idea, but it would not work in an establishment like Weetwood," explained 1st year Miss Bernadette Radcliffe.

At a meeting called last Monday, over 90% of the second and third year girls of Weetwood, rejected the proposal. Of the first-year girls only 88% put the idea to bed!

This summarised the main body of opinion: the idea was

not impossible and could be adopted, but it would involve a certain amount of inconvenience and expense—to no real purpose or benefit.

It appears that someone may already be frustrated by the rejection of this idea. Recently a key was stolen from one girl, (and more seriously, some money), and Weetwood Hall has been re-issued with new locks and keys.



Bernadette Radcliffe: "... but it would not work in an establishment like Weetwood."

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

The term has only just begun, but already student dissent is rife and the University daubed with whitewash protests.

Student protest is a useful weapon serving to draw attention to injustice, but it seems that every few days some student protest is underway and this continual harangue serves only to dilute the potency of the weapon.

Although many protests are orderly affairs, an increasing number are organised with preconceived violence. Already the protest in London on Oct. 27th is destined to be a bloody affair. This to me, is the tragedy of student protest. To go with

an honest heart is a virtue, but to go with a pickaxe handle is sheer stupidity.

John Wood,  
(2nd year chemist)

Dear Sir,

I am very concerned with the lack of help given to first year students. Their problems are recognized and discussed but a two days Freshers' Conference is by anyone's standards insufficient. Once term has begun it is the survival of the fittest. How will I be able to tackle my course? Which societies shall I join? Do I really feel a part of the University?

I propose a constructive

method to help alleviate some of the such anxieties. A first year student should be allocated to a more senior student within his department. Yes—it might superficially sound paternal. But first year students want to meet others who can positively help them instead of just bemoaning their fate, amongst themselves.

This system operates at some halls of residence. It should be extended to operate throughout the University. I strongly urge the staff student committee to consider this proposal. With this co-operation this suggestion could be put effectively into practice.

Sandra Coppard.

Dear Editor,

We are thoroughly disgusted at the state of affairs in the Union. Last week's hop finally induced us to write this letter. Apart from a slight matter of the main group failing to turn up and everyone being ejected at 11.00 p.m. no attempt was made either to apologise or refund some of the money which no doubt found its way into Union funds, which by now must be quite enormous.

We think that the Union and in particular Saturday night hops need a drastic reform. If run more efficiently the bar could bring in more profits by having an extension, which incidentally all the colleges have at their hops, and most important making sure they will not run short of beer, which frequently occurs (by now the staff should have some idea of the demand). We imagine, as happened last year, the attendances will gradually drop so as to barely fill the hall thus losing more revenue, but with better organisation this could be avoided.

We would like to impress upon persons responsible for the organisation of the hops that we are indeed adults in society and we feel a hop ending a supposedly liberal University at even 11.30 p.m. is rather ridiculous.

J. I. Hogg,  
C. D. Jones,  
A. Goldsworthy,  
N. J. A. Harrison.

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## Young Liberal Chairman Kelly Speaks In Union



"POLITICIANS are scared of youthful protest because they know that it cannot be contained in the existing political institutions."

This was the point made by Leeds graduate and former Union Secretary Phil Kelly when he spoke to a meeting of the Young Liberals in the Union last Thursday. Phil is the present Chairman of Young Liberal students.

"But", he continued, "student violence is completely unnecessary and very, very unwelcome in this country at this time."

On the subject of education he said that the representation being offered to students at the present time was not the kind of participation that the Young Liberals were talking about.

Liberals should make sure that representatives on staff/student committees were mandated, and should demand that both staff and student sides be elected.

"At present", he added "education consists to turn people out to perform very specific roles within society and they are not capable of criticising either their education or society."

# Porter hurt at hop break-in

A Union Porter was injured on the head while trying to prevent intruders from illegally entering last Saturday's Hop. Three other people were called down from the roof of University House.

One of the entrants was trying to force a window when the glass gave way and fell on porter, Sid Harrison.

"I was only slightly hurt," said Mr. Harrison. "As far as I am concerned it was a case of high spirits. I don't want any fuss."

But Mr. Blood, Clerk to the Union declared: "This is the last straw."

"This type of incident has not occurred for some time," said Chief Catering Officer, Mr. Greenhalgh; "It may well not be students of the University. I have informed the porters that if any further attempts are sighted to call the police immediately."

He added: "I realise that to many people this is a

lark. But it is a serious matter. Much of the property that these people cross is private, and consequently the police will treat the matter very seriously."

Several people from Colleges in Leeds tried to gain entrance on Saturday night and a crowd of them blocked the doors. While last year they were allowed to attend the hops, this year they are not associated members of the Union because their courses have been down-graded from degree status.

So far only one student, from Park Lane, has applied for membership.



The Annual O.T.C. Picket

## PICKETS AT O.T.C. STAND

TRouble struck the O.T.C. stand more than once last week. Protests came for both the University and the pickets.

The University told them to move on when they erected the stall outside Refec. two days before term. No discrimination was intended as the Marxists were also cleared off. (They went and distributed their leaflets outside the Union precinct by the iron gate. The authorities wished the Freshers to have unimpeded access to Refec. before the new session officially began.)

### JOHN QUAIL

When the stall was allowed, the annual pickets, between 10 and 20 strong led by John Quail (picture) and Louise Lavender, paraded peacefully with no interference from anyone, including Security. Last year the Security men took down names.

Miss Louise Lavender, who is a prominent member of Direct Action, told Union News, "This is the third year running we have picketed the O.T.C. stand, and the first time there have been no objections either from the O.T.C. or the University."

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# THE BIG PARKING PURGE

Keith Haines

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Asked about the bookings in Lyddon Terrace, Mr. I. C. Thorpe, Assistant Security Advisor, said "I have not

officially heard anything about this but I noticed that Lyddon Terrace was unusually congested that night."

"The situation is difficult," he continued, "but many people are inclined to ignore the warnings issued against parking in the vicinity of the University for extensive periods."

"Complaints are received from private citizens who still own houses in Lyddon Terrace and the other roads that they cannot park their vehicles close to their own homes. Even other students and University authorities complain of the congestion."

It was reported in 'Union News' last week that the University was attempting to

gain possession of Lyddon Terrace and the adjacent street to ease the present parking problems.

"It is not known yet when we will gain control of these streets," explained Mr. Smith, "that depends on the City Council. Even if we do, it is impossible to say, at this stage how the available space will be utilised or allocated. We have tried various means to ease the problem, but with an increasing number of vehicles using the facilities it is difficult to keep reins on the situation. I realise that the students car park is quite a distance from the University but I wish more students would utilise it."

"Until our possession of the roads is finalised with the City Council," he continued, "the roads are still public thoroughfares, and the cars parked there and at the front of the University are likely to be booked at any time for causing an obstruction."

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# Conference swamped by extrafreshers

"THREE hundred extra freshers nearly broke the back of Freshers' Conference," said Freshers' Conference Joint Secretary Chris Swann.

"All through the year we had been told by the University to cater for two thousand at the outside and this is what we did". It was later discovered by accident that in fact three hundred more than that had been admitted by the University, and nearly a hundred per cent of all freshers applied to come to the Conference.

But in spite of the extra numbers which caused severe overcrowding in lectures and similar events Freshers' Conference passed off very successfully.

The only other problem was the enormous length of the queues waiting to get into Refec. This was mainly due to speakers going over their time limit and group leaders who did not keep to their instructions about meal-times.

Two new features of Freshers' Conference proved extremely successful. All stewards wore academic gowns to make them more easily identifiable by the freshers.

## AUTHORITY

"This really made them stand out and it gave them some authority," commented Mr. Swann. "People listened to what they had to say."

The other innovation was to issue receipts to freshers for their lodgings

by Jane Fickling

fee during the Conference and the fee for the Conference itself, so that they can try to claim the money from their Local Education Authorities. Several hundred of these have been issued. It is up to the L.E.A. whether the claims will be successful.

In the hope of improving next year's Conference a questionnaire is being issued to a representative section of freshers asking them to assess the use and the enjoyment value of Freshers' Conference and to offer destructive and constructive criticism. A

similar questionnaire will be issued to group leaders so that the difficulties they encountered can be examined and advice given to future group leaders.

"Planning for next year has already begun," said Mr. Swann, "We have to re-think the whole thing if these numbers are kept up."

## LOST SIT-IN MONEY RETURNED

Sixty-two pounds missing after the sit-in last session has been recovered from a locked cupboard in Secretariat. It had been placed there by Union Secretary Martin Verity.

Mr. Verity returned to the Union on Monday and was informed about the missing money on the Tuesday. He did not immediately connect this with the money in Secretariat. "I had forgotten it was there and I hadn't had time to pick up my key to that cupboard," he explained.

"Had I been back before Monday then perhaps fewer people would have been worried for so long".

Interviewed, Jacquie Tennant said: "I'm glad the money's back—it's a weight off my mind. I'm surprised about Martin but I'm used to him by now."

## LEEDS TAKES FIVE CZECH STUDENTS

THROUGH N.U.S., Leeds University has agreed to provide five places for Czech students. Two of them Andrew Krivanek and Igor Gonda, arrived in time for Freshers' Conference and are living in Bodington Hall. The other three places have not yet been filled.

Krivanek has been accepted to do research in the Physics and Gonda is studying Chemistry. Both were in England at the time of the Russian occupation of Prague, their home town.

"We have been here about two months," said Krivanek.

by Keith Haines

and in the present circumstances would like to stay here as long as possible."

A Czech who was in Prague at the time of the Russian invasion was Dr. Duhaj who is at present with Professor J. Nutting, in the Department of Metallurgy. Dr. Duhaj does not intend to remain in Leeds.

"He is pursuing studies under a Fellowship which he

has been offered at Sheffield University," stated Prof. Nutting.

Another Czech, Dr. T. Hlubik, of the Phonetics Dept. was also in Prague during the period of occupation. He cut short his studies and returned to England immediately.

"There was no personal danger to me," stressed Dr. Hlubik, "I merely returned because of the inconvenience caused to my studies by the closure of libraries."

## Footnote

Czechoslovakia was the subject of a talk by Mr. Martin Milligan of the Philosophy Department to the Communist Society on Monday in the T.V. lounge.

After condemning the Soviet invasion on moral grounds, he outlined the historical basis for it, and the usual "Cold War" attitude of the Soviet Union.

He concluded with an appeal that the invasion should not be allowed to cause a split in the Communist party or result in a loss of objectives in their work among the people for Communists.

## NEW LUXURY FLATS FOR STUDENTS

by Pat Ferguson

DESPERATE students who called at the Lodgings Office at the end of last term were often lucky enough to land a room in one of the luxury maisonettes at the new Leek Road Development in Hunslet Road.

Seven two-storey maisonettes in this large Council Estate have been acquired by the University to ease the acute student accommodation shortage. They are centrally heated and spaciouly designed, comprising kitchen, bathroom, three single and one double room, which has a large balcony.

Reasonable rents and generous furnishing by the University have made the flats very popular.

Only one complaint was heard—their "horrible isolation". But although there are no telephones and the flats are South of City Station, there are regular bus services (nos. 7, 10, 19 & 21) into the city centre.

Miss Abell the University Lodgings Warden, was careful to enquire into the quietness and cleanliness of prospective tenants last term, and the resulting class of student is obviously much to the satisfaction of 3rd year historian Richard Harrison of no. 62 who says: "This is a welcome change from living near long-haired, unwashed Left-Wing weirdies."

Whether or not the other students agree to this, there is a pleasant amount of fraternisation between male and female inhabited flats—"I'll fix your heater if you iron my shirts," which points to the scheme being a huge success.

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REVIEWS

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INTRODUCING:

Discourse

by Martyn Stuart

WELL, you're all back aren't you? (well nearly all). I've seen you — seething across Woodhouse Lane, clutching your grant cheques in your clammy little hands. Don't waste it on books, booze and birds. Fill your pockets with "fresh greenies", trend townwards to your favourite record store, and incline your aural orifices toward some of the records you might have missed when you were digging roads, graves, potatoes, or anything but music.

Although the last Donovan single didn't seem to me to be all that indicative of the turn his music has been taken — his latest L.P. offers a very pleasing set recorded in Los Angeles. Amazing quality for a live recording and great value with over an hour's worth of old and new material.

Ignore the sleeve notes, and Donovan's dad doing the intro, and you've got yourself an excellent album. On Pye, it's titled 'Donovan in Concert'.

Lot of Blues

This summer, Fairport Convention (who've pleased many a Leeds student in the past)



"Now how are you going to freak out if you don't eat your pilchards."

brought out their first L.P., on Polydor. Excellent production by Joe Boyd makes it worth hearing in stereo for the interplay of the guitars and vocals. Their style could be described as folk/rock with a lot of Blues — see for yourself during Rag Week, when they appear at the Union.

Probably the most outstanding album of the summer was the long awaited 'Bookends' from Simon and Garfunkel. This has great emotional impact — the complex arrangements reinforcing the words, which seem to be significant at a very personal level. This L.P. requires a fully attentive listener — the full lyrics (all by Paul Simon) are on the sleeve.

If you liked Traffic's 'Mr. Fantasy' L.P. then their second album, 'Traffic' will definitely appeal. Tracks include "40,000 Headmen" — their latest single, and "You Can All Join In" — only previously available as an import. "Feelin' Alright" — the new Traffic single is on it as well. Picture-book sleeve designed by drummer Jim Capaldi, Traffic is one group which does seem to have 'progressed' — in spite of Dave Mason's fluctuating presence.

Singles

I don't suppose you fork out 8/3½d. very often, when it's only going to bring forth two tracks. However a group well worth

supporting with your pennies is Joe Cocker's Grease Band — remember "Marjorine?" Their laest is an incredibly soulful version of the Sgt. Pepper number, "With a Little Help From My Friends" . . . on Regal Zonophone.

Although Tony Joe White's "Soul Francisco" has been out over a month, I haven't yet heard it played on the radio (a grave oversight by all the producers concerned). Picture if you can, O. C. Smith backed by Jimi Hendrix, and that's about the size of it.

"Sunshine Of Your Love" IS the Cream. It's unfortunate that their final (there is now talk of them staying together) single is taken from an earlier Polydor album.

A dash of racialism, a soupcon of sex and a spoonful of crudity

Tim Griggs assesses Theatre Group's latest production.

Paul Sprague's interpretation of Hoskinson was a little wooden at times, though admittedly this is difficult to avoid in a script of this kind.

THEATRE GROUP introduced freshers to its activities with a performance of 'Prisoner and Escort' last Wednesday week and did so with a great deal of success.

Finally Debbie Findlay played the 'Girl'. I was impressed with her accent and make-up, and also with some ad-libbing which she put over effectively when an over-enthusiastic Geoff Durham ripped her coat.

The acting throughout was, at its worst, passable and at its best, excellent. Geoff Durham put over the part of Corporal Blake with obvious relish. Utilising large paunch and voice, his only real failing was that he appeared a little too much of a comical - caricature - sergeant - major.

The trouble with the performance, though, came not from the actors but from the play. Whatever its final effect may be when taken as a part of the trilogy 'Cockade', it is on its own unable to decide whether it is criticising the Army as an institution, what it does to people, or the inherent sadism of its members.

He also had a tendency to force his voice up into a falsetto—and occasionally a castrato—rather too often, so that authenticity was lost from time to time.

Into this is mixed a sprinkling of conventional morality, personified by the penitent prostitute. Not only this. There is a dash of racialism, a soupcon of sex and a spoonful or two of good wholesome crudity.

Martyn Watkins as Jupp never really came over with enough power. It would have helped had he been chained to the end of the rack nearer the audience, too, instead of which he was placed in an obscure position which allowed Mr. Durham — always in the foreground — to steal the limelight.

Four performers cannot, of course, be used as the basis upon which to judge a dramatic society. But there seems to be little doubt that if these four are at all representative, the Theatre Group's productions must be well worth seeing.

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# WHY FASHION ?

Back from working in Paris, Amanda Jones takes a final look for us at the fashion stakes in Leeds, with a word for the men as well. Union News starts a new monthly fashion series soon.

by **AMANDA JONES**

Amanda Jones models a trouser suit from Miss Selfridge in Lewis's, in the Headrow. Price £7-17-6d. Photographer: Pete Ames.



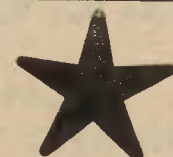
Either Leeds has recently developed a fashion-conscience or it has become the target of fast-expanding firms. The latter is more likely to be true, for although Leeds has never been directly associated with any revolutionary ideas in fashion the city is well-known for its clothing industry. This paradox is strengthened by the fact that many of London's newest looks are manufactured here and sent to London—when they become a successful line they are sent up to Leeds to be retailed.

Lately though, the slow circle has speeded up and fashion is reaching Leeds more quickly and to a significantly more receptive public. Several large shops have opened 'stores within a store' — the '21 Shop' at Marshalls and Snelgrove' for example, 'Bobbie Brooks' at Schofields and the highly successful 'Miss Selfridge' in Lewis'.

These shops have a predictable advantage, having customers of their parent shop already, over new boutiques which were starting up in quite a small way, like 'David Simon' in Commercial Street.

The fashion scene at University is very 'varied' — motley might be a better word. The majority of men, unfortunately, have little taste in clothes, usually alternating one pair of faded jeans for another, or wearing the ubiquitous sports or donkey jacket. Excellent for loafing around in, but we never get to see our Adonis dressed at all differently. Why should you bother, you may ask. Because you outnumber the fair sex and physical appearance will certainly swing the balance with your potential Venus.

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# Meet for new undergrads— just 10dys old

These four students were selected at random on their first day here. Union News plans to follow their progress through their first year as students. We want to find out next June whether what happened to them was what they expected.

Here, they talk about some of the things they are anticipating.



Frances Blunden probably fits herself best into her definition of 'trendies'. She thinks that perhaps hundreds of freshers will arrive as 'tweedies' but end up in June as trendies — an idea that is not so naive as it might sound. She herself, is rather disappointed at the low number of 'trendies' and 'hairies' here (our words not hers).

She comes from a small village and the thought of being overwhelmed by

Leeds, she finds depressing. Like the first year she talked to she and a few personal

She's in Charles and doesn't like of digs much and seem all that ke flat next year. She her biggest probl will be getting work, and so hasn't been imple lectures.

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Mahibulla Dir Pakistan-born fir Chemistry stud

from Manchester. He spoke quietly and intelli- gently about his first impressions of Leeds.

"Freshers Conference was a load of rubbish," he says but interrupts himself quickly — "No,



don't write that down. I'll rephrase it." He decided after all, that it was necessary and allowed you to feel your way round in a somewhat protected condition. He had positive reservations about the catering, how- ever.

In common with many of this years' freshers, Mahibulla was quite blasé about the achievement of getting to a University. The sheer size of numbers at the conference rout any feelings of merit or privilege. "Mind you, I'm not worried about academic standards, I think I'll measure up O.K."

He remarked himself how much freshers looked 'fresh' and seemed to undergo — some at least — a metamorphosis in the first year shedding their tweeds and emerging as fully formed students.

He thinks first years are bound to ape their seniors but (at this point he winced) "I hope to remain an individual." Boddington, where he lives is luxurious and he was surprised at the discrepancy in comfort and opportunity between the Halls of Residence and registered lodgings.

One thing Mahibulla was adamant about—the need for freedom to organise oneself. That was his 'moral' objection to the Freshers Conference and the reason he is even now looking forward to the dark days of a life in a student flat.



Alan Burnham is in a small minority of politically committed first year students. Most of them, if cornered, will plead boredom, disenchantment or simple ignorance. In between reading English and Philosophy he hopes to become a bright star amongst the red ones. Beyond saying that Leeds is far inferior to Liverpool, his home city, Alan didn't seem preoccupied with the usual considerations of lodgings, the Freshers Conference, homesickness, the wind and the rain. Though politically orientated, he was completely baffled by the power structure of the Union and imagined, like many others, that it was controlled lock, stock and barrel by the handful of porters at the main entrance. A common mistake and rarely harmful.

He admitted that there was an element of procrastination in coming to University. He had no desire for a career yet but contemplated a teaching job with resignation — "because they don't quarrel with your political beliefs."

Lindsay Atkins is 19, and during the last year she's been to Paris, Germany, Italy and Ireland. And now she's in Leeds, the romance forgotten and the present to face. She seems determined enough — "I'm here to do work, and I'm looking forward to it."

The first thing that she recalls is seeing everyone crowding the television room to see 'Top of the Pops.' "I can't stand intellectual conversation all the time," she said, "but so far I haven't



heard any at all. It's as if people are afraid — a sort of inverted snobbery."

She shows anxiety about maintaining the balance between work and play, admits to being lazy yet wanting to make a success of 'things' — a word vague and yet specific when she said it.

She's attractive with long sweeping blonde hair but confesses that she is bored with social life. "I don't want to get involved with anyone —

it brings too many complications" — she seems to know exactly what she wants.

"I had no idea what to expect here at all though I haven't done any academic work for a year, so it's going to take some time to get back into the swing of things. Do you think I can? I suppose I'll just have to wait and see."

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# God bless you please Mrs. Robinson—this is a smashing good film

by Frank Odds

THE Graduate (at the MERRODEON this week, next week and the week after) is a smacking good picture.

Many people I know considered Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf to be

boring. Well, The Graduate is by the same director (Mike Nichols), and it could not possibly be considered boring for one second.

The tale sounds almost like a Doris Day film



Dustin Hoffman playing a brilliant first role as Benjamin

plot. Newcomer Dustin Hoffman plays Benjamin Braddock, a student who's recently graduated from University but who (whisper it!) is still a virgin.

At a cocktail party thrown for him by his parents, Ben meets Mrs. Robinson, a friend of the family (played with her usual brilliant style by Anne Bancroft), whose nymphomania soon changes Ben's genital status.

The plot thickens when Ben's parents persuade him to take out Mrs. Robinson's daughter, with whom Ben falls in love.

The plot congeals when Mrs. Robinson finds out and tells her daughter that Ben has raped her. The outcome is one of the most sardonically funny endings of any film.

The plot may not be entirely fresh. But Simon's direction, aided by first-class performances all round, particularly by Hoffman, all bulging eyes and haunted face, and by Simon and Garfunkel's refreshing score, results in a strangely disturbing tragi-comedy.

The Graduate can be described only as the most outstanding film of the year. Don't miss it.

The Plaza once again takes pleasure in presenting, next week, one of their all-sex double bills. Days of Desire is French, The Serpent is Swedish. Both contain enough flesh to satisfy the International Cleavage Set.

Of the two I prefer the Serpent, which concerns a soldier during World War Two, and manages to plumb the depths of gloom with some often exciting photography.

Photography is the best point too of Days Of Desire, otherwise a pretty turgid variant on the usual sex theme.

This one also contains a niece who clearly has a built-in propensity for having her dress ripped off at the slightest provocation.

Sex In The Grass (Tower next week) provides more material for those who like to keep abreast of things. It also happens to be a very amusing and quite well made little tale about a village with an aphrodisiac spring.

By and large then, a good week for cinematic sex.

Bursting with bare bosoms, Barbarella (director Roger Vadim) blows into Leeds next week at the A.B.C.



This is Frank Odds last film review. He took charge of this column 4 years ago and has seen about 300 films for the paper. Thanks Frank.

Based on the French comic strip of the same name, Barbarella is a super-extravagant science fiction fantasy about a sort of twenty-first century Modesty Blaise who bats from planet to planet in the course of her adventures.

If Vadim is trying to make some sort of point with this film, it is obscured by all the extra-glossy treatment. Costumes and sets look like something straight out of a colour supplement.

Rather, Vadim is trying to seduce his audience; for sex is the beginning middle and end of this highly entertaining film. So, go and be seduced for Barbarella is going to be a hit.

## This week your political diaryist talks about the Duchess of Kent, glass ash-trays, and blood transfusions

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THINGS are getting better. All the people cluttering up the Union Bar have disappeared. They've gone to the Brotherton and will re-emerge for their Degrees in three years time.

Degrees are handed over by the Duchess of Kent in a ceremony reminiscent of the Chinese general who baptised his army with a hose-pipe. In case you get convinced by the University propaganda investing the Chancellor with divine attributes let me tell you about Her last visit.

H.R.H. planted a tree in Tetley Hall grounds. And naturally, it bore a label proclaiming that it was planted by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent. It was the wrong time of the year for planting trees so naturally the tree died. Straight away a new tree was planted. The label remained the same naturally.

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I wandered into the Gryphon Grill and was surprised to find that the prices hadn't gone up. But when they gave me my meal I found they'd cut the portions instead.

I attacked my steak. The knife went in. Hooray I thought they're cooking the meat this year. They aren't—they've just sharpened the knives instead.

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The Annual Cattle Market—otherwise known as the Freshers Discotheque—had a new feature this year. Man with a mission Ober Gruppenfuhrer Chris Swann decided to throw a security hedge round the Hop which made Mayor Daly look like a benign scoutmaster.

All the doors from Union to University House were locked. At the University House entrance steely-faced stewards demanded tickets, age, name of group leader, work voucher (sorry, I mean handbook) while in the background strode, with gown-flowing, moustache bristling, Chris Swann himself.

The system broke down when a non-fresher turned up. "You can't go in the Hop".

"I don't want to. Its just that you bloody fools have locked the door to the fag machines". They let him through. He tells me it was a lousy Hop.

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As you've noticed the place is covered in new glass ashtrays. They weigh about ten pounds and you can't balance the fags on the edge. This is because they aren't really ashtrays they're transparent tiles used for roofing underground bogs. I suggest that we build a wall of them outside Exec. Office (while it's occupied of course) I'll buy anyone who manages it a drink.

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The Smith chopper it out again. Reliable sources tells me that Jackie Tennant will not be attending the NUS Conference.

Jackie has had a tough time lately. I was talking to her in the MJ and suddenly she said she was going home to bed. This surprised me because it was only eight thirty. "I'm still on drugs" she said. Just as I reached for my note-book she told me she'd had an operation. Apparently her gums were slit open and sewn up again. For three weeks she couldn't eat solids or open her mouth enough to talk.

Just my luck. I go on holiday and Jackie stops talking. Things were really gummed up.

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The annual election stakes are underway. Andy Tyacke hasn't taken up office this year because he is repeating his Finals. So the position of M.V.P. is empty i.e. vacant. Last year the job was held by John Tough so it was just empty.

Tim Caudrey hairy debater, is a candidate He's too busy to campaign at the moment because he's fixing the Debates Committee elections. Exec. haven't yet decided who we've got to vote for. The trouble is that there aren't many birds on Exec. and anyway most of their boy friends have already got jobs.

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# Great League Win

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**P**LAYING on their new pitch at Bodington, the Leeds and District University League team made an excellent start to the season, helped by a record breaking performance from their captain, Leadbetter, who scored two tries and kicked six goals.

Layerthorpe could never match the hard running university backs, Knowles in particular was impressive, scoring a first-half try and making another for winger, Burgess. Rylawce, the other centre in his first match for the university, was always forceful and moved well onto the ball to score late in the first half.

### SEARING

In the forward play, a lack of coordination of effort was shown and this led to two early tries by Layerthorpe early in the second half. However, two tries by Leadbetter, the second following an 80 yard run, put Leeds back on top

and Knowles put the issue beyond doubt with a searing run to score in the corner.

Team: Clark, Burgess, Rylawce, Knowles, Wright, Leadbetter, Davies, Thomson, Fairhurst (Sub. Lamb), Worthington, Rowland, Parker, Parr.

### HIGH WIND

The Sunday team beat W. Masons 15-8 in a match which was somewhat spoilt

### rugby

by the high wind. Features of the match were the strong tackling of the second row men, Kennedy and Hackett, and a useful performance by newcomer, Grassam, at scrum half.

Scorers: Knowles (1 try, 2 goals), Mackett (1 try), Lamb (1 try), Seeley (1 goal).



## SOCCER DEFENCE PAYS OFF

NOTTINGHAM 0 ..... LEEDS 1

**L**AST Wednesday the 1st XI made an encouraging start to the season with a good win over a strong Notts. XI in a hard fought game.

With both defences in command few chances were created by either forward line and the score sheet remained blank at half-time.

After the interval the Leeds attack found the gaps in the Notts rearguard and from a corner, Strong, the Leeds centre-half drove the ball high into the net.

### Held Out

In the remaining stages of the game the home team pressed hard but despite

### soccer

several close calls, the Leeds defence held out until full time.

Team: Thomson, Horne, F., Faulkner, Strong, Grundy, Kay, Salisbury, Griffiths, Horne, A., Sanwell, Salter.

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### Keeness

The recruitment drive, although a failure in numbers has produced three very promising new players in Burrell, Blackburn and Levine who soon made themselves at home in the side.

Greater freedom given by the new rules will undoubtedly aid a fit side and the keeness shown by the team to training should reap benefits. Last season during the face the centre was the target for some rough handling but our new American centre aided by the new rules appears completely at home in the side. In future matches when we hope the team will be able to put it to a little more use.

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Briscoe ran very leisurely to win, and the Leeds captain, Titley, put in a strong finish for second place, while excellent packing secured the team result. The second team also beat the opposing second teams. Mention must also be made of the good number of freshers who ran, especially Barnard who ran outstandingly in the tenth place, and is a high prospect.

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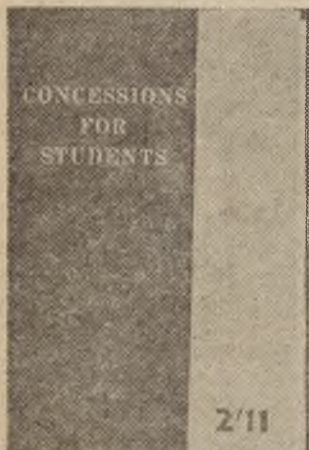
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# DISCOUNT BOOK



## — FALSE CLAIMS

by John Josephs

IN an extensive investigation, Union News has discovered that a 1967/68 handbook, listing concessions to students, contains a large number of liquidated firms, discontinued concessions, and non-existent addresses.

The handbook, selling at 2s. 11d. on the market, is entitled "Concessions for Students," and is alleged to have been published for the "London Technical Colleges Conference" by Mr. R. Dewan, managing director of Dominion Press Ltd., London. However, when Union News telephoned the Regent Street Poly-

technic, the headquarters of the Conference, a spokesman said: "I have never heard of Mr. Dewan. This handbook is published by a private businessman in direct competition with N.U.S."

These are the facts. Union News contacted a cross-section of the Leeds

retailers supposed to be offering concessions in Mr. Dewan's handbook. And we found that many of the firms didn't exist, had been demolished or were not offering student concessions.

One such Kingsway Garage, has been closed for the last three years and is now owned by Leeds University's Department of Physical Education.

### ERRORS

The garage according to Mr. Dewan's book was offering a 5% student discount.

After attempting to trace Mr. Dewan for 2 days, Union News finally contacted him, at a different address to that on the booklet. When informed of the large number of errors, he said, "In a project of this nature, there are bound to be mistakes. There is a system of feedback, where students send back information telling us if concessions no longer exist."

When asked how he obtained his information, Mr. Dewan said, "We sent out application forms to 16-17,000 firms, asking if they would co-operate with us. Every firm has a written agreement. We are about to renew all agreements, so it will be brought up to date."

However, the manager of one firm mentioned in the handbook said, "I have never heard of Mr. Dewan. I certainly never filled in or even received any such agreement."

And a spokesman for the Royce Fashion Shops chain commented: "We've never heard of Mr. Dewan and we've never signed an agreement with him."

### CHECKED

When asked if the information was checked, Mr. Dewan declined to answer, but said, "It should have been checked, but something has gone wrong. It is possible that the incorrect information was sent to us by individual student Unions."

When asked if the venture was a commercial success, he said that "It was a bad project from our point of view." Finally, he claimed that he was independent of N.U.S. "I wanted to co-operate, but they wouldn't have it."

Mr. Dewan concluded, "We are finding it difficult up North. Perhaps Leeds Union would like to co-operate with us in a venture of our own. We must have a long chat about it."

### OPPOSITION

Mr. Jack Straw, Deputy-President of N.U.S., when asked about the booklet said, "It is a commercial operation in direct opposition to N.U.S., and much of its information is incorrect."

One theory is that Mr. Dewan somehow got hold of concessions lists from student unions and reprinted them without checking them.

Said Mr. Straw "If Mr. Dewan claims that Leeds University Union co-operated I must point out we certainly did not." Mr. Straw added "N.U.S. is concerned and is keeping a close watch on the situation."

Finally, Union News contacted other Unions, all of whom denied that they had co-operated with Mr. Dewan. A spokesman of Manchester University Union said: "Our Concessions Secretary wouldn't touch it."

## DEBATES PURGED

DEBATES COMMITTEE were the victims of a no-confidence motion at Wednesday's Debate. They were, consequently, forced to resign.

Tim Caudrey, Clerk to the House was the only eligible member of Debates Committee who was not re-elected.

The motion of no-confidence

was proposed by Nigel De Lee and Andy Tyacke. It is thought that this unusual combination of right and left convinced members that there was no political complicity in the proposing of the motion.

In the elections following Tony Boyden was elected Chairman of Debates, Sue Eades was re-elected Convenor, Pete Dean was elected Clerk to the House and Pete Jennings Treasurer.

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## LET'S LAUGH AT WALL IT WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE

So Patrick Wall is to revisit Leeds . . . For what purpose we wonder.

Normally, politicians visit the Union two yearly, or at least yearly. So why is this extreme right-wing M.P.—in no way representative of his party—returning after a mere six months.

"It is my duty to back up University Conservative Associations," says the former major. A noble sentiment. And doubtless the Leeds Tory Society's intentions in re-inviting Wall are just as noble.

But the fact remains that Wall will attract a lot of publicity when he comes.

So let's disappoint the press and the public.

Let Mr. Wall speak forth. On whatever subject he likes.

Not many people at Leeds sympathise with his views. But lets hear them.

And instead of booing, kicking and rampant emotionalism, let's just laugh at him. And laugh and laugh and laugh.

It will be far more satisfying. We will be able to control our emotions. And Wall will know exactly what we think of him.

One word of warning to the Conservatives. Many people felt that it was their provocation that led, last May, to the farce that was Wall's visit.

So, this time, let the Tory troop of self-styled body-guards not be too zealous in their duties.

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