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### FRONT LAWN MEETING MONDAY MARCH 22nd 1pm

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### DEMAND: REINSTATEMENT AND ENQUIRY

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2. In his strike the Economics course at Syding University was "inchair" and not "op-to-date". A transmirate of and not "op-to-date". A transmirate of nicking and the strike of the str

3. Naturally enough, the new course was imposed in a crude way on the staff (also unfortunately "archaic" in their their skills and interests) and on students, who to enter the Economics course did not have to have mathematics as a matriculation ubject.

4. In this situation Bill Waters acted as a contesting and eritical catalyst. Along with Hill be carried out a survey on student opinion late 1969. Discovering considerable discontent, he began to articulate in in 1970 by demanding that the specialisation in advanced mathematics be optional, after an introductory first year course.

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ing mass meetings of students involved, revealed students supported him to the hilt. Waters' main student ally, Peter Wright, won overwhelming victories in the the Economies society presidential elections and the SRC elections in April and July. Lectures were also marked by petty acts of damption by students.

5. For Waters it was a case of student rights. He argued that students had a right to oppose, and veto by their actions, intolerable, imposed courses. He argued that they should have a right to shape the education they received.

6. In opposing the imposition of the new "modern" course as unacceptable, Bill Waters and his student's latfi sup-porters were inevitably acked what their then alternative was. This raised the question of the purpose and function as explicit or implicit answer to this question would flow the "alternative" course.

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7. Bill Waters was part of this consensus for some time, but could not remain so. Prior to May Moratorium, students and their staff allies had decided that May was to be a day when they decided what happened in the university and it was not to be an un-citical service institution on that day. Despite the instructions of the authorities to the contrary, Waters went along along with this. This was the measure of the man.

The <u>Financial Review</u> journalist John Edwards, writing in the issue of 26/6/70, discerned a minority strand

in the opposition who did not agree with the assumption that the course should be uncritically subordinate to capitalism. Edwards wrote: "He (Ho-

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9. By mid-1970, opposition from staff and students, and continuing discontent, had substaged the "new", "modern" course. At the beginning of third term it was amounced that the advanced mathematics content would be compulsory for Economics and the first year students from other faculties and in senior years the course would be optional.

10. Yet at the end of that term Waters and Hill were sacked. The "frustrated" Economics bosses sought their revenge for the intolerable, continuing conte-tation of their authority. In this action

they could be sure of the backing of the Vice Chancellor, who had waged an incessant crussed during 1970 against the concept of mas student action for demand serfused by the action for the sure of the concept of o

11. Were there any scademic grounds for the sacking? Hill asked for reasons reasons for his sacking but was green none. In Water case, there could have been none, he was the tutor for 30 final year students and the senior scademic in charge of his course has publicly instiffed to his competence—he "would be an acquisition for any teaching department" etc.

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12. Since he was dismissed last November fall Water has applied for jobs as for the property of th

The facts of the case cry out for the attempt, to get Ball Waters reinstated, to be made. The sacking of a staff member, who champions students rights and who refuses to accept disastrous uncritical, subordination of university education to the needs of the the present economy, should not pass uncontested.

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