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Change in Leazes' Plans

NEW HALLS TO BECOME MIXED



Architect's impression of Castle Leazes Halls of Residence, opening in September 1968.

NEWCASTLE'S new Halls of Residence will be mixed. The new Halls to be built on the Castle Leazes site will include at least one block in each for women students.

Following a recommendation from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet, the Residence Policy Advisory Committee resolved to recommend to Senate and Council that when the new Halls are opened, they should admit a proportion of female students corresponding roughly to the proportion of women students in the University.

After the decision of the R.P.A.C. had been announced, Mr. E. Bettenson, the Registrar, commented to our reporter:

"The principle of mixed population in some Halls has been accepted." The Registrar emphasised the word "some" presumably because only the ones specifically mentioned (i.e. those opening at Castle Leazes) will be affected. At the moment it appears unlikely that there is any plan for mixed residences at Henderson, Ethel Williams, or Easton Halls.

The dining and common rooms will be mixed.

It is also proposed that the annexe to Aldis House (which will use the accommodation at present occupied by the Gregg School in Osborne Road), and which had been planned to accommodate 23 male students, be used instead to accommodate women students. It will, however, remain as an annexe to Aldis.

It is understood that Mr. D. J. Shirt, the Warden of Aldis, is in agreement with this proposal, but in company with Mr. Hiscock, he had emphasised that it will be essential to have a responsible woman member of staff resident with the women students in each Hall to act generally as Sub-Warden for women residents.

Two of the three Halls, Eustace Percy and Havelock, are to open next September, and the third, Freeman's, should be ready by October 1969.

Affected

Eustace Percy, however, is affected by this decision. It is planned to close the Hall on its present site at Freeman Road at the end of next Easter term and re-open it as part of the Castle Leazes complex next September.

The Castle Leazes complex, which will house about 1,000 students will consist of three separate Halls. The Halls, designed by Douglas Wise, are being built at a cost of £2 million. Mr. Colin Gray, the Development Officer for the University, told a "Courier" reporter that each Hall will have separate dining and common room facilities. There will also be a room in each Hall reserved for parties.

Meals, however, will be provided to the three Halls from central catering facilities. Each Hall will consist of one block of nine storeys, two blocks of six storeys and two blocks of four storeys.

Questioned

Mr. E. Hiscock, the present Warden of Eustace Percy Hall, will continue as Warden when the Hall moves to its new site. He has been the Warden at Freeman Road since the Hall opened in 1958. When questioned by our reporter, Mr. Hiscock said:

"I am looking forward very much to moving into the new Hall." He was then asked his opinion of a mixed Hall. He replied:

"I welcome the idea. I have been following the progress of Crombie Hall at Aberdeen, which is a mixed Hall, and the set-up there seems to work very well indeed."

Integrated

Mr. Hiscock emphasised that the new Halls will be as fully integrated as possible. Each Hall will hold about 330 residents, of whom approximately a quarter will be women. The women students will occupy the top five storeys of the nine storey block in each case.

Diaries selling in the union

THIS year, the University Diary and Handbook have both been hit by printing difficulties.

The Diary has been subject to three weeks delay, owing to the fact that the proof reading was delayed. The Diaries will be on sale from today in the Union Foyer and in Publications Studio, Level Six, of the Union building, later.

The Handbook, however, is in more serious trouble and will not in fact appear in its traditional form at all this year. The printing company went into liquidation at a stage too late to find another firm, but before the work had been done on the actual printing. Since all the copy had been gathered together it is hoped that "Courier" will be able to print certain relevant sections from time to time.

Necessary

The business manager of the Handbook and Diary, Miss Margaret Davidson, said last week that it would unfortunately be necessary to raise the price of the diary slightly, in order to cover losses from the failure of the handbook but as this rise would be small she hoped that all students would help by purchasing their copies of the diary as soon as possible.

Miss Davidson continued: "This year's diary is far superior to any previous one. It is a sixteen month diary, from October 1967 to December 1968, avoiding that awkward gap in the middle of the long vac."

Poor attendance at Bay meeting

FEELINGS ran high at this year's first meeting of the Whitley Bay Students' Association which took place this Friday.

Grievances outlined by individuals at the meeting were directed mainly at the Union's apparent lack of concern in providing social facilities for students in and around Whitley Bay, and in failing to provide late transport from dances and other social functions.

One of the students, Anne Walker, who is new to the area, suggested that there should be a branch of the Union and its Societies in Whitley Bay.

Assisted

Although the meeting was open to all students at the University and Colleges in and around Newcastle, it failed to attract more than

15 per cent of possible attendees.

The meeting was arranged and organised by Frank Tyrell, who is an ex-student of the University, and he was assisted by a Committee of six members.

For many years now, Whitley Bay students have been suffering great inconvenience both in work and pleasure time because of the apathy of students and officials. Students living at Whitley Bay now wait to see whether the efforts of Mr. Tyrell and his colleagues will be of any avail.

Volunteers are invited to help form a new committee. There will be another informal meeting at the 'Corner House', Whitley Bay, on Friday at 8 p.m. to try to arrange further social events.

There will be a football match on the beach on Sunday at 11 a.m. and the teams and their supporters will adjourn afterwards to the 'Corner House'. It is also hoped to run a dance on Sunday night at the Rockcliffe Rugby Club.

TESTS

THE test is here. So now you can't ask a driver to have another drink. So says the "Drivers Fact Sheet No. 3" issued by H.M. Government as part of their intensive advertising campaign to increase understanding of the new law.

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Meeting organiser Frank Tyrell.

Situations vacant

ACCORDING to the President, Mr. Nick Nicholson, the immediate future of the Students' Representative Council would seem to be pretty grim.

Mr. Nicholson foresees difficulty in getting staff, and obviously the S.R.C. cannot function as it should unless there is a response from within the student body.

What the organisation really needs is continuity, says Mr. Nicholson, who is speaking at the moment due to the fact that the only full-time staff are two secretaries.

Elections

However, staff elections will be held in a council meeting on Monday, 16th October. Mr. Nicholson hopes that a special Vacancies Manager who will deal with such matters as holiday jobs, legal advice etc. and also with the social side of events like Arts Festival, and Sports Conference, will be working.

Mr. Nicholson's opinion will benefit greatly in the proposed amalgamation with the Union Society.

There is to be a joint constitution this year, and the final amalgamation will probably come in 1970.

Mr. Nicholson is confident that when this finally takes place, the new joint organisation will be far more efficient in catering for the needs of all students.

Disaster averted

The first venture into East Greenland by members of the Exploration Society almost met with disaster, when their boat was caught and squashed by icebergs when they were midway between bases. The expedition was returning from a rock-collecting trip when two moving icebergs trapped the boat, causing all in it to leap to safety.

Fortunately, the boat was salvaged and upon examination, it was found that the only damage was to some of the exterior steel plates which had been ripped off on impact. The boat was found to be watertight and the expedition was able to continue.

SWORD - DANCE



From left to right: Chris Henderson, Dick Smith, Roger Gale, Frank Wilkins, Eric Newsham.

ONE of the more travel-minded University clubs at the moment is the Sword dancers who last year, as well as dancing in many local towns visited Holland and North America.

In Holland a team of nine attended a large folk festival at Warfum expenses having been paid, where they received the hospitality of the local townsfolk.

Five architects, a lawyer and a German student organised the visit to America. Some planning was

done in advance, but a lot of the more interesting work was found as a result of their appearance in newspapers and on local T.V.

The team danced mainly in the Mid-West, at everything from cocktail parties to state fairs, where "The money was usually good, drinking hours long and working hours short."

The group had their final fling at Expo 67 where they had a five day contract. As a result of the contacts made last year the club is now hoping to send a team to America in 1968.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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EXTERNAL NEWS

TEACHING COLLEGES MAY COMBINE

TWO Newcastle Colleges of Education may merge in the next five years. The two colleges involved are Kenton Lodge College, in Gosforth, and Newcastle College of Education in Northumberland Road.

However, Kenton Lodge is for women only. Most Kenton students are young, in their late teens or early twenties, while Newcastle college students are all over twenty-five years. Many are married and have families. All are day students while Kenton Lodge girls are all in Halls or in lodgings.

Governors

Newcastle College Governors discussed the plan at a special meeting on September 25. They recommended that a merger between the two colleges be considered, when the views of the Kenton Lodge Governors were known.

Two days later, at a special meeting, Kenton Lodge Governors rejected such a scheme completely. R. Gordon Clark, Newcastle College Union President, told "Courier" that "a merger between a college for mature students and a normal training college would not be a happy mixture, since the requirements of each are entirely different."

"An amalgamation is extremely unlikely," continued Mr. Clark. The two colleges may still be built on the one site, in the College of Further Education

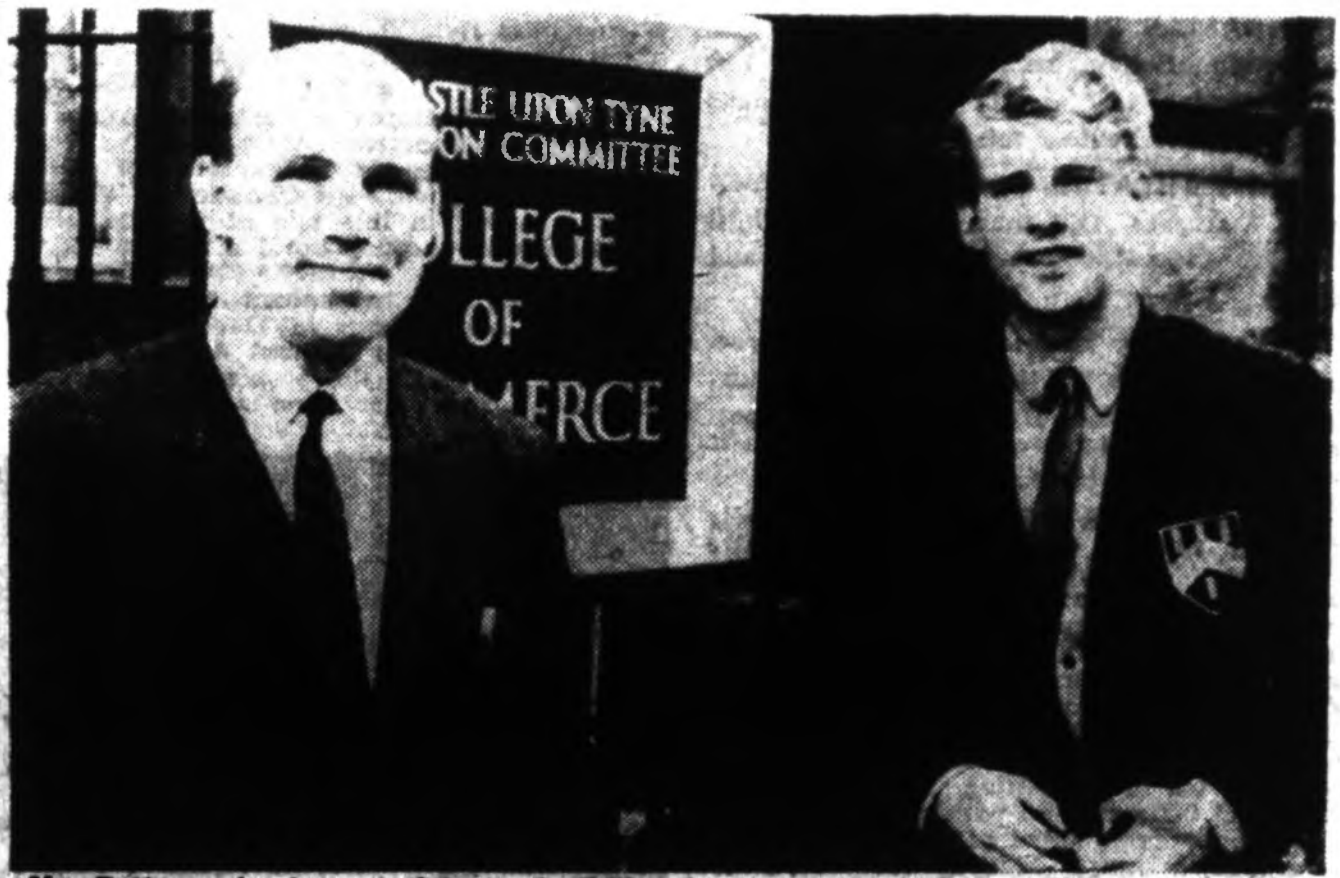
precinct near the Civic Centre. Kenton Lodge Governors recommended that Kenton Lodge should be rebuilt in the North-West of Newcastle.

There might be better facilities for both colleges if they were built on one site. A Newcastle College Union official said, of present conditions, "It is perfectly obvious that the conditions under which we live are overcrowded."

As far as Newcastle College students were concerned, he continued, "Their principal concern would be that greater facilities might be available."

Both colleges are to be expanded soon: Newcastle College will expand six hundred students, and Kenton Lodge urgently needs new academic buildings, according to Miss Chelton, Kenton Lodge Principal.

Conference failure?



Mr. Patten, who has special responsibility for overseas student welfare—and Carl Hagen, College of Commerce Union President.

AT the first ever Overseas Student's Freshers' Conference, a total of 27 students attended at the College of Commerce last Wednesday afternoon.

From those few, emerged a spark of enthusiasm towards solving the problems that arose.

After a long introductory talk from Mr. I. J. W. Patten, who has particular responsibility for the welfare of overseas students, Mr. Carl Hagen, President of their Union, gave a brief summary of Union activities and the work of the various societies.

After a coffee break a questions and answers session was started. A great deal of interest was shown by the response of everyone present. The topics of greatest interest were accommodation and college fees. Mr. Patten

expanded on his information about various lodging services, but the problems involved here, such as rent and facilities remained unsolved. The folk club aroused an epitome of attention, but no one seemed to know where it was.

The discussion continued until a decision to organise a coach tour of Newcastle and Northumbria was arrived at. Despite the low turn-out, this afternoon showed that marked enthusiasm is present among the overseas students.

Raffle for union cards

SCRAMBLES for Union cards took place at Kenton Lodge College of Education last week.

Kenton Lodge is allowed only 100 Union membership cards, so Kenton Students' Union officials had to think of some way of allocating these cards.

An application list for these Union cards was put up on a notice board. This list was soon jammed full of names, written at every angle so as to get them on.

Pat Stamp, Kenton Social Secretary, put all the names in a polythene bag, and called on an innocent bystander to draw out the 100 names. These lucky girls were permitted to become associate Union members.

Said one Kenton student, "It shows how much the girls want associate membership that they inserted their names in the middle of the list when they saw there were already 100 names there."

If Kenton students do not get associate membership they have to be signed into the Union by a member.

"It's not funny for the girls who have to queue outside the Union for hours waiting for someone to sign them in. It's very like prostitution," said one Kenton girl.

Union Secretary, Mr. Lishman, said, "There is no alter-

Deportation?

STUDENT leader John Sprack faces deportation from South Africa. He may be arrested if he does not leave the Republic of South Africa by October 15.

John Sprack is President-elect of the National Union of South African Students (N.U.S.A.S.), the multi-racial students' union which represents 80 per cent of South African University students.

Security Branch Officers served Mr. Sprack with a deportation order at Cape-town Airport last Friday. He had just returned from a three-week tour of South African Universities.

Rutherford opts out

RUTHERFORD College of Technology may leave the Northumberland Inter-Collegiate Committee.

Last Thursday Rutherford Union Council voted to leave the N.I.C.C.

N.I.C.C. is the Area Organisation of Students from Newcastle and Northumberland. Members are five Colleges of Education, two technical colleges, and Newcastle University.

The National Union of Students intends to base important parts of its National organisation on such Area Committees. If Rutherford were to leave N.I.C.C. it could harm North-East students generally.

Frustrated

Terry Day, Rutherford National Union of Students secretary, said that "a few intelligent people had attended the meetings, but the majority were frustrated females from Colleges of Education, with a sprinkling of empire-builders from the larger institutions."

Bryan Holliday, Rutherford Union President, also N.I.C.C. chairman, said that N.I.C.C. promoted better understanding between colleges.

The disaffiliation motion was carried by a large majority. Mr. Holliday was then asked to resign from being N.I.C.C. chairman. At the time he agreed.

Later Mr. Holliday told N.I.C.C. Officers that he would try to dispute the Council's decision. He would call an extraordinary general meeting of Rutherford students to reverse the Council decision.

Birmingham change Rag

CHARLES Wright, President of Birmingham University Students' Union has called for a complete change in the image of "Carnival" the Birmingham Students' Rag.

Mr. Wright said that during the last two years, "Carnival" had probably caused more animosity than goodwill in Birmingham, and not surprisingly, as last year factories, a school, pubs and the Catholic Cathedral had to be evacuated when an "unexploded bomb" planted by students, was found by workmen; a "drink-in" aimed at draining a local Pub determined into an "inter-

departmental brawl," and seventy Belisha beacons were painted with faces (for which the Carnival Committee subsequently received a bill).

Some students had called for the cancellation of "Carnival," but Mr. Wright felt that if stunts were geared to "Carnival's" aims and did not merely appeal to those who liked to mess around, then it would be a success.

N.I.C.C. will not break up

FEARS of the break-up of the Northumberland Inter-collegiate Committee (N.I.C.C.) were shown to be groundless last Saturday.

After its first meeting this academic year at Northumberland College, Ponteland, N.I.C.C. emerged stronger than ever.

N.I.C.C. is the North-East Students' Union Area Organisation. This exists to benefit North-East students by joint action between colleges.

Student leaders from all over the North-East met at Northumberland College, Ponteland. Delegates came from Kenton Lodge, St. Mary's, Northern Counties, Alnwick, Northumberland College of Education, Rutherford College of Technology, Newcastle College of Commerce and Newcastle University.

Observers from Hartlepool and Stockton, Birmingham Technical College attended.

Fears

Some Union Officers had feared that the N.I.C.C. might break up at the meetings, because of reactions to heavy losses on N.I.C.C.-sponsored social events. About £100 had been lost by a Folk Festival at Northern Counties College.

Some College Unions had complained about a rise in the subscription to £30 approved at the last meeting of last year.

The Students' Union of Rutherford College of Technology was rumored to have disaffiliated because of the £30 fee. Bryan Holliday, Rutherford Union President, said that no firm decision had been taken.

Mr. Thomas, N.I.C.C. Sports Secretary, wished to resign because he had had no success in organising inter-college sports events. He felt that there was simply no demand for inter-college sport.

His resignation was accepted, and the meeting decided to scrap the position of sports secretary.

Despite the previous losses the meeting felt that N.I.C.C. should sponsor joint social events. David Freeman, N.I.C.C. Social Secretary, presented a report, and proposed that a Committee of three should be set up to assist him in future social events.

Action

Student accommodation in Newcastle was discussed. Most Colleges had students living in slum-like conditions at sky-high rents. Various remedies were proposed, and a meeting of college accommodation secretaries was decided on.

Student power was raised at the meeting, because many colleges wanted more say in their College Government. Kenton Lodge College of Education and the future Newcastle Polytechnic had already got this. It was felt that action by N.I.C.C. might help some colleges to obtain representation.

College Principals, University Vice-Chancellor and Student leaders from Northumberland, should get together for a meeting to discuss this and other matters of common interest. The N.I.C.C. Officers were instructed to start to arrange for such a meeting.

Morons

APATHETIC morons" was the description given to Sunderland students by their newspaper "Dais" because they take no part in their Rag.

Asking students for their time, enthusiasm and industry during Rag Week, Dais explained that the theory behind Rag is that students work hard, make tools of themselves and generally have a good time making money for charity. In practice, however, 80 per cent of the College are such pathetic morons as to ignore Rag, and even regard it with a certain amount of distaste, without ever knowing what it entails or achieves."

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THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

Town THEATRE

NEWCASTLE PLAYHOUSE: 'The Hostage' by Brendan Behan, until Saturday 21st, 7.30 p.m. Saturday 4.30 and 8 p.m. Concessions available. See review this page.

EMPIRE THEATRE, SUNDERLAND: 'Palace of Varieties' Old time Music Hall. Until Saturday 14th, 7.30 p.m. Saturday 5.0 and 8.0 p.m. Tickets from 3s. 6d.

PLAY: 'A Lady Mislaid' by Kenneth Horne. Organised by the Phoenix Players at Mainsforth Miners' Welfare Hall, Ferryhill. Wednesday, October 11, Sunday, October 15, 7.15 p.m. Tickets 3s., from 1 Cleves Avenue, Ferryhill

PEOPLE'S THEATRE: 'Oh What A Lovely War', by Charles Cullen and the Theatre Workshop. The review takes as its sombre background the battlefields of Flanders in 1914-18, which symbolise the horror and futility of war; but it is ironically set in the framework of a pirot show, with the songs of the era and the nostalgia they evoke contrasting sharply with stark connecting scenes. It is undoubtedly an entertainment with a message, the more telling, because of the verve and humour with which it pays tribute to the indomitable spirit of those whose lives were thrown away. Monday 16th—Saturday 21st. Tickets 5s. 6d. Students 3s. 6d. except on Friday and Saturday.

THEATRE ROYAL: 'L'Alac Time' Newcastle Operatic Society. Weekdays 7.0 p.m. Saturdays 2.0 and 7.0 p.m. Tickets 6s. from theatre box office.

EMPIRE THEATRE, SUNDERLAND: 'Djoba' National Africa Dance Company of Guinea. Tuesday—Friday 7.30 p.m. Saturday 5.0 p.m. and 8.0 p.m. Tickets 10s. and 7s. 6d. from theatre.

★ CINEMA

APPOLLO

This week, Richard Attenborough manages competently to hold the screen for two hours in the re-release of "Guns At Bataai". A reasonable film, worth seeing once. Next week sees the return of Napoleon Solo in "The Karate Killers". Robert Vaughn and David McCallum are as usual suave and elegant, but the story really leaves a lot to be desired.

ESSOLDO

For one week you have the chance of seeing again John Wayne and Richard Widmark storm their way through the War of Mexican Independence in "The Alamo". Laurence Harvey co-stars and Richard Boone appears as guest star. Again, if you have not seen it before, "The Alamo" is well worth a visit. "Ulysses" is coming, watch this space.

HAYMARKET

"Hurry Sundown" is an Otto Preminger production starring Michael Caine and Jane Fonda.

The film is set in a small town in the deep South of America, and is a story based on the conflicts arising between the dominating white people and their suppressed negro neighbours, resulting from a land-purchasing programme by a large expanding food processing company. The manager of this company played by Michael Caine, is obsessed with selfish ambition, and adopts every means, no matter how ruthless, to force his cousin and his cousin's negro neighbour to sell their land.

The film portrays the sickening court-room corruption so prevalent against the negro population. Needless to say, by the time the film draws to a close, the scales of justice have swung in the right direction; the company and its boss left in a state of ruin, and the film goes left with food for thought after a moral tonic. Well worth a visit. If you want to save your money for something slightly more spectacular, then keep your eyes open because "Robbery" is coming, with "The Dirty Dozen" hot on its heels.

ODEON, NEWCASTLE

Sean Connery is still very much alive and kicking in his fifth and last portrayal of James Bond in "You Only Live Twice" now in the middle of its second great week at the Odeon, Pilgrim Street. If you can't afford to see the film, buy the book because this is a red-hot tale in true Bond fashion, and should be seen by anyone who likes high life, sex, and adventure.

PAVILION

All this week, "The Whisperers", Edith Evans at her best; see Film Of The Week. From Sunday Frederick Stafford goes through

"Terror in Tokyo", a reasonable adventure story, but nothing to write home about.

QUEENS

If you have not yet seen "The Sound of Music", then you had better do so quickly because the end of the run is rapidly approaching. Don't forget too, that the Queen's offers the service of a patron's bar!

STOLL

"Billy Liar" returns to the screen again: a younger Tom Courtenay, fresh from the West End Stage, brings the character of Billy Fisher to perfection. Julie Christie and Wilfred Pickles co-star in this tale of a compulsive liar trapped between a world of reality and a dream of fantasy.

Also making a triumphant return to the screen is James Dean in David Wesibart's great film — "Rebel Without A Cause". The first film to present the problems of juvenile delinquency in a clear, level-headed light, this

saga of gang warfare and misunderstood teenagers is well worth seeing.

TATLER

From Thursday, a travelogue, "Blue Danube" appears with four cartoons, including one of the early Mack Sennet offerings. On Sunday, for four days, another travelogue "Wonders Of Philadelphia" accompanied by five cartoons and a film on ice hockey. The late night film this week starting at 11 o'clock on Friday, and on Saturday (and open to the general public) is "Lonely Are The Brave" starring Kirk Douglas and Gena Rowlands

Set in New Mexico in the early fifties, this is the tale of a lonely cowboy whose only real loves are a free life and his horse. The film is a strange mixture of classic Western ingredients and the modern world of highways and big trucks. The Late Night Film next weekend is



Mansower, Mr. Pat and the hostage, Leslie Williams

TOO GOOD TO MISS

THE opening minutes of Brendan Behan's Hostage set the audience in a responsive mood on its first night at Newcastle Playhouse.

As the light dimmed a sustained piano chord sent everyone to their feet with military alertness. The only movement came from an old lady behind me who attempted furiously to pierce my neck with her umbrella whilst whispering urgently, "Stand up for the Queen, young man... stand up for the...". But before she could finish up went the curtain and the piano began to play a wild Irish jig.

The old lady's umbrella fell to her side; she sat and giggled nervously. The total reaction was uproarious. The audience had been brought into the play's atmosphere: they were laughing at themselves and ready to laugh at the play.

Irreverence

Still, however, laughs were nervous at the first appearance of the play's assortments of queers and prostitutes. But Behan's familiarity, his irreverence and most of all his powerful exuberance soon changed this nervousness into a laughter almost as boisterous as the play itself.

But beside this boisterousness lay the tragic theme of two young men caught up unwillingly

in I.R.A. activities, the one in Belfast Jail awaiting execution, the other a hostage held in Dublin.

Bill Hay's direction successfully brings the tragic into close interaction with the comic so that the satirical assumes a keener edge and the humorous becomes more abandoned when seen beside the figure of Leslie, the young British hostage. And Leslie's own tragic stature is increased when it is placed beside or tries to escape into the comic.

Partisan

If Bill Hay's direction is good, it is only fair to give the acting equal praise. Brian Smith as Leslie Williams playing a very convincing young cockney soldier, full of the enjoyment of life and increasingly loathe to part from it and Adrian Wright as Volunteer playing his part as a nervous and clownish partisan with a catching relish were particularly impressive as individuals.

Although there were the odd lapses in Queenie Watts performance as Miss Gálchrist, a social worker — an occasional lapse in accent, or a tendency to overact, the cast as a whole played with an understanding and empathy which could only be achieved perhaps by a company playing together so regularly.

The plays message? ... perhaps the author is the best person to say — "Message? Message? What the hell do you think I am, a bloody postman?" Typical of Behan, yes, but what is most important, and what perhaps he is getting at in the play is that its there primarily for enjoyment. And enjoy it you will!

the prize-winning French production, "Adieu Philippine".

The Whisperers, at the PAVILION this week is just one more film which proves that Bryan Forbes is one of the best film producers of our age. After Whistle Down The Wind, The L Shaped Room, and King Rat, we have come to expect the best from Mr. Forbes. With The Whisperers, we are not disappointed. The film deals with a most unlikely commercial subject — the loneliness of old age — but nevertheless he manages to prove his point with great success.

Not that The Whisperers will be chiefly remembered as Bryan Forbes' film: for the glory has been stolen from him by one of the grand old ladies of the British theatre, Dame Edith Evans. If Bryan Forbes has proved that films can be both artistically and commercially satisfying, then Dame Edith, at the age of seventy-nine, has proved that age is no barrier where theatrical ability is concerned. As Shakespeare said "Age cannot wither her nor custom stale her infinite variety."

Dame Edith plays Mrs. Rosa, a pathetic old lady whose flat is haunted by the whisperers of her imagination, and whose life is a sad dream of the past, until it is shattered by the discovery of £800, clearly stolen by her no-good son. This film MUST be seen by anyone who has a care for old age, and a respect for great acting.

★ MUSIC

ORGAN RECITAL: At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Barras Bridge. Wednesday 11th at 1.0 p.m. The recital will be given by Lionel Rogg (Zurich). Admission free.

RECITAL: The Scottish Trio, Joan Dickinson, cello; Louis Carous, violin, and Wight Henderson, piano. Morpeth Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, October 12. Tickets 5s. from the Secretary, Lansdown House, Newgate Street, Morpeth.

CITY HALL, NEWCASTLE: Folk concert. Tom Paxton meets the North-east folk field. With the High Level Ranters Trio, Ray Fisher, The Reivers and Mick and Barbara. Sunday 15th, 7.30 p.m. Tickets from J. G. Windows.

KING'S HALL: A recital by Cella Arieli (piano), organised by Y.W.C.A., Monday, October 16, 7.30 p.m.

OPERA: 'Don Giovanni' Mozart. Northumberland County Technical College, Ashington. Tickets 7s. 6d. and 6s. Students 4s., from the Technical College. Telephone 3248.

★ Hexham Art Festival

There are now so many Arts Festivals that it has become increasingly important that each should be organised about a theme rather than be just a mêlée of culture, concentrated into a week or two. This year's Hexham Festival theme is mediaeval and renaissance music. The Festival goes on until Saturday, October 21.

Some of the Festival's early events are given below. Further details can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., "Underwood", Causey Hill, Hexham. Telephone 3198.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: Candlelight concert by the Purcell Consort with Robert Spencer (lute). 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5s.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15: Festival bellringing, Feastal Evensong. Preacher, the Bishop of Newcastle.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17: Lecture recital. 'An Accompanist Speaks' by Gerald Moore. At the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. 7.30 p.m. Tickets 10s. and 5s. from J. G. Windows, Newcastle.

University Social lectures

EUSTACE PERCY HALL presents, 'La Premiere', featuring The Junco Partners, The Phase 4, The Hilton K's. Also Discotheque. Wednesday, October 11, 8.0 p.m. — 1.0 a.m. 7s. 6d. Late transport, bar extension.

MEDICO-DENTAL DANCE: Wednesday, October 11, 8.0 p.m. — 1.0 p.m. 5s. Late transport and bar extension have been obtained.

TRENT HOUSE: Folk and Blues Society. Guest artists Jack and Tony from the Bay Hotel, Bridgewater. Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Members 6d. Non-members 1s. 6d. All join at the door.

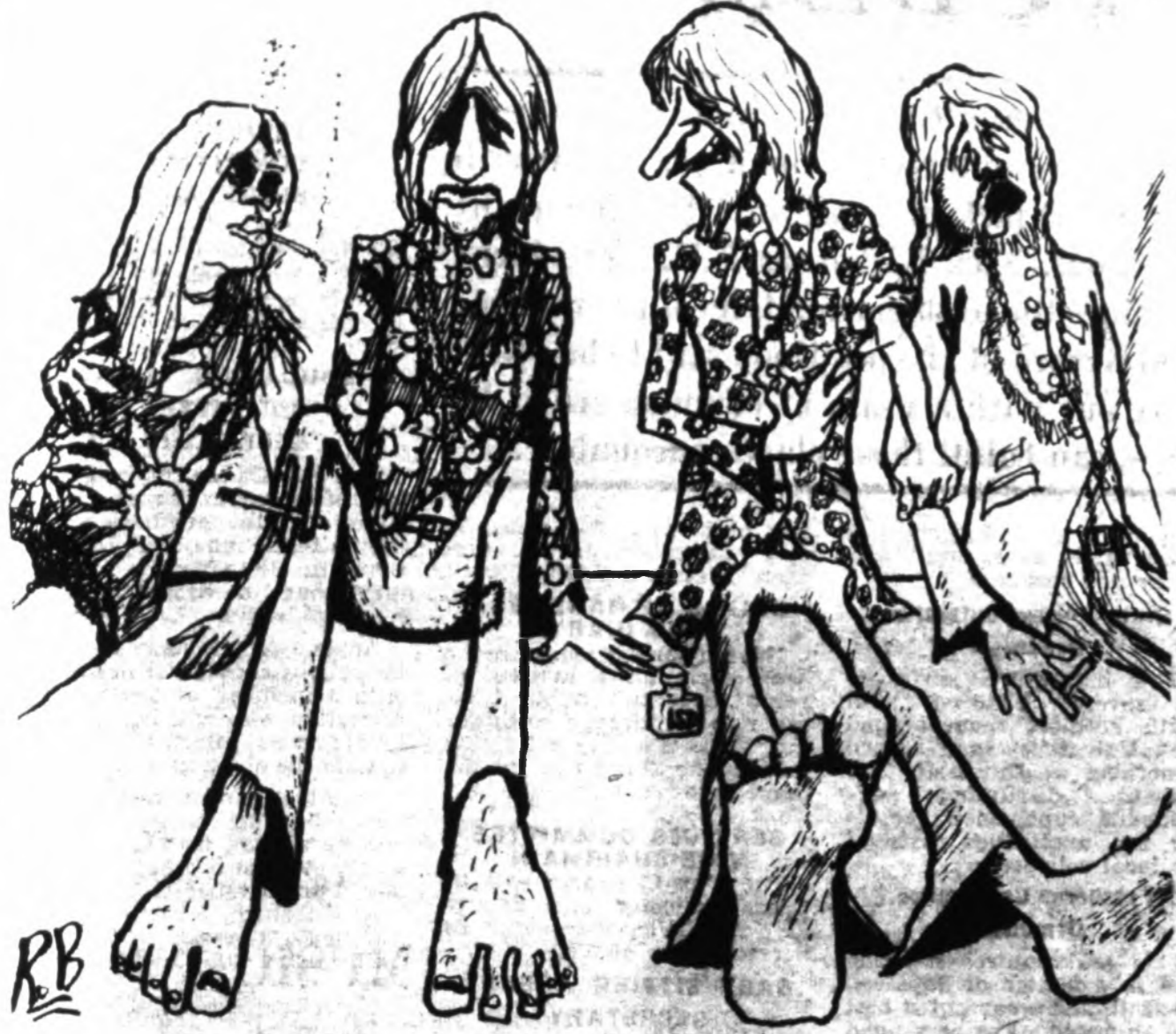
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HIPPIES!



"Like, er, mon, dem English is really swinging! Dey even use L.S.D. for money!"

In this article our American correspondent Kirk Hoffman, exiled from his country to Newcastle on an Anthropology course, examines the great wave of Hippy-ism which has swept the world over the past few months.

He compares the American hippy way of life with that of the British movement and examines the hippy creed and beliefs.

He tells of the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, pulsating centre of the movement and the transformation of this district into one of America's main tourist attractions.

Recently there have been many articles in the Press about Britain's "Flower People" and their cousins, The American "Hippies." They have all pointed out the major differences between these two types: the American hippies are drop-outs from the society around them — they have created a culture of their own; their British counterparts may wear the same clothes but that is as far as the majority of them go — they are "plastic" or "part-time" hippies and drop out on week-ends only, if at all.

Only last year many sociologists and psychologists dismissed the Hippie Revolution as a passing fad "like gold-fish swallowing." However, today Hippie enclaves are blooming in every major United States city from Boston to Seattle, and there are outposts in Paris, London, New Delhi and Katmandu.

It is estimated that the number of hippies in America may be in the region of a quarter of a million, and the 10,000 hardcore hippies in San Francisco are the leaders of what might be called another "cultural revolution."

Hippies preach altruism and mysticism, honesty, joy and non-violence. (A recent feature in a hippie newspaper advised hippies to "avoid" and "have pity on a fellow hippie who had just run off with \$2,500 of his friend's money — no mention of punishment was made). Their aim is to change our so-called impersonal, materialistic society by the force of example.

Dissatisfied

Most American hippies are young, thoughtful people who are dissatisfied with the values and implicit contradictions of contemporary Western Society and especially the Vietnam War, and have, therefore, dropped out of this society to create one of their own. They seek individual liberation by means of drugs, total withdrawal from the economy and the quest for individual identity.

San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury ("The Hashbury") district, a throbbing 10 blocks of the city, is the pulsating centre of the hippie movement.

The presence of hippies here has transformed the decaying district into one of the city's tourist attractions, and sometimes "straights" (people from ordinary society) may outnumber the natives in a hippie hangout.

In "The Drougstore," where a hamburger costs 6/-, goggle-eyed "straights" in suit and tie sniff the air for the scent of marijuana.

Other tourists flock to such hippie shops as "The Print Mint" and "The Phoenix" to buy pornographic or psychedelic posters. Bearded hippies sell the colony's newspaper "The Oracle," (full of ads for "attractive flat mates prepared for experiments in mutual satisfaction" etc.) on street corners.

San Francisco police seem almost benevolent towards the movement at least until a "love-in" in Golden Gate Park succeeds in denuding the gardens of flowers, or until a hippie procession produces a traffic jam.

However, the hippies cost the police a lot of trouble: within the Hashbury area circulate 25 undercover nar-

cotics who arrest an average of 20 hippies a week.

The hippies there cost the city £12,000 a month for treatment of drug abuse. Illnesses, ranging from Typhus to malnutrition rage unchecked in the area, and people have been found starving to death in Haight St. Venereal Diseases have rocketed up by 600% since 1964.

As the movement has grown, the Hippies have even evolved their own welfare organisation, as most orthodox hippies avoid public assistance as well as responsible jobs.

A loosely knit group call "The Diggers" operates pads

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The latest happenings in San Francisco... The Hippies "are out" and "The Freebies" are in! So much for all the prophecies about a new sub-culture!

The leader of the Haight-Ashbury hippies, Ron Thelin, closed his psychedelic shop on Friday. Since then, Hashbury Hippies have been conducting their own funerals to mark the end of beads, beads and perhaps even drugs.

On Sunday, a coffin containing symbols of the old hippie way of life was carried through the streets of San Francisco. "The Freebies" (who want to be "free of the old movement") say: "We want to concentrate on how it feels to be free every minute of the day."

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for homeless hippies and dispenses free food and clothing obtained by soliciting contributions from shopkeepers. They have also been helping the police to track down runaway teenagers, especially girls, who seem to be attracted to Haight-Ashbury.

Bourgeois

The runaway teenagers generally claim to be escaping the hypocrisy of their family's bourgeois morality, thus many of them make a show of avoiding baths on the theory that it is less hypocritical to be wholly dirty.

The Hippies sub-culture's most valued possession are its drugs. Almost every hippie uses Marijuana "Grass," some up to three times a day. Medical experts say Marijuana does not make the drug-taker physically dependent on it (although some may feel a psychological need for it), and many believe that the drug will eventually be legalised.

To justify its use, Hippies quote Genesis 1 — "Let the Earth bring forth grass." In San Francisco an ounce of "Grass" costs about £4 — enough for 40 drugged cigarettes.

The gourmets of hippiedom indulge themselves with LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) now available in a soluble crystalline powder or in pill form, 250 microgram, of the substance (£1 in the Hashbury district) are enough to give the taker 8-12 hours of psychedelic adventure.

Despite its cheapness and the pleasure it may give, these

aspects are outweighed by the potential chromosomal damage and long-lasting psychological after-effects.

Researches

Recent researches have shown that LSD takers have 4-5 times as many broken or damaged chromosomes than the average person. This, of course, greatly increases the chances of an LSD couple having deformed children. These researches have also shown that many other drugs commonly used in America and England can produce similar breaks in chromosomes, as can X-rays.

The newest drug in use by hippies is STP, believed to be a chemical called 5-Methoxy-dimethyltryptamine. The master brain behind this new drug, six times as powerful as LSD, is thought to be a certain Augustus Owsley Stanley III, the 32-year-old grandson of a Kentucky Senator.

Having earned well over a million dollars in the last few years from introducing drugs, Stanley has now turned his talents to producing a new super-super drug called FDA in honour of the Food and Drug Administration.

Where will it all stop? Some people say that this movement is the desperate attempt of a handful of pathetically un-equipped children to create a community in a social vacuum. Some time between 1945 and 1967, these people drifted apart from the normal contacts of society, and thus many are less in rebellion against this society than ignorant of it.

It is reasonable to argue that there is something lacking in a society when so many young people choose to drop out of it. But it is just as reasonable to wonder how many do drop out.

For every bearded hippie drifting in a marijuana haze through the streets of Frisco, there are countless non-hippies engaged in the competitive grind of school, getting jobs, and all the rest. They are much more ordinary than hippies and the ordinary is not so interesting as the bizarre, but it is much more important.

Newcastle's hippy-ism perhaps?

AMID the welter of A societies scrambling madly for new recruits from the new students, one hoping to cater for the pop-minded is Rock Nite.

Based on the theory that there is a pop singer in everyone, the club hope to attract all those interested to their Wednesday sessions in the Lower Bun Room.

The idea was born when three students with time on their hands, discovering that they had a guitar among them, began to while away the time by singing.

Suddenly they noticed that the other inmates of the Bun Room were joining in. Rock Nite was born!

From these humble beginnings the club has swelled, according to Liaison Manager Tony Coy, until at the end of last year they had as many as 250 people.

Song sheets are being provided this year and guitarists John Harrington and Pete Ferrow are ready to go.

Courier Chef

COOKING in flats and bedsitters can often be a trial, especially carried out over a single gas ring. The recipe below for tasty Boeuf Corne à la Jesmond has two advantages for students. Not only is it edible and able to be cooked over 28 matches or a single gas ring, but it is also so economical that you can afford to drink six pints of Brown with it.

INGREDIENTS

- 6oz corned beef (cheaper to buy straight from the butcher than tinned)
- Three tomatoes
- Two small onions
- One egg
- 1oz margarine (or lard)
- Salt and pepper to taste

METHOD

Melt margarine in a small pan and fry chopped onions into it until soft and golden. Add chopped tomatoes and cook stirring continuously over a low light until the tomatoes become separated from their skins which may then be removed if desired. Cut the corned beef into cubes and put into pan. Stir until mixture is of an even consistency and all the corned beef has broken. Add an egg and seasoning to bind the mixture together. Serve on toast with brown ale.

Approximate cost 3/- for two plus Brown.



"WEY, ye bast!" said Geordie Brown, sinkin' his thord pint ov broon inside ten minutes, "Aa needed that!"

Aa lakked attentive-like; and climbed back on me chair "Aye," sed Geordie, "Aa'm noo a married man! Ye knaa," he sed, settin' back tiv tell his sad tale.

"It all happened over the vacation. The first Aa knew ov the engagement wes when Aa cyem hyem from the pit last Thursday neet."

Aa'll his relations wes inside ov his hoose. They wes sa'in' his stotty cyek; drinkin' his whisky, an' runnin' thor fingers over the dust on the sideboard.

Whisky

Geordie wes real tyeken aback. He knew it wesn't his borthday, an' he wes sartin' it wesn't Christmas agyen. Had one ov his aunts died? That wes usually a good excuse for foaks tiv cum an' drink his whisky, myek disparigin' remarks about the styet ov his kitchin, an' the number ov empty bottles lyin' around ov the sittin' room. But a quick count left him disappointed, an' none the wisor.

He wes startin' tiv feel real worrid when up cyem Uncle Ned (he wes the one who married that Gladys from Sutton Dwellins'; yeknaa...)

"Well done Geordie," sed

Uncle Ned "So ye've got peesl engaged at last," and "whoor's the whisky?"

After they'd aall gar hyem, (tyekin' most ov the best silver spoons along ov them), Geordie had a think. At last he decided tiv myek the best ov a bad job an' get hissel married.

After aall, he thought tiv hissel, when yor thorty-slyven yor past the first flush ov irresponsible youth.

"Wey," ses Geordie, "Aa wes dragged intiv this chorch they vary minit as mentioned Aa wes willin' tiv gan through wiv the ideal. Inside ov the Chorch theor's this chap who's wearin' a black neetgoon. He cumms up in front ov w' and luks at w'."

"Is you nyem Geordie Brown?" he axes.

"Guiltly, me Lord," Aa ses. (Mind ye's, Aa think he had a cold; becas he wes taakin' deed low doon-like.)

"Will ye's tyek this wummin'?" he ses.

Whitley

"Aa shud think so; eftar aall this!" ses Geordie. "Aa'm tyekin' hor tiv Whitley Bay, if Aa get half a chance!"

"Mind ye's, ses Geordie "It wesn't none of you quiet weddin'. When we got wor-seels outside agyen, man! thor wor thousands outside ov the chorch. Thor wes a dog-fight on at the time."

Then they aal horled jumps ov rice at w' an' aa horled it back agyen. Wey, later, when aa'd picked mesel up oot ov the fight, w' went tiv this grand hotel in Whitley Bay.

Aa signs me nyem, careful-like; an' then th' Manigor cumms up tiv w'.

"Watt fettle?" he ses, lecherous-like, "Are ye's the newly-married couple? Wey, if ye like, an' as a special favour, ye'se can hev the Bridal Chamber!"

"Noo thanks, me good man," ses Geordie, "If aa really need it aa'll use me own!"

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Courier

Wednesday, October 11, 1967

Memorial to dead students

I HAD thought this week to do an opinion on the normal food of all Leader Writers, the S.R.C. or U.M.C. or some such.

However, having just been to the Memorial Service for the students killed in Yugoslavia, I find myself unable to concentrate for a sufficient length of time on such mundane matters.

So I find myself in the same position as last week at this time, trying to find something worthwhile to say on this tragic topic.

The Service, yesterday, attended by many prominent members of Staff and addressed by the President of the Students' Representative Council, Mr. Nick Nicholson, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet, was one of the solemnest and saddest occasions ever witnessed at this University.

In his address the Vice-Chancellor made an appeal that these students should not have died in vain and that the Comex project should go on in the path forged by the innocent victims of the accident.

A collection was made during the final hymn to assist Comex 2 to meet expenditure incurred on behalf of the dead.

The only hope of this University must be that its members will do all they can to make sure that the good work done by Comex 2 is carried on and the sacrifice of so many young lives is not forgotten.

Pauli lady President

Yes, the impossible has happened. The tutee has ousted his tutor, and the minion has risen to fame. I refer of course to Pauli, who, not content with only becoming top-dog, has also sent half of U.M.C. packing.

And now of course the final coup-de-grace (not to be confused with 'poupon grass, which is a disease common amongst cigarette smokers) in which the newly-to-be-elected members of the U.M.C. are elected by a 5% 'majority'. Rumour has it here in the office that the election will not be rigged, but the Great One is applying for all vacant



posts, including that of Lady President.

Overheard was the first meeting of U.M.C. Great One was walking round the table, head down, hands behind his

FEW APPLICANTS FOR STUDENT POSTS

CERTAIN positions on the Students' Representative Council are still vacant. Anyone possessing a bit of commonsense, a sprinkling of organisational ability and who is willing to do a modicum of work will find any of these jobs both interesting and rewarding.

Elections for the following positions will take place at the Council Meeting at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, 16th October in the Debating Chamber.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Secretary

The Secretary of SRC is one of the most important jobs in student affairs. He (or she) is responsible for the smooth running of the internal organisation. This includes convening the meetings, keeping all documents safe and up-to-date, supervising the work of the permanent staff and implementing all policy (other than financial) of the SRC.

Vice-President (Services)

One of the most rewarding jobs in SRC is helping the poor, starving student to stretch his grant to cover a skiing holiday or a second car. The Vice-President is Chairman of the Services Committee which includes a Baby Sitting Agency, Concessions, Insurance, Legal and Consumer Advice Bureau and the Travel Bureau. He is the top man, co-ordinator, executive and policy maker.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Residential Conference

Organiser

The setting is a Northumberland Coast, the participants are staff and students ready to "mix it". The

ONCE again the Union and the Students Representative Council are faced with the usual lack of applicants for important positions. Nick Nicholson, S.R.C. president outlines the problem and tells of the number and nature of the positions still to be filled. Any one with a grain of common sense, he says, can fulfill these places adequately.

organisers job is to get them there and back and find topics and speakers.

Sixth Form Conference

Organiser

This organiser's job is to let several hundred local Sixth Formers roam around the University and learn something of University life without disrupting the academic euphoria or boosting the application lists of the local colleges.

Freshers' Conference

Organiser

This job requires someone who in a matter of days can break in and wear out a host of animated Freshers and still leave something for the lecturers to go at.

Arts Festival Organiser

If anyone thinks he can produce an Arts Festival which will be an artistic success without being a financial catastrophe then he either needs his head examined or the opportunity to organise such an event. This job provides the latter.

ARTS BALL ORGANISER

The Arts Ball has for many years been a source of hangovers and pleasant memories. All the organiser has to do is carry on the old tradition.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

STUDIO MANAGER

Brought into being to increase the quality and quantity of student society magazines, the publications studio has endless potential for giving

help with the publicity and publications of all sections of student activity.

EDITOR OF HANDBOOK AND DIARY

Having jogged along in the same form for a number of years these two publications are ripe for drastic re-thinking. This is a very satisfying task as the Editor can see the immediate results of his work.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Vice-Chairman acts as trouble shooter and deputy for the Vice-President of Services (see above).

BABY SITTING AGENCY

SECRETARY

The Agency provides a little relief for harassed parents and a little pocket money for hard-up students. The Secretary assists the SRC Permanent Secretary with those who require regular employment.

INSURANCE SECRETARY

The Secretary investigates and advises students on the many different types of insurance which they are offered.

TRAVEL SECRETARY

Publicity and lots of it is the main task of the Travel Secretary. The Travel Bureau offers excellent facilities. It is the Secretary's job to make sure the students know about them.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

VICE CHAIRMAN

As with Services, the job is

one of deputy and trouble-shooter for the Vice-President

CATERING SUB-

COMMITTEE

SECRETARY

The Secretary is in charge of this Welfare Sub-Committee which keeps an eye on the efficiency of the service and the standard of the meals in the University Refectories.

EDUCATION SUB-

COMMITTEE

SECRETARY

This Sub-Committee has the task of trying to improve and co-ordinate the feed back from the students into the Educational machinery. The Secretary has a difficult but worthwhile job.

Anyone interested in the above jobs should get in touch with a member of the S.R.C. Executive who will be able to give further information and explain the election procedure.

Faculty representatives for the following constituencies will be elected by ballot vote by the student body on Thursday, 19th October.

- Architecture, 1 rep.
- Biology, 2 reps.
- Chemistry and Geology, 1 rep.
- Civil Engineering, 1 rep.
- Economics and Social Studies, 1 rep.
- Fine Art, 1 rep.
- General Arts, 1 rep.
- Mechanical and Marine Engineering, 1 rep.
- History and Classic, 1 rep.
- Physics, Maths and Computing, 1 rep.

The constituency of a Faculty Representative is determined in which his tutor resides. Each representative has a vote on Council and provides a link between SRC and the students along which demands and requests flow up and advice and help flows down.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Permanent Secretary of SRC and must be returned together with a manifesto and photograph by 5.0 p.m. Tuesday, 17th October.

Courier opinion gets the bird

SIR, I feel reluctant to criticise your first edition of Courier but find the tone of your editorial "Conference of inconsequence" disturbing.

You use, in describing the short-comings of Freshers' Conference, such terms as (quote) "a whole pack of lies" and "phony facade," and talk about giving false impressions throughout the article. Amidst this shower of abuse there is not the slightest suggestion as to why the conference failed in its role of introducing Freshers to this University and life here, nor is there any appreciation of the awesome task facing con-

ference organisers. If we accept that the conference could have been better organised to give a more realistic picture, would you not agree that the expressions I quoted above were excessively harsh? Unless, of course, they were meant to imply that the organisers deliberately set out to mislead participants.

I am sure you would agree that constructive criticism is the form of criticism we should be able to expect from a (presumably) intelligent person in a respected position. Yet your article contains no constructive thoughts whatsoever.

You do, however, make one useful suggestion—that the

people who have witnessed this year's conference might be able to "devise some sort of compromise next year." It is precisely such people, who are able to look back dispassionately on such events, who should now be concerned with ensuring that next year's conference is really worthwhile—and that includes the Editor of Courier! It is positive thinking, and action, that is required for the future—not a squalid post-mortem on the past.

I have had nothing whatever to do with this year's Freshers' Conference.

Yours etc.,

B. E. HALSALL.

LETTERS

Dan Day?

SIR, I see they've let Moynihan loose again. From his review in last week's Courier, I see that he is now defined as "celebrated". What I suggest is that we really make the 'proud Mancunian' celebrated by inaugurating a special DAN DAY where all your readers who have been subjected to the strange whims of Moynihan nearly all last year can really show Dan how celebrated he is.

By jiminy crackers and sexy appartheids we could even bring back the stocks for the day.

Yours etc.,

MEXICAN PETE.

back, muttering: "Ha-Ha power at last. Ha-Ha, power. Power," and other obscenities. The other executive member was playing poker, tears streaming down his cheeks and eating the heads off a quarter pound of Jelly-Babies. Things were as normal.

"Please Sir, sit down and decide a bit of policy. Please Sir. It's not much fun playing poker with yourself. I've nearly lost all my clothes. Pretend your'e Lady President or something please." Tears were streaming down his face still and now they were mingling with the Jelly-Baby foam round his mouth as he uttered a final, forlorn "Sir".

"Ha-ha, Power," was his only reply, sweeping Jelly-Babies, cards, tent, cooking utensils, senna pods, rhubarb, tins of dried milk, piano, broad-beans and everything else off the conference table. "Who was that in the tent?" The President asked in a moment of sane passion.

"Please sir, that was last year's treasurer who had been interred at the beginning of

last year until he'd produced a Budget, sir."

"Ha-ha, Power," was the only reply, as the tent, cooking utensils, senna pods, tins of dried milk, broad beans, piano, treasurer, rhubarb and sleeping-bag went up in flames from the President's high-speed - from-the-North-Sea-gas lighter. "That'll teach him, deceiving me by saying that he was the peoples representative of the Bengali Republics University Union Management committee. Ha-ha, Power."

"But he was"

"Don't talk out of turn. Take a £5 fine." Thus it was decided to turn the flying-wing into a flying bun-room with Paternoster lifts as the only means of entrance, thus effectively sending everybody down to the Haymarket Hotel for lunch—a pie and a pint. Yoeh

Auctioned

For next year's Freshers' Conference Rave it is strongly rumoured that a qualified auctioneer is being brought up

at Union expense to smooth out the present trouble encountered in finding a suitable mate for the overeager females. Women will be auctioned singly or in pairs, depending on the owners preference.

When questioned, the S.R.C representative said: "Well that's a man's lot isn't it?"

At rave

Talking of the ballroom, and who isn't these days, I mean only the other day I overheard a Miss Pitchforth say that... But I digress, there was a meeting held last week to decide a way to halt the numerous thefts, especially during Saturday nights, and a policy was decided upon. This is the reason for the lack of illumination in the ballroom, as cunningly concealed pieces of glass have been inserted instead of light bulbs. The idea is that the porter on duty on Saturday night will mount a continuous guard upstairs and watch for disappearing handbags, etc. Unfortunately last week this didn't work, as all the

remaining light bulbs had been stolen and there was no light to see by.

When interviewed afterwards the head porter replied that he had only seen about 15 men walking out of the Union with handbags, and as this was well below the national average of 7% he thought that things were looking up in the University.

In hospital

Sword dancing is the latest sport to hit the northern universities, and it has hit them in a big way. Life insurance is usually included in the entrance fee and the club here has a good record in only three admittances to hospital last year. It has been suggested that the weekly meeting should be held in the casualty ward to save time. Over Rag week last year a large amount of money was collected for charity which caused the Secretary of the National Anti-Blood Sport Society to comment: "It's this sort of Imperial decadence that's put Manchester where it is today." I couldn't help agreeing.

All the Rag plans...

Love-in at the coffee stall!



Brightening up Rag Office B Gill Ogden, the right-hand woman of Rag P.R.O. Mike Wilkinson.

ABOUT 30 people attended the Rag meeting in the Debating Chamber on Thursday evening, with good representation from St Mary's College, Fenham; Rutherford College; The College of Commerce; and Northern Counties Training College.

The college representatives were advised to keep a closer watch on collecting tins this year, about 50 "mysteriously disappeared" last year. Each college will arrange its own collections—tunts and floats.

Unfortunately, the half-term of the training colleges coincides with Rag week-end. Colin Purkis, this year's Rag President, may approach the Vice-Chancellor about the possibility of moving next year's Rag forward by one week.

The most "generous" novelty of this year's Rag will be the opening "love-in" night of the coffee stall. The site is unchanged—the Haymarket—but visitors will be greeted by showers of sweets and flowers. They will also be able to buy "flower-power" or Union Jack hats and tee shirts.

Theme

Colin Purkis is determined that some of the mistakes of previous years will not be repeated; complimentary tickets will be issued by him in person; the members of the Rag Band will pay half price for their tickets; tickets for the Rag Rave will go on sale at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 28th October; and "vague floats" with a few nondescripts strewn over the back are definitely out.

The theme for this year's Pageant is "Home Rule for Northumbria," and offers for floats are needed now. Any society of faculty interested in producing a float should contact Mr Ian Harverson. They may be gratified to know that the holocaust of floats will be suspended this year—they will be exhibited on Town Moor for two hours after the procession has wound its way from Railway Street to the Moor.

It is hoped that stunts will have more "body" in them this year—the longer they last, the more goes into the coffers. Mr Purkis has offered his own body for an exhibition of greasy pole fighting.

The march of time has trampled on a few features of Rag Week; Bingo takes over the "Majestic" Ballroom, where the "Big Rag Drag" should have taken place, and recent infamous legislation has silenced "Rag Radio". One of the nudes in "Rag Pie" has been censored.

but there are still a further 24 to delight the jaundiced eye of embittered fifth-year Medics.

'Dolls picked'

THE standard was very high, much better than last year, and we have chosen a terrific group of Rag Dolls." With these words Rag President, Colin Purkis, summed up last Friday's Sherry Party in Committee Room D, at which 10 Rag Dolls were selected from the 40 girls who applied.

The girls were given the opportunity to get to know each other over sherry in the Committee Room D, from where they were summoned to Room C for a "grilling" by Colin, Sue Duck, and Mike Wilkinson. Special emphasis was placed on the girl's ability to promote Rag both before and during Rag Week.

One condition of being a Rag Doll — no boyfriends during Rag Week—did not seem to worry the girls, as most are Freshers with boyfriends at home.

Forward

All the girls are really looking forward to meeting people and talking to them about Rag, but the first assignment for the ten Rag

Dolls was to be photographed, and certainly not for the last time.

Half of the girls are University Students living at Ethel Williams Hall: Ann Bradbury, Jean Martin, Ann Thorpe, Pat Cowie and Margaret Bailey. Veronica Gillgrass is the only Rag Doll from Whitley Bay. Of the remaining four, all attended college. Adrienne Stones and Christine Scott at St. Mary's, Fenham, and Sue Marshman and Helena Podlowska (Poland's loss and Britain's gain) at Northern Counties.

The unsuccessful applicants have the opportunity of being majorettes with Rag Band, where some 30 girls are needed.

SPIES IN IRAN?

Five Newcastle students found themselves involved in international espionage during their summer vacation.

The students, Joe Metcalf B.Sc. Mech. Eng., Don Carruthers, second year Chem. Eng., John Cookson, third year Bio-Chemistry, John Thornton, second year Mech. Eng., Martin Weatherhead, third year Zoology and John Hag of Aberdeen University, were on a mountaineering holiday in Iran.

They took an army one ton lorry and travelled via Belgium, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Turkey to Iran.

On arriving in Iran they spent a night in Tehran, sleeping in the Iranian army's polo field thinking it was a camp site. Then they moved

on to the Elburz mountain range to attempt several classic climbs including Mt. Demavand (18,500 ft.).

Radio

Having spent a month in the mountains, without even a change of clothes, the group decided to move on to the Caspian coast. En route, they stopped at a small town cafe to quaff a "Pepsi".

Here, they were accosted by a plain-clothes policeman who started to inspect the lorry, in which there was an old tank radio, used for listening to the weather forecast. On discovering this, the policeman promptly accused them of spying and they were marched off to the police station. They were detained until an interpreter could be found.

Finally along came the chief constable's son's best friend

to whom it was explained that they were only students on holiday and the whole business was sorted out. They were released after signing a form in Persian denying having anything to do with spying.

CHALLENGE!

The University has been invited to submit a team for Granada's 'University Challenge' Programme.

If anyone is interested in taking part, would they contact Mr. Paul Brook's, Union President.

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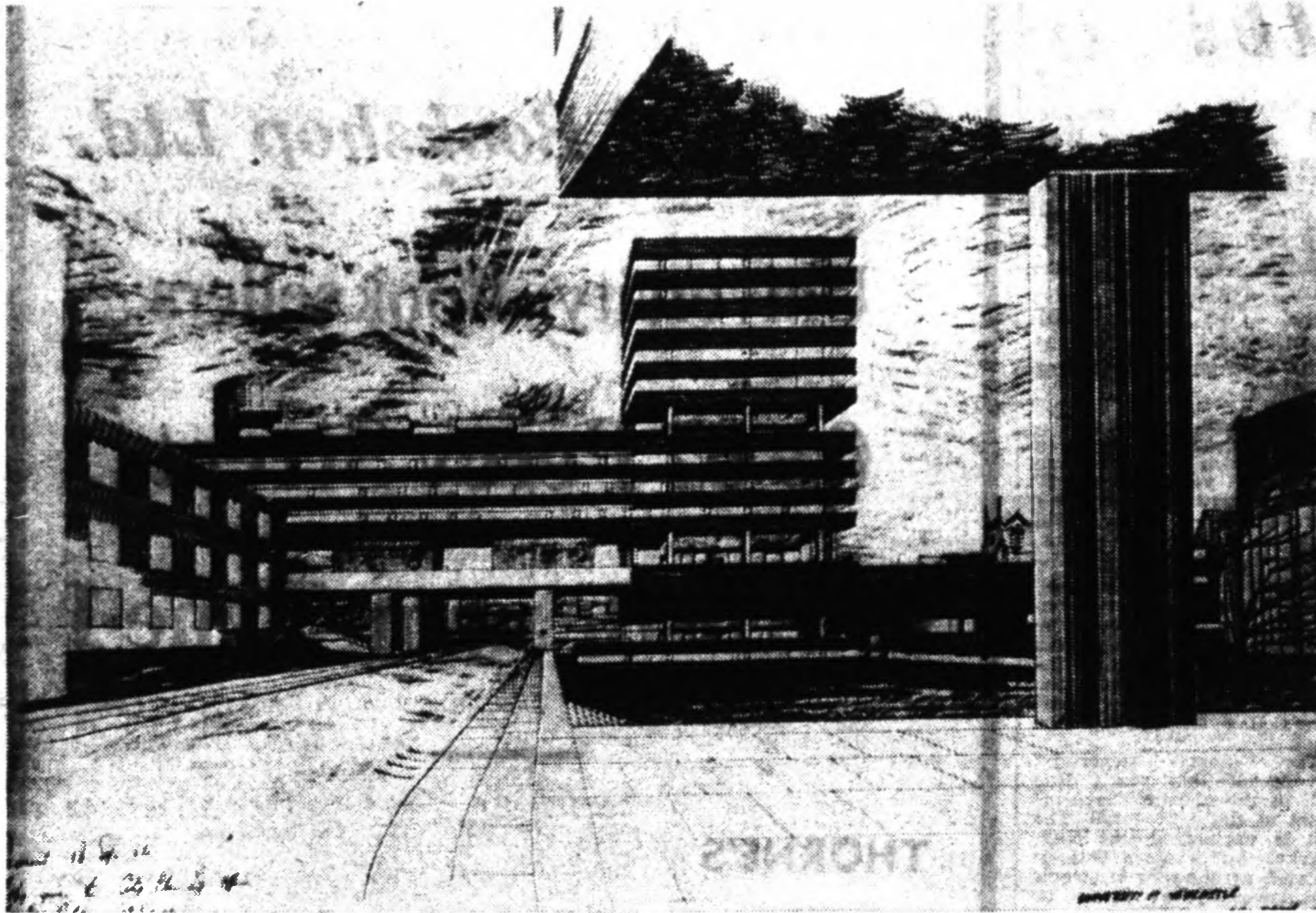
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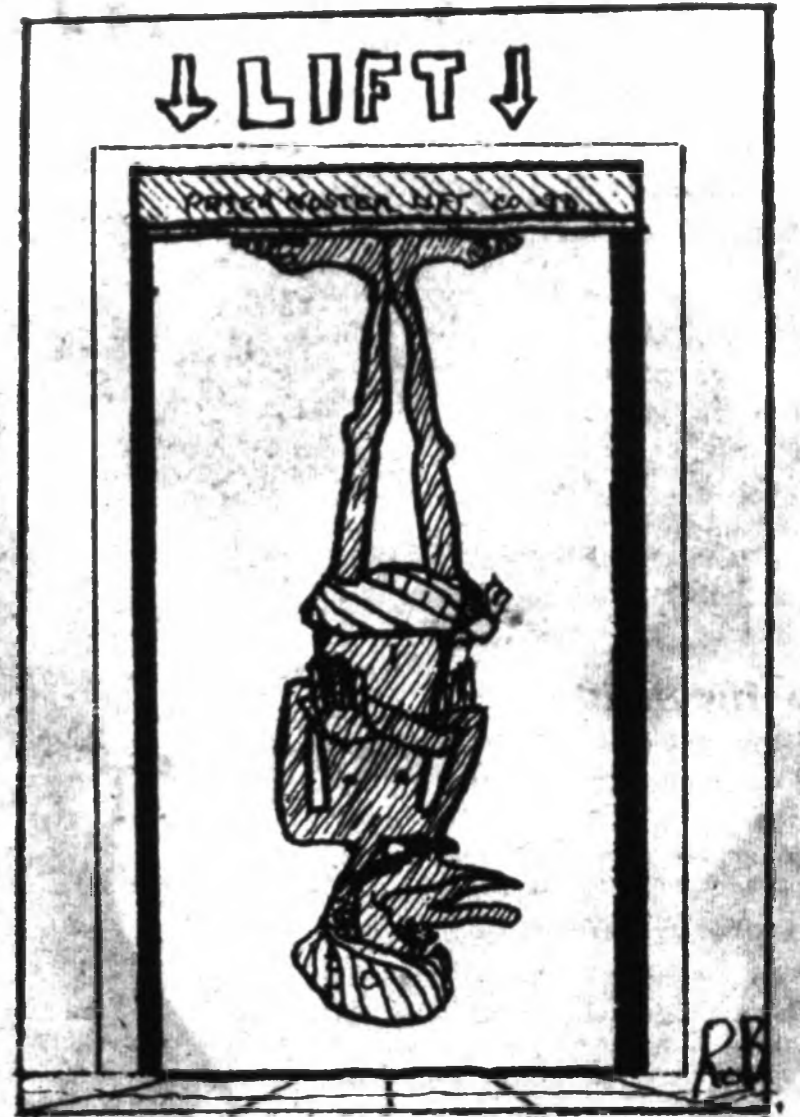
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ARTS-SCIENCE TOWER



Artist's impression of the tower block.



"Stop the course I want to get off!"

PROGRESS REPORT

The first stage of the new Arts-Science block opened at the beginning of this year when geographers moved from their old department in Sydenham Terrace to take up occupation.

The inauguration inspired many complaints about the terrific heat, lack of common rooms and the frantic banging, described as "putting in the finishing touches" which disturbed all the lectures.

Later the Fine Arts department became inhabited after two years' building, despite delay in October 1965 when floods engulfed the building site after heavy rains.

Now that Fine Artists and Geographers are accommodated without any discomfort the second stage of the Arts project is ready to receive its first inhabitants.

The 140 ft tower which grew visibly throughout this year will eventually provide accommodation for the Psychology Faculty, Town and Country Planning and the University Computing Laboratory. A bridge connecting the Daysh building and the Tower block will contain "Arts House", the centre

"for those who have no individual buildings or common rooms of their own," or, more precisely, General Artists. This common room will be on the top floor of the bridge.

The Arts-Science block as a whole will offer a new large lecture theatre as well as much-needed common lecture rooms; the link between Planners and Geographers is realised in practical terms with rooms common to them both in the Daysh building and the communicating bridge.

• Focal point

Students at the top will have already experienced the relief and novelty of the Paternoster lifts, which can carry them from the depths of the basement to the heights of the General Arts, Common Room. Other departments which plan to move into the bridge are languages, for which there will be a new language laboratory. Politics and Social Studies

These new buildings are part of the University's overall plan for expansion and the University of the future will be centred on the Arts-Science Block with the Tower and bridge as the main focal point.



A view from the finished tower containing the General Arts common room

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GENERAL ARTS

Values of General Degree in question

THIS year over 1,500 sixth formers applied for 81 places for a General Degree in the Faculty of Arts. Many people apply to read a General Arts degree because they prefer to have a broad based knowledge than to study one particular subject in depth.

The General Arts course in this University offers a tremendous range of subjects. Students can choose from three to five subjects during their stay at University.

One of the greatest advantages of this degree course is that it allows students to take up non-school subjects without having to commit themselves to deep study in it for three years.

• No incentive

One would, therefore, think that this course had great scope for a more interesting and lively approach. However, when interviewing general artists who had been on the course for a year or more it was surprising to note their various dissatisfactions.

The most recurrent phrase in the course of interviewing General Artists about their attitudes to their work and their position in the University was "I'm a lazy devil really." It is not to be deduced from this that general artists are a species more lazy than others, but that they are given less incentive to overcome this human weakness.

Many of them felt that insufficient interest was taken in the shape of their education, especially in the integration of their subjects. In all departments of their study they felt they were given far less attention than the respective Honours students.

Their work seems to consist mainly in attending mass lectures either not specially designed for their needs, or ones designed for their needs and delivered by less able lecturers.

Seminars are infrequent and tutorials unheard of by most of these students. This leads to a lack of satisfactory Staff/Student relationships, already worsened by the fact that each student has only one overall tutor, and no particular supervisor in any of his three subjects—another lack of incentive.

A few Departments, notably English, have appointed a person to be specifically responsible for the General Course which is a step in the right direction.

• Correct priorities

One student who had been granted a concession transfer to General after a year's Honours Spanish claimed: "I would find it far more interesting to do three subjects on a broad basis IF I were given more guidance and encouragement."

Other students seemed to resent that lecturers were so concerned with their own research work, publications and administration to bother with them. This brings into question the whole priorities of a University and may not in itself be valid criticism—it is probably only a few of the students who consider themselves the main *raison d'être* of the University.

One or two, though not expecting to be mollycoddled, consider their neglect a scandal. There is a feeling of general demoralisation and a sapping of the will to work. Miss Jill Dunford, S.R.C. representative for the General Artists told us that students are "regarded as the dim-wits of the University."

The disparaging attitude towards General Students can probably be explained by the fact that at one time people who did not make the grade in the pre-lims in the Honours School were usually automatically "transferred" to General. This, we must emphasise, is not the case now. It is necessary to have a special concession to be entered for a General Arts Degree once one has failed in an Honours School.

• Not an escape route

The impression that General is merely an escape route for those who don't make the grade in Honours must be eliminated. At the moment most General Students feel as though they are considered by both Staff and Students as second-class students who need little attention and can be crammed in anywhere. A 2 G girl commented: "We are seen merely as a herd of nonentities; no one really bothers about our progress."

The discrimination against these students continues even after Graduation because General Artists graduates receive less pay than Honours Graduates. The former often work as hard, if not harder, than the latter and even though their course of studies is different in nature it should be equal in educative value.

Mr. Taylor, the senior Tutor in General Arts, hoped that this discrimination would soon come to an end and it was largely unheeded. He mentioned the high standard of

WE would like to point out that the General Degree in the faculty of Arts has been singled out for attention, NOT because it is disproportionately worse than any other course, but merely because we have neither the staff nor the space to cover every degree course, many of which would also merit scrutiny.

the qualifications of the people entering for the General Degree and stressed that their intellectual ability was certainly no less than the students in the Honours School.

Mr. Taylor is convinced that the introduction of G.D.H., in Arts, parallel to the G.D.H. in Science begun some years ago, will put an end to this stigma. First of all it will improve the General Graduate's earning power and prestige in the eyes of employers; secondly, it will give the students a better status in the University.

• Honours degree

The first Honours Degree in General Arts will be awarded here in 1971. Meanwhile the courses are receiving considerable attention and other methods of improving the students' status are being considered.

The courses at present are broad in scope and it was amazing to find how divergent were the natures of each course, and how radically the amount of work required of them varied from subject to subject.

On the whole the language students have the largest amount of set work to do, with regular prose and translations. Some found this an uninspiring routine done for its own sake rather than for the interest the work offered. Because of the large numbers involved, this written work did not receive much individual explanation, but was dis-

cussed in seminars, dominated by the more opinionated students.

The literature courses consist mainly of attending Formal Lectures and the occasional seminar. The treatment is unimaginative; there seems to be no discernable purpose. A co-ordinating design is lacking, so it all appears a regression not a progression, from "A" Level.

Honours students were asked their opinion of the G.A. set books. Many disapproved, deeming them likely to foster an unbalanced view. The practice seems nearer a hotch-potch dabbling in small areas of specialisation, than an overall outlook. But as the staff pointed out, if the courses were integrated, one could not retain the free choice of subjects now available.

• Specially designed

In the English Department, there exists a specially designed course for General Artists, but many of them do not appreciate this, as half of the course consists of linguistic and Middle English.

In other Departments they often share lectures with the Honours students which the lecturers hope leads to more integration but which the students resent because they feel they are being palmed off into any convenient niche.

The General Artists Philosophy course

seems to require the least amount of work—two lectures and one seminar a week and practically no written work whatsoever. One 3 G girl reported: "I have been doing Philosophy for two years now in G.A. and I am only just beginning to realise the meaning of the word. It would help if you were told what an individual course entailed before you embarked on it."

"I had wanted to do Psychology, but I was told by one lecturer that it involved doing a lot of statistics. As it happens it doesn't at all, and I would have been far happier with that than with Philosophy."

Apparently the discrepancy in this case between the information given and the facts of the matter are accountable for by a change in the actual Psychology course in the last few years.

• Preliminary advice

Clearly some students are struggling on with subjects for which they are not suited. Admittedly, you never know definitely if a course will prove satisfactory until they gain first-hand experience of it, but surely a little preliminary advice would be helpful. A student's tutor can normally offer advice and guidance only in his subject, not in all three, so this leaves the student badly informed about two-thirds of his course.

Some students end up studying a course far removed from that originally applied for. One girl who wanted to do Honours Sociology found herself tackling G.A. History and Geology. This comes from the pressure to obtain a University place at any price thinking that all degree courses are of equal value and interest but are they?

So much depends on the quality of presentation and tuition.

Although many students were dissatisfied with one or more of their courses, they did not agree on how they ought to be changed. A lot of people including members of Staff would like to see the introduction of a year's foundation course as at Keele so that students could decide where their chief interests lie, but this is impossible as it has been prohibited by the Government's Education Policy.

The U.C.C.A. system demands a premature decision on the course which one wants to study, which does not help matters any.

Some language students complained that their courses were too literature orientated and that the information they acquired was not related to any background knowledge of the country as a whole, its history, customs or its institutions. On being asked if they thought that tutorials would help improve their enjoyment of the course, two first year students replied, without the least hint of sarcasm: "What's a tutorial?"

• Concerned

The nature of the courses have for a long time been receiving considerable attention by senior tutors who have the concern of the students at heart. However, they find extreme difficulty in bringing about any reform in courses, communication and Staff/Student relationship within the present rigid departmental structure of this University.

Every recommendation has to pass through a laborious process of being approved by many conservative minded Boards and Senates.

One factor which will definitely improve the situation in General Arts is the new General Arts Common Room. This will provide a focal centre for General Students who have formerly been considered the "walls and strays" of the University. This will be used by Staff and Pupils and there will be refreshment facilities.

In the same block there is now provided for them extensive Library facilities, spacious and well-furnished.

Not all General Art Students are seething with grievances and there seems great hope that the ones who are will be appeased in the not-too-distant future. As Ian Seebright, the Faculty representative, told us, "General Arts has been shamefully treated in the past, but there are possibilities of better things in the near future."

by E. A. Chambers and D. Moynihan

• Footnote:

We would like to thank all the people who have assisted us with this article, especially members of staff who have gone to great pains in explaining the intricacies of the problem to us. It is most difficult to find an ideal solution.

Mr. Taylor pointed to East Anglia's system as a shining example of how a University should ideally be run. There all students begin by studying three subjects until pre-lims, after which they are advised whether they are most suited for studying one, two or three subjects in varying depth. At the end of the three years their work is assessed on both examination results and course work over the years and the ones who merit it are conferred with an Honours degree and those below that standard gain a general degree if they don't fall completely.

It is rather alarming to think that a new University can found a radically different system when the old one has to struggle to gain even the slightest change in the regulations.



The view from the new Arts tower

SENIOR CUP DRAW IN WIND DOMINATED TUSSLE



Fierce left-footed drive from First's centre forward

Intra-Mural Soccer League round up

A LARGE attendance (but not 100 per cent, and therefore not good enough) of captains were at this season's opening Intra Mural Soccer League meeting last Wednesday.

The meeting was started with the news that the bus fares to Close House would remain at last year's price of 1/-. This statement was naturally well received.

When it was realised that the subscription for each team would remain at £1 (as quickly as possible please!!) although there had been some heavy expenditure on footballs, their joy knew no bounds.

Bars

Classics and Chemistry were admitted to the League as a result of two clubs retiring.

The meeting warmed up when the visiting dignitary, Mr. J. S. Calvert, made the draw for the First Round of

the Cup (to be played on Wednesday, November 1st), from an old chipped coffee cup. The following emerged: Medicals B v Chemistry Metallurgy v N'land Coll. A Classics v Eustace PH B Botany v Law N Counties Coll A v Plan Soc Geology v Geograpy A Rutherford Coll A v History Civil Eng v Mech Eng

Teams not mentioned were given byes and a pool system will operate to provide friendlies on that date for such clubs—more details later.

Play starts today and buses will leave for Close House at 1.30 p.m. prompt from Kings Road.

Teams are reminded, that if they want their match results

to appear in 'Courier' next week, they must ensure that they are handed in to the main office, Physical Education Department, before 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12.

Henderson's too strong in friendly

A HENDERSON Hall side proved too strong for Law in this friendly match at Cochrane Park last Wednesday. The match, which was a repeat of last year's Cup Final, was marred by a strong wind and play was often rather scrappy. Henderson won 4-0.

Henderson, with the wind behind them in the first half, began well and one of their first attacks led to Barnes opening the scoring.

The Law defence was susceptible to the fast moving Henderson attack, and Smith with a good header and an angled shot gave Henderson a 3-0 lead at the interval.

With the wind advantage in the second half, Law settled down well, and the inability of the Henderson defence to distribute the ball effectively helped Law get back into the run of play.

Henderson's fourth goal came when Barnes was fortunate to have a second chance to score, after his first shot had been stopped by the goalkeeper.

HOCKEY WIN FOR MEN

FOR the opening fixture of the season the University called on only three of last year's U.A.U. winning side to play against a traditionally strong Tynedale side.

In a quiet game the more fluid university side took the lead after ten minutes when Walmsley flicked a loose ball into the net. A brief rally by Tynedale was competently held, with good defiance by Piper and Forbes, and the university went further ahead when Bramley scored following a good move down the right wing to give a well deserved victory.

Teamwork throughout was good which augurs well for the future and imminent U.A.U. matches.

Because of the encouraging influx of new players this year, more fixtures for more teams are being arranged for the near future and it is hoped that anyone wishing to play hockey can be given regular games for the university teams.

NEWBURN 1, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY FIRST XI 1

IN the first round of the Northumberland Senior Cup at Newburn on Saturday the 1st XI shared the honours against Northern Combination League side Newburn.

In a hard, rugged tussle dominated by the wind, the University were first to settle down and both Dagless and Moir went close, before outside-left Moir put them one up with a glorious left foot cross shot after good work by Dagless.

Newburn were coming into the game towards the interval and only good defensive play by the University rearguard kept their goal intact.

Similar

The second half began in a similar manner and ten minutes after the interval Newburn equalised somewhat luckily direct from a left-wing corner, the ball being blown into the net by the strong wind.

This goal seemed to wake the mid-field men who up

to now had appeared very sluggish. They at last got to grips with the game and a remarkable transformation of the game's fortunes occurred. There followed a period of intense attacking by the University with again Dagless having tremendous ill-luck in front of goal.

In the last minute of the match winger Reay hit the ball into the net following a goal-mouth scramble, but to everyone's amazement the referee disallowed the goal for some unknown infringement.

Mention must be made of Lamb and Dunn, who were magnificent in their respective half-back roles.

The replay is at Cochrane Park on Saturday, 3.0 p.m. kick-off, and support is urgently needed.

No wins yet!

THE second XIs playing record makes dismal reading three games, three defeats. Despite these defeats—being at the hands of the top teams, the results have underlined various failings in the football played and the attitude towards such defeats.

There is a nucleus of talent which should be sufficient to carry the team towards U.A.U. success given an awareness of the failings presently found. Strong criticism at this stage of the season would be unfair and wrong.

The University side has shown all round strength and much skill in its matches so far. Against Wallsend, the University played attractive yet incisive football and fully deserved their half-time lead of two goals to one. Yet failings existed; the defence showed lack of discipline and sometimes thought, and often were indecisive. This attributed to the concession of two second half goals.

The attack continues to create chances but the quick strike and steadiness in front of goal is obviously lacking. Stars of this undeserved, yet important defeat, were Cren-

nell and Iredale, effective roles were undertaken by Vizor, Wilson and Craig. This side, added to, and given more competitive practice, will go far, despite these defeats.

CHESS

The University Chess Team finished last season on a high note by winning the George S. Sell trophy.

In the final of this knockout competition for the region, the University team defeated the strong Newcastle YMCA side by 5 boards to 3.

Play at the start of this season seems to indicate a continuation of this high standard of performance. This should ensure that the county champion, Mr. G. I. Rhodes, has a hard evening's work when he visits the University on Tuesday, October 17th, for his annual display of simultaneous chess.



ON Sunday, the Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe, for which there were five English runners, was won for the French by Toppyo. Salvo and Ribocco, our main hopes occupied the minor places.

The Casarewitch Stakes Handicap, raced on Saturday, was won very impressively by the Northern trained colt, Boisross.

Mick Easterby, the trainer, spent an anxious time before the race, keeping Boisross away from his other cough infected horses. In fact, ten days prior to the race, his entry did cough, but a dose of 'cough medicine' sent by a friend kept the disease away.

The main race of the week, is the Cornwallis Stakes, worth £7,000 to the winner, to be run at Ascot Heath on Saturday.

TREE

This race for two-year-olds, was won last year by Green Park. Jeremy Tree, Green Park's trainer has two entries this year, D'Urberville and Constans. The former looks to have a fine chance.

The horse that I think will win this valuable prize, is Lowna, a lightly raced filly, from the powerful Noel Murless stable.

Saturday's other big race at York, is the Atherton Moor Handicap Stakes over 12 miles and worth £1,000 to the winner.

This long distance handicap is a tricky affair but I hope to select Bugle Boy as the winner. In his last outing, he ran over two miles and finished second behind Acharacle at Catterick. This slightly shorter distance should suit him.

In today's racing at Lingfield, I go for Athlete in the 3.0 o'clock and Cool Harmony in the 4.30. Both these horses ran well in their last outings, taking the minor honours. A little improvement on these performances should see them the victors of their respective races.

In difficult handicaps, on Thursday and Friday at York, I take Bestofive in the Middleham Nursery and My Own II in the Little-Go Handicap.

SELECTIONS

Wednesday, Lingfield 3.0 p.m. Athlete (Attacker); 4.30 p.m. Cool Harmony (Tap).

Thursday, York 3.0 p.m. Bestofive (Africorade).

Friday, York 3.0 p.m. My Own II (Legal Tangle).

Saturday, Ascot 3.30 p.m. Lowna (D'Urberville); York 3.30 p.m. Bugle Boy (Kentra).

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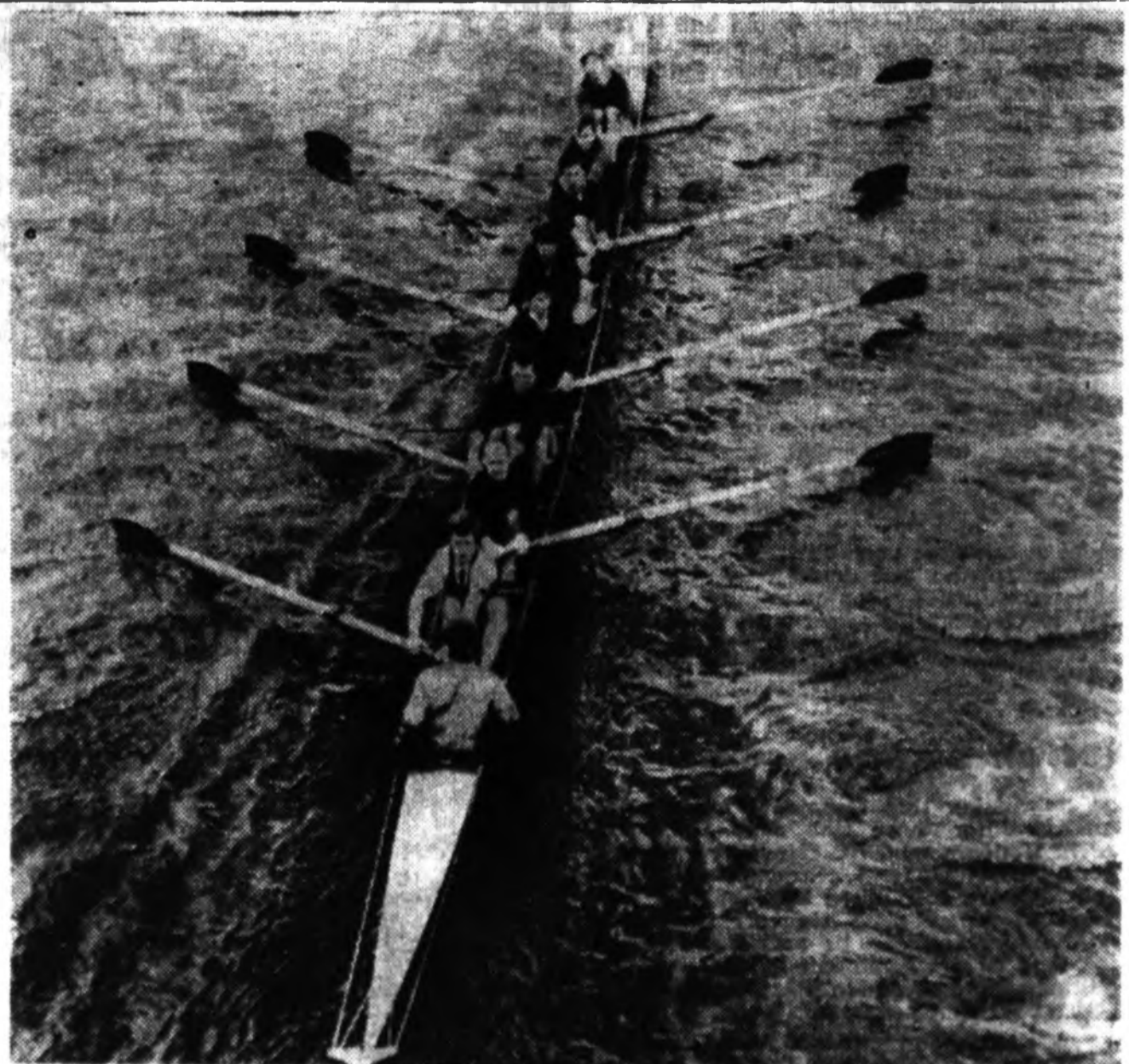
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The Boat Club has had a larger intake of freshers this year than for quite a few years, and according to Messrs. Ron and Johnson, the University coaches, there is a great deal of rowing ability among them.

However other problems have arisen; the Club is desperately in need of coxes for the many crews that are going afloat this term. So if you are male, weigh nine stones or less, and can swim, why don't you get in

touch with the Boat Club? They assure us it is great fun and no previous experience is necessary.

Training has started for the York U.A.U. Regatta and the Rutherford Head this term, and the big events of the rowing calendar next term—the Tyne, Chester, Reading and London Heads. Brian Gurdy, the President, is optimistic: "We hope to enter more crews than before and see them go really fast."

Rugby looks forward to success but ...

CLUB'S LACK OF COMPETITIVE SPIRIT MUST BE ELIMINATED!

Good wins on Saturday

AS the reputation of the University in Rugby circles as a force to be reckoned with grows, so the problems of retaining a good record multiply.

Good results become the expectation rather than the pious hope, and with a strengthening of the fixture lists it is essential that the team does not allow the effectiveness of its play to be determined, as so often occurred last season, by the standard of the opposition.

A win over our local rivals Durham. This is a match which invariably draws out the loyalties among students and it is hoped that there will be a large following to see the match in Durham this year. As was the case last year the match will be followed by the Rugby Club Dance in Newcastle, so the day should be really worth while to players and spectators alike.

MAKINGS

Last season was probably the best so far, the first team notching up 20 wins, including excellent victories over Harrogate and Edinburgh University.

A strong nucleus of last year's team remains. Ken Goodall, our Irish international No. 8, is back though at present recovering from a cartilage operation. This year's captain Dave Woodcock and Stu Masheder, a county open-side, should make up a strong back row. The front row is not likely to be too hospitable either. Brian Keen, who played in the successful North of England team which defeated the England touring side, returns and with John Seymour, another county prop, should help make up a formidable partnership.

SPIRIT

The team did not meet with much success in the competitions with which it was involved, and this general lack of competitive spirit is a feature which must be eliminated. The team should do far better this year in the Northumberland Cup competition, but our sights should primarily be set on that U.A.U. title.

Behind them Vern Rooke, less static this year at a trim 17 stone, and Norm Billington, will give as good as they get. Of the backs Ken Sykes, Geoff Hale, Eric Newsham and Drew Cadzow, a county trialist, are still here in force and with "Dick" Walker back there should be the makings of a very good side.

Although we were beaten by Sheffield University last year we could at least boast

This season there are a couple of outstanding fixtures to be played. There are matches against Pretoria and Orange Free State Universities, both touring England



Dave Woodcock, this year's rugby captain.

for short periods. These games should give national publicity to the University and good performances will be vital.

The obtaining of fixtures such as these illustrates the progressive attitude of the club the overall success of the club is not just the responsibility of fifteen players. The co-operation and enthusiasm of the constituent clubs can make all the difference between a good season and a great one, which we all hope this present season will be.



Back row, left to right: L. Dore, A. Aldwinckle, E. Newsham, N. Billington, V. Rooke, S. Masheder, A. Cadzow, R. McManners, G. Partington. Front row, left to right: B. Keen, K. Sykes, D. Woodcock, J. Seymour, D. Morgan, D. Fleetwood.

Firsts ensure victory in final seconds

ALNWICK 9 pts, NEWCASTLE FIRST XV 15 pts

THE University made an encouraging start to the season with a good win over Alnwick by three goals to three tries.

The team inevitably took time to settle down and they did not really "click" until twenty minutes had gone, when Ken Sykes touched down in the corner after Graham Partington had made the break. Vern Rooke converted magnificently from the touch line.

At this stage the team led 5-3 and they went further ahead when Ken Sykes, following up a kick ahead, capitalised on a full back's error and scored near the posts. Rooke added the extra points.

Stitches

Shortly before half-time Stu Masheder had to leave the field to have stitches put in a cut over his eye and when the teams changed

round the University, now facing a strong wind, looked as if they would be hard pushed to retain the lead.

As it turned out this was to be the case and Alnwick drew within a point of the University. But good tackling in the backs and spilling by the forwards at the line-outs kept most of the attacks at bay.

However, the team still had enough in reserve to come back and settle the issue beyond doubt. Drew Cadzow broke from a scrum near Alnwick's line and slipped the ball to Bob McManners who was able to dive over. Vern Rooke again converted to crown an excellent afternoon's kicking in adverse conditions and the team's good all-round performance.

KEEN IS PICKED FOR U.A.U.

SIX members of the Rugby club have been selected to play for U.A.U. sides next week.

Brian Keen (prop) has been selected to play for a U.A.U. side drawn mainly from the Midlands and South, against Middlesex County at the Saracens ground on Wednesday, October 18. This will be only the second representative game Keen will have played this season, after illness prevented him from playing for the U.A.U. during the Loughborough training course and for the North in the regional trial held a week last Tuesday.

The other five players will be playing for the North-Eastern Group U.A.U. side against South Yorkshire at the Sheffield University Athletics ground on Monday, 16th. They are John Seymour (prop), back-row men Dave Woodcock (this year's captain) and Stu Masheder, scrum-half Drew Cadzow and the Rugby club secretary, Ken Sykes (centre). This will be the first U.A.U. selection for Seymour, Woodcock and Sykes.

The huge Vernon Rooke (prop and second-row) is a reserve for the Yorkshire match.

"Action in the scrum!"



SPOT THE BALL!

CENTAURS SETTLE DOWN WELL IN SPITE OF HANDICAPS

THE University Centaurs, starting the season on Saturday as very much an unknown quantity, settled down nicely and did well to beat Hartlepool Athletic 1st XV by a try and a goal to a try.

Taking a little time to settle down to playing with each other and adapting themselves to the new kicking law, Centaurs then began to assert their authority after about ten minutes when the three-quarters and the back row began to threaten with fine backing up. However, the attacking movements, although controlled

HARTLEPOOL ATHLETIC 3, CENTAURS XV 8

and steady, were not strong and fast enough to bring a score.

It looked as though there would be no score at half-time after Centaurs' initial promise seemed to fade but a quick heel on the opponents' "25" line saw the ball move down the Varsity back-division for Phil Nind to put Fresher Phil Williamson over for an unconverted try in the right corner, just before the change-over.

During this half the Cen-

taurs had the handicap of playing up-hill, against the wind, and without their scrum-half, Albert Young, who had to leave the field with a dislocated shoulder. Perhaps it was because of Young's sudden absence that Hartlepool began to come back into the game for soon their centre Adamson went over for an unconverted try, half-way out on the left, and they later came very close with a penalty kick.

Although the University pressed uphill on many

occasions after this, no score came until in the last five minutes when prop Don Carruthers was quick to take a tap penalty ten yards out on his own initiative and cross the line unopposed. Full-back Dave Morris was able to land a beautiful conversion from the touch-line against the wind.

Out of a team that generally all played well, the back-row of Lockwood, Williams and Lumb caught the eye. In the backs both Dave Leybourne, who plays at either half-back position, and co-Fresher Phil Williamson look promising.



The less static, more dynamic, Vern giving better than he got.

More security checks —President warns!

Light and dark clash in debate!

INTERPRETATION of the motion of last Saturday's debate — "This House believes the dark continent saw the light too soon" posed a problem to both sides of the house.

The proposition obviously felt that the title implied the problem of coloured immigration, as most of their arguments were based on this subject.

The opposition accused them of irrelevance, maintaining that the motion referred to the independence of African colonies, and not immigration.

Liberty

The proposer of the motion dealt briefly with the problem of African independence.

"Liberty," he said, "is a wonderful word," and whilst he conceded the point that the inadequate education of the Africans is our fault, he felt that to allow immediate self-government would be rash.

He dealt with immigration at length, although he said that he was only opposed to it, when it caused conflict.

Dick Gregory, also supporting, went even further, saying, "Black and White will never live together."

The opposition adhered more strictly to the actual motion. Horace Regnart dealt briefly with immigration, suggesting that the proposition wanted Africa preserved as a human game reserve.

He attempted to define the actual terms of the motion, suggesting that "the light" could be interpreted as the wish for independence, and that as the motion included the words "too soon," it implied that "the light" (i.e. independence) was desirable.

Both Mr. Regnart and later Mr. Craig, speaking from the floor, criticised the colonial attitude which treated all Africans as being the same, simply because they shared a common colour. Mr. Regnart quoted the example of Nigeria where Britain tried to create one nation from different countries—the only common denominator being colour.

Equality

Mr. Ceres, seconding the opposition, pointed out that no-one can grant independence as every man is born independent. Men can only be oppressed by other men.

"Africa is nearly completely self-governing and so can be said to have seen the light, but in comparison with other continents, has not," said Mr. Ceres.

If attendance is a satisfactory criterion, the motion was one which stimulated considerable interest, and if the persistence of those who were forced to crouch in the balcony is anything to go on, the motion, which was defeated, was well debated.

Posts Vacant

Exam failures have caused disruption to the Union Executives even before the start of the academic year.

First Andy Hudson, elected Vice-President, failed results in chemistry and had to leave.

Then Union President Paul Brooks was notified by Miss Joanne Fessy, recently elected this year's Lady President, that she too had failed her re-sits and could not take up her office.

Mr. Brooks informed "Courier" in an interview on Sunday that elections to fill these posts will take place before the end of October.



BACK PAGE SPOT

Putting a lot of those fresh Union. hand to this University lark, Anita Linsdell, B.Sc., who is starting a Ph.D. this year in the Chemistry Department. Believe it or not, Anita is the ex-captain of the Ladies' Boat Club and this year's Lady President of the Athletic

Regarding her opinion of University men, Anita's preference is on the side of maturity, which may be the reason why she doesn't have a boy friend at the moment! So come on you mature men, get in line with those tinted glasses and let Anita do a bit of talent spotting!

EASIER TIME FOR HOME HUNTERS

"THINGS are much better this year than in previous years." This is the opinion of Squadron-Leader J. L. Crawford, Warden of Lodgings, when questioned about flats and digs for students at the University.

Mr. Crawford said that the improvement was due largely to the fact that people had returned to Newcastle during the summer vacation to try and find accommodation.

He told our reporter that some people are still looking for flats and bed-sitters, but added:

"This problem usually eases over about the first ten days of term." Mr. Crawford was particularly pleased at the way that would-be tenants had returned to the city during August and September. "In this way," he said, "we were able to take advantage of most of the reasonable property as soon as it became vacant."

Landladies

The problem of digs has also been solved a little more easily this year. A large number of students are still being housed at Whitley Bay, but Mr. Crawford added that very few landladies have been found in Newcastle itself. There have also been one or two landladies this year who have refused to take students from overseas.

Mr. Crawford told our reporter that it had been easier this year than in past years to find accommodation for married students. He added that the new flats for married postgraduate students



Sqn.-Ldr. J. L. Crawford, Warden of Lodgings.

should be completed by the end of this month.

The Warden asked "Courier" to issue a reminder to flat-dwellers that good accommodation can be lost if one or two people are a little thoughtless. Excessive noise at parties can mean the loss of a good flat to future students.

"No-one objects to parties," he concluded, "but with about 900 students living in Jesmond people have to be a little organized."

IN future there will be far more stringent measures taken to ensure that only members and their bona-fide guests use the Union building." This comment was made by Mr. Paul Brooks, Union President, after a week in which several thefts took place from the Ballroom.

Since Monday night, a policy of nightly Union card checks has been instituted in an attempt to cut down the influx of unauthorised persons in the Union. Mr. Brooks told our reporter that these measures had been put into effect for two reasons.

Firstly, the Union Management Committee, and the University authorities, are concerned about the growing number of thefts at Raves, and wish to check on everybody who uses the building. Secondly, Mr. Brooks and the Committee are worried about the numbers of non-members being signed in illegally.

Warning

On the second point, Mr. Brooks issued a very strong warning, on Sunday night when he told our reporter:

"We intend to stop members from signing in casual guests. In future, we shall treat this as a very serious offence, and culprits will be severely disciplined."

Many members, perhaps unknowingly, infringe Union Society Bye-Laws by signing in, as a guest, someone whom they meet outside the Union building, and for whom they do not intend to be liable. The Bye-Laws state that members shall be responsible for the behaviour of their guests in the Union Society's premises.

Non-members are also not allowed to purchase drinks in any of the Society's bars—if they do so, they are endangering the Society's licence, which is granted to the Society as a private club, for the benefit of its accredited members.

Example

Mr. Brooks said that any member who signs in someone who is not a bona-fide guest will be made an example of, to act as a warning to others that the Management Committee is not prepared to stand for such

flagrant disregard for its rules.

With regard to thefts, Mr. Brooks told "Courier" that after the spate of thefts at the "Freshers' Hop" two weeks ago, there had been a further outbreak of petty thieving at the rave organised by the Chemical Engineering Society in the Ballroom last Wednesday.

At this dance, some 20 purses and handbags were stolen.

Lights

One girl lost a purse containing over £5, and others lost keys to their lodgings.

At last Saturday's Rave, several precautions were taken to try and prevent further incidents of this kind. Mr. Brooks commented:

"This week, at least, we seem to have been successful in avoiding any further losses." The measures taken included the supervision of cloakrooms by students, who were paid for their work; the distribution of circulars to those attending the dance warning them not to leave valuables lying about, and University police in attendance.

The University authorities and the City Police are as concerned as the Management Committee to put a stop to this distressing series of thefts, and if and when the offenders are caught, disciplinary action and court proceedings will follow.

Dramsoc German tour a success

ON Tuesday evening last week, the University Dramatic Society tour party, tired but triumphant, arrived back in Newcastle after a highly successful tour of West Germany.

Travelling in a 15-year-old coach and a Triumph Herald they had travelled all over Germany with Phil Robert's production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," adapted especially for a foreign audience. In Karlsruhe, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Preetz and Eckenförde, the civic receptions, enthusiastic audiences, and requests to the party to return next year for a longer stay, were all testimonies to the unqualified success of the tour.

Scenery

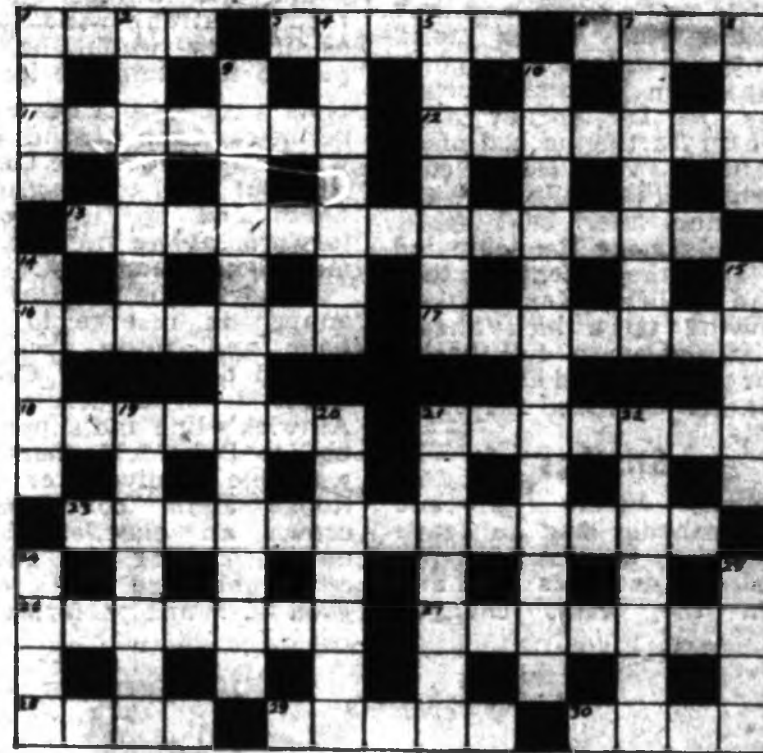
Surely the tour party must now rank as one of the most experienced and adaptable groups of student actors to be found anywhere, a fact proved by the ease with which they adapted their performances from the superbly equipped stage in Hamburg to the tiny platform in Preetz.

While members of the Society were still abroad in Germany, plans were being made for this year's first production.

The play is called 'Happy days are here again.'

This production, in studio form, will take place in the Union this term and auditions will be held in the Debating Chamber this week.

CROSSWORD by clueless



ACROSS

- Improvident inflammation (4)
- Cast this way for jettison maybe (5)
- Stand in the hearse? (4)
- One trying to improve capabilities, perhaps (7)
- Me and the Queen deviate (7)
- Could be an unfilled area on the outskirts of Newcastle (4, 4, 5)
- Men agitate for cathedral alterations (7)
- Drink leisurely and starts to go even more leisurely? (5, 2)
- Eight pieces in light star for virulent satire (7)
- Snail-like or sluggish, perhaps (7)
- Same wet Rag tin managed to exude this when used for tea making (8, 5)
- Led up a hill, leaving fifty scrambling behind, though losing strength when she cut in (7)
- I almost contrived to be there before it opened! (2, 5)
- Makes stone attractive? (4)
- Appeal in British Standard boasts (5)
- Back on the front of ground looseners for low cover (4)

- Said two at a time moves (7)
- Thin enough to be almost unheard of (4)
- Scandalous words in the library, perhaps (13)
- A song about anthropological divisions of an intent community, perhaps (8, 5)
- Extensive alterations to French chart (5)
- Not really the thing to mash five hundred peas with! (5)
- Dappled in sentence dealt with a return (7)
- Change in there, or there. So that's your answer! (7)
- Child's horse in local gallery that is certainly not this (7)
- Discover world organisation has a change of heart (7)
- Favourite for one and a half million and fifty (4)
- Mixed, yet allent in print (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- Across: 1 Alive and kicking, 8 Evergreen, 9 Rear, 11 Dear, 17 Untwirl, 18 Macbeth, 19 Imp, 20 Dresser, 21 Illegal, 22 Top, 23 Braille, 24 Elect me, 25 Loll, 30 Ecur, 31 Yesterday's lunch, Downs, 1 All-round ability, 2 Veer, 3 Amen, 4 Daga, 5 Ices, 6 Kind, 7 Glory Hallelujah, 10 At the ball, 12 Energetic, 13 Missile, 14 Flirted, 15 Unrites, 16 Scutler, 26 List, 27 Aler, 28 Area, 29 Tots, 30 Esau.