

Minster Library 'fluid'

With twelve weeks to go before the closure of the Minster Library, the matter of relocating thousands of books and documents currently used by university students still "appears to be fluid", according to head librarian Elizabeth Heaps.

Although the fate of the general loan collection is uncertain, and may be distributed between the public library, the library of York St. John and the J.B. Morrell library, Heaps is confident that these three institutions can cooperate and hopefully allow students access to the books they need after the closure date of August 31st.

However, those who rely on the Minster library still feel highly disadvantaged, as shown by the attendance of King's Manor students at a protest there on the 31st of May. An increasing concern is expressed over how borrowing rights are affected if the books are spread across the city: the head librarian herself admitted that this "needs to be considered".

Moreover, splitting up the Minster library could seriously damage postgraduate research-graduate students will be "badly affected", according to Educational Campaigns Officer, Chris Payne.

Generally, it is relatively early for any decisions to be made, though both the library committee and humanities departments are convening to discuss the Minster's resources. There is even a small chance that the library may be saved- a petition is being submitted on Tuesday 10th June. A.N.

Eco-Reps Wash Out

Students in Goodricke College faced with the traumatic task of endless hours of washing up were recently given a lifeline. The JCRC Eco reps organised a charity dishwasher in aid of the Save the Chinchilla Campaign. Irate cleaners fed up with students' ambivalence regarding domestic hygiene were also relieved by the scheme, which has led to calls for a campus wide initiative.

Singing for Chips

Professor David Howard has received a £51,000 grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Board to evaluate the usefulness of putting computerised voice displays into singing lessons and practices. It is believed that micro chips may aid a singers performance. "We believe that the computer can provide meaningful and easily understandable feedback for both teacher and student, and they are very willing to embrace new technology in their work."

New Library Revealed

After a cunning diversion, Editor Adam Gristwood sneaks into the new library



The unfurling of the new humanities students library tacked on to the side of the JB Morrell building, has been delayed until October, despite original plans to be ready for use by April.

Through a deft move, *nouse* editor Gristwood confused the staff for long enough to dive under the metal barrier to bring the exclusive pictures...

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The photo you've been waiting for. It might look like the Starship Enterprise, but it won't be ready by 2050.



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Security corner Adam after discovering he had the illicit photos, but he evades capture with a stunning ninja move.

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The Library has thankfully had the foresight to put shelves in to house the wonderful collection from the Borthwick Institute, to save those History student the trek to town to gawp at the Will of Charlotte Bronte

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After being spotted by a wily security member, Adam crawls under the shelves to avoid detec-

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The holes in the shelves gave Adam away and the intrepid spy was carted out of the JBM.

Quorate UGM Shock

Toby Hall

IN A SPECTACULAR demonstration of efficiency, Tuesday's quorate UGM passed next year's budget. This contrasts with the present year's budget, which was only passed well into last term.

A key element in attaining quoracy was the strength of the new deal for students, obtained by the new Treasurers' (Ozzy Atton and James Alexander) protracted battles with Admin for more cash. Ozzy noted 'this is one of the most popular budgets ever', citing record funds for societies, JCRCs and the Athletics Union.

The AU in particular is likely to benefit next year, with Ozzy and James committing themselves to increasing financial representation for sports on campus. 'We would consider getting the AU President involved in finance committee' said James, as a part of his drive to

increase participation in the university.

However, SU acceptance of lack of interest in the UGMs casts a shadow over this success with the reduction in the numbers needed to make a UGM quorate. James accepts that 'there is just a lack of interest, so the new quoracy level is practice', avoiding Union business grinding to a halt.

Despite assertions from Ozzy that 'we will be seeing a quoracy drive as never seen before' next year, previous years have proven that after the budget has been past interest in UGMs drops significantly.

In other issues at the UGM, a hotly debated motion on a Student Council, was rejected as an attempt to impose 'hackocracy', a fair trade motion was passed without a single soul saying nay, and the campaign for a 24hr library was accepted as the hall emptied.

Trent Trash Boats

Alex Newhouse

The Peterborough Regatta, one of the biggest events of the year for the York University rowing team, was marred last week by the drunken excess of a rival university, leaving thousands of pounds' worth of damage on a York boat.

On the night of the 31st of May, a group of students, two of whom were identified as members of the Nottingham Trent team, attempted to steal (supposedly for a joke) the eight man boat valued at ten thousand pounds.

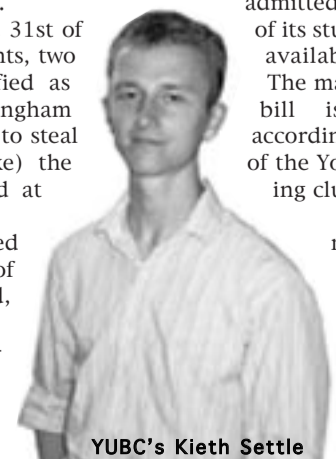
Having consumed immense quantities of alcohol beforehand, they dropped it.

The damage inflicted on the hull of the vessel seems small to the untrained eye: dents, scratches, and

a bent fin are evidence of what happened that night. Nevertheless, to make the boat streamlined and race-worthy again costs approximately two thousand pounds.

Fortunately, this is to be paid for by Nottingham Trent University, which has already admitted the involvement of its students, but was not available for comment. The matter of footing the bill is "going well", according to the President of the York University rowing club, Keith Settle.

Even more fortunate is the fact that the brand new boats acquired by the club, worth fourteen thousand pounds, were untouched.



YUBC's Kieth Settle