

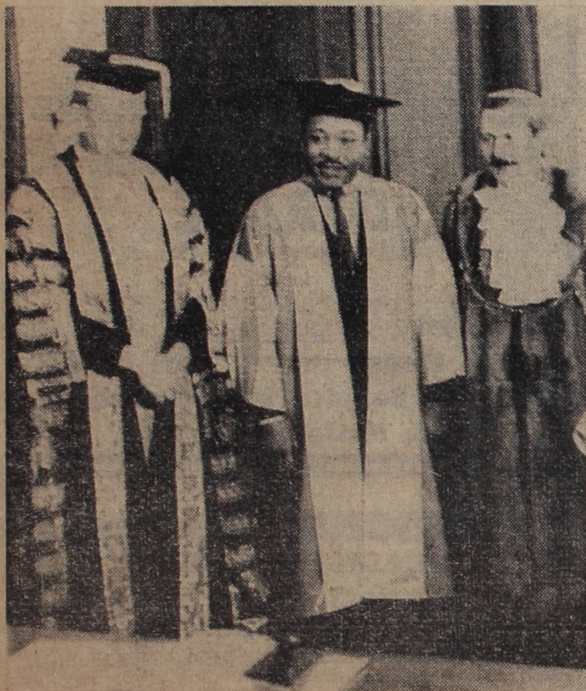


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GREAT DAY FOR FREEDOM FIGHTER



Dr. Martin Luther King (centre) pictured here with His Grace the Duke of Northumberland before being presented with his honorary degree on Monday.

A CROWDED King's Hall saw the University honour a truly great man on Monday afternoon. In a colourful and majestic ceremony the Reverend Martin Luther King was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law by the Chancellor, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland. The tense and expectant audience rose as Mr. C. B. Nicholson, President of the Students' Representative Council, carrying the University Mace, led in the Congregation. Doctor King entered, wearing the dazzling red and white robe of Doctor of Civil Law, a small yet immensely dignified figure as he made his way to the front of the Hall.

First the Public Orator, Professor J. H. Burnett, related the superb catalogue of good that has been Doctor King's life. Dr. King stood listening attentively, his brown eyes reflecting from his outwardly passive features the joy and sorrow through which he has lived.

Professor Burnett spoke first of Doctor King's religious upbringing and his early promise of the great oratory for which he is famous. He told of how the six year old child had said to his mother, "I'm gonna get me some big words."

The audience were told of his education and studies at Boston University, and his choice of a religious vocation instead of the intellectual career at which he would surely have been such a great success.

Decision

Dr. King then made another momentous decision — to choose the parish of Montgomery Alabama in the deep south instead of a comparatively secure northern district.

Throughout his troubled, often dangerous career as a spokesman for Civil Rights, Dr. King never lost his "inexpressible faith in the

righteousness of his cause," said Professor Burnett.

"Right up till this very day, despite being arrested more than forty times, he has never weakened in his resolve."

Professor Burnett ended his eloquent speech to loud applause. Then it was Doctor King who made his way to the microphone to speak. With no notes or visible prepared speech in front of him Doctor King held the attention of the Hall for over half an hour with a magnificent speech, delivered in the clear, relaxed, yet fervent tones of a master orator.

With only the occasional hand gesture, Dr. King let his easy-on-the-ear drawl do all the work as he stated the beliefs for which he is famous and in which he obviously so strongly believes.

Delighted

"I need hardly tell you," said the Doctor, "how delighted I am to be here and the genuine appreciation I feel for the great honour Newcastle University is bestowing upon me today. This honour will be of inestimable value for the continuance of my efforts."

Dr. King listed the three great problems which confront our world today, racism, poverty and war. In a voice which, though soft, told all his listeners how passionately he wanted these three ills extinguished, he illustrated his themes by incident from his own life — the prejudice he had found in America, the poverty in India, and the worldwide threat of a nuclear holocaust.

The doctor insisted on the need for laws to protect the Negro, for as he said: "The law cannot change the hearts of men but it can change their habits."

Then the flicker of a smile flashed across Dr. King's face as he said: "The law can't make a man love me either but it can stop him from



Dr. King enjoys a chat over coffee with S.R.C. President Nick Nicholson.

lynching me." Perhaps the most important message to come from Dr. King's speech was that the plight of freedom is "still only a bud, not yet a flower."

Dr. King's speech finished to tumultuous applause and the Chancellor closed the ceremony. Dr. King had to leave Newcastle almost immediately for London, from where he flew back to New York yesterday.

Earlier in the day Doctor King had displayed other facets of his amazing character when meeting some of the University students for an informal chat over coffee.

Still the intense figure he showed himself to be in the afternoon, Doctor King showed a lively, sometimes even jovial temperament in answering questions put to him. His honesty was soon made apparent when, in answer to a question by Union Treasurer Tony Sorenson about the election of two negroes as Mayors of Cleveland and Gary, he said:

"I think it would be foolish to make too much out of these results, because both these men were Democrats in-

Democratic strongholds and their majorities were not very high." He did, however, say that this was a significant beginning.

Pressure

When questioned about the South African situation, Doctor King said, "If Britain and the U.S. got together to put economic pressure on South Africa they could solve the problem tomorrow."

Perhaps Doctor King's most salient point was when he said of the negro extremists like Carmichael and Brown, "I always try to remember that these men are products of the Race problem rather than causes of it."

Upon leaving, Dr. King expressed his pleasure at being able to talk to some students, and was thanked for generously agreeing to come by the Vice-Chancellor Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet.

So the great man has returned to America to continue the fight for equality, leaving perhaps a greater understanding of the problems which Britain herself faces and certainly a more real appreciation of the character of this truly remarkable world figure.

Storm brews over Rugby Club tour

FEELINGS are running high this week amongst many members of the University about a proposed tour by two South African University rugby teams. The teams from the University of Pretoria and the Orange Free State are to be guests of the rugby club in January.

An article in Courier, October 25, 1967, brought the tour to the notice of people not only within the University but from other universities throughout the country. Within days of publication phone calls were received from several universities including Southampton and London who wished to know what the position was.

Southampton University Union has gone so far as to write to Nick Nicholson, President of the S.R.C., stating that they felt that if the matches were played it would not be a legitimate use of public money, and would give the impression that S.R.C. acknowledges apartheid.

Entertaining

Mr. Nicholson has replied to this letter, pointing out that it is doubtful if any public money will be spent on entertaining the two teams as the Rugby Club has formed an Action Committee to raise money to meet the necessary expenses. Also, he said that the touring teams do not, either as individuals or as a team, represent the South African Government.

Mr. Martin Pinder, who is responsible for the organisation of the tour, seemed rather loathe to comment upon it. "Colour has never entered our heads," he said. "We simply want a game of rugby with those teams, their politics don't interest us."

He did, however, clarify certain details. The residence of the teams whilst in Newcastle is to be paid for by the club who acquire something

in the region of £400 to offset their costs. "We are putting in a request to the Athletic Union for a substantial grant but we have no idea of its possible success," added Mr. Pinder.

Mr. Njapa-Kabo, President of the University's African Society, when asked about the tour, said he thought it "disgraceful." It is all very well talking about keeping politics out of sport but if the very people who practice segregation mix the two we cannot turn a blind eye," he commented.

Mixed team

Furthermore, what would happen if there was a coloured member of the university in the rugby team to meet the South Africans? Or would the universities concerned allow a mixed team, coloureds and whites, to play in their country? Everyone knows the answer — of course, such a situation would not be allowed. And like it or not the University foreign and English students alike is represented by any team from the rugby club.

Other African members of the university stressed Mr. Kaba's comments but thought that the question went perhaps deeper. They felt in fact that many were unable to participate in sport as much as they would like because of their position with regard to fees and maintenance. If an English student gets injured and misses a year of university he can easily gain a continuance of his grant, but it is not always so easy for the

average African university student. He runs the risk of losing his grant. "Besides we came here to get our degrees and return to our own country as quickly as possible, we cannot afford delays," said one student.

The situation it seems will become more crucial if the Athletic Union give a grant to the rugby club for the tour. Since the Athletic Union receive a considerable grant from the Students' Representative Council every year many are of the opinion that for the Athletic Union to meet the club's request it would mean that many members of the University were indirectly helping to finance something to which they are strongly opposed.

Opposition

Mr. Pinder, it seems, echoed the U.A.U.'s official policy of "sport and politics don't mix," but there is apparently some opposition to the tour amongst senior National Union of Student officials although the N.U.S. as such thinks there is little it can do.

Some universities have, after a referendum, abandoned the idea of their team meeting the touring side, but as yet there has been no such move within this university. Mr. Paul Brooks, President of the Union Society, said his private opinion was that no harm could come from such a tour, but pointed out that if the visiting team should practice segregation of any kind within the Union then he would not tolerate it.

NO LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIONS YET

LABOUR, Conservative Liberal, or Socialist, which do you support? On Saturday, November 18 everyone will have the opportunity to vote for the Party of their choice, at the Mock Election. This is held prior to the Queen's Speech Debate which takes place next term.

The Liberals held their adoption meeting last Thursday. The hustings were between Mr. David Ivison and Mr. Tony Sorenson. Mr. Ivison, the Press Officer for the Society, was chosen. He is expected to stick quite closely to the Party line. Regarding their possibility of success, a Liberal spokesman said that considering the demise of the Labour and Socialist Societies in the University, the Liberals should give the Conservatives a close fight.

The choice for the Conserva-

tive candidate lay between Mr. Peter Taylor ex-Chairman of the Association, who is said to have resigned through unforeseen pressure of work; and Mr. Alan Craig Vice-President of the Association, who last year won the Queen's Speech Debate whilst leading the Opposition. Mr. Alan Craig was elected once again.

Mr. Graham Clarke, the new Chairman under whose supervision the committee and Association are now working very effectively, said that he felt the Conservatives would once again be successful because of the apathy existing amongst the other political groups.

The Labour Club has as yet no candidate, although negotiations are going ahead with the Socialist Society and con-

siderable progress has been made. The Chairman Mr. Roy Budgen said that they would endeavour to settle differences and present a popular front candidate. Mr. Budgen said that he personally would like a speaker who toed the Party line, but the Clubs Treasurer — Mr. Peter Leggott — considered winning the election to be more important. Regarding the outcome of the election they both felt success was assured.

The Mock Election should be more interesting this year as it is to be held on a Saturday evening thus ensuring a greater audience with more of a cross-section of views. It is to be hoped that some of the old sparkle and wit — and even "mud slinging" will be revived to make the evening as entertaining as it has been in the past.

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Lovely, long-haired, blue-eyed Eve is in the second stage of an Ordinary National Diploma Secretarial Course, at the College of Commerce and is a cat lover.

Combined action on Student Housing by the National Union of Students, and a Student Art Competition, may result from last Saturday's meeting of the Northumberland Inter-Collegiate Committee (N.I.C.C.).

Newcastle University's four point plan to help improve student housing was discussed. The meeting decided that those colleges with student housing problems could circulate the Plan among the students.

The 4-point plan was approved by Newcastle University Students' Representative Council at its last meeting. The aim is that students with complaints about their housing should—

(1) Go to their landlords with a list of what they want done.

(2) If they get insufficient results from him, the students should go to the Students' Union, who will have the accommodation inspected.

(3) If the students have a bona fide case, the Students' Union will approach the landlord.

(4) If the landlord is still unco-operative, the Students' Union will give the students all the necessary help in going to the Rent Tribunal.

Steps

The meeting considered the report of the Accommodation Working Party set up at the N.I.C.C. Accommodation Conference three weeks ago. It recommended further steps to improve the Newcastle Student Housing situation.

Plans for N.I.C.C. action in N.U.S. were raised. Tony Wild, N.I.C.C. Treasurer, reported on the recent N.U.S. Regional Conference at York where N.I.C.C. was largely responsible for getting the regional centre established at York eventually, instead of Leeds.

Ian Seabright, N.I.C.C. Secretary, proposed that there should be an N.U.S. briefing meeting before N.U.S. Council on November 24. The aim of this meeting is to brief delegates to N.U.S. Margate Council, so that N.I.C.C. can take combined action on matters of common concern.

An N.I.C.C. Art Competition was put forward. This Competition would be open to all students in N.I.C.C. Colleges. Northern Counties Colleges of Education said that they would form definite proposals for the next N.I.C.C. meeting.

N.I.C.C. is the Area Organisation of Students' Unions north of the Tyne.

Overseas Student Welfare

Lester James, the new staff member at NUS headquarters responsible for overseas students, has been visiting colleges all over Britain during the last few weeks. He has been meeting overseas students' representatives and welfare officers to assess the reaction to 'International Community?' the report of an 18 month NUS survey on the welfare of overseas students. Mr. James found many colleagues are interested in setting up small bodies to investigate the welfare of overseas students in their own area and of promoting awareness of the value to society of mutual contact with people from overseas.

Suspension of Staff

FIFTY cases of gastroenteritis at Manchester University led to a Public Health Authority investigation last week.

As a result, fifteen members of the Owens Refectory kitchen staff have been suspended.

Although there was "no conclusive proof" of food poisoning, fifteen salmonella carriers of traces of the bacteria were found in the kitchen.

Salmonella, a form of food-poisoning transmitted in meat, can be lethal.

The suspended employees will be able to return to work when cleared by their own doctors.

Polytechnic articles may change

Possible changes in the Articles of Government of the proposed Newcastle Polytechnic were revealed last week.

The changes were suggested by comments from the Department of Education and Science in London. The comments were on the Articles of Government sent to London some time ago for the opinion of the D.E.S. Such opinions of the D.E.S. are not binding on Newcastle Local Education Authority, which has the final responsibility for the Polytechnic.

Useless

The Polytechnic Staff-Student Committee is affected by the possible changes. Originally, the Staff-Student Committee was to have been summoned by a signed request from 25 students.

Alterations will mean that only a quarter of the Staff-Student Committee or the Polytechnic Director can call a meeting. Many people felt that under the previous set-up a few irresponsible students could call a useless meeting.

Chaired by the Polytechnic Director, the Committee will have 50 per cent student members and 50 per cent staff members. In addition, the Students' Union will have a representative on the Polytechnic Council, the governing body of the Polytechnic.

Minor

Student Union officials from the Colleges which are to be merged into the Polytechnic thought the changes were very minor.

"Fair enough," commented Bryan Holliday, Rutherford Students' Union chairman: "Half of the Committee are students anyway."

Newcastle Polytechnic will consist of the present College of Commerce, College of Art and Industrial Design and Rutherford College of Technology. It is to be formed in September, 1968.



Bryan Holliday, Rutherford Students' Union Chairman.

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Ewes at Leeds University farm, Bramham, have recently given birth to 13 lambs. The ewes were given hormone doses early this summer and have been kept indoors in a reduced artificial 'day'.

A University spokesman said: "The shorter days and hormone doses made the ewes come into season. The work shows how the incidence of multiple births can be increased and how lambs can be born in autumn, just as in spring."

Fire in the Animal Biochemistry building at Bangor caused structural damage and resulted in loss of postgraduate research notes and £15,000 worth of equipment.

An important project on cancer in animals for which the Department has become famous, was one of those affected.

'Javelin' the University of Bradford newspaper has described the Bradford Rag as a "shambles".

The Pre-Rag Ball lost a three figure sum, and the opening ceremony was marred by a bomb scare. Four students were fined a total of £75 after a "debacle" in a city bar in which a policeman was injured, and another was called (amongst other things) a "fascist bastard". A visit to Bingley resulted in stitched wounds, attempted rapes and £300 worth of damage.

Belfast art students are revolting against "appalling" work and recreational conditions. They say that teaching methods are like those at a primary school.

A final year student said: "It's hard to pin it down to a

Student World

particular thing, but trivial things like punctuality indicate the general attitude.

Students must have an excuse if they are more than five minutes late, and 95 per cent attendance record is essential. Letters to our recently formed SRC are opened by the Principal.

The students have drawn up a constitution which aims at better social relations with staff, representation of governing boards and establishments of "a compatible staff student relationship".

The NUS has agreed to back the students in their fight.

A Rag stunt has given Leeds student Victor Vilimas the title of "World Non-stop Speaking Champion".

His time of 138 hours non-stop beat the existing record by five hours although it was six hours short of his target.

After breaking the record, he was driven to the BBC radio studios in Leeds to make a recording. A further recording was made when he finally stopped talking. He also gave an interview to BBC TV.

Mr. J. Michael Forbes, a University researcher, said: "The number of lambs per sheep a year could be doubled if the problem of costs were solved."

An experiment from Leicester University Space Research Section is now orbiting the Earth.

Along with eight others, the experiment was launched in "orbiting solar observatory" to "investigate the emission of X-rays from the corona of the sun."

The satellite is designed to remain stationary in space relative to the sun to permit accurate observations. It orbits Earth every 90 minutes in an orbit of 300 miles.

IS YOUR EDUCATION TOO GOOD TO WASTE ON THE ARMY?

WHAT'S the use of knowing Sainte-Beuve backwards in primary jungle? Who cares about the Second Law of Thermodynamics in an Infantry Mess? Does the Army prefer its Officers to be like its steaks—good and thick?

The profession of Arms is practised, to a great extent, out of doors. And there is not much culture in, say, laying an ambush in primary jungle at four o'clock in the morning. Do we, then, waste our time in speaking to undergraduates—and would you, when you graduate, be wasting your expensive education if you became an Army Officer?

The answer is no; and for a good many reasons. One is that few jobs require so much of a man's mind as that of an Army Officer. You will have to think fast, to think under stress; and you will have to think correctly, because men's lives may depend on your thoughts. The wisdom gained from a hundred A. J. P. Taylor tutorials could never be said to have been

wasted if your mental agility led to the saving of even one soldier's life. Nor will your innate originality and inventiveness be put to sleep in the Army. Wellington did not win his victories in the Peninsular War by being dull and unoriginal. To do the unexpected, to do it well, efficiently, and at the right time—these are the hallmarks of a good Army Officer.

Global Security During your career as an Officer, it is possible that you will take part in—and help to form—the workings of a new system of global security. Some British troops today wear the pale blue beret of the United Nations. Their Officers' tasks are highly complex, often calling more on their talents as diplomats and peace-makers than their prowess in battle. No less demanding are the jobs of Officers with troops in Commonwealth or NATO roles. The challenge is at all levels: it may fall to a General's lot to decide the overall strategy, but it is on the junior Officer's skill that depends, say, the successful solution of

a potential international incident in Hong Kong or at the Berlin Wall.

Many changes are due—and many overdue—in Europe and the world. You may prefer to take your part in bringing them about as an industrialist, or a market researcher, or a technician, or in any number of jobs which deal, as most jobs do, with commodities. An Army Officer deals, more simply, with people. Many find that is the most exciting subject of all. If you do too, and would like to know more about a career as an Army Officer and, possibly, go to an Army Unit for up to 5 days on a familiarisation visit, write to:



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Army Officer Entry, Dept. 276
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THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

Town Cinema

APOLLO: This week, Stanley Baker's highly successful "Robbery" — the story based on the Great Train Robbery — and, from Sunday, another chance to see "Bonnie and Clyde."

ESSOLDO: "Ulysses" is in his second week. This film must not be missed. (See film of the week).

HAYMARKET: Take twelve military prisoners; encourage bitterness and hatred in them, train them to kill and destroy; then send them behind enemy lines with a promise of a free pardon if they are successful. "The Dirty Dozen" is a thrill packed wartime adventure, with an all star cast. Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine, Charles Gronson and Clint Walker are just a few.

JESMOND: Till Saturday, Robert Morse, Walter Matthau and Inge Stevens in "A Guide for the Married Man" (X certificate).

ODEON: This week, the Al Capone story in full. "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre", (starring Jason Robards and George Segal). A Bonnie and Clyde story from real life. Next week, Clint Eastwood returns in "For a Few Dollars More," the follow up to "A Fistful of Dollars."

PAVILION: "The Taming of the Shrew," is Shakespeare at its best. This is an excellent film; it is perfect entertainment, as well as being flawless in presentation and production. I guarantee that you will enjoy it.

QUEENS: December 23 is the date: after then no more sounds of music will be heard: instead, the sounds of Rex Harrison, Samantha Eggar, Anthony Newley and Richard Attenborough in the film of Hugh Lofting's "Dr. Doolittle." Gub-Gub is coming!

STOLL: "Hamburg, City of Vice," is a torrid saga of sex and sin in the back streets of Hamburg. A fair sprinkling of Goodies and Baddies all meet their just deserts. "Loving Couples," Mai Zetterling's masterpiece tells the story of three women looking back on pregnancy with a sorrowful eye. Certainly a cheeky film if you're feeling a little down.

TATLER: The Japanese season continues this week with "Ugetsu Monogatari (directed by Kenji Mizoguchi). X certificate, and a winner of four international awards, this film tells of Japan in the sixteenth century—during the civil war. Two brothers-in-law take this opportunity to join the Samurai, and their various adventures take them into brothels, ghost-princess's palaces and positions of glory. Heads roll and blood flows freely, but in the end they return home, sadder and wiser men.

Theatre

EMPIRE THEATRE, SUNDERLAND: Until Saturday 18th, music and dance from the Czechoslovak State Song and Dance Ensemble 7.30 p.m. Saturday matinee 2.30 p.m. From Monday 20th, the Royal Ballet Company come to the theatre. The total repertoire will cover two weeks. First week "Swan Lake" (Monday and Tuesday 7.30 p.m., 2.30 matinee on Tuesday). "Sinfonietta," "The Two Pigeons" (Wednesday 7.30 p.m.). Tickets 17/6, 12/6, 10/6 and 7/6. The programme for Thursday 23rd to Wednesday 29th November will be in next week's issue.

Sunday 19th, for one day only, a film: "Yesterday girl," (16 mm), organised by Sunderland Empire Theatre Society, Society Rooms, 7.45 p.m. Membership details from Mrs. J. Owen, 1 Woodside, Sunderland.

NEWCASTLE PLAYHOUSE: "Mother Courage," a play by Bertold Brecht. This is a chronological play of the Thirty Years' War, the outstanding example of meaningless conflict in European history. Until Saturday, December 2, weekdays 7.30 p.m., Saturday 4.30 and 8.0 p.m. Tickets 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, from theatre box-office. Concessions available.

LITTLE THEATRE, GATESHEAD: Until Saturday 18th, a play, "The Wisdom of Eve," by Mary Orr and Reginald Benham, 7.15 p.m. Tickets 4/-.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE, ART CENTRE: Monday 13th — Saturday 18th November, Shakespeare's "Richard III", the masses of soldiers, courtiers and messengers, plus a host of significant supporting parts precludes frequent professional performances. The opportunity of seeing Richard III—Shakespeare's most resplendent villain—is one not to be missed. Unscrupulous and eloquent; deadly but having charm, this Richard may not be historically accurate, but the mocking gaiety in his wickedness communicates delight to the audience, and makes by contrast, the terror of his end the more unnerving. 7.0 p.m. Tickets 5/6 (students 3/6).

THEATRE ROYAL: Wednesday, November 15, and for one month, "The Bachelors Show." Opening night 7.30 p.m. and thereafter 6.0 and 8.35 p.m. nightly. Tickets weekdays excluding

Saturday 12/6 to 2/6. Saturday 15/- to 3/- from box-office.

NEWS THEATRE, PILGRIM STREET: Soviet Film Show, organised by British-Soviet Friendship Society. Saturday, November 18, 7.0 — 9.30 p.m.

Music

SUNDERLAND ART GALLERY: A recital; Charles Gregory "The Four Guitars". Organised by the Sunderland Gramophone Music Society. Art Gallery, Borough Road, 7.15 p.m. Tickets 3/6. Wednesday, November 15.

CITY HALL: Wednesday, November 15, an organ recital by Caleb Jarvis (Liverpool), 1.0 p.m. Admission free. Monday 20, The Northern Sphonia Orchestra, conductor Rudolph Schwarz, solo violin Igor Oistrakh. Programme: Symphony No. 99 Haydn. Violin Concerto in A minor, Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in G, K. 216, and the Czech Suite

in D, opus 39 by Dvorak, 7.45 p.m. Tickets 15/- to 5/-, from J. G. Windows Ltd., or Fenwicks Limited.

JESMOND METHODIST CHURCH HALL: Concert, Capella Novocastriensis — organised by Newcastle and District Society of Organists. Saturday, 18th, 7.30 p.m. Details from honorary secretary, 7 Stonyhurst Road, Gosforth.

Exhibitions

OLD TOWN HALL: Until Saturday, November 18. An exhibition of Soviet Art, including that of children. Organised by the British Soviet Friendship Society. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

GULBENKIAN GALLERY, PEOPLE'S THEATRE: Monday, November 13 — November 28; an exhibition of theatrical costumes from the People's Theatre wardrobe. Also a showing of prints by Terence Ibbot, one of the

young London painters, 7.30—9.0 p.m. only. Admission free.

LAING ART GALLERY: Exhibition of paintings by John Bratby until December 2. Bratby is considered one of the most talented of younger artists. His strongly individual style of painting with its thick paint and bold drawing has always attracted attention. He has exhibited extensively in this country and America.

GALLERY ANNEXE: An exhibition of photographs made between 1886 and 1912 by Frederick H. Evans. Sponsored by the Royal Photographic Society. This exhibition is by the University's Department of Photography.

SHIPLEY ART GALLERY: Until Saturday, December 2, an Arts Council exhibition of Indian miniatures, 10 a.m. — 6.0 p.m., Sunday 3.0 — 5.0 p.m.

WESTGATE GALLERY: Until Wednesday, December 6, a two man show by Michael White and Tom Sutcliffe. Daily 1.15—5.0 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 7.0 — 9.0 p.m.

General

LAING ART GALLERY: There will be two showings daily of the following art films, on Monday, 20, and Tuesday, November 21, from 4.30 — 6.15 p.m., and from 7.30 — 9.15 p.m. "The Triumph of Chardin's Apple over David's Heroics"; "The Pre-Raphaelite Revolution"; short interval; "Giacometti"; "R. B. Kitaj" and "Joneswork". Admission free by ticket only — obtainable at Laing Art Gallery.

On Tuesday 21st, there will be a lunchtime recital from John Barstow (piano), born in Morley in Yorkshire, and now a senior member of the teaching staff of the Royal College of Music in London. Programme: Allegretto in C minor by Schubert; Sonata No. 49 in E flat by Haydn, and Arabesque Novelette in F by Schumann. Laing Art Gallery 1.15 — 1.55 p.m. Tickets 1/6 at the door. Tea and biscuits available from 12.45 p.m., price 6d.

University Lectures

Institute of Education: "Architecture in Schools." Speakers: Stuart Hendy, Dip. Arch., A.R.I.B.A.; W. R. Ainsworth B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A.; and Mrs. S. P. Armstrong, St. Thomas' Street, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2/6 at meeting.

Physics Auditorium: "Britain and the European Community — Problems and Prospects," a lecture by Miriam Camps to be given on Thursday, 16th November in the Physics Auditorium at 5.30 p.m.

Geographical Society: Mr. M. Jedburgh (Minister of Housing and Local Government, Whitehall) will give a lecture on "Regional Planning in South-east England." Thursday, 16th November, 5.30 p.m. Room 23 Geography Dept., Daysh Building, Tea at 5.0 p.m.

General

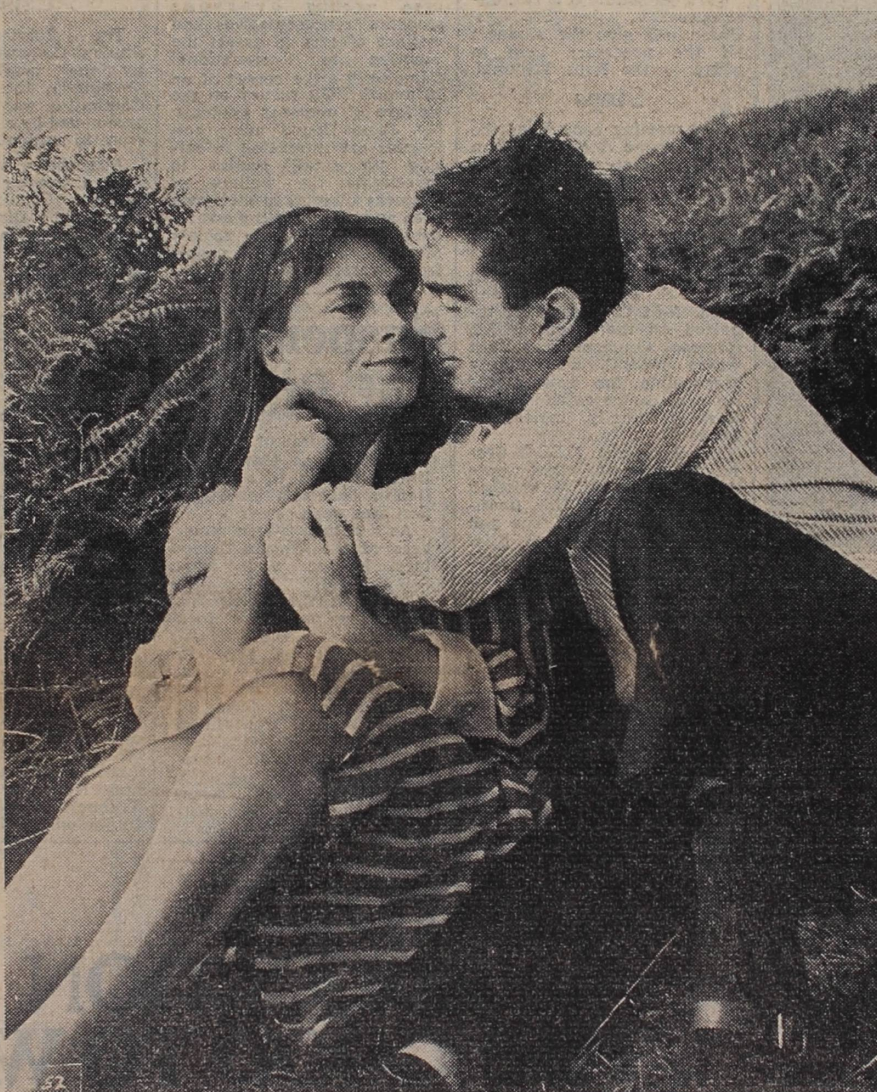
Film: "Orpheus," organised by Hexham Film Society. Northumberland College, Allandale Road. Friday, 17th, 7.45 p.m. Membership details from J. M. Baker, Woodbine House, Hexham. Telephone 2799.

Kine Club: Friday, 17th November "The Innocents," producer Clayton. Two performances, 6.0 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. New House Private Theatre above the News Theatre, Pilgrim Street. Tickets 3/- at the door.

Photographic Society: 7.0 p.m. Monday, 13th November. Physics Lecture, Theatre 2 — demonstration on how to develop films.

Whitley Bay Society: All facilities of the Rockliff Rugby Club are now available to members every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.0 p.m. However the successful Friday Folk nights at the Corner House continue (this Friday), as does football on the beach Sundays at 11.0 a.m.

Union Rave: Saturday, 18th November, 8.30-11.30 p.m. 'Stuart James Inspiration' and 'Just Bent.' Females 3/6, males 5/6.



From the climax of the film, this photograph shows Bloom (Milo O'Shea) about to make love to Molly (Barbara Jeffard).

Film of the week:

ULYSSES

This is a truly amazing film. It says nothing, it appears to have no message: it is so strangely obscure that many people walk out half way through; and yet it creates a kind of satisfaction: perhaps it induces a certain amount of guilt, perhaps its frankness and honesty bring on a feeling of sorrow for fellow creatures—but whatever it is, the film manages to unwind its audience (those who stay to see it through) and leave them exhausted and utterly wrung out.

It is a hotch potch of stories; the painful tale of Leopold and Molly Bloom, who haven't had it since their child died, 11 days after its birth, is intertwined with the wanderings of the poet, Stephen Daedalus, and characters float in and out of the plot at will; there are Molly's lovers, Bloom's old flame, a house of whores, Stephen's dead mother; all contribute to the general effect of realistic presentation; right down to the glass of Guinness, this is a

film about life and love and hatred in Dublin, as it really is.

Painful

There are comic, bawdy bedrooms scenes, there is a hilarious scene in a newspaper office where the action is signalled by headlines on a billboard — "Exit Bloom," "A grand entrance," "K.M.A." etc. There is a cuckold clock; and a very moving scene where Stephen, walking across a beach closes his eyes to see what it is like.

The reality of the film is punctuated with dreams, fantasies and recollections, but the real thought in the film lies in Molly's introspective monologue which occupies the last 20 or so minutes of the film — "why are women made like this," she wonders, "with a great big hole in the middle and all these desires, if we are just meant to live with one man."

As far as the audience are concerned, the film reaches its climax when Poldy makes love to Molly — although the act itself occurs only in Molly's memory. "Go and peep in on life as it is" — as Molly's boyfriend says at one point — "look through the key-hole and play with yourself... you will be delighted with what you see — and please, if you don't understand it, at least stay until the end (which is, after all the raciest bit) — creaking seats do tend to spoil it for other people who are trying to enjoy it.

The World of Arcadia— A look at the Hippy Scene in Newcastle

IT'S been done before, not only by our University magazine, *Northerner*, which displayed the fabulous Carol and Mary but by that new national magazine 'Intro'. We do not suggest that a feature on the boutiques and customers of Arcadia is a feature on Newcastle and we question whether Arcadia is the heart of Newcastle life as was suggested by 'Intro'. Roger Witts, a second year classicist visited the Arcade, interviewed Mr. Bob Clennell, spoke to the 'in crowd' and borrowed some clothes. Our very own fashion model was duly photographed by Paul Barry and here is *Courier's* angle on Arcadia.



Jackie "captured" in anticipation is clothed in an emerald kaftan. Strands of emerald lurex shimmer from top to thigh and the rectangles of emerald and sky-blue satinised cotton combine optically to effuse a transparent blue-green. The price? — only 69/11.

Our model is fingering exotic plum and pink wooden beads which can also be bought at Bob Clennell's boutique. corduroy dress with a white punton collar at £2 18s. 6d. If you prefer something more demure then a dark chocolate is modest enough.

observation, the majority of the customers in Arcasip have an average age of 15-16. Groups of these teenyboppers lounge daily on the Arcadian balconies, waiting for nothing to happen.

An attempt was made to interview the customers of Arcadia, but this proved rather difficult, as they seemed few and far between. The two persons who were encountered had come more out of curiosity, than with any serious purchasing intentions. Saturday is apparently the mad-rush day, when school-children pour in and buy up the tinkling bells and incense sticks.

Stalls are set up outside the boutiques to improve sales on Saturdays, but the main problem seems to be the situation of Arcadia, which is outside the main shopping streets of the city. Mass advertising campaigns are afoot in the clubs and discotheques but in the sixth month of their lives, the boutiques' sales have been very low, and the prices high in consequence.

The main sales are of beads, bells and incense sticks, but very few clothes seem to be sold. Although the manager of the three boutiques seemed optimistic enough, the assistants appeared bored, and reckoned that the boutiques are on the decline.

• Genuine need

I asked one young lady customer if she thought Arcadia fulfilled a genuine need, and whether she herself would buy any of the junk offered for sale. She ignored my leading question and replied that the boutique was an essential part of her young life; if she could not buy the items she wanted here, she would be willing to travel as far as Manchester to get them.

She surely deserves at least a bronze award for enterprise and perseverance, for as far as I could see (although I do admit I'm not entirely with it, m. d. you), the best bargain in the whole Arcade was the nine-penny bowl of minestrone served in the sumptuous "Grandma's Soup Parlour."

by
Roger Witts

ON the twenty-sixth of February, 1966, canny Newcastle entered the pop scene: It was upon this date that Mr. Bob Clennell opened the city's first boutique in Handyside Arcade (just below Thorne's bookshop). Since then Arcadia has become the Mecca for all mod-minded Geordie teenagers. There are about a dozen boutiques snuggled cosily shoulder-to-shoulder, and selling virtually anything, from Indian bells to ex-Pirate Radio 270 pop records. Exotic names like Muffin, Blaise, Birdcage and Scene fill the eye, but perhaps the most revealing appellation is "Paraphernalia."

Bob Clennell himself runs three boutiques: Fig Leaf, mainly for the men, Target, mainly for the women, and Pot, the "Thing Chop", which looks like an annexe to Batman's cave.

• Your actual

The gear that he sells is mostly made on the premises, and the low prices made possible by this compensate for the fact that it is not direct from "your actual King's Road, Chelsea". In fact, to import clothes from London would almost double their prices. Mr. Clennell can proudly boast that he was the first person in the North East to sell beads and bells for hippy purposes.

Trends begin when any person in the public eye does something new: Eric Clapton arrived at the a'Gogo once wearing a woman's skinny-rib sweater and immediately sales rose; Prince Charles could have the same magic effect. In these days when even the unconventional has become "square," the kids will follow any lead, no matter how outrageous.

Hot tip for the next trend? — Try a tight-fitting fair-isle sweater (the type that your mother forced you to wear 15 years ago). Paul McCartney will be sporting one in the latest one hour Beatle programme which will soon be on the rounds.

Mr. Clennell visits London

once in every two or three weeks, "just to keep in touch." He has contacts in the pop world, who keep him informed about latest trends—Alan Price is part-owner of Figleaf, and makes regular visits to the shop. Newcastle, he says, is about four weeks behind the times; this is good. Some places in the Midlands lag eight or nine weeks behind; the youngsters there must feel really deprived.

Advertising his shops used to be Bob Clennell's problem; he tried Radio 270, but the "ocean wave" effect and the bad reception ruined all attempts to get across to the listening public; then one day a newspaper reporter visited a local pub to collect material for an article on drugs and hippies — he chose Friday night, and he was not disappointed at the turn out.

• Narcotics squad

The following Tuesday, a photographer arrived at the same pub, to find only Bob Clennell and a friend enjoying a quiet pint. Hey presto!

Next day a centre page spread with a photo of Bob and a condemning editorial on drugs. The narcotics squad soon arrived on the scene, but so did the youngsters, they came in droves, and business boomed. This is why the "thing" — shop is called Pot.

If the kids come in the hope of seeing a psychedelic experience or buying drugs, then they are going to be sadly disappointed — but the name "Pot," and the soft hints of drug peddling; the gloomy shop interiors, the ornate mod decor, the smell of incense — all this encourages the youngsters to go in to see what gives, and trade flourishes sic!

Mr. Clennell thinks that Newcastle is the hippest pad, outside London, in this country; this is because there are so many colleges and things, as well as the University, in the City," he says.

This may be true, but from



Here are two of the ornate boutique shop fronts. Above: There's a whole scene going in here — but it can prove to be expensive. Below: There's more to wear in there than Adam had!



Inside Arcadia — a view of the three boutiques, owned by Bob Clennell.

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Courier

Wednesday, November 8, 1967

THE proposed visit of the South African University Rugby team to this country has provoked a wide storm of protest from various sources. (See page 1).

The African students of this University are justifiably concerned at the segregated nature of the team. The Rugby Club, on the other hand, seem to wish to disregard any political consideration. This is, of course, impossible when there are Universities like Southampton around deeply dedicated to causing as much trouble for the tour as possible.

The political issues at stake here are, in the opinion of this paper, not to be fobbed off by the somewhat lame excuse that "it's just a game."

As Martin Luther King said in a somewhat different context, passive acceptance of racial prejudice is as bad and harmful as that prejudice itself.

Informed criticism and opposition is justified and indeed necessary. One thing that must be borne in mind, however, is that fact must be separated from fantasy. As Nick Nicholson, Student Representative Council President, pointed out in his reply to a somewhat terse letter from Southampton University, it is by no means certain that Athletic Union money will be used to back the tour.

If this consideration is kept to the forefront in the minds of those against the tour, Courier is of the opinion that these objections are justifiable. Regrettable though it may be for sports enthusiasts, sport and politics have become inextricably mixed and this University, just as much as anywhere else must try to voice its protest against apartheid in any way they can.

One final important point. Some coloured students have voiced their opinion to Courier that segregation is being carried out among teams of this University. Courier has checked on this and to the best of our knowledge and the great credit of our sports teams, these stories are completely without foundation and in fact utter nonsense.

Ladies in ballroom

FORGING my way through uncharted Jesmond last week on my pogo-stick, I was suddenly overcome by a voluptuous female in party dress and whisked off to the Union Ballroom to join in a segregated dance. A large white rope stretched across the whole floor separated the sheep from the goats, or should I say the 4s. from the 6s., and afterwards the President of the Arab Socialists right-wing joint Judo and badminton Club team commented that all had gone well and that there was some talk of holding the dances in different rooms.

The ladies would stay in the ballroom and listen to Newcastle's and the Club A'GoGo's top artists whilst the men went to hold their



party in the Lower Bun-room. It was then suggested that this should be held on a Thursday evening as this would save the

A DAY IN THE LIFE...

WHEN reading fact-figure reports in your daily rags, have you ever considered the difficulties and trials that beset the reporter assigned to these quests for truth...? The rack and strain that lie behind those bold-type percentages...?

NEWCASTLE Freshers found me unabashed and—true to my new-found status—politically antagonistic. At 7 a.m. on the first Monday in term I was staunchly propping by "Wet Sam in Vietnam" posters all over the Haymarket. By 8.45 (not a student in sight) I had gently coerced 15 local busmen into signing my petition by means of a tirade on the "imminent danger to Pakistan" if L.B.J. wasn't stopped now. I was

just strapping my 10 by 10 cartoon of a crew-cut boot in the act of crushing millions of black bodies higher up the winged whatsit, when responding to a tap on the shoulder, I turned to face two bestockinged starred and striped figures of yak-like build kindly offering me two pairs of genuine size fifteens.

Irresistible

Although first-year lecture attendance was somewhat curbed by frequent visits to the Royal Infirmary, I was accepted again after resits, and began my second year with 3½ weeks of impeccable academic study before the irresistible call of Courier came. "Should churches be abolished?" was my theme—a genuine opinion poll—all my suckling ambitions realised. As a religious-minded soul I suppose I should have known better than to park myself outside the Mech. Eng. and Dentist

blocks; of the 100 asked, 97 replied in the affirmative (and comments) and three abstained because they didn't understand the question. Determined to redeem this situation, I crept into St. Thom's before evensong and left my questionnaire in the choir stalls, cunningly disguised as a hymn sheet. Unfortunately, some time during the Magnificat it got passed to the Vicar who proceeded to confuse it with his sermon notes.

Lucious

This year, I arrived early, marched blandly into the Courier office and informed them I was ready again. It was make or break—a journalistic career was at stake.

"Okay—one last chance", said the editor; "Flowers and sex—what are these people really like?" He explained

Courier's new casual yet direct approach, dispatched me to work out my plan, and prayed.

At 7.30 on Saturday evening I took up my post on the Union steps. True to expectation, from the shadows of King's Walk emerged a luscious mini-skirted figure sporting cow-bell and beads.

"Going to the Ball" I drawled, remembering the casual hit.

"Wondering whether it's worth it," she cooed.

"How about spending the night with me?" I said, remembering the direct bit.

Courier wishes to apologise for its failure to publish the promised feature of Fresher Flower Folk. Our special reporter on this assignment was last seen in the company of an unknown Freshers steering a garlanded float in the direction of Gretna.

Suckers Grumble

Sir, We are not habitually grumbling types, but we feel angry about the appalling lack of organisation concerned with Rag Dances, and in particular The Small Faces Dance on the Friday night. We were led to believe (being Freshers!) that this was a students' dance. Admittedly we saw half a dozen, but we were annoyed by the large number of stupid screaming fourteen-year-old girls (surely not students?) whose din completely drowned the music of the other groups on an hour at least before the Small Faces. The Small Faces themselves were a bad choice for a Rag Dance and only played half an hour. At twelve and six a time for pathetic psychedelia this was bloody rubbish!

We were also led to believe (up the same garden path!) that there was adequate late transport. Granted the locals got on coaches, but no students were told that special tickets had to be bought. Therefore at two a.m. Saturday morning one half-empty coach left for the coast leaving a crowd of students hitching along Jesmond Road in the pouring rain!

Surely if a dance is for students can't there be a minimum age limit of eighteen, and can't some representative of students make sure that transport is adequate? As freshers, we now know why half the University spent Rag Weekend at home! Just for the record we did help in Rag Collections. We did build a float. We collected a hell of a lot of money. We spent a long time on it.

And yet we pay high prices for lousy dances. We partly blame the Rag Committee for their lack of organisation, and the dance-hall for their underhand money-grabbing methods. Students unite—why don't we do something about ALL DANCES?

Yours etc,
TWO SUCKERS

Apathy

Sir, While perusing the back page of your newspaper last week we came across some comments made by the newly-elected Vice-president of the Union (L. Campbell).

Mr. Campbell, referring to the 20 per cent turnout at the election, complained of student apathy. He was, however, elected by the non-apathetic 20 per cent.

This contrasts sharply with last year's presidential election at Henderson Hall, when approximately 80 per cent of the electorate voted, and Mr. Campbell was notably unsuccessful in his presidential ambitions.

Does he still wish to complain about student apathy (apparently his best ally in an election)?

Yours etc,
**J. GORNWELL,
J. DONALD,
J. EARNSHAW,
D. GUY.**

Silent S.R.C.?

Sir, I FOUND in Messrs. Nicholson and Wilkinson's letter published in Courier last week (replying to an earlier letter of mine) not only an affirmation that they are unsuited to hold the positions of President and Vice-President of NUSRC, but also some offensive allegations.

Their implication that I was a source of verbal diarrhoea I find unwarranted, and I am sure most people who had been present would also after seeing the spectacle of many silent S.R.C. representatives (suffering from verbal and mental?)—constipation perhaps) during the discussion on vital issues such as S.R.C. policy, the S.R.C. budget and student accommodation.

Moreover they obviously never bothered to read my letter properly, as they would then have realised that it was aimed at the executive as the body responsible for getting new representatives working effectively, rather than the new members themselves. Of course the new members find

difficult to sort out the devious workings of S.R.C. but it is the Executive who should guide them to a better understanding within as short a time as possible.

As for accusing me of making "verbose, abstract statements" I must say they surpassed me with their use of old worn-out platitudes (originally devised for use by politicians under pressure who cannot answer their opponents) "judged on their (S.R.C.'s) achievements" and "deeds not word" Laughable!

Perhaps they are just indulging in the latest craze (reported last week in Courier)—wiling!

B. E. Halsall

RAG APOLOGIZES

Sir, It has come to my notice that another apology to the General Arts students has not been given at the appropriate time. This was due to have appeared in "Courier" the week after Rag, and due to the circumstances prevailing at the time, appears to have been mislaid.

The apology itself comes from the Rag Central Committee for taking over the General Arts Common Room during Rag Week as a catering base. This was done without any permission being sought from the students concerned, and without any notice being displayed to the effect that their common room was to be used for that purpose.

We, of the Rag Committee apologise sincerely for this, and trust that the students concerned were not inconvenienced too much. They helped Rag indirectly, by allowing us to use as a catering base what was the only

practicable room on the campus, and for this help we are very grateful.

Yours etc.,
**MIKE WILKINSON
(Rag PRO)**



Rents

Sir, It seems from the report in Courier last week of S.R.C.'s policy statement, and from the article by Ian Watts about Jesmond that not enough is known about the potentiality of the Rent Tribunal. The Rent Tribunal which deals with furnished accommodation will protect your tenancy if you are threatened with eviction. For a start, four weeks notice must be given. (This applies equally to tenant and landlord.) On receiving notice to quit a tenant should go immediately to the Rent Tribunal. They will normally protect your tenancy for six months.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Watts does not seem aware of these facts. He writes that students who attempt to improve conditions run serious risks of eviction, and in the following paragraph states that "students must know and insist on their rights."

Further it seems unfortunate that S.R.C.'s policy outlined last week involves such a lengthy procedure that by its time consuming nature it is likely to prejudice entirely our rights if threatened with eviction.

These remarks do not refer to digs when an appreciable portion of weekly rent is board.

Your etc.,
GORDON MOIR.

expense of having to hire a group.

At this point a plaintive cry was heard (the plaintiff had voted "Not Guilty"), which was thought to have issued from the mouth of that irrestible wag and wit Harold "Nick" Nilson, suggesting that the group should play from the top of the Claremont Tower as the hire the group, the better (loud cheers from the cheaper seats).

Underwear

He was then seen disappearing with his cronies from U.M.C. (Underwear Management Committee) a subsection of a sub-section of S.R.C. which is itself a subsection of N.U.S.R.C. which is run by N.U.S. which is, of course, completely under the thumb of B.R.O.O.K.E.S., and everyone knows what runs him, that's right L.I.Q.U.O.R.I.C.E.

Later on as I stalked into a meeting up in the highest heights of the flying-wing I could hear Harold and his cronies muttering together.

"Mutter, mutter, mutter mutter, mutter."

"Speak up," I cried, "I can't tell talk from mutter." (Even louder cheers from the cheaper seats).

"Snap," said the Treasurer.

"Snap," said Nilson.

"Snap," said the Secretary.

"Snap," said the Assistant Ladies cloakroom Sweeper's attendant, "Oh, dear, my strap has gone again."

"Snap," everyone else said.

"It's mine," said Nilson.

"No it's not it's mine."

"It's mine I tell you."

"Get off" (Nilson again), I assert my Divine Right of President and I won that one.

"But that's not fair," the Art's Festival Organiser Mr. Lowe intoned. "You've won them all now, we haven't got a chance."

Strip

"Let's play something different, strip poker or something," the Lady President bawled.

"He's a 'andy man to have around," the Secretary

quipped, shuffling the pack again, and everybody collapsed in a fit of hysterical laughter (and a very good fit it was too), and it was only when the President had whipped everyone cringing into the corner that order was again restored and play could again begin.

Smith

"No, let's do some work," I saw the President mouthe (Actually I must admit that I was the Ventriloquist) and when everyone had been revived with large brandies (by courtesy of the increased Union fees). Everyone there looked at the President with gaping ears.

I suppose that I had better say something, he thought, so here goes. He cleared his throat and out it came with a rush "I think that the groups on a Saturday should play from the top of the Claremont Tower."

A series of ums ran round the table, one of them tripping as he did so. "Um, um, um, um, trip, um, um, um, um, umc. (They were

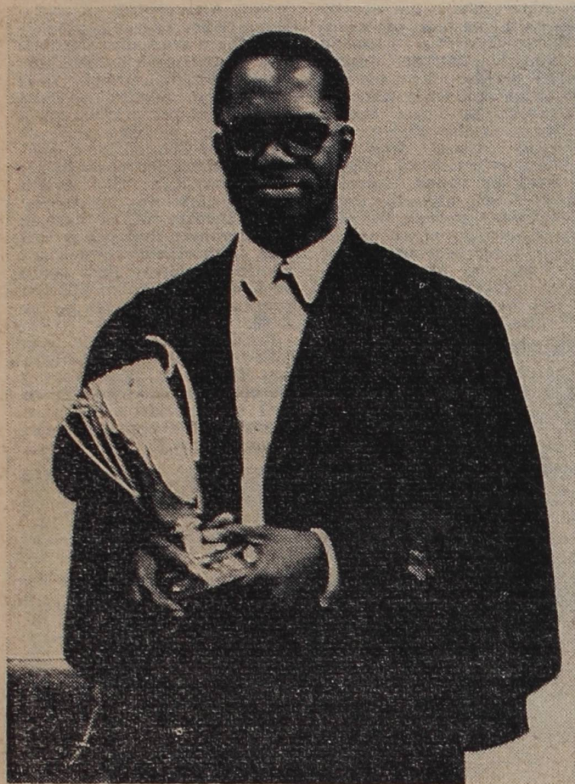
fully fledged members).

"Then" he continued "we can pack people into the Paternoster lifts and by running at full speed we ought to be able to get a record number of people in to see the latest group to hit the North. Stuart Smith's wheelbarrow window-cleaners Sub-section Green and Yellow Combo! Actually there's only two of them, but the lifts will be past that fast that no one will ever know and we'll finish up by giving everyone that comes a conducted tour of the new Discotheque, thus filling it at it's first meeting, together with a free ticket to go to see Martin Luther King given an honorary degree in Economics of English Literature."

"And all inclusive for only £7 13s. 9d. (£5 6s. 7d. for women of course)."

When everyone had been woken up the motion was passed on a general vote, which was later given back to the general for his further use, and everybody went home to bed.

EXHILARATING SPEAKERS IN SATURDAY DEBATE



Mr. Rudyard Ceres, winner of the debating trophy.

IN a very enjoyable and exhilarating evening on Saturday, eight members debated that "This house would rather live in sin than risk divorce," for the Alan Macquillan Individual Speaking Trophy. Speakers were judged by Mr. Eric Gibbons, Mr. Horace Regnart and Mr. C. B. Nicholson (President S.R.C.), on their abilities to debate and contend with interruptions, and on their use of wit and humour and their ability, obviously, to speak on the motion.

Miss Nina Cristie, a first year Fine Artist, proposed the motion, though she was at an immediate disadvantage by being inaudible in most parts of the Chamber. She posed the question as to why people married and declared that marriage was a game of deliberate seduction and legal prostitution. In their fight for equality, she said, women sought greater sexual freedom especially without the bounds of the marriage bed, which could become after the first Elysian days, a mere duty and habit for the wife.

Divorce

Thus she contended that living in sin was more acceptable than marriage because it is easier to break up a relationship of this kind. For the opposition, an economist, Mr. Chris Godwin, disagreed with the proposition's statement that divorce was difficult, he maintained that it was an admirable stop-cock for a relationship and once it had been attained both partners were free to look elsewhere for their enjoy-

ment. They were free in conscience and in fact.

For the proposition, Mr. Roger Thorne, a first year Lawyer, gave a very witty and sarcastic address drawing into his field of attack Swedish films, the Convener of Debates and Twiggy. He maintained that divorce was a nasty word and had a wicked stigma attached to it. If divorce occurred, it was tantamount to admitting a failure in marital compatibility, and the disgrace which followed both in the law-courts and the public eye was never forgotten. Moreover, the costs and time factors involved in gaining divorces were prohibitive, and a "living in sin atmosphere" would avoid all this.

However, Miss Patricia Keay, a second year Economics student, for the opposition maintained that a state of marriage must be assumed within the meaning of the motion. She went on to inform members that in this situation, there were two types of sin available for us: adultery and living in sin. Having lost her religious scruples, she told the House two contraceptive jokes, because she believed that children were the natural result of both types of sin!

Ceres

Mr. Rudyard Ceres, a second year Physiologist, and the holder of the trophy, gave a brilliant attacking speech which put all previous speakers into the shadows. He maintained that this motion was one of protest against the imposition of an institution which no longer had any meaning in present day society.

If society was examined, would we wish to prolong these Victorian institutions, and as women were more independent and self-sufficient than they used to be, they no longer needed marriage as their only means of security. In fact, it was an insult to present day intelligence, he said, that men and women should be bound and made responsible merely because of the existence of a social and legal code. It was moreover, an insult to be dragged before the law-courts for divorce, and to be subject to laws preventing promiscuity and insisting on parental responsibility.

Finally, he appealed to the

ladies, again on the question of freedom. Was the work, of Mrs. Pankhurst to go in vain and were women going to continue to be subservient bed-maids to their intolerant spouses?

Genius

Mr. Alan Craig, third-year Politics student, congratulated the Convener on his newly-wedded state and remarked that it was no less than a stroke of genius. For although it seemed that the bulk of moral opinion was against marriage, it was still the best and safest method of establishing a long-lasting relationship. There were great safeguards in the difficulty of obtaining divorce which if eased would "tear at the heart of society."

Marriage was not a game, but had great material and spiritual benefits. For the proposition, Miss Diana Bawles, a second year Pure Scientist, admitting that she lived in sinful harmony with a number of malicious bugs connected with her work, spoke as "a rational and logical member of society" and declared that living in sin led to divorce. No mistakes in choosing partners were allowed by society, thus divorce contradicted the responsible decisions made at the wedding ceremonies.

Convener

The last speaker, Mr. Alan Booth, the Convener of Debates, spoke from a position of suitable authority and experience. He said that it appeared that the proposition thought that divorce was always in the minds of newly-weds. There was as much chance of continuity with a wife as a mistress and the latter was a more irresponsible and immature way to live. There was no security in transient affairs.

After floor speeches from Messrs. Seabright, Cadogan, Pledger and Warley, Messrs. Godwin and Ceres summed up. Both reiterated the relevant points of their speeches, and the House defeated the motion by acclamation. In awarding the trophy to the winner, Mr. Eric Gibbons said that in the judges' opinion Mr. Ceres had performed far better than the other candidates who were all quite close. He declared that Mr. Ceres must have worked "Rud-y-ard" to retain the trophy, and named Mr. Thorne as runner-up.

More Rave ideas coming

THE idea of allowing women into Union Raves at a reduced rate resulted in a vast excess of women at the first rave at which it was tried, says Sue Stevenson, Union Social Secretary. Unfortunately, the very men who had grouched at the lack of women, complained at the "price discrimination" and many even boycotted the dance.

Miss Stevenson, however, expressed her hope that there would be more response to the next rave of this type this year.

Miss Stevenson then went on to describe the situation with regard to Union Entertainment this year.

"For many years," she said "Union Raves have been a constant source of criticism. Many people complain that big name groups never play at Newcastle Raves for instance."

The problem here, according to Miss Stevenson, is that the ballroom can only accommodate 800 people and the consequent minimum price of about 10s. or 12s. 6d. a ticket for a group like the Cream or Traffic would probably be most unpopular with the majority of Society members.

Entertainment

This term she has been trying to find groups that are in a lower price range to suit everyone's pocket but which provide good entertainment such as the Ferris Wheel and the Artwoods.

Forthcoming attractions are groups such as the fast-rising Stuart James inspiration, Lucas and the Mike Cotton Sound. N.U.S. group of the year.

On Friday, 24th November, the discotheque (which was much talked about last year) will have its opening night in Room 27. It is hoped that a light show will be featured at the discotheque, and the records will range through hit parade records, folk, blues, and just about anything else that you can think of, all in the charge of an experienced disc jockey. A bar will of course be provided in Room 27. Another plan is for the Lower Bun Room to be used as a Jazz Cellar on Friday evenings in the near future.

Depending on the results of a 10 per cent survey which she is doing Miss Stevenson hopes to hold a Poetry and Jazz Concert next term and perhaps occasional Folk Concerts on Saturday evenings instead of the usual dance. Another possibility is to have Raves during the week when better-known groups are cheaper.

Union clamp down on Oriental Bazaar

THE Oriental Society Bazaar opens today at the British Council amid a storm of controversy.

The Bazaar which is mainly the work of O. P. Singhal, secretary of the Oriental Society, was originally to have been held in Committee Room A on Level 5, but Paul Brooks, Union President, told the Oriental Society that they would not be able to hold it there.

Mayor

The society was formed at the beginning of this year by Mr. Singhal when he was not elected as Secretary of India Forum and seems to be run on the same lines as India Forum. Last year India Forum held a similar sort of bazaar on a small scale in the Gramophone Room. This year they applied to Paul Brooks to use Committee Room A for their bazaar, but they were refused permission.

On the other hand the Oriental Society went to the Union accounts department to book Committee Room A and were told that they could have it as long as they obtained the President's permission. The society did not contact Paul Brooks and went ahead with their plans without his consent.

Mr. Singhal went to London and ordered about £4,000

worth of goods. Invitations were sent to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle and other eminent citizens to attend the opening ceremony in Committee Room A and a great deal of money was spent on publicity. Paul Brooks also received an invitation last Thursday, this being the first he knew of the matter. On receiving the invitation he told Oriental Society that they could not hold their bazaar in the Committee Room and they would have to move elsewhere.

When asked to comment on the matter Mr. Brooks said: "The Oriental Society have been refused permission to hold this bazaar in the Union for many reasons. Principally it is because they arranged the function without the prior knowledge of the Union Executive. Permission is necessary for any activity out of the ordinary run of affairs and it would have been refused in this instance anyway."

Saris

He also added: "As Mr. Singhal is a member of the Union Management Committee and has also stood for the post of Union Vice-President, I would have expected him to realise that incidents of this kind would not be tolerated."

All the same the bazaar will be opened today at 10. a.m. by

the Lord Mayor in the British Council (5 Windsor Crescent—a few minutes walk from the Union). It will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, tomorrow and Friday. On sale is an array of Oriental Handicrafts ranging from silk saris, joss sticks and jewellery to East African masks and wooden animals. Demand for these items is expected to be high as Christmas is near and items are being sold at the cheapest possible prices.

There will also be an exhibition of the bazaar in the Observation Gallery of the Union Foyer.

Drink and Drive

DRINK has been much in mind this last week at the University and the City's Rutherford College.

The University has been asked by Britain's Licensees to conduct a survey on drink and road accidents. Students at Rutherford College are seeking permission to set up a bar in their Hall of Residence.

The University was chosen for the survey by the Federation of Licensed Victuallers' Association who want to prove that drink is not a main cause of road accidents. Mr. Norman de Johns, National President of the Federation, said that the project was part of their campaign to have new drink-and-driving laws amended and breathalizer tests abolished.

The Rutherford students say in a letter to Doctor Cyril Lipman, Chairman of the City Education Committee that the bar would be a great social asset to the Hall. It would also prevent outside breweries from mopping up the profits when social functions were held there.

Mr. Bryan Holliday, President of the Rutherford Students Union, said that he envisaged a club licence under the control of the Warden. He thought that student volunteers would be able to man the bar.

Housing Campaign

FOLLOWING the highly successful Housing campaign, during which many unions had meetings at which local housing authority speakers showed interest in taking responsibility for student accommodation from the Local Education Authorities, a Vice-Chancellors Committee under Lord Annan has been set up to study short and long term residence.

N.U.S. is pleased that its view there should be a cessation of building luxurious halls of residence and more utility study-bedroom student residences is being seriously

discussed by people whose influence is necessary if N.U.S. policy is to be accepted.

Exchange

FOUR groups from the Soviet Union will be visiting Britain during the first four months of next year. They will each be spending about 15 days here visiting many university towns including Oxford, London, Swansea, Leicester, Cambridge, Leeds, Nottingham, Newcastle, Manchester, Southampton and Reading. Although not a purely educational visit the visitors will have the chance of visiting the universities and meeting students. Two British groups will visit the Soviet Union at Easter, 1968.

HIGH WINDS CAUSE SAILING WIPE-OUT

HIGH winds at the coast on Saturday afternoon caused the cancellation of the university sailing club fixture after three boats had been launched for the start of the first race.

Within minutes of launching the boats three highly competent helmsmen were in difficulties.

The wind was about force six and blowing East. It showed its full power by snapping a mast on the boat being helmed by Gordon Strehwick of Leeds, while he was beating to windward. No sooner was the rescue boat heading for them than two other boats had capsized.

Moon

John Moon, the commodore of the university boat, capsized while trying to bear away from a fast plane when his rudder sheared off at the water-line. Due to the wind and current, Moon drifted towards the north pier. Within minutes helpers were

stripping the boat of mast and sails ready for it to be towed to shore.

Ian Derby was helming the other capsized boat. He and his crew had righted it and were furiously bailing it when the rescue boat came up to them. They had already towed Strehwick to one of the racing marks and tethered him there whilst going after the others.

This incident proved the effectiveness of the rescue boat now that the club has a new ten horsepower Johnson outboard motor. It took only twenty minutes from the first capsized until all boats and sailors were safe on shore; despite very heavy seas and tide and wind opposing the rescue boat whilst towing in.

College leaders discuss

TWO groups of NUS Secretaries and representatives from colleges and universities in the West Midlands NUS association and East Kent Students Association visited NUS headquarters recently.

Arriving before lunch the groups both spent several hours seeing the various departments in operation and speaking to NUS staff of their particular college problems. The student leaders found it particularly useful to discuss individual grants problems with the case work assistant and were told how to deal with straight forward welfare enquiries at their colleges and which cases should be forwarded to NUS.

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GRAPHIC ARTS



Le Chapeau a Fleurs by Picasso. — Price 700 guineas.

LAST week a quality exhibition of original graphic art comprising etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and silk-screens of important and outstanding artists were on view and for sale at Westgate Gallery.

For over a year now, London Graphic Art has been visiting universities and colleges throughout America and England mounting

exhibitions of original prints of a range and quality usually seen only in major galleries. The enthusiastic response has fully justified its aim of bringing fine graphic work to a nationwide audience. Students and of faculty, especially, appreciate the opportunity to view a comprehensive selection of original works.

• Masters

The exhibition included every form of printmaking from handprinted manuscript pages and music sheets, 18th and 19th century prints from Europe and a comprehensive

selection of twentieth century artists. Selections included such artists as Renoir, Degas, Manet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, Chagall, Vasarely and Giacometti, not to mention the more esoteric but equally important masters of printmaking. Picasso's 'Chapeau a Fleurs', 'Buffets', 'Sacre Coeur', Wardenlith's 'Leda and the Swan' and many interesting works by lesser known artists were also shown.

Finally there was an exciting selection of colourful work by young contemporaries to attract those adventurous enough to patronise artists whose prices have not yet become inflated by fame and demand. The prices ranged from £4 to several thousand for the rarer examples.

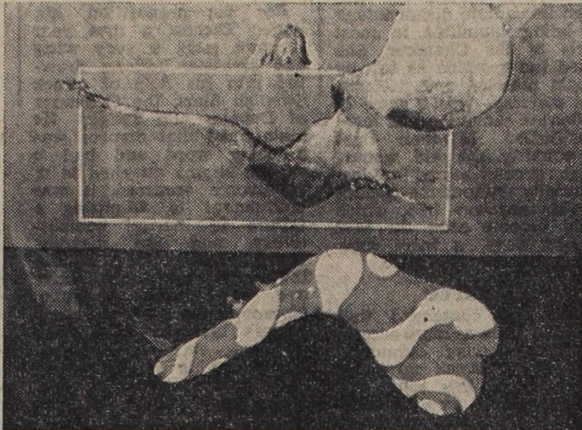
• Boom

The current boom in prints has aroused enormous interest both in the art world and the Press, and many artists today are turning to print-

making, both to reach a wider audience and to answer the challenge of a fresh medium in which many new techniques have recently been developed.

For the discriminating collector, who aspires to something better than a reproduction, there are sound aesthetic and commercial reasons for buying original prints. It is possible to acquire a good example of the graphic work of major artists such as Picasso or Chagall for a fraction of the price charged for their paintings. One should beware of buying art purely as an investment, as there is no guarantee that prices will rise. Nevertheless, important Picasso etchings that could be bought for under £40 ten years ago, are now selling for £400.

London Graphic Arts with galleries in Detroit, Michigan and New York, aims to show the best graphics available as well as provide a succinct history of the development of the graphic arts.



Leda and the Swans by Winderlith. — Price 45 guineas.



Untitled church by Frank Boyd.

The landlord-student situation: Legal facts

IN view of the recent controversy over rents, we are publishing here a few legal facts involving the tenant and his landlord which we feel most students not living in Halls ought to know.

1. Weekly Tenancies: Where rent is payable weekly, the landlord must provide you with a rent book and in it he must enter your payments of rent and sign when they were received.

2. Notice to terminate the tenancy: Except in the cases of annual tenancies (where in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the minimum notice required is six months) and of quarterly tenancies where rent is paid on the official quarter days of the year (where in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the minimum notice required is three months) the statutory minimum notice to vacate your accommodation is four weeks. This affects both your landlord and you alike and such notice must be given in writing on a day when your rent is due.

Unfurnished lettings

3. Rent: If you consider your rent excessive you may apply to the Rent Officer for your area (your local council offices will give you his address) for a fair rent to be determined. Generally speaking, you may so apply if you have taken an unfurnished letting of a flat or house, which on the 23rd March, 1965, had a rateable value of £200 or less. These rateable values can be obtained from your local council offices. The Rent Officer will then register your rent: this means that your landlord will not be able to raise your rent beyond the registered limit without again applying to the Rent Officer who will not accept a fresh application inside three years unless there is either a joint application by you and your landlord together, or a change in circumstances such as improvements to the letting.

The registered rent covers all the payments you make to your landlord for your accommodation except the rates.

Should either your landlord or you not accept what the Rent Officer thinks is a fair rent, then the matter will be referred to a Rent Assessment Committee; and until the Committee have settled the question you will have to pay the rent fixed by the Rent Officer. The rent determined by this Committee will then be registered by the Rent Officer and generally speaking, there is no right of appeal against the Committee's decision.

Under no circumstances should you agree to paying a premium when you take a tenancy as it is an offence for your landlord to require or receive such a premium.

Security of tenure

(b) Provided that the rateable values of the house in which you have the accommodation are within the £400 or £200 limits, you have a right to remain in the accommodation after your landlord's notice to quit the premises has expired but you must observe the terms and conditions of your former tenancy.

The only way in which your landlord can evict you is by obtaining an order for possession from the County Court. Should he try to by-pass court sanction or even to harass, threaten or intimidate you into giving up the accommodation, you may "summons" him in the Magistrates' Court for unlawful eviction; the maximum penalty for this offence is a £100 fine and/or six months' imprisonment.

Before the County Court will make an order for possession, it must be satisfied (i) that it is reasonable to make the order and (ii) either there is other suitable accommodation for you to go to or that possession should be given to your landlord for one of the special reasons laid down. One reason would be that you had failed to pay your rent or that you had been a nuisance or annoyance to your neighbours. Another would be that in certain cases

only, your landlord needs the house for himself and/or his family.

Furnished lettings

(a) **Rent:** — If you consider your rent excessive you may apply to the Rent Tribunal in your area (the address of which can be obtained from your local council offices) which is empowered to raise or reduce rents in accordance with the norm of reasonableness. These determined rents are then fixed and entered in a register kept by the local council. The jurisdiction of these Tribunals is only exercisable if the rateable value of the house, in which you have your furnished accommodation, was on the 23rd March, 1965, £400 or less in Greater London, and £200 or less elsewhere.

(b) — If the Tribunal fix the rent, they can also give you security of tenure for up to six months, renewable thereafter for further maximum periods of six months, provided that your renewal applications are made before the periods of current security have expired.

Tribunals power

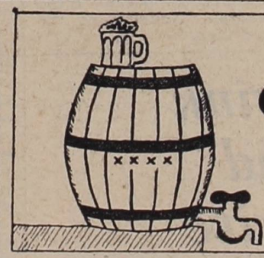
The Tribunal's power of giving security exists only if you apply to the Tribunal before the expiration of any Notice to Quit the premises which your landlord may have served on you.

Even if you do remain in the accommodation after the Notice to Quit has expired and assuming that the Tribunal refuse to give or renew security, your landlord cannot force you out without a County Court Order, although in effect the County Court would be obliged to make the Order. Should your landlord try to by-pass this required Court authority, the same remedy as for unfurnished accommodation is open to you.

However, there are two cases where the Tribunal

cannot give security at all. One is where the tenancy is for a fixed term — say six months or a year. The Tribunal cannot lengthen a tenancy of that kind. Another is under a special arrangement for "owner-occupier" landlords letting their own houses for a time. In this latter case, the landlord must not be living in any part of the house and he must also have given you notice in writing of his 'owner occupation' when you took the tenancy.

All these facts have come from the 1965 Rent Act and we hope that students will take note of them.



Geordie's marra

LAST week, ye buggers, Aa wes chattin' t' Earl Grey, as he wes dryin' oot his new Pyeppor coronet. "Wey," he said, "it's neerly th' full huntin' season agyen. It's about time y' told th' Freshors about Fox-huntin' an' th' meet an' that. In English, mind." So heor goes . . .

The hunt always begins with a meet. This is held in the grounds of a large house, where one is surrounded by hordes of Rolls-Royces, stately dowagers holding longettes, and stately butlers holding pairs of Afghan Hounds. It is usually not considered 'de rigeur' to take one look at the host's wife, or his Rolls, shout "Oh my God!" and then start galloping madly off in all directions crying "One man's meet is another man's poisin!"

Orgy

The M.F.H. (Muddy Fox Hunter), when all have arrived, will shout, "Hounds, Gentlemen, Please!" At this point you hand to him any dogs (or 'hounds') that you have been fortunate enough to amass over the last week or so. These animals will then be counted in couples, which makes things twice as easy) to see how many he will have to give back at the end of the day.

Another point about the meet is the serving of a stir-

rup-cup. This contains Brandy, and syrup of figs. The result is usually that the Master is compelled to curtail the orgy after a few minutes (to prevent everyone getting the Blind Staggers), by shouting "Time, Gentlemen, Please!" in the usual way.

But don't take too much for granted. Conversation must be performed, much of it of rather a technical nature; such as "Mornin', Major," "Fine mornin', Colonel," etc. And always tie some red tape onto some part of your horse. Then if it starts a fight with another horse, it will be the other horses fault.

It is also the done thing to wear little bracelets giving Name, Age, and Blood Group (preferably your own). And lastly, always carry a tape measure. This is so that you may Horse-whip any passing peasant within an inch of his life. No more, no less. Etiquette is very strong on this point.

Parentage

There is also a man known as 'Master of the Field.' It is his job to make beginners feel at home by engaging them in sportin' conversation. He will usually begin by asking simple questions, such as: "Who-taught-you-to-ride-to hounds, Sir?", or more intimately: "Ever seen a horse

before?"

Later on, in the heat of the chase, he may sacrifice a lot of breath and sport, merely to ride across to address a few words of technical advice to a complete stranger. He may show a keen interest in your upbringing and parentage.

He may also later ask more difficult questions such as: "What the **! **!"

You call him "SIR", and loudly.

Eventually, when the Host has run out of drink, or the peasants are starting to throw things, the M.F.H. will give the old Agric threat: "Prepare to Mount."

If your horse is a rather unreliable mover; or, like an Agric, "refuses anything except its oats" you should remain on the creature throughout the meet.

Note that very few people actually fall off at the meet.

To seed

Now there is nothing that you can do except remember all that you know about the fox. (It is a small brown quadruped which has pads, and a brush to rub out any tracks that it may inadvertently leave. It has a mask, which it holds over its face, so that nobody can tell what it is thinking about. It wears gloves and scent; and habitually jumps over lazy dogs).

So, as we leave you galloping after the fox at a cautious trot; remember that

(1) If the farmer throws a turnip at you as gallop across new grass it means you, he, or it have gone to seed.

and (2) If he waves a night-light you will know that the varmint has gone to earth; and that your lost probably for ever.

(With apologies to J.B.Y.)

THE PRESERVATION OF WORKING HISTORY

TO the majority of people, the passing of steam traction on the railways will no doubt go unnoticed, but to a dedicated and enthusiastic body of persons numbering many thousands, the demise of the steam engine will be mourned. Many of these railway enthusiasts are mature, responsible people, who, in the pursuit of a hobby, have chosen railways, as you might have chosen cars, sport or drinking.

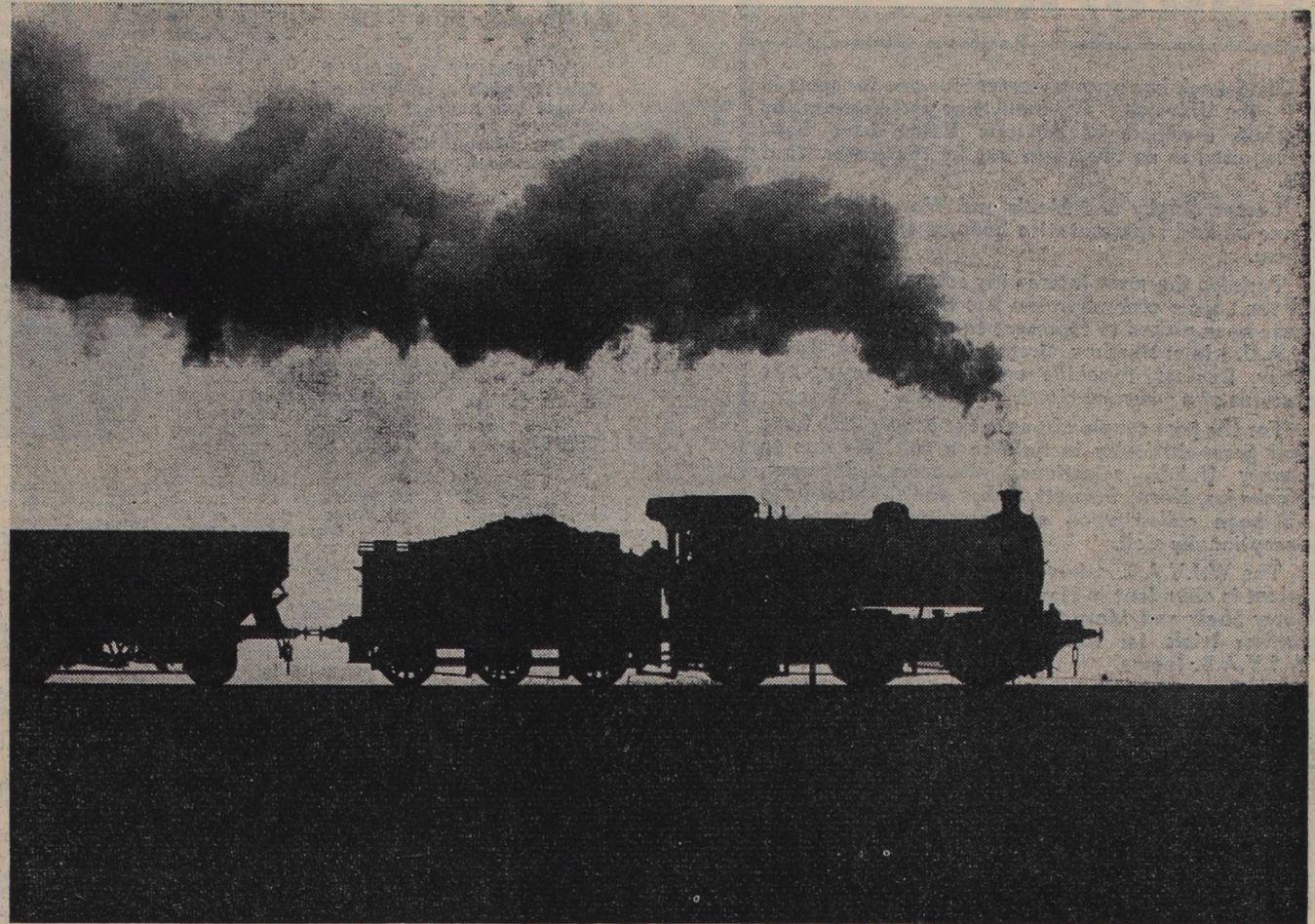
If one stops to think, in this age of continuing technological advance with diesel and electrical power, the thrashings and belchings of a steam engine have a special fascination which is soon to be lost forever; with it will go the smell of burning grease, the acrid columns of black smoke and the staccato bark of the exhaust that were born with the Industrial Revolution and have been part of the industrial scene ever since.

Unceremonious last rites

The last North East steam locomotives on British Railways surrendered to the diesel advance in September, and were unceremoniously given the last rites under the cutters torch, but with amazing foresight in November 1966, at a small informal gathering over a pint or two of Brown Ale in the Bridge Hotel, the North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group was born.

The aim of the group was to preserve for posterity an example of the locomotives characteristic of the Tyne and Wear areas. The J27 class of the L.N.E.R. (B.R. No. 65894), originally built by the North Eastern Railway as a class P3, was chosen, and a target of £1,400 (the scrap price) was aimed for, in order to purchase the loco.

Exactly one year and one day later, at the Group's A.G.M. in the Victoria and Comet, again accompanied by the traditional Brown Ale, the Chairman announced that the money had been raised and the J27 was theirs! In that year, when attendance had risen from



A J27 at work near Ryhope. — Photo by John R. P. Hunt.

the initial dozen or so to almost 100, two other realistic organisations had given sterling assistance to the Group and its members, who themselves had striven hard for money to swell the fund.

The Newcastle University Railway Society was the instigator of many inspired schemes to raise money, which have culminated in a series of film shows at the Newe House (watch out for 12th December!), the profits from which have been dedicated to the Group. Some of the Society members have played a large part in behind the scenes organisation, and publicity, and it can be categorically stated that without the University's support, the fund would be several £100s smaller.

Financial assistance and entertainment

The Group is also deeply indebted to the M.N.A., an organisation of top railway photographers and adventurous travellers, who

have 'spread the gospel' through their diverse contacts throughout Great Britain, and who have not only provided financial assistance, but also priceless entertainment, usually in the proximity of a 'Blue Star.'

So by a combined effort the N.E.L.P.G. has succeeded in saving a piece of North East history, for the J27s have worked coal to the ports for 60 years, until their replacement this year. Technical details would be lost on the layman, but of more relevance is the fact that a working, live steam engine has been bought; conceived in the North East, built in the North East and now preserved in the North East.

All concerned hope to see the engine running again and it would seem that there is a very good chance of this happening, since in July of this year the North York Moors Railway Preservation Society was formed with the view to reopening the line from Grosmont (6 miles from Whitby) to Pickering. This venture, which has received considerable support from local authorities and businessmen in the area, seems extremely likely to succeed, and is widely considered to be the most suitable home for the engine.

Capitalisation and culmination

Now that the J27 is tied up, the N.E.L.P.G. has launched a fund to preserve a Q6 locomotive of 1913 vintage: the Q6 was to Durham what the J27 was to Northumberland and as such has just as valid a case for preservation as the J27. The Group needs £2,000 in six months; already they have over £500, but time is short and a doubling of effort will be required. The money can be raised and must be raised, in order to see this engine also steaming again.

So far the Group, and the hard working

members of the University Railway Society, have been quick to capitalise on the pockets of fellow enthusiasts, and to this end have organised collections, sales and raffles to raise money. The running of special steam-hauled excursion trains for the enthusiast, affords the Society the facility to carry out these money raising activities en route, and the results have been increasingly more rewarding, culminating in a special on 4th November when over £40 was raised.

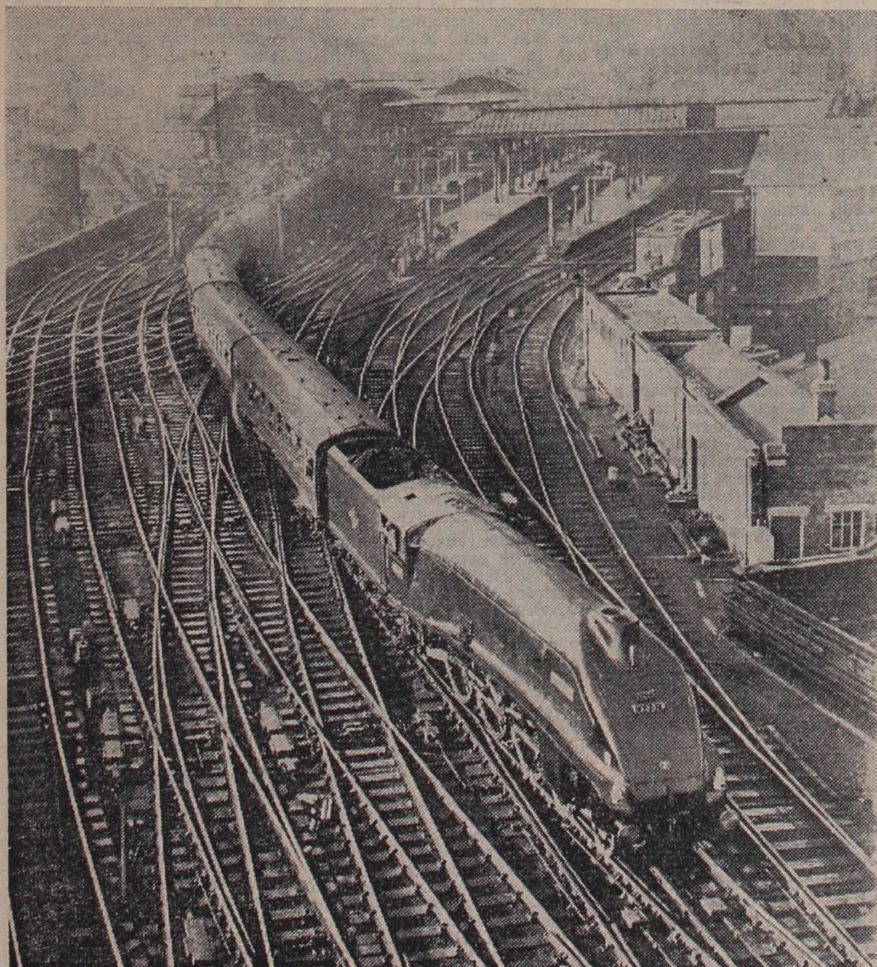
Interest and curiosity

This 'special train' which passed through Newcastle, was hauled by an A4 class Pacific 'Bittern', a loco of the same class as 'Mallard', the holder of the world steam speed record of 126 m.p.h. However this source of income would seem to be threatened, since B.R. policy is directed towards the termination of all future specials.

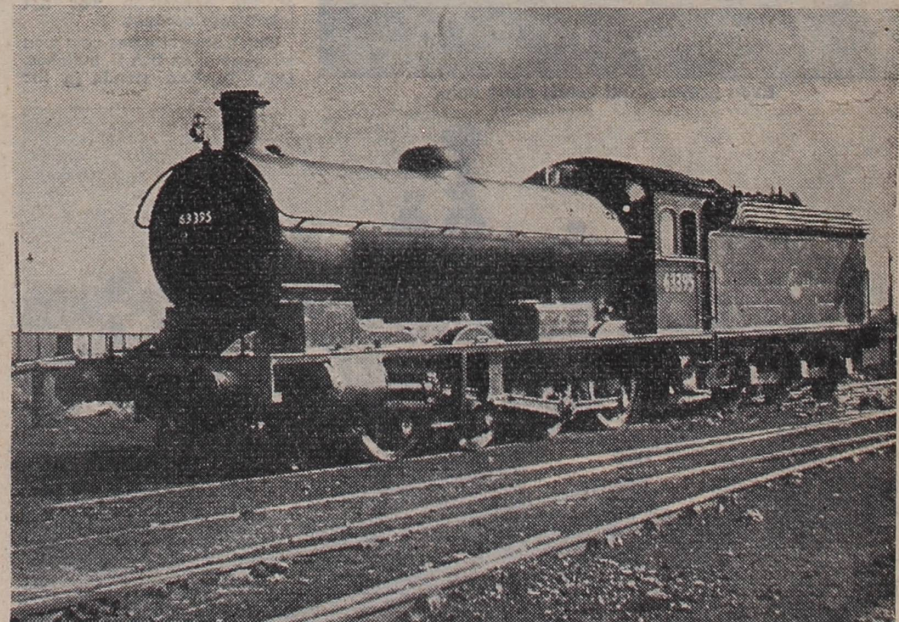
The Society and the Group must now rely more on reaching a wider public by other means, in its endeavour to save, not just a piece of working history, but two restored veterans that will one day soon give pleasure to all those who come to see them. The N.E.L.P.G. has a short time to succeed and a very long time to regret failure.

by JOHN R. P. HUNT

IF this article should have aroused your interest or curiosity, then you can obtain details of the N.E.L.P.G. and their activities, either from P. K. King c/o University Railway Society, or from Mr. N. S. Stead, 14 Norma Crescent, Whitley Bay.



Bittern leaves Newcastle on November 4, bound for Edinburgh—Photo by J. A. McBarr.



Q6 at South Dock shed, September 4, 1967. — Photo by J. A. Hunter.

Editorial

THIS week has been a momentous one for sport in the University. The many fine performances by various members of Athletic Union have been recognised in no uncertain way by the powers that be.

Soccer, Rugby and Men's and Women's Hockey have all had representative honours showered upon them.

Perhaps the most interesting selections are those in the Soccer club where no less than eight players have been picked to represent the North East in the U.A.U. trials: Harrison, Gregson, Stephenson, Dunn, Reay, Dagless, Fuschillo and Moir make up the nucleus of a powerful North East team.

For the past couple of weeks the Rugby Club have had great difficulty in fielding a full side due to county U.A.U. selections. Woodcock, Seymour, Masheder, Keen, Scarrett, Sykes and Cadzow have all been called upon and acquitted themselves exceptionally well.

The W.I.V.A.B. selectors have also realised that talent is abundant in Newcastle and Lynn Primmer, Berry Shaw and Mary Slator have been chosen for further trials for the Northern Universities and W.I.V.A.B. teams.

Surely the unluckiest club is the Men's Hockey who had Ayre, Watson and Forbes selected for the county. This was disappointing as their success over the past two seasons seemed to warrant the inclusion of more than these three.

The strength of sport in the University can be attested to by York University who were routed last week in U.A.U. matches. Rugby, Soccer, Squash and Hockey all soundly thrashed them.

Sport generally has become increasingly stronger over the past three years and it is abundantly clear that the winners of any U.A.U. Championship will have to beat Newcastle. Performances to date indicate that Newcastle are in no mood to be beaten.

Win in U.A.U. competition, but . . .

MIXED FORTUNES FOR VARSITY



Even prayers and beads don't help.



Masheder and Woodcock lend a willing hand!

Captain says . . .

WATER POLO FIASCO

UNIVERSITY 12, R.G.S. 3
UNIVERSITY 0, GLASGOW 8

THE first of these two matches was against the Royal Grammar School at their pool, and was the most enjoyable the team has played this season. Our younger opponents were a formidable force and quite exceptional for a school team.

The University's main advantage was in front of goal, and few chances were missed in the four yard area. Shingler suffers from acute possessiveness with the ball, but Ventricini, despite his tendency to gesticulate in sight of goal, was proficient with a number of diverse shots.

The goal scorers were: Ventricini (5), Fitch (3), Osburn (2), Shingler (2).

GOALKEEPER

Coates, a 1st year from Gosforth, was especially effective in goal, letting no shots in. Cooke, our goalkeeper, was beaten three times.

If the team of Coates, Cooke, Hardman, Shingler, Osburn, Ventricini, Fitch and Payne could turn out every week, the University would have very little to worry about.

However, last Saturday's match against Glasgow shared the converse of this. Shingler and Cooke let the team down badly by giving no notice of their absence. Shingler has shown abysmal attendance this term, and seems to be lacking in any form of team spirit. The fact of the matter was that four players travelled to Glasgow. It seems that certain players will only come to home matches; unfortunately the team cannot afford to be in the position of performing creditably at home and yet disgracefully away.

Credit, however, must be

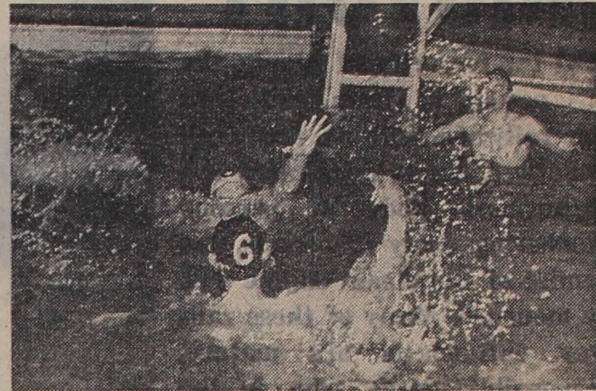
given to the four players who did attend, that is: Fitch, Hardman, Coates and Payne. They, together with a few second rate Glasgow players, managed to keep the score down against a team that includes six Scottish international players in its team in addition to Gordon Neilson, the captain of last year's Great Britain under-21 team.

Yet I refuse to undergo the humiliation of requesting hand-outs from our opponents. Any tender conscience that is pricked by this attack (and that does not include those players who gave me sufficient warning of their absence) can either make an effort to do better next time or do the other thing.

Swimming

The swimming team were beaten 62 to 36 by Glasgow University last Saturday. Glasgow insisted on swimming more and longer events than the Newcastle team were used to.

The only winner for Newcastle was J. Deaton in the 100 metres backstroke; P. Coates being placed fourth in this event. In the 100 metres freestyle, M. Payne swam well to obtain third place, with K. Wright fourth. Wright was taken ill after the swim and was unable to swim further. In the breast-stroke, D. Hardman and K. Fuller were third and fourth respectively. D. Fitch gained second place in the 50 metres butter-



Spot the Ball!

fly behind extremely strong opposition. In the individual medley Deaton again turned in another good performance to take second place, with Fuller fourth.

FREESTYLE

In the final individual event, the 50 metres freestyle, Payne took second place. In the medley team race (Deaton, Hardman, Fitch, Payne) Glasgow won fairly comfortably. A similar result occurred in the freestyle relay.

Deaton, Fitch and Payne swam extremely well and undertook an immense amount of work during the afternoon.

Elizabeth Lesley and Nina Peabman creditably represented us in the three ladies' events.

An extraordinary meeting of the swimming club will be held on Tuesday, 21st of November, at the R.G.S. baths.

Netball Runners-up

IN the Northern Rally held at Hull on Saturday, November 11, the first University netball team was successful in reaching the final, by winning their three preliminary matches. Sheffield and Leeds were decisively beaten 25-5 and 25-4 respectively. The local derby against Durham proved to be a closely fought and more challenging match, but Newcastle actually drew ahead to win 14-9.

These victories gave Newcastle a place in the final—as winners of their section—where they met Hull University. Although the score at half-time was 5-5, Hull justifiably took the lead through more determined and superior play, and quickly drew ahead to win 17-8.

W.I.V.A.B.

Despite the disappointment in not retaining the title they won last year, Newcastle had some consolation in the fact that three of the team — I. Bolard, S. Pendlebury and B. Pomington — were selected for WIVAB trials, to be held at Leeds on Wednesday.

Team: C. Horricks, B. Pawson, B. Pomington, I. Bolard, J. Welsh, S. Harratt (capt.), S. Pendlebury. Reserve: J. Cockerill.

Squash

U.A.U. WIN

ON Monday evening Bede College were beaten 3-2 by the University. These were two contrasting teams — Newcastle of much the same standard throughout while Bede had two of last year's U.A.U. finalists and two comparative strangers to the squash court among their number.

Peter Child and Rod Parker were firmly beaten for practice stamina and skill. Colin Muirhead's was the vital match and how close it was. He only asserted his authority in the last of five exciting games. Peter Cooper and Charles Hanson both won with considerable ease, conceding few points.

On Wednesday York University were beaten 5-0 in a U.A.U. match — a morale-boosting occasion for Newcastle and a match contested in a particularly good spirit.

TROTTER

Bob Trotter, almost predictably, drew out the agony to 10-9 in the fifth. He is a wily player — all power to him! Rod Parker easily beat a weak opponent, but he is still unnecessarily full of mistakes.

The captain, Colin Muirhead, is playing better each match. His brain and sensitive touch were a great deal more than Boon, his opponent, could cope with.

TRAMPOLINE

It is intended to start a trampoline club, for anyone interested in learning or who is already proficient. The Club will meet between 5-6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, starting on November 21. Anybody who is interested, should give their names to the secretary of the Physical Education Centre.

Newcastle University 1st XV 25pts., York University 3pts.

YORK escaped rather lightly from their visit North, and were allowed to return home with at least a semblance of respect about the score. The difference between the sides, however, was immeasurable.

Sixteen points up in a quarter of an hour, the University was obviously not going to be pushed beyond a canter, and thereafter the team were no doubt thinking of better ways they could have spent Wednesday afternoon.

York had no answer to anything above the obvious from the look of their captain, resplendent in shoulder-length hair and beads, they were expecting a more accommodating welcome.

SYKES

Ken Sykes opened the scoring after taking a reverse pass from Graham Scarratt and then Stan Mesheder went over. Bri Keen engineered tries for Dave Woodcock and Ian Cook and a couple of conversions by Scarratt completed the first half scoring.

After the interval, Ian Holden, John Seymour and Norm Billington all scored excellent tries, if the weakness of the opposition was not taken into account.

The University has now won all three of its U.A.U. matches. Only Durham stands in the

way of further progress in the competition, and the Rugby Club will be extremely grateful to any supporters who care to make the journey across to Durham on 29th November. Transportation will be provided for what will certainly be a cracker of a game.

SUNDERLAND 16pts
UNIVERSITY 8pts

With three forwards on county duty, and another injured, the University XV had a strange look about it when it visited Sunderland on Saturday. But the new combination 'up front' and Dave Leybourne, making his debut for the first team as scrum half, acquitted themselves well. They cared little for Sunderland's unbeaten reputation, and led for three quarters of the game having scored the two best tries of the afternoon.

The tries in fact were a tremendous team effort and were both started from Newcastle's own twenty-five. A crushing Ken Sykes tackle knocked the ball loose. Graham Parlington picked up, and after making ground, he passed out to Ian Holden. Play progressed to the Sunderland twenty-five, and the ball was whipped back inside. Out it went again, and Ian Holden, receiving for a second time, rounded his man, and cut inside to score under the posts.

SUPPORT

The second try was of the type players dream about. Following up a twenty-five yard drop out, Don Carruthers caught the ball cleanly and in the clear. When challenged he slipped the ball to Ian Scott, up in support, who careered over halfway. He passed inside to Norm Billington, who then proceeded to outstrip the covering defence with a thrilling forty yards burst.

SUNDERLAND 3rd XV 3pts
ARMSTRONG 1st XV 14pts

ON a day more suited to the flying of kites, and a pitch more appropriate to Orienteering, Armstrong 1st XV overcame a Sunderland side in an unusual and dramatic fashion, by a goal,

two tries and a penalty goal to a penalty.

Playing with the wind and the slope in the first half, Armstrong quickly wove into attack, and the usual strong heel and quick three-quarter passing saw Hutton over in the corner for the first of his excellent two tries. Within seconds, he was over again after P. O'Brien, a diminutive George Best, had broken with style and determination on the blind side. More attacking a reminiscent of the movement that produced the thrilling disallowed try against Gosforth last week, saw Mossey again up from full back drawing the all important defender, which resulted in Partridge, a determined new comer at centre, cheekily sidestepping the full back to score close in. Stow converted and was soon afterwards to kick a penalty.

UNSELFISH

Half-time arrived, and Sunderland kicked off, full of enthusiasm, feeling that with God and the elements on their side, it would be a cakewalk. But it was not to be. The Armstrong pack managed to co-ordinate their collective abilities into a viable unit, and become more than equal to anything, proper or improper, that came their way.

The most remarkable transformation came to the backs who started running attacks at every opportunity. Their persistent methods, safe handling and unselfish passing made one reflect that these could not be members of a University third XV. They put on a display of attacking rugby like that Bristol and Blake produced in 1960. So effective were these attacks, that Sunderland resorted to unsuccessful and unintelligent attacks round the front of the lineup in the dying minutes. Their approach was puzzling, for previously their threequarter attacks had on occasion been dangerous. Of a similar nature was the sixteen stone African on their right wing who needed about three men to stop him. Fortunately for Newcastle, he saw little of the ball.

Seconds continue to show their superiority, but...

FIRSTS BEATEN BY ALNWICK IN THE CLOSING MINUTES

Alnwick 3; University 2

In a hard, dour struggle in front of a large rural crowd at Alnwick, the firsts lost their proud unbeaten record to top of the league Alnwick Town—a team containing many first class professionals. A 3-2 reverse was just about the reflection of the play with the firsts being pinned down in their half for most of the match. Goals were scored by Moir and Dagless, the former's being a terrific 25-yard free kick. The 1st XI were, however, in the lead twice and were unlucky to see a deflection give Alnwick the winner with two minutes of play left.



THE feature of this week's racing should be the 'Black and White' Gold Cup at Ascot on Saturday. This race caters for newly recruited chasers, and with five thousand pounds prize money added, it is not surprising that Irish and North Country horses have been attracted.

However, I cannot see any other horse dividing Three No Trumps and Beaver II in the race. Beaver II has shown tremendous ability in winning on his three appearances this term, and indeed defeated Three No Trumps by two and a half lengths on his first appearance when receiving 25 lbs. On this occasion Beaver will be at a mere 4 lbs. disadvantage and I must therefore take Three No Trumps to gain his revenge.

GENUINE

In the previous race, the 'Black and White' Hurdles I expect to see Stubbs II win. He ran a genuine race to finish two lengths behind Bric-Brac in the Mackeson Handicap, with Drumbell in sixth place. The latter franked the form by winning at Newcastle by ten lengths. John's Wort appears to have a sound chance following his recent third at Newbury last week on his initial outing.

Hully Gully is unbeaten this season and cannot be opposed to win the Coronach Hurdle (Division 1) on the same card.

SELECTIONS

- Friday, Ascot 2.30 Vultrix (Woodlawn).
- Saturday, Ascot 12.30 Hully Gully (Pale Warrior).
- Saturday, Ascot 1.30 Stubbs II (John's Wort).
- Saturday, Ascot 2.00 Three No Trumps (Beaver II).



Fast midfield play by the goalkeeper!

The seconds continued their winning run with a 7-0 victory over a Benwell Albion side which provided no test at all to this year's all-conquering outfit. Those ace goal grabbers Crennell, Ward and Greehalgh completed the scoring with Ward scoring a hat-trick and the other two a brace each.

The 3rd XI lost 5-2 to a strong Reyrolles outfit, the scorers being Glossop and Bennett.

The defeat for the 1st XI is probably a 'Blessing in disguise' as in the last few matches the 1st XI have showed an air of complacency which could have resulted in



Another rasping shot and it's a goal all the way.

tragedy in the coming U.A.U. matches. There is no firsts match on Wednesday as eight of the 1st XI are involved in the North U.A.U. match at Leeds.

Women's Hockey

RALLY SPOILED

THE Second XI WIVAB Hockey Rally was held at Close House on Saturday. Teams competed from Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester and Durham Universities, but the team from Sheffield failed to turn up.

In their first match against Leeds, Newcastle were forced to play a defensive game, but conceded two goals because of confusion and slowness in tackling amongst the Newcastle defence. In their second match against Durham the Newcastle defence worked more as a team, although they were greatly hampered by severe winds and rain. The forwards were unable to score because of an inability to judge the speed of the ball on the wet turf and an inability to co-ordinate their movements. It was only in the last minutes of this well-matched game that Durham managed

to break through and score the winning goal.

Opposition

Their third match against Manchester was the best of the day, but the opposition was again too strong for them, and they lost in the closing minutes by a single goal.

Better teamwork and quicker thinking will have to be achieved if Newcastle expect to win their section in the WIVAB second XI Championship.

Team: Misses Smart, Stafford, Sheward, Bellerby, Sharp, Heron (capt.), Robson, Pilley, Lytham, Barnsley.

Hockey

Ludicrous but true...

University 7, York University 2

IT seems ludicrous to call a 7-2 victory disappointing but the University were lacking in nearly every department of the game against an opposition less than mediocre. The University even failed to score from more than twenty penalty corner attempts.

After an unlucky 1-0 defeat at Sheffield the University needed to maintain a high goal average to stand any chance of retaining the North East U.A.U. Championship.

At half-time the score line read: Newcastle 3, York 2. This margin in no way reflected the true balance of play, York were never in the hunt, but bad defensive errors by the full-backs gave York two easy goals and continued bunching by the forwards in front of goal kept the scoring down for the home side.

After two minutes, Bramley, Newcastle's best forward, opened the scoring by following neatly from a short corner. For the next 20 minutes Newcastle kept the pressure up but inaccurate passing, bad positioning, and poor finishing prevented further score.

SQUANDERED

Kokri was unlucky to hit the woodwork on three occasions. In the 27th minute Bramley was again instrumental in getting Newcastle's second goal. He fired a crisp shot at goal and a defender deflected it into the net. Then in the 31st minute York struck back with a goal from Bews the opposition's liveliest forward. Jones added a third

goal for the University and just before half-time, Bews, increased York's score to two. In the second half, the University forwards showed more urgency and the defence played much tighter. In this respect, Sutton was outstanding and was the only player who could be really pleased with his performance.

TWICE

Jones, Ayre, Kokri (twice) increased the score for the University, but again chances were squandered by the forwards who took first time swings at the ball without first controlling it. The first XI must learn to adapt intelligently to the playing conditions. On a sticky pitch they employed the wrong tactics; they used the short pass too often and carried the ball too long. Hard, accurate hitting and controlled stopping would have produced a more enjoyable game and a more satisfactory result.

Team: Piper, Sanderson, Hall, Watson, Forbes, Sutton, Ayre, Kokri, Waller, Jones, Bramley.

League round-up

LAST Wednesday's matches were affected by rain, five being postponed. As a result of the weather, the leadership of two divisions changed, Civil Engineers and Catholic Society both leapfrogging over teams which were forcibly resting.

Civil Engineers took over the leadership of Division Two by defeating Metallurgy 3-0. This score gives little indication of Civil Engineer's dominance, for they missed numerous chances as well as having four goals disallowed. They somewhat ruefully point out that they have had eight goals disallowed this season, which would have made their goal average considerably healthier. Geography 'A' moved into third place by defeating lowly Mining Engineers 3-2.

GEOLOGY

Catholic Society and Geology both passed Newcastle College of Education in the Division Five table, the College team also having an enforced rest. College of Commerce recorded a creditable first league win, defeating Northumberland College 'B', a team placed higher than them in the table, 3-2.

Leadership remained unchanged in the other three divisions. The top two teams

last week in Division One, Northumberland College 'A' and Medicals 'A', were to have played each other, but the rain intervened, allowing Commuters to move into second place by defeating Eustace Percy Hall 'A' 4-2. Economics moved off the bottom of the table by defeating Northern Counties College 'A' 5-4.

STRUGGLE

Division Three appears to be developing into a three horse race with Planning Society (still unbeaten), Law 'A' and Chemical Engineers moving away from the rest. All won last week, and the struggle at the top might have been even closer had Chemical Engineers not suffered a temporary aberration in their second match, when they lost 6-2 to Botany. Planning Society and Chemical Engineers would have been involved in a very interesting match today, had not the former a cup replay against First Division Northern Counties College 'A'.

Division Four's leaders, German, also suffered from the weather last week, and Mathematics took the opportunity of moving equal on points with them by defeating bottom of the table Leazes 4-1.

DRAW

The draw for Round Two of the Frank Brennan Challenge Cup (to be played on December 8th) is as follows:

- Henderson Hall 'A' v Commuters
- Rutherford College 'B' v Planning Soc. or Northern Counties 'A'
- Mathematics v Newcastle College of Education
- Electrical Engineers v German
- French v Geography 'B'
- Civil or Mechanical Engineers v Leazes
- Chemical Engineers v Law 'A'
- History v Northumberland College 'A'
- Eustace Percy Hall 'A' v Mining Engineers
- Eustace Percy Hall 'B' v Agriculture
- Geography 'A' v Physics
- College of Commerce v Naval Architecture
- Henderson Hall 'B' v Economics
- Medicals 'A' v Chemistry
- Northern Counties 'B' v Law 'B'
- Catholic Society v Northumberland College 'B'

A large proportion of the matches have drawn together teams from the same divisions; match of the day should be Henderson Hall 'A' v Commuters, closely followed by Chemical Engineers v Law 'A'.

RESULTS

- U.A.U. MEN'S HOCKEY**
- Newcastle 7, York 2
- RUGBY**
- Newcastle 1st 25, York 3
- SOCCER**
- Newcastle I 3, York 0
- Newcastle II 9, York 0
- Newcastle III 11, York 0

- INTRA-MURAL SOCCER**
- Division One**
- Commuters 4, Eustace Percy Hall 'A' 2
- Economics 5, Northern Counties 'A' 4
- Henderson Hall 'A' 2, Electrical Engineers 1
- Division Two**
- Geography 'A' 3, Mining Engineers 2
- Metallurgy 0, Civil Engineers 3
- Division Three**
- Chemical Engineers 5, Mechanical Engineers 2
- Botany 1, Law 'A' 4
- Planning Society 7, Geography 'B' 1
- Division Four**
- Mathematics 4, Leazes 1
- Division Five**
- Geology 5, Law 'B' 0
- Catholic Society 4, Classics 1
- College of Commerce 3, Northumberland College 'B' 2

- HOCKEY**
- Hockey—Women**
- Newcastle 0, Liverpool 1
- Newcastle 1, Hull 1
- Newcastle 0, Sheffield 2
- Men**
- Newcastle 2, Furnace HC 1
- JUDO**
- Judo—Men**
- Newcastle 60, Hull 0
- Women**
- Newcastle v Hull—cancelled

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Any Sports Clubs that would like their results to appear in this column, should hand them to the Secretary of the Physical Education Centre before 1 p.m. on Mondays.
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- SWIMMING**
- Newcastle 36, Glasgow 62
- WATER POLO**
- Newcastle 12, RGS 3
- Newcastle 0, Glasgow 8
- RUGBY**
- Newcastle 8, Sunderland 16
- Armstrong 25, Northumberland Coll 3
- Armstrong 14, Sunderland III 3

- HALL RUGBY**
- Henderson 1st XV 9 pts, M.O.S.S. 1st XV 3 pts, M.O.S.S. 2nd XV 17 pts, Henderson 2nd XV 0 pts.
- SQUASH**
- Medicals 3, Newcastle II 2
- Medicals 5, Leeds Medicals 0
- GOLF**
- Newcastle 8, Leeds 0
- Newcastle and Durham 2, Edinburgh 8
- NETBALL**
- Newcastle 14, Durham 9
- CHESS**
- Univ 'A' 3½, N Shields YMCA 'A' 1½
- Univ 'A' 3, Sunderland 'A' 3
- Univ 'B' 4, Moss 'B' 1
- Univ 'C' 3½, Moss 'C' 1½

- GOLF**
- ANNIHILATION**
- UNIVERSITY 8
- LEEDS UNIVERSITY .. 0

The University side annihilated Leeds at Gosforth Park last Wednesday, winning eight games, and halving the other. In only one of the games was the margin of victory small. In the morning, after a late start, the University won all four games convincingly, the top pairing of Neil Watson and Dennis Burnett extending their unbeaten run of the season.

Greengrass
In the afternoon, the superior play and local knowledge of the home players swept them to victory. D. Burnett recorded the biggest win—a margin of six and five over the Leeds captain, D. Hill, while Geoff Davison was not extended in his five and four win over S. Noar. A pleasant feature of the match was the return to form of Alan Badger in his four and two win. Only the misfortune of Peter Greengrass in three putting the last green prevented Leeds from being whitewashed.
So far this season, the side in winning all three University matches, has won 25 games and lost only one—a truly remarkable record!

Lunchtime address by Sir Edward Boyle

Smaller gayer folk audience

THE Folk Society met in Trent House last Thursday night with a smaller but possibly more enthusiastic audience than at the previous meeting.

The guest for the evening was Barry Skinner from Warwickshire but before he sang the members of the society performed. Sean Thornton managed to get a reasonable amount of audience participation with the "Mingulay Boat Song". He was followed by John and Helen who sang the popular Paxton song "Bottle of Wine" with great verve.

Barry Skinner spent his first session with a very funny rendering of the old English song "The Keeper". This was successful both for the quality of the singing and for the amusing account of the background story to the song. He continued in the same vein with one of the more original versions of the "Foggy Dew".

At this point Barry changed from guitar to banjo to include an Appalachian song before ending the session with two very amusing songs one of which regretted the end of the old system of telephone dialling, the other being a satirical look at Civil Defence precautions against nuclear bombs.

Interval

John and Helen returned after the interval and conveyed an impression of immense feeling with "Plaisir d'amour". When Barry Skinner returned he sang two Dorset songs the second of which was a version of the famous (or infamous) "Seven Drunken Nights".

The whole performance was very entertaining and, despite the lack of courtesy of some at the back who seemed unable to listen, was very well received.

The Society are holding a Blues meeting on Wednesday November 15, in the Gramophone Room and the next folk night will be on November 23 in Trent House.

Degree Reforms

A PAMPHLET calling for the reform of the Bachelor of Education degree has been published by NUS for the 80,000 student teacher section of its membership. NUS is convinced that a good B. Ed is essential to boost teacher supply and ultimately to maintaining the standard of teaching in schools.

Lack of uniformity and enthusiasm on the part of the universities who award the degrees characterizes the situation. The degrees vary from general degrees with divisions to pass degrees and in the case of Cambridge a complete refusal to award a degree at all.

The most worrying aspect of the B. Ed and one which greatly affects the quality of future teachers is that 68 per cent of student teachers want to take B. Ed and Universities are only planning for a maximum of 15 per cent.

Geoff Martin, NUS president, said "Four years ago the B. Ed represented a new and exciting challenge to prospective students. The Universities have been given enough time to modernise thinking. Now is the time to condescend to act in the crisis of teacher supply."

BACK PAGE SPOT



Just to prove that the University hasn't got a monopoly on the gorgeous birds we present, for your delectation and delight that fantastic hunk of femininity, Denise Bell of the College of Commerce, Shapely Denise, who comes from Seaton Burn, has long dark hair and deep seductive blue eyes. Mmmm!

LADY PRESIDENT— 'MORE FACILITIES'

"I THINK that student apathy can only increase as the University grows. Community spirit is lost among so many people."

These were the words of Miss Jan Browning, the newly elected Lady President of the Union Management Committee on Friday. But she added, "As long as there are people interested we need not worry."

After a week in office how did she see her role as Lady President? "I suppose I am principally the representative of the women students but not exclusively."

She emphasised that anyone could approach her as much as they can the President and Vice-President, saying that on U.M.C. they are all part of the same organisation.

Campaign

Miss Browning spoke of the election campaign in which she defeated three other candidates. "I obviously wanted to be elected, everyone did. But if I had failed I would not have been heartbroken. I admit I did not enjoy the hustings very much but the whole election was run in a friendly way, which helped very much."

One particular addition to facilities in the Union which Miss Browning wants to see is the early introduction of sewing machines probably in the Women's Common Room. At present machines are only available in Halls and this is inconvenient for women students in flats or digs.

As a final word to Union members, Miss Browning wished to say, "I am in the Union building very often and am always ready to listen to members' comments and points of view."



Miss Jan Browning, the new Lady President

New Student

The second edition of New Student, the replacement for Student News, will be published on November 17th. Endsleigh, Newsbriefs and Mirror of the Month will continue as regular features and the second issue will include contributions from the universities of Surrey, Lancaster, LSE and the Editor of Cherwell and international news from Greece and Rhodesia.

SIR Edward Boyle, the Shadow Minister for Education, was the speaker in the first of this year's lunchtime addresses in the Debating Chamber on Friday afternoon.

The President of the Union opened the proceedings and Sir Edward began by referring to the universities as the apex of the educational pyramid. There had been an increase in the number of places of nearly 100 per cent in the last seven years and the growth anticipated in the Robins report for 1972 had already been achieved. In spite of this rapid growth, the competition for places was still increasing, with 55 per cent of applicants being qualified this year. The applications for this year were up by 10,000 even though the population of 18-year-olds is less than it was. Because of this continued demand, it was wrong to cut back the available money in 1965, when some of the increase could have been met by a rise in school-meal prices.

The indication is that competition will still intensify and this will be especially unfair on the girls who wish to enter already overcrowded arts courses. An undesirable result of this will be an increase in the degree of specialisation which already begins much too early. To help overcome this problem, a larger building programme is essential, the capital grants being insufficient for this at their present level of £30m.

Post-grad

Moving on to the subject of post-graduate awards, Sir Edward said that they were possibly not high enough, to enable a period of further study to be undertaken in order to fit a post-graduate to make immediate contribution to work in industry. He also said he did not believe the government should change the students' grants into loans, although an open mind should be maintained on the matter of post-graduate loans. Sir Edward did not want to

see all higher education being under the control of the universities, and there should be no distinct gap between full and part-time education. The polytechnics are centres of professional learning, and have a very marked contribution to make to the general level of learning. However, the art and music colleges were at the moment in a great muddle, as they were still unrelated to the overall scheme of higher education. Also, the teacher training colleges must not be allowed to become the "poor relations" of the universities.

Help

Having dealt with many matters concerning higher education, Sir Edward moved on to mention the school system. He said he would press for provision for added help for smaller authorities like Gateshead to replace schools in a reform of the type recommended in the Plowden Report. The Plowden concept is basically right in the priority areas of dense population, but should cover more than only education problems. There was more concern about primary school reform than on many other topics and Local Education Authorities should be freed from the central control of university expenditure to spend up to £3,000 on their own initiative for small improvements.

On secondary education, Sir Edward said that the heat of the controversy appears to be less in this area at the moment. There are now borderline cases at the age of 11, and so the selection procedure must change. It was not encouraging to be classified as a "non-success" at such an early age. All children must have the opportunity to be taught by post-graduates so as to maintain standards. It is essential that the comprehensive schools should have enough graduate staff, and this could not be achieved merely by grouping together schools in an area.

Consultation

There remained a short time for questions when Sir Edward finished his address. In reply to a question as to whether students should have control over their own affairs, Sir Edward said that there should be active consultation between students and staff, but no formal place for students in university government. Mr. Hagen (Pres. College of Commerce) was anxious to know if polytechnics should move from the Local Education Authorities to a national control, and what were their chances of being upgraded to universities.

The reply to this was that there should not be national control, but perhaps 160 LEAs was too many and 40-60 would be a better equipped control. As to whether there would be upgrading, Sir Edward held that it may already be argued that 44 universities are enough, and so the polytechnics will ultimately become universities, but not in the immediate future.

The meeting was closed before 2 o'clock, as Sir Edward had another appointment.

Jedburgh

Tomorrow Mr. M. Jedburgh of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in Whitehall, will lecture to the Geographical Society on Regional Planning in SE England.

Ever since the contrast of "two nations," North and South, became a political issue under the Labour Government the drift to the south has been regarded as a major economic and planning problem and Mr. Jedburgh is a contributor to the recent 'Strategy for the South-East' which discusses the problem.

Biafran students hardest hit

OF all the overseas students in this country it is probably the Biafran students who are the hardest hit by the increase in Overseas students' fees.

In 1960 Nigeria was granted independence and was split into Northern, Western and Eastern Nigeria, with a central government in Lagos. Parliament was elected by democratic methods and Northern Nigeria, being by far the largest of the four sections, had much greater representation than the other two, although it was much poorer and had a far lower level of education.

Taxes also were levied according to the sections' wealth and thus the two Southern sections were paying much more and getting much less for it.

Coup

This all led to a military coup by the Nigerian army in January 1966 followed by another coup in June 1966 led by Northern officers and resulting in the massacre of thousands of Southerners.

After this coup, Eastern Nigeria seceded from the other two states in May 1967 and became Biafra. This was followed by an economic blockade by the other two Nigerian states on Biafra, which led to a war which is still continuing.

Money

The British government recognises the Nigerian government in Lagos and not the Biafran government. On account of this there are now no postal services to or from Biafra, meaning that students in this country have no contact with their parents at home and students who pay their fees privately can get no money.

Students who had Nigerian government grants have had to sign a declaration of allegiance to the Lagos government. Although there are some who have signed the declaration out of sheer financial necessity many have not signed on principle, leaving them with no money with which to continue their education. Most of these students have had to give up their studies and are now working to make a living.

There are about 70 Biafran students in Newcastle and Durham and several thousand in this country. Those who are still continuing their studies are in bad financial difficulties. Anyone who feels they can help financially, their contribution to "The Biafran Students Relief Fund" Barclays Bank 141 Northumberland Street, Newcastle, would be most welcome.

GRANT

AN NUS delegation led by Geoff Martin and Trevor Fisk, NUS President and Secretary met Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Secretary of State for Education and Science and Mrs Shirley Williams, Minister of State, for what was officially described as a path-finding discussion on student's grants. The NUS delegation put as top priority for policy changes the means test, discretionary awards Dip Ed awards, medical students clinical awards, the full alignment of Colleges of Education grants with university grants help for art students in pre-Dip A.D. year and increased equipment allowances for students on specialised courses.

NUS has just submitted its case for an increased student grant to the newly established Student Awards Advisory Committee who will recommend in February increases to keep up the real value of students' grants. NUS will then meet Patrick Gordon Walker again to thrash out the details in the changes of policy.