

Bernie Grant, Labour MP for Harringey, came down to the Enfield occupation meeting last night. It was absolutely great that he took the time to come here and give his support. He brought messages of support from the Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs and donated £20 to occupation funds.

In a rousing speech he talked about how the increase in student action, especially occupations, has inspired other people who have been ground by the Tories. He mentioned the Tottenham Three campaign, the Le Pen ticket last Friday and how important student involvement had been.

Bernie also went on to talk about the Labour party and the effect Kinnock's *New Realism* has had on left-wing MPs in particular. Whilst urging us to vote Labour and kick out the Tories, Bernie admitted that Labour wouldn't be much different from the Tories i.e. they won't be able to deliver too much. The witch-hunt inside the Labour party has meant many left-wing MPs have had to keep their heads down.

Bernie's speech really boosted our morale but left many with doubts about Labour. His admission on the inability of Labour to fundamentally change things shows that now is the best time to build a real socialist alternative outside the Labour party. An organisation that isn't tied to the do-nothing-wait-for-the-general-election approach but one based on the struggles of workers and the students on the ground.

As a SWSS and SWP member I am pleased to see Bernie

coming and speaking at our occupation meeting. In a party that he belongs to a party that does everything in its power to stop ordinary people fighting back.

Adenike Johnson, SWSS



Thank You Professor Melville

Yes, thank you Professor Melville and all of your brilliant management team for having compelled me and my fellow students into occupying Middlesex Polytechnic.

Thanks to you Mr Melville, the last 20-odd days have been the most enjoyable, the most meaningful and the most constructive of my life.

Thanks to you Mr Melville I have had the opportunity to meet some of the friendliest, most sincere and dedicated people in which a more normal course of events I would never have encountered.

Thanks to you Mr Melville, my faith in human nature has been fully restored having witnessed first hand how, in adverse situations, people can come together in a completely selfless fashion and unite and fight for an ideal that they truly believe is both just and attainable.

Thanks to you Mr Melville I have, in the course of the occupation, visited other colleges and workplaces and have never ceased to be moved by the overwhelming support given to the student's cause at Middlesex Poly.

Yes, a big thank you indeed Mr Melville for giving ordinary people like me an enormous boost in confidence in enabling us to take on faceless bureaucrats that push us around and treat us like children.

Yes, Mr Melville we owe all these things to you and more, because, as it seems increasingly likely, we will not be receiving a very good education at Middlesex Poly, you will at least have had the satisfaction of teaching us something of great educational importance, namely, that when men in grey suits say 'Trust us we know what we are doing' we can now collectively reply 'BULLSHIT!'. And the reason we can confidently adopt this offensive tone, Mr Melville, is because we really do know what we are doing and we will go on doing it until we win.

Thank you. From Johnny-Poos.

Hendon

Yesterday at Hendon they voted not to go into occupation, but this does not mean to say they do not support our action. Plenty of students at Hendon had complaints about their working conditions, examples of this include having to move lectures from rooms that were hot and smelly to rooms that were cold and where the lights didn't work! There are 160 students in some 3rd and 4th year lectures and there are not enough chairs. Hendon is a site meant for 1,200 students. It actually has 3,500 students! Some of the action they are taking in support of us includes MBA students who are sponsored by business (their course costs ten thousand pounds!) writing to their sponsors to tell them they are unhappy with the state of their education. Last year this college made one and a quarter million pounds profit from Hendon, but Hendon students say they do not see the benefit of this. During the site meeting someone merely suggested that a 24 hour occupation of the library should occur, within ten minutes the Dean had locked the library and the computer room and put security guards outside them! Management are clearly worried about action at Hendon. There is a petition going around the whole of Hendon that is expected to be widely supported. It is worded as follows:

"The students of Hendon site fully support fellow Middlesex Polytechnic students occupying other sites in their action to fight management cutbacks in conjunction with other polytechnic students. This site demands an investigation takes place into the allocations of funds and resources.

We demand in writing that there will be planned proposals from management to rectify the appalling facilities at Hendon." Hendon have the power to cause the management a lot of trouble. They are a powerful tool whether in or out of occupation. We ask Hendon students to sign this petition and we offer our full support in any action taken.

Teach-In at Enfield

Seminar Schedule

These seminars are Student led

- 10:00 State & Society - Welfare State, rm 65a
- 11:30 HM102 - Luther, rm 52
- 12:00 English Set Meeting, rm 65a
- 1:00 French Set Meeting SU Lounge
- 1:00 PS100 - Statistics, rm 52
- 1:00 Neo-Classical & Romantic Poetry, rm 60
- 1:00 Video Seminar "Do Men Hate Women?", Library
- 2:30 Econometrics 4th yr, rm 65a
- 3:30 Industry of Economy 4th yr, rm 65a
- 5:00 Essay Workshop, rm 52
- 5:00 Learning Group Statistics PS100, Library

Lecturers available to any students from Third World Studies, Social Work and English in the SU Lounge

MIDDLESEX SAY UP YOUR INJUNCTION!

David 'Mr. Nice Guy' Melville proved yesterday that he is as untrustworthy as every Director we've had before him. When he said he would not use injunctions against us while we are in negotiations he obviously did not mean it. He announced to our delegates yesterday that he would be issuing injunctions today if we did not agree to leave by 1pm on Friday. Frankly whatever they intended we are NOT scared. If Melville does seek an injunction today this has several implications, it is not definite that he will get it. Secondly, if it is served it will give us a period of time in which to vacate the premise, after that time has elapsed the management will have to return to court for

an Enforcement Order which again will give us another leaving date. After this date has past the police will come and remove us. This means that it is unlikely that the police will arrive before the middle of next week.

The word police may conjure in people's minds mounted police, riot shields, tear-gas, etc., there is no need to worry. When they do come they will ask us to leave and we will (probably), that's all there is to it. Don't panic, no-one's going to prison and provided there's no violence no-one will get arrested. Melville does not want newspaper photographs of students from his college being attacked by police - and the press WILL be there.

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