The Sex Pistols draw a blank for City

THE controversial punk rock band, the Sex Pistols will not be making their North-East debut after all.

The band, who were banned from Newcastle City Hall in December because of obscene behaviour, were to have played at Newcastle University on June 15.

But a spokesman for the group in London said that they have decided against appearing. They do not wish to do any live dates at this stage.

Students Union officials said the group may have been banned anyway because of trouble when another punk rock band, The Clash, played in the union building two weeks ago.

Students' stewards battled with young fans at the concert.

"We hadn't made a definite decision," a union spokesman said. "But we wanted to avoid trouble and if the concert had gone ahead we would probably have stipulated that only students with union cards could attend.

"This would have lost us a large potential audience in the town but we have to decide whether we exist just to make money or to provide entertainment for students."