

## Anger over 'archaic' regulation

# ROW FLARES AT 'NO SEX' BAN

### FEES UP

Big increases in the annual subscriptions unions in Leeds pay to the area NUS organisation have been proposed this week.

At present, the unions must pay £1.50 per hundred members plus 0.1 per cent of the total union fee income to the area.

Carnegie President Chris Pratt is proposing that this be changed to a single 0.5 per cent of the fee income. At the Poly such an increase would add £230 to the yearly subscription, and at the University the total would rise from about £350 to more than £1,000.

PASSION is burning at Carnegie College after the expulsion from hostel of a student who flouted a ban on night-visits by his girlfriend.

A special union meeting last night agreed to stage hostel sit-ins next Wednesday to protest at what it called an "archaic" regulation banning 24 hour visiting.

Support for the students at Carnegie has come from other local unions and from the NUS in London. The President of the NUS, John Randall, is to travel to Leeds next Wednesday to address Carnegie students before they begin their sit-ins.

The expelled student, a final year physical educationist, was told to leave at the end of last term after the tutor of R. W. Rich Hall, Mr R. Gillibrand, found the

by Nick Witchell

students' girlfriend leaving the hostel early one morning. The expulsion and the visiting ban have been condemned as "unnecessary, and repressive" by Union President Chris Pratt:

"We are sick and tired of being treated like kids. We demand some action on these regulations, now," he said.

Mr Gillibrand yesterday defended his action by saying that he had no choice but to expel the student after he

had found him breaking the rule.

"If a regulation exists and is flagrantly and consistently abused then action obviously has to be taken."

He admitted that the particular student involved had not been previously warned about such behaviour.

A leaflet being circulated to Carnegie students, entitled "Tom Brown's Schooldays?" asks whether the college should be allowed to judge the social activities of a "mature adult who in six months time will be responsible for the teaching of children."

Leo Connell, the Principal of Carnegie College, expressed surprise earlier this week that the matter was causing such concern.

"After all", he said, "this student broke his side of the contract so how can he expect to stay in the hostel?"

He added that he did not think the regulation affected the personal freedom of a student.

"When a building is provided out of public money it is quite wrong that students should be allowed to have unauthorised people to stay there," he said.

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## HERE'S TO SUMMER!

Another summer term and with it the tedium and strain of exams.

However, for those in our picture there was an

opportunity for a brief respite from academic toils earlier this week with the arrival of the

first snatch of warm weather.

Cheers! Here's to a long hot and successful summer for all.

## Lancaster situation "explosive"

The student movement seems set for a massive head-on clash with the authorities at Lancaster University.

On Wednesday, the University expelled five students who took part in last term's occupation and sent down another five for a year.

NUS President John Randall immediately pledged the Union to fight the expulsions: "A nationwide response from students can be expected," he said.

The crunch will come, predicted a spokesman for the Lancaster Union

yesterday, next Wednesday when a national demonstration will take place on the campus.

"It could be when an explosive situation will ignite", he said.

Among those expelled are Lancaster Union President Dick Soper and Vice-President Vic Adareth. In addition to the expulsions and suspensions, three students have been given a one-year suspended sentence, and 15 have been fined between £10 and £30.

The announcement of the verdicts of the specially appointed Tribunal follow a series of warnings from, on the one

hand, Lancaster Vice Chancellor Charles Carter, about the consequences of further disruption and, on the other, from the NUS about the likely retaliation to "hard-line" action by the authorities.

NUS President-elect Charles Clarke told the Easter Conference that they would not tolerate the use of what he called "bully boy tactics to intimidate or smash us."

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## Bombs - We stay put states Nuttgens

A decision to ignore bomb warnings at the Polytechnic taken this week by the Director, Dr Patrick Nuttgens, has alarmed many staff and students.

by Ian Coxon

In a statement on his policy over bomb scares prompted by a spate of hoax calls last term, Dr Nuttgens states: "In future, if the police do not advise evacuation, I shall ignore the warning. In the interests of general morale, we shall not notify members of staff and students of any such bomb scare."

People in the Polytechnic are irate because, they say, the Director never consulted anyone before formulating his policy. The students'

union is to demand that individuals be allowed to decide whether they wish to leave the building even if the police do not advise evacuation. The staff unions are also considering similar demands.

Yesterday Dr Nuttgens denied the suggestion that there had been no consultation. He said that his policy was accepted by staff and students at a meeting of the Consultative Committee this week.

### Killed

"People have more chance of being knocked down and killed in the street than being blown up by a bomb in the Polytechnic," Dr Nuttgens said.

He continued by saying that if action was to be taken over every individual bomb hoax, the Polytechnic may as well close down indefinitely.

Dr Nuttgens said that he is also worried about disruption of examinations: "If students sit worrying about the possibility of a bomb going off when we are certain that it is a hoax their examination performance will be impaired."

The University Union, yesterday appealed to students to boycott all lectures on May 6th as a gesture of support. A university spokesman said they were not considering closing for the day but refused to comment further.

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## Student attacked

A student suffered a broken nose and had to have eight stitches in his face when he was attacked near his home last Friday night.

John Sampson, a 21-year-old biology student at the University had just left his parents house in Wakefield to go out for a drink when the attack occurred.

"Someone behind me asked a question, I turned round, and was immediately hit hard in the face with a knuckle-duster," Mr Sampson said.

Mr Sampson managed to fight off the assailant by kicking him, and the man ran off. Police are investigating the assault.

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## Archaic Regulations

Outrageous. Absolutely outrageous. That is the only way to describe the situation at Carnegie College where a student has been expelled from hostel because he spent a night with his girl friend.

No other sector of higher education retains regulations which implicitly seek to control individual morals so closely — so why should colleges of education?

The Principal, Dr Leo Connell, claims that the only purpose of the "24 hour visiting" rule is to stop unauthorised people using hostels as temporary homes.

That simply is not true — as Dr Connell and all his staff know.

The sole purpose of a regulation worded in this way is to prevent a student spending the night with a friend in a college hostel. It is archaic in principle, Victorian in outlook and disgracefully underhand in execution.

Of course a hostel must have the power to prevent extraneous and unnecessary visitors from living on the premises.

But, and here surely is the nub of the matter, there is a huge difference between "living" in a place and merely visiting it occasionally and spending the odd night there.

What the college can and should do is impose a more general ban which prevents unauthorised people from staying on any sort of permanent basis. It will then be up to individual wardens to come to a mature understanding with his or her students about the observation of such a regulation. That is the system that works perfectly well in university and polytechnic halls of residence.

Students at Carnegie are here fighting a battle on behalf of teacher-training students all over Britain, the majority of whom are the victims of similar infringements on their personal freedom.

To continue to allow the 24 hour visiting regulations to exist is an insult to the students and a barrier to harmonious relations between them and the staff.

Chris Pratt and his Executive deserve the support of all the students of Leeds, if not of the country.

We call upon the Carnegie authorities to indicate their willingness to reconsider the matter — before it is too late and tempers get frayed on either side.

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# Rapist starts campus terror

Girls returning to colleges in Cambridge after the Easter vacation are being warned to bolt their doors against the rapist who is terrorising the city, and whom police fear may soon commit murder.

Three of the man's seven victims have been students in the university city, which is now the scene of a massive police hunt to catch him.

Police chief Detective Superintendent Bernard Hotson has urged girls to take every possible precaution, including doubling up with each other, or having boy-friends to stay the night:

"It's not a question of morals, but chivalry," he said. "I cannot stress how dangerous this man is. He's dangerously sick and could kill next time."

Speculation is rife that the rapist may be a student. He is intelligent, and seems to know his way around the college campuses.

Since the first attack by the man, who dresses head to foot in leather clothing and wears a hood with eye-slits, in October last year, most women's colleges in Cambridge have been operating strict security precautions.

With the latest attack, on

by Chris Elliott

a 23-year-old girl just over a week ago, coming at the start of a term, it is expected that security will be tightened up rigorously. One of the colleges, Newnham, has already begun to search every man coming into the college.

The man's victims have all been young girls in their twenties. According to Detective Superintendent Hotson, the attacker uses a knife to terrify a girl before proceeding to rape her: "The actual sex itself has been perfunctory and he has not reached the normal climax," he says. "He has used violence, and in his frustration, he could kill a girl, possibly without meaning to."

## No money

The poly union will not be sending any money to support the North Vietnamese in their war or the Glasgow electricians in their strike.

Proposals that a contribution of £5 should be made to each were put to a general meeting on Tuesday but were rejected by a substantial majority.

## POLICE SEEK UNION'S CHAIRS

The University Union has called in the police to help trace a local firm it claims has disappeared with £60 worth of Union furniture.

The firm, Arch Autos, undertook to repair a number of tubular steel chairs from the Union extensions two years ago.

"We haven't heard from them

## Student problems discussed in Union-run meeting

One in ten students who attend student health clinics are suffering from psychological problems, a Leeds University psychiatrist told a conference held recently.

Speaking at a meeting of student counsellors organised by and held in the University Union the psychiatrist, Dr James Valentine, said that the student life style produced certain particular stresses. One in five patients with a psychological problem require urgent treatment which can sometimes last several months.

Some students particularly those living outside the halls of residence, may also have problems fitting into the university community, while others find themselves on unsuitable courses.

Dr Valentine added that they came across few patients with severe drug or alcoholic problems, although there had been a recent increase in alcoholic addiction among women students.

The conference, which was organised by the University Union, lasted three days and attracted delegates from all over Britain.

Union President Neil Taggart described it as a great success and an event of which Leeds University Union could feel proud since it was the first time a students' union had organised such a gathering.

## Sheffield

Margaret Thatcher wants students to join with her in the battle against "the menace of creeping socialism". The call to arms came at a conference of Tory students at Sheffield during the vacation.

Mrs Thatcher pointed out that the more successful students became in their careers "the more threateningly will the forces of envy, restriction, and egalitarianism be massed in your path."

She continued: "How many people of quality will want to go in for journalism if Mr Michael Foot and journalistic militants have their way with the freedom of the press?" She also questioned whether anyone would want to be a hospital consultant, if present trends continued.

She appealed to the conference to return a Tory government in the next election: "I need your help in the fight," she said.

## Bradford

Government policy on finance for student accommodation at universities is "a sorry farce", according to Dr Edward Edwards, Vice-chancellor of Bradford University.

The criticism comes in his annual report, and was provoked by the particularly acute accommodation shortage faced by Bradford because the university has been unable to raise loans for the building of 233 study-bedrooms on the campus.

Negotiations for their purchase have been completed,



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but their development depends on the loans being recouped by rents.

Dr Edwards said: "How long this sorry farce will be played out is impossible to say but this university is still unable to raise finance for residences that the University Grants Committee has recognised it needs.

## Edinburgh

Student rector Gordon Brown revealed last week that Edinburgh University, like Durham University, does hold investments in South Africa.

It is estimated that the university has shares worth £1 million in companies including Rio-Tinto Zinc, GEC, Reid International and Barclays Bank, all of which are black-listed by the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

The revelations come after picketing activity last term which at the time failed to force the University Court to declare its interests. A picket steward

said: "Now we know how much they have to hide, and it's up to us to do something about it."

## Bristol

Bristol Polytechnic has been refused money for Phase 3B of its Coldharbour Lane building plan. This development, including an engineering block, sports hall and student village, will now not be completed before 1979.

Surprise has been expressed at this decision, especially as other polytechnics have received funds, and it has been speculated that the reluctance of Avon Education Committee to continue with their commitment to the scheme contributed to the Government's decision. Fifteen per cent of the cost would have to be met by the education committee, and it is felt that in the prevailing atmosphere of economic gloom, the committee was less enthusiastic than it could have been.

The Polytechnic has now sent a letter expressing its "deep concern" and urging that the committee should take up the case again with the Government.

## Open University

£1,500 is to be given to the Open University by William and Glyn's Bank over the next three years. The money will be awarded as prizes to students who graduate with first class honours degrees, who were not exempted from parts of their courses. The prizes will be worth £50 each.

## Kent

The University of Kent at Canterbury has been described by two readers of the *Daily Telegraph* who describe themselves as "an elderly pair out of touch" as more of a bear garden than a university.

In a letter to the paper, they refer to the warning given to vice-chancellors by Charles Clarke, the new President of the NUS, that students would resort to direct action in the face of intimidation from university authorities.

"The bear garden" criticism stemmed from the cancellation of an evening lecture at the university as a result of just such action.

## Nottingham

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# Gloomy reception for Open Day visitors

The desperate financial plight of the university system is to be driven home to members of the public who visit the university on its two Open Days, today and tomorrow.

A leaflet is being distributed to visitors by the local branch of the Association of University Teachers warning that the whole quality and fabric of British university life is being undermined by what it calls "the short sighted economic measures being enforced by the Government."

The document will be available in all fifty four of the eighty departments which are being opened to the public as part of the university's Centenary celebrations. Visitors will be able to tour laboratories and see various exhibitions produced by staff and students.

Edgar Jenkins, Honorary Secretary of the Leeds branch of the AUT described the document as a "timely warning."

"Universities in this country face a financial crisis which is now very, very serious indeed. We want to bring to the attention of the public just how near to financial bankruptcy some universities are," he said.

The statement says that the freezing on appointments, in force at most universities including Leeds plus the various other economies being taken will inevitably cause a reduc-

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tion in teaching and research activities.

"If we want the next one hundred years to be ones of growth and development, the Government must be made to realise that it cannot be done on the cheap," Mr Jenkins said.



University Chancellor, The Duchess of Kent (right) with Vice Chancellor Lord Boyle at the recent opening of the centenary exhibition in the City Gallery

## Top merger job on offer

A Rector to head the new 'polytechnic' institution which is being created by merging the City of Leeds and Carnegie and James Graham Colleges and the Polytechnic will be appointed in the near future.

Agreement was reached last week to advertise the £12,000 a year post. It is hoped that the person appoin-

by Ian Coxon

ted will be able to start work in September.

The new institution is expected to be formally designated in September 1976. As yet no name has been proposed for it. However, the City of Leeds Interim Academic Council, the body which is planning the merger, will be discussing possible titles next month.

It is believed that proposals for the structure of the new institution will also be announced next month. It has already been agreed that there should be a single "academic unit" for teacher education in the new institution.

## Parkinson lashes at "unrepresentative" Board

A hard-hitting attack on the unrepresentative nature of the Poly Union's Board of Representatives was made this week by Vice-President for Administration Geoff Parkinson.

Mr Parkinson described the 30 man Board as completely out of touch with the feelings of the students it claims to represent.

"It is ludicrous for students here to put their trust in a Board which represents them so badly," he said.

His remarks followed a decision at last week's meeting of the Board to give themselves the right to draw up a priorities list of motions to be discussed at General Meetings.

This would mean, said Mr Parkinson, that any political clique on the Board could ensure that a motion they supported would be guaranteed a good position on the general meeting's order paper:

"It would give the ordinary student very little chance of getting his or her own motions discussed," he said. "The members of the Board have no constitutional right to dictate to others what they may or may not discuss."

A motion deploring the Board's decision was passed and the union will now revert to the old system whereby business is entered on the order paper on a chronological basis.

## Moving on

Derek Perry, manager of the University Union's 'Book Machine' is leaving next month.

After two years running the shop, he has decided to move on to other things and intends to work in London, he said this week.

## personal column

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A Virgo in R38? I don't believe it: Chris.

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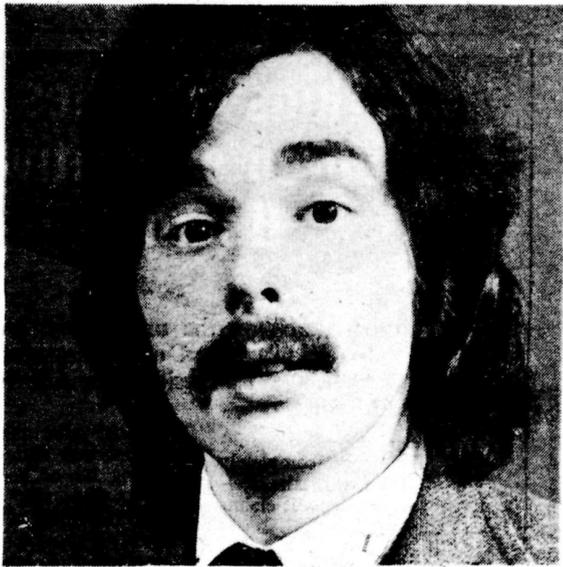
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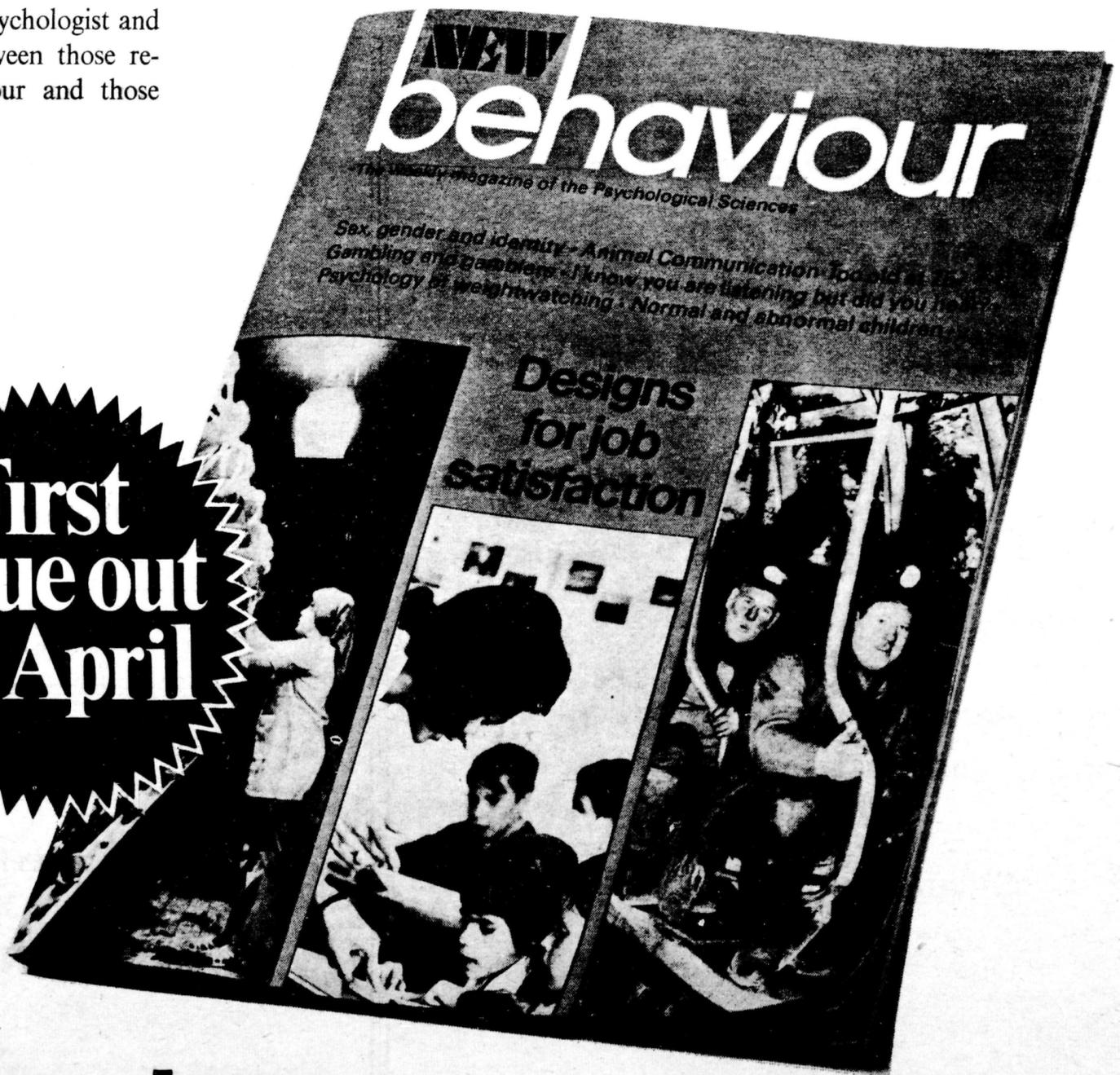
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# Admin men discuss ways of stopping sit-ins

by NICK WITCHELL

## What's in a name

A Leeds University law graduate has been told he must change his name if he is to get a job.

Wan Yeo, who graduated in law last session, has had over two hundred job applications turned down since last summer. Now the Department of Employment have told him he should change his name to stand more chance of success.

The need for a nationally co-ordinated policy to combat disruptive student activity was stressed by top university administrators meeting in Leeds recently.

Speakers at the annual Conference of University Administrators said that there had been a determined attempt by various extreme left-wing groups to smash the British University system.

Describing their activities as "most suspicious", one delegate said that these groups travelled from campus to campus contacting people of a similar avowed intent. ...

In a special session on student unrest, chaired by M. G. de St V. Atkins, Aca-

demie Registrar of Lancaster University, who was himself physically removed from his office when the recent sit-in took place, delegates exchanged information about student militancy and discussed ways of dealing with it.

## Mistake

An administrative assistant at the Open University, Roger Walters, who was, he said, once a left wing activist at Lancaster University himself, declared that the worst mistake a university could make in handling a dispute was to take disciplinary action against individual students who were carrying out the collective policy of a union:

"It is the simplest and most effective way of prolonging and inflaming the unrest and gaining maximum support for the activists," he said.

Delegates blamed universities for providing little or no guidance on procedures to be adopted when occupations occur.

Mr Stephen Westacott from Liverpool University recounted an occasion when he had locked himself in his office, "because there were some things there I didn't want to be seen", and had to phone his Vice Chancellor to ask him what to do.

The history of the present Lancaster dispute was outlined by a speaker who went on to reflect that one of the most alarming aspects of student unrest in his experience had been when a future activist arrived at his university after a year in Moscow and two years in Prague.

"The three most serious activists went on to a local college of education. They have remained in the area and are always present when the pot starts simmering," he added.

From the chair, Mr Atkins who declined to be quoted on anything else he said during the session, had earlier observed that student unrest was far more permanent than "its occasional violent manifestations would suggest."

Proposing that a set of rules should be drawn up so that universities can ride these periods of tension, a delegate warned that they would not work themselves to death keeping a university open if occupations continued to take place.

## AROUND



## TOWN

### EXORCISM ROW CONTINUES

The sensational Leeds exorcism case rumbles on. The inquest into the death of Leeds housewife Christine Taylor, savagely killed by her husband Michael after he had undergone an exorcism ceremony, was this week told more of the horrifying details of a case which has aroused national concern.

The Bishop of Wakefield has undertaken his own inquiry into the actions of the clergymen who tried to exorcise Taylor and as national demands continue for a full scale inquiry by the Church into exorcism the Wakefield coroner Mr Philip Gill has declared that he will try to get to the bottom of the case.

### PROSTITUTES OUT

Tension is mounting in the Chapeltown district of Leeds as angry residents have decided that they have had enough of kerb crawlers and prostitutes.

At a recent protest meeting, Mr Orville Hutchinson said that prostitution was regarded as part of the scenery of Chapeltown. Another speaker asked the audience: "Is it right that our young girls cannot stand and talk with their friends on street corners for fear of cars queuing up behind them?"

Various suggestions were made to deal with the problem including vigilante patrols and paint sprays. One idea put forward was that women and young girls should arm themselves with the sprays, and when a motorist stopped and asked if they were 'available' they could spray the car with paint.

But the police have told the residents not to take the law into their own hands. They maintain that their anti-vic squad is very effective.

"Because we are moving prostitutes off the streets punters mistakenly tap ordinary citizens — and when this happens we take action against them" a police spokesman said.

### EAR MUFFS FOR OLD

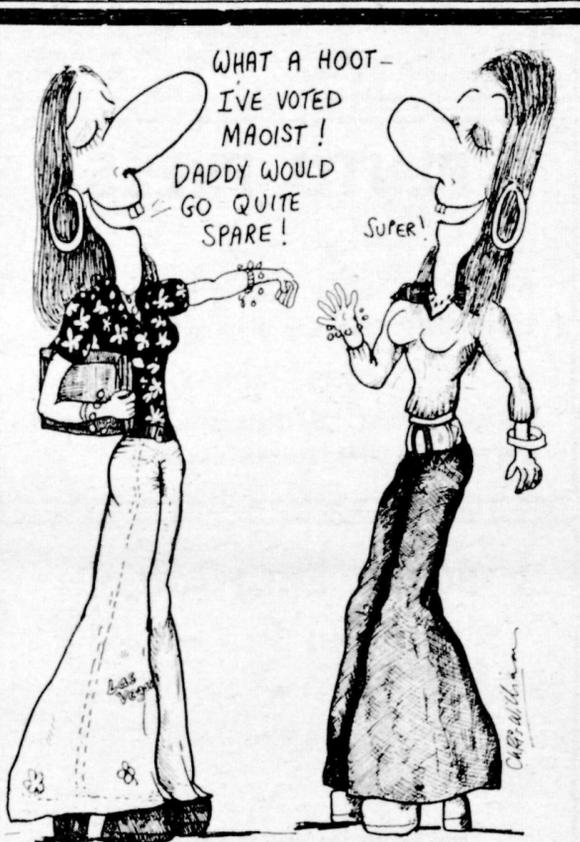
Cricketers may have to put on ear muffs as well as their pads when they go out to the wicket if a Horbury firm gets its own way.

Chris Old, Yorkshire's all rounder has advised St Peters Sporting Goods Ltd on the design of a cricket cap with earmuffs which is lined with high density foam, plus a wrist pad and a chest pad.

The need for some sort of extra protection was highlighted recently when a New Zealand test cricketer was carried unconscious from the field after being struck in the face by a 'bouncer'.

The new equipment will be used by batsmen and close-in fielders but it does not look as if the 'new look' will be seen this season. Chris Old remarked: "It may be a god idea in the long run but I certainly have no intention of using the equipment yet even for net practice. A lot more work still needs to be done."

Compiled by Cathy Davis



## More laughs from our Chris

Student shoulders will be heaving soon when a new book of cartoons by Leeds Student's former award-winning cartoonist, Chris Williams, hits the bookstands.

The paperback, published by the NUS, contains many of his best-remembered cartoons from his Leeds Student days, plus some from the Times Higher Education Supplement and the New Statesman and many previously unpublished ones.

Chris, who is currently studying at the Royal College of Art in London, won



Chris Williams the New Statesman's student cartoonist competition last year and now does much of his work for "Melody Maker" magazine.

• "Not Academic But You Can Dance To It", published by the NUS at 25p, available at most union bookshops.

## No mercy for demo student

A student who assaulted a Leeds policeman during violent demonstration scuffles has lost his appeal against an eighteen month jail sentence.

Ian Coleman, from Sheffield Polytechnic, was arrested last June when left-wingers clashed with a local right-wing group on the steps of Leeds Town Hall.

He was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a police officer and was sentenced to 18 months prison by Leeds Crown Court.

At the Appeal Court in London, three judges last month held that the sentence should stand and dismissed the appeal.

"Students have no licence to commit violence on police officers," said Lord Justice Lawton.

It was in the public interest that those convicted of vicious violence should be

punished in the way this young man was, he added. Demands at this month's NUS Conference that the Union should launch a major campaign to support Coleman came to nothing.

## Sacred Cow wins £250

A fourth year University Art student, Stephen Webster, has won £250 for an abstract painting entitled "The Sacred Cow."

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# MANY HAPPY RETURNS

This month not only marks the centenary of Leeds University, but also, and forgive the comparison, the second birthday of "The Book Machine". This bookshop, owned and run by the University Union, was opened just two years ago.

Years ago, there was a small paperback shop which also sold greetings cards. There was also a voluntary second-hand bookshop, the Book Exchange. These formed the nucleus of a new bookshop which took the name "The Book Machine."

Over the past two years this venture has proved its worth and has become an integral part of the campus. At the beginning it seemed a daunting task, but the plain fact is there for anyone to see — a full scale bookshop in the University Union.

You can find "The Book Machine" in the Union basement, conveniently next to the bar. Incidentally — the shop took over one of the bar's licensed rooms. Does this make it the only licensed bookshop in the country: It was newly furnished when it first opened but due to its small size, suffers frequent

rearrangements. The staff are convinced that it is possible to get a quart into a pint pot. But that may also have something to do with the proximity of the bar!

Despite its size, it is competitive in both quality and service. The policy of the bookshop is to stock mainly paperbacks of interest to students. Which means everything from the occult to economics, and science fiction to sociology. There are few specialised texts, but any book may be ordered.

In the academic subjects, titles are chosen for usually one of two reasons. First, a book may be in stock because it is a good introduction to the subject. Not only for the new student who cannot get enough from a set text but also for the non-specialist. The Book Machine hopes to introduce scientists to sociology — and vice versa — or any other combination.

Secondly, the Book Machine stocks many non-

essential texts. These are often required for long essays, or to follow up a personal interest, which makes it feasible to buy them.

Second hand books are prominent. The bookshop maintains the Book Exchange system which has operated successfully in the Union for many years. This provides a useful double service. Students are able to purchase books, especially textbooks, at prices less than new. Also, anyone wishing to sell books is able to do so, and although there may be a short wait due to the way the system works, it also ensures a higher return.

"The Book Machine" also carries a substantial range of non-book items. Posters, which were introduced only last Christmas have proved very popular and have been featured in special exhibitions. All types of posters, prints and mounted prints are available, many at discount prices. Greetings cards are also prominent. These range from the Gordon Fraser series which are suitable for any occasion, to art cards and cards for people with more idiosyncratic tastes.

"The Book Machine" tries hard to offer something for everyone. And if it means anything, it is owned and run by the University Union. Give it a try yourself sometime, you may be pleasantly surprised.

### A message from the Manager of "The Book Machine"

On our second birthday, I would like to take the opportunity to say "thank you" for all the help we have received. Thanks are due to dozens of particular people, the bookshop staff, the publishers and even the Union Executive.

At the risk of repeating even more clichés, I would

like to say thank you to all the people who have supported us with their custom in the past two years. It is gratifying that people actually come back! Results are improving all the time and even in the present economic situation, we can look forward to next year with confidence.

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# Warbeck

## IN LLANDUDNO

### FARTS AND GROANS FROM CITY VAULTS

It seems that the normally silent vaults of the city library have been echoing to some rather strange noises recently. Not the heavy thump of someone closing a dusty old tome, I hasten to add, nor as you may perhaps have thought, the occasional subdued fart.

No, my informers tell me the noises, (spasmodic, plaintive groans) have been issuing from a succession of woebegotten English students, currently engaged on a task of a mammoth and remarkably tedious nature.

What is this task? Well, it appears a certain Dr Frank Felsenstein has come up with the bright idea of compiling "A Bibliography of Yorkshire Printers up to 1840." Naturally, such a comprehensive work must be backed-up with rigorous research into local history, and rather than soil his own hands in library dust, the good doctor has enlisted the help of the unlucky students to whom he lectures.

Of course, there is no compunction upon them to take part in this cataclysmic venture, providing that they don't mind a curt 'nil' on their assessment at the end of the year.

Some, I am sure, will knuckle down to this glorious enterprise in good heart, happy in the knowledge that they will be included among a long list of names which will appear in the credits of the book when it eventually bursts forth upon an unsuspecting world.

Others, doubtless, will feel more inclined to do nasty unmentionable things on Dr Felsenstein's book when it is finally completed and published.

It would appear that congratulations are in order to Comrade Gillard on his election to the National Executive of NUS.

Readers may be interested in the following line from his manifesto: "He (Gillard) was one of nine members of Union Council no-confidenced last term by the largest General Meeting in the history

of the British student movement for continuing to take a 'principled' stand over Ireland after the Birmingham bombings."

I can only suppose this statement was designed to impress delegates with Pete's ability to "involve" students in mass action even if, in his case, it was to get rid of him.

Many of you will probably have heard of the collection that was taken at the NUS Conference for the Vietcong.

One benefactor to this worthy cause should, I feel, be recognised. The person to whom I refer is none other than the munificent President of the University Union and disciple of the Workers Revolutionary Party, Neil Taggart.

Neil was so overcome by emotion by the speech that as soon as the collecting box approached him he found it necessary to leap up to go to the Gents. As it happened, his way was blocked by a band of Trotskyites from Wapping and Neil sank back into his seat and buried himself in a copy of the "Workers Press".

The suspicions of his colleagues that his loyalty to the left stops short at his inside jacket pocket were magnified when Neil produced the delegation conference expenses and attempted to contribute from them. Naughty, Neil, Naughty.

A couple of quickies to finish, picked up as I tramped my weary way around what must surely be the biggest yawn even Llandudno Pavilion has staged.

I gather the Poly delegation had constant difficulty deciding which line to take: inane, very-inane or ultra-inane, thanks to the failure of their President Ian "twelve inches" (a reference to his height)

Steele to keep their policy file up to date.

Full marks to Chris Pratt of Carnegie who rushed valiantly to the aid of fellow International Socialist dilettante Hugh Lanning when it appeared that his candidature for National Treasurer was in jeopardy. Our Chris obediently came up with the requisite nomination form in less time than it takes to say "Marxist-Leninist."



### YOUR UNION IN THEIR HANDS

The roving eye of the Warbeck camera caught this uninspiring lot at a staff party in the University Union recently.

Above, in case you don't recognise our present or future Executive officers, they are, from the left and in descending order of inebriety: Bob "Hippo" Rae, Deputy President-elect; Evvie "Bullworker" Arnold, Deputy

President, Services; Roger "Man of the people" Seddon, President-elect; and Steve Bullock, General Secretary-elect.

Right, dancing with a lady doing her best to hide behind his bald head but who I can here reveal to be Moira Taggart, is none other than Mr Jailer Boothby himself, doing a lamentably feeble attempt at a waltz.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### LET'S ALL HAVE A REVOLUTION

Sir,

In the light of recent events in Indo-China, and the enthusiasm shown by many delegates at the NUS Conference for the actions of the North Vietnamese revolutionary liberation forces, I should like to remind your readers of the following words of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung:

"The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution holds good universally for China and all other countries."

And: "Revolutions and revolutionary wars are inevitable in class society, and without them it is impossible to accomplish any leap in social development and to overthrow the reactionary ruling classes and therefore impossible for the people to win political power."

Perhaps the South Vietnamese people will be better off under communist rule. Perhaps not. But as far as Britain is concerned, left-wing students who, like me, would prefer Britain to remain a parliamentary democracy rather than to become a single party dictatorship, should beware of making revolutionary parties seem respectable by voting with them and allying with them.

Of the parties of the extreme left, only a minority put up candidates at General Elections, and they tend to lose their deposits. How, in the long term, do they intend to achieve power? By armed force?

Maybe not. But the trend towards the advocacy of "militant action" in pursuit of student demands (and workers' demands too), and the growth of a jargon favouring phrases like "class conflict", "militant struggle" etc. suggest that

some group wishes to condition people to accept the use of physical violence as a means to achieving political ends. Indeed, such violent conflict is made to seem inevitable, even necessary.

Is it really?

Yours,  
Tony Beswick.

715 Garstang Flats, Leeds

#### DEAR CLAUDE

Sir,

I should like to express the profound admiration which, until recently, I have felt for Mr Claude Warbeck and his fearless searches for the truth.

In fact I thought that in Mr Warbeck you had a gossip columnist who was pure in thought, word and deed — until I was bewildered by his crude suggestions in your last edition that my political honesty may be open to doubt, and by his equally crude misrepresentations of the actions of Andy Vallance Owen, "moderate" President of Birmingham University Union (who incidentally was re-elected with a substantial majority).

I do not intend to stoop to slandering Mr Warbeck, but I feel it should be brought to the attention of your readers that he is sometimes far from impartial in his choice of "victims". When I went down to Birmingham that Saturday morning in February to investigate the activities of the Radical Action Group, I was expecting to be accompanied by superhacks Tom Burke and Bob Rae, at least one of whom, I believe, is closely acquainted with Mr Warbeck. Unfortunately, both were suffering from a severe attack of Tetley's from the night before and were unable to get up in time for the train.

Therefore, unless some equally scurrilous attacks on the characters of Messrs Burke and Rae are forthcoming from his pen in the next edition, I shall be compelled to challenge Mr Warbeck to come out into the open: wooden spoons at dawn on Woodhouse Moor. Then perhaps we can settle our differences honourably.

Yours,

Roger Seddon.

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# NUS EASTER CONFERENCE 1975 — LLANDUDNO

Report by NICK WITCHELL

## Clarke leads Broad Left to poll victory Gillard gains Executive seat



New President — Charles Clarke

The domination of the NUS by the Broad Left amalgam of left-wing Labour and Communist party supporters is to continue, despite strong challenges by both the extreme left-wing and the radical centre.

In the elections for the National Executive held at Conference, the Broad Left took 11 of the 15 seats, including three of the powerful full-time posts: President, Deputy President and National Secretary.

The remaining Executive seats went one each to the International Socialists, the International Marxists and the Liberals, with one Independent Socialist taking the fourth full-time post, National Treasurer.

The International Socialist member of the new Executive is Leeds University student and local activist, Pete Gillard, who went on to gain a seat as an Executive officer after being defeated in the election for National Secretary by another local candidate, former University Union NUS Secretary and communist, Sue Slipman.

NOLS with 31 and in last position the Workers Revolutionary Party candidate with 5 votes.

After four vote transfers, Mr Clarke finished with a clear majority of 352 votes to 223 for Povey and 106 to Hayden.

The voting figures were well received by moderate delegates, pleased at the success of Liberal Hayden and Radical Vallance Owen, who was the last to be eliminated in the transfer and finished with 74 votes.

In a statement after the announcement of the result, the Federation of Conservative Students, who had no candidate of their own but whose members were campaigning for Vallance Owen, stated: "The significant votes for Andy Vallance Owen and Francis Hayden represent the first breach in the Left's domination of NUS Conferences."

who has successfully defended it against challenges from the Broad Left ever since. Now, however, after two years, he is obliged to retire from the £2,000 a year post.

Mr Clarke lined up against candidates from the Workers Revolutionary Party, the International Marxist Group, the National Organisation of Labour Students, the Young Liberals, the International Socialists and the Radical Action Group.

The 680 or so delegates to the Conference all cast one vote, each representing about 1,000 students in their own college or university.

Leeds University Union, which had the largest delegation at Conference, with 11 voting members, cast all their votes in favour of International Socialist candidate Terry Povey, who also received the support of the President of Carnegie College Union Chris Pratt.

On the first count Mr Clarke, the clear favourite, polled 313 votes to 156 for Povey with 75 for Young Liberal Chairman Francis Hayden from Bristol University, who was the choice of the delegation from Leeds Polytechnic, mandated to vote Liberal by a General Meeting.

Fourth in the first ballot was Andy Vallance Owen, President of the Birmingham University Guild of Students and co-founder of the Radical Action Group, whose election platform was based on the need to improve the democratic structure and representative nature of the NUS. He said that this could best be achieved by holding a national ballot for the union's Executive.

Mr Vallance Owen received 73 votes; trailing behind him with 33 votes was the IMG candidate, then

### Rolling back

"We welcome the rolling-back of the Trotskyist tide and the defeat of Terry Povey. Charles Clarke has been careful not to be caught up in the more extreme of recent NUS antics and is still capable of bringing the moderate majority to identify with NUS."

The elections for Deputy President and National Secretary both returned the expected Broad Left candidates. The current DP, 22 year old Ala Stewart from Bristol University, the son of an RAF wing Commander attached to the Ministry of Defence, was comfortably re-installed for a second year with a majority of nearly 300.

Sue Slipman, 25, formerly the Leeds University Union NUS Secretary until she was elected to one of the NUS's Vice Presidencies at last year's conference and moved to the Institute



The National Executive on the conference platform at Llandudno

of Education in London, was returned as the new National Secretary, defeating her old Leeds rival, Pete Gillard, by 490 votes to 188.

Miss Slipman's success makes her the first woman to hold one of the top four executive positions within the NUS. She is now being tipped as a future presidential candidate.

The biggest upset for the Broad Left occurred when their candidate for the fourth sabbatical post of National Treasurer, John Carr, was narrowly defeated by IS renegade Hugh Lanning, who stood as an independent after the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies refused to endorse his candidature. Mr Lanning finished with 351 votes to Mr Carr's 309.

For the first time a member of the International Marxist Group gained a place on the Executive when Oxford Polytechnic student Val Coultas scraped in as an Executive Committee Member. She joins Liberal Francis Hayden and two members of the Broad Left as the most junior members of the new team.

Commenting on his new Executive, Charles Clarke said he was confident they could provide the effective leadership necessary to oppose the government's cuts in educational spending and press for better student grants.

"We look forward to a year of hard work on behalf of our members," he said.

## Danger of new housing scheme

The Potential dangers to all tenants of the Government's planned registration scheme for student housing were highlighted in a debate which proposed the use of militant tactics to secure a better deal for all the nation's homeless.

Students bore the responsibility, said Union President John Randall, to fight not only for their own interests, but to represent all those made homeless by unscrupulous landlords and an uncaring establishment.

Rent strikes, occupations and squatting in vacant premises were proposed in a debate on housing as being ways to back demands for greater efforts by local and national government to solve the housing problem.

It was a problem which would be made worse, claimed Mr Randall, by the Government's new scheme for the registration of student dwellings:

### Catastrophe

"In terms of general housing policy, and in terms of the longer term interests of students the scheme would be a catastrophe," he said.

The scheme would, Mr Randall explained, exclude students from the security of tenure of the Rent Act and would allow a landlord who had previously let accommodation to students, to evict people without reason to make way for another intake of students.

"In the short term," he went on, "some students might well have somewhere to live, but they would once again be at the mercy of unscrupulous landlords."

"But what is more worrying is the effect of these proposed changes on non-student tenants. . . . These proposals would guarantee landlords a steady supply of unprotected students interspersed with ordinary tenants who would have no rights whatsoever."

Such a scheme would lead to harassment "on a grand scale," in which the old, the infirm and the immigrants would suffer most, he said.

Let us make it clear to the Government that we do not wish students to be housed at the expense of such people.

"We must put forward not just those policies that would benefit students. We must attempt to speak also for all those who are in the same position as we are in seeking accommodation but who do not have the voice that this Union provides for students," he said.

The housing motion, which had Leeds University and Park Lane College among its proposers, demanded the nationalisation of all sectors of the building industry, including building societies and banks.

It went on to instruct local unions to compile lists of vacant properties and to employ militant tactics such as occupations and rent strikes to highlight accommodation problems.

A demand for a national rent strike beginning in the autumn, proposed by the International Socialists, was defeated.

## Extremists' demands defeated

Extreme left-wing demands for widespread campus disruption in pursuance of a grants settlement and a reversal of education cuts were rejected by Conference.

The demands, made by the International Socialists and Marxists, called for mass direct action as many campuses as possible.

"Only if the education system is sufficiently disrupted by student action do we have a chance of success," stated an IS backed amendment.

Speaking in its favour Leeds University delegate and IS member Pete Gillard said that even

## Union will fight lone battle against EEC

Despite a strong commitment to campaign for Britain's withdrawal from the EEC, the NUS is to boycott activities organised by the Get Britain Out and many other anti-membership movements.

A motion recommending students to cast a 'no' vote in the forthcoming referendum and resolving to mount a big campaign against membership was passed by a two thirds majority. It included, however, the proviso that no part of the campaign should be shared with "racists and fascists" and noted the presence of "Powellites and other racials" on the committee of the Get Britain Out organisation.

In a biting attack on aspects of the anti-membership campaign in his opening speech to Conference, NUS President John Randall hit out at what he called the "unholy alliance" assembled to fight Britain's membership of the Community:

"There can be no political unity between the extreme Right Wing of the Conservative Party and the Left of the Labour movement," he said.

"The vacuum that is created by a political machine that lacks an ideology is likely to be filled with a crude and repugnant nationalism as the 'wogs start at Calais' variety. "It is no coincidence," he went on, "that Enoch Powell, prominent

now in the anti-Common Market campaign, has chosen at this time to return to the blatant racialism he espoused in his 'rivers of blood' days of the late nineteen-sixties."

The motion stated that continued membership of the EEC would have a harmful effect on people's living standards, while it would "strengthen the hand of international commercial and business enterprises."

### Neo-colonial

Membership would also, the motion stated, lessen the ability of the British people to decide their own future and would bolster the military unification of Western Europe and reinforce "neo colonial relationships between Western Europe and 'Third World' countries."

Amendments proposing, on the one hand, that Britain should remain within the Market and opposing the 'isolationist' policy of those

wanting the country to pull out or, on the other hand, that NUS as an institution should remain neutral in the campaign, were defeated.

A speaker from Bath University, opposing the main motion said that if Conference decided to oppose membership it would place the union in conflict with the wishes of a large number of its membership.

Another pro-Europe speaker said that for Britain to attempt to withdraw from the Community now would be as "facile and derivative as the attempt by the Isle of Wight to disassociate itself from Wessex in AD 817."

The lines of the NUS campaign were outlined by President-elect Charles Clarke, who said that the union would ally itself with the trades union and labour movement in a socialist campaign against membership.

## Tough life for student teachers

Harsh criticism of social conditions in Colleges of Education was made in a report on welfare services presented to Conference.

The most common complaints, the report stated, concerned restrictions on personal freedom, such as moralising medical staff, refusals to supply the pill, breaches of confidentiality by chaplains or counsellors and limited visiting hours in halls of residence.

"Because the students will be teachers working with young people, they are often treated more strictly than would be acceptable in polytechnics and universities," the report stated. Education students often feel that they are treated like children and, the report went on, that the punishments for "offences" relating to matters such as drugs, homosexuality and co-habiting are far too severe and attitudes too paternalistic.

Mr Pratt called for mass lobbies of parliament and a campaign to publicise the attempts by the authorities to close or merge colleges of education.

Concluding the debate the union's President-elect, Charles Clarke, called upon the Government to honour the NUS demands for a higher level of grant, which are currently under consideration by the Department of Education and Science, and to reverse the trend towards a decline in education as a social priority.

SEE OVER PAGE

## How Leeds voted



Pete Gillard

The Leeds University Union delegation voted for extreme left-wing candidates in all the Executive elections.

The 11 strong delegation, which included President Neil Taggart and President-elect Roger Seddon, was dominated by members of the International Socialists. Wherever possible, the delegation voted for IS candidates, otherwise their votes went to members of the International Marxist Group or the Workers' Revolutionary Party.



Sue Slipman

The Leeds Poly delegation voted Liberal as first preference following a mandate from a General Meeting, after which their votes went to IMG, IS and WRP candidates.

The Carnegie delegates, Chris Pratt and Graham Riddell voted either for International Socialists or Broad Left candidates.

## The new National Executive

President: Charles Clarke (Broad Left)  
Deputy President: Alastair Stewart (Broad Left)  
National Treasurer: Hugh Lanning (Independent Socialist)  
National Secretary: Sue Slipman (Broad Left)

The above four posts are all full-time

Vice-President (Services): Pete Ashby (Broad Left)  
Vice-President (Education): Trevor Phillips (Broad Left)  
Vice-President (Areas): John Webster (Broad Left)  
Vice-President (Welfare): Jez Lloyd (Broad Left)

Executive Officers:

Pete Gillard (International Socialist)  
Rex Osborn (Broad Left)  
Jackie Webber (Broad Left)

Executive Committee Members:

Penny Cooper (Broad Left)  
Val Coultas (International Marxist Group)  
Francis Hayden (Liberal)  
Chris Morgan (Broad Left)

### More militant

The new President of the NUS is Charles Clarke, a 24 year old Cambridge University economics graduate, who is currently the union's National Treasurer.

He carried the Broad Left banner to victory in the first and most important of its series of triumphs when he defeated six other candidates including the top IS student leader Terry Povey and the leader of the recently formed "moderate" Radical Action Group, Andy Vallance Owen, who came second and fourth respectively.

Mr Clarke, an ex-public school boy and the son of a former Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Technology, Sir Richard Clarke, declared after his election that the NUS would be pursuing a more militant campaigning strategy in the coming months. He said his election was a slight swing to the left for the union's leadership.

The man Mr Clarke will replace when the new Executive takes over at the end of July is John Randall, who won the Presidency two years ago as an independent socialist and

## CONFERENCE IN BRIEF

### OVERSEAS

Local unions must do more to take up the cases of overseas students with local authorities, urged national Secretary-elect Sue Slipman.

They often get unfair treatment at the hands of local government, she reported, and it was up to the Union to represent their interests and ensure any proposals to increase their fees were opposed.

### DISABLED

A real step forward into helping disabled students has been taken by the NUS, reported President-elect Charles Clarke.

Last October, in conjunction with the National Fund for Research into crippling diseases, the NUS started a disabled students' research unit with a budget of £11,000.

"The Union is very concerned about this class of people who get far worse educational opportunities than others," Mr Clarke said.

### SPORT

Student sport is still too sexist in the way it is run, reported Executive member Doug Ellis.

The NUS's policy on sport is to encourage more binary competition and a less rigid division between teams from different types of institution.

Only two paragraphs were devoted to sport in an Executive Report of over 600 paragraphs.

### HEALTH

Vice President Hugh Bayley reported "slow progress" in the union's efforts to bring health students into their activities.

"It remains one of the most neglected areas of the union's work," he said and went on to

urge local unions to bring health students more into contact with the main student body.

### DRAMA FESTIVAL

The NUS is hoping to run its own Student Drama Festival next year, following the demise of the one sponsored by the Sunday Times.

The NUS has been in dispute with the Sunday Times over the appointment of students to the selection panel and this year the newspaper announced that it would discontinue the Festival.

Now, the Union has applied to the Arts Council for assistance in launching a new one.

### NO ENTRY

Observers from Glasgow University Union, which is not a member of the NUS, were refused admission to the Conference.

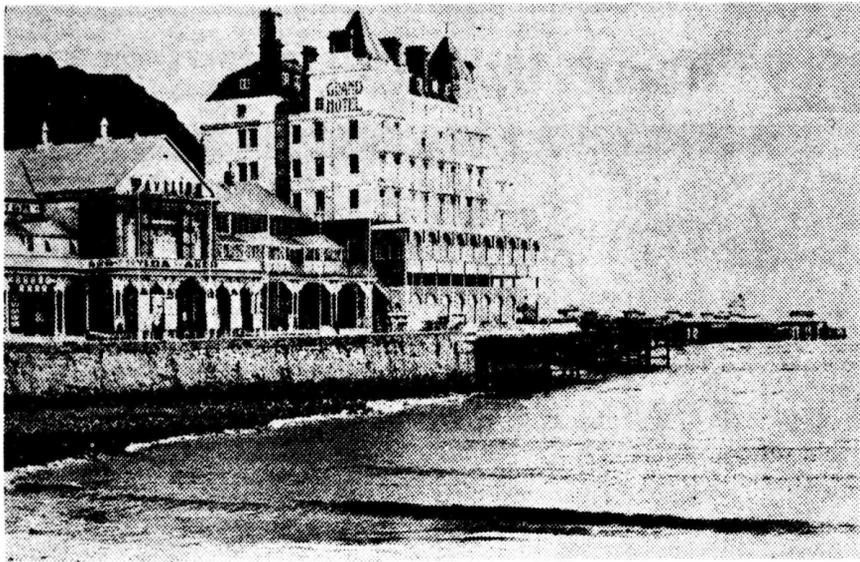
Last February, Glasgow Union held a referendum to decide whether it should affiliate to NUS. The result was an overwhelming majority against.

Doug Ellis, the Chairman of the NUS's Scottish Committee reported that they were now trying to cut off all NUS sponsored benefits to students at Glasgow University.

### OUTCAST

An application for recognised student status from the Union of Jewish Students was turned down by Conference on the grounds that their aims are contrary to those of the NUS.

The Executive recommended that their application be turned down since the UJS did not in some ways, comply with the NUS's commitment to oppose racialism.



There is a statue of a White Rabbit on the west shore of Llandudno. It stands there as a worldly reminder that the town was where Lewis Carroll met the Alice who inspired "Alice in Wonderland."

If there had been any Alices in the town earlier this month they might very well have got weary of reflecting on "curiosity" since, for five days, the off-season boredom of this North Wales resort was interrupted by 1200 young persons of intense political loyalty and, in many cases, unbridled revolutionary zeal.

For five days the sea-front Promenade of this "Naples of the North" (or, if you prefer: "Queen of the Welsh Resorts . . . Haven of Peace . . . The Welsh Riviera" — you can tell it's Wales by the poetic lilt of these self-conferred titles), took on the appearance of a collecting ring for a mini-bus rally as huge universities and tiny

techs dutifully sent their "democratically-elected" delegations to ponder on the world's problems.

### Savour

It was, said the Mayor of Llandudno in the opening — bi-lingual — addresses, an experience which he trusted both parties would savour to the full and find to their enjoyment.

Considering that the town benefitted by about £40,000 from its visit by NUS, such a greeting was hardly a bargain.

Whether the good souls of the "Sea View Hotel, old age

pensioners half price" felt they profited from it is perhaps another matter. It cannot be that they often have the unruffled calm of their spring repose shaken by a



gang of "Wurps" (that is, patrons of the Workers Revolutionary Party) declaring the dialectics of their philosophy in song at 3 o'clock in the morning.

# CONFERENCE NOTES: —

NICK WITCHELL with some lighter thoughts on Llandudno

Down at the Pier Pavilion, where it all happens between 9 a.m. and midnight, Hylda Baker of TV's 'Not On Your Nellie' fame, has departed to better or worse things. In

Conference itself all the groups the ordinary student loves to hate are present: Trots, Marxists, Maoists, Leninists — each in a separate huddle, planning and conspiring and frequently breaking off to offer abuse at an opponent. Unlike at football matches, where people hurl good clean obscenities, at NUS Conferences the abuse tends to be of a more obscure but no doubt equally wounding nature — such as shouts of "revisionist", "Stalinist hack" and "Tory pooftah".

### Sub-culture

It has a definite sub-culture of its own. Just as skiing has its "apres-ski", so Conference has its caucus meetings which drag into the small hours of a capitalist, bourgeois morning.

Most things at Conference are capitalist and bourgeois and especially, of course, the Press. The professional education writers sit with a kind of bemused astonishment — swapping jokes about students (Did you know that the difference between a student and a coconut is that you can get a drink out of a coconut) and counting the number of times in an hour certain words come tumbling out amidst all the impas-

sioned rhetoric which makes Conference normally such a bore but sometimes such an attraction.

By previous standards, this was a relatively well-disciplined Conference with less of the sectarian wrangling that normally accompanies every item of business. Nevertheless, all the main motions had their International Socialist amendment, their International Marxist amendment and their odds and sods amendment — all of which have to be discussed and all of which are always defeated.

Perhaps the most depressing aspect is that frequently the merits of the issues being discussed are forsaken for the purely selfish desire of the different groups to indulge in petty, theoretical bickering.

It was to this habit that retiring President John Randall addressed his parting remarks. One thought culled from them is worth repeating:

"All political groups at Conference see themselves as God's gift to the Union. None must ever get into the position where they regard this Union as God's gift to them."

Wonderland? Very often, but also at times a platform for shrewd, decisive thinking.

## LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

### Freshers Conference

Group leaders and stewards urgently required.  
Forms available from Porters and Exec. Office.

### The Press Show 1974

Exhibition of best Press photos of 1974  
Monday 28 April - Friday 2 May — 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.  
in the Doubles Bar area of Union Building.

### Folk Group

Tonight in the Old Bar.

### Victimisation of students at Lancaster

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION — Wednesday 30 April.  
Coach from Parkinson Steps.  
Tickets and details from Exec. Office.

### Billiards and Snooker

Owing to theft of cues these may now only be obtained on deposit of a union card at Porters' Office.

### Education questionnaire

If you have received a Union education questionnaire please return it as soon as possible to the Porters' Office so that the results can be processed by our Permanent Secretary.

### Under attack

An attempt is being made by the Government to smash the student union system, claimed President-elect Charles Clarke.

Unlike 1971, when the weapon was the Tory government's Consultative Document on student union's, this time it is inflation and the Labour government's policy of freezing finance, he said.

Conference passed a motion demanding larger capitation fees for all local unions and further that local authorities should be prohibited from withholding any money from a union which was rightfully its.

### Classroom changes

Sweeping changes in the educational system were demanded, including increased use of continuous assessment and greater student representation on college governing bodies.

In a long motion of education, delegates condemned military and big business involvement and resolved to press for things such as an appeals body against assessment decisions, the abolition of 'O' and 'A' levels and the abolition of all divisions within the system which perpetuate class differences.

A prospectus on student life produced by students was

also proposed so that candidates for entrance to college or university could be given a contrast to the literature produced by the authorities.

More extreme demands that the exam system should be abolished entirely were defeated. Instead, the union is to press for much greater emphasis on continuous assessment as a method of evaluating students' progress.

### Anger at abortion bill

Women's struggle to gain equal rights will be put back 50 years if a bill currently before Parliament goes through, claimed National Secretary-elect Sue Slipman.

She was referring to the Abortion Amendment Act, shortly to receive its third reading, which seeks to impose more stringent conditions before abortions can be legally carried out.

An emergency motion on the danger of the bill was passed by delegates after speakers had warned that, if passed, it would bring back the back-street abortion trade.

Jenny Beale, one of the leaders of the NUS's women's campaign, attacked the people behind the bill, who include several Labour MP's, and went on to emphasise the right of every woman to control her own body:

"It is a woman's right to control her body, not the church's or a male M.P.'s", she said.

The motion demanded that free abortion should be available on the National Health Service and called on all local unions to start campaigning to oppose the Amendment Act.

The only opposition to the motion came from delegates from Roman Catholic colleges, who stated that abortion was offensive to many people:

"It is the easy way out", said one, "we propose increased use of contraception instead."

Arts

# Real live doll

**A Doll's House**  
by Henrik Ibsen  
PLAYHOUSE

When the apparently despicable Nils Krogstad proves to be one of the more sympathetic characters in Ibsen's "A Doll's House" it suggests either some very bad performances from the main characters or an interpretation of the play that goes deeper than the conventional and superficial view of it as a 'women's lib' propaganda piece.

Happily the new production at the Playhouse is an example of the second situation, Director John Harrison presents the work as one about reality with both Nora and Torvald living in fantasy worlds; their worlds are not the same but they are both far removed from reality. Torvald is complacent and prosaic, Nora's romantic and full of excitingly tragic complications. At the end even Nora's apparent enlightenment is dubious; can we really trust anything she says?

With this view of the play the characters who face and accept reality become the most sympathetic. Kristine has faced her hardships without resorting to Nora's melo-

dramatics and finally makes Nora face some sort of truth. Celestine Randall, although she looked too young, revealed this sense of realism well (especially the sigh when Nora talks of her copying work which seemed romantic). Similar qualities are seen in Krogstad (he knows how Torvald will react to the blackmail) and especially effective was Tim Hardy's change from a scheming self-seeker to the nervous half-believing optimist as Kristine returns his respect.

Linda Gardner's Nora was most successful in the first half of the play with Nora's capriciousness and fantasies well suggested by her lightness and variability. The second act scene with Doctor Rank (Hugh Sullivan, who was always satisfying) went particularly well but the hysteria at the end of that act was unconvincing.

Richard Durden's rather subdued Torvald could usefully have been more priggish in the final scenes but he fitted the overall view of the play well.

JOHN McMURRAY

# Shortsighted

The shortsightedness of the record business is exemplified by these three releases. All of them have a certain degree of talent contained in the grooves, but there are faults, too, and it's the faults that make them difficult to market.

SHANGHAI'S first album is the best of the trio, but the band have been allowed to enter the recording studios too early in their career. The lineup features Mick Green, late of Johnny Kidd and the Pirates, plus bass, drums, and vocalist, and on the evidence of this album they're a competent set. Every number has its share of credible phrases, but there's no continuous link, they can play hard, soft, or funky as well as the next, but it's because of the diverse approach that 'Shanghai' won't sell.

Next TED NUGENT'S AMBOY DUKES, who don't allow any notions of diversity to sully their work. Ted is fond of announcing that he is the world's best guitarist, and offers this album "Tooth, Fang, and Claw" as proof. In fact all the record shows is that there are still bands around with no ideas, no sensitivity and the ability to bungle Chuck Berry's 'Maybelline'.

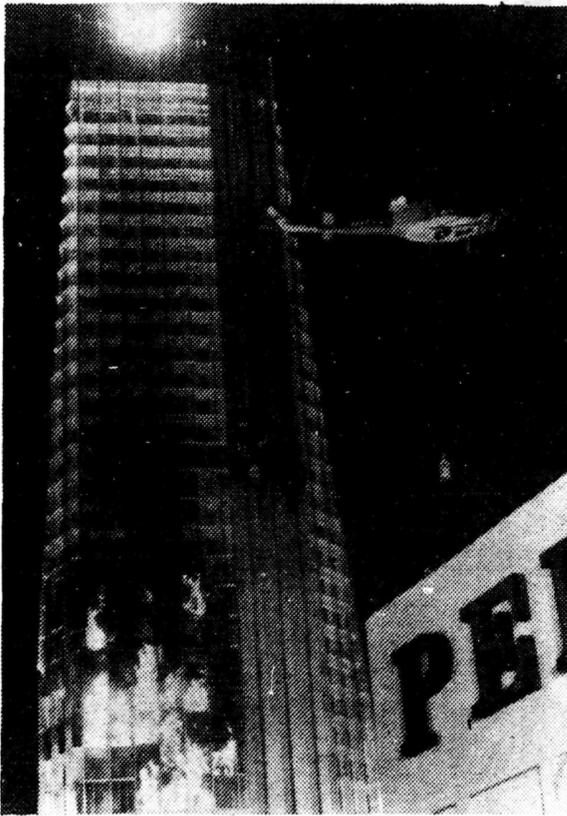
Number three album in this

## RECORDS

sorry trio is the first for years from some associates of Tom Rundgren, HELLO PEOPLE. Rundgren is known for his relaxed approach to his work—he'll produce anyone for money.

The Handsome Devils' reaffirms the silk purse/sow's ear analogy, for none of Rundgren's genius has rubbed off on his proteges.

Of a different calibre from these three is JACK BRUCE'S "Out of the Storm", which manages to dispel the doubts expressed when Jack joined the execrable West, Bruce and Laing. He's learned something from the association though — the album contrasts with the lightweight production of "Songs For A Tailor", and the looseness of "Harmony Row". Bruce plays a more dominant role than before, the only other musicians being Steve Hunter on guitars and Jim Keltner or Jim Gordon on drums. "Out of the Storm" is more accessible than "Harmony Row", but shares the same brooding, oppressive quality, and expresses emotion, a rare thing these days.



A navy helicopter tries to rescue people trapped in the world's tallest skyscraper — a scene from "The Towering Inferno"

# Uninspiring spring

If you go to "A Touch of Spring" determined to laugh, you probably will; the jokes are there for the laughing at, but the play lacks pace. All the actors delivered their lines in a style that would grace "Hamlet" rather than a situation-comedy.

Only Leigh Lawson as the poevey Italian pimp Baldo seemed to find the required tone. The audience roared with laughter every time he spoke (a posse from the Women's Institute thought he was "right funny"), but the rest of the cast were woefully stilted. Hayley Mills waltzed around

**A Touch of Spring**  
by Samuel Taylor  
GRAND THEATRE

the stage as the starry-eyed English actress Alison, but lacked timing in this her first comedy.

Peter Donat (a pale imitation of his uncle Robert) delivered his lines with much emphasis but little panache, although he was meant to be a dull American business-man, harassed by his wife. His uninspired performance typified the play as a whole.

Jonathan Forster

# In-fer-no surprises

## LATEST FILMS

**The Towering Inferno**  
ABC

**Funny Lady**  
ODEON

Having chewed my nails rather a lot during The Towering Inferno I thought an appointment with a manicurist would be useful. But the only one I could find was part of the Co-op ladies salon. So I didn't bother. I found it impossible to distance myself from the action and assess the film critically. I lived through it with the characters as they attempted to escape from a fire that engulfs the world's tallest building during a party thrown to celebrate its opening. It was a long film but the hours passed as minutes, leaving me emotionally drained.

Safely at home and much closer to the ground I had second thoughts. Perhaps the dizzy heights had affected my judgement, for now the flaws loomed nearly as large as the tower. Stereotyped characters that allow little scope for acting; a thin predictable plot that has nothing of any consequence to say, despite the illusion of significance; and more than a dash of implausibility. On the positive side the film has plenty of tension, STARS, and typical Hollywood artistry.

But that's the point. Hollywood has a way of creeping up behind the intellect and tugging hard on the unsuspecting emotions. Add Steve McQueen, Paul Newman, Fred Astaire, Faye Dunaway, Richard Chamberlain, Robert Wagner,

Jennifer Jones etc., use the combined talents of 20th Century Fox and Warner Bros. to stir the mixture and the result is SUCCESS.

Funny Lady on the other hand, was a disappointment. Barbra Streisand and 'Funny Girl' did so well that Columbia have followed it up with this offering. Maybe if this does well they will be tempted to make 'Funny Old Dear'? But I suppose that Julie Andrews will be asked to star in that. An account of the romantic and business relationship of Fanny Brice (Barbra Streisand) and hustled showman Billy Rose (James Caan) it is too obviously a follow up to 'Funny Girl'. Omar Sharif as the ex-husband smoulders along in his usual style, right down to the bloodshot eyes. Barbra was fascinating, and James Caan has a part that enables him to act, something he was unable to do in 'Freebie and the Bean'.

But sentimentally replaces a strong story line and we are left either yawning or weeping, according to taste. It was similar to 'The Way We Were' really; the two films share the same star, the same director, and the same producer, so perhaps it's not a coincidence. It's not a recommendation either.

Roger Yelland

# DATELINE

## cinema

### ABC 1

Tonight and tomorrow: The Towering Inferno @, 4.00, 7.20, with Steve McQueen, Paul Newman etc. (See Review).

### ABC 2

Tonight and tomorrow: James Caan and Alan Arkin in Freebie & The Bean @, 2.35, 5.25, 8.25; with Tayside @, 1.45, 4.35, 7.30. Next week: The Mean Machine @, 2.40, 5.25, 8.20. LCP 7.40

### ABC 3

Tonight and tomorrow: Charles Bronson in Death Wish @, 1.15, 5.00, 8.50; with The Parallax View @, 2.50, 6.45.

Next week: What's Up Doc @, Sunday 4.20, 8.50, Weekdays 2.50, 6.45. Also Jeremiah Johnson @, Sunday 2.50, 6.05; Weekdays 2.50, 6.45.

### ODEON 1

Tonight and tomorrow: Barbra Streisand and James Caan in Funny Lady @, 2.30, 7.30.

### ODEON 2

Tonight and tomorrow: Walter Matthau and Robert Shaw in The Taking of Pelham 1, 2, 3, 1.20, 5.00, 8.45; with Charles Bronson in The Mechanic @, 3.05. LCP 6.50

### ODEON MERRION

Tonight and tomorrow: Ted Kottchet's The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz @, 8.10; with Ruthless @, 6.50, Sat. Mats 1.30. From Sunday: Dragon of Death, Sunday 4.50, 8.05; Weekdays 3.35, 8.45; plus King of Kung Fu, Sunday 3.00, 6.15; Weekdays 2.00, 7.00. Matinee Wednesday, Friday, Saturday only.

### TOWER

Tonight and tomorrow: A glorious array of musical memories: That's Entertainment, 1.35, 4.45, 8.00. Next week: Sean Connery in Ransom.

### PLAZA

Tonight and tomorrow: The Exorcist @, 2.20, 5.05, 7.50. Next week: Take This My Body @, 1.47, 5.15, 8.43, and Sixteen @, 3.36, 6.54.

### CLOCK

Tonight and tomorrow: Freebie and the Bean @, cont from 6.00. LCP 8.00.

Next week: All Creatures Great and Small @, 5.30, 7.30.

### COTTAGE ROAD

Tonight and tomorrow: Freebie and the Bean @, 5.40, 8.35.

### HYDE PARK

Tonight and tomorrow at 7.00 pm: Who is Harry Kellerman? @, @, and The Rolling Stones in Gimme Shelter @, 8.50 pm.

Sunday, April 27th for 3 days: Humphrey Bogart in The Petrified Forest @, Sun, 6.40 pm, Weekdays 7.00 pm; and Dustin Hoffman in Midnight Cowboy @, Sun 8.20, Weekday 8.35 pm.

Wednesday, April 30th at 8.45, for one day only: Canned Heat, Family, etc., in Stamping Ground @; and Wiker Mathau in Kotch @, 6.50.

Thursday, May 1st for 3 days: The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie @, @, at 8.30; and John and Mary @, 7.10 pm.

### LOUNGE

Tonight: All Creatures Great and Small @, 5.40, LCP 7.30; and Beautiful People 7.20, Saturday 4.20, 7.40.

Next week: Island at the Top of the World @; and Winnie The Pooh and Tigger Too @

### LEEDS FILM THEATRE

Saturday, 26th April at 11.15 pm: Eisenstein's Strike, Sunday 27th at 7.30 pm: Negatives.

### BRADFORD FILM THEATRE

Tonight at 7.00 pm: Aguirre, Wrath of God @ and Ramparts of Clay @. April 27th: French Can Can. No times available. April 28th - May 3rd at 7.00 pm: Spirit of the Beehive @, @; and Pirosmani @.

### YORK FILM THEATRE

April 27th: Hitchcocks Frenzy and Law and Order.

### UNIVERSITY FILM SOCIETY

Tuesday, 29th April in T21 at 7 pm: Film Society and Black and Red Group present Steelyard Blues. Tickets 20p in advance from LUU Record Shop, Film Society or Black and Red Group. Wednesday, 30th April in T21 at 7.00 pm: Fran Capra's The Tender Ten of General Yen. Admission: Film Soc membership card or guest ticket (20p). Bought in advance from LUU Record Shop.

### CIVIC

Tonight and tomorrow at 7.30 pm: Arthur Saville's Crime.

### GRAND

English National Opera: Wagner's Ring Cycle Monday, 28th April at 7.00 pm: Rhinogold.

Tuesday at 5.30 pm: Valkyrie. Thursday at 5.30 pm: Siegfried. Saturday at 4.30 pm: Twilight of the Gods.

### PLAYHOUSE

Night at 7.30 pm except on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House in a new version by Christopher Hampton.

### UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP

Tonight and tomorrow at 7.30 pm: Tales and Legends of the Dates, written by Bob Pegg, directed by Martin Banham.

### BRADFORD ALHAMBRA

April 25th at 7.30 pm: Boeing, Boeing with Richard O'Sullivan. Tomorrow at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

### HARROGATE THEATRE

Tonight at 7.30, Saturday 4.00 and 7.30: Private Lives (Nigel Coward).

### YORK THEATRE ROYAL

The Concert - May 17th at 7.30. April 30th by Hermann Bahr.

### SHEFFIELD CRUCIBLE

Until May 3rd: The hit comedy Relatively Speaking by Alan Ayckbourn at 7.30.

## concerts

### UNIVERSITY

Tonight: Haydn, The Seasons, Dept. of Music singers at Emmanuel Church at 7.30.

Thursday, 1st May, Gagliano String Quartet, Brahms, Quartet in B Flat.

LEEDS TOWN HALL Saturday, 10th May at 7.30 pm: Greenlade with special guest Rob Noakes. Tickets £1 from Barkers.

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Monday, May 5th at 7.30 pm — one night only  
TIM HARDIN in concert with THE CITY WAITES

7th - 9th May at 1.10 pm:

Luncheon Theatre Presents  
THE OLD ONE TWO by A. R. Gurney, Snr.  
Fun and games on an American University campus

### FILM THEATRE

Saturday, 26th April, 11.15 pm:

### STRIKE @

Eisenstein's first film is a comedy about the repression of a strike in Russia in 1912

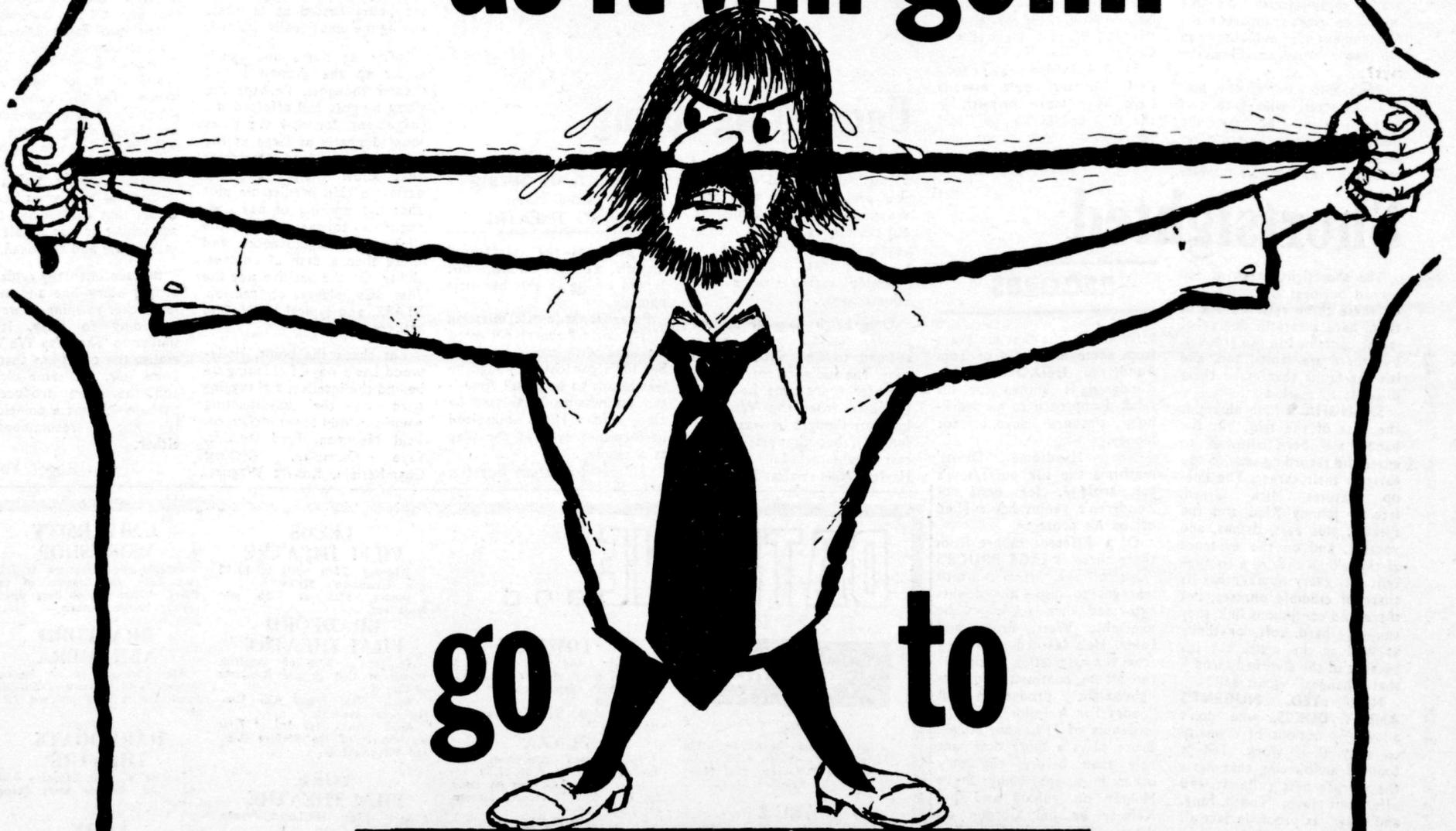
Sunday, 27th April at 7.30 pm:

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# SPORT

Edited by Chris Elliott

## GREAT DOUBLE FOR SADLER MEN

Eleven wins in twelve games and a total of fifty three goals gave the men from Sadler Hall the championships of both the Wednesday and Saturday leagues in the University's intra-mural soccer competition this season.

In the Wednesday League, the side conceded only one match in the five they played, and hammered in 28 goals to six against. Runners up in the league were Clapham, with two wins and three draws to their credit.

Down at the bottom of the table, Devon and Textiles paid the penalty for not winning a single game, and are relegated to Division Two. Succeeding them in the first division will be Grant and Charles Morris, who finished joint top in the second division.

Sadler also put up a magnificent performance in the Saturday league, storming through an unbeaten run of seven wins. They scored twenty five goals during the season and conceded just

five, topping the table and achieving a remarkable double.

Relegated were the Medics and Dentists side, and Heystone, who between them suffered nine defeats in thirteen games. Charles Morris and Geography move up into the first division to take their places.

On the intra-mural rugby union scene, Sadler did not fare quite so well, finishing as runners-up to Vaughan/Woodsley in division one of the league. The Bodington men piled up a massive total of 102 points from five games, with four convincing wins.

The bottom clubs, Clapham and Mortain, move down to division two to make room for Mining and Charles Morris.

# Cross Channel triumph for Poly men

Two of the Poly's sports teams participated in a spot of entente cordiale last week. The rugby union side entertained a team from Rouen College of Business Studies at Roundhay and the soccer club travelled to Rouen to take on the French footballers.

The rugby men put up a fine display in their first match against Rouen last Thursday, scoring a resounding 24-0 victory. The following day, the second Poly 'A' team exacted a similar punishment from the Frenchmen, winning 15-3.

Twenty two members of the soccer club crossed the channel for two games against Rouen College of Business and Rouen University. Although the French made a good start in the first match, the Poly opened the scoring after 15 minutes through Straker.

Despite excellent defensive work by Wiffin, Rouen quickly equalised, and although Grimley snatched the lead for Leeds again in the thirty-fifth minute, the French students rallied to draw level shortly after half-time. Soon afterwards, however, the Poly's star striker Curley knocked in two goals, in ten minutes to put the issue beyond doubt. In the second match, the Leeds men found no difficulty in disposing of Rouen University 5-0 with goals from Straker (3), Aitken and Jay.

Poly Sports Administrator George Bullman said this week that the exchange mat-

ches had been a great success: "It's done a tremendous amount of good for our school soccer club, after being knocked out of the BPSA, he said.

## Ed's medal

A swimmer from the University was Leeds' biggest success in the BUSF Swimming and Diving championships held at The Crystal Palace Sports Centre during the vacation.

Ed Sullivan, captain of the University club, powered his way to a bronze medal in the 200 metres individual medley, in a time of two minutes twenty nine point four ses.



The Poly Rugby Union side, who entertained a team from Rouen, France, last week

## College ends on high note

Carnegie rugby union team finished the season in fine style with a convincing 18-13 win over Borough Road College at Beckett Park last week.

It was a fast attacking game with both sides in brilliant form. Carnegie did most of the early attacking and opened the scoring with a try by Latham, Openshaw converted.

### Rugby Union

Shortly afterwards Borough Road replied with a well taken penalty to make the score 6-3 at half time.

In the second half Carnegie continued to push forward putting the Borough Road side under a lot of pressure. They increased their lead after ten minutes with a

superb try by Hooper. He evaded two strong tackles before touching down after a fine solo run; Openshaw again converted.

Borough Road came back strongly with a try and two penalties but were unable to take control of the game, and midway through the second half Openshaw converted a second try by Hooper to give Carnegie a well deserved victory.

## Mariner 34 Prize Crossword

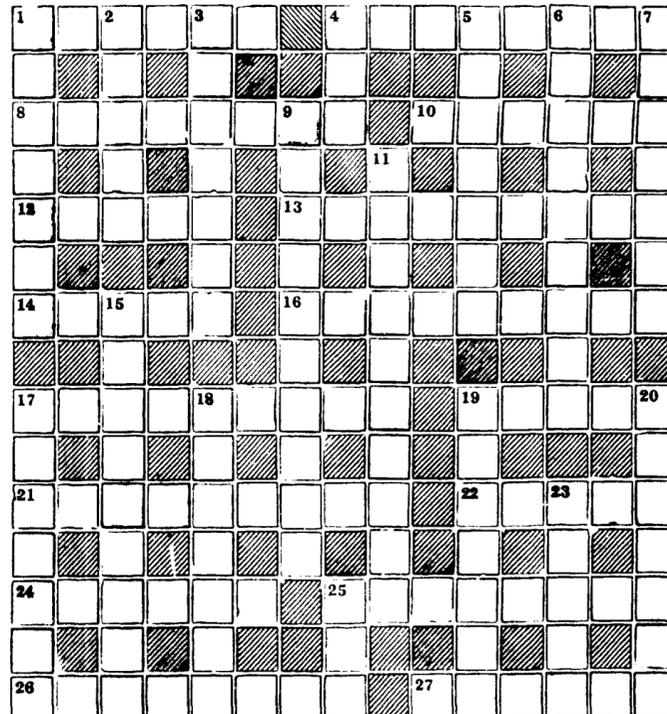
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Exhortation to indulge in a Cheshire grin? (6)
- 4 Lost island: discover it north in the maps, perhaps (8).
- 8 It's tyrannical to shake dice around the place (8).
- 10 From the mainmast, Ernest looks behind (6).
- 12 The stratum of a hen (5).
- 13 Follow up literary composition with a dainty ending (9).
- 14 Novice falls out of glider — hence sad music (5).
- 16 Holds his job, maybe (9).
- 17 Share out a bit, we hear (9).
- 19 27 a religious man for the crime (5).
- 21 Breaking a table leg is a trivial thing (9).
- 22 As schizophrenic as a banana may be! (5).
- 24 Pluralized 18 also gives instruction (6).
- 25 Being good at sport, teach it to be a beginner possibly (8).
- 26 Goes back and deals with something again, it appears (8).
- 27 To be in charge, it seems one must perform an execution (6).

### CLUES DOWN

- 1 Pampered, usually with Molly (7).
- 2 Have a go at it, in more or less a Yorkshire accent (5).
- 3 Pole the officer gets an inclination to use for inflicting punishment (7).
- 4 Sort of light old boat, say (3).
- 5 Harsh south wind ending in the east? (7).
- 6 You get the doctor, result of shaking perhaps (9).
- 7 "Large was his bounty, and his soul" (Gray's "Elegy") (7).
- 9 Re-writing love letters: so simple that it can't be done (10).
- 11 Control over New Mexico vested in the man (10).
- 15 Artillery-man finds Irishman disgusting (9).
- 17 Good judge of a red-head, the flea (7).
- 18 The joiner returns to the East End, finding the followers (7).
- 19 Pardon, the sailor's girl has one less (7).
- 20 Observed that the cake wasn't finished (7).
- 23 As one who is 25 across usually is, but without the cat (5).
- 25 It comes back in 2 (3).



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# LEEDS STUDENT

Friday, April 25th, 1975

your weekly newspaper

## -SPORTS EXTRA- Tetley girls take hockey title

Girls from the University's Tetley Hall clinched this year's intra-mural indoor hockey title at the end of last term with a narrow win over a Maths team.

The girls, members of Tetley's second team, beat History into second place in their group, before going on to meet the Maths side in the final. After a tight match, they emerged the winners, by four goals to three.

In the final of the basketball tournament, victory went to a strong team from the Physical Education department, 24-22 against Charles Morris.

### Great lift

A great lift of 150 kilograms gave University strongman Steve Anthony a share of the glory in the British Students Weightlifting championships at Kent University in March.

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# Right-wing takes over on U.C.

Leeds University Union will have one of the most moderate hierarchies of any university in the country next session.

In the biggest election shock of the year, middle-of-the-road "moderates" and avowed Tories swept to 24 of the 25 seats on Union Council in the ballot held at the end of last term.

Left-wing candidates were left trailing well behind. Their only success was Communist party member Sarah Ward who got on with 301 votes.

Eight medical students were among those elected, including poll leader John Harvey who collected 498 votes. In second and third positions were two women: fellow medic Anne Myatt (469) and first year English student Sue Beardsworth (468).

President-elect Roger Seddon commented that he was very encouraged by the result: "It seems that the real feeling of the electorate is at last beginning to show."

by Nick Wittchell

Next session's full UC will be: Barrow, Bayliss, Beardsworth, Coates, Danon, Ellis, Faulkner, Gray, Green A., Green R., Gunton, Harvey Herbert, Hogg, Jones, Larsson, McKinley, Myatt, Neil, Parsons, Perrott, Spincer, Ward, Wilson, Wright.

OF THE ELECTION to fill the eight vacant places on this session's UC, the following gained seats: Ashe, Burns, Harrison, Howard, Kinner, Lenton, Stones, Vearncombe. They will all serve until the end of this term.

## MARAT SADE IS HIT AT FESTIVAL

The University Union Theatre Group's production of Weiss's "Marat Sade" scored a hit at the National Student Drama Festival held in London earlier this month.

A capacity audience in the Young Vic Theatre gave the Leeds group an enthusiastic reception, and after the per-

formance, a former director of the National Theatre of Finland described the staging of the play as "highly professional."

The drama festival was the last to be sponsored by "The Sunday Times". Next year, the NUS may take over the running of the festival

## Early call for Sabbaticals

The four paid student officers at the Poly Union have been threatened with the sack unless they all start getting into work by 9 a.m.

They have been given two weeks to mend their ways otherwise an SGM will be called to no-confidence those that don't.

Only two of the sabbaticals, Ian Steele, President; and Geoff Parkinson, Vice-President for Administration regularly comply with the ruling that says they must sign in at 9 am every weekday. The other two, Deputy President Ted Boyce and

Rob Armstrong, Vice-President for Recreation, constantly flout the regulation.

The proposal to no-confidence those officers who don't turn up for work at 9 am was put to Board of Reps on Wednesday by Mr Parkinson. It was passed by 7 votes to 4.

An amendment proposed by Publicity Chairman John Boocock, asking that sabbaticals should simply be asked to work for a set number of hours each week, fell.

Mr Boyce said later that he did not think a clocking-in system was workable because of the nature of the job: "Much of our work is done in committee meetings held in the evenings," he added.

Mr Armstrong said: "Even if we get in at 9 am we could spend all day doing nothing."



The old stone cottages in Tannery Square

## FIT FOR STUDENTS

Students from overseas are moving into houses in Meanwood, Leeds, which were declared unfit for human habitation eight years ago.

The old stone cottages, in Tannery Square, had a compulsory purchase order placed on them in 1967, and were condemned by the City Council. But now the Mary Morris Student Housing Association, which was formed in 1970, is renovating the houses to provide accommodation for overseas students with families. Four families have already moved into the modernised cottages, and it is expected that the remaining seven flat units will be ready later this year.

The money for the scheme has come in the form of a loan of over £40,000 from the City

Council. Grants have also been given by the British Council and by the organization running the European Architectural Heritage year.

Wing Commander Robert Helm, manager of the Mary Morris association, said he was angry that publicity given to the scheme had concentrated on the fact that the houses had once been condemned:

"The architects and builders have made a very good job of it, and I think the students already living in the buildings are completely happy with them. This kind of work fills a very necessary gap," he said.

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