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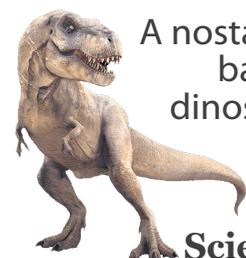
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Computer Science department in 'serious' data security breach

• An investigation has been launched into why confidential information about students was made available to the public

Amy Wong
NEWS EDITOR

THE DEPARTMENT of Computer Science has launched an investigation after confidential information about students was made publicly available online.

Minutes of Board of Studies meetings which included the names of students who had been granted

Leaves of Absence were easily accessible via Google.

In some cases, the minutes specified that students had left due to medical reasons.

The names of students who had been given formal warnings were also made available, with several students expressing concern over this information being visible to potential employers. The minutes also

included details about students who had failed the 40 per cent requirement for first year and were therefore being asked to resit or leave the course.

One Computer Science student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that they were "shocked" by the situation, adding: "I've heard some of my friends found some pretty confidential info about them." The

student went on to say: "It's interesting that they're calling it a breach when in fact it's just their lack of security that meant Google was indexing all of their confidential meeting minutes for all to see."

"It's more accidental dissemination than a breach, which implies somebody broke through some kind of security, when in fact it was non-existent. Of all departments you

think they'd have the knowledge to secure a website.

"I found some pretty interesting stuff just by searching my name - the entire year's first year results, broke down by assignment, and some meeting minutes that were discussing who didn't meet 40 per cent in their first year and were hav-

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A note from the Editor

Week 9. Goodbyes, exam results and my last production weekend in the *Nouse* office.

After eight months as Editor, I'm stepping down to spend a year fighting language barriers, making forced friendships and teaching children (also known as a year abroad).

Also leaving the team are many third years and those studying abroad or

taking some time out, and they'll be sorely missed.

However, as sad as big changes are, they are also accompanied by things exciting and new. If you were thinking about getting involved with *Nouse* but perhaps haven't quite got round to it, now is your chance.

Come along to our by-elections on Thursday where there will be a whole

host of positions available (more information on page 43). What's more, no previous experience is required - we're here to teach you the ropes.

This edition's front page details the online publication of confidential student information within the Computer Science Department. It demonstrates just how easily our personal information can be made

accessible to anyone, even within the assumedly secure domain of university.

Turn to *Muse* for our summer supplement complete with festival previews and Sport to see the results of our Summer Sports survey and College Cup awards.

All that's left to say is happy summer holidays from everyone here at *Nouse*.

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Exam delayed by pigeon in Central Hall

An exam was delayed by 15 minutes because of a pigeon in Central Hall during the morning of the first day of exams. The delay was called "unfortunate" but "preferable" to students being distracted by the bird flying around during the exam. It eventually left of its own accord. A University spokesperson said: "There are inevitably some delays in exam starts, but only when it is clearly in the best interests of the students. This affected a very small number of exams out of the 34,829 individual sittings."

New GSA President elected

Rasha Ibrahim was elected President of the Graduate Students Association (GSA) last week, while Menglin Liu was elected Vice-President in an uncontested vote. The roles of Council and Trustee were also uncontested with Stephen Harper and Kailing Xie winning the positions respectively. With a record voter turnout of 14 per cent, the GSA saw a 35 per cent increase on last year's recorded vote. Five people ran for the role of President in total. The newly elected officers will begin their roles in September.

York Students in Schools turn 21

The University's York Students in Schools (YSIS) scheme celebrated its 21st anniversary this week. Lyn Whiting, YSIS Coordinator from 1996 to 2009, said: "YSIS is an extraordinarily successful volunteering programme ... It makes a difference. It changes lives. It's a brilliant scheme and gives much pleasure to many people." YSIS has placed over 9,000 students in local schools since it was established in 1994 and was recognised by Higher York for its outstanding contribution to the community earlier this year.

Changes to bus services announced

The University has awarded the contract to run campus bus services for the next five years to First York Ltd. A new bus called UoY66 will replace the 4 bus, offering 10 double deckers an hour into town. The UoY66 will run the same route and maintain the same prices. However, the Free-Zone will extend to include the Retreat bus stop, allowing those who live on Heslington Road a free bus to campus. Transdev will continue to run the 44 bus but it will no longer be the University's official bus service.

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University apologises to all those who may have been affected by the breach

IMAGE: UNIVERSITY OF YORK



The names of students who failed to reach the 40 per cent pass mark were made publicly available in the breach

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The student added: “The most interesting find was a meeting where the NSS results were being discussed (we’ve slipped [down] the ranks quite significantly). I can’t imagine the department’s going to get scored better next year either after this gaffe.”

Staff are now investigating the extent to which individual privacy has been compromised and have assured students that measures have been put in place to avoid a similar situation happening in the future. The information is no longer available via Google.

Kieran McHugh, Second Year Course Rep for Computer Science, said: “Any disclosure of confidential information is a serious breach of security and I will be working with other course reps to ensure students are kept informed. I have every confidence that the department will learn from this issue and it will not

be repeated.”

A spokesperson from the University of York told *Nouse*: “We apologise to all those who may have been affected by the breach, and will be contacting all those affected personally in due course.”

“Students and staff should be assured that confidentiality of personal data is of paramount importance to the University and that lessons learned from this incident will be disseminated across the institution.”

The Computer Science department moved to a brand new, purpose-built building on the Heslington East campus in 2010. The department currently has 43 academic members of staff teaching over 300 undergraduates and 200 postgraduates, with 24/7 lab facilities.

The Research Excellence Framework results ranked York as the seventh best Computer Science department in the UK in 2014.

Accommodation statistics reveal Alcuin to be most popular college among York offer holders

Lewis Hill
DEPUTY EDITOR

THE UNIVERSITY has released figures outlining the accommodation and college preferences of prospective students for the next academic year.

The University recently changed the old accommodation allocation system, replacing it with a new one that requires students who have selected York as their firm choice to outline their preferences for first year accommodation before they receive their exam results. So far, just over 3,000 students have made their preferences known.

Within the top three preferences stated by students thus far, 16 per cent would prefer a catered room, while 72 per cent of students would prefer ensuite accommodation.

Only 15 per cent of students have a preference for basic economy rooms, while 25 per cent would prefer mid-range rooms, but 60 per cent have a preference for premium accommodation or above.

In the battle of the campuses, Heslington West came out on top as 69 per cent of students stated their preference to live on Heslington West, while only 31 per cent of students opted for Heslington East.

Alcuin is currently the most popular college for prospective students, as 19 per cent stated their

preference for Alcuin. The next two popular colleges are Derwent and James, with a total of 30 per cent of students stating their preference for the two colleges.

York’s newest college, Constantine, is proving to be relatively popular, as 12 per cent of prospective students have opted to live there during their first year of study. The least popular college for potential first year students is Goodricke, with only nine per cent outlining the Heslington East college as their preferential choice.

A second-year Biology student told *Nouse*: “I’m surprised that only 15 per cent of students have opted for basic economy rooms, especially when you take into account that rent prices keep on rising.”

“However, I think that the new system for outlining accommodation preferences is a vast improvement on the old one.”

Meanwhile, a second-year Psychology student told *Nouse*: “I’m not surprised that Goodricke is the least popular college among prospective students. As much as I enjoy college events like GoodFest, I would have preferred to live on Hes West in first year.”

“The rooms are of a good standard and are well equipped, but the price you pay for them isn’t representative of the standard of the rooms.”

IMAGE: MATT CORNOCK



Goodricke is the least popular college among offer holders, although 72 per cent would prefer an ensuite room

News

York named northern 'University of the Year'

Shahir Mihad
NEWS REPORTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF York has won the Educate North Award for 'University of the Year'.

The University, which outcompeted the universities of Lancaster and Newcastle for the title, was honoured for its outstanding performance in business, finance, teaching, research, student experience, innovation and economic impact.

The Educate North Awards were run in association with The Telegraph Media Group, which aims to recognise 'the leading higher education institutes in the North of England'.

They were launched this year in order to celebrate the education sector in the north of England. Dubbed a 'Northern powerhouse' by the Government, the award has further solidified the University's prestigious academic reputation.

At the event held in Manchester, the judges at the inaugural Educate North conference praised the University as "a huge contributor to the economy of Yorkshire, with excellent financials - bringing jobs, investment and growth to the local area".

Professor Phil Harris, executive director of the Business Research Institute at the University of Chester, said 'University of the Year' had been a "very difficult category to judge", due to the high number of "excellent applications".

The award, sponsored by businessman and philanthropist John Kennedy CBE, was one of 20 awarded on the night.

Professor Koen Lamberts, Vice-Chancellor of the University of York, said: "We are thrilled to be named Educate North University of the Year. The University of York is a Northern Powerhouse UK university operating on a global stage.

"Our recently published strategy places academic excellence in teaching and research and providing a world-class student experience at the heart of all our endeavours. We believe this award reflects the dedication to excellence of our staff and students."

The award has added to the numerous accolades already held by the University, including The Sunday Times University of the Year in 2003 and Times Higher Education University of the Year in 2009. Moreover, York holds six Queen's University Awards and eleven Athena Swan Awards.

Other winners at the Educate North awards included Lancaster University, which won the Commercial Engagement Award, the University of Liverpool, which won the Student Experience Award, and the University of Hull, which won the Academic Co-operation Award.

The University of Chester won awards for Student Union of the Year, Research Project of the Year and Lecturer of the Year.

Plans for Hes East shops and health centre get green light

Holly Woolnough
NEWS REPORTER

PLANS FOR the introduction of shops and health facilities to the Heslington East campus have been approved.

The proposal was passed on 4 June at a City of York Council Planning Committee, and will go ahead assuming it gains approval from the Secretary of State.

The vote passed by a close margin, with seven voting for the development, and six against.

The plans mean that the campus will now be home to a health centre, restaurant, shop, pharmacy and potentially a dentist. The proposed plan is to move the existing health centre on Heslington West to a new building on Heslington East, while converting the existing building into a new nursery for the children of University students.

In response to the successful meeting, Sam Maguire, YUSU President, said he was "really delighted that the planning has finally been granted. A lot of students worked hard for this to happen and it was by no means an easy victory.

"This will finally bring health facilities at the University of York up to scratch and give the students on Heslington East the retail facilities



IMAGE: NOUSE

City of York of Council initially rejected the plans for the developments due to concerns raised by local residents they need."

Maguire concluded by echoing the views of many current residents of Heslington East, saying: "I just wish I was around to see them in use."

City of York Council initially rejected the plans in December due to concerns about parking near the Field Lane roundabout which were

voiced by local residents.

This setback prompted Maguire to launch a campaign to encourage students to support the cause.

The Student Associations and JCRCs of the three colleges on Heslington East, Langwith, Goodricke and Constantine, were all heavily involved in supporting the campaign.

Alex Byron, President of Lang-

with College, expressed his happiness at the vote passing, and stated that it wasn't "just a victory for Hes East, but for all of us and the future of University student services."

Byron also highlighted the importance of moving forward and addressing concerns with the development, "to ensure we all get what we would like from the new services".

IMAGE: JACK RICHARDSON



Colour Run

The first University of York Colour Run took place on Friday 5 June at York Sport

Village. Students from the University as well as the general public ran, walked and jogged the 1km run, or-

ganised by York Active. By the finish line, those involved were covered head to toe in powder paint.

York Student Think Tank named Society of the Year

Clare Hall
NEWS REPORTER

THE ANNUAL YUSU awards took place in Central Hall on Saturday, with York Student Think Tank winning Society of the Year.

Maddie Boden, former LGBTQ Officer, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

There were also awards for volunteering projects, campaigns and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to YUSU and student life.

In total, 386 nominations for 188 groups, campaigns and individuals were received, from which 92 were shortlisted and 15 awards presented.

Emily Zheng and Heather Kelly were awarded Student Fundraiser of the year for their work raising money for SASH (Safe and Sound Homes). Zheng said: "It has been unbeliev-

ably rewarding to raise money for such an amazing local cause".

She added: "All the money raised goes towards tackling youth homelessness in the surrounding areas. [I] can't say thank you enough to everyone who dedicated their endless time and effort helping Heather and I in all our fundraising events."

Harry Whittaker said that he was "thrilled and honoured" to have been awarded the Greg Dyke Award for Student Media for his work with URY.

He added that the society "has been [his] best three years ever".

Other winners included Elisabeth Davies, who was awarded Outstanding Contribution to Student Life and Selina Pope, who was named Academic Representative of the Year.

The award for Best Course Rep Team went to the Sociology course

reps, while TedxUniversityofYork won the award for Best Event.

Sam Maguire, YUSU President, said that "all nominated were fantastic and should all be congratulated".

Similarly, Chris Wall, Student Activities Officer, said: "Shortlisting was one of the hardest things I've ever done because there is always something amazing happening on campus and I wish we could recognise everyone who does stuff".

According to Maguire, the change of venue to Central Hall was part of the effort by YUSU to "make [the event] a lot bigger than last year ... and it looked great". Wall said it was a "huge coup" to get the venue.

He further added that he is looking forward to working with the new team in order "to do more to make YUSU recognise everything students do".

Alcuin to reconsider current structure of student committees

IMAGE: CONNOR FENTON



A new 'Deputy President for Postgraduate Engagement' would be created

Tess Pullen
DEPUTY NEWS EDITOR

ON THURSDAY 11 June, Alcuin will hold a referendum on whether it should change from a Junior Common Room Committee and Graduate Common Room Committee to a College Student Association.

Those in favour of the change believe that by changing to a CSA they will be able to provide a warm welcome for all students be they postgraduates, international students or those arriving in Freshers' Week and also to ensure that postgraduates are still kept in mind.

It has also been agreed that a new 'Deputy President for Postgraduate Engagement' position would be created.

The person elected to this role would fulfil the general duties of the executive committee but with the added jobs of organising the Postgraduate Welcome Week, liaising with the GSA and working with the postgraduate college tutors.

Dominic Smithies, Chair of Alcuin College, told *Nouse*: "Ever since I arrived at University the idea of a College Student Association just seemed more college-y than a JCRC. It seems more inclusive and community focused and ignores the

misconception that undergraduates and postgraduates have completely different wants and needs. It's definitely a false stereotype that postgraduates don't want to get involved in the same activities and events that undergraduates do and, likewise, I think a lot of the undergraduate students would really enjoy what is provided for postgraduates.

"Particularly in our college where our postgraduate membership isn't as high as our undergraduate membership, the GCRC can be less [effective] in providing activities and events for its members than it would ideally like to be as there are fewer that are able to help."

For the referendum to pass, both undergraduates and postgraduates need to have a majority of two thirds, reaching a quorum of six per cent. This would lead to the dissolving of two student bodies to create one CSA.

In the interim, the JCRC and GCRC Chair would adopt the roles of President and Deputy President respectively until the November elections and would merge their committees to transfer their officers into the most relevant roles.

Support for the referendum to change to a CSA was supported by the entire JCRC, the GCRC Chair and College Council.

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Potential for strikes as UCU urges its members to reject 1% pay offer

Lewis Hill
DEPUTY EDITOR

MEMBERS OF the University and College Union (UCU), the largest higher education trade union, are being urged to reject a one per cent pay offer in a forthcoming ballot. The rejection of the pay increase would raise the prospect of industrial action in universities across the country.

University staff who belong to the UCU will be consulted on the final offer after delegates at the union's congress in Glasgow on 23-24 May backed the motion offered by representatives from Leeds Beckett University that said: "The UCU should call for members to reject the offer and vote yes for strike action and action short of a strike."

In the most recent proposal, pay for staff on the eight lowest points of the national pay spine would be increased by up to 2.65 per cent. This would mean that these specific members of staff will be paid at the living wage at the very least, which is £9.15 per hour in London and £7.85 per hour in the rest of the country.

The offer of one per cent for the rest of the pay spine has been described as "disappointing" by the UCU and denotes a small increase on the employers' original proposal

of 0.9 per cent.

Commenting on the potential strike action, David Duncan, University Registrar and Secretary told *Nouse*: "It is extremely unlikely that the employers will revise their final pay offer, given that it is above inflation and ensures that all university staff across the country are paid at least the living wage."

"The employers are also conscious of the very real pressures on university finances at the present time, bearing in mind that the government has just announced £450m of in-year cuts to the HE/FE sector budget. Further cuts may be coming in later years."

"It will be for trade union members to decide how they respond to the UCU recommendation. We very much hope that we are not heading into another round of industrial action but if this does happen, we will do everything we can to minimise the effects on students."

In a separate congress vote, delegates supported plans to ask union members to boycott the implementation of the government's Prevent counter-terror strategy despite concerns that non-cooperation with the strategy may be illegal.

The initiative includes the aim to stop students from becoming radicalised in universities.



IMAGE: CALEDONIAN UNION

The University hopes the talks will not result in industrial action but promised to minimise the impact on students

York delegates sign scathing letter to NUS



IMAGE: NUS

Tess Pullen
DEPUTY NEWS EDITOR

AN OPEN letter to the NUS has been signed by York delegates Chris Wall, Jemima Busby, Sam Maguire and Beth Curtis urging the NUS to tackle its method of policy debate and the "atmosphere of intimidation" at the most recent NUS conference.

The open letter criticised the lack of time to debate motions which they attributed to "the abuse of procedural motions by delegates to prevent open debate in order to filibuster, and the poor time management of the Conference". It was argued that too much time was spent electing the Block of 15, Democratic Procedures Committee (DPC) and Student Trustees.

The letter also proposes an alternative method of vote counting instead of the current procedure of the chair visually assessing the audience, due to their belief that manual counting is a "disorganised" and "inaccurate" method of counting, they instead proposed electronic voting pads, believing that this would be more time efficient and eliminate accusations of bias.

The majority of the letter addressed the "atmosphere of intimidation, fear and inaccessibility"

throughout the conference in which people were too afraid to speak and opinions which weren't mainstream were not tolerated.

The letter stated: "We frequently saw the same faces speaking on stage, time after time, creating an atmosphere that this was a Conference for the few, not the many."

"The NUS elected officers consistently wore the t-shirts and openly supported certain delegates in elections, thus side-lining their opponents and intimidating other candidates running, or who may be considering running in future years."

There needs to be much more effort paid to ensuring the inclusivity of all delegates to ensure everyone gets a fair chance to contribute, and ensuring that people aren't intimidated against challenging the 'popular' view."

The letter also addressed access issues for disabled students and the absence of applications for full-time NUS roles.

The letter was written after many policies did not have time to be debated which meant they would be decided upon by the National Executive Council (NEC), with particular emphasis on the Governance Reform motion.

The letter was signed by 43 student officers post-conference.

The letter accused NUS elected officers of openly supporting certain delegates who were running for positions

IMAGE: NAOMI BARROW



Winners of teaching awards announced

Holly Woolnough
NEWS REPORTER

THE WINNERS of this year's Excellence in Teaching and Supervision Awards have been announced.

The Award for Inspirational Lecturer went to Gavin Phillips from the Psychology Department, who was commended for "never fail[ing] to keep the entire department's morale sky-high".

The Departmental Award for Teaching went to the Department of Electronics, while the Departmental Award for Supervision went to the Department of Physics.

The three winners of the Taught Supervisor of the Year Award were Kate Rudd from the Department of Health Sciences, Dan Keith from the Department of Politics, and Duncan Petrie from the TFTV Department. They were described as "inspiring", "exemplary" and "passionate" respectively.

George Offer, Academic Officer, told *Nouse*: "The sheer number of nominations this year shows just how much appreciation students have for staff throughout the University."

"The awards are just a small thank you for all those at York who make the University truly excellent!"

Access Your Future

Access Your Future, the Disabled Students' Network's flagship event, took place on Wednesday.

The event included a series of talks from people who have faced barriers in their lives with the aim of "empower[ing students] to take control of [their] future."

Zohra Khan, Disabled Stu-

dent's Officer, said that she was "really excited to bring it to York for the third time running" and that the Network was "incredibly lucky" to have Paralympian Elizabeth Wright at the event.

She added: "I was also pleased to welcome Sasha Thorpe, ex-Disability Officer of York St John's who talked about [how]

the biggest barrier to achieving was herself, which is an incredibly important discussion to have."

Khan told *Nouse*: "I hope Access Your Future will be a continued success in the next year to come and it was a great success for the Disabled Students' Network to have the opportunity to host such an event!"

Survey finds most students think degrees are poor value for money

Jamie Summers
SENIOR REPORTER

THE TENTH annual Student Academic Experience Survey has found that just seven per cent of students in England feel that they have received 'very good' value for money.

The results of the survey, published by the Higher Education Academy (HEA) and Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI), also show that 75 per cent of students feel that their universities do not give them enough information about how their tuition fees are spent.

However, the majority of undergraduate students are content with their courses as 87 per cent said they were either 'fairly' or 'very' happy with the overall quality of their courses. In contrast, just two per cent said they were 'very' unhappy.

Just over a third of all respondents said they would either 'definitely' or 'maybe' have chosen a different course with the benefit of hindsight.



IMAGE: UNIVERSITY OF YORK

According to this year's Student Academic Experience Survey, the average student has 12 contact hours a week

The Student Academic Experience Survey also found that the average student has 12 contact hours

per week, with arts and humanities subjects offering the fewest.

Although the survey suggested

that most students are happy to study alone, concerns were also raised that "relatively high num-

bers" do not feel sufficiently supported in independent study.

The survey also found that lecturers with formal teaching qualifications are valued more highly than active researchers, although the figures varied considerably between different groups of universities.

For example, 49 per cent of students from Russell Group universities suggested that they valued lecturers who had been trained how to teach the most, while 23 per cent favoured academics who are active researchers in their area of study.

Reflecting on the results, one third year History student told *Nouse*: "I think the survey shows that there are some real concerns for students at an uncertain time, not least about getting good value-for-money when we pay so much for the privilege. Hopefully, the University will pay attention to this survey and invest students' money wisely."

The survey, which was first run in 2006, uses a number of questions to assess the mood of students from universities across the country.



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Sexual harassment in York: A close investigation

Grace Marsh takes a look at the results of York Student Think Tank's consultation on sexual harassment and examines what the University and YUSU are doing to address the issue

A consultation on sexual harassment by York Student Think Tank has found that 52 per cent of respondents have been victims of sexual harassment.

Participants were asked to answer whether they had suffered from sexual harassment based on a legal definition of the concept provided in the survey. Two hundred and seventy students responded to this question.

The most common type of sexual assault experienced while at university was 'unwanted physical, verbal, or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature', followed by 'com-

“”

It happens to every female. You can't spend a day out and certainly not a night without it becoming an issue

ments about the way you look which you find demeaning?

Fifty-one per cent of students claimed to have witnessed sexual harassment at the university according to the definition of the term 'sexual harassment' that they agree with. Seventy-nine per cent of the incidents witnessed involved unwanted physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature.

The most common occurrences

observed by females include groping in nightclubs, notably by older men, indecent comments on clothing, and being heckled and wolf-whistled at on the street and in clubs.

One female student revealed her experiences from nights out in York, saying "I've had men grab me and forcibly try and rub themselves on me while I have just been dancing with my friends, bouncers commenting on my breasts [and] I have been followed. Men always grab or slap your bum, often quite hard."

She also told how she had come to expect such events, explaining: "It's just what I expect on a night out. It doesn't bother me so much because I'm used to it and feel able to look after myself, but it really just shouldn't have to be like that."

Eighty-four per cent of students that have experienced or witnessed sexual harassment did so on student nights in town, while forty-three per cent of incidents were on campus at nighttime. Almost 10 per cent of respondents said that they had experienced or witnessed such incidents in lectures, seminars and contact hours.

The York Think Tank survey also showed that 90 per cent of respondents perceived sexual harassment to be more prevalent among sports teams than any other specific domains of university such as political societies, musical and media societies and academic areas.

However, one participant said: "As a female, I've been inappropriately groped by women on several

occasions in York nightclubs. I find it interesting how people always make it sound like sportsmen are

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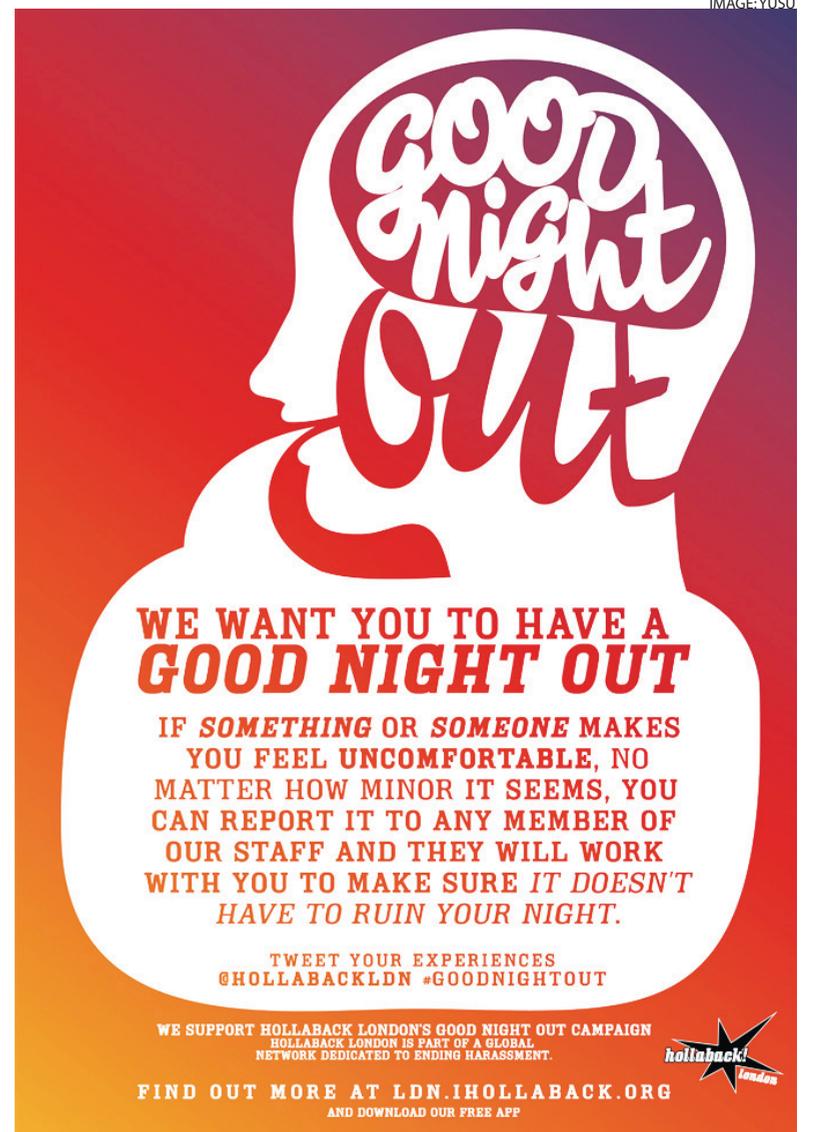
My friend has someone tell her that she was a 'fucking rude bitch'. When she asked why, he said: 'I've been trying to get with you all night and you've ignored me'

the assaulters, but for me it has always been a lady."

When asked about the steps the University's efficiency in dealing with cases of sexual harassment, one respondent stated: "I don't think they could be more efficient. Unless they had chaperones at socials and at cafes and bars. And if they carried out background checks on people coming to live in halls of residence."

However, another student said: "The University do not make support for sexual harassment readily available and many students don't know where they can get this support from. York should take a better stand against sexual harassment as this kind of behaviour has become normalised on nights out, and that is unacceptable."

IMAGE:YUSU



Eighty-four per cent of cases of sexual harassment happened on nights out

Measures taken in and around the University

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YUSU launched a campaign to tackle lad culture at the start of the year

Workshops concerning sexual assault and consent were introduced for the first time yesterday during cross-college STYC training. Head STYCs received consent workshops as part of their training for Freshers' Week.

The session was designed to assist Head STYCs in playing the role of 'active bystanders' during Freshers' Week. It was also intended to help them to feel as though they could intervene when observing students at risk in situations such as club nights in town.

In addition, the training was designed to help STYCs feel confident in supporting freshers as well as other students regarding issues within this area.

Mike Britland, James College Officer, told *Nouse*: "Consent and sexual assault are important issues, and I think that the University, including our colleges and Students' Unions, should be at the forefront

of educating and empowering our students with the knowledge and vocabulary to understand consent."

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The University should be at the forefront of empowering our students with the knowledge to understand consent

He will be teaming up with YUSU and other university staff members during the summer to deliver effective training to college staff and tutors in preparation for the start of the academic year.

A compulsory online VLE module on consent that all STYCs would have to complete before Freshers'

Week is also being developed.

Following feedback, the module will then be adapted and made available for completion by students.

Posters will also be put up in campus kitchens raising awareness of sexual harassment and assault and what should and shouldn't be tolerated in line with the law. There will also be information detailing the methods that students can take to report sexual harassment and assault.

Maguire has worked in collaboration with the University to revise and update the pages on the university website regarding sexual harassment, resulting in a specific webpage on the topic.

YUSU are also working on designing material tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour and consent to deliver at sports committee training during the next few weeks.

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Languages for all! They're a valuable skill



Liam Dooley

Young people should be more interested in becoming multilingual

If the whole world speaks English, what's the point of learning any other language? It would seem that this kind of sentiment is still prevalent across the UK, as the number of students applying to study foreign languages at GCSE and A-level has fallen again this year.

Young people just aren't interested in learning another language and this is a highly unfortunate thing. Having access to another language is a wonderful thing, which opens up many doors as you progress through life. As a result, to simply ignore the plethora of languages across the world is a seriously missed opportunity.

First of all, if you take into account the low number of people in the UK leaving education with access to a foreign language, it would surely seem logical that having one would set you apart from the crowd.

Not only does it grant you access to a whole host of jobs in non-Anglophone countries, it also offers you jobs right here in the UK where communication across the entire world stage is becoming ever increasingly important. Learning a foreign language can be a massive

CV booster.

But aside from the benefits learning another language provides you on a professional level, being multilingual can also help to boost your social skills. Having a foreign language is the best way of embracing another country's culture. It promotes the development of an international outlook and the capacity to see beyond your own way of life.

Yes, you can experience a lot of a country by merely travelling to it, but isn't it a much better experience if you can communicate with the people on their own terms? Even on the most basic level, it is just courteous to make an attempt to speak in the local language.

There are relatively cheap ways to learn another language. Websites such as Duolingo provide lessons in German, French and Spanish for free. But here at the University of York, the English Department requires their students to take a module in the second year that requires them to read texts in their original, non-English language.

At first I was dreading this module, after vowing never to touch German again after my

GCSE, but now I am so glad that I had to pick the language back up. Being at a university that actively encourages an engagement with other languages is such a great experience. Whether you have no prior qualification in a foreign language, studied one at GCSE but haven't really used it since, or simply want to expand on what you already know, you should seriously consider doing an LFA course here at York.

Maybe you thought about doing one in your first year, but then you got caught up in all of the hype of Freshers Week that you completely forgot all about signing up for it? Well, it's never too late to do one in your second year.

In fact, it's an obvious decision. If the University's offering you the chance to get a year's free tuition, you really might as well take advantage of it. Using another language really does set you apart from the crowd, and opens up a whole host of new opportunities.

Don't hide behind the hope that you'll never cross paths with someone who doesn't speak English. Instead, learn another language and start the conversation yourself!



IMAGE: NO FRILLS

Caffè Nero's milk boycott is misguided



Alexandra Hall

The hard work of British farmers should not come second to the protection of badgers



The coffee chain's decision to stop stocking milk from dairy farms in badger cull areas has provoked outcry among British farmers.

The threat of Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) will always be a worry for cattle farmers nationwide. For many, the relief that the farm is TB-free can soon be quashed by the next annual herd test that reveals infected cattle. And TB is not like tetanus, where a magic three-second injection can wipe out all of this fear. There is currently no licensed vaccination for it, and it's unlikely that we're going to get one soon.

From compulsory slaughtering to restrictions on livestock trade, a TB-infected farm is an economically damaged one. And when the average dairy farmer earns an annual salary of just £20,000, often putting in 100-hour working weeks, economic damage cannot simply be shrugged off. Furthermore, the impact that the stress of a TB infection can have on mental health is certainly underestimated.

Since badgers are one of the main natural carriers of TB, it's highly understandable that the animal is at the front of this debate. Without a vaccination, there are two

options here; operate annual culls of cattle with TB or stem the issue at its root and cull the badgers.

We've already seen the devastation that cattle culling can bring to the nation's farmers and the rural economy through the Foot and Mouth Outbreak in 2001, where it is estimated that 745,000 cattle were culled in less than seven months. And when milk and beef have respective 16.1 per cent and 12 per cent shares in the agricultural economy alone, we can't afford to lose our cows anytime soon.

I'm not in denial of the importance of our environment. We should all try to maintain harmony within our ecosystems, and I'm sure many environmentalists will be quick to point out the impact that a badger cull could have on the food chain. But it's easy to forget that cattle are not only an economic asset but part of our national ecosystem too. And allowing environmental issues to compromise economic strength is certainly a step too far.

One organisation that appears to have taken this step is Caffè Nero. While their latest decision to boycott milk from farms in Somerset and Gloucestershire has been welcomed by environmental campaign-

ers, this announcement appears to be more of a raising of the white flag than a genuine helping hand of support.

Having not paid a single penny of corporation tax since 2008, despite racking up sales of £1.2 billion, Caffè Nero's prospects of further profits are looking more skinny latte than cappuccino grande.

Really, they don't give a damn about badgers, or cows, for that matter. Siding with the environmentalists is just a tragically helpless last-ditch attempt at winning back some custom. And the irony of it all? In trying to save their business, they are willing to compromise their key product, in favour of a few badgers. It's laughable - it really is.

Hardworking British farmers cannot be allowed to lose any more. Supermarkets are constantly driving the prices of fresh, local produce lower and lower, crushing local farmers in the scenes of corporate competition.

And when tax-evading juggernauts such as Caffè Nero jump on the bandwagon to reconcile their own reputation, our rural industries will only decline further. I certainly don't want my next caramel latte to be made with Chinese milk.

Caitlyn Jenner does not represent all trans* women



V. S. Wells

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Not all transitions are as easy as Jenner's and not all are accepted so quickly

Since coming out as transgender, the internet has welcomed Caitlyn Jenner with open arms. She gained a million followers on Twitter in four hours, had a Vanity Fair cover shoot, released a trailer for her new reality show on E!, and has been praised for being beautiful.

The last part, however, has provoked controversy. It's only been a few days, yet Jenner has already been reduced from famous athlete and savvy reality star to being just a pretty face.

Jenner is being heralded as

“The standards of beauty we have are inherently cisnormative. We just extend them to trans* women whether they fit or not”

beautiful from all corners of the internet. A staunch Republican, Olympic gold-medal winner and current reality star, Jenner is broadening the range of those who are being exposed to trans* people.

People who were previously unaware of transgender issues have now seen Jenner's struggles, which will perhaps make them more sympathetic.

But the treatment of Jenner is

problematic because it shows how pervasive the male gaze and cisgender standards of beauty are in the media. Essentially, in coming out as female, the reaction to Jenner has been to emphasise her beauty rather than her personality, and this is worrying as many trans* people – and especially trans* women – do not have these privileges.

Jenner is privileged: she has money and can afford feminising facial surgery. She can better conform to the accepted standard of beauty because she has the money to pay for it.

In focusing on how successful these surgeries were, and how feminine Jenner looks, the media sends the message that it will only accept trans* people who look a certain way.

Since Jenner has worn makeup and a corset on the cover of Vanity Fair, she is now accepted as a woman. She has given the world an image of her that corresponds with its image of women, so we accept her femininity.

But Jenner has always been a woman. As Meredith Talusan points out in The Guardian, “Jenner was just as much of a woman a month ago during her Diane Sawyer interview in a blue button-down as she is today in a white corset.”

Even the story of Jenner's transition is framed in terms that re-enforce the gender binary, and if this

becomes the norm for how we see gender-variant people then where does that leave people who are neither cisgender nor transgender, but non-binary, agender or something else entirely?

The standards of beauty we have are inherently cisnormative. They are ideas we have of cisgender women, which we just extend to trans* women without regard for whether they fit or not.

The problem trans* women often face is they are read as being too “masculine”, as if their outward appearance affects their gender. Not having the money or access to healthcare is a huge barrier to being accepted as their true gender, and can even be dangerous.

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Transgender people are disproportionately affected by issues like poverty, mental health problems, discrimination and murder. The

Trans Murder Monitoring Project reports over 1,700 murders of trans* and non-binary people since 2008, and that doesn't include the thousands more who have gone unreported or been lost to suicide.

Jenner has had problems with

“Jenner's honesty in her transition is important and brave”

the media speculating on her gender and spreading hurtful stories, but she has never had to worry about not having the money to make people see her as female. It will be interesting to see if she uses her platform to speak about issues that affect the trans* community at large.

We need to be careful not to hold up Jenner as a pinnacle of transgender womanhood. Just like no one person can speak for any entire group, we can't expect her to represent everyone trans* in its entirety.

To do so undermines all the struggling trans* men and non-binary people who are not represented in culture, and glosses over the plight of trans* women who don't have the same level of privilege.

Jenner's honesty in her transition is important and brave. Here's hoping she opens the doors for even wider representation.

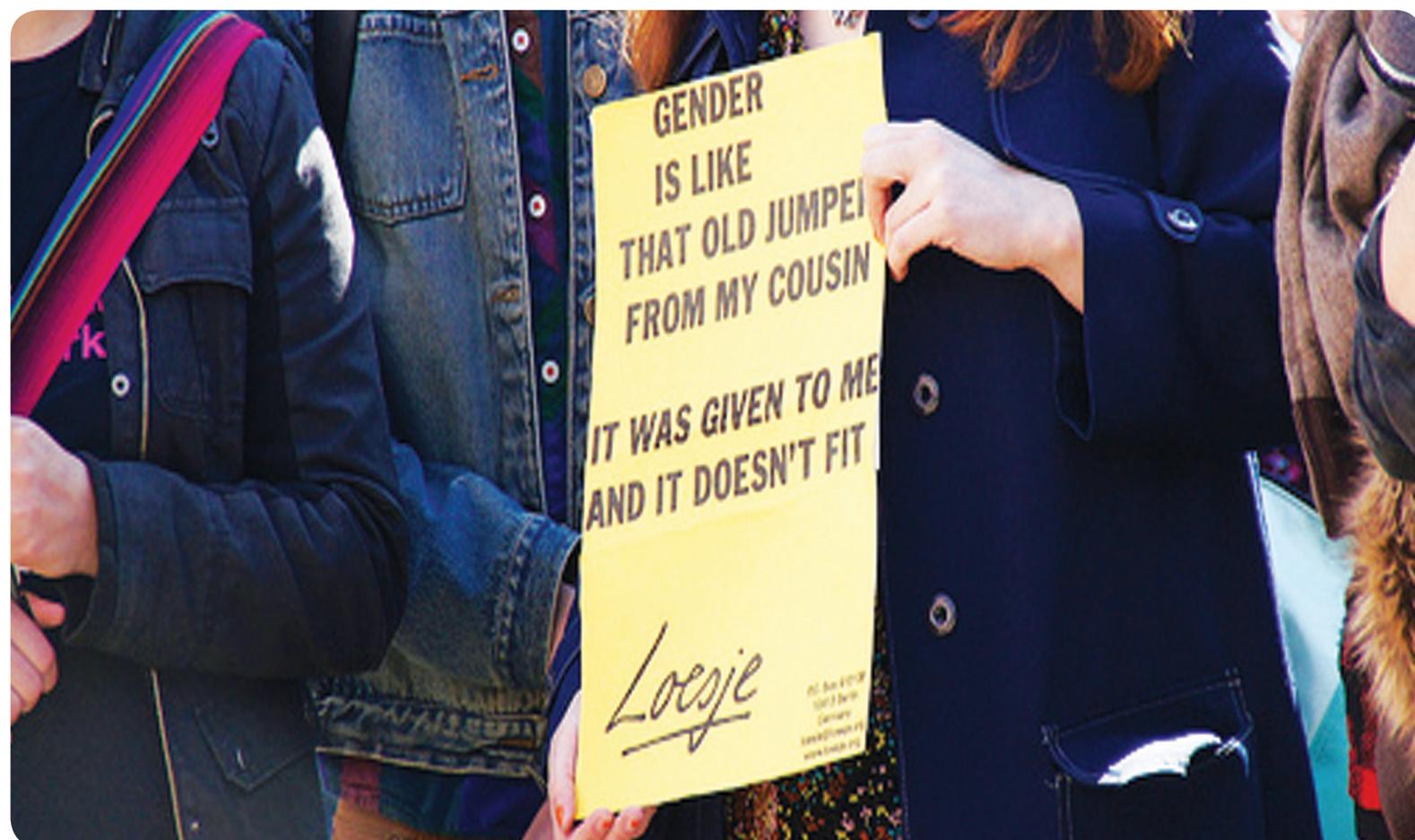


IMAGE: TED EYTAN

It's The End, so it seems! And The End isn't just a weird campaign by YUSUBars to convince us all to buy pints in Courtyard through the use of binary code and *Portal* quotes. No, The End's everywhere! Exams have ended. Group projects have ended. Judging by Gold Rush, relationships have ended, and countless third-years are busy writing poetry to the objects of their affections via Facebook - much like Shakespeare, if Shakespeare wanted to have sex with you.

Even this column's ending! Or this'll be the last time I write it, anyway, since the *Nouse* editor used her third wish to give me my freedom (and informed me I'm not allowed to put the column on Swap Shop, “slightly used”). So let's end by talking about Willow.

Willow, for those who haven't been, or those who have but had the memories punched out of their head by a fist made of solid Sambuca, is a nightclub in York with the aesthetic of a school disco that's been left to rot for about five years. It used to be a restaurant but got shut down for health violations. And it's my favourite club. Obviously.

It's taught me valuable lessons. For instance, if you order 10 Sambuca shots at once, the bartender will flatly question your life choices, and since he works for Willow that feels a bit like Sepp Blatter telling you you're being a corrupt in a global organisation. But then you have 10 Sambuca shots, so you enter into the alcoholic equivalent of a cage match with Optimus Prime, and you end up white-girl wasted and slurring about the merits of Taylor Swift to a guy dressed like Buzz Lightyear. (Hey, an astronaut's gonna know about blank space. But I digress).

I learned that you can express your friendship for another human being by yelling S-Club 7 lyrics at them, and a particularly interesting costume party taught me that you can wear a dress and still feel like a man. Another taught me that at least one person in York is attracted to the Cat in the Hat, which is probably the premise of a terrible fan-fiction somewhere.

I'm sure there's more to learn, on the way to Ama-Willow (where sweet tequila waits for me). But alas, it's The End! All I can do is look back fondly on these moments, and hope to God that my parents haven't figured out my writing style when they're reading this. And in The End, isn't that all we can hope for? Isn't it?

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**The UCU strike upholds freedom of expression**

Jacob Miller

A strike by members of the University and Colleges Union over pay and "anti-radicalisation" legislation is looming. Delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of boycotting the government's Prevention strategy, which is designed to prevent the radicalisation of students. The union expressed concerns that the plans would "force our members to spy on learners".

The government's 2011 report on the strategy states the need to maintain freedom of expression. However, the term "extremist" is relative - one person's conception of extreme is not the same as another's. Therefore, the report's pledge to train staff to identify signs of extremism becomes ridiculous. Students may feel uncomfortable consulting with staff while aware that they may be being examined for signs of extremism. The UCU's decision to boycott such action is crucial because students worrying about being judged by staff for their comments and/or political and religious views is not conducive to the open and welcoming environment that university should promote.

The report mentions how "extremist preachers" have reached out to "Muslim students". The focus on "Muslim students" is a dangerous one. Terror acts are not exclusive to one religious or political group, and such an emphasis encourages prejudices and discrimination.

The new accommodation system works well, for now

Niall Whitehead



The new accommodation application system seems to be running smoothly, all things considered. Anyone who got an offer, conditional or not, can now pick their preferences online and have the room offered later, therefore ensuring no-one has to dig through the scraps that are left after the system's crashed for three hours.

It seems students are pickier. While only 16 per cent care about catered rooms, 60 per cent of them claim they want their accommodation to be "premium or above". 72 per cent of students want ensembles, and it's therefore no surprise that Alcuin's the most popular college, with 19 per cent of the applicants, because it's just basically kind of the best. Also, I'm totally not biased having lived there for a year.

But Heslington East is still less popular than Heslington West, despite the newer accommodation and plethora of ensembles (in fact, Goodricke was the least popular college, with only 9 per cent). It's probably due to the usual reasons of a lack of facilities and distance. First-years don't want to have to get a bus to lectures from off-campus. Sweet summer children and all that.

Of course, the big test now is to see whether everybody can get the accommodation they want, especially in the more popular colleges. Only time will tell if the new system's managed to improve on the old one after all.

**Is York truly 'University of the Year'?**

Amy Gibbons

On Wednesday 3rd June, at the brand new Educate North conference in Manchester, the University of York was awarded the title 'University of the Year', beating out both Newcastle and Lancaster which were also shortlisted. The news saw an enthusiastic response, but were those sharing the story so proudly aware of its fine print? Where does the University actually stand today as opposed to years past?

Winning any award is fantastic, and the University should be highly commended for its achievement. But this one was awarded, as mentioned, at the Educate North conference; York was only competing against other Northern universities. So the university did not beat Cambridge, or UCL, or Exeter, or St. Andrews.

In fact, the University of York has fallen in the country's estimations this year; in the Guardian's university league table, York dropped six places, and in the Complete University Guide our ranking slipped by three.

So what exactly does this mean for the University? Should we be celebrating, or concerned? Perhaps this award masks what has actually been a rather disappointing year for students and staff at York. After all, how proud can we be when almost every university league table published this year has seen York's reputation fall?



IMAGE ALI GIBSON

A British Bill of Rights would be a travesty

Sam Lees

Our human rights should be universal and indivisible

Once again, as I'm sure you're all well aware, our beloved leaders are chomping at the bit to make changes to our society. They have made no secret of their intention to replace the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights. In fact, they selected their target back in 2010, only to have their ambitions stymied by the Liberal Democrats. With coalition partners no longer an issue, they are free to act.

Of course, we had Human Rights before the bill was passed in 1998. According to the UN of course, they are universal, indivisible and inalienable. So, surely as a liberal democracy we shouldn't need this document?

Well, the Human Rights Act enshrines in law the ability of the UK population to challenge the state on the grounds of Human Rights. In short, it means that if the state or any institution breaks your human rights, instead of travelling to Strasbourg and the ECHR, you can challenge it in domestic courts.

So what about the act have the Conservatives found so offensive? All fingers point towards it being controlled by Europe, as the definitions utilised in the Human Rights Act are living, subject to change at the whim of the judges who sit on the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). These unelected

professionals sit in Strasbourg, and their decisions set the precedent for the decisions made by our domestic courts. The Tories argue that this is undemocratic, and that the ability to define Human Rights should be returned to the state, in particular to the MPs at Westminster.

When the government includes the likes of Theresa May, whose 'Go Home' vans caused such controversy, not to mention a majority who voted against the Gay Marriage

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Equality bill, this would be a very worrying development.

Other reasons for our need to keep the Human Rights Act are everywhere. The new British Bill of Rights would limit the human rights of those who are not British citizens. This would in effect take our universal human rights and transform them into a privilege granted due to the location of your birth, or the na-

tionality of your parents.

Since these rights are universal and indivisible, this should obviously not be the case.

Secondly, the Human Rights Act is enshrined within the constitutions of the devolved assemblies. There is therefore a risk that a British Bill of Rights may end up applying only to the English, as the devolved nations have control of whether or not they would move to the new system.

Then, finally, there is the issue of Northern Ireland. When the British and Irish governments signed the Good Friday Agreement back in 1998, the treaty included a clause that Northern Irish law would completely incorporate the European convention of Human Rights. In addition, that the courts would have the power to use this law to override decisions made by the legislative assemblies if they were in violation of the convention.

In switching to a British Bill of Rights, and breaking the direct contact with the ECHR, the UK would thus be in breach of the Good Friday Agreement, an international treaty that is lodged with the UN. The replacement of the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights would be a travesty. Human rights are universal, indivisible and inalienable. Now we just have to hope that our government remembers that.

Tee-totally acceptable



Kate Marshall

Choosing not to drink alcohol doesn't take away from the university experience

I don't drink. Now, I'm pretty fortunate - nobody at university has ever had a problem with this statement, whether it be in gentle deflection to the offer of a round, or a straight response to a direct question. Often, amusingly, the response is a commendation of my wisdom and a general acknowledgement that drinking is bad for your health and leads to questionable life choices. These aren't my reasons for passing on the alcohol, but often I am not asked for them. The statement, especially as it is given matter-of-factly, is accepted.

“ I'm pretty fortunate - nobody at university has ever had a problem with the fact that I don't drink ”

However, I am aware that staying sober carries a certain stigma, so let me assure you: I'm not judging you. While some people are teetotal on principle, there are a plethora of other reasons, whether religious, medical, or through simple dislike. I am a mixture of the latter two.

Booze is not for me, but we're all adults capable of making our own decisions, and I have no interest in infringing on someone else's right to get merry.

Barring health risks, such as if

you're on certain antidepressants, it's your night as well as mine and I won't get in your way. Why would I? I want my friends to have fun.

Someone I knew once texted me after a night out to say that he had, for the first time in his life, gone clubbing sober. He was horrified: he'd suddenly realised how bad the music was, how sweaty everybody was, how filthy clubs are and how loud it all is. I gave him a little sympathy, but honestly, I like clubbing with good people. I don't enjoy pub crawls, and yes, I do wish fewer socials were about drinking, but some music and awful dancing is fun.

I'm lucky to be happy to dance without needing to lower my inhibitions with a few shots and, without drinking, I'm actually able to go out more often. I don't suffer hangovers, I don't need to watch my intake, and I rarely spend more than a tenner.

My only requirement is that I'm not expected to look after someone else if they get plastered. I am useful in a crisis, naturally, but I'm not your designated caretaker.

I've never been the only capable person in a group. Very rarely is everybody incapacitated, and there are always a couple of people capable of sobering up in an instant. I just pick my company wisely: I like most of my friends' drunken quirks, so there's never a problem.

Student stereotypes mean that I am, to strangers, a drinker by default, but that's not my issue. Peo-

ple are surprised when I say I don't drink, but it's easier to disprove the stereotype if you don't drink at all than if you drink responsibly.

I was told before coming to university that my avoidance of alcohol wouldn't last, but since I have shown that I'm sticking to sobriety, those voices have piped down.

“ For some, alcohol interacts with health problems, triggers anxiety, reacts with medication, and all sorts of other things ”

So I'm neutral over your choice to drink, but for some, alcohol interacts with health problems, dredges up horrible memories, risks a relapse of addiction, triggers anxiety, reacts badly with medication, and all sorts of other things.

So, in case there was anyone still unclear: pressuring someone to drink is low, and often has a bigger impact than you might realise. For my part, I'll just think you're a bit of an ass, but for some it's not a boundary you should push.

Ultimately, there are countless different reasons to not drink, but I promise, I cross my heart, we're not all doing it because we think we're better than everyone else.



IMAGE: NAN PALMERO

Vanbrugh's logo is in need of a redesign



Jack Richardson

How long must we endure the reign of the wayward "V"?

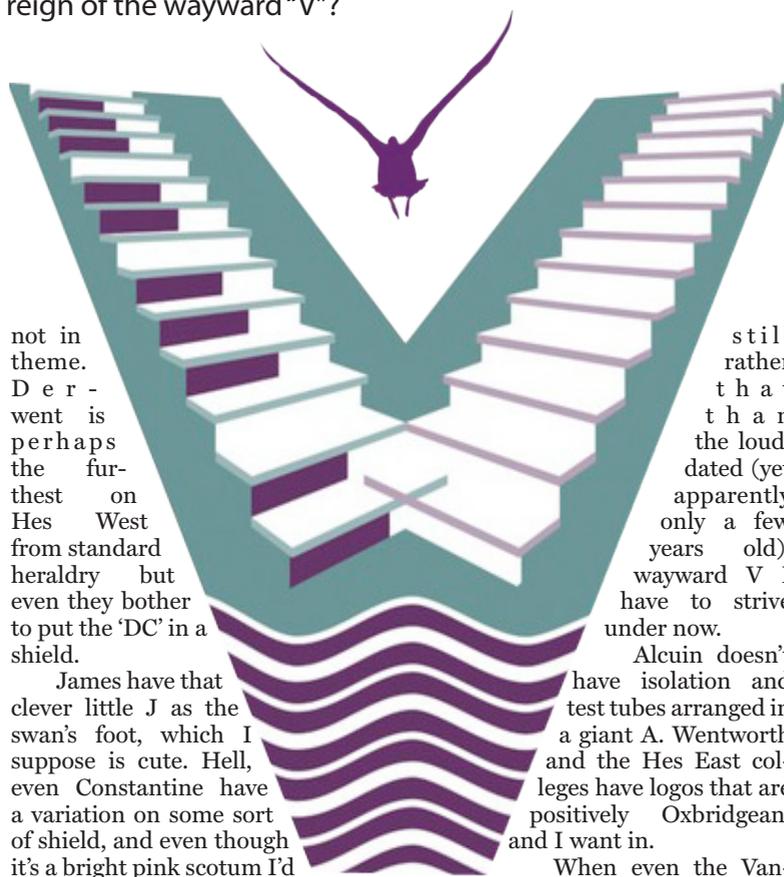
I chose Vanbrugh after a bit of a mental checklist one evening while poring over the University website. Central location, good accommodation, lots of music, not Derwent: all seemed to be going in Vanbrugh's favour. Thank goodness it has these qualities to make up for the shattering eyesore that is the Vanbrugh College logo.

Yes, the logo. My goodness that logo. It seems to have been torn straight out of a 1980s leisure centre specialising in the manufacture of stairs, musical instruments and waterfowl.

Even discounting the frankly hideous teal and purple bus-company colour scheme, someone somewhere seems to have taken the letter V (a risky enough choice at the best of times) and run with it far, far too far.

This abomination of graphic design is one of the few aspects of this University and particularly my college that I cannot, nay, will not, simply learn to love.

The other colleges' logos are varied in colour and content but



not in theme. Derwent is perhaps the furthest on Hes West from standard heraldry but even they bother to put the 'DC' in a shield.

James have that clever little J as the swan's foot, which I suppose is cute. Hell, even Constantine have a variation on some sort of shield, and even though it's a bright pink scutum I'd

still rather than the loud, dated (yet apparently only a few years old), wayward V I have to strive under now.

Alcuin doesn't have isolation and test tubes arranged in a giant A. Wentworth and the Hes East colleges have logos that are positively Oxbridgean, and I want in.

When even the Van-

brugh website seems to eschew their official insignia for the goose detail, something is amiss. The fact that the logo rarely sees the light of day

“ Sir John Vanbrugh was an architect - he'd be turning in his grave if he could see the monstrosity attached to his name ”

is a mark against it, not an excuse for its continued 'use.'

There's a lesson in this. Heraldry looks good. Even if the college (the University too, come to mention it) is young, there's no need to keep the plate-glass to emphasise this in the ugliest possible way.

Sir John Vanbrugh was an architect, for crying out loud. He'd be turning in his grave if he could see the monstrosity we've so wantonly attached to his name.

Looking at college merchandise is a tear-inducing exercise at the best of times, but I cannot think why anyone in their right minds would go anywhere near that college tie, let alone for £10.

York may never have Oxbridge levels of college spirit or pride, but there's no need to exacerbate this when the only rallying point outside university looks like something your parents might have been given after a free gym taster session when they were our age.

We may have missed the 50th Anniversary as an excuse to get this done, but why do we need an excuse beyond wanting a logo that doesn't make us want to retch and opt for standard university hoodies over the ones belonging to our college? I would suggest the coat of arms of John Vanbrugh, or at least a college referendum and design competition.

I'm not asking for much. Just give me a shield to stick on my chest like everyone else, and let me feel like that decision I made was one to be proud of.

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CLASH OF COMMENTS

Should UKIP members have been banned from the London Pride parade?

**Andreлина Rhamdun**

YES.

The exclusion of UKIP from the London Pride parade has been effectuated, much to the dismay of certain advocates of the freedom of speech or the freedom of association and peaceful protest.

Despite the fact that this ban is justified under security reasons, underlining the need to put their volunteers' safety first, the broader issues of the clash of the main objectives of UKIP and the parade have been raised. There is a need for action with clear motives which recognises that the freedom of speech and association, like any other rights, has its limitations. Speaking out against hateful speech, one of the key aims of the gay pride movement, calls for action against a party which discriminates against minority groups.

The main objectives of the London Pride parade is to raise awareness of the need for inclusivity and tolerance for those who lack rights. UKIP cannot be said to advocate the same values and many fail to realise that the parade is not a place for open debate about sensitive issues, it is a place for LGBT advocates to reclaim pride and raise awareness.

UKIP remains stiff in their position against same-sex marriage. Farage claims that the gay community have gained the respect they deserve through the Civil Partnership Act, as if there is not much more they can ask for.

Allowing UKIP to join the parade would seem redundant on that line of argument as the parade is, as well as being a march to commemorate the

Stonewall Riots, a march for continual awareness of the need for tolerance of those oppressed alongside the hope for progress in terms of the rights already established. The fight for respect, equality and tolerance isn't over yet, and the LGBT community must have their full say before they can be challenged. If UKIP opposes this, they are more than free to form their own march.

Furthermore, the parade reserves the right to exclude organisations which are in opposition to the values it stands for. Even though UKIP may appeal to the freedom of association, this can be overturned as the freedom of association necessarily acknowledges the need for the expulsion of membership on the basis of the incompatibility of aims.

Though it is arguable that the freedom of expression disappears with this exclusion, we must remember that if a right is not open to scrutiny, and restricted and prioritised when thoroughly necessary, it will be elevated to dogma. It will become unquestionable and unreasonable, a right which is not worth having in the first place.

Lastly, the fact that the petition represents the overwhelming fact that the people have spoken and they have chosen to remove UKIP's membership displays that there is a consensus on the dismissal of UKIP's principles.

This outcry portrays a need for preventative action in the advocacy of the respect for all, whatever their race, colour or sexual orientation.

**Niall Whitehead**

NO.

So it turns out we won't be seeing UKIP show up in a gay pride parade. While some might say that that sentence isn't exactly surprising, over the last week it's actually become quite controversial: one of Britain's biggest gay pride parades, the Pride in London march, has rescinded an invitation for UKIP to take part. Organisers claim that the rejection was made on "safety grounds" rather than political reasons. However, another likely factor was the petition on change.org demanding their removal, signed by 2,383 people, which declared UKIP's inclusion would be the "death knell of Pride".

It actually makes sense that UKIP would try to extend a hand to the LGBTQ community. According to the BBC and the results of this year's general election, the views of UKIP represent 12.6 per cent of the country. This is obviously a big boost to their legitimacy as a political party, and a chance for them to smooth out what you might charitably call their "rougher edges".

No more does UKIP want to be that party who claimed gay marriage causes floods or that gay couples adopting children would be "unhealthy"! Now they're trying to paint themselves as a reasonable political force, trying to accrue votes and support wherever they can find them. In fact, they have their own chair of LGBTQ issues, Flo Lewis, fighting under the banner of "Out and Proud" in conferences around the country.

So naturally, the ban's provoked controversy. Some say that LGBTQ individuals should be welcomed into the fold regardless of their beliefs. They argue that other

groups whose doctrines arguably promote anti-LGBTQ sentiment – Christians and Muslims, for instance – have been happily invited into the fold without any discrimination toward their members.

Other commentators have pointed out that an apolitical event, designed to promote inclusion and solidarity turning away potential supporters due to their political affiliations arguably goes against everything the event was created to support. UKIP representative Suzanne Evans summed up the argument in a tweet – "Be proud to be gay, they say! But not if you vote UKIP. Who are the bigots here?"

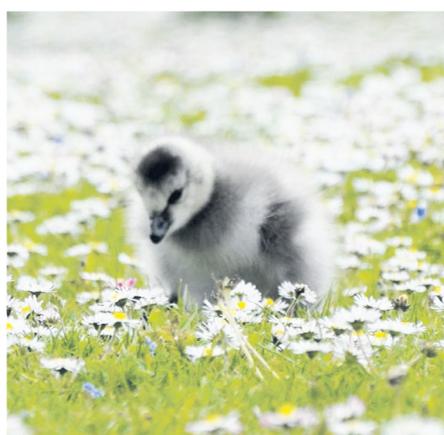
To expect all LGBTQ people to conform to a specific political ideology, and to cast out all those who do not fit that mould, arguably plays up to the same spirit of exclusionism that UKIP's so often criticized for invoking. It works to alienate and divide members of the LGBTQ community who also happen to agree with UKIP's ideology regarding Europe and economic issues.

And critics of UKIP have also argued this rejection has fueled their "martyr complex". It certainly seems that straight rejection would have worked better than inviting them first: as it stands, the controversy (complete with UKIP members threatening legal action or insisting they'll show up anyway) threatens to overshadow the message of LGBTQ acceptance and pride that the event was literally named after.

Overall, Pride should promote acceptance – of allies who truly wish to help the cause as much as anyone else, regardless of political beliefs – over the politics of discrimination and exclusionism.

#minstergram

Nouse takes a look at what you've been Instagramming recently in York



@uniofyork One of our many goslings enjoying a sunny day on campus.
#uniofyork #gosling #campus



@amy_yuiko Why has a herd of #cows started grazing behind my dorm?
#cow #uniofyork #york #england #count-rylife #uk



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FIFA: politics turned corrupt?

Ricky Jones
POLITICAL REPORTER

The 17 year, despotic (in the hallow words of infamous pot-stirrer Piers Morgan) reign of Sepp Blatter has come to an end. Despite Blatter's resignation, just four days after winning a fifth term as president, FIFA's reputation remains in tatters.

FBI investigations into Blatter's involvement in the corruption scandal continue while Interpol have put out arrest warrants for six FIFA officials including former vice-president Jack Warner. A dark cloud hangs over football as the only truly global sport suffers a corruption scandal so large it transcends the domain of sport.

The main point of contention lies in the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cup bids, which went to Qatar and Russia respectively. The 2022 World Cup has seen a construction boom in Qatar as the country hastily attempts to develop the infrastructure to support such a global event.

Migrant workers make up 80 per cent of the population and are subjected to horrific conditions bordering on forced labour. At the current rate 5,200 workers are expected to die in order for the world to enjoy a football tournament.

As for Russia, with one con-



IMAGE: KATE MITCHELL

Blatter resigned in the storm that is engulfing football's leadership

trovery-riddled global sporting event (Sochi Winter Olympics 2014) having passed by, it seems baffling that another sporting body would take the risk. The answer lies in one single word: money.

The pursuit of capital within FIFA has spanned almost 24 years according to the FBI investigation. Bribes of more than \$150 million have been reported as greed has consumed a governing body that was meant to stand up for fairness and equality. KPMG,

who oversaw the auditing for the Russian and Qatari bids are at the centre of the FBI's investigations yet they have remained largely out of the media spotlight. Surely KPMG must take some of the flack for failing to notice the financial discrepancies in both bids?

We, the people, therefore rejoice, for finally it seems justice has been served on a governing body that has long been seen to abuse its power.

Is this the start of a new

dawn? Well, firstly the extent of the corruption scandal has meant that FIFA has effectively been cleaned out of its old guard leaving space for a younger, dynamic group of sporting politicians to rise.

This is clearly wishful thinking. Who will be FIFA's Jacques Rogge, the former president of the International Olympics Committee, the man who steadily guided the Olympic ship after the devastating 2002 Salt Lake City Scandal? Bookies favourite, Frenchman Michel Platini, is unlikely to signal a clean break considering his alleged involvement in the 2022 Qatari bid and a £208 million arms contract between the French and the Qataris.

Doubts remain as to whether any other candidates have the requisite experience or can do battle with Blatter's lingering legacy.

In his departure speech, Blatter indicated the need for centrally organised integrity checks on FIFA members, which would allow for even more power in the hands of a body that has already been proven to abuse its powers.

Transparency, voting reform and a return to the morals that were meant to guide FIFA and its principals are needed at a time when FIFA's dark past threatens to black out the bright future of the beautiful game.

Ramadi falls, Baghdad next?

Felix Forbes
POLITICAL REPORTER

The city of Ramadi in Iraq fell to Islamic State forces on 17th May after a three day battle for control, including numerous suicide bombings. This highlights the fact that despite bombings by the West, and a few military reverses, the group remains a potent regional threat, its armaments only bolstered by this latest success. Iraqi forces pulled out of the city by the 17th, leaving 500 security personnel and citizenry dead, citing a lack of weaponry and ammunition.

In addition to the capture of Ramadi, Islamic State troops recently seized the last Iraq/Syria border crossing in government hands, as well as the city of Tadmur and the ancient ruins of Palmyra in Syria. Internationally, militants claiming IS affiliation seem to have gained control of the airfield of Sirte in Libya, provoking concern about the expanded reach of the group.

The object lesson of the fall of Ramadi is that not only is Islamic State far from defeated, but that Iraq's conventional armed forces have suffered such attrition (in men, matériel and morale) that they are simply unable to hold their ground. The initiative has now passed to Shia militias backed, trained and

advised by the regional rival Iran, which are so anti-American that they have, on occasion, vowed to fire on US warplanes assisting them.

American Defense Secretary Ashton Carter publicly declared that Iraq's forces have "no will to fight", a tacit admission that the only military option left to the Iraqi state are their Shia militiamen. The volatile and potentially uncontrollable groups enabled the retaking of the city of Tikrit, but are also given to violent and sectarian reprisals against (primarily Sunni) civilians.

Ramadi was in part defended by Iraq's most elite and highly trained Special Forces division, which has suffered colossal casualties in its deployment as conventional troops. One oft-mentioned reason for the defeat was the deployment against Iraqi troops of heavily armoured vehicles packed with explosives. Thousands of anti-tank missiles are to be shipped post-haste to Iraq from France and the US in order to counter this new threat. Another complaint is that requested Western air support is routed through three different channels before it is deployed- and as one Iraqi commander put it, "we are paying for this with our soldiers' lives".

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has pleaded that sanctions against Russia and Iran be



IMAGE: OMAR CHATRIWAL

The future of Iraq's stability looks weak as ISIL maintains its advances

relaxed to enable the purchase of armaments. This is an imperative, as reports flood in of tribal chiefs and military units having gone so long without resupply that they have resorted to the black market. The main complaint of retreating forces was that they simply lacked the ammunition with which to fight a serious defence - underscored by US General Martin Dempsey, who noted that troops were "not driven out of Ramadi. They drove out of Ramadi."

Ramadi's fall has been a defeat not merely for the Western-backed forces, but also for a narrative that had been growing since Islamic State was forced from the city of Tikrit- that IS forces have begun a decline.

Not only is the group still a potent threat, but their international appeal now stretches as far as Libya, Yemen, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Baghdad may be too important to be allowed to fall, but its defenders are left clutching at straws.

The Leadership Game

Faced with the seemingly daunting tasks of restoring its economic credibility and regaining working class voters lost to UKIP, Alex Davenport looks at the candidates in the running for the labour leadership.



Mary Creagh : Liz Kendall

Seen as very much the outsider, Creagh has quietly yet competently gone about her business in various shadow cabinet roles (she is currently Shadow Secretary for International Development) as well as having a previous background in local government. However, given that she is not a high-profile MP, she may struggle to gain the support she needs to stand a genuine chance of winning.

Considered by many as the 'surprise package' of the campaign, Kendall is not as well-known as her main rivals, yet her campaign has been effective and has won the support of high-profile Labour MPs. Many have labelled her the 'Blairite' candidate, particularly due to her emphasis on the utility of private firms in providing public services; although her supporters argue such labels are outdated.



Labour



Andy Burnham : Yvette Cooper



Currently the bookies' favourite to win, Burnham is the Shadow Health Secretary, having previously held various ministerial positions in the Brown government. He has emphasised the importance of such experience, but is eager to distance himself from the politics of New Labour. He is seen as having the 'common touch' and has the support of large sections of the Labour-affiliated trade union movement, whose influence is significant. Described as adopting an "unfashionable mantle of Professional Northerner".

Cooper is another prominent and richly experienced MP, having served in various government and shadow cabinet positions. Like Burnham, she will focus on the benefits of her experience in the party while taking care to not associate too closely with the last Labour government and the economic crisis that it presided over. However, Cooper has been criticised during the campaign for failing to demonstrate what she stands for, but has been particularly outspoken on her party's "squeamish" stance on immigration.



The drop-outs

Chuka Umunna

Well-respected in the party, many tipped Umunna to become the next Labour leader, but he dropped out due to the sudden increase in media scrutiny he and his family received. Nonetheless, he is surely just at the beginning of a long and prominent career in the Labour Party.

Tristram Hunt

Hunt never formally announced he would stand, but explored the possibility before dropping out after discovering that he would likely lack sufficient support among fellow MPs. Both Umunna and Hunt have publicly announced they are supporting Kendall's campaign for the leadership.

The campaign

Over the next few months, the leadership campaign could go one of a number of ways. However, Burnham must be considered most likely to win given his ability to appeal to working classes lost to UKIP, and the fact that he is experienced without carrying much of the baggage associated with Labour's recent history.

However his victory is far from assured, as both Kendall and Cooper will strongly appeal

to significant factions within the party, but perhaps must do more to appeal to those outside such factions. Creagh remains a rank outsider, although her campaign will likely do her position within the party little harm.

Whichever candidate is elected on 12 September faces the formidable task of uniting the party, then pursuing a successful election-winning strategy for five years time.

LEFT WING RIGHT WING



This week *Nouse Politics'* columnist has landed with a jolt after the recent excitement.

It's been a while readers and while we've been away things have changed massively in the world of British politics. Big names such as Ed Balls, Vince Cable and Jim Murphy fell to the power of democracy. Clegg was lucky to hold onto his seat.

It was around six in the morning when I finally headed to bed but I got up just in time to see Clegg and then Miliband hand in their notices; what a sight for sore eyes. Meanwhile Farage's will he - won't he story has become the bane of UKIP's recent history. Plus of course the fact that we formed a majority government... seems my prediction was a little off track then.

After all that excitement, we have been lulled into a summer break. We've had the Queen's speech and a budget is on the way soon. It doesn't look like the future is that bright. Well if you like public services that is...

And then everyone will be off for summer recess, a time for certain (Prime) ministers to air their less than "beach ready bodies". How will we survive without our daily updates on which factory party leaders are visiting, which candidate has made which gaffe and whose manifestos have been the best costed?

Labour and the Lib Dems are now attempting to put themselves back together again after a terrible election campaign led to them losing seats and their leaders. It's going to be a long summer setting everything back up again and building a new leadership structure. Don't worry too much though, I'm sure the contests will provide enough entertainment to keep us going.

If not, our friends across the pond are starting to rev themselves up for their own grand elections. Hilary's already up for it but she's starting to see her competitors become more and more numerous. Will Bush junior finally throw his hat in to the ring?

Well, we are also off on our summer recess too though it will inevitably involve fewer photo opportunities and exotic holidays. Have a great time and remember - keep things political!



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Bills, Bills, Bills: How to save big on utility costs

Sam Russell, *Nouse* Business Editor, examines the arduous process of setting up and dealing with household bills, providing a snapshot of the market and showing what to do if things go wrong

IMAGE: DELAGOSTI INDUSTRIES



Organising and paying for utility bills as a student may seem daunting at first, but prompt action and thorough research makes life easier in the long-run and potentially cheaper

Finding the right tariff

Getting started on the right footing is crucial to having a successful year, as well as having affordable bills.

If you are unsure of which company you wish to provide your services, then going on a market comparison websites such as Uswitch or comparethemarket is a good starting point.

The key comparison points are on price, reliability and overall quality. Be wary of hidden extra costs or the structure of the tariff.

As a general rule, it is far better to go for tariffs with higher unit costs and fewer fixed costs because students often use less gas and electricity (as an example) than a multi-person household otherwise would.

If you are set upon a certain provider, then it often pays to go into their shop (or talk to their customer services) since they might have deals for students that you are unaware of.

Before agreeing to any contract, it is worthwhile calculating how much your style of living costs. Making small adjustments to your consumption of gas and electricity will result in large savings, further to this giving the utility companies your meter readings can help to lower your bills.

Water Rates

Water is a non-negotiable fixed amount per year. It is usually paid in two installments, one smaller one in winter and another in spring. Yorkshire Water, the sole provider of water services in the York area, have estimated that the average household bill for 2015/16 will be £360.

Note that their prices are fixed to the value of properties in the area, so one advantage of living in a relatively less expensive area is lower water bills.

If you are leaving York, or moving house, then you need to contact Yorkshire water as soon as you leave the property otherwise you may still be charged for water services.

Gas and Electricity

This will probably be the biggest bill you have to pay while you are living in your house. Before looking for a supplier, it is essential that you find out if your house uses gas or if it entirely uses electricity.

It is also helpful to find out when everyone in your house will be moving in since this will influence the length of time you need your contract for.

If no-one moves into the house until September then it is possible

to save three months of bill payments.

Therefore one should be wary of bills which have minimum length contracts (i.e. have to sign up and remain with the supplier for a certain length of time). It is also important to take a meter reading when you move into the house.

The market is dominated by the six biggest suppliers, but that does not mean that it is impossible to find a good deal. The contract will be divided between an upfront fixed cost and a variable price per unit consumed.

Students tend to consume less than the predictions suggest, therefore it would be better to go for a contract with lower fixed costs and higher variable costs. A way of making further savings is to give regular meter readings to the supplier.

Internet

The most important service for most students, fast and reliable internet is essential for most. For that reason, price is often not the key consideration.

Having personally experienced unreliable internet, with a housemate almost missing a deadline due to the internet being offline, it is definitely an area which should not be cut back on. Internet is an area

where significant savings can be made by comparing deals (and by approaching the supplier directly) since many have introductory offers for new customers and others have offers aimed at students.

Before signing any contract, it is worthwhile asking friends who have experience of the network to verify how reliable it is. BT and Virgin are two good benchmarks with which to compare other providers to.

If things go wrong

The essential thing with bills is to pay them promptly upon receipt, this avoids any late repayment fees or other issues. Be proactive if you have a problem, the supplier is likely to be far more forgiving if you contact them early, before they have had to send you several reminders.

If problems develop then there are places that can help you, the national debt helpline is free to call and will help explain the situation to you, your landlord is also a good source of advice on how much and what bills to pay.

Finally the University's student support hub offers access to financial advisers that can help you with your problems.

If you are the registered bill payer, then you should ensure that you have enough money to pay the

bills when they come in. It is often difficult to get your house-mates to pay you immediately so paying the bills yourself and collecting the money afterwards helps to avoid any repayment issues.

If you have problems with your house-mates paying bills then you should give them a warning and if they persist then report them to your landlord. Should this have no effect, then change the password to the internet and ask your landlord to disconnect the heating to the person's room. Having a freezing room as well as no internet access are usually good motivators.

Many issues can be navigated with good planning. Before agreeing to a provider, ask your house-mates what demands they have and how much they expect to use. Should someone want a better deal then ask them to pay extra. This will help to avoid animosity later in the year.

Finally council tax, the bane of most students' lives. Remember to get your exemption when you move into your house. Otherwise you will be sent letter after letter from the council about this until they take you to court, which isn't ideal for any student!

All this can be resolved by going to University, at any point in your tenancy, to get an exemption letter.

Instagram: app's new business strategy signals intent

James Pascoe
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

Last week, Instagram, the world's biggest photo-editing app, embarked on a fresh advertising approach in a move that signalled its intent to further capitalise on its massive popularity.

From 1st June, Instagram's 300 million-plus followers were met with options to "Shop Now", "Install Now", "Sign Up" or "Learn More" adorning their screens, as commercial accounts were given new licence to market and sell their products through the app's interface. Within its first week of being operational, dozens of corporate and retailing accounts have already begun to take advantage of the innovation.

The new feature, known as Instagram Ads API, is the newest step on the way to making the app more shoppable, which had arguably been its biggest commercial let-down in recent years.

Previously, there was no real way for retail accounts – such as hotels, airlines and restaurants – to create shopping links to their websites and apps through the popular Instagram interface. Instagram also promises enhanced targeting to match users'



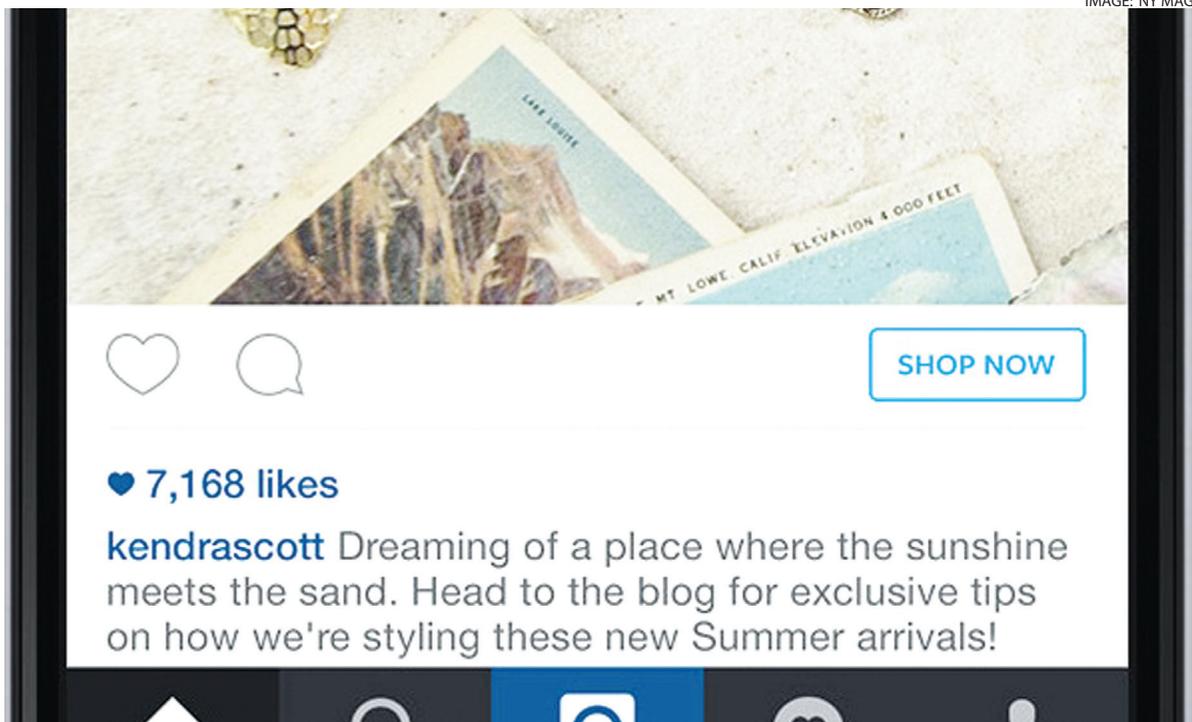
search histories and recent interests to go hand-in-hand with its new advertising developments.

Instagram's official blog stated: 'Businesses are important members of our community, and we look forward to learning what works together.' But what do the changes mean for the average user? Well, advertisers will be able to access users' Instagram news feeds, enabling in-app shopping to take place.

While businesses will undoubtedly be licking their lips, ordinary users may have to put up with a few more unwanted adverts clogging up their feeds. Analysts hope, however, that targeted marketing catered specifically to each account will nullify the threat of nuisance advertising.

Like so many of today's social media tech companies, Instagram has come a long way since it first started out of as the brainchild of two Stanford University – where else? – graduates in 2010.

Unlike its distant cousin Snapchat, however, Instagram was unable to resist the overtures of Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook, and was duly snapped up for \$1 billion in 2012. Its two co-founders, Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger, see no shame in sell-



Instagram users can expect to see "Shop Now" buttons springing up on their news feeds more frequently

ing up, however.

Instead, they would argue that being part of the Facebook family has given them a popular platform far beyond what they had initially envisaged, bringing in an otherwise unobtainably large user-base of 300 million, and, of course, all the extra funding that comes with it.

Now, with the new advertising API feature, Systrom and Krieger hope to be able to continue Instagram's unlikely transformation from its erstwhile status as an amateur photo-editing application to a

social media-driven corporate heavyweight.

Analysts expect that Instagram's photo-based interface will ensure greater success at finding corporate sponsorship than rival Twitter has been able to achieve in its early forays into introducing sponsored content.

Though Twitter has recently reported high revenues, analysts continue to worry about its long-term outlook, with month-on-month usership growth failing to impress. Conversely, Instagram usership

shows no signs of slowing – indeed, it continues to grow faster than the competition. Figures for 2015 showed a clear lead in growth figures over other networks.

Crucially, of all the major networks, Instagram resonates the most with young people as more than half of 18-to-29-year-olds have an Instagram account. New advertising strategies could see these figures soar even further. Perhaps even Facebook, Instagram's parent company, ought to start looking over its shoulder.

2015 Visit York Awards: event heralds local business successes

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The 2015 Visit York Awards took place at the National Railway Museum on Wednesday night, with over five hundred businesses in attendance. With the night's big winners including El Piano and The Blue Boar, the annual black-tie event celebrates the top tourism businesses in York, awarding those that offer exceptional experiences to York's visitors.

The awards have been running for 18 years, rewarding businesses which make a real difference to the local area through making York such a unique destination for tourists. York's local economy relies on the 6.7 million annual visitors, who spend a total of £573 million. This tourism industry supports 19,000 local jobs.

There were 15 different categories, from Bed & Breakfast of the Year to an Outstanding Customer Service award, each hotly contested by between two and seven finalists. Prizes are judged according to a set of criteria, based on how well they "demonstrate exceptional commitment to excellence in quality, customer care and business practices." Vegan cafe El Piano scooped the

prize for Cafe/Tearoom of the Year for the second year in a row, while Pub/Bar of the Year went to The Blue Boar.

The prize for Shopping Experience of the Year went to Love Cheese, a specialist cheese shop on Gillygate. It beat last year's winners Pandora York, along with York Chocolate Story and York Does Vintage - Now & Then Events which were also nominated.

This year's winners were announced at a black tie event in the National Railway Museum on Wednesday 3rd June, with over five hundred businesses attending.

One student who attended with her employer described the venue as "amazing", with the tables set up in and among the museum's trains.

The Middlethorpe Hotel and Spa has historically done well at the awards in the past few years, winning Hotel of the Year in both 2012 and 2013, alongside Restaurant of the Year in 2013.

Although it failed to convert either of its nominations into wins in 2014 (nonetheless being Highly Commended for Restaurant of the Year), it went on to win Restaurant of the Year this year, but failed to achieve the double as although nominated, the top spot in Hotel



The Black Swan, in Helmsley, took home the coveted Hotel of the Year Prize, beating Spa's Middlethorpe Hotel

of the Year went to The Black Swan Hotel in Helmsley.

The only category to be put to a public vote was Family Friendly Experience of the Year, which was a new award this year.

It went to York Maze, who obtained a hat trick of prizes, taking the top award for the Visitor Attrac-

tion of the Year (Over 50,000 Visitors), as well as Visitor Experience of the Year for their popular Hallowscreeam event, a testament to the attraction's huge popularity and uniqueness.

Although focused on York's local businesses, the awards affect students as many students with

part-time jobs are reliant upon the tourism industry and therefore students themselves become important ambassadors for York as they regularly interact with its visitors through working for some of these award-winning businesses.

All-in-all, Yorkshire's tourism scene seems in rude health.

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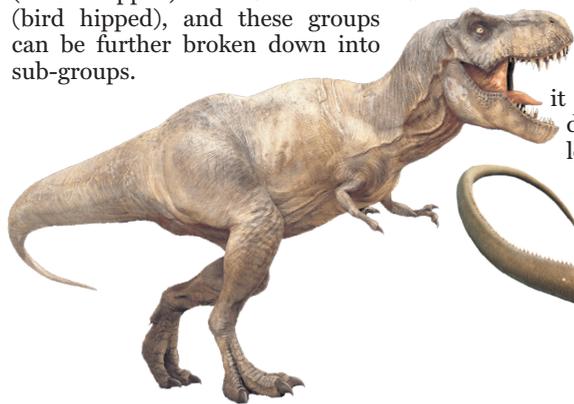
The dinosaurs you loved as a kid

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SCIENCE EDITOR

Think back. Waaay back. No, no, not to the dinosaurs, just back to primary school. Back to Mini Milks and playground football with a tennis ball. Back to when you actually had time to think about dinosaurs. If you're anything like me, your love for dinosaurs hasn't dwindled since you were seven, but the amount of time in the day you can commit to thinking about them has.

Dinosaurs dominated the Earth for 140 million years. The very first dinosaurs emerged during the Middle to Late Triassic period, about 20 million years after an extinction event killed 95 per cent of all life on Earth.

In 1888, Harry Seeley proposed that dinosaurs could be classified according to their hip structure. These groups are Saurischia (lizard hipped) and Ornithischia (bird hipped), and these groups can be further broken down into sub-groups.



Tyrannosaurus Rex

Saurischia

Saurischia are divided into theropods and sauropoda. The name Theropod means 'beast foot' and this group includes all of the carnivorous dinosaurs. Theropoda moved on two legs and include a number of scary looking dinosaurs, and – despite the name – birds actually evolved from theropods rather than from Ornithischian (bird-hipped) dinosaurs.

Theropoda

Theropoda are the big dogs: Tyrannosaurus Rex, Allosaurus (T-Rex's little brother) and velociraptor. T-Rex grew to 13m long and had small arms that featured two clawed fingers, but despite its ferocious image, it is up for debate whether it was actually a predator or just scavenged for food. Allosaurus is visually very similar to T-Rex, but lived much earlier and was a fair amount smaller – only eight metres long – making it no-one's favourite dinosaur. Sorry Allosaurus.

Sauropoda

The other Saurischia group are the Sauropoda, which evolved to walk on four legs, and typically grew to enormous sizes. This group includes dinosaurs such as the Apatosaurus, Diplodocus and Brachiosaurus. These dinosaurs all had long necks, and long tails for counter-balance, and were all herbivores. The Brachiosaurus had a long neck, a small head and a relatively short tail compared to other Sauropods, and it is estimated that it ate between 200 and 400 kilograms of plants every day. The Apatosaurus is one of the largest animals to ever roam the Earth, averaging around 23m in length.



Diplodocus

Ornithischia

Ornithischia are split into thyreophora and cerapoda. The name Thyreophora means 'shield bearers', and includes armoured dinosaurs such as the Stegosaurus and Ankylosaurus. They were herbivores that lived from the early Jurassic Period to the late Cretaceous. Cerapoda included dinosaurs like the Triceratops and the Iguanodon.

Thyreophora

The Thyreophora were large and heavily built, growing to around nine metres in length and four metres in height. The most notable feature of these dinosaurs is their extensive armour. Despite its body size, a stegosaurus' brain was only around the size of a dog's. Ankylosaurus was a similar build, but had a massive tail club that it could use to break the bones of another dinosaur.

Cerapoda

Triceratops' name comes from its recognisable three horns, which would have protected it from the T-Rex which lived during the same time period – 'tri' meaning three and 'keratops' meaning horned face in Greek. The largest collection of Iguanodon fossils were found in a Belgian coal mine in 1878, where more than 35 skeletons were excavated. Iguanodons had thin skulls and a long tail, and could easily shift between standing on two limbs or four.



Stegosaurus



Triceratops

'Apollo' climate scheme aims to boost renewables

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Years roll on, news reports climate change, conferences pop up and die down; the media frequently buzzes with mentions of "CO₂ emission targets" and things we must do to halt this irreversible damage to our world. Every now and again people even openly ponder whether we have arrived too late at the scene and nothing can save us from ourselves.

To most of us, the climate change scene can seem like a rigmarole that oscillates wildly between the optimism of human hope for innovation and the terror of our baffling inability to coordinate our efforts to prevent the risk of extinction. The same collection of bipeds that defied the gravity of its own rock and placed its envoys on the Moon seems to be unable to defeat its own destructively wasteful nature. However, a group of sci-

entists and researchers have published a report through the Royal Society, entitled: A Global Apollo Programme to Combat Climate Change. Sounds grandiose, no?

The programme advocates that the environmentalist effort against climate change has been far too focused on private-sector subsidisation and funding, and maintains that a renewed international, public-sector initiative is required.

This programme would urge countries to commit 0.02 per cent of GDP between 2016 and 2025, to be spent on developing new renewable energy and carbon capture technology. The funds will also go to the implementation of a "Roadmap Committee", which would re-evaluate the anti-climate change effort every year.

This Apollo Programme is largely inspired by public-sector groups that fuelled the best breakthroughs in their respective fields, primarily the Apollo space pro-

gramme that delivered mankind to the Moon, and the International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors (ITRS). The Apollo Programme hopes to make renewable energy more profitable to the market until it makes the fossil fuel sector redundant.

Will this new project live up to the promise of its name? Given how many peaks and troughs climate effort has experienced, is this project doomed to fail or fizzle out? What makes this project stand apart from most initiatives is its highlighting of what it identifies as an over-reliance on private sector for delivering a solution to our greatest challenge. Its proponents seem to believe that a more centralised, state-funded effort is required to create the shift whereby the market is more hospitable to renewables. They hope that, like the governments that brought humans closer to the stars, today's nations might push us away from disaster.



IMAGE: PRAYITNO

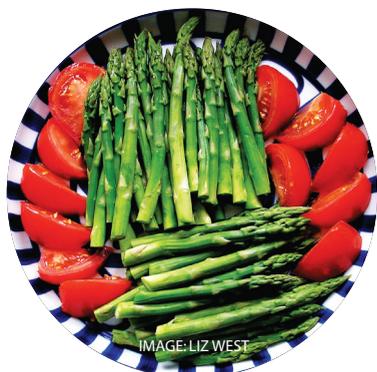
Apollo aims to make renewables more cost effective than non-renewables

The facts behind the food fads

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From a young age we are informed by parents (not just our own), teachers and, basically every adult we encounter, that healthy eating is a necessity. We are told all through life that a bowl of ice cream whisked to a creamy delight, topped with chocolate sauce and copious amount of sprinkles, eaten whilst lying in a dark room, bathed in the blue light of a computer screen is not part of this mythical healthy lifestyle. But of the things which are, at the very least, perceived to be good for us, which should we actually consume?

Eat your greens



These words were enough to send chills down any child's spine at meal times. A pile of oddly furry green beans staring back at you, or a stack of broccoli, both excellent for creating an edible woodland with the artistic use of mashed potato, but not something that you would eat out of choice.

But eat them we did, and are alive and well (-ish) today through the ingestion of cruciferous vegetables. This includes broccoli through to cabbage,

and extending into the fashionable realms of kale. These greens supply us with a huge amount of iron, which is vital for the maintenance of haemoglobin to enable effective oxygen uptake and release to the body.

Dark green vegetables also contain high levels of glucosinolates which during the digestive process are broken down into indoles. These compounds are antagonists to specific receptors causing anti-proliferative signalling. In other words, cancerous cells die, and metastasis and blood vessel formation is prevented.

Studies conducted to find the risk of breast cancer in women was conducted in the US. Of the 83,234 participants analysed, women eating five portions of cruciferous vegetables a day had a lower risk of breast cancer than those that didn't. This association was even higher in pre-menopausal women who have a positive family history of breast cancer.

Carrots



To see in the dark (or so every adult would tell us during our childhoods). Kinda true: beta-carotene, the highest propor-

tional nutrient in carrots is a precursor of vitamin A which helps retinal development (deficiency is a cause of blindness).

Antioxidants



The best example of a food with high levels of antioxidants is blueberries. The fruit is recommended by almost all nutritionists as the first thing someone should add to their diets to improve health as they are low calorie but packed with nutritional content. A 2012 study conducted on 93,000 participants showed that adding three portions of either strawberries and/or blueberries to their diet a week showed a 32 per cent reduction in heart attack risk.

Vitamin D

Most of this we produce in the skin through exposure to UVB rays in sunlight. Sitting inside with artificial light is not a substitute; lack of vitamin D leads to soft and weak bones causing rickets in children and osteomalacia in adults. It has been shown that 10-15 minutes in the sun at midday is enough to produce the daily amount of vitamin D

in pale skinned people. It has also been noted that doing this completely naked it better as more skin is exposed, so less time necessary to be in the sun to produce enough vitamin D.

Green Tea

This is something which has been introduced to me as part of my pseudo-adult life. This warm libation is offered up as a fast track to health by magazines, lifestyle bloggers, celebrities who swear by it, and the wider Chinese community, where it has been used as an elixir of life for centuries.



There are many claims on the health benefits of green tea but very few have any scientific backing. A 2013 review of 11 experiments conducted on 821 participants concluded that daily green tea consumption helps to reduce cholesterol and blood pressure when consumed as part of a healthy lifestyle. Green tea can help reduce risk of cardiovascular disease, but is not a healthy lifestyle substitute. More studies must be conducted into the long-term effects before significant conclusions can be drawn.

Science Snippets

Snapchat driving you crazy?

Men who post selfies to social media networks are more likely to be psychopaths, a condition related to anti-social tendencies, narcissism and self-objection. This claim is based upon a study conducted on 800 participants aged 18 to 40 at Ohio State University which sees that men who edit these selfies before uploading them are more likely to display these psychopathic traits.

Female viagra developed by US scientists

Viagra, the infamous little blue pill, has been around for years. It may be taken by men before any sexual encounters to increase blood flow to the genitals to increase sex drive, but now there is a female version. The female daily-dosage equivalent, called Flibanserin, acts upon brain chemistry to boost serotonin and dopamine signalling, increasing libido. The FDA in the USA is currently analysing the benefits and side effects to determine whether the drug can ethically be made commercially available.

Large Hadron Collider larger and re-opened for business

The Hadron collider has re-opened for business after a two-year refurb. It is now running at higher speeds than before and the particle smashing planned is already getting the physics world excited. The data, which the expectant scientists are desperate to be generated, includes evidence as to the existence of supersymmetrical particles including Gluino, which may be responsible for dark matter, making up roughly 27 per cent of the universe.

What is the environmental cost of hygiene?

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Taking care of yourself is important: society associates cleanliness with health, and we negatively perceive unpleasant body odours. How often do you wash your hair or brush your teeth? And how do you choose which products you use?

There are hundreds of Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) on the market, it's hard to decide which type of shampoo to buy or which bleach is best. But rarely do we think about where these chemicals end up once they are washed off. The answer: down the drains. The negative ecosystem impacts of pesticides are well known. For example, bioaccumulation, where the concentration of a pollutant increases up the food chain and eventually becomes toxic.

Advances in technology have improved the ability to detect and quantify chemicals, and recent



IMAGE: LUSH

studies are looking at their effects on human and environmental health. Although reported concentrations are generally very low, it is unknown how they affect ecosystems, as the chemicals can react with biological molecules, aggregate and transform.

For example, triclosan, an anti-

microbial agent used in soaps and detergents, reacts with chlorine. It breaks down into a compound which can become carcinogenic when exposed to sunlight.

Aquatic environments are most vulnerable to toxicity from the chemicals as they run off and dissolve in rivers and soils. Or they

are directly pumped into the environment, as wastewater treatment plants cannot remove all products. The chemicals dissolve easily and do not evaporate making it hard for them to be treated. Hormones are of major concern in these ecosystems, especially oestrogen from contraceptive pills and growth hor-

mones from cattle. Aquatics organisms are unprotected from their effect, which surely have a dramatic impact on their endocrine systems.

Although a wide spread environmental concern, the release of damaging PPCPs is not a widely known environmental issue for the public. With the UK's cosmetic industry worth over £15bn and growing, this issue needs to be addressed.

We need more information on what products these chemicals go into from pesticides on our fruit to antibiotics in face washes. The consumer needs to know what they are really buying. We need to regulate the use of these chemicals for safety, long-term health impacts and environmental damage. Particularly addressing removal of chemicals from our drinking water.

Without knowing we may be ingesting antibiotics, antidepressants, steroids and caffeine in a single glass.

Sport

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The results of this year's Summer Sports survey



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Que Sera, Sera

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You may have noticed last week's shocking news that football's governing body, FIFA, turned out to be as corrupt as Rolf Harris' hard drive after all. I bet none of you saw that coming, did you?

I don't really want to get into the debate, but it's going to be great fun to crack out the popcorn, sit back and enjoy watching the FIFA house of cards collapse. What I will say is that FIFA is unique. A bureaucratic organisation, out-of-touch with reality, packed to the rafters with overpaid jobsworths that make life unnecessarily difficult. I can't think of any other organisation like that, can you? *Cough*

In other news, those of us from *Nouse Sport* that are leaving in the next few weeks have been having a look back at our time here recently. I came to this University eager to do my History degree, positive that I was going to be a sports journalist. I leave without a clue as to what I'll be doing in three months time. Ironic, really.

Anyway, covering sports here has been largely great and working with Tom Fennelly in particular during our time as Sports Editors was a delight. Anecdotal tales from our three years with this paper are aplenty, but 99 per cent of them can never be recounted for a variety of not-okay reasons. Some more acceptable misdemeanours include coming home from Lancaster last year via Durham because Tom's common sense deserted us, and more recently, there was the time at Roses when my good pal Rob Culshaw became probably the first linesman in football history to be booked by his own referee, for accidentally addressing him in rather colourful terms.

Joking aside, it would be remiss of me not to mention the lads at Constantine AFC. A year ago, when Tom and I planned our exit from *Nouse* (that went well), we agreed to become managers of Constantine's football club. Things started interestingly when we ordered a colourful pink kit – think Everton's charity jersey from a few years ago – but what actually arrived resembles something more like gone-off salmon. Sorry lads.

After a little wobble early on, the team did brilliantly, with the two of us fulfilling our role in suits and illegally pink ties. I can honestly say that they are a cracking bunch of lads who gave us a fantastic send-off, as it hit home that we're really leaving. Constantine was the second project that Tom and I took on as a team. It probably won't be our last because the next one has already presented itself: finding our way to the back of the nearest dole queue.

And with that, *Nouse*, I'm out.

FROM THE SIDELINE

NOUSE SPORT COMMENT

IMAGE: FUTURESHAPE



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When someone asks you to picture your life when you're 35 I imagine you'd be thinking about climbing the ranks in a stable profession, with years ahead in your job, and maybe there's a significant other in the mix. For professional sports men and women, if you ask them to picture their lives when they're 35 they'll either be staring down the bleak barrel of retirement or have already packed it in because their knees, shoulders or back is shot to pieces.

So what happens to professional sportsmen and women after the job is done? Craig Kieswetter announced his retirement from cricket this week at the age of 27, the horrific facial injury he suffered last season leaving him mentally and physically unable to be the batsman he once was. He's not even 30 and he's already burnt through one career. It's a cruel blow after devoting your entire life to a game, and in truth, it's more of a lifestyle than a game. So what now?

For retired sportsmen and women there are three career options available to you if you can't leave the glory days behind; coaching, punditry or motivational speaking. You can only be a coach if you were a total nerd during your career or if you're infamous enough to scare the bejeezers out of whoever will be playing under you. It seems like any idiot can be a pundit these days if ITV's line up of has beens and never weres are anything to go by. And if you want to be a motivational speaker you either have to have been famous enough, won enough or were a bit of a character so people haven't totally forgotten who you are, a la Phil Tufnell. An innocuous looking

Internet site informed me that today's motivational speakers range from Andrew Flintoff to Steve Redgrave. You can also choose between Andy Baddeley and Leon Taylor. No? Me neither.

If motivational speaking isn't for you, perhaps punditry lies in your future. After all, any moron can bang on about how much of a wizard Manchester City's Sergio Aguero is. There are a few who have defeated the odds and provide actual insight, you can't deny David Gower and his crew are the pinnacle of cricket coverage. They

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even made Shane Warne sound good live on air. Which, if you've had the misfortune of watching Australia's Channel Nine coverage (a bumbling, useless group of ex players who call each other exclusively by their terrible nicknames and desperately try to make people remember they were once great players too), is quite the achievement.

For those striving to join the stellar line up at ITV, here's a few tips. If you haven't got a clue whether or not that handball in the box was a penalty, just say 'I've seen them given', which loosely translates as 'I never quite came to terms with the handball rule'. If you want to tell the viewers that you reckon this centre back is a knob, cheerfully

inform us he's a very 'physical player who likes to get in the opposition's faces'. Oh, and it's always a game of two halves, there's no such thing as an easy international match and the FA Cup is actually magical.

Football is not the only culprit of the dour ex professional though, I do enjoy listening to Nick Knight over at the cricket tell us 'yes...yes that...will...go for four', which I generally assume means 'I don't actually know where the ball is, how hard he hit it or if there's a fielder out there'.

Instead of navigating the murky waters of punditry, one can enter the furore of coaching or managing and follow the likes of Andy Flower, Bob Paisley and Andy Farrell. Graeme Souness springs to mind, John Barnes, David Platt, Roy Keane...perhaps more than a few actually. Great players can make truly shocking managers. Some are even slightly unhinged. Sunderland would know. They got into bed with Di Canio and look how that turned out.

But I'll finish on a serious note; when you've spent your youth, your young adulthood and a small segment of your adult life dedicated to training, competing and pushing yourself, how can you live a normal life? There's a sense of loss, a feeling of, for lack of a better word, death. And the immediate process of retirement is like grieving. Sport identified these men and women, they had the adoration of a nation, they had scores of people screaming their name in stadiums fit to burst, how does that come to an end so quietly? So they return to the sport that defined them, they coach, they analyse it, they give a little back. So I'll finish by wishing Craig Kieswetter all the best. While it was a career cut short, it was a career to be proud of.

Tales From The JLD

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Having become so accustomed to the quagmire of 22 Acres, the advent of the College Cup meant a transition to the equally challenging JLD.

With exam season in full swing, the group stages provided a much needed respite from the often overbearing amount of cramming that went on in the dusty depths of the library. Indeed, the JLD soon became a haven for many a supporter or player seeking exam relief.

With the lowest seeded teams attracting just as large a crowd as their superiors, revision procrastination alone could not explain the cup fever that gripped the campus.

Whether it was driving rain, searing heat or swirling winds, teams and supporters remained dedicated to the cause. The Derwent Fifts, for example, gained something of a cult following as they produced shock after shock thanks to their commanding defensive discipline. Nothing epitomised the unpredictability of the competition more so than Derwent First's

“Teams struggled to acclimatise to the turf’s unique bouncing quality”

elimination at the hands of Halifax Seconds and Omar Chadli's quite sublime double.

Many a surprise result could be attributed to the pitch itself as teams struggled to acclimatise to the turf's unique bouncing quality.

Langwith Firsts will be hoping they kept the receipts for their 'College Cup 2015' warm up tops as they slumped to the bottom of their group in a campaign they will not want to remember. Meanwhile, the highly contentious 'no slide tackle' rule often meant a knee crunching challenge on the half way line would go unpunished while an innocuous slip in the box resulted in a penalty.

With injuries aplenty, a sprained ankle appeared to be the affliction of choice. Indeed, I was included in the list of many who had fallen foul to the unforgiving nature of the JLD. Nevertheless, the College Cup has once again delivered in providing all the thrills and spills we have come to love. With the final on the horizon, it seems a poignant ending to a tremendous year for college sport as a whole.

Despite an overall loss at Varsity earlier in the year, it is clear that sport remains an integral part of the collegiate system and one we must cherish.

The on-pitch and touchline camaraderie serves to demonstrate the distinct balance between competition and sociability. It is a notion that is set to continue and one which is exclusive to York.

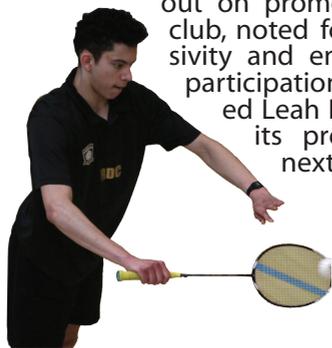
Good Year, Bad Year

The *Nouse* Sport Team takes a look at the highs and lows from the past year

Good Year

UYBC

The badminton club has flourished this year, culminating in a Roses whitewash across men's, women's and mixed formats. We could have told you of their prowess long before Lancaster came to town, though. Their men's squad won their Conference Cup and the women narrowly lost out on promotion. The club, noted for its inclusivity and emphasis on participation, has elected Leah Langford as its president for next year.



Vanbrugh Hockey

After struggling in 2014, Vanbrugh's hockey outfit have enjoyed an impressive renaissance this year. They qualified for College Varsity, defeating Derwent on penalties and then Goodricke in the final, thanks to two goals from Seb Harwood in a 5-3 win. Despite losing to Castle up in Durham - like most York teams - they are apparently top of their College Cup group, as if someone is watching. That's what we call a comeback.

UYW AFC

Seemingly coming out of every Good Week, Bad Week feature with flying colours, the Women's Football Club have enjoyed a simply stunning year of repeated success. Highly commended for Student Group of the Year at the YUSU Awards, their First team ended their BUCS season as champions and the Women's Futsal side got promoted as well. Described by Cass Brown as a "huge asset" to the York Sport Union, the club should be in safe hands in the longer term with incoming president Sophie Jermy.



The Weather

Well, what can we say about the weather? Once again, Mother Nature has made our lives utterly miserable while we report on the University's sports teams.

The *Nouse* Sport team have experienced snow, hail, torrential rain and 150 mph winds during our stint on the sidelines this year. Alright, maybe the winds weren't quite 150 mph fast, but the inclement weather hasn't been the highlight of our year.



UYRUFC Firsts

It was always going to be a challenging year for the rugby lads after gaining promotion to a highly competitive BUCS Premier division. They lost all of their games, ending with an eye-watering points difference of -355. Captain Thom Arnott has fluctuated in his assessment between an insistence in his team's ability to compete at such a level and frustration at their inconsistency. A rousing Roses victory suggests they will be back with a bang next year, though.

Langwith Sports

The Black and Gold haven't had the best of years in College Sport competition. They came second in the Volleyball and Hockey leagues, and fought well in Varsity qualifiers. Langwith have really struggled in other sports, particularly in the College Cup as their Firsts - a top seed in their group - ended bottom of the pile. More consistent than their performance has been their spirit and support, which have remained strong throughout.



Bad Year

Cup finals await

Tom Harle
SPORTS EDITOR

THE COLLEGE Cup began to take shape last week, with some hotly contested knockout stage fixtures played on the JLD in glorious sunshine.

The introduction of penalty shootouts have raised the stakes, following a group stage that threw up some real shocks.

Derwent failed to get any teams through to the Cup knockouts, with their Firsts, Revolution Premier Division champions, losing to Halifax Seconds and finishing third in their group.

The College Cup semi-finals took place on Monday afternoon, when James Firsts played James Seconds and Vanbrugh Firsts faced holders Halifax Firsts.

In the quarter-finals, the Vanbrugh derby went all the way to penalties. The Firsts relied on the lottery of a shootout to avoid the ignominy of losing to the Seconds, who had two goals disallowed in the first half. Seb Harwood and Andy Miller were denied.

Last year's champions Halifax Firsts defeated their fellow Seconds in another intra-college tie, as the lead was exchanged numerous times until it ended 4-2.

James Firsts, installed as favourites after the elimination of Derwent, scraped past a gutsy Goodricke Firsts side 7-5 on penalties. Billy Bruce, who has enjoyed an excellent tournament, gave his side the lead in the first half, before Matt Singleton responded in kind to make it 1-1.

Goodricke's insistent defending took the game to penalties, although missed kicks from Matt Jeffrey and James Lewis drew time on their involvement in the Cup.

As there will be in the semi-finals, there was an all-James contest in the quarters as the draw threw James Seconds and James Thirds together.

At 1-1 the game looked to be meandering to penalties, but the Thirds thought they had snatched victory with a stunning effort from Pablo Martinez in the dying seconds.

Before anyone had time to draw breath,

Ali Woods went up the other end and slotted home, with the last kick of the game, to equalise for 2-2 and send the game to a shootout. Only one penalty was missed and the Seconds won 5-4.

There is a Derwent derby in store in the College Plate final, as Derwent Firsts meet Derwent Seconds.

The Men in Blue, who dominated the first two terms of league football, would have expected this to be the Cup final but have to settle for the Plate, the second tier competition.

The Firsts defeated two fellow Derwent teams in their route to the final. They thrashed the Fourths 9-1 in the quarter-final, with Josh Bew helping himself to six, and beat the Fifths 5-4 on penalties in a much closer encounter, which ended at 0-0.

The Seconds bested College Cup debutants Constantine 4-1 in the quarter-final and then got the better of Alcuin Firsts 1-0 in a game blighted by searing heat.

In the College Vase, Halifax Thirds will meet James Fourth's in the final on Thursday.

These two sides are familiar to each other and both qualified through Group F of the vase preliminaries.

Finalists Halifax scraped past Alcuin in their quarter-final, with an own goal from Luke Robison enough, in a game of few chances, to ensure safe passage.

They delivered a performance of similar grit and determination to put paid to Derwent Thirds in the semi, with a clean sheet and a lone goal from Dylan Hall sending them through to finals day.

James breezed through the group stages, winning all five of their games and conceding just once, yet the knockouts have been anything but plain sailing.

After their quarter-final against Halifax Fourth's ended 1-1 at the end of normal time, some outstanding goalkeeping from Matthew Trewartha in the penalty shootout saw them win it 4-2. Their semi against Langwith Thirds came to a similarly dramatic conclusion; Matt Guy scored a quick-fire double to draw it back to 2-2 before Pablo Martinez netted a last-minute winner.



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The Vanbrugh derby was settled by spot-kicks, with the Firsts eventually edging through



James Seconds equalised with the last kick of the game and beat James Thirds on penalties

Sports shorts

College Sports Day

The second College Sports Day took place on Wednesday 4 June, with Derwent emerging as victors. On a packed day, cricket, rounders, volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee were among the sports played. A bouncy castle, burger van and charity penalty shoot-out organised by the UYAFC ran throughout the day. With the weather holding up for the duration of the event, the turnout was an improvement on the inaugural day last year and the event, as a whole, was a great success for outgoing College Sport Officers Mel Turner and Dave Washington.



BUCS Cricket

The University of York Men's Cricket Club's second team were promoted in emphatic style last week. Following on from the firsts' success in the White Rose Trophy, the seconds racked up 207-7 before restricting Newcastle thirds to 157, sealing the title with a 100 per cent record, winning all four games. Having finished second last year, their first in the Northern 4B, the seconds went one better this term under the stewardship of Henry Turner. With the thirds finishing two places behind the seconds, the cricket club will be hoping that the former will be joining the latter after next year.



Ladies Day

Friday saw the inaugural York Ladies Day take place around the Sport Centre. With the proceeds from the day going to Marie Curie, York Sport Union and BUCS' official charity, partner, it saw around 30 women, from a variety of sports clubs across the University, take part in a range of sports in a competitive environment. It was supported by Spotify UK, who provided a full sound system and merchandise, as well as featuring Ladies Day on its official Snapchat account. The Royal Mayor of York was the special guest on the day, and even took part in a game of rounders!

Nouse College Cup Awards

Matt Kirkum and Tom Harle give their verdict on the best and worst of this year's College Cup

Team of the Tournament



Substitutes



Best Save

Cornell Keller (Derwent Firsts)

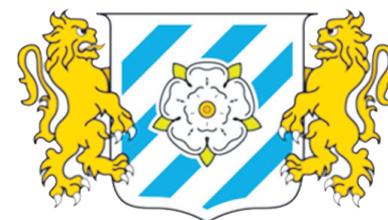
Derwent Fourths' Jake Pollard struck a fearsome drive from just inside the opposition area in an attempt to regain a foothold in their match against the Firsts. With the ball swerving at the last moment, Keller's reactions were top class as he adjusted to tip the shot over the crossbar.



Top Goal Scorer

Omar Chadli (Halifax Seconds)

Chadli had featured intermittently for Halifax Firsts across this year but has come into his own in the College Cup for the Seconds. The forward struck four times against Wentworth Seconds and netted a crucial brace in his side's upstaging of Derwent Firsts, ending with seven goals in all.



Best Player

John Packer (Wentworth Firsts)

A complete unknown going into the College Cup, Packer has taken the tournament by storm in a Wentworth side that made it to the quarters. The postgraduate's combination of direct running and aerial threat has been a persistent menace, and has seen him score six times.



Funniest Moment

Max Palfreman (Derwent Fifths v Alcuin Seconds)

With many Derwent players suffering post-Big D hangovers, Palfreman was no an exception. Carrying the ball out of defence in the opening minute, his legs had clearly not woken up as he slipped to the turf. The mistake gifted Alcuin a goal.



Overachievers

James Thirds

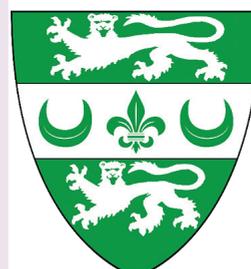
James Thirds nearly repeated their remarkable feat of 2013 when they became the only Thirds team ever to reach the quarterfinals of the Cup. After finishing second in Group A, they were rewarded with an intra-college quarter-final tie against James Seconds, which they lost on penalties



Underachievers

Derwent College AFC

Derwent were the clear underperformers at this year's competition. Entering with five teams, none made it through the group stages. While the Firsts play the Seconds in the Plate Final, it is a fixture they would have been hoping to be a College Cup Final instead.



Goal of the Tournament

Billy Bruce (Goodricke Firsts v Derwent Seconds)

Having already notched one in a must win game, Bruce rounded the game off in style with a first time half volley into the corner of the net. The result ensured Goodricke's progression into the quarter finals and eliminated Derwent Seconds.

Sport

The Summer Sports Survey

Jamie Summers and Tom Fennelly reveal the results of the *Nouse* Summer Sports Survey, which returned after a

Participation

Perhaps somewhat unsurprisingly, nearly three quarters of respondents were male while 83 per cent of respondents identified themselves as heterosexual, and this has changed little from last year's survey. However, in an increase upon last year's figures, 10 per cent identified themselves as gay. Nearly three quarters of respondents said that they did not have a disability, but the most common disabilities among sports participants at York were mental health problems and asthma. More than 10 per cent of students who responded said they suffer from a mental health problem; it is estimated that around one quarter of people experience mental health issues at some point in their lives.

Results showed that the main reason respondents get involved in sport at York is because they enjoy the challenge of new sports, the social side of sports clubs, and the responsibility and experience offered to them by getting involved in the running of their club. Maintaining health and fitness was also a recurrent theme here, demonstrating

that there is both a social and physical element to why people take part.

As for what respondents liked least about sport at York, financial cost provided students with the biggest stumbling block with 41.3 per cent of respondents citing this reason - this was the highest count of any.

Clearly, the addition of AU fees last year was not popular but it probably hasn't put people off getting involved. 32 per cent also said that the inconvenient timings of sessions and matches was unfavourable but it is important to note that 14.7 per cent of respondents said that there was nothing negative about sport at York. Worryingly, there was an undercurrent that cliques and laddish behaviour was a particularly unwelcome



but present part of sports clubs.

The demographic of respondents reveals a notable pattern - most of the responses came from Vanbrugh, Derwent and James, with the most respondents by far being from Vanbrugh, as with last year.

The Heslington East colleges and Wentworth accounted for the fewest responses, and this corresponds with these colleges struggling at the wrong end of the College Sport table. More needs to be done to engage these colleges in sport.

This would also suggest that the top three are the most sporty colleges at the University, however it is important to bear in mind that our survey may have been more visible online in some colleges than in others.

“Sport has been the highlight of my time at York, taking part was a great decision”

Sports Facilities

In last year's survey, approval ratings for the University's sports facilities were high, with the vast majority of students scoring them 7/10 or higher, and that same pattern can be seen again this year.

Since the last survey, there has been a raft of new facilities in place, including the basketball courts on Heslington East, whilst the new JLD has been bedded in for a year and the site of the Old JLD (the stuff of legends) has slowly been transformed into an impressive running track, despite falling significantly behind schedule.

The most common response again this year was 7/10 in terms of overall rating, closely followed by 6/10 and 8/10. As in 2014, no respondents awarded York's facilities a perfect 10/10 score (which represented 'excellent'), but equally no-one felt they were deserving of a 'terrible' rating.

The new JLD, the 3G pitch and the gym at the York Sport Village remain the most popular infrastruc-

ture at the University, whilst the cycle track and Cass Brown's physiotherapy scheme were well-received. This seems to suggest that the new athletics track, pavilion and stand will be appreciated when they finally open.

Some students raised concerns about the quality of the football and rugby pitches on 22 Acres, with one student describing them as “embarrassing” and “in urgent need of attention.”

Other complaints included that the pavilion needs to be opened more often, and the tennis dome needs to be maintained more carefully. Suggested improvements for the future included building a



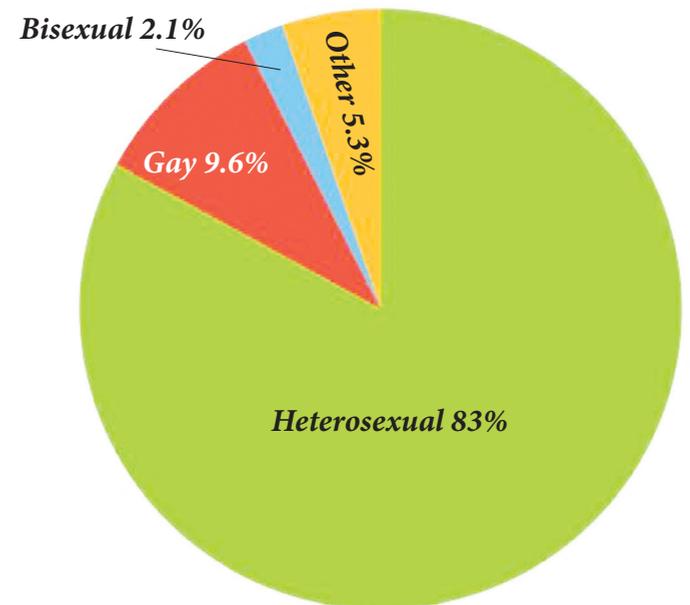
3G pitch on Heslington West, and a subsidy to make the Sport Village facilities more affordable.

Criticisms that the facilities are far too expensive for students were a common and concerning theme of the feedback; there were widespread calls for more coaching sessions across sports too.

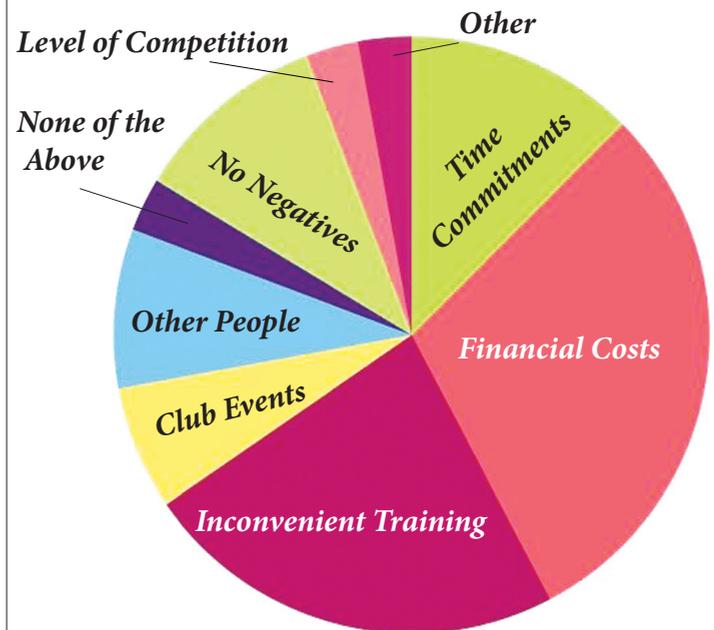
However, in a good piece of news for Keith Morris and Ashley Smith at York Sport, a clear majority of students (58.7 per cent) either strongly or somewhat agreed that facilities have improved over the last 12 months, whilst only a little over 5 per cent feel that that have got worse.

“Student access to the swimming facilities at York Sport Village is astoundingly poor”

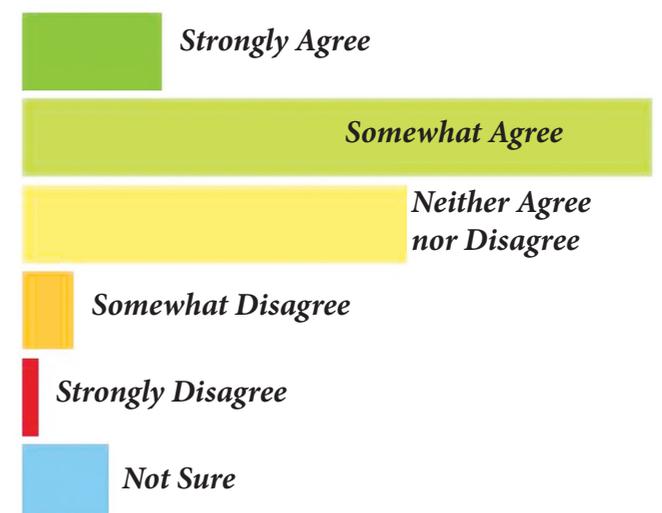
Which of the following would you self-define as?



What do you enjoy least about being a member of a sports club at York?



How far would you agree with the statement: “sports facilities have improved at York in the last 12 months”?



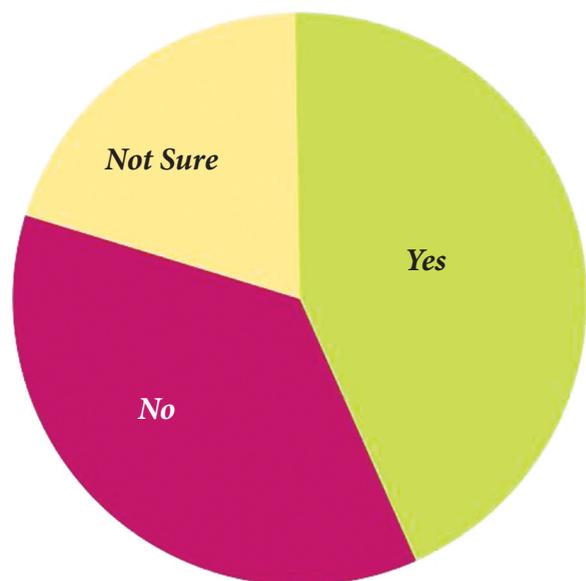
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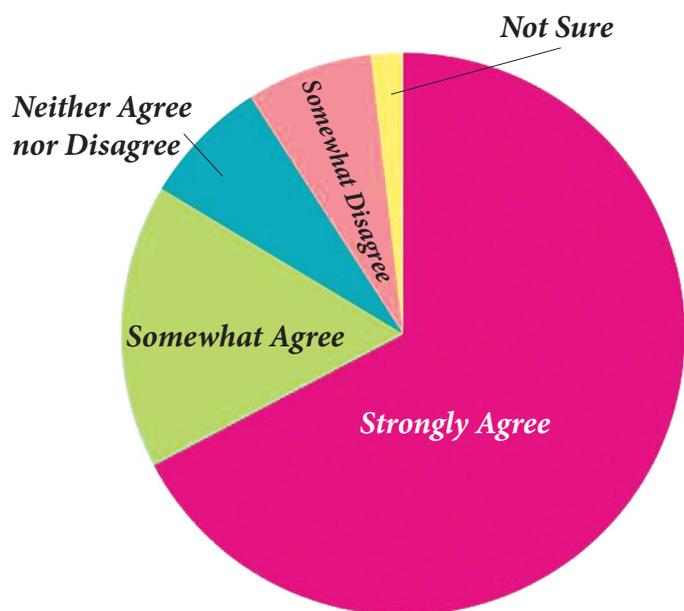
2015: results and analysis

successful debut in 2014, revealing what students think about sports at the University. Graphics by **Kate Mitchell**

In future, would you be prepared to pay a £10 College Sport



How far do you agree with the statement: "the College Sport ethos is that sport should be free for all to access"?



How would you rate your overall experience of sport at York

Discrimination

In a good piece of news for the University, 96 per cent said that they have not witnessed any cases of racial discrimination in the last 12 months, compared to 93 per cent last year. This difference may be a result of the lower number of respondents this year in comparison to last, so needs to be taken with a pinch of salt.

Very few students chose to provide more details, but one person who witnessed racism claimed that the perpetrator was a visiting BUCS student from another university. Another student suggested that the isolated actions of a few individuals

“It’s insulting that some people judge others’ sexuality by the sport that they play”

had reflected badly on their entire club.

Worryingly, concerns about homophobia were significantly higher. One fifth of respondents suggested they’d witnessed homophobia in the last 12 months, almost double last year’s 13 per cent figure. Again, the figures aren’t flawless, but this trend should be of concern to the Union.

Some comments suggested that people had made homophobic comments as casual ‘banter’, while others said that particular clubs are stigmatised as being ‘gay’.

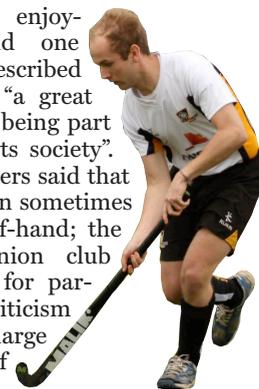
Some suggested that homophobia occurred most commonly on socials, while there was one report of alleged homophobic abuse directed towards a referee in college football.

One gay man said that he would be uncomfortable telling his teammates about his sexuality because he was worried how they would react. Other issues raised included sexism in sport, including one par-

ticularly interesting comment that some male basketball players had quit their team after being told that they couldn’t play as there must be two female competitors on each team; the same respondent called for team selections to be made purely on merit.

As in 2014, socials were particularly polarising. Overall, 57.3 per cent either strongly or somewhat agreed that club socials are always enjoyable, and one person described them as “a great aspect of being part of a sports society”.

Some others said that socials can sometimes get out-of-hand; the rugby union club came in for particular criticism from a large number of students.



College Sport

For the first time this year, we included an entire section devoted to College Sport, with some interesting results.

A little under three-quarters of those who responded said they took part. A proposal was forwarded earlier this term which would have seen students pay a £10 annual fee (or £20 lifetime fee) to take part in College Sport.

This will not happen for 2015/16 after alternative sponsorship was found, but students’ reaction was unclear as 43.6 per cent said they would be prepared to pay the fee, while 36.4 per cent were opposed, with 20

per cent unsure. However, slightly under one-half said they would be unprepared to pay the fee alongside the new £30 College Membership Fee being introduced in September. This is clearly a divisive issue which will have to be revisited next year.

Interestingly, students overwhelmingly support the idea that College Sport should be free for all to access, with 67.3 per cent strongly agreeing with the ethos. Nobody strongly disagreed.

Vanbrugh College came in for particular praise from a wide range of students, for their policy of ensuring that College Sport is free for all of their students. One student described Vanbrugh’s policy as “superb”, while another expressed a wish for it to stay in place and be a model for other colleges.

Some criticisms of College

Sport included a perceived overly-heavy focus on football, while concerns about abuse of crossover rules in the football College Cup were also expressed. One student said college JCRCs should spend more money on sport and “far less on free pizza”.

A majority of students gave College Sport an overall rating of 7 or 8 out of 10, and only 3.2 per cent disagreed with the statement that College Sport has improved in the last 12 months.

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And a few other responses of interest...

“Tom Fennelly’s cat is dead.”



“Rugby League is finally here! Union has always monopolised until now; they’re seemingly untouchable.”

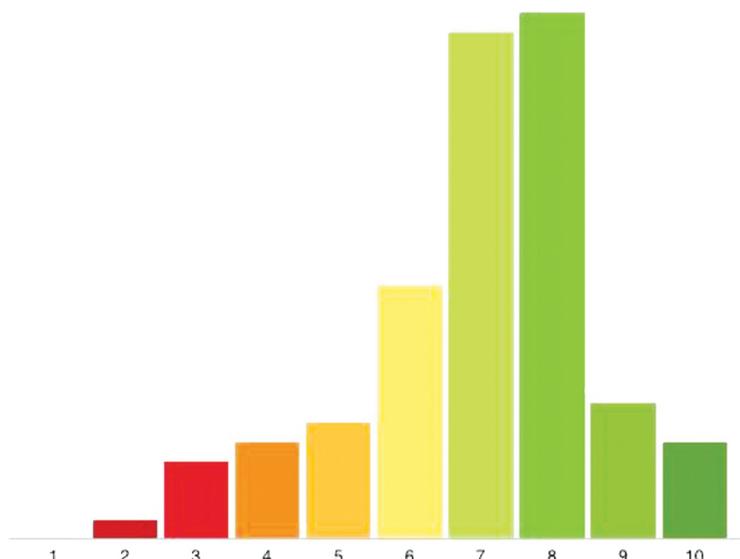
“YUSU should put the majority of their budget into sport, because that’s the only thing they really do.”

“My favourite Pokemon is Abra because he is a massive G.”

Nouse analysis: The survey has provided plenty of food for thought for the Union to consider for the upcoming 12 months.

On the positive side, there is a general consensus that facilities have improved in the last year and with more to come, the future is bright. Students generally agreed that college sport had improved in the last 12 months. The idea that college sport should be made free of charge was also overwhelmingly supported.

However, the rise in reports of homophobia is very concerning, and the cost of playing sport at York is something that needs to be looked at as a matter of urgency.



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Derwent win College Sport title

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DERWENT COLLEGE have again topped the College Sport Standings, confirming their place at the top of the table with a win at the Futsal College Cup on Sunday.

Eighteen points separated Derwent and second placed James going into College Sports Day. Despite a loss to James in the tournament, their victory in the Futsal College Cup was enough for victory for York's oldest College. The battle for first place was encapsulated by the tussle at the top of the Men's

Rugby Union College tables. The autumn term brought a five point victory for James over Derwent, but the spring term brought the reverse situation and the same margin of victory.

Predictably, Derwent College AFC provided a large portion of the points, the firsts winning both term's leagues and the other teams earning multiple promotions.

Away from football, Derwent badminton were dominant in the spring, winning both the singles and mixed doubles without losing a game.

Standouts elsewhere were Derwent

Darts, who had a 100 per cent record in the spring league. Their performance was impressive enough to earn them a nomination for College Sport Team of the Year, eventually won by Derwent AFC.

Critical to James' strong challenge to the Derwent monopoly has been the performance of the James College Netball teams. After gaining promotion in the first term, the seconds were only separated from their firsts by Derwent, proving the impressive strength in depth in the Black Swan's netball club.

The past three years have seen the title change hands between Derwent and James

each year, and the small margin of victory for Derwent suggests there is all to play for in the College standings.

Elsewhere in the rankings, Constantine understandably finished at the foot of the table due to having only a fraction of the students available to the other colleges. Halifax claimed third, Vanbrugh fourth and Alcuin fifth, with Vanbrugh having dropped from third after a poor performance at College Sports Day.

Langwith Goodricke, Wentworth and Constantine finished in sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth respectively.

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