

EXAMS HIT AS LECTURERS STRIKE

University lecturers have voted to boycott all work connected with exams, in pursuit of their pay claim for 1988. The AUT's action is designed to combat the falling real and relative earnings of university lecturers.

The union claims that to compensate for inflation over the two years to April 1988 they would require around 9% and that 15% would be needed to match relative pay increases within comparable professions.

The result of the ballot calling for industrial action was announced on the 14th December, and the action took effect from January 9th. There were 11,369 votes for the action (64%), and 5,628 (32%), against, with 760 spoiled papers (4%). The turnout represented 57% of the unions 31,081 membership.

The result represents an emphatic 'Yes' to the call for industrial action. One professor who voted for action commented, 'Now that we have given the AUT a hammer I hope they will use it.'

The decision means that lecturers will not process exam entries, appoint examiners, set or print exam papers, book rooms for exams, mark

PAUL HARTLEY reports

exams, hold examiners' meetings, or announce results.

Work done as part of continual assessment and research degrees will be exempt from any immediate ban, although students will not be given any details of their marks. Students writing extended essays or theses will be given help up to the presentation of their work, but staff will then withdraw from the process.

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and University Principals, which is the governments negotiating body, condemned the action on the grounds that it would damage the education of thousands of students.

At a packed meeting of Leeds University AUT members on Tuesday there were calls for more student involvement in the dispute.

A recent leaflet for

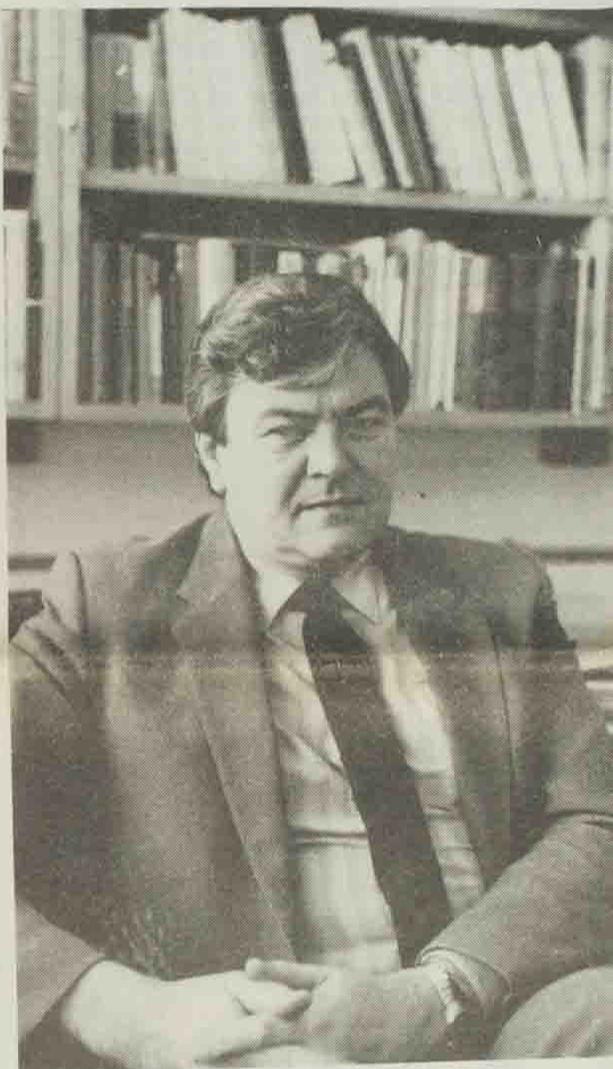
students delivered to University departments was criticized for being 'too narrow,' concentrating too much on the issue of decreasing AUT salaries, and not enough on the general underfunding of Higher Education.

The meeting heard a report from John Chartres, AUT Vice President and member of the national negotiating team. He outlined the origins of the decision to boycott the examination process. He also announced that the AUT were investigating the possibility of setting up a welfare fund for AUT members whose pay had been docked as a result of the dispute.

The meeting was split between those who thought that some form of contingency plan should be made, while others thought that the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals would not be so heavy handed, and would restart negotiations before such a situation would arise.

John Chartres said that if the CVCP did begin negotiations again, the AUT was prepared to suspend its action.

When Leeds Student interviewed Chartres, he said he recognised that the boycott of exams is the ultimate sanction that the union can take short of going on an all out



● CHARTRES: "The action will bite very hard and very soon"
PICTURE: MARTIN ZIEGLER

strike, but went on to say that, 'The only reason students will suffer is if the CVCP fail to get their act together.' He believed

that, 'The only way to minimize the damage to students was to make the action bite very hard and very soon.'

DEADLOCK: History of a dispute

Despite the result of the ballot, there is still some speculation about whether the action will take place.

John Chartres admitted that the situation was 'Pretty deadlocked,' but he expected that there would be a solution before the damage was irreversible. There were also rumours that examinations at Sheffield, Exeter, Southampton and Birmingham were going ahead as normal despite the AUT's boycott; rumours which John Chartres claimed were untrue.

However the facts suggest that the prospect of an immediate settlement is remote. The negotiations over this year's pay rise began last January, amid disputes about the previous year's pay rise, and the failure to reach an agreement indicates that the AUT's pay claim is an intractable problem.

Negotiations actually broke down prior to the

ballot, when the University Vice Chancellors withdrew from negotiations over what John Chartres described as a 'trivial issue.' Apparently there was a dispute over procedural rules which resulted in the Vice Chancellors walking out. On January 4th, the CVCP's negotiators recommended that an offer should be made to the AUT of approximately 3%. However the full council of the CVCP repudiated their negotiators' advice and refused to make any offer.

The CVCP believe that salaries are too low, and claim to recognise the validity of the AUT's grievances. However they say that there just isn't enough money to meet the AUT's demands.

The problem of a lack of funds is being felt throughout higher education. Confidential forecasts prepared by the University Grants Committee estimate that 3,000 academics must go, on top of the 5,200 reductions already agreed; in order to keep costs constant in real terms. The report went on to say that by 1991/2 pay will have risen from 72½% of total expen-

diture to 74½%, and the problems of paying staff is likely to be an increasing burden.

The AUT is in an equally difficult position. Lecturers have not received a pay rise for over two years and it is estimated that there would have to be a 10/15% rise in salaries to preserve their real value. Increasingly the dispute is being widened from a pay issue into a fight for the quality of education and the result of the ballot indicates that there is a strong 'militant' feeling amongst its' membership.

In such circumstances a compromise may not be seen as satisfactory by either side.

The dispute also threatens to be a messy affair. It is still unclear how students will be graded. One suggestion is that, if no solution is found, they will have to sit special papers after the dispute has been resolved. The action could also cause splits within the AUT, as some universities opt out of the national pay scheme and grant their lecturers pay rises, whilst others will not or are unable to...

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SATURDAY

1 08.15 **Saturday Starts Here**
 09.00 **Going Live** Features music from Perfect Day, Gordon Kaye the fat sod from 'Allo 'Allo and a report on young people and gambling.
 12.15 **Grandstand** Skiing, racing, diving, ice hockey, football, badminton and so on.
 17.05 **News**
 17.20 **The Flying Doctors** More Aussie shit, look out for the motorbiking neighbours
 18.05 **Jim'll Fix It** Not if I can help it.
 18.40 **Bob's Full House** Total, utter slimy, creep...
 19.15 **Allo, Allo** Exploding Xmas puds
 19.40 **The Paul Daniels Magic Show**
 20.25 **Columbo** Old smartarse susses the baddies
 21.40 **News And Sport**
 21.55 **Kane And Abel**
 00.10 **Film Theatre Of Blood** (1973) Horror Shakespeare, believe it or not, with Vincent Price. Scorned these dispatches his critics in novel murders based on the writings of the Bard.

2 12.00 **Open University**
 13.55 **Cartoon Double bill** For the hung over
 14.05 **Saturday Cinema; Face to Face** (1952) Two short films based on Conrad and Crane. Part one is *The Secret Sharer* with James Mason in ethical dilemmas, while *The Bride Comes To Yellow Sky* has gunfight action with Robert Preston (?).
 15.35 **Hotel Reserve** (1944) James Mason (again) is wrongly charged with espionage and rattles about trying to clear his besmirched name
 17.00 **World Darts**
 18.50 **Travellers In Time** Two Tales Of Endeavour
 19.30 **News View**
 20.15 **Rhythms of the World** Celebration of African music coming from Paris
 21.05 **Film: Paths of Glory**
 22.30 **Killers Kiss** (1955) Star-cross'd love story set in the boxing world
 23.40 **World Darts**

YTV 05.00 **ITN Morning News**
 06.00 **TV-am**
 09.25 **Motormouth**
 11.30 **The Chart Show** incl's The Christians
 12.30 **America's Top 10**
 13.00 **ITN News**
 13.05 **Saint & Greavsie** Yawn, where's the football
 14.10 **Charlie's Angels** Spot the flares
 15.05 **Snooker** No good for us with b&w
 16.15 **Mr Majeika** Failed magician crashlands
 16.45 **Results**
 17.00 **ITN News**
 17.15 **Blockbusters**
 17.45 **Superboy** New series by the makers of the films. Supercrap??
 18.15 **Trick Or Treat** Game show
 18.45 **The James Bond Season; You Only Live Twice**
 20.55 **ITN News**
 21.15 **Tales Of The Unexpected**
 21.45 **Aspel And Company**
 22.30 **Snooker**
 00.30 **ITN News Headlines** followed by **The Hit Man And Her**

C4 09.30 **Storybook Classics** Jack Nicholson narrates 2 Kipling 'Just So' stories
 10.00 **Moneyspinner** Repeat of Tues
 10.30 **Film; Tea For Two**
 12.20 **Film; Pete Smith Specialties** *Ain't Life Aggravatin'?*
 12.30 **Empress Wu**
 13.00 **Vita Futurista**
 14.00 **Film; Yellow Jack**
 15.30 **Film; Back Room Boy** (1942) Arthur Askey banished to a lighthouse in chirpy "Bash the Nazi's, playmates!" flick.
 17.05 **Brookside**
 18.00 **Right To Reply**
 18.30 **Scottish Eye** New series of topical documentaries from Scotland
 19.00 **News Summary & Weather** then **People To People; Letter To Spain**
 20.05 **The Harp In the South**
 21.00 **Film; Ivan's Childhood**
 22.50 **Sounds Of Surprise; Machito — A Latin Jazz Legacy**
 23.55 **The Motown Story**

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 14.00 **Eastenders** The omnibus edition of Britain's second fave prog
 15.00 **Film Matinee; North West Frontier** (1959) The Kenneth Moore film everyone's seen where he rescues a Hindu prince from rebellion and traitors with the aid of an old steam engine called Victoria
 17.05 **The Clothes Show** featuring Barry McGuigan (I jest not)
 17.30 **Antiques Roadshow**
 18.15 **Lifeline**
 18.25 **News** with John Ketley is a weather man
 18.40 **Songs Of Praise**
 19.15 **Only Fools and Horses I** want the full S.P. Rodney
 20.05 **Mastermind** New series
 20.35 **Kane and Able**
 22.05 **News**
 22.20 **Everyman**
 23.10 **Handmade** Machine Knitting
 23.40 **The Sky At Night**

2 12.00 **Reportage**
 12.50 **Film; I Remember Mama**
 15.00 **Oh I Say!** Birthday tribute to tedious old buffer Dan Maskell
 15.50 **One Hundred Great Sporting Moments** Borg's first Wimbledon
 16.10 **Music in Camera**
 17.00 **Rugby Special**
 17.55 **Ski Sunday**
 18.35 **The Money Programme** Reports on US debt crises
 19.15 **Atlantic Realm** Ocean of light. Marine special starring swimming sea slugs, tuna, whales, basking sharks and ten million tonnes of floating sargassum
 20.10 **Simply Mozart** Special about the composer
 21.10 **New Scottish Art** About the female form
 21.30 **Three Minute Culture** About TV culture
 20.05 **Screen Voices** Angel Voices
 23.20 **Snub**

YTV 12.00 **Encounter**
 12.30 **Weather and Farming Diary**
 12.55 **Calendar, then the real News**
 13.10 **Eyewitness**
 14.00 **Snooker**
 15.00 **The Match** Spurs vs, Notts. Forest live from White Hart Lane. Not much in it between El Tel's overpriced fanny-dancers and Cloughie's babes
 17.05 **Snooker**
 18.40 **ITN News, then Calendar**
 18.40 **Highway**
 19.15 **Catchphrase**
 19.45 **Wish Me Luck** Drama with women British agents in Nazi-occupied France
 20.45 **Agatha Christie's Poirot**
 21.45 **News**
 22.00 **The New Statesman**
 22.30 **The South Bank Show**
 23.30 **Scrumdown**
 00.30 **News, then The Chart Show**

C4 12.00 **Treasure Hunt**
 13.00 **Lost In Space** Penny becomes involved in inter-galactic warfare, between two space empires — a bit early for this sort of thing, one feels
 14.00 **Film: Azaad**
 16.45 **Rockhound Magoo** Cartoon
 16.55 **News, weather**
 17.00 **The Business Programme**
 17.30 **American Football**
 18.45 **The Cosby Show** *Theogate*
 19.15 **Fragile Earth: The Goddess and the Computer**
 20.15 **Conquer The Arctic**
 21.15 **A Child Of Our Time** Last of a series on the composer Sir Michael Tippett
 22.45 **Film: Summer of '42**
 00.40 **Beats of the Heart** The role of modern music in China

Burglars strike at Leeds student homes

Despite pre-Christmas warnings from the police, many Leeds students were victims of burglaries over the holiday period, with Chestnut Avenue in Leeds 6 proving to be a particular favourite with the intruders.

Two houses next door to each other were hit badly. Mel Barnard told Leeds Student how her housemate returned last Saturday (7th) to find that entry to their home had been made through the cellar window. 'We had our water heater ripped off the wall in the summer, said Mel, and when we found it had been done again our worst fears were confirmed! Other items to go missing included a freezer, television, stereos, clothes, records, and even the telephone. The estimated cost of the goods stolen is somewhere approaching £1000.

Mel added: 'The police are not too sure when the burglary took

place, but it was probably at night judging by the number of matches we found on the floor. There's just no logic to it. The police say they could probably supply a list of likely culprits but it's just a question of catching them.'

It was much the same story next door at Kerry Lydon's house. When Kerry and her two friends returned to their house on New Year's Eve they found that the burglars had entered through a back basement window. Doors were broken, locks gone and frames splintered. Drawers were all over the place, with clothes and photos scattered everywhere. Items missing in-

cluded a microwave, two stereos, leather jackets, suitcases and cameras. The stolen gear will cost about £1500 to replace. 'To be honest it would have surprised me more if we hadn't been burgled' said Kerry. 'I think it would have been worse if they'd really wrecked the house — having the stuff stolen is just a pain.'

Report by JOHN RIGBY and RICHARD MILDREN

It seems that even members of Exec are not safe — the home of Publicity Sec Tom Edge was broken into, as his housemate Stephen Caspar told us 'Tom returned to Leeds on about the 30th and found that the front door had been kicked in. We had

three colour TV's stolen as well as speakers and booze. The cost is probably about £1000. The burglars even started playing Trivial Pursuit before they left.'

Leeds Student columnist Alex Gardiner had similar problems: 'We had five colour TV's stolen and a video' Alex told us, 'I think it will cost about £1500 for the insurance company to replace everything.'

There have been other reports of break-ins: a house on Queens Road had about £1500 of property stolen including stereos, camera lenses and videos. Another house on Chestnut Avenue was hit just before New Year and had TV's, clothes and jewellery taken to the tune of £1000. A house on Brudenell Mount had speakers stolen and stereos smashed up, causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage. A house on Meadow

View was broken into on Monday night and one on Richmond Mount has suffered at the hands of intruders no less than three times in as many weeks.

Other, as yet unconfirmed reports suggest that more houses on Meadow View, Hesse View, Brudenell Mount, Brudenell Grove and Chestnut Avenue have been hit.

Crime has not eluded University Flats over Christmas either. On the 16th December an African student in St. Mark's was broken into, and a 14 inch colour television and a watch were taken.

The police were called, and subsequently recovered the TV in a flat in Chapletown. A man has been charged.

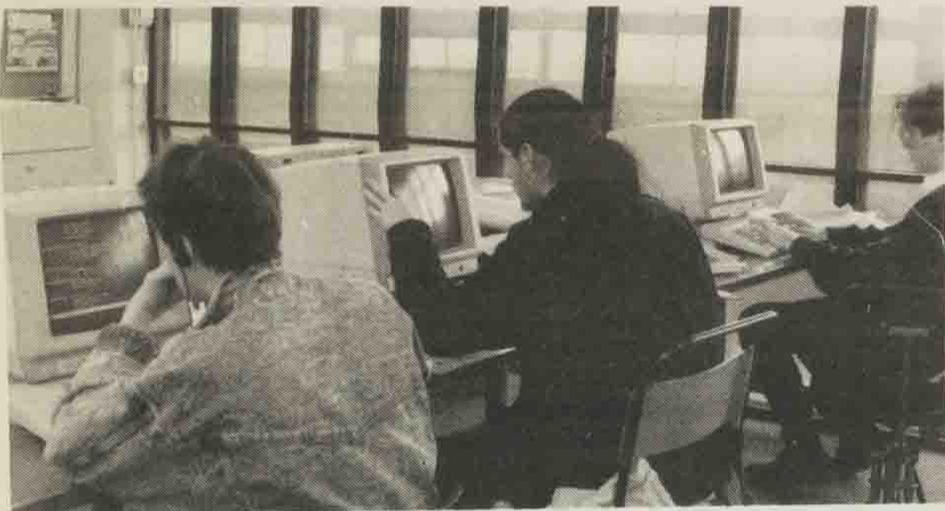
The police found no signs of forced entry, and therefore concluded that a key was used.

In the site agents office of

St. Mark's Flats there is a petition complaining about the lack of security in the flat complex with over 90 signatures on it. Head of University Security, Mr Muir said, 'Without knowing what the complaints are I cannot comment. However, we are always ready to give advice, and will attend any meeting on the subject of crime prevention that we are invited to.' Students can also get free advice on crime prevention by contacting the Community Involvement Unit of their local police station.

Two 18 year old males recently burgled a Chinese student and stole a leather jacket and a pair of trousers. Fortunately they decided to wear said items down the Union bar last Wednesday night (4th). The victim also happened to be in the bar that night and swiftly called the police who apprehended the suspects.

Hacker enters Uni computer



● Hack your body

Picture: Martin Galley

by Steve Ball

A computer 'hacker' has been arrested in Los Angeles and charged with breaking into computers in the US and Leeds University.

Kevin David Mitnick, 25, of Panorama City, Los Angeles, was indicted on 20 December 1988 on two counts of computer fraud and one of interstate transportation of a computer security tape worth \$1 million which he had stolen from the Digital Equipment Corporation. More charges could be brought in the future. If he is found guilty he could face 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$750,000.

Mitnick was arrested in dramatic circumstances on 7 December last year. He had arranged to meet his long-time associate Leonard DiCicco in the basement parking lot of the building from which he was hacking into Leeds University. He brought with him the stolen computer security tape. Then, according to John Johnson of the Los Angeles Times 'The FBI and people from other organizations were waiting for him to arrive. Mitnick parked the car and DiCicco walked up. As soon as

DiCicco saw a blue satchel on the back seat he reached up and scratched his head, a pre-arranged signal to the FBI, who then descended on Mitnick and arrested him.'

Mitnick has been refused bail by three different US District Judges, who say that he is too great a threat to be released.

Leeds University Computing Service was unavailable for comment and directed all enquiries to the University Information Office. Mr David Morris of the Information Office said: 'Before December the Computing Service was aware that someone from across the Atlantic was attempting to get unauthorised access to one of the computers on campus. No users have reported any damage or corruption of their programmes.'

The attempts at access were not to any of the computers run by the computing service. I can categorically deny that the MOD or national security are in any way involved.'

Mr Morris said that both University and student records were held in computer files, but that these were inaccessible from outside the University. He said that extensive backup copies are kept.

The Los Angeles District Attorney said that this was believed to be the first prosecution in the US brought under the 1984 Federal Computer Fraud Statute. Such specific legislation does not exist in the UK.

- In the summer of 1988 a Leeds University student was suspended for three months for hacking into a computer at another university.

- In April 1988 a northern University was infected by a computer virus which was believed to have originated in Pakistan. It still has not been completely eradicated.

- Another virus which has infected UK computers in the past took the form of an adventure game. In the game the 'hero' had to go around various clubs visiting prostitutes. Those who successfully completed the game were congratulated by the computer while the virus deleted all other files held.

Dear beer as pumps change

by Beezy Marsh

The beer pumps in the University Union's Old Bar have been changed, following an inspection by Leeds Environmental Health Authority.

Last term Leeds Student revealed that the autovac pumps used in the bar failed to comply with National Food Hygiene Regu-

lations.

'We received Environmental Health's report at the end of last term and the required changes

were made over the Christmas holidays' said L.U.U. Admin Secretary Mike Green.

The Union forgoes wastage of up to 20%, due to the new system, as the bar staff are not trained to pull pints. As a result beer has gone up by approximately four pence a pint, to recoup any losses.

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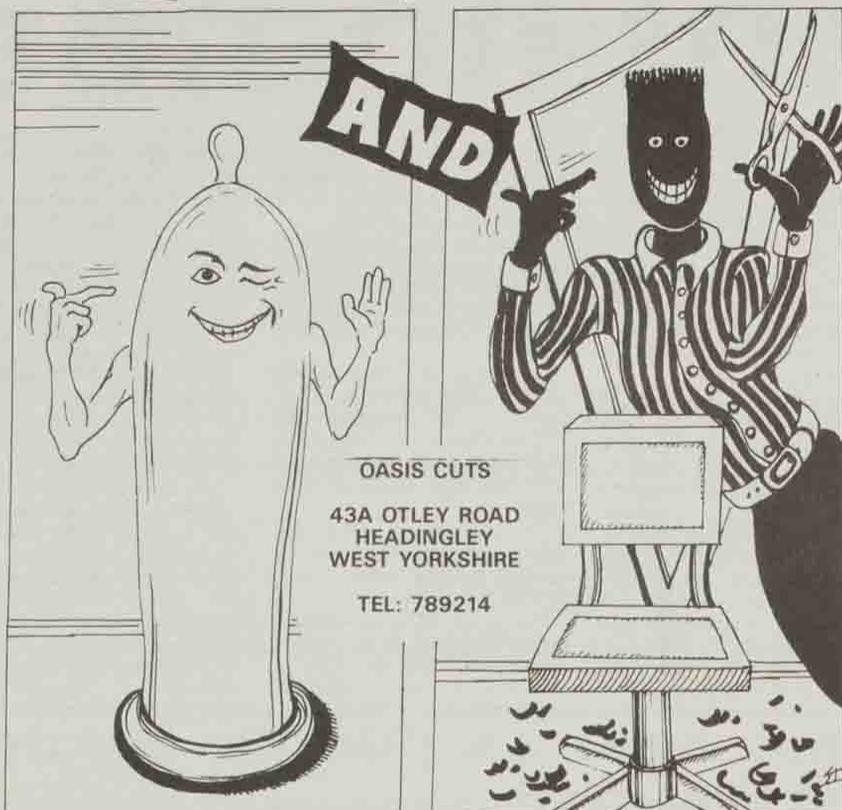
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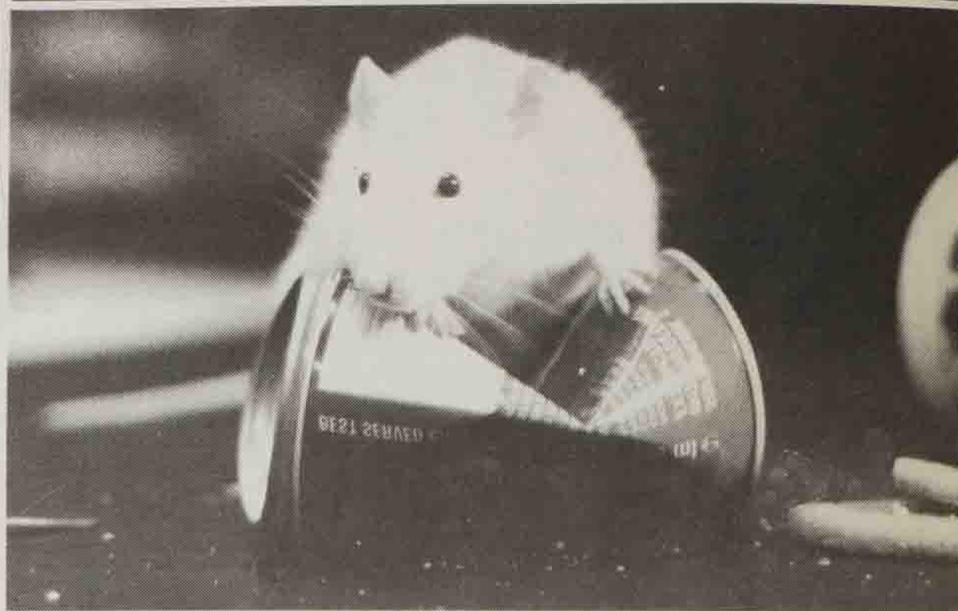
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NEWS



• Beware! The rats invading Leeds aren't white fluffy ones like this. Pic by Jeremy Murch

Mild weather signals rats invasion

by Jackie West

Leeds environmental health officers are this week warning of an imminent invasion of rats into the city.

Encouraged by the recent mild winters, there has been a rodent population boom, the results of which are just beginning to appear. At the moment health officers are coping but are considering raising staff levels to cope with the problem. They expect annual complaints to jump from 2,000 to 3,000.

Chief health officer Gordon Johnson claims "Leeds is as rodent free as any other city in Britain

and has maintained a steady drive against rats". However, he admits that public sightings have in-

creased in recent months.

Leeds sewers are regularly treated with Warfarin, a poison which kills painlessly by internal bleeding, but as the rodent invasion continues more and more rats will be searching for somewhere to live and eat, in basements and sheds.

Students house are considered to be particularly at risk to infestation due to their generally poor conditions.

Money's too tight to mention

by Tim Crabbe

The Vice Chancellor's end of year statement to Court highlighted the financial problems facing the University, which persist in the wake of over 300 staffing reductions in the past year.

Despite these cuts, expenditure in 1987-88 exceeded income by some £726,000. With the net deficit for the year at £1.6million the General Revenue Reserve was left £8,000 in the red.

For 1988-89, the Planning and Resources Committee has budgeted for a deficit of £2.1 million and plans to meet the expected shortfall of £1.3 million through further cuts. The deficit budgeting, which must end by 1990, has only been made possible by the suspension of payments to the non-academic staff pension scheme for the next years.

"The suspension of contributions is only being made to avoid the Corporation Tax, required under the 1986 Finance Act," commented Dave Morris, the University Information Officer, adding that "staff pensions and benefits will not be affected". A rolling review of the University has been established to look at reas for further cutbacks, and the Student's Union is included in the examination.

Pressed on whether this was likely to result in a cut in the Union's grant, Dave Morris stated that, "No area of the University can be protected."

Former lecturer risks jail

by John Rigby

A former Bradford University lecturer, Mr Michael Ruddle, and his friend Mr Pat Pottle, are ready to risk imprisonment for their part in the freeing of George Blake, the British double agent, who escaped from Wormwood Scrubs in 1966, whilst serving a 41 year prison sentence. Blake is now a KGB Colonel.

Conservative MP's have won a campaign for the Director of Public Prosecutions to reopen the case. The Tories have said that the pair should not be allowed to publish their forthcoming book - "The Blake Affair - How We Freed George Blake and Why".

Involvement

Ruddle, a founder member of CND, said: "We have stated publicly that we were involved in Blake's escape and we are not retracting from that". Ruddle went on to say that they were prepared to go to jail if necessary, and added "We feel that our decision was the right one and we have always been prepared to take the consequences. Going to jail is not a nice prospect and I hope it does not come to that. But we have always been prepared for it"

York student in jet tragedy

by Patrick Johnson

It was discovered only last Tuesday by a Yorkshire college that one of their American students, Miss Katherine Hollister, had been aboard the ill-fated jet which was destroyed above the village of Lockerbie.

Katharine, 20, switched flights from her scheduled Christmas Eve flight to the doomed Wednesday plane to try to return home to New York and her parents in time to celebrate Christmas at home.

"We have only just found that Kate was on the plane. It is a very

sad start to the new term," said Dr Alan Young, the college's Director of Overseas Student Programmes.

"Kate was a quiet, hard working girl who was very likeable. She was studying English And History and had a very bright future ahead of her."

High inflation rate may hasten loans

Student loans could be fully implemented far sooner than previously anticipated if the present rate of inflation continues in its current trend.

It was originally thought that students will be totally dependent on loans by 2007/8 but this is no longer a valid estimation as it was based on an interest rate of 3%.

The government intends to freeze its cash grant and gradually increase student loans in line with inflation, the effects of higher infla-

Report
by
Siobhan Elliot

are therefore apparent.

This news has further fuelled controversy in parliament over the financial effects of student loans on the taxpayer and the state. This

follows confusion as to whether the loans scheme will actually increase or decrease public spending on Higher Education.

Short term costs will be increased due to expectations of a greater number of school-leavers entering into higher education. Costs will also be increased initially since the Government must make loans available to all students including those previously solely funded by parental contributions.

According to Dr Nicholas Barr of L.S.E. it is debatable as to whether savings will ever be made as the Government's white paper makes no allowance for administration costs which could amount to £100 per year per student.



Straw to challenge Baker over cost row

by Siobhan Elliott

Jack Straw, Shadow Secretary of Education, has demanded clarification from Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education,

after Baker made contradicting statements in the House of Commons as to the cost to the taxpayer of student loans.

Mr Baker had apparently told the House of Commons that the Government was

'reducing the burden on the taxpayer.'

However he had also made a conflicting statement shortly before Christmas claiming the 'proposals were not meant to cut the money spent on higher education but to increase it.'

The Department of Education defended Kenneth Baker on Monday denying any inconsistencies. The Government scheme, the department explained will lead to increased public spending in the short run but also savings in the long run.

Avon survey voices fears

by Kamal Ahmed

A survey of student reactions to the loans issue seems to confirm fears that women, black and working-class students will be worst hit if the proposals are passed.

The survey of 100 students in Avon also supports the view that graduates will be deterred from entering relatively low paid professions such as social work, teaching or nursing.

Over 50% of the sample were of the opinion that they could not have done their course without the benefit of a grant.

A more specific look at the figures reveals that women were more concerned about the effect of top-up loans, 62% saying that a grant was a necessity as opposed to 45% of men.

Similarly black students were more worried about their future

ability to pay off loans. None of those asked said that they would want to incur debts, whilst 45% of white students said that they were willing to consider accepting a loan.

Of those students on courses which lead to qualifications in social work, teaching or nursing 70% expressed their concern at not being able to afford to take on a loan in order to complete their degree.

However, those courses which lead to qualifications in law, the natural sciences and computing had a far lower rating, only 32% of students saying that they could not afford a loan.

Extra grant for London

by Tom Symonds

The Government has announced plans to increase student grants by 5% for students outside London and 9.3% for those in the capital.

In a statement to parliament before Christmas, Higher Education Minister, Robert Jackson revealed the grants figures for the 1989 academic year.

This may be the last increase before the grants are frozen in accordance with the government's intended loans policy which it hopes

to commence in 1990.

Students on a full grant outside London will receive £2155, an increase of £105. Students living in London will have an extra \$225 in their pockets, receiving £2650.

Post-Graduate grants have also increased by the same amounts.

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This, believe it or not, is a genuine reader's letter, printed in the Liverpool Echo on December 29th. Read it and weep:

'STUDENTS SHOULD DO THEIR SUMS

I don't necessarily agree with the plan to replace student grants with loans, but lest anyone think students are in dire poverty, they could consider the following (and I was a student for four years myself):

1) Students get more than the unemployed and, unlike unemployment pay, grants are tax-free.

2) If students are so poor why are pubs near colleges so full at end of term times? I witnessed in one bar a group of noisy students drinking that well-known poor man's tippale, Pernod and blackcurrant!

3) They get large discounts on rail and coach travel, no doubt encouraging them to gallivant half-way across Britain — shouldn't they be studying?

4) They get very generous overdrafts etc from banks — what is to stop them using the money for drink, drugs, contraceptives or compact disc players?

5) Despite high local unemployment students seem able to get holiday jobs, e.g., with the Post Office: Why is this?

So, I hope those students who go to parties at the end of term with unlimited alcohol and casual sex, bear in mind those less well-off people like me, who have bread and cheese for Christmas dinner and have seen nothing more exotic than the chemical industry of the lower Mersey valley in 1988.

K. Rampley, Widnes.

So there you go. But never mind, it's the weekend. Apparently you can go and spend your generous overdraft on drink, drugs, contraceptives and compact disc players. As for Leeds Student, we're all off to enjoy ourselves at parties with unlimited alcohol and casual sex.

Happy New Year.

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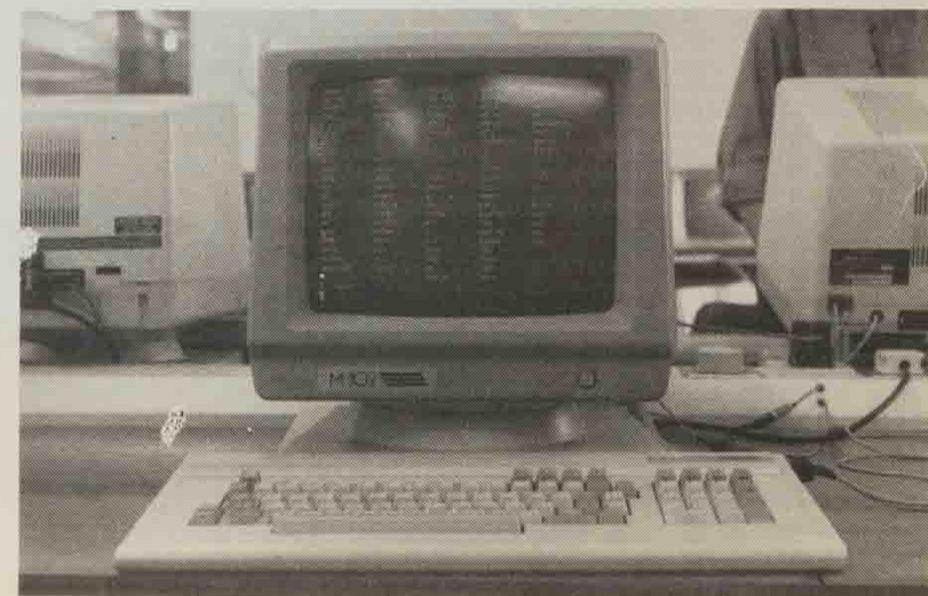
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DEPECHE MODEM

MARTYN ZIEGLER logs on to the secret world of the computer hackers, and looks at the man who may have read YOUR file

Computer hackers have been making big news recently — most recently Kevin Mitnick in Los Angeles who has been arrested for breaking into the hallowed systems of our own Leeds University network. But how easy is computer hacking — can any budding computer prodigy traverse the world's systems at will, and if so how deep can they get?

Last October Edward Singh, a self-styled whizz kid, was arrested at a Surrey University computer terminal on a charge of electricity theft — the only charge that could be brought, for in Britain hacking in itself is not illegal. According to Singh's claims however, he had hacked into systems that could have led to his arrest under the Official Secrets Act. Indeed Scotland Yard's Serious Crime Squad have investigated his alleged penetration of Britain's Admiralty Weapons



Research Establishment and NATO circuits.

Singh says that he has had documentation out of at least 250 systems worldwide.

'I didn't have enough resources to handle all the information I was getting on my own, even among friends,' he told the Guardian.

To get into any system an ID number and accompanying password is needed. Once in the system, each ID number gives the user a predetermined level of access

within the system. Your average hacker either needs to somehow obtain an ID number and password, or bypass that entry procedure by a loophole in the system.

Singh claims that he had made an emulation programme which tricked legitimate users into believing his programme was the system they wanted to be in. He would then collect several ID numbers and passwords for use at a later time and eject the users from

his programme, giving them the impression that there had been a computer malfunction. Once in possession of these numbers, Singh could then gain a degree of access to that system.

All keen users of computer networks have pseudonyms. One of Singh's led Surrey University to believe that they were dealing with a Russian spy.

'My pseudonym was Srodni Vachtar — he was a ferret in

LETTERS

Edited this week by Andrew Harrison

Dear Editor,

There was a gremlin in the works in the last edition of Leeds Student before Christmas. You published a letter of mine which seemed to affirm people's 'sexual appetites.' Unfortunately 'appetites' was not the word I used. I do want to affirm sexual orientation, because it is an essential part of who a person is. I do want to affirm our various permanent relationships, for these are loving, caring and far less fickle than our sexual appetites which are not always so healthy (and can be exploitative). It is from our permanent relationships that we can learn about God.

I thank you for allowing me space for putting the matter right.

Yours sincerely
(Revd.) Clive Barrett,
Anglican Chaplaincy,
University of Leeds

Dear Editor,

I see, from a cutting from the Leeds Student that found its way to me out here in the bush, that the

question of student loans has once again reared its blue-rinsed and hideous head. I'm as much opposed to this obnoxious motion as the pinkest of Union pinkoes, but I have had the chance to look at the other side of the coin.

The attitude of the Brazilian government to education makes even Mr Baker look like a patron of the arts of renaissance proportions. Unless Daddy is a nasty bank manager, or a horrible lawyer, or a wicked land-owner, your chances of even receiving a decent schooling are less than minimal.

For those of lowly birth who are stubborn enough to persist until University level, they face 6 or 7 years of working all day and studying at night, and scrimping and saving to buy books and pay fees. I hate to say it, but they'd jump at the chance of a loan.

So of course you must fight tooth and nail to stop loans becoming reality, but please don't forget that there is another reality and, loans or no, we're the lucky ones.

Mike Bird,
Vespaciano,
Brazil

Dear Editor,

After years of student apathy a stance is finally taken in London and what is your response — 'It's becoming painfully obvious that marches and demos

a story by Saki — and when the university saw that they thought I was a Russian spy, he told Owen Bowcott of the Guardian.

Many people, ranging from journalists to other hackers and even to the American Secret Service have been distinctly sceptical of the claims that Singh has made — he has been described as technically proficient but emotionally immature.

His image of a spotty self-publicist and junk food freak is by all reports not alone in the hacking world — Kevin Mitnick is said to have existed on a diet of Wonderburgers and strawberry 'slurpies'. It is certain however, that Singh did have transatlantic connections, and even met some of his American counterparts, some of whom are currently under Secret Service surveillance. Singh's claims cannot at the moment be substantiated, since all possible documentary evidence has been confiscated by the fraud squad.

One computer game enthusiast that I spoke to, and who actually had communicated with Singh on the national computer network, confirmed that system ID numbers were sometimes swapped on the network. Although he knew very little about hacking himself, from his knowledge of Singh he said that he would believe less than one tenth of all he claimed. Many hackers like to boast about their achievements, and outdo others.

Leeds University thinks it unlikely that Kevin Mitnick gained entrance to their system, although there was plenty of evidence that he had tried repeatedly.

There have been rumours around Los Angeles that he was given ID numbers by university staff, but the University authorities regard this as extremely unlikely.

Hacking is probably not as easy as some make out. Undoubtedly a lot occurs, but unless loopholes are found in a system, the likelihood of being able to achieve anything significant is small. It still remains the domain of a small and private few.

Look back in anger

by Andrew Belton

Put up and taken down the Christmas decorations? Ate and drank too much? Sung Auld Lang Syne? Ready to start the second term? Before you do, why not look back on 1988.

We had our fair share of natural disasters — hurricanes in Jamaica, floods in Bangladesh & an earthquake of horrific proportions in Armenia. But there have been some successes too. There was the Freedom At 70 Concert, & a British Hockey Olympic gold whilst the 'Superpowers' are at last talking about disarmament and presenting proposals.

At home, 1988 could be said to have been a very ordinary year. For me, however, six significant major political events in 1988 have been allowed to slip by like undetected crimes.

Nationally, the furore over Edwina Currie and eggs dominated headlines for much of November & December. Sounding off as though curried eggs had given her a bad case of wind, and opening her mouth before engaging her brain, led to her demise. So what was her crime? Whilst she could tell pensioners to buy silk Long Johns, mortgage their homes to pay domestic and hospital bills, and to knit woolly hats; whilst she could tell 'Northerners' that their diet is bad, and that poverty and high mortality rates are their own fault, she survived untouched; — but heaven forbid if she should mention an industry with a bad case of salmonella.

Meanwhile, the old faces of Government continue. Nigel Lawson raised interest rates nine times in 1988. For many students this will add a further burden to their parents' shoulders; the expected £73 a month average increase in the cost of a mortgage this

year will have to come from somewhere. For those receiving a medium sized parental contribution, it may mean a bigger overdraft and further debt. With inflation at 6.4% and a balance of payments crisis on the horizon, Nigel Lawson has managed to plod on relatively unscathed.

In the House of Commons, two pieces of important legislation have been passed this year. The Poll Tax has already been introduced in Scotland with little but a whimper of dissent in England and Wales. How many of you know how it will effect your civil liberties or even your rent? What landlord will take the rates bill off your rent when the Poll Tax is introduced? In many parts of the country, house rental prices will soar with the abolition of fair renting. Secured tenancies are gone and students will be at the mercy of their landlords.

Yet we are still in a privileged position. The 900 workers who had their jobs threatened by the Conservative controlled Bradford City Council could have done with our support. If we seriously want to be a part of the local community then we cannot ignore its problems.

Finally, the most ominous piece of legislation forthcoming is the introduction of football I.D. cards. People within the game who should have been consulted have been ignored. The Government is obviously oblivious to the drop in hooliganism in recent years and the increase in the police's abilities to prevent trouble at grounds. Meanwhile, the part time or casual football supporter like myself looks set to be driven away.

My view of 1988 may seem a gloomy one; personally for me it wasn't too bad. But whilst you are eating the last leg of turkey or 20 day old mince pie, remember the last song you may have sung in 1988, and think; — Should old acquaintance be forgot?

merely give NUS's enemies within (where have I heard that phrase before?) and without the student world a golden opportunity to drag its name in the mud.'

Instead of direct action you advise us to 'Have a blazing row with your mum and dad.' What makes you think all students are middle class wimps with Tory voting parents? Students should be at the sharp end of political controversies, not grovelling to mummy and daddy or Daily Mail readers. So much for the spirit of '68.

Sean McKernan
Barnsley

All students are not 'Middle class wimps with Tory voting parents.' But most are, though they might take issue with the 'wimp' part. The fact is that unless the Government's own supporters are convinced that loans are unworkable, unfair and regressive, then they will be introduced. Talking and arguing with the people who vote for that government isn't bottling out of the struggle, it's just practical sense. Incidentally, how many veterans of the glory days of student protest are now backing the Conservatives? So much for the spirit of '68 indeed — Editor

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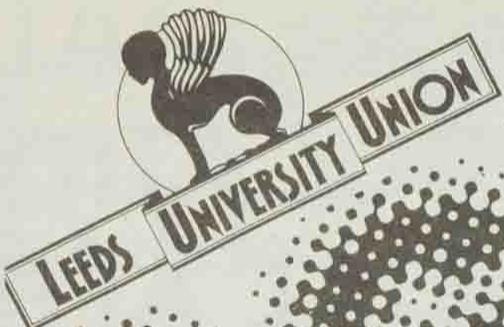
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THE FAN



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN TOTENHAM
AND MIKE GREEN...

... ONES BACKS ARE HOPELESS
AND THE OTHER ONES
BACKSIDE IS DOPELESS!

• Michael Green's birthday card
(see below for the full horror)

Bog-eyed, bleary, bemused and generally buggered tho' The Fan may be following the excesses of the 'festive' season, now 'tis necessary to abandon all thoughts of peace and goodwill towards all men. It's time to take up the napalm-drenched cudgel and servo-assisted tongs for the dispensation of appropriate punishments and public scorn to those people who are gonna make 1989 seem ... well pretty much like 1988 really.

Graced with the honour of christening the first Fan of the New Year is happy-go-lucky University Union Athletics prez Anne 'Logie' Baird. Old Bar celebrations at the end of last term saw general restraint overtake the habitually over-zealous studes, who opted to leave their wrecking kit at home for once, but not the doughy Anne.

The undoubtable sporting supremette arrived for her post-prandial bevvie in a state that could accurately be described as Def Con One. She was tooled up to the eyeballs with water cannon, flour and all the usual Panto props with the intent of seeking out and terminating one

Dar 'Luck-pusher' Shivtiel... Happily the foaming Anne was restrained by a crack team of porters who also nabbed her supply of GoldenLay size 4 Salmonella bombs, hence preventing an Iraqi/Libyan-style chemical war from breaking out between the star-cross'd twosome. But The Fan thinks it is BLOODY DISGUSTING that she wasn't SETTING AN EXAMPLE by arriving at the Union unarmed.

Anyway, speaking of germs ... Cheepy chirpy LUU Admin Sec Mike 'Prog Rock' Green managed to spread a few on his return from France over the Crimbo holz.

Poor Michael was picked out as an obvious smuggler of DROOGSI by the sharp-eyed Frog customs and subjected to a harrowing strip-search including (The Fan understands) the old peering-up-the-bottom-with-a-rolled-up-copy-of-Le-Monde routine. Eurgh!

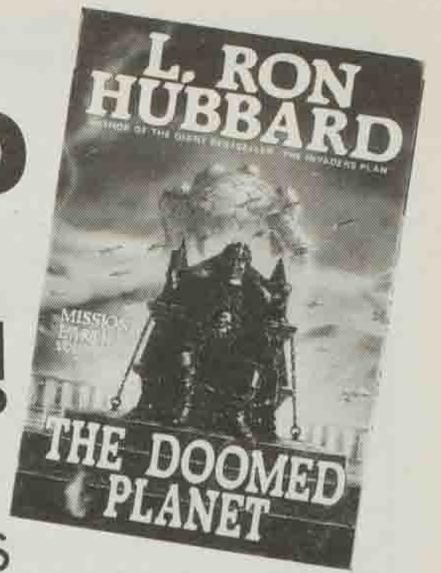
Add Spurs' round thrashing by Bradford to the list (Green is an avid follower of Venables' big jessies) and it's really not Mikey's year, is it?

Anyway the rest of exec cheered him up on his birthday (Tuesday) by nicking a Union mini-bus and razzing off en masse with the Poly's freeloaders to Otley, where they made exhibitions of themselves in front of hapless members of the local community. Who is to foot the bill for this jollity, asks The Fan? Who do you think?

And as for the supposedly-principled Rachel Taylor grabbing a minibus for a whole bleedin' weekend ... well The Fan — for the first but not last time this year by far — is GOB-SMACKED WITH DISGUST.

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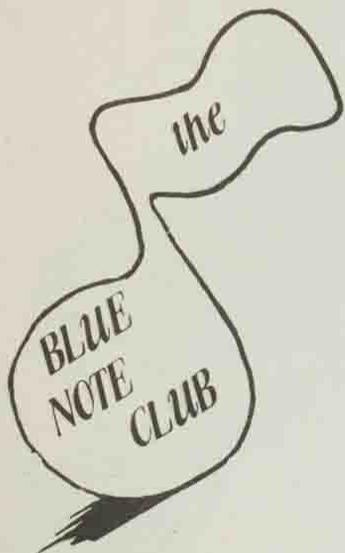
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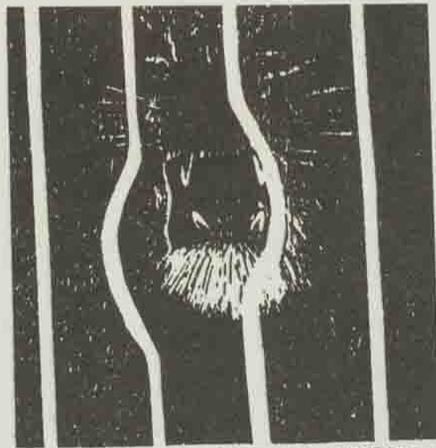


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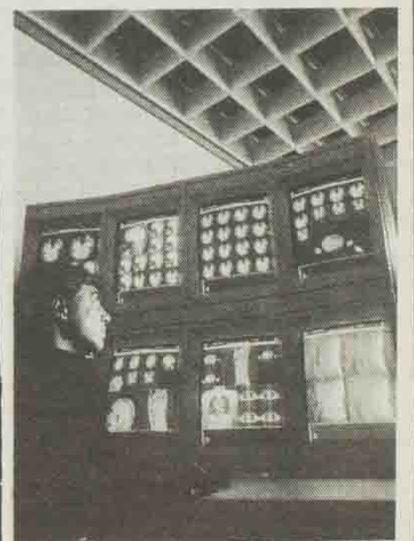


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ENOCH WATCHING

Damian Whitworth eyes up right wing Politicians and Leeds Theatre in 1989

I wish to blatantly use this space to make a personal claim to fame. Last week I went to see Derek Jacobi in Richard II and sat two seats away from Enoch Powell.

Although Jacobi was very good, Enoch Watching, by means of quick sideways glances (to the dismay of the poor person sitting between us) was of equal interest. I was rather delighted by the thought that whereas I had slunk in on a half price student standby, Enoch had surely paid the full thirteen pounds for both him and his wife. I left the theatre well pleased with the evening but grumbling about how much better London theatre was than the feeble provinces and how much more exciting it would be to do reviews in the great metropolis.

However, on reflection, and having looked over the programmes for the coming season, it is clear that such whingeing was nonsense and that there is much to look forward to in Leeds in '89.

The Playhouse, in its final year before moving to the new West Yorkshire Playhouse, kicks off an impressive looking season with Lillian Hellman's 'The Little Foxes,' produced by the same team that staged last year's successful 'Jane Eyre.' Stoppard's 'Hapgood' was generally

well received by the national press and is a regional premiere in March. Turgenev's 'A Month In The Country' is a tale that will no doubt appeal to all those who have ever got more than they bargained for from a holiday job.

Amongst the celebrity nights and Scout shows at The Grand, Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband' looks to be the best bet. A strong cast includes Jeremy Sinden and wife Delia Lindsay, who recently gave a strident performance in 'London Assurance'.

James Roose-Evans' stage adaptation of 84 Charing Cross Road comes to the amateur stage at The Civic and the intriguingly titled 'The White Rose' 'After Christmas' Christmas Show' may, or may not, be worth an evening out.

The Poly and University theatre groups are quiet at the moment but will no doubt shortly plaster the Union walls with posters.

Following their excellent production of 'Crow' Stamatios Mesimeris and Danny Brown are forming their own company 'Four Letter Words.' Thus, Leeds continues the revival, seen elsewhere in 1988, of The Actor Manager. It is hoped that they don't follow quite the same path as Kenneth Branagh and his Ren-

naissance Theatre Company and gain such swift fame that they become the focus of an embarrassing hour (too) long Channel Four documentary. It is rumoured that Stamatios' own version of the Oedipus legend will be a rip roaring success.

Certainly I still carry the annoying, self satisfied glow of someone who has spent three weeks in a centrally heated house with Black Adder yuletide specials and an unlimited tangerine supply; and indeed my enthusiasm for the New Year is due partly to this. But it cannot be denied that Leeds promises cheapish and varied theatre in '89. Of course, there's little chance of rapping with Enoch himself, but in any theatre, at every performance, there's always one old codger dozing peacefully.



HARD

RED HEAT (Odeon)

Review by Adam Higginbotham

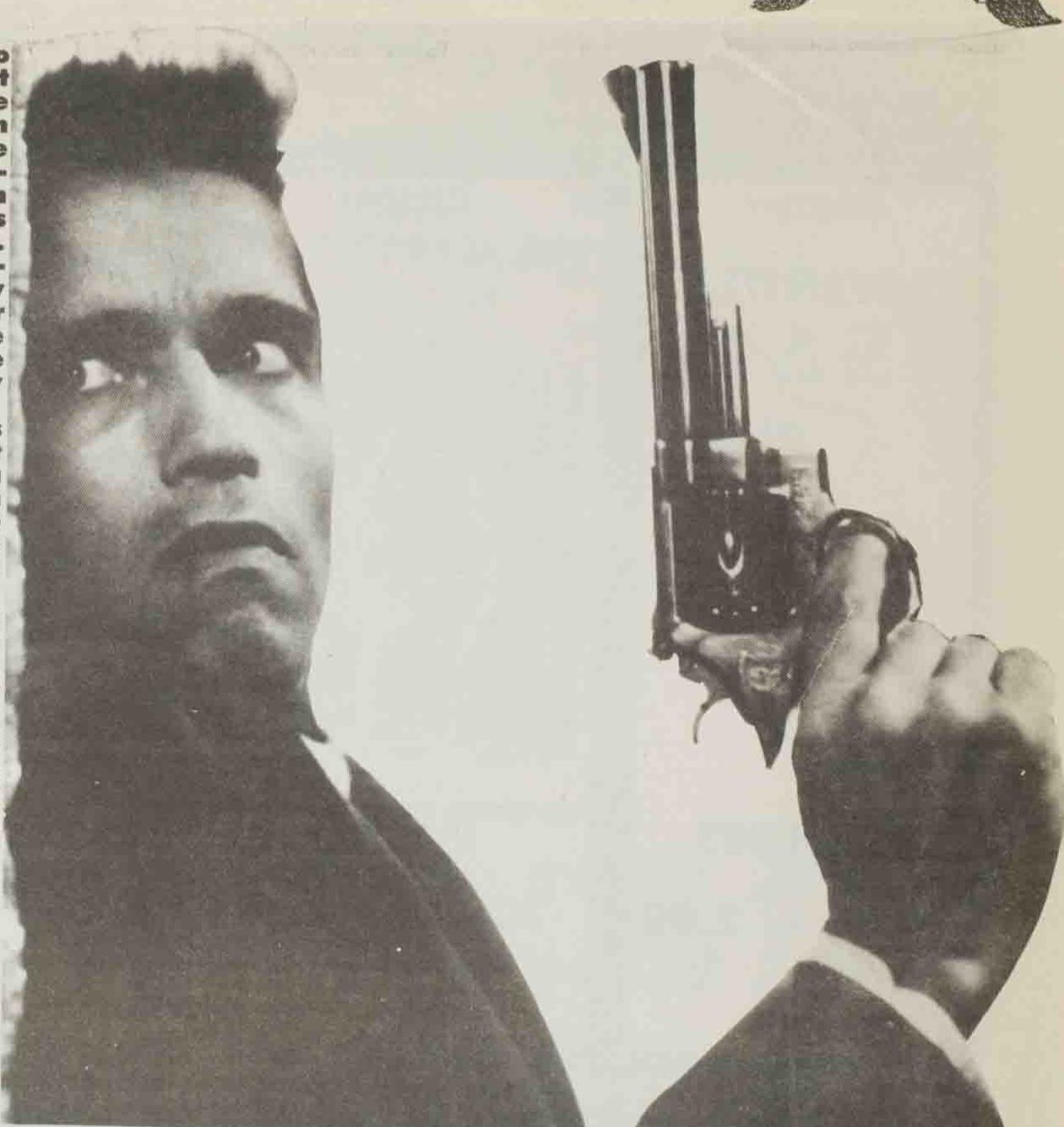
Arnold Schwarzenegger is a man who knows his limitations. He knows he's built like a brick shithouse. He knows he speaks with an accent that makes John Cole sound intelligible. Above all, he knows that he possesses the acting ability of the New Forest. Schwarzie's keen self-knowledge has plainly influenced his choice of film parts over the last ten years. His repertoire has thus so far not embraced the humourous dwarf, the witty raconteur, the introverted intellectual, or the bawdy Parisian madam. Instead, he has largely concentrated on the part of the muscular Austrian who intermittently grunts and kills people.

'Red Heat' is not about to explode this particular image. The flimsy gimmick that holds up his latest vehicle is that he's a Russian. A big, Russian policeman, in fact: A description that comfortably accommodates the accent, the build, the brutality and, I would venture to suggest, the poor acting ability.

As you would expect from the director of '48 Hours' and the star of 'Commando', 'Red Heat' is a fast-paced violent thriller. As you would hopefully not expect, it unashamedly retreads ideas from both films, most notably the former. '48 Hours' was a revenge thriller set in Los Angeles, dealing with a big, vicious policeman whose grim hunt for the man who shot his partner is only lightened by the occasional bus chase and his smart-arse black sidekick's funny lines.

'Red Heat' is a revenge thriller set in Chicago, dealing with big, vicious policeman whose grim hunt for the man who shot his partner is only lightened by the occasional bus chase and his smart-arse white sidekick's funny lines.

The only reasons to recommend the film are that Schwarzie's sidekick is played by James Belushi, and the pace is so swift that you may never realise you're watching an atrocious movie.



Louise Allison reviews Opera North's last two productions: Bizet's 'The Pearl Fishers' and Verdi's 'Aida'.

'The Pearl Fishers' has to be Opera North's best all-round production so far this season, whilst 'The Love For Three Oranges' still leads on the visual front, and 'Aida' I suspect leaving the rest of the season with no chance of getting near the musical prize.

The set and lighting for Bizet's 'The Pearl Fishers' were breathtaking. The lighting of the season had been dismal so far so this was a welcome relief.

A huge sailing ship was gently lit, at times with rows of candles, whilst pure white shreds of cloth covered the roof and sides of the stage, billowing in the 'sea' breeze. Costumes were equally simplistic, women in Eastern-style black costumes, the men in white. The sprinkling of rose petals caught the light to provide the prettiest highlight of the evening.

The Russian Sergei Leiferkus sang a stunning Zurga (Chief Fisherman), whereas Arthur Davies, as his friend Nadir, started badly with what seemed to be a coughing fit but recovered enough to make his famous duet with Zurga the pinnacle of the opera.

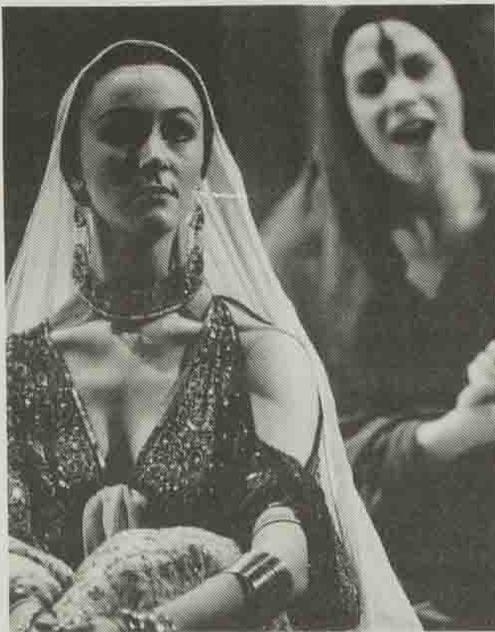
Anne Dawson was mesmerising as the priestess Leila, and John Tranter (Nourabad) sang as powerfully as ever, even if he did resemble a reject from the Royal Park on a bad night. The opera was another perfect vehicle for Opera North because of the great choral sections, and the women in particular excelled themselves.

The only element which let the side down was the dramatic content — something which Opera North has been recently boasting about. The passion of the lovers could be seen in any kids playground!!

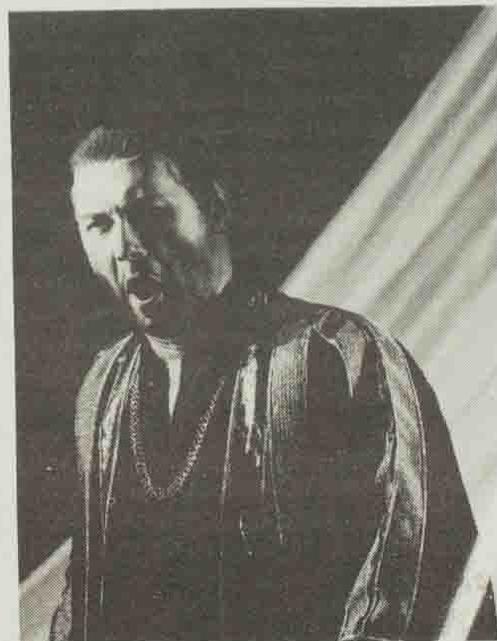
It was hard to believe that the second opera of the winter season, Verdi's 'Aida' was produced and designed by the same man, Philip Prowse. The set was positively claustrophobic, at times hardly seeming able to contain the grandeur of 'Aida'. The two operas obviously require a very different atmosphere, but 'Aida' was simply a mess. Venetian blinds in Egypt (?), Napoleonic costumes, plastic mauve pyramids, wobbly staircases and a crummy scattering of rose petals (which only served to highlight the contrast with the beauty of 'The Pearl Fishers'), all of this had people giggling in the bar during the interval.

Luckily 'Aida' is a fantastic opera, and the music inevitably dominated, with the chorus and orchestra doing it great justice. Sally Burgess as Amneris and Janice Cairns as Aida were both truly brilliant.

Neither of them exactly looked the part, but this did not really matter too much, it is such a pleasure to hear them. John Treleaven as Radames was rather poor vocally, but when he did the scene where he discovers he has betrayed his country for love in the mode of 'Oh well, never mind', I was quite happy to see him die.



FASCINATING AIDA



CICCONE YOUTH THE WHITEY ALBUM (BLAST FIRST)

It would have been better if it had been made up only of Beatles songs. But Laibach have already done that. Ah well...or Madonna songs. Now, I like Madonna, but I like Sonic Youth more. And this rag-bag collection of 80s obsessions, desperate though it may be, knocks them both into a cocked hat. Eclectic is a nice word.

In any other hands it would be hackneyed, some sub-JAMS collection strung together so that the holes gape open. But Noo Yawk does strange things to the mind, so that all the strange things thrown into the oven come out after some serious cooking in a firmly bouncy form. Only a Noo Yawker could take himself so seriously as to re-write The Poseidon Adventure as a third rate porn flick, "Jill said 'I'd love to, right now', so what could I say?", AND THEN scratch it into Hendrix at Monterey.

This disc also contains 1 minute and thirty seconds of silence. Ecstasy and ectoplasm, equally sticky and insubstantial.

Kim Gordon's voice is far breathier than Madonna's; that alone, I guess makes her sexier. But she doesn't have a moveable beauty spot, and that might be a real problem. Otherwise she'd be a Goddess, and own a portable DAT player for those jogging sessions in the park. 'Addicted To Love' sounds new and sexy, and it only cost \$17-98 to make as well, so it must be a real bargain. I just know that old Rob couldn't sing the line 'Oblivion is all you crave' so it sounded sensible. She could walk tall in a Scott Fitzgerald film.

Listen, would you trust a band that placed their intro-track at the beginning of the second side? No? Don't let me force you now...

This record is, indeed, uncannily like a pregnant springbok, it keeps springing little surprises, from the practical guide to band management on 'Two cool rock chicks listening to Neu' to the scream-alongable 'Into the Groovey', which features Madonna on backing vocals. Noo Yawk is a strange place, but at least they can whistle. 'Just open your lips and burn down the nineties'.



White on

SINGLES

Reviewed for the first time and positively last time by Choque and A Guy Called Michael

LOVE AND ROCKETS: Motorcycle (Beggar's Banquet)

A four-track 'concept' EP which has the exhilaration of a Roger Dean poster. Neither oily, black, fast or exhilarating. Well, beggars can't be choosers ...

CASH MONEY AND MARVELLOUS: The Mighty Hard Rocker (Sleeping Bag)

This week's piece of essential hip-hop. Not a drop of that horrid lysergic stuff around here.

SUICIDE: Surrender (Chapter 22)

'Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...' two very old chestnuts in fact. Messrs Rev and Vega who despite their past glories manage to come up smelling of Cliff Richard's colostomy bag. Either that or an outtake from Cliff's as-yet unheard 'drug' LP. PTO for vintage Vega workout.

DRUG FREE AMERICA: Heaven Ain't High Enough (Blind Eye)

Everything the new Suicide record should be. And wasn't.

GRANT HART: 2541 (SST)

Ex heroin-addict/Husker Du drummer in rubbish record shock. I watched several parties to study their impression of Grant Hart 2541. They were stood shocked, astonished in sweet silence. Then all of a sudden they laughed loud and long.

Here for once I am happy to agree with popular opinion.

JULIAN COPE: 5 O'Clock World (Island)

Dear Julian blooms, a perfect English rose into Iggy Pop, leotards et al. Amazing!

There are some, they tell me, who have not my approval and live. O Julian, the Gods may forgive and forget. (Just what are you on about Michael? — confused typesetter)

BELOVED: Your Love Takes Me Higher (WEA)

Let us pray that it does. I maintain like mathematicians that two plus two makes four in spite of the cry of the layman for three and the artist for five.

FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS: She Drives Me Crazy (London)

Art and farce! My dears the Fine Young Cannibals have perfected it. Their joke is their work. With this they are all my jokes, a masterful impersonation of Al Jolson.

DARLING BUDS: Hit The Ground (CBS/Native)

Big business blonde thing in limited edition flowery cloth sleeve, which with careful cutting make a lovely pair of Marks and Spencers knickers. The nearest any of you will get to grappling with Andrea's lingerie.

THE WATERBOYS: Fisherman Blues (WEA or something)

A piece of heaven, captured and bottled. Mike Scott's voice an ungraspable candle glow a reflection upon the water. Fragile, pristine — as wholly perfect as I am myself. Need I say more. A wonderful record but will it recapture the Empire?



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THEATRE

CITY VARIETIES Swan St. (430808) Until Jan. 28th at 7pm (Mat. 2pm) **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** starring Simon O'Brien (corr III)

CIVIC THEATRE Cookridge St. (462453) Until 21st Jan. The **LIDOS** Pantomime — **ROBINSON CRUSOE**

GRAND THEATRE 46 New Briggate (459351) **OPERA NORTH** presents Fri. 13th Jan, Mon. 16th Jan & Thur. 19th Jan. **THE FLYING DUTCHMAN** Sat. 14th Jan. & Wed. 18th Jan. **AIDA** Tue. 17th Jan. **THE LOVE OF THREE ORANGES** All performances commence at 7.15pm

LEEDS PLAYHOUSE Calverley St (442111) Student discount: £1 off advance bookings, ½ price standby (Mon & Thurs, only) Fri. 13th Jan. to 4th Feb. Mon./Tue. 8pm, Wed. — Sat. 7.30pm **THE LITTLE FOXES**

ALHAMBRA THEATRE Princess Way, Bradford (0274 752000) Until 18th Feb. 7.15pm **DICK WHITTINGTON & HIS CAT**

GIGS

ASTORIA 339 Roundhay Rd. (490914) Fri 13th Jan **MORRISSEY MULLEN BAND** Tues 17th Jan **DAVE BRENNAN'S NEW ORLEANS BAND** Wed 18th Jan **JO'S BOYS** Thur 19th Jan **THE KINGSNAKES**

DUCHESS OF YORK, Vicar Lane, (453929) Fri 13th Jan **PSYCHO SURGEONS**. Sat 14th Jan **LOP** Benefit. Gig: **TELEFUNKEN**, The Outset, Alex & John, Sharron, Ron "Arthur" Dewhurst, Jessica Darling. 8pm, £2 waged, £1.50 unwaged. Sun 15th Jan **STEVE PHILIPS** Mon 16th Jan **LOVE IT TO DEATH**. Tues 17th Jan **ELECTRO HIPPIES** plus Bomb Disneyland. Wed 18th Jan **WRATHCHILD** plus Heartbreak Angels. Thurs 19th Jan **THE HUNTERS CLUB** plus Another Cuba **LEEDS TRADES CLUB**, Savile Mt. — Sat 14th Jan Leeds Jazz presents **PINSKI ZOO**

ARTS

CITY ART GALLERY The Headrow (462495) Frid 13th Jan, final 3 days **100 YEARS OF ART IN BRITAIN**

CRAFT CENTRE AND DESIGN GALLERY Under the City Art Gallery (462485) Fri 13th Jan, final 3 days **THE JEWELLERY SHOW**

BRADFORD NMP, Prince's view (727488 ext. 248) Until 26th Feb. **SNAPSHOTS 1888 - 1988** Until 28th Feb. **METROPOLIS** documentary of Fritz Lang's legendary movie

LEEDS UNIVERSITY GALLERY Woodhouse Lane (431751) Wed 18th Jan, until 15th Feb. **THE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE** paintings by Peter Barton

MISC

Friday 13th January LUU FILM SOC Hitchcock's "Rear Window", RBLT 7pm, 50p members, £1 non-members J-SOC Shabbat comes in at 3.57 and goes out at 5.14 on Saturday. Services at Hillel, 5.30pm and 10am. Shabbatical salutations!

Sunday 15th January CATH SOC Turin Shroud talk and slide show, Catholic Chaplaincy 7.30pm, free + free food!

Monday 16th January UNITY WEEK Short service and discussion led by a chaplain, today Revd Robert

Way, committee Rooms A & B, 7.30pm Tuesday 17th January J-SOC Israeli Singing, Committee room D, 8pm, free

LUU FILM SOC Jack Nicholson in Polanski's "Chinatown". RBLT, 7pm, 50p members, £1 non-members UNITY WEEK Revd Clive Barrett, Committee rooms A&B, 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th January CATH SOC Ploughmans lunch, Catholic Chaplaincy, 1.30pm, only 50p. Proceeds to CAFOD ANTI RACISM CAMPAIGN Martin Luther King Day. Speaker councillor Mohammed Ajeeb — Britain's first Asian Lord Mayor. RSH, 1pm. Watch out for the AARC stall in the

Union foyer **PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN** Committee room D, 1-2pm, all welcome **UNITY WEEK** Revd Tasker Lewis, Committee rooms A&B, 7.30pm

Thursday 19th January J-SOC Discussion "Serving in the territories — a moral dilemma?" Hillel House 8pm **UNITY WEEK** Revd Brian McClorry, Committee rooms A&B, 7.30pm **LEEDS GREENPEACE SUPPORT GROUP** meet in the Cardigan Arms, Kirkstall Road, today and the third Thursday of every month, 7.30pm

Also — until 20th January, Sally Bradley Ceramics Show, Cookridge Street Gallery, Jacob Kramer College

FLIX

Cannon Cinema, Vicar Lane, Leeds LS1 Tel: 451013/452665 Adm £2.50, £1.30 with Union card Mon-Fri before 6pm. No smoking 1: **PRESIDIO** (15) 1.20pm 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm. Sun 2.20pm, 5pm, 7.40pm. 2: **MOONWALKER** (PG) 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm. Sun 2.45pm, 5.15pm, 7.55pm. 3: **YOUNG GUNS** (18) 1.10pm, 3.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.20pm. Sun 2.15pm, 4.45pm, 7.30pm

Cottage Road Cinema, Cottage Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 Tel: 756061. Adm

£1.80, £1.50 with Union card **WILLOW** 5.30pm, 8.10pm Late nighters at 10.45pm: Fri 13th Jan. **NINE & A HALF WEEKS**

Hyde Park Picture House, Brudenell Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 Tel: 752045. Fri 13th Jan, at 7.30pm for 7 days **THE SICILIAN** Late nighters at 11pm: Fri 13th Jan. **THREE MEN AND A BABY** Sat 14th Jan. **HIGHLANDER**

Leeds Playhouse, Calverley Street, Leeds LS2 3AJ Tel: 442111 Adm £1.80, double bills £2.50 Tickets on sale 30 min before perf. Sat 14th Jan at 11pm **ROBOCOP** Sun 15th Jan at 6pm **WUTHERING HEIGHTS** Sun 15th Jan at 8.30pm

THE LITTLE FOXES Lounge Cinema, North Lane Headingley, Leeds LS6 Tel: 751061/758932 **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBITI** 6pm, 8.20pm. Sun 2.30pm, 5pm, 7.30pm

Odeon Cinema, Upper Briggate, Leeds LS1 Tel: 430031/436230. Adm £2.80, £1.80 with union card. 1: **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBITI** 12.25pm, 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.05pm 3: **HIGHSPIRITS** 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.35pm, 7.55pm. 4: **A FISH CALLED WANDA** 12.35pm, 2.55pm, 5.25pm, 8pm 5: **DRESSMAKER** 1.15pm, 3.25pm, 5.40pm, 8pm. See also **BRADFORD NMP** under 'ARTS'

THE LITTLE FOXES

12 JAN - 4 FEB

by Lillian Hellman

A powerful story of the ruthless pursuit of money in a small town in America's deep south. Directed by Helena Kaut-Howson and designed by Lez Brotherstone, the team who gave us the astonishing production of **JANE EYRE** last Spring.

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LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

Calverley Street LS2 3AJ Box Office (0532) 442111

Sat 15 Jan at 11.00pm **ROBOCOP (18)**

A Detroit cop is shot to pieces and rebuilt — part man and part machine

Sun 15 Jan at 6.00pm

WUTHERING HEIGHTS (U) Classic film adaptation of Emily Brontes novel starring Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon

Sun 15 Jan at 8.30pm

THE LITTLE FOXES (PG) Bette Davis stars in the film version of Lillian Hellman's play currently showing at Leeds Playhouse.

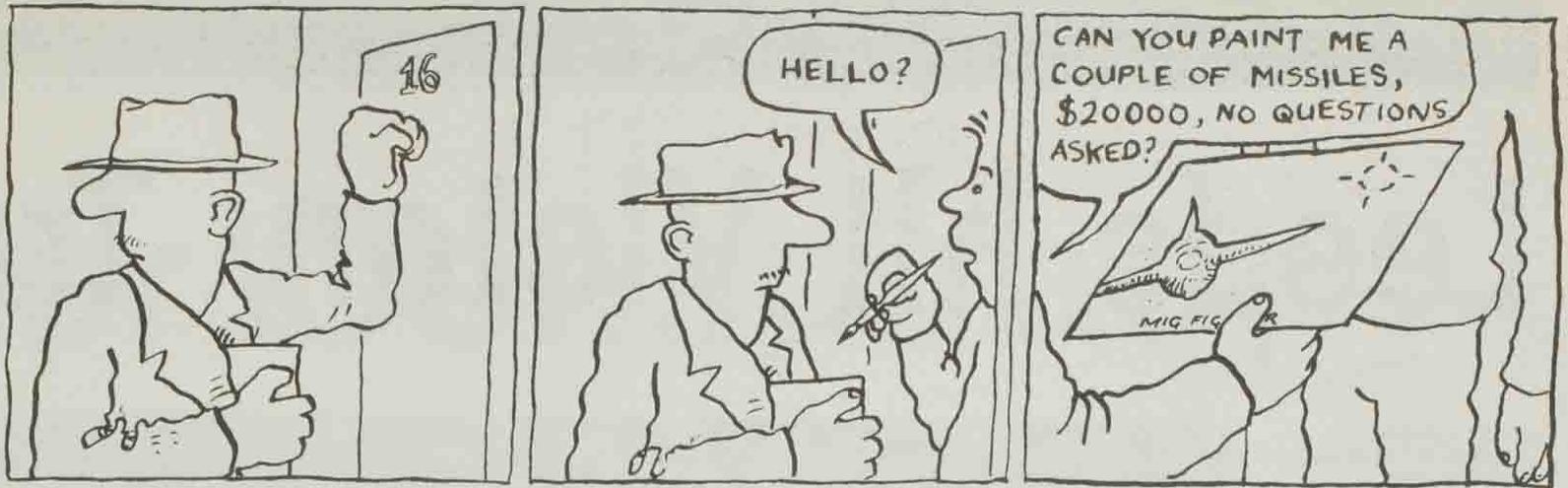
Admission £1.80 each

Anchorpersons: **SUE OLDFIELD** and **JANE MacDONALD**

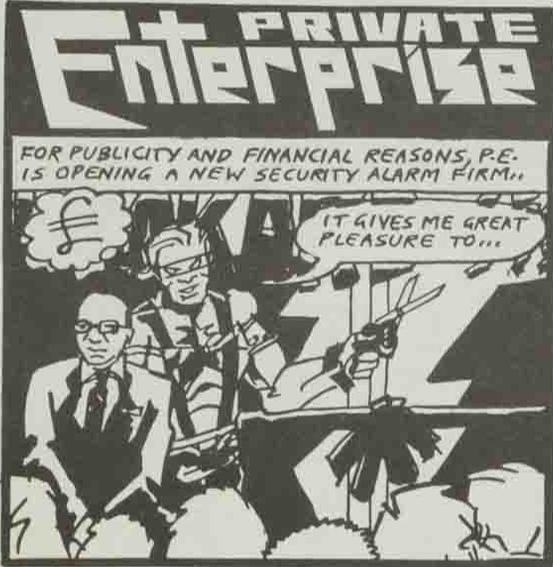
The TRASH Top Twenty

20 THINGS THAT AREN'T NEWBEAT FOR 1989.

- 1) **TURNTABLE ORCHESTRA** — YOU'RE GONNA MISS ME. COOL DEEP HOUSE LOTION TO SOOTHE THOSE IRRITATING ACID BURNS.
- 2) **A GUY CALLED GERALD** — VOODOO RAY. MASSAGRAMA, BORN IN THE NORTH. SURREAL SOUND LANDSCAPES FOR THOSE WHO ARE.
- 3) **UNIQUE THREE AND THE MAD MUSICIAN** — THE THEME. BRADFORD BOYS SURVIVE THE POST-ACID APOCALYPSE.
- 4) **ADEVA** — RESPECT AND KYM MAZELLE — USELESS. MORE DEEP HOUSE PUTTING SEX BACK INTO NIGHTCLUBS.
- 5) **MARSHALL JEFFERSON** — TRUTH (OPEN OUR EYES). 89' PRODUCER OF THE YEAR BRINGS YOU ONE STEP CLOSER TO GOD.
- 6) **LONGSY D** — THIS IS SKA. HOUSE MEETS SKA. EXPECT DROVES OF TROJAN RE-RELEASES.
- 7) **BIG STICK** — CRACK ATTACK. HARD CORE HOUSE — OUT ON FON SOON.
- 8) **JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET** — WAIT A MINUTE. EXPECT MORE JAZZ CROSSOVER IN 89 — CHECK OUT UPSTAIRS AT RICKYS.
- 9) **RUTH JOY AND MAN-TRONIX**. 'HOUSE ARREST' SINGER SHAKES HER THANG WITH NEW YORKS HOTTEST SAMPLERS.
- 10) **TODD TERRY** — THE DEATH OF T.T. BORES US UNTIL THE SNARE ON HIS DRUM MACHINE BREAKS.
- 11) **THE PET SHOP BOYS**. KEEP YOU ROCKIN IN A FERVOUR OF APATHY. (AND GET KNIGHTHOODS).
- 12) **STOCK-AITKEN-WATERMAN**. POSSIBLE DUO OF CROCODILE DUNDEE AND BEE FROM CELL BLOCK H.
- 13) **BROS.** FOR THE INEVITABLE DEEP HOUSE MIXES.
- 14) **DURAN DURAN** — GREATEST HITS. WHEN WE ALL REALIZE THAT WE ACTUALLY REALLY LIKED 'GIRLS ON FILM'.
- 15) **THE HUMAN LEAGUE**. MEET PAUL MORLEY, MAKE A RECORD AND SUE EACH OTHER.
- 16) **NO 70'S OR HIP HOP**. EXCEPT POSSIBLY DJ MARK THE 45 KING.
- 17) **JAMES BROWN** — GET OUT, I FEEL LIKE A MAILBAG MACHINE. ALSO REMIX OF 'I KNOW YOU GOT PAROLE'.
- 18) **DANCING WITH THE LIGHTS OUT**. BECAUSE WE'RE ALL EPILEPTIC FROM TOO MUCH STROBE.
- 19) **THE PHUNK-LAWDS**. LITTLE KNOWN P-FUNK BAND. YET TO BE SIGNED BUT THEY WILL!
- 20) **THE HIT MAN AND HER**. HITS PRIME TIME AND BECOMES TOTALLY CRED.



Martin Ross



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by Ian EDWARDS

BROS. THE ROCK LEGEND

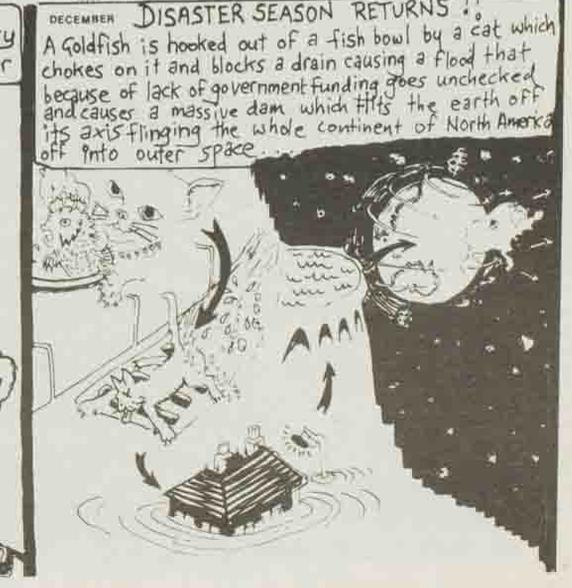


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1989 JANUARY SHOCK! NO DISASTERS!
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MARCH The post mortem begins into the deaths of 50 Japanese TV cameramen who died covering Emperor Hirohito's ultimate demise.

MAY ROY OF THE ROVERS DISGRACED BY DRUGS SENSATION.



Leeds hit Victory Trail

RUGBY LEAGUE
LEEDS RLFC 48 OLDHAM RLFC 4
by Paul Hartley

In their Christmas campaign Leeds achieved everything except the signing of Johnathan Davies. Leeds did do a little Christmas shopping, buying Phil Ford from Bradford, and Paul Dixon from Halifax; although at £95,000 and £100,000 respectively neither could be considered a bargain.

Their defeats of Halifax, Widnes and Oldham placed them in second position in the league, one point behind Castleford, but they have played three games more.

Their most emphatic win, and the highpoint of the holiday period, came with the 48-4 defeat of Oldham, whose performance was described by Tony Barrow, the Oldham manager, as 'absolutely diabolical'.

Leeds ran in eight tries, with new boy Phil Ford getting a hat-trick, and former England rugby union man, John Bentley, who was deputising for David Stephenson, landing eight goals.

Leeds' strength in depth was shown after 34 minutes when Hugh Waddell, himself a former Oldham player, was replaced by Australian international Sam Backo. Waddell had been the target of most of Oldham's aggression and had to leave the field as a result. Oldham must have regretted injuring Waddell, for Sam Backo completely destroyed and demoralized their forwards, and rounded off an excellent



performance by setting up tries for Price and Bentley.

At the interval Leeds led 20-0 and within a minute of the restart they had extended this to 26-0. Roy Powell walked through a Mick Bardsley tackle to score, and Bentley added the conversion. From this point Leeds looked capable of scoring at will;

Oldham virtually capitulated, and Leeds added another 28 points to their half time total. Tries came from Lyons, Price, Bentley, Henderson and Ford.

On this performance Leeds are serious contenders for the championship, whereas Oldham's association with the first division threatens to be a brief and embarrassing affair.

RUGBY LEAGUE
UAW CUP QUARTER FINAL
LEEDS UNI 38
LIVERPOOL UNI 6
by Andy Makin

Leeds University Rugby League team reached their second semi-final in seven days with a comfortable vict-

ory against Liverpool University. Unlike the previous encounter with Leeds Poly, the Uni didn't really get out of first gear especially after losing prop forward Keith Sykes after only the second tackle of the match. It was Sykes' replacement,

David Brewin who opened the scoring by powering over the line from close range to touch down after only six minutes.

A steady spate of scoring followed with Sean Davidson twice, Paul Staley, Peter Taylor and George Fleet all crossing the Liverpool line; and Russell Hensley adding four conversions. This completed a very successful first half and the hopes were that Leeds could capitalise on their first half lead of 32-0.

Unfortunately, it was Liverpool who scored first in the second half with a try which had an element of luck about it. About the only time Liverpool ventured into the Leeds 25 they kicked the ball high. Instead of the ball falling safely into full back Taylors hands it rebounded off the crossbar into play where it was collected by a Liverpool player who made no mistake in scoring the try. It took Leeds Uni a further 25 minutes to reply as Andy Scott collected the ball from the base of the scrum to score, Hensley adding the conversion to leave the final score 38-6 in the home sides favour.

This game never really had the intense rivalry of the match against the Poly and Leeds cruised in a second half that was quite an anticlimax. Captain Damian Connelly again took the man of the match honours but there were good performances from Sean Davidson who ran well at the defence and the second row who stood up well with some strong tackling to keep Liverpool from adding to their score.



PLEASE
SEND
YOUR
REPORTS

After the Christmas break, sports people are no doubt still suffering from culture shock, but Leeds Student is waiting to hear from you.

If you have any sports reports, or would like to write a feature on your sport, then contact the Leeds Student university office on Monday mornings or the Polytechnic office on Monday afternoons and evenings.

Kicker Conspiracy

For generations music hacks of all description have searched frantically for a law which would be equal in stature only to Einstein's theory of relativity; this law will give a clear-cut rule as to what makes a good record "good" and a bad one as bad as "Marillion". Well after hours of relentless research (at least two!), PHIL SMITH can reveal that its all to do with sport and so he explores the tenuous connection between music and sport.

No one knows why the insidious practice of sporting "Celebrities" dabbling with music began but everyone wishes that it hadn't. The list of records by publicity starved football teams which were released in a desperate attempt to prolong the glory of Sutton United's third longest cup run since the war, are endless. They are all unbelievably crap — from "Blue is the colour" to Glenn and Chris's feeble attempt of last summer and the incredibly unhip "Anfield Rap" — which is the ultimate bad football record, it actually dares to take itself seriously! It is a little known fact but Julio Iglesias actually used to appear between the sticks for Real Madrid, well his foot-



● The Old Firm act of Celtic vs. Rangers. Referee Mark "E" Smith

ball couldn't be any worse than those slabs of bad taste that he has been responsible for producing. The only other sport to get in on the act has been snooker with the infamous "Snooker loopy" and Steve Davis's interestin' rap, which is fortunate, thank God. In fact the

only sportsman with any good taste is Everton's Pat Nevin who is rather partial to an earfull of those noise terrorists, Swans.

Its a far happier story when we look at musicians with strong sporting influences Despite the fact that Mary from Gaye

Bykers on Acid used to be an international cyclist (Its true, honest!) and the fact that rap has an infatuation with baseball and jogging, hence the caps, boots, bats and tracksuits, its football which takes priority in the sporting lives of musicians.

Ignoring any obvious

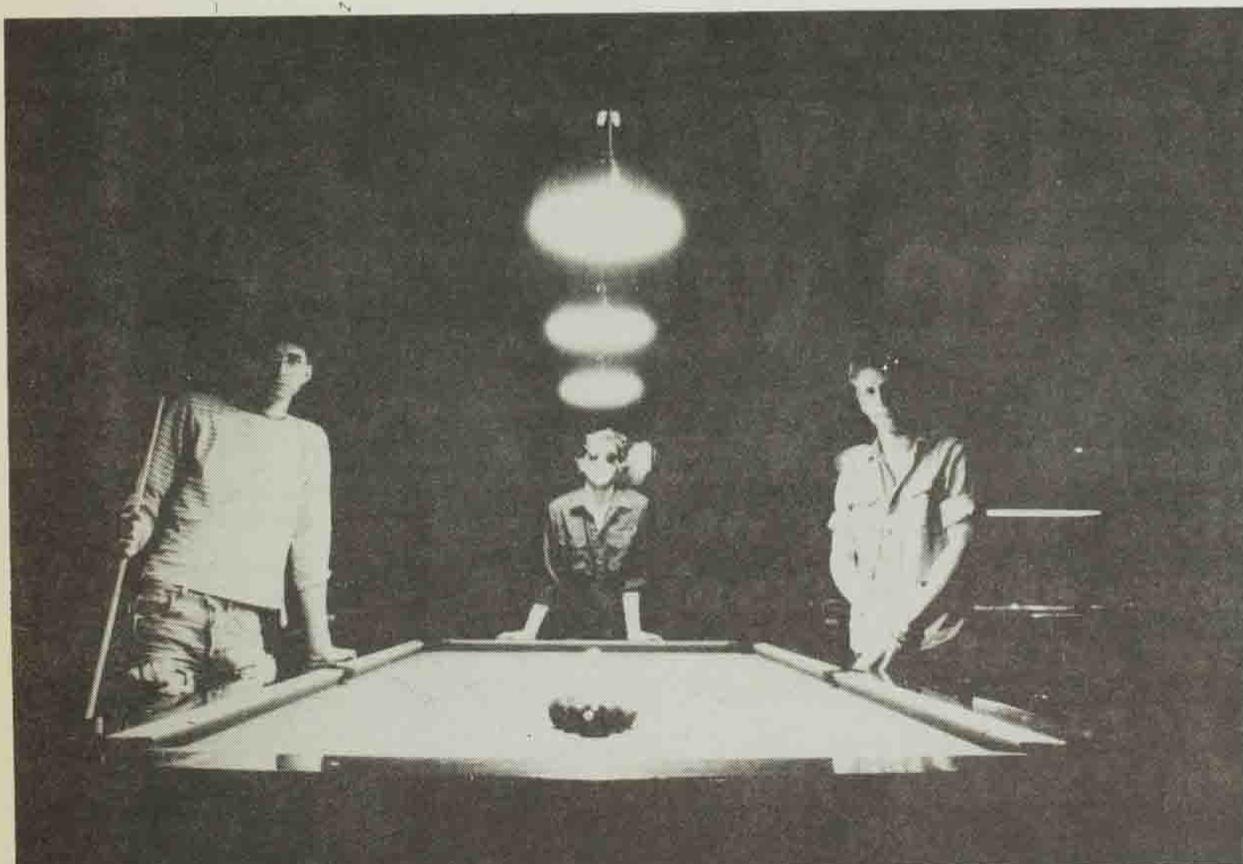
references to rock concerts held at Wembley football stadium, China Crisis are devout Liverpool supporters, Rod Stewart has never hidden his misguided faith in Scottish football (He once was on Brentford's books — a long time ago I hasten to add!)

and of course the fourth best band in Hull, the now departed Housemartins avidly followed the exploits of Hull City FC. Of course you can trust someone to take it too far as Adrian Sherwood of Tackhead fame even named a track after Billy Bonds M.B.E., the aging West Ham star, the Rhythm Sisters have "Leeds Utd." and Half man Half biscuit refused an appearance on the Tube to go and see Tranmere Rovers lose at home.

Apparently the "most uncomplicated pop group in the world", The Wedding Present make sure that when Leeds U.T.D. are playing away and they are on tour the dates and venues coincide and of course the album was called "George Best".

The mighty Fall (-ah!) prove their position as the greatest rock band in the world with their ode to football, the raucous "Kicker Conspiracy" complete with videos shot in the dugout at Turf Moor. In Mark E. Smith's recent ballet with Michael Clarke and co. "Kurious Oranj" a mock football match between the Auld firm of Rangers and Celtic is staged. Is there no limit to this man's talent?

Basically no sportsman will make a good record but some fine sports influenced discs have been produced.



● RAPEMAN in the Hyde Park pool room



● THE WEDDING PRESENT head off for Elland Road

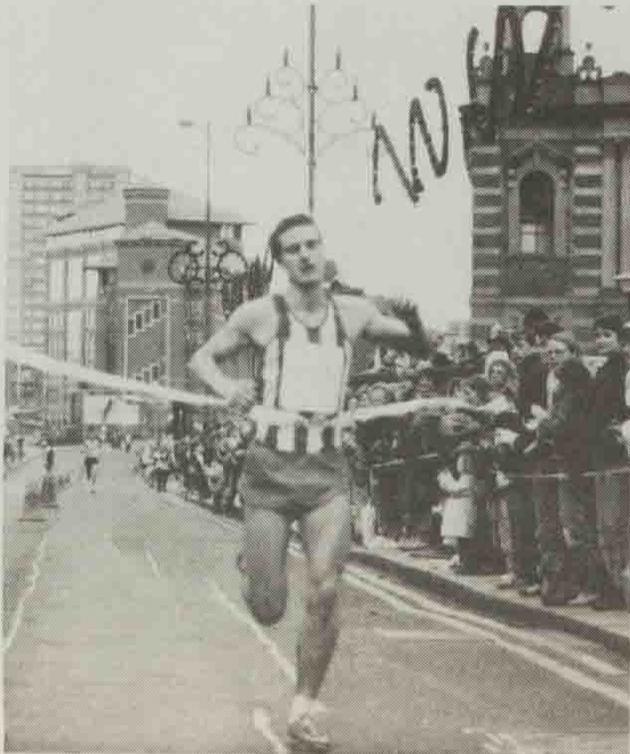
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Winning Run

Leeds Dash
by Mick Helm

The reputation of Leeds University's Cross Country and Road Running Club has been given a lift after impressive victories by former members in December, Greg Hull, from Blackburn, dubbed the "Red Rose Invader", won the Yorkshire Cross Country title, managing to run off the challenge of Dom Bannister, another Club member. The following day, John Sherban ran against a strong wind and a field of almost 900 athletes to win the Leeds Dash 10k Road Race, breaking the course record into the bargain.



Sherban's time of 29.37 minutes earned him a bonus of £100 training grant, provided by the Leeds Permanent Buildings Society, as the first runner to break 30 minutes for the course. In winning a very fast race,

he edged out last year's winner, Vince Garner, who also broke the 30-minute barrier. Conditions would have been ideal but for the biting head wind on the outward half of the flat

course, which takes the runners from the City Centre to Kirkstall Abbey and back again. Sherban stayed in the leading pack for the first part of the race but broke clear after the turn and accelerated

away from Garner to win comfortably.

The anticipated confrontation between Sherban and Greg Hull never materialised as Hull elected to contest the Cross Country Championships, but he too has a sound road racing pedigree.

He recently won the Brighthouse 10k and was 3rd behind Internationals Carl Thackeray and Mick Chorlton in a 10k at Barnsley. While Hull now settles down to a hard cold winter, rival John Sherban is off to Florida for a series of races in warmer climes.

Even without these two talented athletes, the Cross Country and Road Racing Club is still thriving. In this year's Yorkshire Bank Relays, they took 3rd place beating a strong Loughborough team in the process. They also have the developing potential of Dom Bannister to maintain the momentum provided by Hull and Sherban.

No Split for LUU clubs

LUU faces having an eleven person ex-Lec from next year, if sports club plans to get a new sports secretary go through at the A.G.M. on the fifth of February.

The university sports clubs plan to disaffiliate from the union have been altered due to a decision reached at the Joint Athletic Committee meeting held at the end of last term.

At the meeting, the group voted not to go ahead with the plans which would have left students with two unions to join at the start of each year, one for recreational facilities, and one for sports facilities based at the sports hall, independent of each other. Sports clubs would have gained finance for the separate union directly from the university, rather than through the union executive as they do now.

However, instead of going through with this idea, the sports clubs feel that a representative of theirs would be a more realistic idea.

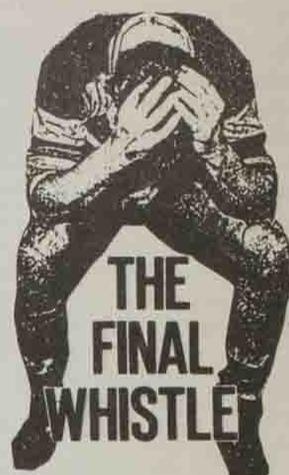
The main reasons for the debate began when the union disciplined members of various sports clubs for acts of vandalism, including damage to coaches, and several complaints from other universities the clubs visited. The clubs felt that their autonomy should be guaranteed.

Under the new scheme sports club interests will be represented on exec in all matters.

The main reason for the change of heart seems to be a letter from the bursar indicating that the sports clubs would not gain any more money from the university than they already get.

Dar Shvitiel also indicated that both the union and the sports clubs would be less strong acting separately rather than together.

"It is important for as many sports club members as possible attend the A.G.M. in order to get this passed," he said.



THE FINAL WHISTLE

by Tim Singleton

The decision of Welsh Captain, Jonathon Davies to move to Widnes to play professional rugby is the latest in a series of body blows to hit rugby union in Wales.

The Welsh have been rocked by a disastrous tour of New Zealand, an embarrassing home defeat by Rumania, and a succession of big name defections, for example Mike Carrington, Stuart Evans, Gary Pearce, Rob Acterman and most recently Adrian Hadley have switched codes, the latter predicting that this trickle would soon turn into a flood.

All this points to the fact that whilst Rugby League is flourishing, Union is lagging further and further behind due to its antiquated attitude towards amateurism and its 'snobbishness' towards Rugby League. If some degree of financial reward could be introduced into Union, players would not be departing in droves.

They needn't be paid for playing — Davies admits this — but commercial enterprise outside the game such as sponsorship should be allowed, as in New Zealand. This would enable players to derive some tangible reward from a game to which they devote their lives.

However it is important not to follow the Rugby League road to professionalism. The huge sums being bandied around are surely proving detrimental to the games health in the long run.

The money would be better used to develop 'home grown talent', rather than paying vast sums for untried and untested players, not guaranteed any success in Rugby League.

Nevertheless, if a club such as Widnes can afford to pay such a high price for Davies, it is testament to the fact that Rugby League is in a healthy state of competition and expansion — and that unless the home unions stop putting their heads in the sand, Davies is not the last international to make the journey north.

Snooker Loopy

Snooker
by Niko Issac

The annual University Snooker Championship was duly held and played in the last few weeks of last term. As always in the short matches there were the usual rations of upsets as various team regulars such as Tony McHugh and Joe Ryan failed to progress beyond the second and third round respectively. Veteran campaigner Dave Bates proved he could still do it at his age by battling

his way through only to fall at the semi-final hurdle.

The last two players left standing were team captain Melvin Poi and the talented newcomer Andy Nettleton. Andy, who holds a personal highest break of 141, was the firm favourite although Melvin was expected to give him a run for his money. The frames were expectedly tense and scrappy as Andy edged to a 2-1 lead, requiring two more for victory. He took the next one, and the next and final frame was probably the best of the competition; Melvin raced to a

4-3 point lead only for an error to let Andy in to hammer a quick fire 42 break. A subsequent tense safety exchange followed until another error by Melvin resulted in Andy clearing the table for victory.

Both players were satisfied with the outcome and later Melvin commented "I'm happy with the result because to be fair, the best player won and it's no disgrace to be second best to Andy. There's always next year anyway!"

Incidentally, Andy Nettleton also won the high break prize with a break of 58 in the semi-finals.

No to Tesco sale

The plan to sell the Bodington football fields to Tesco's for a new supermarket seems to have bitten the dust.

The group were reported to be considering the site, and give much needed cash to the university, who have a 2.3 million deficit projected for this year. The group, though have chosen the Kirkstall Valley site for the new complex, and so university students sports site seems to be safe.

fixtures...

MENS FOOTBALL

Sat 14th January
Luu 1st's, 2nd's and 3rd's v Salford (home)
Wed 18th January
LUU 1st's 2nd's and 3rd's v Sheffield (away)
MENS HOCKEY

Sat 14th January
LUU 1st's v Huddersfield ICI (away)
LUU 2nd's v Huddersfield ICI (home)
LUU 3rd's v Sheffield Poly (home)
Wed 18th January

LUU 1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's v Sheffield Uni (home)
WOMENS HOCKEY
Sat 14th January
LUU 1st's, 2nd's and 3rd's v Loughborough (home)

Wed 18th January
LUU 1st's and 2nd's v Nottingham Uni (away)
MENS LACROSSE
Sat 14th January
LUU 1st's v Heaton Mersey Guild (away)
Wed 18th January

LUU 1st's v Sheffield Poly (home)

RUGBY UNION Wednesday 18th January

LUU 1st's, 2nd's and 3rd's v Keele (home)