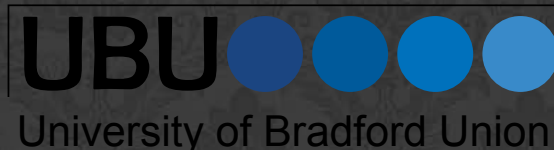


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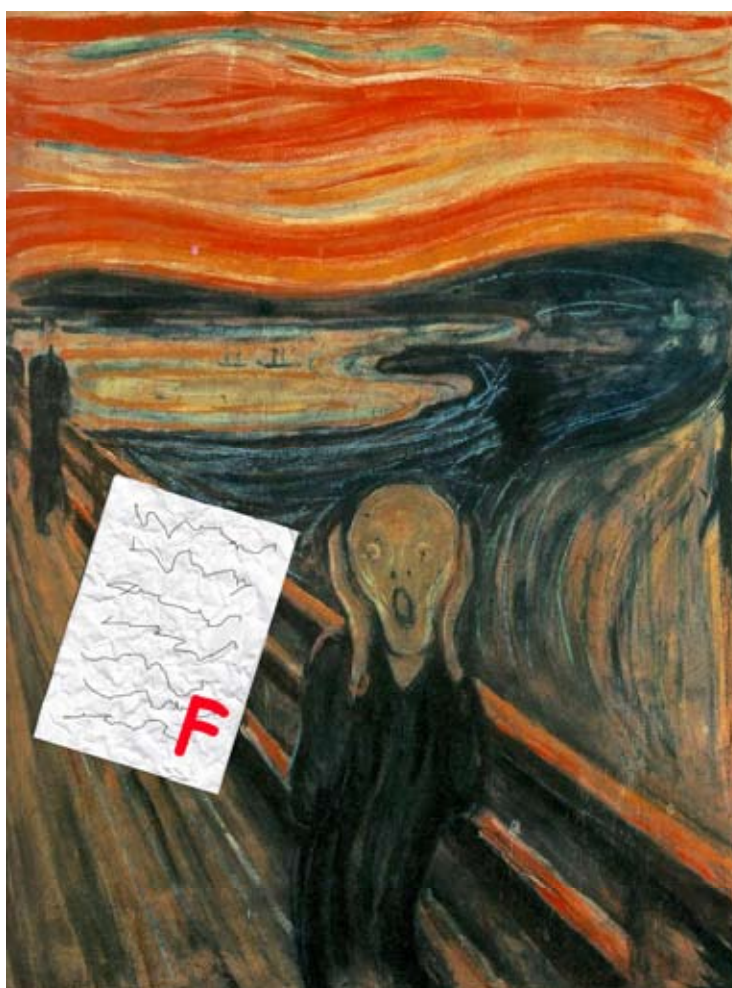
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University increase fees, again!

Just two years after the top up fees were introduced adding an extra £1845 per UK and EU student, the University confirmed that it wants an effective fee rise for a large number of students. In attending a meeting with senior University management it was found that a paper had passed at the last University Council (the governing body of the University). The University has put a paper called the review of Fees and Pricing, and have described it as a paper to re-evaluate, mainly international fees to make them fairer. However does it seem fairer? The University effectively proposed a fee increase for all areas apart from home, full time undergraduates. The Executive have decided to take this to the General Meeting of the Students which took place on the 31st January. "We propose to fight this all the way" said Naa-Anyima Quaye, the Union communications officer when I asked her. The University of Bradford Union has for over 20 years had policy on its belief in free education, something that this seems to go completely against. The figures for the increase are as follows, if you are a part time student over the course of your undergraduate study you will be £5,760 worse off. If you are unfortunate enough to fail a year or module and have to re-attend, the proposal is that you will now face a 155% increase. This will punish the very people that the university needs to be helping out. It was also discovered that they will not only change but enforce re-attendance meaning that you will not have the option of re-doing a module without attendance and just re-submitting the work at the end of the next year. The increase for international students is even more. The university wants to whack on another £1490 on international, undergraduate, lab based courses, bringing it to a total of £11,800 with similar increases for classroom based undergraduate and postgraduates. Aren't International students paying enough? Are students not suffering already? To re-attend a module as well as squeezing every penny out of them seems unfair. When the Vice-Chancellor (VC) was questioned about this, he responded with the view that fees, in time may go down if the market can't cope with higher fees. This however won't help students coming next year, who will face only more debt.



We must do something now, Students are encouraged make their voice clear. Add your name to the motion against the fee increase, come in to the union and find out how they could affect you and PRO-TEST. We can not let this effect our education.

By a Member of the Bradford Union of Students Executive Team

Editorial

Love is in the air.
And we love you.
As your publication, we don't
really have much choice.

Should you wish to bask in the
warm glow of the aforementioned af-
fection, you can always speak to
one of our new executive members;
Tara, Tristan, JT, Tom, Laurie &
Anthony.

They are here to fight over the
free cds we have sent to us, and
occasionally represent you as stu-
dents.

Of course if you think a chimp
with arthritis could do a better
job, you can always get involved
yourself.

Do your worst.

The BSN Exec Team

WELCOME BACK



Bradford
union of
students
again give
rise to a
successful
campaign.
Our fellow
student
Khaled al
Muddal-
lal who
had been
trapped in

Gaza for six months, and so was missing
out on his final year of his Business Man-
agement Degree, thankfully was given his
human right to his education and returned
back to the UK, Bradford at the beginning
of December.

In June of 2007, Khaled returned to Gaza
to visit his wife Duaa with the intension of
only staying in Gaza a few days in order to
return back to Bradford with his newly wed
wife. Unfortunately hostilities erupted be-
tween Hamas and their rivals Fatah caus-
ing the Jewish state to seal the borders and
be extremely rigid in terms of the amount of
Palestinians they were allowing both in and
out of Gaza. This unfortunate and illegal
situation has been brought about due to the
Israeli lockdown on the territory since the
radical Islamist group Hamas took power

in June.

Bradford Union of students alongside the
NUS Black Students Campaign launched
a large-scale national campaign for the
release of Khaled, to have access to his
education. A website called "Let Khaled
Study," a Facebook group that had over
1200 members, and an online petition
which called on Gordon Brown to intervene
was signed by 1,000 people were set up.
Khaled said: "First and foremost I would
like to thank everyone who took part in the
campaign. I am very delighted to be back,
to see my friends and family again and to
simply return to a normal life."

700 people were released from Gaza at
the end of November, which Khaled and
his wife Duaa were part of. It is thought
that the release of these Palestinians was
a result of the concession to the current
US-brokered peace talks between Israel
and Palestine.

Khaled was due to complete his final year
of his Business Management degree but
now has to wait until September depending
on the results of the 4 outstanding exams
he has just taken in January, to resume his
final year of his course,

This has been a great victory for Khaled,
however he continues to campaign for the
Palestinians right to education. Currently
there are still 670 Palestinian students who
are studying at foreign Universities trapped
in Gaza. He believes that the international
societies are not doing enough to help
them ensure these students have their
human right, of access to their education.
We need to continually keep pressuring
the Government to do something and
not just watch as Israel breaks Interna-

tional Law. "When I left Gaza I knew it was
because of the massive media interest I
had behind me, the fact that the campaign
had huge media interest was what made
the campaign successful. Unfortunately
most Palestinians do not have that kind of
support behind them. International govern-
ments, the EU and America need to put
more pressure on Israel. Some Palestin-
ians have been trapped in Gaza for over
eight months and they just want to get back
to their studies and normal life." Khaled
believes that it is his personal duty to help
those Palestinian students who still remain
stuck in Gaza. He is currently given talks
in numerous Universities including here at
Bradford at the 'Gaza the Big Prison' event
on the 12th February, 6.30pm in the Rich-
mond Building. Khaled intends to bring
about awareness about the current siege in
Gaza to the world in order to mount pres-
sure on the Israeli government.

Right now Khaled is preparing himself for
his final year and can't wait to return to his
studies in September to graduate with fly-
ing colours. Khaled, once he has finished
his course intends to aim high and take on
a PhD in order to use his knowledge back
home in Palestine. He said: "As a Palestin-
ian I'm very attached to the people and
the country. I want to do a PhD in the UK
so I can go back and develop Palestine.
Palestine needs well qualified people to
help develop its system. My hope is that
one day people in Palestine can enjoy the
standard of living that people in the UK do.
I feel I have a mission to be a good citizen
and develop myself and my country."

UCAN VOLUNTEERING CENTRE

The UCAN Volunteering Centre can help you to bring your
potential to life through an exciting range of events and
volunteering opportunities available to anyone, whatever
your experience, skills, time, or expectations.

UCAN constantly gets positive feedback from students
who use our service. Students who make use of UCAN
are more likely to get to where they want to be in life.

This year UCAN has made it even quicker and easier to
identify, achieve, and benefit from what you want out of
volunteering.

There are now even more volunteering opportunities, as
our Student Led Volunteering Projects and Students in
Schools Programs keeps on growing. More students than
ever are involved in the actual running of UCAN. UCAN is
recognised nationally as being a top Volunteering Centre.
Events like the UCAN Volunteering Fair, 'Activate' (Give it
a Go Volunteering), Guest Speakers, Personal Develop-
ment Calendar, Award, Celebration and Social Events, as
well as 100's of 1 off events are now regular features of
over 2,000 student's calendars.

What industry has to say:

"Put aside misconceptions: Volunteering is work experi-
ence with the added possibility that the act of choosing to
be a volunteer shows even greater initiative and com-
mitment" Mike Killingly, Managing Executive of Education,
HSBC Bank.

"73% of employers stated that they would rather employ
someone with voluntary experience, than someone with-
out" Timebank.

Just some quotes from UCAN's Volunteers:

"Having started out in stand-up comedy, UCAN helped us
explore new avenues and media through volunteering,
especially by introducing us to BCB (Bradford Community

Broad-
casting) radio as part of Volunteer Week 2006. UCAN
have continued to be supportive, accessible and willing to
help us at all times"

One Legged Lapdancer, Lydia Pearce, Liz Mackenzie &
Emma Clare

"The experience that UCAN and Challenge College gave
was invaluable. They gave me loads of information about
the school and what it does and also about how I could
get into teaching and also what their experiences have
been in dealing with behaviour management and other
issues.

Challenge College also had a proactive approach to me
being in the class room. They let me talk to the children
and let me take part in activities that were hosted when I
was there.

The school was a good host. Challenge College and
UCAN exceeded my expectations".

Salma Shah, Challenge College.

UCAN Key Facts -

- There are over 1200 volunteers registered with UCAN!
- UCAN works with over 300 organisations!
- UCAN is one of only a few volunteering centres to have won nationally recognised HEACF (Higher Education Active Community Fund) awards for 'Outstanding Projects' and 'Outstanding Student Volunteer Awards' 5 times in the last 5 years!
- UCAN has an Active Community Grant Scheme, whereby if you have an idea for a student led volunteering opportunity that will benefit the wider community, UCAN could provide funding, resources, and facilities to help you get it going!



- UCAN Provides a wide range of events, including Volunteering Fairs, Regular Guest Speakers, Training Opportunities, Award and Accreditation Celebrations, Give it a Go Volunteering Weeks (Activate), and much more!
- UCAN provides key support for lots of volunteering on campus, for instance, PeaceJam, Ecoversity Ambassadors Volunteers, Course Reps etc
- UCAN is one of only 5 pilot projects for Virtual Volunteering
- The UCAN Coordinator is an elected WISCV (Workers in Student Community Volunteering) Regional Representative for the West Yorkshire and Humberside Region and National Training and Conference Officer for WISCV (Workers in Student Community Volunteering)
- Student Volunteers form this University, supported by UCAN, are key members of the SVN (Student Volunteers Network (Student Volunteering England). Representing Student Volunteers Nationally!
- Student volunteers run many parts of UCAN! If you would like to get involved, please get in contact at ucan@bradford.ac.uk.

The Future of the Campus - Part One - Philip Lickley



Like Bradford as a whole, the University campus is on the verge of a lot of changes. One of these is the proposed accommodations development behind the university. With an interest in this, I grabbed my Dictaphone and spoke to Lloyd Russell-Moyle and Nadia Chergui, sabbatical officers for the union, Graham Hill, Learner Support Services, and Clive Wilson, Director of Estates and Facilities about the plans.

A sustainable student village

Originally the future of student accommodation was to build a series of eco-friendly housing on-campus, which would be built around a modern model of terraced housing rather than the typical student flat. However, since this was drawn up, the £20 million plan has shifted to redeveloping an area at the back of campus, dubbed 'Listerhills', which would see student accommodation places, plus a hotel and office space created as part of the wider Bradford regeneration, with the University money freed up for other projects as the external company would be paying for the build.

"The difference that has occurred from two years ago,"



Clive Wilson advised me, "is that a private developer... is seeking to buy a piece of land that's directly adjacent to the university... where the Business Innovation Centre is."

"what we're trying to do is bring back community engagement for the students that live in accommodation and one way to do that is to bring back the traditional terraced housing."

Since the University of Bradford came up with the plans in 2005, the University of Lancaster has adopted a similar model (pictured), based around three-storey, 8-student energy efficient housing with a shared bathroom for each pair, a model our university would like to adopt.

"The university's ambition to make it a sustainable student village is still very much paramount," Clive advised me, highlighting the construction as key to the building's ecoversity.

Like many things, as I discovered during my interview with Clive Wilson, little has yet to be written in stone

so, aside from the building of the sustainable student village, the details have still to be thrashed out as part of the nominations agreement.

"At the moment the university are in talks with Mi7 Development" Nadia advised me, "which is a private company who want to build university halls. And it's what called a nominations agreement, so basically they won't be owned by the university but the university, for a number of years, will be obliged to fill up the rooms with students."

"I think the university don't really know exactly what the plans are going to be yet," Lloyd told me. "Last year there was a long talk about university accommodation. [The students' union] put a big plan together saying that it needed to be mixed; some en-suite but also non en-suite; it needed to be some private but some university owned."

Whilst discussing another issue, Graham Hill of LSS advised me the university would have some control over the build, in particular how it fits into the ecoversity plans. This was also backed up by Clive Wilson who spoke to me about appointing managers and architects to work with Mi7 when bringing the village to life.

Please see www.ubuonline.co.uk to see this article in full.

Ramair

On Friday 18 January, Mark Cleary, the Vice Chancellor, and Geoff Layer, Pro-vice Chancellor of Learning and Teaching, toured the RamAir studio where they were met by most of the exec and some presenters, including Rhys Howell and Tom Passmore who were broadcasting at the time.

Philip Lickley, the Station Manager, gave them a tour around the studio, showing off the office, where Programme Controller Andrew Roberts was working with presenter information, and pre-production facilities, and they were shown the recording facilities by Head of Production Michael Moorhouse. They were also shown around the main broadcasting studio where they discussed the possibility of playing RamAir in the Atrium, possible on-air advertising and how RamAir and the University can work more closely in the future.

Currently RamAir is played in the Union



Shop, Lauderette and around the Courtyard area, but the RamAir exec are always keen to add more venues. Both parties are looking into the licensing for this.

RamAir currently has live shows that span 80 hours per week with a huge amount of present and past student involvement. They also host many events down in Escape, including pop and rock nights.

You can listen to RamAir at home on 1350AM. Alternative you can log onto www.ramair.co.uk where you will find a presenter schedule, find out ways you can get involved and spy on the presenters using the web cam!

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GENERAL MEETING

UNION RUN DOWN!!

As this new paper goes to print we are gearing up for the next General Meeting of the academic year, it will be on the 31st of January in the Horton Barn at 6pm. It has been a positive year so far and we have been pleased by how we have moved on in getting our union back on track. Its not all been roses and sunshine though, we attended an NUS (National Union of Students) Extra-ordinary conference in which delegates voted to change the NUS constitution, something that has been needed for too long. However the event was "extra ordinary indeed – ordinary with an extra waste of time" as one delegate put it.

At the same time we have been moving forward with our constitution and this year the constitutional review will be recommending to you that we change the officers. It will make the union better, more streamlined and efficient for you. After all that's what it's all about. If you want to find out what the recommendations are and why we want to abolish the Treasurer then go to www.ubuonline.co.uk

At the last meeting I had with the University, we agreed

to give all students from this year an extra 5 days and next year an extra week for revision before the summer exams; this will make a real difference to revision allowing extra-revision time for you.

The University are trying to put up fees; doubling fees for part time students and those who have to re-take with attendance and starting to charge to resist. This could mean that many students end up paying hundreds of pounds more for their education, something that is quite simply wrong.

I want our union to fight against fee increases for part time and post graduate students as well as any national increase for undergraduates. I think that education is a right and that our union must fight for the best education. There is far too much bullying happening in some departments, too many "mistakes" with the University unfairly treating our students. That is why our union is important and is why we will and must remain relevant to all students.

The University of Bradford Union has a long history of



standing up and being counted. We are a union for all students; we are for not only student's sectional interests but of the wider world that we live in. This is why it is important that we make our Union work for us. On the 31st of January, make sure that you turn up to the General Meeting so that we can fight against fees, so that we can reform and so that our union is strong. Without you we are nothing, together we are a force to be reckoned with.



Dont Worry. Be Happy.

By Laurie Williams

January 24th has been designated the most depressing day of the year. The joys of Christmas (although everyone also moans that's too stressful) are behind us, people in the real world have been back at work for two weeks, and the Easter break is not yet in sight.

But what's to be depressed about? Britain has been economic ascendancy for 15 years, and the guy everyone hates because he lied to us about Iraq has bugged off, only to be replaced by a warm, cuddly, bear of a Scot.

The government are in the process of pulling Northern Rock out of their troubles, as America's global shares plummet, because we Brits stick together in a time of need, to help each other out.

I'm checking BBC news as we speak and the worst I can see is that Jeremy Paxman isn't happy with M&S' pants and socks.

I'm a Next man anyway.

The Sun is even shining after a bout of rain here in Bradford, and there's a Rainbow. So don't be depressed, because even though it might be the worst day of the year, it might just be the best year yet.

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EXPRESSIONS

NEW SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE FESTIVAL SET TO CAUSE A STORM IN THE BASEMENT: XPRESSION SESSIONS, SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2008.....

You asked for it; it was needed, and in March 2008 it is set to arrive and create a storm on the dance floor!

Xpression Sessions; Bradford's new and unique Saturday night dance festival will be launching in The Basement, Bradford University on Saturday 1 March 2008. Promising to deliver a renowned night of consistently good dance music every month, with top names in DJ talent and three rooms of music; DJ and promoter Antoine gives some further information with an insight in to the background, launch night and future plans for Xpression Sessions: -

For young people in Bradford to go and experience a great night out, Leeds might be the nearest place that springs to mind; offering a mixed array of nightclubs and bars to feed the delights of differing musical tastes, providing the opportunity of social interaction in a place where you can really express yourself with music and dance! After various meetings with people in the know at Bradford University and contacts in the music industry, mainly from London; Xpression Sessions, a new monthly dance festival was born.

The festival will bring the biggest names

in DJ talent to Bradford; headlining on the opening night in The Basement or 'Live Room' with The Global Dance Party will be Marshall Jefferson; the man from Chicago who helped to create dance music and crafted the massive dance floor hit 'The House Music Anthem'. He will be playing a three hour set after the original funkster from Sheffield, Greg Robinson. With current residencies across Leeds and Sheffield including Gatecrasher2/Discotheque Leeds and Sheffield Hallam University, Greg was also a resident DJ at the renowned Love to Be at the Music Factory, London Road Sheffield and the main touring DJ with The Orb in the early 1990's.

In Colours or 'The Back Room' will be Tribal Revival; this room will be showcased and worked by The Deep Soul DJ Experience consisting of myself and Matt Threader.

Escape or 'The Chill Out Room' will be home to 'The Jazzfunk Disco', with The Invisible DJ! Gracing the sound waves in here will be a special selection of music; carefully picked by the DJ's playing on the night, with a theme of good feeling/funky disco music with a taste of Jazz - scintillating tunes that will take you back to your roots, and keep your groove going all night long!

Xpression Sessions will provide a safe place for students to be able to let their hair down after a week of lectures and/or working, in a haven for socialism and

dance.

My vision of this night is a place where people can have fun, enjoy themselves and really let their hair down; surrounded by a group of people who have one thing in common - the desire to be entertained and be in the company of like minded people.

With a policy of nothing but feel good music, with top International DJ's, fantastic drinks promotions and entry priced at just seven pounds for students; it's going to be hard not to check this out, and even harder not to come back next month!

Look out for posters around the University displaying full details of line ups, with special launch night offers and fantastic drinks promotions. Advanced tickets will be available from 1 February 2008, priced at £8 SBF from Jumbo and Crash Records in Leeds City Centre. As a student of the University of Bradford, you can pick up an advance ticket for just £7 with no booking fee from The Courtyard Bar on Campus! Get your tickets early to avoid any disappointment; if you would like to get on the paying guest list, or alternatively, if you have any queries, please send any info to: xpressionssessionsbradford@gmail.com.

Xpression Sessions Launch Night will be Saturday 1 March 2008 - 10pm-3am; with Marshall Jefferson, Greg Robinson, The Deep Soul DJ Experience, Matt Threader and the Jazzfunk Disco!



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HOBNOB

After its controversial cut at the end of the last academic year, the start of 2008 sees the return of an old favourite... hobnob is back! Jon, one of its DJ's, is here to fill us in on what it's all about.

First and foremost, what do you play?

Well that's a good question. Anything with a bit of love in it, by that I mean music that someone's actually made because they love it, not plastic-y produced music for money-making. We play stuff that sounds good, especially if you can't find what you're looking for at the main union nights. To put it into genres, you could call it Reggae, funk, soul, hip hop (UK and old school) and breaks.

What does 'breaks' actually mean?

It's a part of the old hip hop music from the 1970s (although they called it 'Jams' back then). Original DJ's like DJ Kool Herc and Grandmaster Flash noticed that everyone went mental on the funk 'break' part of the tune, so they strung a load together. And it's true; the crowd is always dancing and having a good time at Hobnobs. But despite filling escape on the old FNDs, Hobnob got pushed out in favour of RnB. What disgusts me is that people think that's hip hop, and that's where hip hop gets its bad name.

What can you say about the event apart from the music and the atmosphere?

Well you get free chocolate hobnobs dished out! We have also done a lot of charity events as well as our once a month slot which got quite a following.

One of them was for Village to Village (www.village-to-village.org.uk) a volunteering project that works in Tanzania helping little communities with building schools etc. In fact the first Hobnob of 2008 on the 31st Jan was in order to raise money for this same project. Another one worth remembering was last Valentine's Day, some Peace Studies students invited us to DJ for their 'make love not war' party. All the proceeds went to action village India (www.actionvillageindia.org.uk) which is a charity based in the UK which has long-term relationships with six Gandhian organisations all working for non-violent change in rural India.

How much does it cost?

We don't want to charge a lot, although the price has gone up for the venue. It's £2.50 to get in and we always try to arrange some drinks promo's with the bar too. It's really nice to DJ in Escape, especially now it's been done up, although it would be nicer if it was slightly bigger as it has been pretty packed and we want everyone that's interested to be able to get in! The Hobnob DJs are Jon, 21 from Brighton & Pete 23 from St Albans. You can go to www.myspace.com/the_hobnob to contact them or get a feel for hobnob and listen to some tunes played at their most recent night. Also look out for a Facebook group coming up

When? The next one is Thurs 13th March from 10pm - 2am

Look out for future Hobnobs, on 19th April, and also the after exams party Thurs 22nd May. Where? Escape bar at the union

By Tara Daze

So the New Year has started and we're in the second month already. I must say I have pretty bad starts of years as far back as I can remember but 2008 made me feel as if it was not at all bad before.

My initial plan was to celebrate the new coming of year with some fun. You know like go to Paris and see how French do it the French way with a sandwich in my hand or go down town at millennium point and watch the fireworks display or perhaps just go down London to see what the eye looks like on New Years eve. More than anything else I wanted 2008 to start good for me. But it wasn't to be. You see I had a problem with transport. I tried and I tried to get tickets for Paris but failed. I tried to persuade my friends to come to London with me but they thought it's too far in middle of the night. Erm... duh. And finally I tried to go down town to millennium point but couldn't. Because I don't know where it is. Soo... after thinking and thinking of ways to bring 2008 the merriest way possible I came to a final decision. At about half ten, I went to my bed and went to sleep. When I woke up the next day it was 2008. Hurray!

People make so many resolutions and then break them as soon as they get the hang over. I had one too. And it was never to travel virgin trains ever again. Erm did you know that students get ripped off from their money more than anyone else in England. You know, like student fees, halls rents, a new Morgan Freeman film every week and of course travelling back home. I pay a lot of money for my tickets and when the time comes to travel, the train never comes and when the train comes it's so packed that the only way to travel is by standing up in the middle of aisle and smelling somebody's stinking breathe for 2 hours. I even tried first class. During my last visit I bought a first class ticket and was a little chuffed but only up until I got to the coach and realised there are people standing in first class too. Yeah, I paid like £80 to stand up and go to Birmingham. The exception was, I never smelled anyone's breathe. It might be funny now but it wasn't then.

I of course tend not to keep with my resolution and break it next week because there is no other means of travelling to my city. You see there are too many cameras and speed limits and this and that and what have

ya. I'll end up paying back my drivers license and a lot of money to my transport minister who thinks it's okay to make money of people like that.

I have a solution for this problem though. As a matter of fact I have to. The first one is that my dear friend Richard should increase the number of trains on tracks so at least we get a seat on it, or alternatively, make me the new transport minister. I promise the first thing I will do is remove all the speeding cameras from roads and let people enjoy their money. Soo...who will vote for me?

On another note, if you're bored on Tuesday's from 1 till 2 you can listen to the Random hour on Ramair 1350 AM or www.ramair.co.uk. It's pretty cool because it's my show.

On a second, (another) note, apparently Britney Spears is dating some photographer from Birmingham. And he's an Asian. Almost everyone I saw during my last visit claims; that guy lives in small heath and is their cousin. Apparently he's my older brother's cousin too. Interesting.

After watching Charlie Wilson's War, I can affirm that Tom Hanks can sell anything. Even that piece of junk.



Valentines Messages

Dear Rosie

I do not give you jewelry, because you outshine any sapphire.
I do not give you clothes, because you master any attire.
I do not give you perfume, because you smell perfect to me.
I give you just a mirror, to see what I can see.

Love T

To Steve, I'm so glad that I've finally found you - I don't know what I'd do without you.
Happy Valentines Day! Love Jo xxxx

Dear Olga, I wrote this Haiku for you.

Two eyes of hazel
Flowing golden locks, lovers gaze
Though bathroom window

Love S

Dearest Sauce,

You are the most wonderful man,
You never say no, always I can,
You brighten my nights and days,
You are a delight on which to gaze,
You cheer me up when I am sad,
You calm me down when I am mad,
I am the luckiest girl on the land,
To be walking with you hand in hand,
My darling Saucy, I love you.

Frances x

Angie

Who? Me. Who? You. What?
Love. When? Always. What? The beloved.

Steve

Dear Kash

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I love you
Ouu ouu ouuu

Love anonymous

Max, I love all those long walks we take. My life wouldn't be the same without you in it. I love you, from Jennifer

Even though we're not together this valentines day, know that I love you and miss you Alice, my little running bear.

To my lovely little Jeebie, lots of love on Valentines day, from Heebie xxx

To J,

You drive me completely wild! Please be mine!
Your secret admirer xxxxx

Becci, what's new pussycat? I'll see you at Flirt you minx! Luv Rob the Dark Horse xXx

Dear Lucy

Seeing you smile fills me glee,
So I sit at home and wonder
Is the reason you won't speak to me
Because of the restraining order?

Love G

Daniel - you're one I was born to be with and the one I was supposed to be in
From the Long Haired Badger

Dear J

My loins burn for you
My bed churns for you.

F x

Dear Sock filled with Mashed Potato,

Our 9 years together have been the happiest of my life

Yours forever
Dave

Womens Officer

“Safety. Dignity. Giving women a voice.”

As women’s officer for the University of Bradford Union, I often have to defend my role to people (both men and women) who believe that there is “no need” for a women’s officer. Feminism, for some people, invokes an image of a 1960’s bra burning hippy. Perhaps, it may even be a woman who hates men and is angry at the world and anyone who challenges her. For one, I don’t burn my bras, it’s too expensive. Secondly, I don’t hate men. Hate turns to resentment and bitterness. This is not what feminism is about. For me, Feminism is about women self organising and coming together to fight against sexism. Feminism is women liking women, regardless of how she dresses or the choices she makes. The key that any true feminist holds is that of mutual support and respect. Our Union NEEDS a full time women’s officer to represent the discriminated majority of students who attend this institution (that’s women btw). In this article I shall be answering the questions that so often come up from students

Question: Women are not discriminated against. They have the vote and are legally able to work, so what’s the problem?

Sexism Exists. Did you know that female graduates earn on average 15% less than that of their male counterparts. Indeed, the Guardian Newspaper ran an article examining the differences in pay between male and female graduates. Forty per cent of men are earning more than £25,000 a year compared with 26% of women three years after graduation. Kat Stark, women’s officer for the National Union of Students, said: “These figures show that even after attending university, women are earning less than men. Many women are unaware that they are being paid less than men - in order to tackle this, the government should force employers to reveal how much they pay their employees.” I for one, am really glad I have racked up over £12 000 of student debt to be told that I probably won’t earn the same as a man. Where is the equality in that? That’s even before we examine the rates of domestic violence, rape, trafficking, negative body image and sexual harassment towards women. Before anyone jumps down my

throat, yes, I know it happens to men too. However, it isn’t on the same scale. Besides, changes in the law to protect ALL people from domestic violence will help defend everyone. Ironically, because domestic violence is seen as private act that happens to a woman (which is often the case), it is not given much thought..

Question: Why is their not a Men’s officer?

The Women’s Officer is a liberation officer. Other examples of Liberation Officers include the Black Students Officer and the LGBT officer. All Liberation officers are basically there to guarantee that these groups of students are represented both within the Union and University. As a group, Men are not discriminated against due in the same way as a woman. A man may unfortunately be racially harassed, but that is due to his race, not because he is a man. A man may suffer from testicular cancer. However that is a welfare issue, not a liberation campaign. A woman will suffer from sexism, regardless of her race, sexuality, socio-economic background or religion simply because she is a woman. We are different with different experiences, but the fact that we are women unites us as sexism attacks all women.

If you can think of a liberation cause for a man (due to his gender, not ethnicity, religion etc) email me. This could be interesting

Question: Wouldn’t it be better to have an Equal Opportunities Officer so that all groups can be equally represented?

No. All of the liberation officers exist to offer specific representation to discriminated groups. Autonomy within the women’s campaign is important.

If there were to be an equal opportunities officer, how could that officer be able to fully represent the wide range of students? To be blunt, how can a man represent women? A heterosexual woman represent a gay man? A white man represent black people? A woman’s officer guarantees a woman representative on union executive and autonomy allows that group to self-organise.



We Will Keep On Campaigning

There is so much to examine, but I couldn’t possibly go into everything in this article. However, I want to point out that women have come a long way. Our suffragette sisters fought, often with their lives, to give us the vote. Our sister of the 1960’s fought for social equality, however, in order for women to truly have freedom, they need the freedom to choose and live without fear or consequence. Today, only 19% of British MPs are women ranking the United Kingdom as 52nd out of 184 countries with Rwanda ranking as number one. 48% of Rwanda’s MPs are women. As I have already highlighted, a women’s officer is a guaranteed representative on union executive. Within the Bradford union, this is a key political representative. We seem to have forgotten that women’s rights are human rights. They are non transferable or exchangeable and we are born with them. By denying us equality, we are being denied our human rights. THAT’S why we keep on campaigning..

If you are still unsure of what feminism is, let me leave you with this quote from Rebecca West, “Feminism is the radical notion that women are people.”

Nadia Chergui
Women’s Officer
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If this sappy stuff isn't for you, you might want to try one of BSN's

WORST PICK UP LINES



I'm single - wanna mingle?

Love is blind. We should touch

Can I buy you a drink, or do you just want the money?

I may not be the best looking guy here, but I'm the only one talking to you.

Hey baby, what's your sign? Caution, slippery when wet, dangerous curves ahead yield?

You are a spotlight amongst 40 watt bulbs.

Hi will you help me find my lost puppy? I think he went into this cheap hotel room across the street.

I'm a love Pirate, and I'm here for your booty! ARGH!



Dark Dating: What not to do on a date.

By Laurie Williams

- The advice 'be yourself' is misleading, vague, and for dates, dangerous. If someone says this to you, attempt not to have a philosophical discussion about the nature of 'the self' until at least after the date. Furthermore, do not under any circumstances think that this means that you should tell the "" stuff about yourself that under normal circumstances you keep to yourself. These things are most likely disturbing and disgusting, simply bury them deep in your psyche.
- At best I can change this piece of advice to "be your casual self", but keep a sharp eye on your date: if she appears to be growing weary about your talk of how cool 'ultimate frisbee' really is, abort.
- Treat 'em mean, keep 'em keen Versus being a gentlemen. Namely for how men should act, though can be applied the other way around. Neither of these two types of treatment are universal, for that to be true we would have to make a massive generalisation about the opposite sex. And however much you think they're all evil bitches, they're actually very diverse evil bitches.

And so my best advice is to gauge as quickly as possible what kind of person s/he is, and follow that line. For example, hold the door open for her, and make some lame "ladies first" comment. If she is genuinely happy at being treated like some urban princess then continue, if she obviously thinks you're a pansy, then quickly slam the door in her face, laugh, and tell her that s/he looks a mess. This will most likely result in the date-ee jumping you for rough, unbridled sex in the restaurant/pub/cinema. Although it would appear the date is going well, it's generally best to calm 'em down, and continue with social normality.



Bradford STUDENTS

As February is the month of Love we have special **Flirt!** Offers for the whole of the Month!

• **Friday 8th**

£2 Entry between 10.30pm and 11.30pm

• **Friday 15th**

All Drinks £1 between 10.30pm and 11.30pm

• **Friday 22nd**

BOGOF on selected drinks between 10.30pm and 11.30pm

• **Friday 29th**

All Drinks £1 between 10.30pm and 11.30pm

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When the Cribs played at The Basement there were whispers of change. The students of Bradford University could see a gig with a big name band in their own Union. No train to Leeds! Was this gig a one off? they questioned. Well not if UBU has anything to do with it....the stories of the days when Nirvana and Co graced the stage here at Bradford could no longer be that of legend. This month sees two heavyweights of the UK music scene come to Bradford in The Twang and Reverend & The Makers.

Reverend & The Makers on the 24th February has Sold out but UBU still has a small number of tickets available for the Twang on Saturday 23rd February priced at £13.50 from the UBU Reception.

If you missed out on tickets but don't want to miss this huge weekend of Music go to www.ubonline.co.uk to have a chance to win tickets for both gigs.

What the press say.....

The Twang

‘A sense that The Twang are destined for greatness engulfs the venue’ - **THE GUARDIAN**

‘the reason The Twang have risen so swiftly is, simply, because they write better, more exciting and fresher sounding songs than anyone else’ - **TIME OUT**

‘Swaggering, big hearted rock’n’roll mischief from Birmingham.’ - **NME**

Reverend & The Makers

-Jon McClure is the self-aggrandising, Sheffield-bred Reverend, and with his backing group, the Makers, he works through the same poetry of beers, blokes and birds as the Arctic Monkeys - **THE GUARDIAN**

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'What's on?': February

<UBU General>

[Union General Meeting]: 31st January@ Horton Barn, from 18.00-21.00. Have you been waiting long to have your say? Now is the chance at the Union General Meeting. Win a free guest list place to the Union FLIRT, Reverend and the Makers, The Twang and much much more.

[Nominations Open]: 4th February@ across campus, from 09.30-

[Council meeting]: 7th February@ University Board Room, Richmond, from 18.00-21.00.

[Nominations Close]: 18th February@ Across Campus, 12.00.

[Womens Forum]: 31st January@ Biko Board Room, 13.00-14.00. The women's forum is a safe place for Women to meet, support and campaign for equality together. So whether you are a keen activist or just looking for a friendly and fun social space, come along!

[Fair-trade Fortnight]: February@ Across Campus, 12.00.

[Election]: 4th & 5th March @ Across Campus

<Entertainments>

Wednesday 30th Jan:

[S&S Night]: @ Colours from 19.30-21.30.

[Honk! Honk! Mosh Mosh: RamAir]: @ Escape from 10pm. Fantastic rock and metal sets from RamAir presenters and DJs. Selected pints are only £1 before 11pm and still only £1.25 afterwards!

[S&S Night]: @ Colours from 19.30-21.30.

1st Feb, Friday:

[FLIRT]: @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

2nd Feb:

[Latin Fiesta]: @ Basement, 10.00pm. Presented by Latin and Hispanic Student Society. We will offer students from current Spanish club music to Latin American reggaeton, merengue, salsa etc with special drink promotion! Contact: Naoki on N.Saito@Bradford.ac.uk

Monday 4th February:

[Enquiry-Samahra]: @ Basement, 16.30pm-21.30.

[Honk! Honk! Mosh Mosh: RamAir]: Monday 4th February@ Escape from 10pm. Best of pop, rock and party brought to you by RamAir.

Tuesday 5th Feb:

[Rock Sox]: @ Escape, 10pm.

Wednesday 6th Feb:

[S&S Night]: @ Colours from 19.30-20.00.

[Willy Nilly]: @ Escape from 10.00pm-2.00am. A night of music, dancing and free cake. Live music from 'Biscuithead and the Biscuit Badgers' so get down early or miss their amusing hilarity!! £2 in, still lots of free [vegan] cake and sweets for your consumption. fancy dress is encouraged, but not obligatory.

8th Feb, Friday

[FLIRT]: @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

[Cancer Fundraising Event]: @ Colors, 21.00pm-22.00pm.

9th Feb, Friday

[Reggae Shop]: @ Escape, 10.00pm-.

11th Feb

[Karaoke Party]: @ Escape, 19.00pm More fun than poking people with pointy sticks, £1 a point, coupled with an up for it crowd. Kicks off your week with your style. Fortnightly. Contact Aman for more info-07875 014 016

5th Feb

[Rock Sox]: Tuesday @ Escape, 10pm.

[University of Bradford Jazz Duo-Research Showcase]: Tuesday @ Richmond Atrium, 12.30pm. Jonathan Brigg (piano) and Oliver Tipper (sax) perform music to enhance the University's innovative Research Showcase. Performing blend of music by Duke Ellington and Miles Davies and other Jazz icons. Free but donations welcome, Contact: 01274 233191 music@bradford.ac.uk

6th Feb

[S&S Night]: Wednesday @ Colours from 19.30-20.00.

Wednesday 13th Feb

[Enquiry-Maria]: @ Colours from 16.30-20.00.

Thursday 14th Feb

[Fun House]: @ Colours from 20.00-

8th Feb, Friday

[FLIRT]: @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

16th Feb, Friday

[DV8 (formerly Tokyo): @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

Monday 18th February

[Honk! Honk! Mosh Mosh: RamAir]: @ Escape from 10pm. Best of pop, rock and party brought to you by RamAir.

Tuesday 19th Feb

[Rock Sox]: @ Escape, 10pm.

[S&S Night]: Wednesday 20th Feb @ Colours from 19.30-20.00.

22nd Feb, Friday

[FLIRT]: @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

23rd Feb, Friday

[The Twang]: @ Basement, doors open 19.00. This event is for over 14's only and is £12.50 for students from the student union or subject to a booking fee on-line.

[Hobnob]: @ Escape, 10.00pm-.

Return of Hobnob! Playing only the finest in; Reggae, Soul, Funk, Hip-Hop and Breaks. For all those who like to listen to something with a little more soul and an alternative edge than your average clubnight. Look for Hub Nob events either on 23rd Feb or 13th March! £2.50 entry anytime plus FREE HOBNOBS!! Contact: Jon on J.D.Porter@Bradford.ac.uk

24th Feb, Sunday

[Reverend and the Makers]: @ Basement, doors open 19.00. This event is for over 14's only. Tickets: SOLD OUT

25th Feb

[Karaoke Party]: @ Escape, 19.00pm More fun than poking people with pointy sticks, £1 a point, coupled with an up for it crowd. Kicks off your week with your style. Fortnightly. Contact Aman for more info-07875 014 016

Tuesday 19th Feb

[Rock Sox]: @ Escape, 10pm.

Wednesday 20th Feb

[S&S Night]: @ Colours from 19.30-20.00.

29th Feb, Friday

[FLIRT]: @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

Saturday 1st Mar

[Xpression Sessions]:, @ Basement, 10.00[m-3.00am. It's first launch night with Marshall Jefferson, Greg Robinson, The Deep Soul DJ Experience, Matt Threader and the Jazzfunk Disco! Advanced tickets: £8 SBF from Jumbo and Crash Records in Leeds City Centre. As a student of the University of Bradford, you can pick up an advance ticket for just £7 with no booking fee from The Courtyard Bar on Campus! Contact: Email: xpressionsessionsbradford@gmail.com.

Saturday 1st Mar.

[Tribal Gathering]: @ Basement, 10.00pm-.

Monday 3rd Mar, Friday

[Desi Vibe]: @ Basement, 09.00pm-.

<Cultural Events: Art Exhibitions>

<Gallery II, University of Bradford>

[The Influence of Heritage—A celebration of Pakistani Art]:

Time&Date: Wednesday 5 December 2007 – Friday 15 February 2008. Also open Saturday 26 January, 11am – 3pm

Location: Gallery II, Chesham Building, University of Bradford. Description: This exhibition, in association with the new National Gallery of the Arts in Islamabad, Pakistan, brings together three leading artists living and working in Pakistan with three living and working in the UK and looks at the influence of culture and heritage on their art. Featuring the work of Jamal Shah, Iqbal Husain and Nahid Raza.

Contact: gallery@bradford.ac.uk or 01274 235495

Gallery II opening times: Weekdays: 11am – 5pm, Thursdays until 6pm.

Or by appointment.

Admissions: FREE

<Impressions Gallery, Centenary Square>

1. [Top Dog—Designed with animals in mind]:

Time&Date: 17 November 2007 - 2 March 2008

Location: Bradford 1 Gallery, Impressions Gallery, Centenary Square.

Description: "We humans all appreciate good design so why not for our four legged friends as well? Top Dog explores craft and design for the pet and animal world in a light hearted and appealing exhibition full of surprises."

2. [Ultima Thule]:

Time&Date: 13th Feb - 13th Apr 2008

Location: Impressions Gallery, Centenary Square.

Description: Stephen Vaughan's stunning large-scale landscape photographs explore the connections between geology, archaeology and history.

Contact: Tel: 08450 515 882, Email: enquiries@impressions-gallery.com

Website: www.impressions-gallery.com

Opening times: Tuesday (11am-6pm), Wednesday (11am to 6pm), Thursday (11am to 8pm), Friday (11am to 6pm), Saturday (12pm to 5pm), Closed Mondays.

Admissions: FREE

<'What's on?' from Sports&Societies>

[IDSL (Inter-Departmental Sports League): 4th Feb. We have three leagues, badminton, squash, and mixed 5-a-side football. They all take place at lunchtimes during the week. Feel free to come watch, see the website (www.ubuonline.co.uk) for more information.

[Pancake Day]: 5th Feb@ Colours,10.00pm- Are you a Tosser? Come on down to win an eating competition and 2 tickets for Reverend and the Makers for free!! Entry £3 with FREE pancake.

[Race Night]: 28th Feb, Choose what you pay for a night at the races!!

[UBU Auction]: 6th March@ Escape. "Going Once, Going Twice" Entry £1.

[Intermural]: 8th/9th March. This is our annual event, 10 teams 5 guys 5 girls compete in 10 different sports. Anyone can enter; further information will go on the website in due course.

Things to keep in mind:

April 11th: Colours dinner

April 16th: Varsity

May 3rd-5th: Basketball Tournament

Where Are They Now?



Matt Anderson former sports and Societies Officer

1. What year were you the Sports and Societies Officer of Bradford Students Union?

2003-2005

2. Where were you a member of any sports or societies during your post?

Ultimate Frisbee, Badminton, tennis, and I played squash for a bit. (Quite an athletic lad)

3. Which sport or society gave you the most hassle?

None of them (with a big grin on his face).

4. Why was the heating never on in your office?

I like the cold, plus my hair at the time acted like a woolly hat for me, I was always hot in the office. Also the cold kept me awake in boring meetings.

5. On a night out which team had the best Social?

Well I didn't really go on many socials, but I could say the safest one I went to was taekwondo. No one could mess with us, they were all black belts. Don't believe in drinking circles so I made a point by not going to any socials. I believe people shouldn't be forced to drink if they don't want to. (Good on ya Matt).

6. Which Sport or Society had the worst/best initiation?

Didn't know about them.....well I wasn't suppose to.

7. Why did they call you huggy?

My flat mate was into movies and he gave me the nick name from the 70s film Star-sky and Hutch. Also the girls in my halls said I gave really good hugs.

8. Was there any romance in the air between any of Sabbatical officers?

No, we were all just friends.

9. Seen as its Valentines who would be your ideal partner?

Minnie Driver, I would love to go out with her, she has nice eyes.

10. Where would you take your partner for Valentines Day?

I would cook her a really nice meal at home.

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