WILL RENTS RISE IF AXE FALLS?

Amid the prevalent belief that the University Grants Committee will shortly announce major cuts in University funding for next year, the students union is more than concerned that the cuts may need to be offset by a sharp increase in college and Parkwood rents.

Discussion with the Vice-Chancellor on the subject has confirmed that the University is preparing to accept a cut in resources, although he seems to feel that we may escape with less of a cut than most, and that room-cleaning may be the only service to be reduced. How he can make this prediction given the imminent result of a proposal to further cut college universities on the basis that they receive extra. Finance through college fees paid by LEAs seems ludicrous. However, we will not need to wait long to find out, as the UGC announcement is expected within the next few weeks.

The University will do no doubt then have to formulate their own austerity proposals to cope with any cut. It is difficult at this stage to estimate which services will be hit, but it won't be good news. Rents rose by 5% last year, along with catering price rises of over 16% and a reduction in services; all against a student grant increase of 3%. This year, students are faced not only with more of the same but the loss of college and Parkwood housing benefit if the Fowler Review is accepted. Grant rise 2%.

It is difficult - almost impossible - to mount a major student campaign in the third term, but students are asked to consider the position both of themselves and October's intake, and to support the S.U. in what may be a bitter struggle.

John Craddock
General Secretary
UNION MOVES ON DISABLED

FACILITIES IN U.K. UNIVERSITIES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

A questionnaire was sent out at the end of the Trinity Term of 1964/5 to most U.K. Universities Students' Unions. A broad cross section of replies were received. A brief summary of results is given.

1. Are there University funds for equipment/grants for disabled students?
YES53% NO47% DON'T KNOW

2. Does the Union provide any financial help?
YES97% NO3% DON'T KNOW

3. Do all buildings on campus have easy access in a wheelchair?
YES67% NO33% DON'T KNOW

4. U.K. Law now states that all new buildings being planned must provide facilities and entrances for the disabled. However this does not apply to extensions.

5. a) Do students give help for revision with exams?
YES97% NO3% DON'T KNOW

b) Do they give much help?
YES97% NO3% DON'T KNOW

CONCLUSIONS

Firstly, it should be pointed out that this University is among the fortunate minority whose disabled students are covered by a percentage of the Union's funds. The following ideas/suggestions have come out in the survey.

1. Improvement of Academic Access.

a) Timetables in Braille, a library of tapes of relevant material.

b) Fund Raising

One university has been successfully fund raising since 1963 (£9,000) and has as a result been able to make various improvements to the facilities. An example is the purchase of a minibus. The group is in fact a Registered Charity which may not be necessary in our case.

2. Don't know

The Union intends to set up a group, containing disabled students as part of the Union, to report on needs around campus, and to liaise with each year's new students.

Most ideas have or are already being used at this University.

As a result of our attention being drawn to the inadequacies of many disabled students to attend some open union meetings, we are now allowing a sign of a different Student Representative Council is excess to May 13th, 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; these commence and conclude with Executive meetings are now each Wednesday at 6.15 Stirling Room 5 p.m.

S.U. Welfare Committee

THE ANIMALS FILM

Charlotte Smith

EVERYONE must see this film.

As a cynical carnivore I went to see this film, simply because I felt I ought to support my friends who organised 'Animals' Week'.

spent two highly uncomfortable hours being confronted with fact after horrific fact of the mal-treatment of living beings by a supposedly more advanced animal. When you eat bacon and eggs you do not consider where they come from. You should.

The film makes the realities of factory farming: pigs live in pens only slightly larger than themselves; are tied down so that the 'bear can take them at will' - we are led to believe that the rape rack is in the trade. Electric prodding these intelligent animals towards the abattoir where they are 'humanely killed'. It didn't look humane.

Battery hens are de-beaked so they can't peck each other. They are fed from 'cage' the size of one hen's wing-span, but it's all very economical.

In its investigation of our treatment of animals this film makes one thing very clear.

economic considerations dominate - factory farming is unnecessary and cruel, but cheap.

Numerous pharmaceutical companies perform identical animal experiments - why can't they share results? Because that's not the way it works. 

Medical research involving animal experiments is an filthy area. I would support experiments in (eg) cancer or aids research - but this film showed the ridiculous nature of some experiments performed in the name of science. From the grafting of one, live, dog's heart onto another, live, dog to the 24-hour-old (and still continuing) study of the effects of radiation on donkeys - the results mirror the realities of Hiroshima; we already know that the effects of radiation on donkeys - what can more experiments prove?

Sorry there is much more to this film than the fact that each year we receive millions of money to feed the populations of India and China. Each El you give to 'Live Aid' helped to relieve a famine which our selfish eating habits perpetuates.

I have hardly touched on the issues and realities this film raises. It disgusts me that our society condones and supports such cruelty. Before you dismiss me as an over emotional fool fond of cute fluffy animals I'd like to point out that I'm not food of pets. I'm terrified of birds and I love the taste of meat. Yet there comes a time when we have to face the consequences our own actions - I am surviving merrily as a carnivorous vegetarian.

see this film you owe it to the people of the third world to the animals - and to yourself.

Jonathan Cooper (E)

Didn't we have a lovely day!

Thanks to Darwin JCC, a coach trip was arranged for France in order to discover the delights of Calais.

At the unearthly hour of 7.30 a.m., all of us, gathered outside Darwin. The loss of one is attributed to a student who had overslept. Unofficially he was still too drunk to go. The coach set off, tired students were turning to the first drink on board the ferry. This was won by Darwin's beloved leader, Dominic, Stewart, who proceeded to consume large amounts of canned Guinness at one o'clock in the morning.

After a short time on board, and him and the rest of us, the Channel was as smooth as a mill pond: the same cannot be said for our passage through French Customs at Calais. A Customs Officer, who had obviously got out of the wrong side of the bed that day, went through our coach and decided that one of the group, a student, was not allowed into France because he did not have a visa. An extremely petty decision considering we weren't going to be there for more than eight hours.

Soon after, in the Channel, we went in search of St. Omer Hypermarket. Thanks to the coach driver, this was found and an assault was made on the beer and wine shelves. Huge quantities of both were loaded onto the coach. On the next stop was in St. Omer itself. Once again thirsts were quenched in the local bars: why won't the government let pubs in this country stay open all day? Last minute purchases were made; such as croissants, mustard and wine.

The coach then set off for Calais for our journey back to England. After a few more unshchedled stops in Calais, there followed a lengthy wait before we could rejoin the ferry.

Having done so, further vast

APOLLO

In an article written in Kred and published on the 4th of March, Kred went on to T.K. 1, a barman on duty at the Rag Week, and his involvement in the incidents described by us. The authors of this article wish it to be known that we did not have his permission to use this and subsequently apologise for this and emphasise that the article can not be held against T.K. in any way.

Barclays Ban

Since most students have had four weeks of doing anything but thinking about their union policy and its subsequent impact on the students, the Executive would like to remind everyone that the Union and its shop no longer accepts Barclays cheques. Please comply with this policy and do not handle the staff if you disagree - come by letter to the S.J. Executive.

Ecocourse at Kent

The University of Kent is to validate a training programme mounted by the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust. Successful candidates will be awarded a University Diploma in Endangered Species.

The University has for some time been associated with the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust through courses in Natural History and Ecology. The Trust, situated in Jersey, has a considerable reputation for its work in conservation, the captive breeding of endangered species and is in danger of extinction and research and has recently been evacuated from overseas, in these areas. The Diploma is the first such qualification in the country awarded by a British University.

Calling all TADGERS Paul Hammer - show us your TADGERS!!! Ian Latham and the Laughing Beak.
Housing Benefits

Most students living in college rooms and Parkwood have received their housing benefit. College dwellers should have received a cheque for the average grant (undergraduate) for the three terms. Parkwood dwellers should have received fortnightly cheques for £4 again, if you are an average grant aided undergraduate.

Vacation claims can still be sent to the Local Council, Military Road, Canterbury before 24 May 1969. If you have just moved into new accommodation you can make a claim for your present accommodation. If you moved during the vacation you have until the first four weeks of term to submit your claim.

This is the last year that residents in university owned accommodation will be eligible to claim Housing Benefit. Next year you will have to dig deeper to pay your own way.

The Research & Rights Dept. would like to remind all students of the importance of the Housing Benefit application forms. They are available in the students' union and the accommodation office.

1968 Housing Survey

The number of questionnaires returned by three of the colleges has been disappointing. Many thanks to DARWIN students who have co-operated! If you have your questionnaire still tucked in your file, please submit it now to the JCC or JICU. It can be sent through the internal postal service marked Research & Rights, UKCUL.

The more surveys we get back the more reliable and accurate our finding will be.

Initial Findings:

a) The main reasons for leaving college were: lack of money (39%), lack of accommodation (14%), and lack of friends (26%).

b) Most students who replied stated that they preferred to live in shared accommodation (87%).

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d) The proposal of finding accommodation appears to be relatively divided between the use of the University Accommodation Office and personal contact with friends. Many respondents have suggested that the use of the University Accommodation Office is insufficient.

Do you disagree with the description given by the University Accommodation Office? If so, please state your reasons.

Failing to get information on many projects can be very frustrating and we are relying on your responses to the survey to help us get a better understanding of the situation.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the survey.

Gerry Glyde

Dear Editor,

Over the past three issues of KRED the Lesbian and Gay Group has given a column to the Editor to include in the paper. For the past three issues of KRED this column has not appeared. On page 1 of the last issue of KRED there was a report on the Work-in (also appearing on page one), and taking up a quarter of the front page, was an advert for the Student Travel Handbook. The report acknowledged the popularity of the stalls around the foyer and mentioned most of the societies present, but did not mention the Lesbian and Gay Group stalls.

Many students are aware that there is a good policy on Lesbian and Gay Rights, and over this year has been particularly helpful in starting the integration of Lesbian and Gay issues into the university. This integration is necessary.

For lesbians and for gay men it means that their voice is being heard, that there is no exclusion and that there is no marginalisation of either people or ideas.

But as this integration also has another function, it creates an awareness on campus that sexuality can be discussed (and this need not be just by people who wish to define sexuality in terms of ‘being’ a lesbian or ‘being’ a gay man). For those who were at the EGM during the Work-in, recall the comments made by Dick DeDew, that present governmental policies are creating an atmosphere whereby people are becoming afraid to speak out. The next step is that people do not speak out, that they do not believe they have a voice to change their lives.

Excluding the voices of lesbians and gay men (however unconscious this process is) adds to the oppression we are all trying to change. If the exclusion in KRED is for reasons of space, question your priorities (do we really need a whole quarter page all for the travel handbook?) and realise the importance of creating that atmosphere in which people are not afraid to define and discuss their sexuality - whatever conclusions they have come to.

Ian Warwick (D)

The Editor adds...

Your complaint is justified. For the last five issues we have had nearly ten pages of submitted copy to fill, and inevitably articles have fallen. I sincerely hope you do not see this as discriminatory in any way. The point is, however, well received and will be observed.

John Craddock

Dear KRED,

I wonder if I could use your columns to remind all students who are intending to go abroad in the long vacation, to come to the Sister in the Medical Centre in plenty of time should they need a course of immunisation. Almost invariably, severe reactions occur when the vaccine is administered. The medical centre can arrange for the student to be examined by a doctor and to receive the necessary immunisation.

Dr. R.J.A. Basu

Dear KRED,

I am writing to you because there appears to have been a considerable amount of worry over the possibility of pregnancy testing on campus.

Dr. R.J.A. Basu

is concerned, as a result of the withdrawal of some of these facilities by the hospital pathology services. The situation here is that we do, and have for some years, perform Pregnancy Tests as required, at the Medical Centre. We do our own test which is able to give a result within 2 minutes. The type of Test we use, however, is dependent on the level of a certain hormone in the urine. This is not sufficient in quantity until 6 weeks after the date of the beginning of the last menstrual period, then anybody requesting a Pregnancy Test needs to be at least 2 weeks late with their period and there is no point in doing the Test early as the result would be inconclusive.

I hope that this makes the situation quite clear to everybody.

Dr. R.J.A. Basu
UKC Hat Trick

UKC Mens Hockey 1st XI ended their Kent League Division One programme with a run of three unbeaten games in the last week of the Lent Term.

Firstly, lowly Oprington were beaten 4-1 in a match where the Kent League challenge was strong. Accele put the university into the lead early on following winger Joness Cory. However, the visitors soon struck back to equalize from a well thought out short-corner routine. Andy Parkes had the misfortune to miss two penalty-flicks either side of the Oprington goal so the interval came at the scores level at 1-1.

The second-half saw UKC move up several gears and Lisan OConnell and Parkes began to dominate the game from midfield. Accele scored his second just before skipper Gazzell felled him a short corner to make it 3-1. Left winger Robbie Baird added a fourth to complete the rout on the hottest day of the season. Mention should be made of Nigel Bookers goal-line clearance which totally denies description.

Medway United provided stiff opposition the next day but Kent fought well to earn a 1-1 draw. Medway are a very skilful Indian side and patience was required in tackling by UKC. The first half was devoid of many goal chances and ended goal-less. Most of the game was fought in a packed midfield with neither defence or attack exploited much. Medway through the second period Medway took the lead through a penalty-flick and it was not until they were only five minutes left that Oxford exerted any pressure on their opponents goal. A short-corner was well earned by Rob Lang and subsequent pressure by Joness Cory. Gazzell found the net for another set-piece goal. A minute from time Kent nearly snatched victory but Nigel Jones could not take full advantage of OConnell’s deft aerial pass.

The final league game of the season also ended 1-1 with Welcombe. UKC should have been handed inferior opposition but fell behind in the first-half. Debutant John Jenner equalized for a below strength university who finished the 1985/86 season with 18 points, a considerable improvement on last year.

Andrew Frank.

Help the Children

The mens and ladies hockey clubs staged their annual 12 hour sponsored indoor charity marathon towards the end of last term. This year it was decided to raise funds for the children’s ward of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury. The specific aim was to raise £250 to purchase an alarm which warns the nursing staff if children are having breathing problems.

So good was the response to the event that over £900 was raised, enough to buy three alarms. An enjoyable day was had by all and credit is due to the organisers Dave Hudson and Anita Reynolds and particularly to Brian Lochead who raised himself, £120 - it clearly pays to be popular.

UAU: CRICKET

Despite the gloomy news from the West Indies and the gloomy weather there is much enthusiasm for the coming cricket season at UKC. 1985 was a good season for the “beaters on willow” fraternity and 1986 promises to be as good if not better. The Club’s 1st XI are led this year by next year’s Sports President, Chris Lane and his new ball partnership with exciting freshers Patrick Reoch promises much in the bowling department. The first UAU group game takes place on April 30th away at LSE and a repeat of last year’s victory would be a fine start and a large step towards the knockout stage. UKC play in a preliminary group of four with City and their Sussex both at home completing the first batch of fixtures. The top two in the group progress further.

The 1st XI batting line-up has only lost one player from last season and the consistent Nigel Jones is likely to open the batting with the prolific Scott Moen. A middle order of Jones (D), Talbot and Cassell looks solid and newcomers Thomas, Molyneux and Khan have all laid claim to a place in the upper order. The wicket-keeping spot is still open, while spinning duties will be fought out between Hsuan Khion and West Indian Doug Adams (a Caribbean spin-bowler!!! What next?). Captain Lane will be hoping that his side can improve on 1985’s UAU win when they reached the quarter-final before falling to Southampton complete with the old dodgy umpiring decision. The side appears strong in batting and pace-bowling and given reasonable luck a semi-final.

UAU berth is well within the realms of possibility.

The 2nd XI have to lose few players from 1985 when they also reached the quarter finals of the UAU. Led by Andrew Frank they will again be strong in seam bowling with Mears, Pickett, Buckley and Horner still available to repeat last year’s sterling efforts. Spin can be provided by the captain, Dominic Stewart and dependant upon 1st XI selection, Adams or Shaun Thomas. At times last year’s 2nd XI run is within the side’s capabilities.

All that’s needed for a great season is fine weather, an influx of tea ladies and for the University to offer Michael Holding a part-time degree place.

Andrew Frank.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Intra-Mural Cricket

Entry forms for 11 a-side competition are now available from the Sports Centre reception. Matches start at 5.30 p.m. and are 20 overs per side. A full set of rules are attached to the entry form. Forms must be returned by 30th April.

Sports Centre Entrance

For the first two weeks of term, access to the Sports Centre by the normal entrance is likely to be severely disrupted. Please use the entrance through the secondary hall for the time being. Work is likely to be completed by the middle of May.

Can you put a caption to this beautiful Keynes portrait? Try to keep it clean! Send entries to John Craddock at S.U. by Monday May 8th. The winning caption will be published in KRED!

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