

Your:Platform

Enough of what our writers and editors have to say, we sent out some reporters to find out what you, the students, think about the issues of the moment...



Name: Madeline Hinde
College: Goodricke

Disgraced history lecturer, Ralph Harrington: should he stay or should he go?

He's a good lecturer and an asset to the uni, he should stay.

Disgraced services officer, James Byron: should he stay or should he go?

If he's spending extra money then he should definitely GO.

Is Costcutter value for money?

Not really, the range of fresh produce is limited and usually manky.

Nouse has revealed the 'real' shortlist for the next York chancellor, but who would be your ideal Chancellor?

Ian Hislop, because he's small, bald and funny.

Summer is nearly here, (well if it's ever summer in York)

What is your dream holiday?

Japan, I think that's far enough away from York!



Name: Tim Lissimore
College: Halifax

Disgraced history lecturer, Ralph Harrington: should he stay or should he go?

I really think he should stay. Although it's a shame it would be an even bigger shame if he didn't keep lecturing. It has nothing to do with his work.

Disgraced services officer, James Byron: should he stay or should he go?

He's not got long left in the job. I think we should give him the benefit of the doubt.

Is Costcutter value for money?

Yes, I've just bought a loaf of bread for 20p.

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Margaret Thatcher, because she's small, bald and funny.

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What is your dream holiday?

Summer in York (I know it's boring!)



Name: Harry Overvoorde
College: Vanbrugh

Disgraced history lecturer, Ralph Harrington: should he stay or should he go?

He should not come back out of principle.

Disgraced services officer, James Byron: should he stay or should he go?

There's not a lot we can do really, I don't think he should go. Leave the lad alone.

Is Costcutter value for money?

Not especially, it's just like any other business- they try and screw you over.

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I can't think of anyone who would want to do it.

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What is your dream holiday?

South America



Name: Emma Charlton
College: James

Disgraced history lecturer, Ralph Harrington: should he stay or should he go?

It was a serious offence, but at the same time he's a really good lecturer. I think he should be given a second chance.

Disgraced services officer, James Byron: should he stay or should he go?

Come on, he's only got a few more weeks and if it means a better grad ball then so be it.

Is Costcutter value for money?

No, a complete rip-off

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Nelson Mandela

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What is your dream holiday? Morocco



RE: WHERE'S THE MONEY

I read with intrigue the letter 'Where's the money' by Mr Hughes (last issue), regarding whether or not it is fair that arts students face the same tuition fees as science students. As a chemistry student myself, I feel I have a slightly different angle to come from, and agree that some debate on the issue would be a good idea.

Granted - my subject will cost significantly more to teach. Considering the labs and resources that we require, and that a typical week can have 30+ hours contact time, there is certainly a large amount being spent on us lucky chemists.

However, when we look at how much free time I have in comparison with, for example, a history student, and add onto that the time required for extra reading and tutorial work, a different side to the argument begins to emerge. I, myself, do not undertake any part-time work, as I feel my degree course leaves insufficient time. As a consequence, I have less opportunity to fund my own education than arts students do.

Also, in reality, the vast amount of research undertaken by my department brings in significant funds from industry, which in turn can be invested into many areas, indeed such as teaching of undergraduates. And may I also suggest that it is better for the government to invest more in science undergraduates, because of the increased benefit graduates will bring to our economy in the long run? Another relevant point to mention- we are desperate for more GP's, so personally I think funds should be directed more away from (what have become known as) 'mickey mouse' degrees, and more into areas such as medicine.

John Westell, Halifax

CAKE WAR CONTINUES

I am writing to express my disappointment and alarm at your article 'Cake Fuels Cold War' about an incident last Thursday at Vanbrugh stalls.

The sub-headline suggests that Students Against War 'picketed' the Jewish Society stall. This is untrue. SAW were handing out leaflets advertising a demonstration for Freedom for Palestine. Our presence at the stalls was nothing to do with the fact that Jsoc were there.

The leaflets we gave had out had nothing to do with anything that appeared on the Jsoc stall, we did not prevent anyone from reading anything that was on the Jsoc stall and we did not make any attempts throughout the course of the afternoon to engage anyone manning the Jsoc stall (although SAW members did argue back when approached by Bieber).

Rob Harris - An Apology

In our issue of February 10 2003, we suggested that Rob Harris, editor of York Vision, was racist. *nouse* now accepts that he is not, and therefore we withdraw the allegations of racism. *nouse* apologises for any embarrassment caused to Rob Harris and we accept that the article we were referring to was legitimate political comment.

We also accept that Rob Harris has never deliberately omitted any article or letter from Vision because it expressed views supposedly contradictory to his own. The article, which we suggested had deliberately not been published by Rob Harris, was actually received by Vision before he became editor and was in fact due to a clerical error by the Politics Editor at the time.

nouse also accepts that Mr. Harris, consultation with lawyers should not have been the subject of derision in our March edition.

LETTERS

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Any reasonable person would recognise that this behaviour did not amount to 'picketing'.

Furthermore, the article implies that SAW members initiated confrontation. In particular, the caption accompanying the photograph suggests this. The exact opposite was in fact true. Despite the fact that Israeli and UK flags appeared side by side on the stall, and that Jsoc Chair Hugo Bieber wore a t-shirt printed with the slogan 'proud to be Zionist' (both provocations, as anyone with any insight into the history of the Israel-Palestine conflict would realise instantly), SAWmembers did not engage anyone manning the Jsoc stall all afternoon.

Conflict occurred when Bieber offered food to SAW members and later taunted that by eating it they had 'supported Israel'. Contrary to the article's assertion, confrontation did not occur because SAW members would not accept food. It is clear from the front page of Jsoc's website that those on the Jsoc stall did not feel remotely threatened by the experience, but rather enjoyed it: 'We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us and Israel at our stall in Vanbrugh last Thursday, including York SAW and SWSS.'

This article attempted to portray SAW members as the instigators of a damaging and significant dispute. In fact, what happened on Thursday was a fairly minor incident which only threatened to flare up due to the actions of the Jsoc Chair.

As I am sure you are aware, inaccurate reporting is particularly dangerous when dealing with a sensitive issue of this nature. I request that Nouse apologise for the factual inaccuracies and misrepresentations in the article.

Jacob Mukherjee, Goodricke

P.S. I did not notice any Nouse journalists present this Tuesday when Bieber approached (unprovoked) a Jewish member of SAW and grilled her about how she

WOMENS RUGBY: OOPS

Having eagerly opened up your pages to see the report of our monumental victory in the women's rugby 7s and 15s over the weekend I was more than disappointed to see your poor attempt at a write-up. It is clear that your reporter only strolled over to see the last few minutes after the mens seconds had finished.

It was completely inaccurate - Lancaster were certainly never on the back foot as far as the scrum was concerned, they drove us off the ball on several occasions, especially when our hooker and tight-head prop were substituted due to quite nasty injuries (NOT minor ones). Also, the substitution which brought winger Victoria 'Spud' Campbell-Fitzpatrick (not Jess Frith, our first choice scrum half) onto the pitch was not tactical- rather, repeated high tackles had shaken our inside centre Lynn Huynh up so much she felt unable to continue, wing Sarah Taylor was brought into the 12 position, and Spud filled her place. Also, she did not score the try- it was brought short due to the high tackle and we were awarded a penalty try under the posts.

Lou Phillips, Women's Rugby Team, P+P

SPORTS EDITOR REPLIES : *I accept your criticism of the report as having been weak, this was mainly due to the reporter who had agreed to writing the piece pulling out at the last minute, leaving the write-up to myself, who had not seen most of the game due to the demands the Roses weekend places on the Sports team. DP*