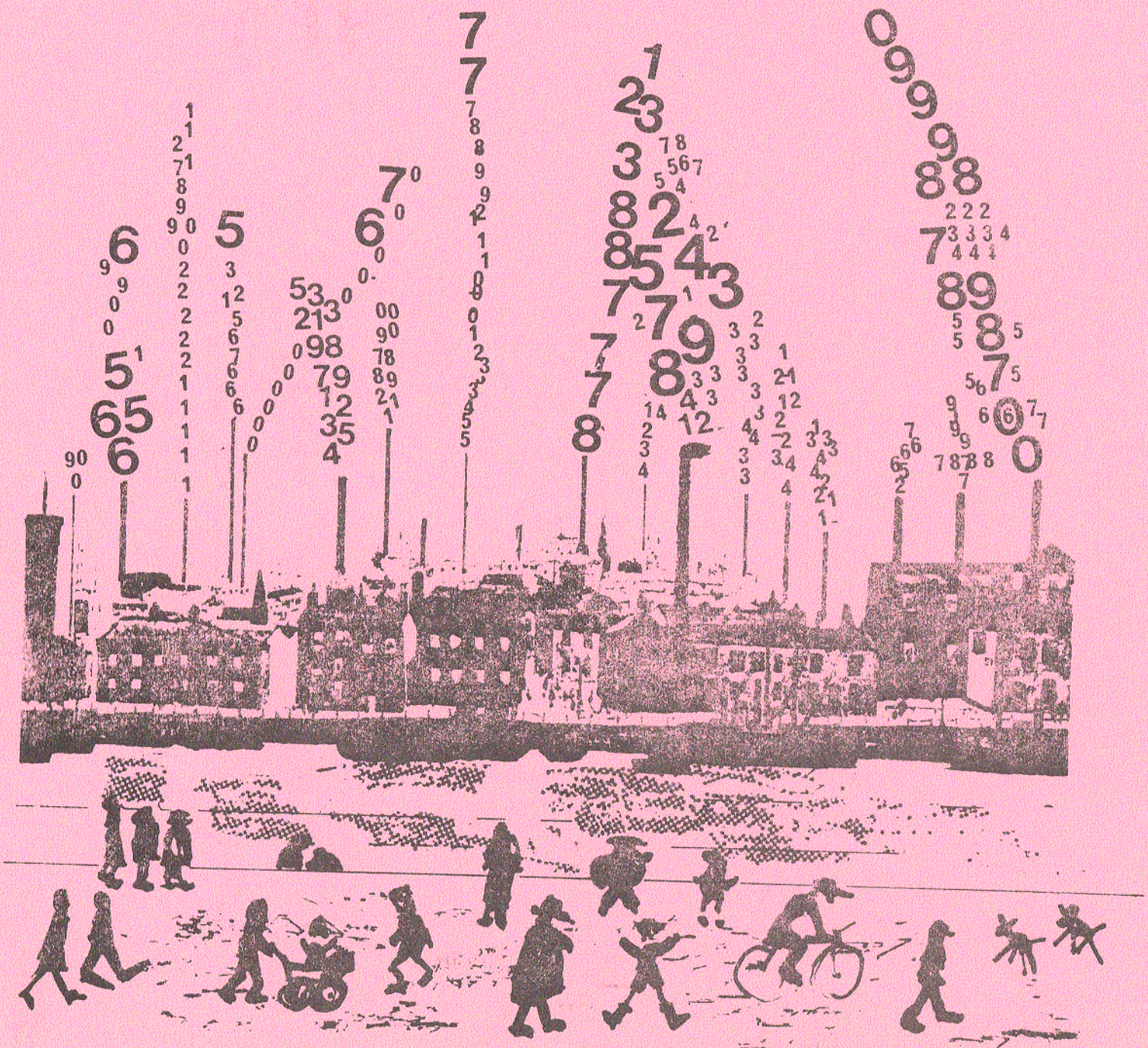


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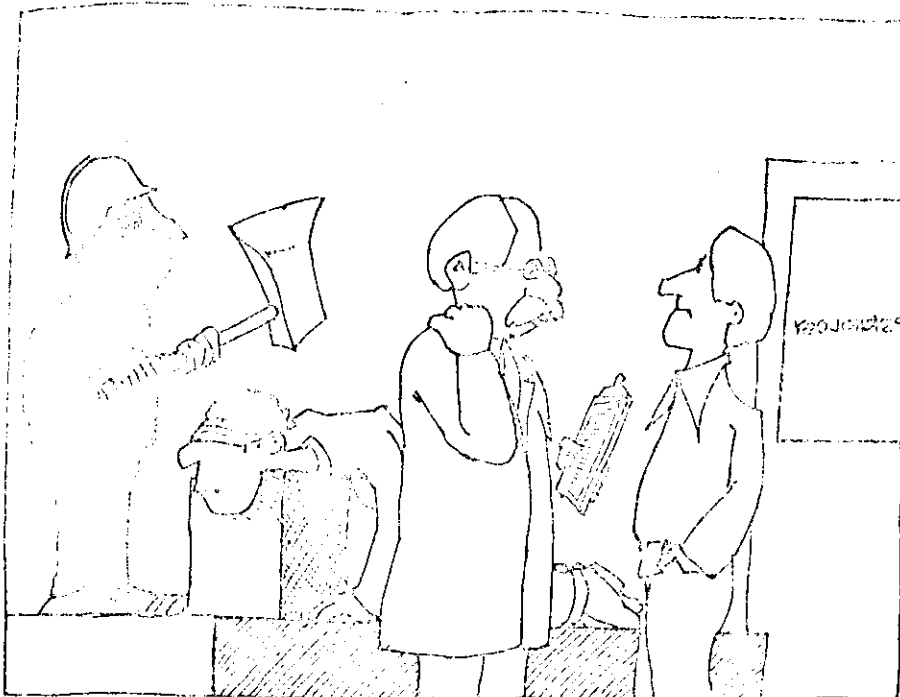
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- Editors - normally send the typed newsletter to John Bibby (Faculty of Mathematics, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA) one month before they want the newsletter to reach readers.
- at the same time should notify the Pentagon (RSG, c/o BSSRS, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG) so that they can update the mailing list with John Bibby.
  - will be provided with A3 sheets (for typing articles to be reduced) from John Bibby on request. (Note that these sheets require a wide typewriter, eg IBM)

Contributors should send typed contributions, single-spaced on A4 paper (or on A3 as above), where possible.

WARNING By H.M. Government BRITAIN TODAY CAN DAMAGE YOUR SANITY
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"I'm doing a little study on the effects of emotional stress. Now, just take the axe from my assistant."

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 19th and 20th

Sheffield City Polytechnic, Heriot House, Room H203, Pond Street Site

The conference will bring together members of the radical statistics movement to discuss current projects and campaigns. These include the Nuclear Group's work on the nuclear issue, the Race Group's work on Education about Racism and a discussion of labour movement epidemiology. A new proposed volume of statistics entitled Anti Social Trends will also be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on local campaigns and CND and the Anti Nazi League have been invited to appropriate sessions. With the present economic and political crisis it is increasingly important for us to support campaigns in the labour movement.

Friday March 19th	Tea and biscuits 7.00pm
7.30 - 9.00	"The Nuclear Numbers Game" Nuclear Group and CND
9.30	Celebration of seven years of Radstats

Saturday March 20th	
10.00	Coffee
10.30	"Racism: an Education Kit" Race Group and ANL
11.30	"Labour Movement Epidemiology" Tony Fletcher
12.30	Lunch
2.00	Business Meeting
3.00	"Anti Social Trends" Roy Carr Hill and Ian Miles
4.30	Concluding Disucssion

Money                      A fee of about £2 will be charged to cover expenses.

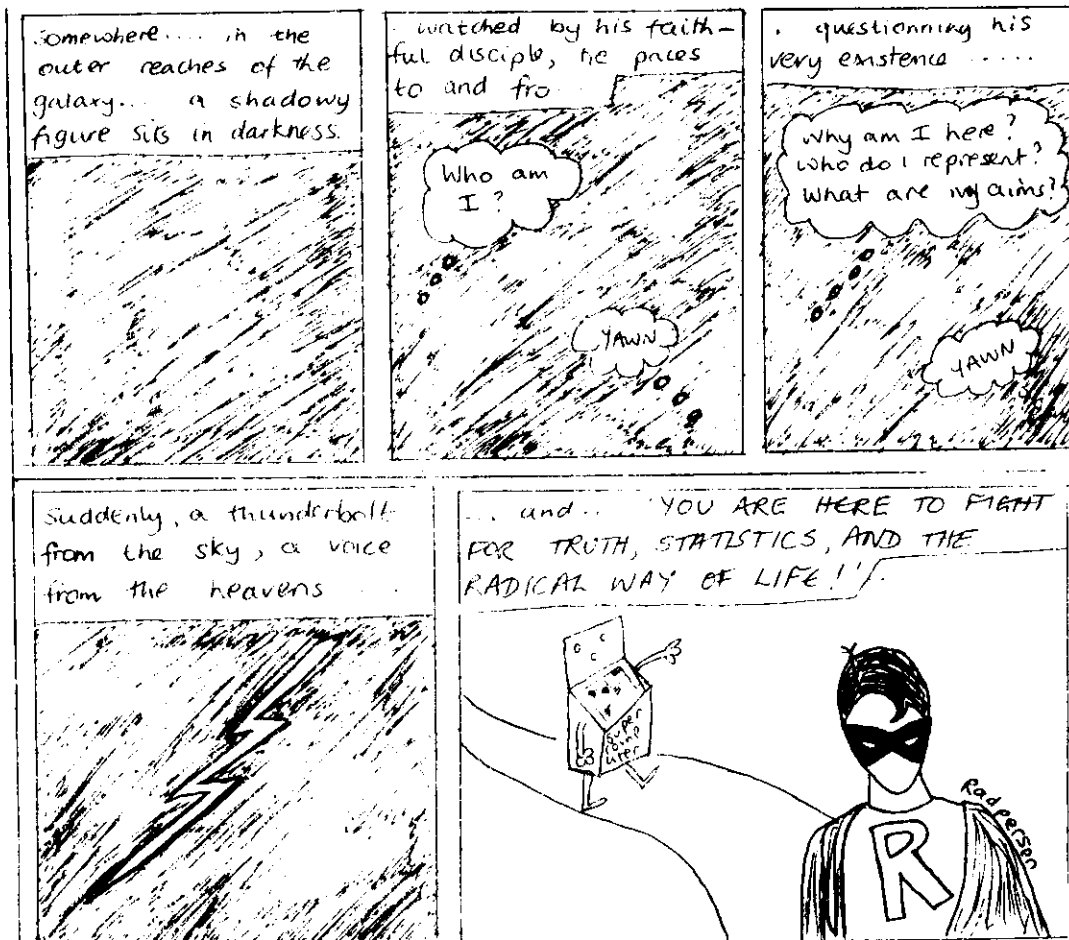
Sleeping                      We will be able to accomodate everyone in our own homes or in the homes of friends. Bring a sleeping bag and let us know when you will be arriving.

Party                      The Friday night session will be followed by a celebration of seven years of radical statistics. Please bring something to drink.

Fill in and return the slip on the back of the newsletter.  
No later than March 10th.

Lifts

We are trying to co-ordinate lifts to Sheffield.  
Lifts from St Albans have been offered by  
Alison McFarlane and from Nuneaton by  
Heather Booth. See the slip on the back.



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(By popular request)

# THOUSANDS PROTEST

Students  
step-up  
sit-in

THOUSANDS of angry protesters marched through Sheffield city centre today to attack the policies of the Thatcher Government.

By Prakash Gandhi and Robert...  
policy to save jobs and boost industries.

Students, teachers, trade unionists and hundreds of other forces in the demonstration, part of the Day of Action against G

THE workforce of Sheffield steel & to take strike action if management take 250 jobs.

# WILL STEELMILL

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# SURVEY

## SELECTION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Shirley Taylor of the Socialist Health Association (It was formerly known as the Socialist Medical Association but has changed its name as part of an attempt to concentrate more effort on preventative medicine) wants to collect information about the extent to which pupils from London comprehensive schools are successful in gaining entry to medical schools. She is particularly interested in the London medical schools which have a reputation for preferring students with a family history of doctoring and prowess on the rugby field, both of which factors would appear to be correlated with private school education! She was thinking of doing a survey and wondered if Radical Statistics could help. However, could such data be derived from data which is already collected? Is anyone else doing research on this subject? She would be glad of any information. Please contact Shirley Taylor, 8 Gresley Road, London N19. Tel: 01 263 0133.

# COMPUTERS

## COMPUTERS FOR PEOPLE GROUP

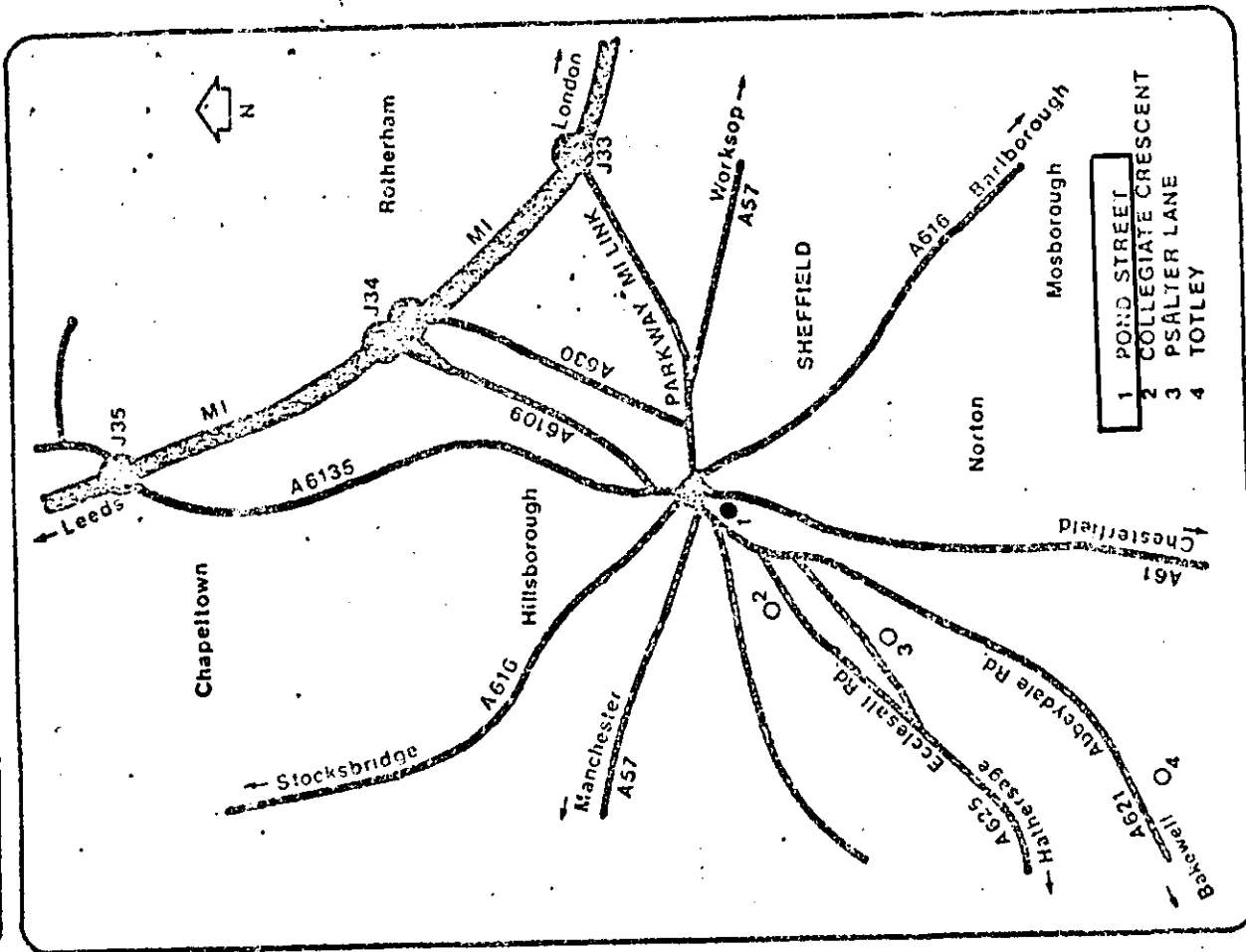
This group has recently formed in Sheffield to discuss issues connected with computers from a radical standpoint, and to foster a greater awareness of how computers are used and how they could be used.

The group is trying to forge links with people who work with or are affected by computers, and to increase understanding of the social and political aspects of their work. In particular the group is investigating ways in which radical and community groups would like to make use of computing facilities, and is considering the acquisition of such equipment for this purpose.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in Commonground Resources Centre on the Wicker.

Further info contact Doug Bell, Dept of Computer Studies, Sheffield City Polytechnic, Pond Street, Sheffield.

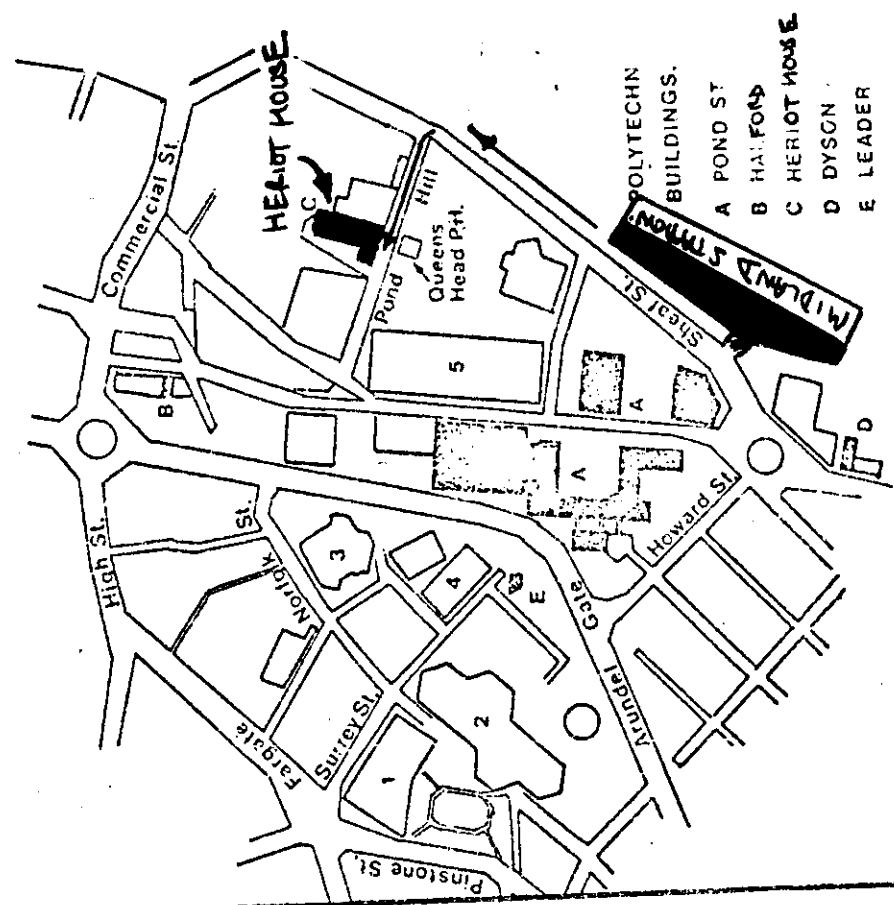
# SHEFFIELD CITY POLYTECHNIC



# REGIONAL PLANS

## Pond Street Site

Places of Interest: 1, Town Hall 2, Town Hall  
Ext. 3, Crucible Theatre 4, Central Library  
5, Bus Station 6, Railway Station



Fill in and return this by March 10th.

To: Radstats Group c/o Dept of Statistics & OR, Sheffield City Polytechnic  
Pond Street, Sheffield.

From: Name .....

Address: .....

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Tel No: Home ..... Work .....

Tick as appropriate:-

- ☐ I will be coming to the Radstats conference on March 19th/20th arriving  
Friday night Saturday morning
- ☐ I can offer sleeping accommodation for .... people.
- ☐ I would like sleeping accommodation on Friday night.
- ☐ I would like a lift to Sheffield from .....
- ☐ I am able to offer a lift to Sheffield from .....

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To: Radical Statistics Nuclear Group, 9 Poland Street, LONDON, W.1.

- ☐ Please send me ..... copies of "The Nuclear Numbers Games" as soon as it is  
published. I enclose £1.50 for each copy, plus 35p postage
- ☒ I would like ..... Christmas gift vouchers. (for next Christmas)
- ☐ I am happy to make a loan of ..... for ..... months to the Group to aid  
publication.

Name .....

Address .....

..... Tel No.....

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To: John Tate, Sheffield Education Dept, Leopold St., Sheffield S1 1RJ

Please send me ..... copies of "Racism: an information pack for workers  
with youth". I enclose 50p + 20p postage.

Name .....

Address .....

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Tel No .....

RADICAL STATISTICS GROUP



Embattled groups mobilise on three fronts to fight thousands of threatened redundancies

# Growth of short Council choice: A Heseltine 'Frankenstein' term contracts ending 4,000 jobs or 24.5pc rate rise harms teachers

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## REVERSING THE TREND

SEVENTH ANNUAL  
RADICAL STATISTICS CONFERENCE  
MARCH 19th 7.00pm  
MARCH 20th 10.00am  
SHEFFIELD CITY POLYTECHNIC  
HERIOT HOUSE H203  
POND ST.  
SHEFFIELD 1.

## Patients 'will pay for higher wages'

By John Ardill,  
Labour Correspondent  
Health authorities which fear industrial action by unions de-

Government purge will hit highest spenders hardest

## Funds cut for polytechnics threatens sixth of lecturers

By John Fairhall

seek to put greater financial

## University faces loss of 29 academics and closure of a medical department

By Wendy Berliner,  
Education Correspondent  
An economy package for Dundee University which will make 29 academics redundant and close the department of medical biophysics will be recommended to the university court on Monday.  
The move is a surprise because Dundee University did not fare badly under the last

way in which the university had tackled its problems and by the way in which industry had come to its aid.  
"Perhaps out of this very difficult time there may come a much closer cooperation between industry and Scotland than ever before," she said.  
Workers walked out on strike when Mrs Thatcher visited Kellogg's giant breakfast cereal plant at Trafford Park, Manchester yesterday. The Prime Minister toured silent production lines after 300 afternoon shift workers downed tools.  
Mr Brian Turner, financial secretary of the shopworkers' union at the plant, explained: "There were 300 redundancies here last year. There are plans for a further 300 jobs to go. We blame Government poli-

## West Midlands scrap cheap fares after legal advice