

# DIARY OF THE OCCUPATION

## WEEK ONE

19/11/91

A huge meeting of Cat Hill students listens to the Director, David Melville's assurances for over an hour. With huge cuts in tutors and machinery & buildings in a constant state of disrepair students are not impressed. They vote for indefinite occupation, with no votes against (the first Cat Hill occupation for many years).

26/11/91

Cat Hill students visit other sites to publicise branch meetings that are due to discuss occupation the next day.

21/11/91

Enfield, Trent Park, Ivy House, Quicksilver Place, all vote for indefinite occupation.

22/11/91

Site Meetings held daily to plan action and take decisions by vote.

Funds set up to provide food etc.

Grievances/demands collated for each course.

Representatives organised to undertake negotiations with management.

3pm Enfield Reps meet with management, they agreed to take demands to director Monday am.

At Trent Park Leon Rubin, head of drama, tells BAPA students that their assessments, a large proportion of their degree, cannot be rescheduled. This is clearly an attempt by management to turn



the BAPA students (previously some of the most solid supporters of occupations) against the rest of the students.

The Director holds negotiations with representatives of Cat Hill students, and pretends to give real concessions..... Yet another attempt to divide us.

Libraries made available for study only.

Branch Meeting at Bounds Green. Very anti-occupation amongst engineering students because lecturers had threatened their assessments- voted against. Interior Design Department occupies independently.

Press Rooms set up at Trent Park and Enfield.

Enfield site arrange informal seminars by students.

Evening site meeting at Enfield decided against negotiating site by site (divide and rule principle) - the idea of an intersite negotiating committee put to other sites.

Some lecturers at Hendon threatened to resign over poor conditions, asked students to support occupation.

Winners of the Beaujolais Run in Aid of Children In Need arrived back at midnight.

23/11/91

Publicity teams contacted all media. Bars and discos set up. Ents organised.

Intersite mtg. took place at Cat Hill 2pm. A proposed set of Polywide demands was given to delegates to be taken back to their sites.

## WEEK TWO

24/11/91

Snack Bar opened at Enfield

Edition of 'Occupation National' produced in response to the growing number of messages of support and similar action being taken by other colleges.

A minibus rota set up to provide inter-site transport.

Students from Enfield and Cat Hill attended NUS London and managed to put forward an emergency motion which was passed.

25/11/91

Lecturers at Enfield offered to provide unofficial lectures/semi-