

denied to those less secure and secondly against our having been deceived into a second-rate education." - CH students, quoted in Times 17 Dec.

"Talks with the Polytechnic's director David Melville have so far led to an agreement that no students involved in the action will be victimised." - Time Out, 4 Dec.

"Student numbers in universities have risen by 29,000 this term - enough to fill three new universities." - Guardian 29 Nov.

"Despite John Major's complacent praise nothing could be more damaging to wider access and the opening up of democratic possibilities within a mass system, than for it to be tainted with sliding standards, the deliberate erosion of academic quality." - Times HE Supp. 6 Dec.

"The lecturers Union NATFHE recognises that the students at the polytechnic are drawing attention by their current actions to their justifiable anger and frustration at the deterioration of the education they are receiving due to government policies, past mismanagement, and the policies recently adopted at the polytechnic in response to the financial crisis...NATFHE members have protested since September ... and warned that present conditions can only lead, despite our best efforts as teachers, to a drop in academic standards." - from NATFHE statement on occupation, 26 Nov.

"Mr. Bradley also said that senior staff with their own lockable offices should be prepared to lock themselves in and summon help rather than acquiesce to occupation... Mr. Bradley said the institution was prepared to enforce this injunction if necessary so that the academic programme could run normally. The polytechnic was prepared to have the injunction served on any other student." - North Circular 14 Jan '92.

"In the realm of education nowadays, it seems that every silver lining has a cloud...Education, by our way of thinking, should be a fundamental right NOT a privilege. Universities can play as cynically and viciously as they choose: the student movement must fight them every inch of the way." - Essex University Students' Union and Essex Area NUS fax, 28 Nov.

"You are not isolated and this is certainly the beginning of something big. We hope that you win your demands...we believe we all need to fight together on this issue". - Sussex Area NUS and Brighton Poly Students' Union fax.

"It is only by such direct action that the students' fight against cuts in benefits and cuts in education can be successful. There can be no better lead for students nationally than to look at the example set by Middlesex Poly." - Royal Holloway and Bedford, fax, 25 Nov.

"Young workers and students must understand that the demands will not be decided in Parliament, but in the work places, estates and colleges." - Terry Fields MP, David Nellist MP, fax, 22 Nov.

"What a disaster enthrals you! How right you are in your demands - Demands! - they are only the minimum required for you to function. I'll give you a lecture...Love Vivienne" - Vivienne Westwood, fax, 29 Nov.

"Support for the NUS at Middx. Poly in its struggle against the decimation of the education service. The occupation at Middx. Poly represents a brilliant step in fighting the Tories' attempt to introduce a market in education." - NUPE, Haringey branch motion, North Middx. Hospital, fax, 10 Dec.

"Expansion of higher education is vital, but it cannot be achieved on the cheap." - Matthew Taylor, Lib Dem education spokesman, fax.

"All the country really has in the long run is its culture. We ought to be supporting the people making the culture" - The artist Peter Blake in support of us.

"Above all, those who attend or visit the Polytechnic must be allowed to acquire knowledge and express ideas freely, without fear or hindrance, especially when the information sought or views expressed do not have common currency or ready acceptance." - from Middx. Poly Mission Statement.....this rather conflicts with Melville's recent attempt to use High Court injunctions to silence MPSU exec. members from advocating direct actions such as occupations!

## DELEGATES FROM MIDDLESEX WERE SENT TO:

Kent University  
Luton College  
City of London Polytechnic  
Cambridge University  
Goldsmiths College of Art  
London College of Printing  
Newcastle Polytechnic  
Thames Polytechnic  
Polytechnic of North London  
Leicester Polytechnic  
Royal Holloway & Bedford New College  
Brunel University  
London School of Economics  
Lancaster University  
Cardiff NUS Rally  
Bristol Polytechnic  
Exeter University  
Brighton Polytechnic  
School of Oriental & African Studies  
Camberwell College of Art  
Nottingham University  
Birmingham University  
Coventry Polytechnic  
Sussex University  
Teeside Polytechnic  
NUS London Press Conference

