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Dr. Miller, next V.C.

## NEW MAN FACES A HUGE TASK

THE future of Newcastle University is going to be "difficult and challenging" according to the next Vice-Chancellor Dr. Henry Miller, who takes over office from Dr. Bosanquet on October 1.

"The job of taking over from as good a V.C. as Dr. Bosanquet will be extremely difficult also" continued Professor Miller.

When asked for his opinion on the present economic problems facing the University Dr. Miller said that he thought the problem was one of redeployment rather than finding new resources. Despite the difficulty Dr. Miller told Courier that he had taken on the task willingly and was looking forward to it.

In an interview Dr. Bosanquet said he was "absolutely delighted" that Dr. Miller had been given the position. "He has been a close personal friend of mine for a long time now," continued Dr. Bosanquet, "and I know that he will do a very good job."

Professor Miller was born in 1913 and received his education at the College of Medicine at Newcastle. He graduated M.B.B.S. (Dunelm) in 1937 and M.D. (Dunelm) in 1940, during which year he also became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians; he was made a Fellow of the College in 1953. He holds the Diploma in Psychological Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

### Registrar

After graduating he held house appointments at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was for one year Assistant Resident Pathologist at John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. He then worked at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, for a year and after two

years as Medical Registrar at the Royal Victoria Infirmary joined the R.A.F. as a Neurological Specialist.

He returned to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in 1947 as Assistant Physician and became Physician in Neurology in 1956. He was appointed a part-time Lecturer in the University in 1949 and became a Personal Reader in Neurology in 1961. In 1962 he became the Clinical Sub Dean with particular responsibility for organising the clinical part of the medical curriculum. He has held visiting posts in the United States and in Australia and his research work has been published internationally. During the last ten years his research interests have been mainly in connection with the demyelinating diseases.

In 1965 Professor Miller was appointed to succeed the late Professor Lowdon as Dean of Medicine. He is well known for his views on the National Health Service and has frequently pressed for improvements in the standards of care in hospitals.

He is Chairman of the British Medical Association's Planning Unit and, as Dean of Medicine, represents the University on the General Medical Council.

### Orator

As Public Orator from 1963 to 1966 he was responsible for presenting honorary graduands on the occasion when the Duke of Northumberland was installed as Chancellor of the University in 1964.

The office of Dean of Medicine is one of the most senior posts in the University and the holder plays a part in formulating all aspects of University policy.

Professor Miller, who is married to a doctor, herself a Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, has four children, two boys and two girls, ranging in age from 16 to 21. He has catholic tastes in music and is particularly fond of opera (for which he makes week-end journeys to London) and is a frequent visitor to the Rosehill Theatre in Cumberland. Besides music, his other human interests are restaurants, travel and motor cars.

### Younger man

In a personal interview with Courier Doctor Bosanquet said he was frightfully sorry to leave but that he thought a younger man like Dr. Miller was now needed. He was, he said, looking forward to the next 35 years and would keep in touch with student life.

"The difficulties of the University must be overcome," said Dr. Bosanquet, "and with the forward thrust of the Universities, it was obvious that ambitions were going to outrun resources."

Perhaps Dr. Bosanquet's greatest thrill as Vice-Chancellor was when the Lord Mayor proclaimed the University independent on August 1, 1963. His greatest disappointment he expressed as the fact that because of the City's inability to finalise plans for a frontage and the U.G.C.'s inability to arrange for the conversion of the car park, the University Theatre which he had hoped to see in being before his retirement has been delayed.

Dr. Bosanquet concluded by saying that, living near Alnwick as he does, he would continue to take an active interest in the life of the University though he would not "stick his oar in" too much. There can be no doubt that Dr. Bosanquet will be sorely missed by the University for which he has done so much and it is heartening to hear that he will be keeping in touch with our affairs.



The next V.C., Dr. Henry Miller, the man with the difficult and challenging post.

## Praise for appeal success

COURIER has received the following letter from Mr. Chilton of the Naval Architecture Department. It has been pointed out to Courier that Mr. Chilton gave invaluable assistance to the students engaged in this worthwhile scheme.

SIR,

I wish to congratulate the student body for contributing so generously towards the Christmas Appeal launched by your Union President, Mr. Paul Brooks, just before the end of term.

I understand that sufficient money was donated to provide forty-eight large cartons of food, groceries and firewood which were distributed to poor and needy people in Newcastle. Most of those to whom cartons were given were old and, in a number of cases, had just been discharged from hospital. The majority were living in unbelievably poor conditions, some quite alone and with very little, or no, assistance from anyone. Having been privileged to deliver some of these gifts with one of the students, I would like you to know how extremely grateful these people were; I think you should be justly proud of the fact that by your generosity you were able to bring a measure of cheer to these people who are living in such unfortunate circumstances.

The most gratifying thing to emerge during the distribution was the element of surprise the recipients were quite amazed that the younger generation should think of them: One lady of 75 said that this was the first present she had received for many, many years and, without exception, all were touched and delighted by the careful thought and consideration on the part of the students. None of these people were on any other list for charitable gifts, and their amazement and gratitude were very moving to see.

Since I am sure that most of the recipients are not in a position to put pen to paper (mainly due to their ill-health) I wish to express warm and sincere thanks on their behalf.

I do hope that this very worthy effort may be repeated in future years, and in this real and practical way show that students do think deeply of people in this City who are in poor and unhappy circumstances.

Your, etc.,

M. CHILTON

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## Israeli

The Anglo-Israel Association offers a number of Wyndham Deedes Travel Scholarships to enable British graduates to make an intensive study of some aspect of life in Israel in the area in which they are specially qualified.

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## Question time open to all

Students who wish to ask questions of prominent student officials will have their chance in the Debating Chamber tomorrow, at 1 p.m.

Union President Paul Brooks told Courier that the Question Time would be open for all students with reasonable questions to ask. These questions may either be made in writing before the meeting or may be made in person.

As well as student officials from both the Union and Student Representative Council Executive, it is hoped that other people, including Rag and Arts Festival officials, will be present to answer questions.

At present it is intended to run these sessions on alternate Thursdays and if the student response is forthcoming these meetings should go a long way to helping closer relationships between the student body and the officials elected to represent them.



Paul Brooks, Union President, in pensive mood.

## DRAMA SOCIETY

In a review entitled "Waiting for Godot hits the stage," referring to the University Drama Society's production of this play, in Courier of Wednesday, December 6, 1967, there were several inaccuracies.

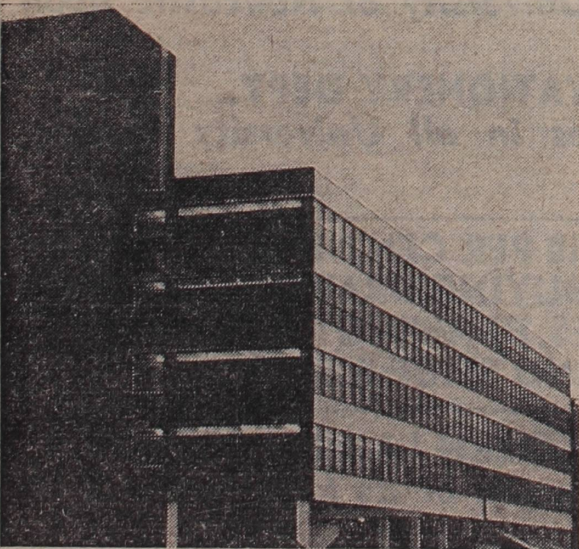
The review stated that in his programme note the play's producer, Mr. Jonathan Cross had said that one must not try to apply a meaning to the play. Mr. Cross in fact did not say this.

The article further stated that Mr. Jon Lingard-Lane as Pozzo "did overact and bluster a lot" this comment was made in this newspaper last week but nothing appeared to have been done.

He could have been better with a little coaxing and gentle treatment. "This comment did not in fact appear in the previous week's Courier and Mr. Lingard-Lane assures us that he did in fact receive the required coaxing and gentle treatment.

Courier would like to apologise to Dram. Soc. for these and any other inaccuracies. We would further wish all the members of Dram. Soc. the best of luck in their forthcoming big productions and can assure them that the staff of Courier appreciate the time and energy they put into their productions which we hope and trust will remain at their present high standard.

## Phase one complete



A view of the new Polytechnic.

NEWCASTLE Polytechnic came an important step nearer to reality last Monday when College of Commerce students moved into their new building in St. Mary's Place.

The building marks the first stage of an extensive programme which will provide Newcastle with an education precinct stretching east to Osborne Road and north to the Coast Road.

## PERSONAL COLUMN

Personal Column rates are 3d. per word. This column may also be used for Classified Advertisements which will be inserted at 2/6 per insert. The rate for block advertisements for University Societies is 6/- per column inch.

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### Cambridge

**CAMBRIDGE UNION** Committee members may soon have to sign a legally binding secrecy oath. This follows last term's uproar over a "leakage" of confidential Union reports.

The university magazine "Granta" published expansion plans and gave a detailed run-down on the Union's precarious financial position.

Last term's president, Ann Mallalieu, denied anyone was trying to suppress the information in the report. She said the information would have been published, "but not yet." "The action placed us in an embarrassing position. It was a breach of faith."

### Hull

An Ombudsman is to investigate a complaint by Economics undergraduate Edward Daveren, of **HULL UNIVERSITY**.

Daveren, 27, now studying at Regent Street Polytechnic, claims he failed examinations at Hull University through adverse circumstances — he had a broken leg and his wife had just had a miscarriage — and has complained that the authorities would not allow him to resit his exams. This is the first such case to be investigated by the Ombudsman.

### Aston

**Aston University, Birmingham** students are rebelling against the authority of the university establishment.

During last week they blocked university corridors and there was a mass walk-out from a talk by the Vice-Chancellor. All this was in protest against the sending down of six students who failed their subsidiary exams last session.

The latest trouble is a culmination of dispute and was sparked off by a letter to the "Sunday Telegraph."

The letter, sent by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Lewis Stretch, claimed that the inactivity of most students in the dispute proved

their satisfaction with the status quo. The students' action is a challenge to Mr. Stretch's statement.

Demonstrations have had to be held in the corridors for the university has no central area, but Mr. Stretch has plans to make the university "an academic community" run like a society — "like a golf course or a convent, where students join and obey the rules rather than a firm where they work."

However, most of the 2,500 took no part in the demonstrations and filed into lectures by other corridors. One student expressed the feeling of many when he said: "We're here to get in, get our degree and get out."

It is suspected that many of the students taking part in the demonstrations were from the nearby colleges of art and commerce.

However, nearly all students agreed that Mr. Stretch's ideas were ridiculous, as most students are on sandwich courses, and a community life really has no time to develop.

### Regent St. Polytechnic

**Regent St. Polytechnic's** test case battle for representation on the Board of Governors will most likely come to a head this term. Strike action has been called for by union leaders, following unsuccessful sit-ins and protest marches. Many universities and colleges are giving active support.

The struggle which is taking place at the Polytechnic is the age-old struggle for representation, an autonomous Students' Union and a reformed disciplinary system. It reached a climax with the news that a new college charter was being drawn up before the merger with Holborn College of Law and Commerce this Autumn.

The charter was dispatched to the Inner London Education Authority without the amendments proposed by the students.

Both the Union President, Roger Beavil, and the college newspaper, "West One," hit out at this action. In the students' view co-operation and communication with the authorities has suffered as a result of their action.

# Rutherford Bond!

**FRIDAY** saw what **Could have been the Multi-coloured Freak Out of the year at the Rutherford College of Technology Mountain-eering and Ski Club Dance.**

Providing the entertainment were the **Graham Bond Organisation** and the **Junco Partners**.

Many of the male students seemed shy to dance to such "Way Out" music as provided by **Graham Bond**, and quite a number seemed too shy to dance at all.

Bond's performance was visually exciting and musically stimulating. A feature of it was the multi-coloured lighting playing on the group throughout the performance. However, music like this is better for listening to than for dancing. "How can you dance to music like that?" said **Bill Frain**, a second year engineer, summing up the feelings of many of his fellow-students propping up the bar.

Things changed a little when the more orthodox



The great Graham Bond.

**Junco Partners** took the stage. They have of course been pounding out good music in and around the North-East for a few years, and are, in the words of one

student "Very good to dance to."

"I think some people stayed away because of the high admission charge, and the fact that union cards had

to be shown," said a second year sociologist. "At least having to show cards keeps the teenyboppers away," said University arts undergraduate **Julia Partington**, harking back to the screaming hordes at the Rag Dance featuring the **Small Faces**.

### Pulse Code

This year's winner of the Rank Organisation Travelling Scholarship is **Mick Boomer**, of **Rutherford College of Technology**.

Twenty-year-old **Mick** left **Wallsend County Technical School** with only four "O" Levels and went to work for the **GPO**, who gave day-release to take an Ordinary National Diploma Course in **Electrical Engineering**. He was then accepted by **Rutherford** on to a **B.Sc. Honours Electrical Engineering** course.

**Mick** plans to go to **Sweden** with the £100 provided by the scholarship where he hopes to work for **Ericssons**, who make telecommunications equipment.

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# THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

## CINEMA

**ESSOLDO:** Since the middle of the vacation, the Essoldo has been showing Schlesinger's "Far from the Madding Crowd," and if you've not been to see it yet, there are a few more weeks in which you may do so. The film is fairly closely based on Hardy's book; and it is Hardy who emerges as the real star. The bleak grassy uplands and rich green valleys contrast vividly with the cruel rugged coastline. Dorset has never been so clearly captured on film before; all the non-essentials are good too—the house staff exercising various degrees of Dorset dialect, the brilliant detail of a cock fight and the houses in which the characters live all ring very true.

The actors however, fall short of expectation. Alan Bates presents a sympathetic and careful study of Gabriel Oak—the solid, reliable character that his name suggests. Peter Finch, as Boldwood is competent, and evokes the right emotions, but seems a little drab and bedraggled at times. Julie Christie as Bathsheba and Terence Stamp as Sergeant Troy do really try hard, and occasionally come close to their characters, but there is a sense lacking in their performance at times—although this is really the fault of the adaptation; Hardy was no screenplay writer.

The story is interesting; visually the film is splendid, and it is easy to forget its obvious faults once the lights go down. One word of warning—unless you really like soft romantic, happily-ever-after endings, go out when you THINK the film has finished; otherwise you may go away slightly disappointed.

**HAYMARKET:** Lee Marvin is sold out by his organisation—he is caught, and shot at "point blank" range. But he survives, and he comes back to take his revenge. There is some good action in this film: a raid on Alcatraz, a woman too, and a friend who turns out to be far from friendly; best of all there is steely, tough Lee Marvin. Fists and bullets fly, and the action never flags.

**ODEON:** In the "War Wagon," John Wayne, a hard-done-to honest farming type, who has been framed and robbed, joins forces with Kirk Douglas, an elegant gunman hired to kill him, and together with Howard Keel as a Jewish Indian and Robert Walter as a drunken explosives genius, they set out to rob an armoured wagon that is transporting Wayne's stolen gold to a railway. The action is light and fast. John Wayne is good fun. Kirk Douglas seems a little wasted in the part: there are brawls, thrills, and a pile of laughs. But the overall effect is slightly disappointing.

**PAVILION:** If you like a little bit more out of your westerns, then try "Custer of the West," at the Pavilion for a season. Robert Shaw (remember him as Grant in "From Russia With Love," and Henry VIII in "A Man for all Seasons?") plays the great George Armstrong Custer—a general at 29, and an embarrassment to the army after his brilliant success in the Civil War. He is sent out to deal with the Indians, and he is determined to make a good job of a bad commission.

Custer emerges as a sensitive, intelligent man; a victim of circumstance and bureaucracy, a man with a heart, and a warm, lovely wife to share it. Shaw's representation is as good as anything Charlton Heston has ever done. Custer's story shows how the world has no time for human, honourable warfare, he is a romantic, an idealist, and in the final scene he gives his life rather than return to a world of armour plate and machine guns. Mary Ure plays his wife with a smoothness that is beautiful, and Kieron Moore, as his Indian counterpart, proves an effective foil to Custer's own human bluster. The photography and the colour are admirable, and the action never falters. This is one film which will not disappoint.

**QUEENS:** If you really want to see a Saturday morning children's club version of "My Fair Lady," then try "Doctor Doolittle." The film is aimed at both child and adult audiences, but ends up falling sadly between the two. It contains a bit of everything, Harrison and Eggar do their best, Richard Attenborough steals the show, and whenever Tony Newley

appears, you feel like crying "Stop the film, I want to get out!" The jokes are fairly poor at times—but you do see Rex Harrison ride a giraffe "for the first time in motion picture history."

The film won't replace "My Fair Lady," or "The Sound of Music," but it is a talking point and it is reasonable entertainment—and the Queen's does have a patrons' bar!

**STOLL:** "Be a Lifesaver—Be a Blood Donor" seems to be the motto of "Dracula, Prince of Darkness." When an unsuspecting holiday-maker is killed, and his blood sprinkled on the heap of ash that was all that remained of Dracula at the end of the last film; and when two beautiful women appear on the scene, and Christopher Lee dons fangs and cloak once more, you can be sure you're in for a good film.

The Hiroshima explosion failed to destroy Frankenstein's heart, and now, so many years later, when a mysterious wild boy roams around the mountains of Japan, there is more than likely a connection between these two facts. Add to this a monster prehistoric reptile, Baragon, who emerges from the bowels of the earth, and you have "Frankenstein Conquers the World."

**TATLER:** Late night film this week-end is "Phone Call from a Stranger." Four people, each with individual problems, meet on a plane, and swap worries. Three of them die

p.m. Tickets from the theatre 4/- (season tickets, 5 plays for 15/-).

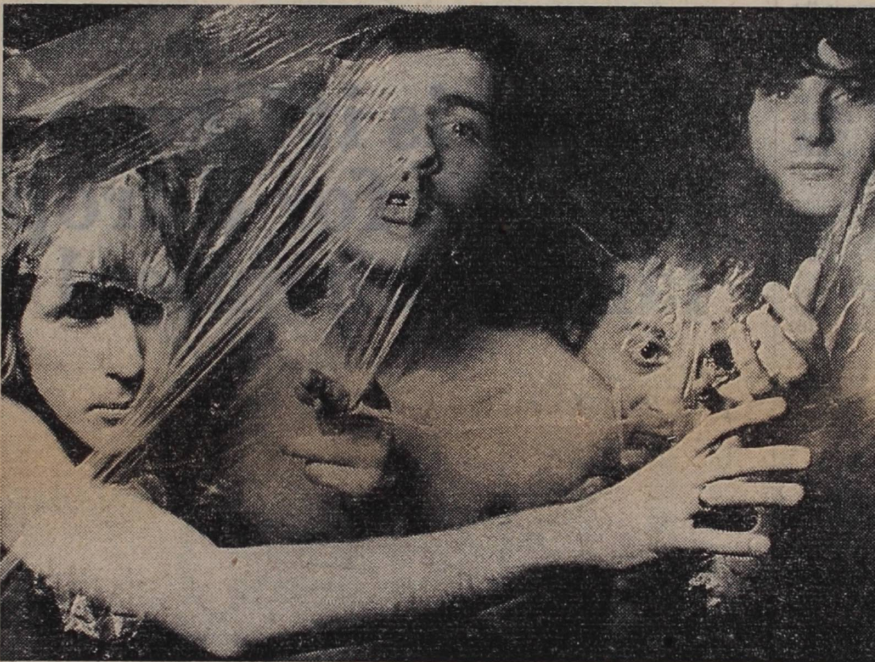
## MUSIC

**RECORD RECITAL:** "... and Another Heroine Bites the Dust," organised by City of Durham Gramophone Society. Wednesday, 24th January, Alington House, North Bailey, Durham. 7.30 p.m. Students 1/-.

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**"DON GIOVANNI":** Thursday, 25th January. Arts Council of Great Britain production, organised by Sunderland Art Gallery Concerts Society. Wearmouth Hall, Sunderland Technical College. 7.15 p.m. Student tickets 4/-, from Sunderland Art Gallery.

**CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Saturday, 27th January, King's Hall, 7.30 p.m. Quartets by



The Nice — would you believe? Just how nice you will be able to judge at next Saturday's Union Rave. Details on this page.

in a crash, and the survivor, Gary Merrill, takes it upon himself to visit the others' relatives; what he discovers about them surprises him, and it is because of them that he finds the answer to his own trouble and returns to the wife whom he knows to be unfaithful. Michael Rennie, Shelley Winters and Bette Davis also star.

Mozart (K. 575), Bartok (No. 2) and Smetana (E mol).

**MONDAY, 29th January, 7.30 p.m.** Quartets by Mozart (K. 458), Bartok (No. 3), and Tchaikovsky (No. 1 in D, opus 11).

**TUESDAY, 30th January, 7.30 p.m.** Quartets by Mozart (K. 589), Bartok (No. 4) and Borodin (No. 2 in D). The festival is organised by Newcastle upon Tyne Bach Choir Society. Student tickets for each concert 3/-, from the Record Centre, J. G. Windows, Alderson and Brentnall, and the University Music Department.

**ZAGREB PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA,** from Yugoslavia: A concert on Saturday, 27th January at the City Hall. Glinka's Russian and Ludmilla overture, Bruch's Violin Concerto, soloist Andre Andrewolf, and Dvorak's "New World". Conductor: Milan Horvath. 8 p.m.

## THEATRE

**NEWCASTLE PLAYHOUSE:** Tuesday 16th—Saturday, 3rd February, a play, "Lilly in Little India" by Donald Howarth. 7.30 p.m. Saturday 4.30 and 8.0 p.m. Tickets 5/-, 7/6, 10/- from Box Office.

**LITTLE THEATRE, GATESHEAD:** Tuesday 23rd—Saturday 27th, "Mystery at Blackwater," a play by Dan Sutherland, based on Wilkie Collins' "The Woman in White." 7.15

Around the Agric Building will be dug a large moat, 12 feet deep, and 14 feet wide. It will be filled with your actual British poisonous snakes, an Man-eating crocodiles. Small notices surrounding the whole will

when questioned yesterday. "Disinfectants will be sprayed regularly on to the bidders around the walls. The provision of adequate ventilation is completely out of the question, but the volume controls of the Groups will be turned



**Geordie's  
marra**

"WEY, ye buggors; welcome back tiv 'Geordie's Column!' Mind, Aa hope ye had a grand Christmas with th' Foot an' Mouth, the 'fu, th' devaluation, th' snaw, an' th' Government an' aall! Watt with ivvorybody moanin' on that 1968 will be worse than ivvor it fair myeks y' wondor watt weor daein' stayin' heor.

"COME TIV SUNNY MARRACAS!" says th' bit travel posters; "WEOR IT'S BLOODY HOT AALL DAY, AN, STEAMY HOT AALL NEET!" An' theor's a picture ov sum big bronzed bord leap-froggin' on th' sands; with a white-washed Eustace Porce sort ov plyce iv th' background.

'Escapism' they calls it.

Back tiv reality. In view ov th' severe Foot an' Mouth restrictions still in force, several changes will take place in the University; to reduce any chance of cross-infection.

recommend against falling in. 'The Union Cattle-market is to be filled with thigh-deep straw.' It should make things more interesting," said a high-ranking Union official

up to drown the screams of those dying for want of a drink. Alterations are even now taking place in the Men's Cloakroom. This is part of the

Tickets from 5/- to 15/- from the Record Centre, Grainger Market.

**FOLK CONCERT** at Sunderland: Sunday, 28th January. Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger. To be held in Sunderland Empire Theatre Society Rooms. Details from Mr. F. C. Bassett, 33 Weardale Avenue, South Bents, Sunderland.

**RECORD RECITAL** at Durham: Wednesday, 31st January. "Pas de Deux" presented by Mr. N. Wragge, organised by City of Durham Gramophone Society. Venue: Alington House, North Bailey, Durham. 7.30 p.m. Students 1/-.

**UTOPIA LTD:** Concert performance organised by Tynemouth Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Society. Tynemouth Repertory Theatre, 7.15 p.m., from Monday, 22nd to Saturday 27th January. Tickets 4/- to 6/6 from Miss Shotton 22 Mowbray Road, North Shields, or at the door.

## EXHIBITIONS

**WESTGATE GALLERY:** E. Scott-Dobson. 1.15 to 5.0 p.m. daily. Tuesday and Thursday 7.0 to 9.0 p.m. Closed Sundays. Until Wednesday, 31st January.

**SUNDERLAND ART GALLERY:** Until 28th January, an exhibition of Sunderland School-children's Photographs and Paintings. 9.30 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 5.0 p.m. Sunday, 3.0 to 5.0 p.m.

**ANNE DEWELL and BARBARA WALL:** Exhibition of paintings organised by Brian Sutherland City Hall Restaurant, New Elvet. Until Sunday, 7th February.

**GULBENKIAN GALLERY:** Christine Nolan and Robin Crozier. Mostly two-dimensional work. Organised by People's Theatre Arts Group. People's Theatre Arts Centre, Stephenson Road. Until Sunday, 28th January. Admission free.

## University SOCIAL

**RECORD EVENING:** Concert Society will meet in Gramophone Room, 7.15 p.m., Friday, January 26. Puccini's "Turandot" complete on records.

**FOLK AND BLUES:** Folk and Blues Club meeting at Trent House, eight o'clock, Thursday, January 25. Guests to be Jack and Tony from The Bay Hotel. Admission for members 2/-, others 3/-.

**DISCOTHEQUE:** Friday, January 26, 8.0 to 10.30 p.m. Room 27. Featuring Record Auction. Tickets 2/6.

**UNION RAVE:** Saturday, January 27, 'The Nice!!!' plus 'Tenth Avenue Allstars.' Tickets 6/-.

## GENERAL

**FILM SHOW:** Friday, January 26, at 7 p.m. Natural History Society meets in Hancock Museum. Film arranged by Mammal Section.

**AEOLIAN STRING QUARTET:** Six recitals between January 26 and February 2 in King's Hall. Details under Town Music.

**SUNDAY MEETING:** Sunday afternoon, January 28, Bishop of Durham will speak on "The Secular University." An informal meeting to be held at four o'clock, Senior Common Room Lounge.

Union's 'BACK BRITAIN' campaign. Later in the year red, white and blue Union Jacks will be issued. These will be hung on you very own personalised peg, and at times of national rejoicing they will be waved in strict tempo (to the distant chimes of 'RULE BRITANNIA' echoing across from the civic centre).

"National daily papers; and the police are interested in the idea," said the Entertainment Secretary.

Finally, a few predictions for 1968. The juke-box in the lower Bun Room will break down (January 30th).

On February 27th, seventeen No. 33 buses, in convoy, will be lost in a blizzard (200 students perish).

Lecturers will come in half hour earlier (February 30th) for free.

The Dentals will take over the whole Union by mid-April.

And for terminals: All marks will be reduced by 14.5 per cent. However, as 100 per cent will now be only 85½ marks more people will pass; thus increasing productivity . . . ? ?

# Loans or grants for students?

THE question of loans to students, instead of the present grants, is one which has been debated intermittently in Britain for many years. The present economic crisis might well be used to press for the introduction of a loans scheme. Student grants are to be reviewed this year for the first time since 1965. This year would thus be a good year in which to impose a student loans scheme.

## Effects of loans on students

would be quite disastrous. It costs this country about £1,000 to keep a student at university for one year, and about £800 to keep a student for a year at a College of Education, such as Kenton Lodge or Northern Counties College. Most students do at least a three year course. Medical or Dental students may do five or six years. Thus the cost of educating a student to degree level may vary between £3,000 and £6,000. Because of the grants system, very few students have to meet this cost at present. If a full loans system were imposed, each student would leave University or College with a debt of at least £3,000 to pay back! Some students would have £6,000 to pay!

When they first left College, this would really hit students. Young graduates and teachers would start their lives with huge debts hanging over them. Such debts would not be as hard to pay when earning a large salary, but they would be crippling to young people just starting jobs. Such people might be forced to sacrifice their future lives by taking jobs

that have high starting salaries, but no future.

Young married students would be the worst affected by debts resulting from a loans scheme. With the high cost of buying a house, high mortgages, high rents, no young married graduate or teacher could ever hope to make a good career for himself. If two students were married, they would have combined debts of over £6,000, perhaps up to £12,000 if they were medical or dental students. If the married couple had a baby, it would be a disaster! The mother would be unable to work for about a year, and they would have to maintain a child. It would be economical, even necessary, to have an abortion. A loans scheme, in this way, would destroy the future family lives of many students.

## Family life

Women students might well lose all hope of a family life; who would marry a girl student with a £3,000 debt attached? It would be like a millstone round their necks. Add to this the fact that the majority of women run a home, and thus cannot get any money to pay off their debts. Women students and graduates would find it rather difficult to get anyone to marry them. Many women would choose not to go to College or to University, and the proportion of women students in higher education would fall. Where would the male students find their girl-

## IN this article, S.R.C. Secretary Ian Seabright examines the "disastrous effects" of the proposed abolition of the Grant system and the introduction of Loans.

friends? Would they have to be like monks?

Around Newcastle, the colleges worst affected would be the women's colleges of education, Kenton Lodge and St. Mary's College, Fenham. Women at these colleges would suffer in several ways. With a £2,500 millstone round their necks, they would have less chance of getting married. As teachers, they will be in jobs with particularly low starting salaries — £750 — and as women, they have a low chance of worthwhile promotion. Thus they have a poor ability to pay off the debts resulting from a loans scheme. As women, assuming that they got married, they would be unable to have a family for many years, because they could not afford it. For this reason, there would be fewer women students training to be teachers at St. Mary's and Kenton Lodge Colleges. And this in a country short of teachers!

Problems would arise in trying to make graduates pay back the money spent on them; what if some students attended College or University, incurred a huge loan, and then left the country? The Government would not get its money back and the object of loans, economy, would be partially lost.

The best way to prevent this would be to make the parents of would-be-students guarantee the loan, as is the scheme in other countries which impose student loans. But, what would happen if the student had an accident before he had paid back all the money? Or even if he

failed to get a job with a high enough salary to pay back the loan?

As a result, many parents would not want to guarantee that their student offspring would pay back such loans: if the students were unable to pay it back, the parents would have to. The parents likely to be most reluctant to guarantee such loans would be those with low incomes or with a disregard for education. Unfortunately, both of these are mainly found in the "working class" rather than "middle" or "professional" classes.

Children from a working class home would thus have less of a chance of getting into higher education. In this way a loans scheme would change the social composition of students in favour of those whose parents were well-off.

## Working class

Less than 20% of University students come from working class homes. A loans scheme would discriminate against such students, because their parents would be either less willing or less able to guarantee a loan. Government reports on Education — the Plowden and Newsom reports — have emphasised that children from working class homes have less chance of getting an adequate education. A loans scheme would ensure that if they did, they would have less chance of getting any more education. In this way, talent would be wasted, and society would suffer from the social discrimination involved in a loans system.

More students fail to com-

plete their courses in countries which operate a loans scheme. About 14 per cent of students in Britain fail to finish their courses, and British students are paid Grants. In some European countries with student loans systems, up to 50 per cent of students are wasted. Thus more students may work uselessly for several years, in that they do not finish the course. Ability is lost through those students who fail. If the loans system causes this, it must cause unbearable waste of time and talent.

Costs of education are so high and student resistance so likely, that very few people suggest a full loans scheme. Everyone would admit that educating students now is essential to the well-being of society in the future. No one really intends that there should be less students, but many do intend that students shall make as large a contribution as possible to the costs of their education. Thus a full loans scheme is excluded.

## Means test

Partial loans are the obvious answer. This is the loans scheme that is most urged at present. It is simply the most practical idea from all points of view — except the students'! What is more, there is now a marvellous opportunity to apply them. Partial loans are where some money is paid to the student, and some of it he has to borrow from his Local Education Authority. The amount he may have to borrow may be very low about £50 a year. This would cause less immediate harm to students; the loans involved may be so low as to be almost negligible, and thus would not penalise women or "working class" students.

Means tests may be applied to these loans; the richer the

student's parents the less he would obtain as a grant and the more he would have to borrow. Thus working class parents would have to guarantee only a small loan in order that their children may have higher education.

The present economic crisis creates an ideal opportunity to impose loans on students. The National Union of Students is to campaign in February and March for a 26 per cent rise in students grants. Students grants were fixed in 1965, and Hall fees and prices have soared since then. A 26 per cent rise would bring grants up to their 1965 value. This would cost about £20 million. How easy it would be for the Government to save this money, and to lend it instead to students. The Government could represent the imposition of loans as an important saving in the National budget, and essential in the present economic crisis.

But Partial Loans would not save any money now. Whether the money was paid out to students as grants or loans, it would still have to be paid out; no immediate saving would be made. In fact, almost no saving would be made. The administration costs of computing all the partial loans, calculating the interest, and ensuring their regular repayment, would swallow up any immediate gains. Partial loans would thus be almost as expensive as having no loans at all.

Heavy social and financial costs make loans impractical, without considering the effects on students. But students are an isolated, and somewhat envied, section of society. Many tax-payers regard students as living on charity. Although student loans would be impractical and socially regressive, they are still supported in this economic situation. Public hysteria may well cause loans to be imposed on British students.

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# Courier

Wednesday, January 24, 1968

**THE** arrival of the Orange Free State Rugby Team to play the University is almost certain to be greeted with some measure of protest from people against apartheid.

This is, of course, their right and Courier would be the last to wish to deny free speech to anyone. Rumours have been circulating, however, that attempts may be made to scatter glass on the pitch, or some such ridiculous and dangerous measure.

Such action would reflect the highest discredit on this University and if Courier notices any such attempts being made we will not hesitate to publish full details to everybody.

The letter from Mr. Chilton printed on page one is one which Courier is very proud and happy to receive.

Taken together with the many letters of thanks from the people who have benefited from the Christmas Appeal fund shows that the students of this University are prepared to dig into their own pockets and give to those even worse off than themselves.

Judging by the present state of the economy, the increase in Hall Fees and the proposed loans system of the Government our pockets are going to be even emptier than ever in the future.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr. Bosanquet told Courier on Monday that it was his aim to ensure that Hall Fees did not rise one penny more than is absolutely necessary. He welcomed any suggestions from the student body as to how to economise in this situation and Courier would like to offer itself as a medium for anyone who has any such ideas.

The Vice-Chancellor's Report, published recently, says "The University of Newcastle is facing the consequences of growth and improvement" and he said to Courier that it was obvious that our ambitions were going to outrun our resources in the future. Surely in a University of over 5,000 students there are some people with ideas, however minor, to improve the situation. If so, Courier is more than willing to convey these ideas to everyone.

On a lighter note Courier notes with pleasure the selection of Ken Goodall for the Irish Rugby team, and looks back on the excellent display given by Brian Keen in last Saturday's international. A packed TV room voiced its approval of his courageous display.

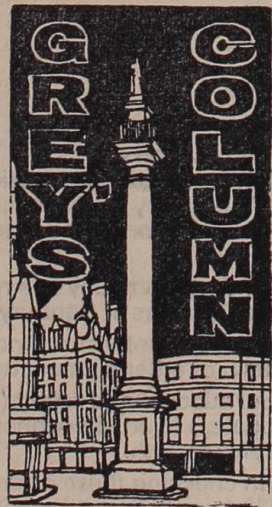
## Anarchy Institute Affairs

WELL, here we are again, and the sun is shining over Bridlington, so what is one to do when you're stuck in 'bonnie Newcastle with nothing but a pound of sausages in the pantry?

Anyway, to revert back to last Thursday lunchtime, I was unlacing my football boots after a hectic game with Geordie his'el' in the muslim student's prayer room. Wiping the sweat off on a passing body we caught a No. 4 (Cowgate) bus to Motherwell and transferred onto piggyback for the long crawl into the lower bun-room.

Walking over the packed mass of bodies we paid for our cheese and kipper sandwiches and a carton of sardine and cocoa flavoured yoghurt, and, squatting under the table, swallowed the resultant goo.

"Ugh, agh, crimp," Geordie



mumbled, drowned by the stereophonic roar of the Buggles singing "I am a Sealion," and the Rolling Stu's chanting "This train doesn't stop at Crewe on Sunday's School Blues," so I dived in and applied artificial restoration by screwing on my spare plastic face. "Thanks," he

grebled, panting heavily, and I must say that he looked a lot better in his green Dracula mask.

### Yellow spotted

"Hello, Geordie," said a passing entomologist, recognising him instantly, whilst applying a double finger wrist lock to his yellow spotted mate. "We're off to a meeting of R.I.B.A."

"Who were they," Geordie his'el' inquired, "and what's R.I.B.A.?"

"Oh, that was the famous jew-duo experts, Frank 'n Stein. And R.I.B.A. is the latest society to hit the destitute Union Society. The Royal Institute of Budding Anarchists, and they're keeping the whole thing a dead secret by being discreet and meeting in the deserted ex-men's common-room on alternate Thursday lunch-times. Actually it's not so secret as three people know about it so far. Let's go and watch as a COURIER reporter."

And so it was that we crawled along to the writing-room and squeezed down the plug-hole into the room below (THE REAL Grey'n Drain), and slid down the empty light socket (Radio 2 socket), and

hid under an empty beer-crate behind the remains of the dart-board.

There, resplendant upon a high altar made of the up-turned pocket-billiards table and the remains of last year's Queen's Speech sat the great god himself, Malcolm Buggeridge. "What's he doing here," asked Geordie, his'el', the green faced fiend (def. a friend with no 'r'). I thought that he was parading along Princess Street announcing the upsurge of Anarchism and denouncing the pulpit as the organ of the free-speaking church. He must have penetrated South to revolt the bonnie Newcastle students. Listen."

### Bast voice of Alcatraz

"Shut up Miss Stevenson. I'm trying to listen to the Bishop of Alcatraz," quickly inserting a pseudonym to cover up my real reason for being there "Get that pseudonym out of here," Malcolm Buggeridge cried, jumping on the table, and lifting his long flowing ermine robe above his hairy knees. Eek, pseudonyms." Having got the porter and

# CHRISTAIN OR NOT

A READER in Courier (Nov. 22) posed the question 'If this University is considered atheistic and morally lacking, is it the fault of students themselves, or the failure of those societies committed to inseminating thought to the contrary?' This article finds some of its inspiration in this but is not intended as another voice in the perennial discussion 'Does God exist?' It is the application of the Christian Gospel to the needs of a modern society.

That this modern society is "atheistic and morally lacking" is the beginning of a description; the lack of morality is widespread and stretches over a much broader field than the more obvious parcel of sex. This world of ours is not getting steadily better as the humanist would like to think—this idea is existing to any man who prefers to leave God out of his thinking, but this world and its history dismiss him the privilege.

### Pulse

Men who are near the pulse of world events have revealing things to say; I quote from an interview given by Churchill in 1954 to a Christian minister: 'Sir Winston pointed at the three early editions of the London evening papers lying on the empty table, and spoke of how they were filled with rapes, murders and hates. When he was a boy it was different. If there was a murder they talked about it for fifty years. Everything was so changed now, so noisy and violent and the Communist menace grew all the time. 'I am an old man,' he said, and repeated the phrase at different points in the conversation nine times. Several times he added, 'without hope for the world!'

The reply he received was one of hope and this hope was based on Jesus Christ—not merely an adoption of Christian ethics but the necessity for individuals to have a complete change of heart and a sense of being forgiven.

Churchill's final words are indicative of the relevance of Christ in our society: 'I do not see much hope for the future unless it is the hope

IS this University atheistic? Is it morally lacking? This article, written by a Christian, examines the case for and against Christianity. It is not intended as another voice in the discussion: "Does God Exist," but concerns the application of Christianity.

you are talking about . . . we must have a return to God.

This decline on a world scale is the result of the more personal problem of the individual. We cannot lose ourselves in the immensity of mankind and think in terms of corporate responsibility. We are each individuals free to choose our own standards and to go whichever way we please—the Christian gospel is the concern of the individual.

The problems of our world can be narrowed down to the essential badness of men—greed, on an international and personal scale, quarrelling, jealousy, hatred, fiery temper.

### Hope

The hope that Christians speak of is in application to individuals—we are each incapable of meeting God's standard which is perfection; any moral judgment which we exercise is clouded by self-interest. To say that 'all we like sheep have gone astray' is not the outcome of a man's own pessimism and his consideration of irrelevant details but is God's own opinion of us—it's mere perception and accuracy lends it authority. We are basically self-interested and not inclined to please God; from that position any good works we do are unimportant and insufficient. Rather like building a fine house on sand.

This is only one-half of the story because the sin of mankind is more than matched by the love of God. There is a Bible verse which says that God loved us so much that He sent His Son in order to die and, on the basis of His death, God forgives us (John 3:16). For many people this description of man and the remedy has proved, and will continue to prove, to be sufficient basis for trusting in God and believing that He is. This is applied to individuals by personal repentance, not a shallow apology but a mark of a willingness to turn from sin and serve God.

### Effects

The effects of such conversions are anything but bad; on a large scale they are the beginning of a better order of things. Through the eighteenth century England went through great changes

and historians are emphatic on the point: They may like or dislike John Wesley or George Whitfield, but they cannot deny the influence of their preaching. From the Evangelical Revival of those days came much in the way of social reform and it will always be so when men put their trust in God and rely on Him for strength to live the better life.

This spiritual capital acquired in this country by former generations is beginning to run out; we are free-wheeling on the impetus of earlier times and take many Christian inspired aspects of life for granted. Christianity in our world has become the adoption of Christian principles and the establishing of charitable institutions. It has become a social gospel well-suited to a nation that prefers a God-less religion and to assert its independence.

You've probably heard the well-meaning protest, 'Put Christ back in Christmas!' Among other things we can take this as a protest against the fancy lights, frills and fun as the sole basis of Christmas festivities. The protestations come from those who see something behind it all and call for an upsurge of good-will and kindness; all to their credit. Their message is one of good-will—do good—be like Christ! DO something! This is their connection between Christ and Christmas and, unfortunately, it is this same flow of thought that connects Christ and Christianity.

### Adopt

To merely adopt Christian principles is to establish one's own personal philosophy but Christianity is not a philosophy—it can be philosophically stated—it can use philosophy, but it can never be equated with it. It is not the fruit of the minds of men but it is received.

The thinker thinks and the world goes by; he is undisturbed—no one bursts into his solitude—he is thinking alone. Christ came as a burst of revelation against the back-drop of man's own thought. The revelation is perceptive in the extreme, that man is pulling himself up by his own boot-laces and that God is a holy God requiring much more in the way of goodness than a man could ever attain. This removes any reliance on personal goodness and personal 'doing' as a basis for our Christianity. God's answer is not that we each develop our own personal philosophy

for life, however sincere we are in our own belief, but that we confess that there is no genuine answer going to come from within any of us and that we need His help.

To ignore the Bible in these matters is gross presumption and leads to a false picture of man and his relationship to God. Just such a fallacy is that Christians are primarily good people—"do gooders" and folk of good will. The Bible teaches that all men are sinners; some are forgiven sinners and we call these Christians. This is the essence of the Christian Gospel and it is startlingly simple; but this Gospel must be simple because the consequences are not intended to be the luxury of the intelligent few but is the astounding gift of God to men. This is the basis of Christianity and the relevance of Christ in such a context is plain to see—we can have forgiveness on the grounds of his death for our sins.

### Awareness

Behind any Christian there has been the awareness of the inadequacy to meet God's standards; that DOING doesn't solve the problem. In addition, there has been the realisation that the answer is through Jesus Christ. This answer is forgiveness and is merely received complete from God—this response to God's offer is the first act of a Christian life.

This, then, is not a call to moral rearmament, nor is it a call to return to the Christ of the story-books—one "gentle Jesus" who had time for everybody and did no one any harm. That would not be a bad thing but it would not be a return to Christianity. It would be a superficial and lukewarm affair; a return to "do-gooding."

This is a call to the Christ of Calvary; the Crucifixion scene is not an exhibition on how to die well but is the demonstration of God's love for mankind, as individuals. On the basis of the death of His son God forgives sin and on the basis of forgiven sin we are Christians and are given the strength to live Christian lives. (This can sound ethereal and un-real but many people are still proving it to be true).

the Union Society Secretary to put down a trap baited with a piece of Ian Campbell's thigh, god was calmed down and the meeting proceeded with the usual decorum.

"Get that decorum out of here," Ian Campbell's thigh screamed, jumping on to the table and lifting his long flowing ermine athletic supporter above his knees, and it was only with considerable difficulty that the meeting finally got under way.

Buggeridge laid out his plans on the table, as they were tired, and his two followers crowded round. "Wonder what they're prints of," Geordie his'el' muttered, "listen."

"Oh, look at that!" "What a fantastic figure," "Look at her," "Wowee."

"They're blue prints," I replied "come back here."

### Contraceptive pills

After twenty minutes' orgy the meeting was eventually brought to order and the business in hand was cleared up. A deep and devious plot was uncovered to bring the 'Sound of music' to the Queens, but even more im-

portant was the plan to keep all the contraceptive pills impounded from Edinburgh University in the loft of the Finance Office, and sell them at gross profit on the black market.

"Quick," I said to Geordie his'el', "we must foil this dastardly plan." So having done that we decided to do something about the contraceptive pills as well, so one dark and dismal night we stole quietly round to the Finance Office.

Having been stopped by a local policeman we explained that we were only stealing quietly and they weren't hurting anybody, so we silently entered the chimney of the said building, and inserted a small explosive device (the President's head) in an orifice in the wall, and fitting a slow-burning cigarette up his left nostril, we ran for it.

There was a loud boom as slates and bricks hurtled skywards and then hurtled earthwards, and we ran straight into the arms of the hovering policeman. "Hello, hello, hello, what's going on here then?"

To be continued next year, when we get out.

# LEUKEMIA RESEARCH DRIVE

AN intensive drive to stimulate research into Leukemia is being launched in the University, and the whole of Tyneside in the next fortnight. It is hoped that there will be strong support from the student population.

One of the lesser known statistics today is the fact that, apart from accidents, the biggest single cause of death among children of school age is malignancy. Leukemia accounting for about half of this total. It was with this in mind that the Tyneside Leukemia Research Association was formed in 1961. The Association is a small, local, entirely voluntary group of people interested in the promotion of research into Leukemia in the R.V.I. The medical side of the work is in the care of Dr. F. J. W. Miller, who is Reader in charge of health in the University.

## Projects

Since the formation of the association, more than £20,000 has been raised in various ways and has been put to use in providing research facilities

which have already yielded valuable results. Projects completed have included the forming of techniques now used in treatment as well as equipment in the form of a specialist microscope. A statistical survey has been compiled on the figures concerning malignancy among children of school age in the hope of pinpointing coinciding conditions in different cases.

Now, after some six years, there are new requirements needed to maintain the momentum of their research. These include the establishment of a fellowship in paediatric haematology with particular reference to Leukemia, and the laboratory equipment to go with the fellowship. Also needed is improved provision made

for the mothers whose young children have to stay in hospital undergoing treatment.

## Campaign

In order to make all this possible, an intensive campaign is being launched in the week 10-17th, February. The campaign will be spear-headed by advertisements in the local press donated by local businesses. The great need however, is for voluntary help with the handling of collecting tins in the distribution and later collection at the end of the week. It is in this role that the help of the student population would be very greatly appreciated, as the collection tins will form the greatest part of the effort, and the money is urgently needed for this extremely worthy cause.



The signing of the historic agreement.

## Happier Staff?

IN an effort to achieve greater efficiency and happiness among University employees a wages and productivity agreement was signed last term by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet, and Mr. Colin M. Barnett, Deputy Divisional Officer of the Union.

The target of the agreement is a 26½ per cent wage increase to be reached in five stages over a three year period, and to be matched by corresponding increases in

productivity. This is the result of negotiations between the University and the National Union of Public Employees. Investigations were carried out for the University by Messrs. Urwick, Orr and Partners management consultants.

These changes are to be made by the application of modern work study techniques and by the introduction of the latest industrial equipment and materials to

do work previously done by hand. About 900 of the University's ancillary staff are affected including porters, cleaners, kitchen staff, groundsman and gardeners.

In his annual report the Vice-Chancellor praises the University for continuing "the sensible process of critical self-examination of methods and performance in many directions, with the help of outside consultants."

## Here come the NICE to a certain success

NEXT Saturday, I think that we can expect the Union Ballroom to be taken by storm, by a relatively new group from London — The Nice whose fame is spreading rapidly! In this time of chronic drought, The Nice are probably the most likely looking group around, with their L.P. "The Nice," released in December, already in very great demand.

Their first single "The Thoughts of Emerlist Davjack" was very popular, although unfortunately, it failed to make the National Charts. They are a group of highly rated young musicians from various groups, who were originally brought together to back singer P. P. Arnold, but who are now making a very happening scene of their own!

## Monster

The group line up consists of Lee Jackson 23, (bass, vocals) David O'List, 17 (guitar, vocals), Brian "Blinky" Davison 23 (drums) and Keith Emerson, 22 (organ).

Blinky is a hard-hitting

"monster" on drums who used to be the explosive force behind the "Mark Lee-man Five," and plays with tremendous feeling as well as fast and furious technique. Both Lee (a genuine Geordie) and Keith played originally with Gary Farr and the T. Bones. Keith Emerson is said to be the first British organist in years to evolve a genuinely personal style, and exploits all its great resources of volume and total contrast. He has completely broken out of the predominant Ray Charles/Sunny Smith bag and instead has adopted, the kind of freak-out technique that Jimi Hendrix and Eric Clapton have already brought to the guitar.

Most of their material, they write themselves, and it ranges from Schoenberg to Chinese music. They include arrangements of old Beale numbers, and also have recently been experimenting with poetry recited to their own arrangements.

On Monday, January 29, they leave for a three week tour of America, followed by appearances at the Second International Pop Festival in Rome

With the "Tenth Avenue

Allstars" as a supporting group, it could be a very worthwhile evening's entertainment.

## What a surprise

LAST Saturday when Jim Abbott, a third year Maths student, was coaching the University First and Second Eights on the Tyne there was quite a dramatic incident.

Jim was turning the launch around at Scotswood Bridge; unfortunately he had chosen too sharp a course, and the launch turned over throwing him into the Tyne. The throttle was full on and the outboard full over so the launch continued round in a circle.

He had difficulty in recapturing the boat which was still going round and round so the First Eight rowed over to see if they could help. It was at this moment that Phil Robinson, Secretary of the Boat Club and bow in the First Eight went to the rescue in true movie style. He stood up in his seat, and before anyone knew what was happening, dived into the Tyne

Between them Phil and Jim

caught and reboarded the launch and then continued with the day's outing.

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# A WALK ROUND THE CITY WALL



Pictured here is the majestic frontage of the Black Gate originally the barbican of the castle, where erection was completed in 1247.

THE Morden Tower is something more than a meeting place of "Authors and Critics," it is a symbol of heritage — a bastion against invasion, a defence and a refuge; or at least it was. It is one of the few remaining towers on the city wall. What happened to the rest of the wall? Where exactly did it go? Can you follow it from one end to the other? Here are the answers to some of these questions.

AS the days go on more and more of the real Newcastle seems to be disappearing; the essence of the "Tyneside classical" is becoming less noticeable, and concrete and glass seem to be taking the place of the old grimy stone blocks which tell of so much history. Destruction is everywhere; to aid the building of the gigantic roundabout block at the bottom of Pilgrim Street, workmen demolished the old classically magnificent frontage of the Royal Arcade, carefully numbering each stone so that the building could be re-erected. However it rained and the numbers were all washed away. The Royal Arcade is doomed to remain a heap of rubble.

Sad little stories like that of the Royal Arcade are all too common. Buildings disappear and not a soul notices their passing. Stones, unlike dead men, tell very sad tales; nothing is more pitiful than a pile of stones which once formed part of a magnificent public building, or perhaps a not-so-magnificent little house or perhaps just a city wall.

During the year 1265 a wall was begun around the city of Newcastle upon Tyne, and by 1307, there was an unbroken chain of towers and gates providing protection for the early Georgies. Some twenty-five towers existed, although nowadays those remaining could virtually be counted

on the thumbs of two hands.

At the Easternmost end of the Quayside, somewhere below the Barley Mow, was the Sandgate, then, still on the river side of City Road, was the Wall Knoll or Sally Port Tower. This is the only remaining gateway into the city — and it takes a bit of finding because in 1716 it was disguised by a superstructure built by the Company of Ships Carpenters.

## Smallpox

Continuing North the next tower is the Pandon Tower, the last one to be built, which was added to the wall when the suburb of Pandon became linked with the city in 1307. The Sandgate/Pandon area was notoriously filthy and disease-ridden; cholera, smallpox, bubonic plague were by no means infrequent visitors and between 1824 and 1853 over 4,000 people died of some disease or other.

After the Pandon Tower came the Corner and Austin Towers, and then the Plummer Tower. Situated in Croft Street (turn right off New Bridge Street opposite the library), the Plummer Tower has been converted into an annexe of the Laing Art Gallery and Museum. It houses an interesting collection of documents and relics of Newcastle in the days of the diseased slums and the times of the Keelmen's riots and strikes. There is also on show a Regency Drawing Room, with some interesting pieces of furniture, two Adam chairs, a Chippendale armchair and commode. In tableware there is some early Wedgwood, Jasper and Basset ware and some glass.

The Tower was restored in 1742, and has had a varied history since, it has been a ruin, a picture-frame factory, and a private house. It is now a museum with a store of information on the city wall too and some water colours by a John Teasdale showing the Towers and gates as they were in the mid-nineteenth century. After the Plummer Tower came the Carlisle Tower, and an in-

teresting bronze plaque can be seen in Market Street to mark the non-existence of the tower.

## Grey's monument

The Pilgrim Street Gate stood in the middle of the Box junction on the intersection of New Bridge and Blackett Street. From there the wall continued down Blackett Street with the Ficket Tower where Grey's Monument now stands. The Bertram Momboucher Tower stood somewhere in the region of the Clayton Street entrance to the Newgate Street traffic lights where obviously the New Gate stood.

South West from the New Gate the wall went on with Andrew and Ever Towers, and then comes the only really substantial length of wall left, from the Morden Tower, past Heber Tower and Durham Tower and almost as far as West Gate. The state of preservation here is very good, and you can get a clear idea of the height of the wall and the strength of the towers as they were.

Across Westgate Road and down Pink Lane where the Pink Tower (demolished in 1851) stood and further down is the site of the Forth Gate, then the Gunner Tower and the Stank Tower. Nearer the river again are the West Spital Tower (built in 1290 and demolished in 1844) Neville and White Friars Towers which used to fill the gap between here and the Close Gate, and finally the Riverside Tower completed the circuit.

## Museum

The information given here is far from complete and if you are interested in the wall, its route and history, one can make no better suggestion than that you should follow its course round the city. The Plummer Tower Museum will help your investigations and there is a new book recently published called "The historic Architecture of Newcastle upon Tyne" which will tell you even more.

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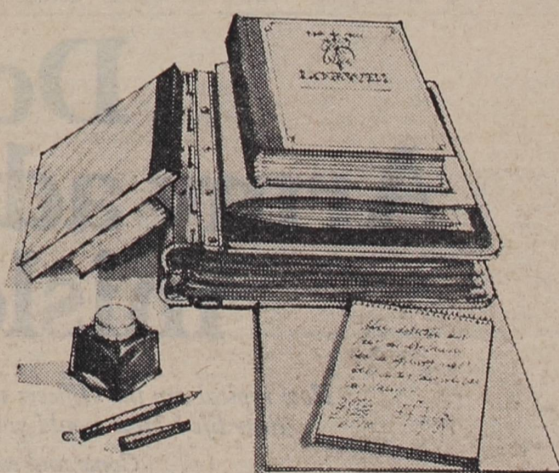
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# MOTOR CYCLING LIVES!

## A look at a new club for 'bike enthusiasts

Back in the olden days when a lad with a big twin had control of the road and of the girls, life was as fruitful as it was exciting. Early rock 'n roll, the coffee bars, juke boxes, feminine admiration and high speed runs on the North Circular for the benefit of Daily Mirror photographers, only confirmed that of life we could want no more.



The late Bob McIntyre in action, when winning the Golden Jubilee Senior Tourist Trophy race in the Isle of Man on his 500c.c. Gilera. Photograph by courtesy of the Evening Chronicle.

British motorcycling was at its peak. Gordon Jackson on his big Ajay dominated observed trials; Johnny Draper, the first Englishman to win the Moto Cross des Nations had set the pace which only his B.S.A. team-mates, Brian Martin and J. V. Smith, could improve; Duke McIntyre and Surtees dominated road racing.

The immense success of British machines was directly reflected in the attitudes of the public. People were interested in motorcycling. Home sales reached a new peak and it became necessary to order often months in advance to ensure delivery on time of some of the more popular models. James Dean was dead but his spirit lived on.

### The rot sets in

Towards the end of the 1950's, the decline had started. The increasing number of foreign machines, mostly from Japan, with garish chrome, seat layout for midgets and whining engines were without romantic image. Fashions were changing. The new generation wanted a different, more functional throw-away-when-used, type of transport. The motor scooter arrived and with it the Mods. The rot had really set in. Within a few years it was floral shirts and polkadot mini cars.

The British motor cycle manufacturers could not or would not adapt to the changing times, and lost irretrievably the lightweight machine market to foreign competitors.

Their task was not helped by the legislators who decided that all L riders should be restricted to machines under 250 c.c. capacity. Times became functional, no longer romantic. The production of the larger British machines continued, but soon were in financial troubles and were forced to amalgamate. Fans cried out for a 500 c.c. engine to replace the reliable but outdated Manx Norton. Today, eight years later, they may be getting it, not from industry, but from private syndicates with little spare cash.

The sporting scene has now expanded way beyond initial dreams. Small manufacturers have sprung up, providing the specialised equipment that the production machines re-



A typical sight at scrambling meetings as a rider soars into the air after climbing a steep slope. Photograph by courtesy of the Evening Chronicle.

quired to be competitive. Firms such as Rickmans Bros., Butler Mouldings, Wasp Engineering and Sprite motor cycles are but a few of the many who were formed to meet the demand. Television has introduced scrambling to the public in the comfort of their armchairs. Spectators are necessary to pay the star riders the high "start money" they require of late, but their numbers have been decreasing.

### Two stroke domination

One school of thought say it is due to the fact that two-strokes, which look and sound alike, dominate most races. Older spectators yearn for the days of the big singles, each different in their own right. For the days when the slight figure of P. N. Taff, led the field of the Experts Grand National at Rollwood for twenty-four laps until his chain broke. Dave Curtiss and Geoff Ward were unexpected victors.

But why all this motor cycle chatter? It seems that there are more than a few people in this University are interested in motor-cycles. A meeting was held and as a result, a Motor-cycle Club, under the chairmanship of John Nutting, was formed.

Various activities have been organised, including a club run to Penrith, aid in the form of practical help and advice from a member, has already enabled the owner of a Tiger 110 combination to be mobile again.

The Club members reflect a variety of sporting backgrounds. One has raced Gold Stars at Lydden and Brands Hatch; another has competed at irregular intervals in trials, but as yet the Novice award eludes him; someone else has done some solo scrambling although his only claim to fame was running into the crowd after misjudging a high speed bend at a rather well attended Easter meeting. The main interest of the members appears to be in high speed road machines with a possible leaning towards production road racing. There are the usual crowd of Velocette and Norton enthusiasts, although we have yet to see a Gold Star. We have an authority on International Nortons.

Many people say that competition riding is out of the question due to its cost. This is true in some cases, but there are sections which are possible for the low income rider provided

he is keen and is prepared to acquire practical ability. A reliable trials machine can be purchased at prices around £30-£50.

### Competition riding can be cheap

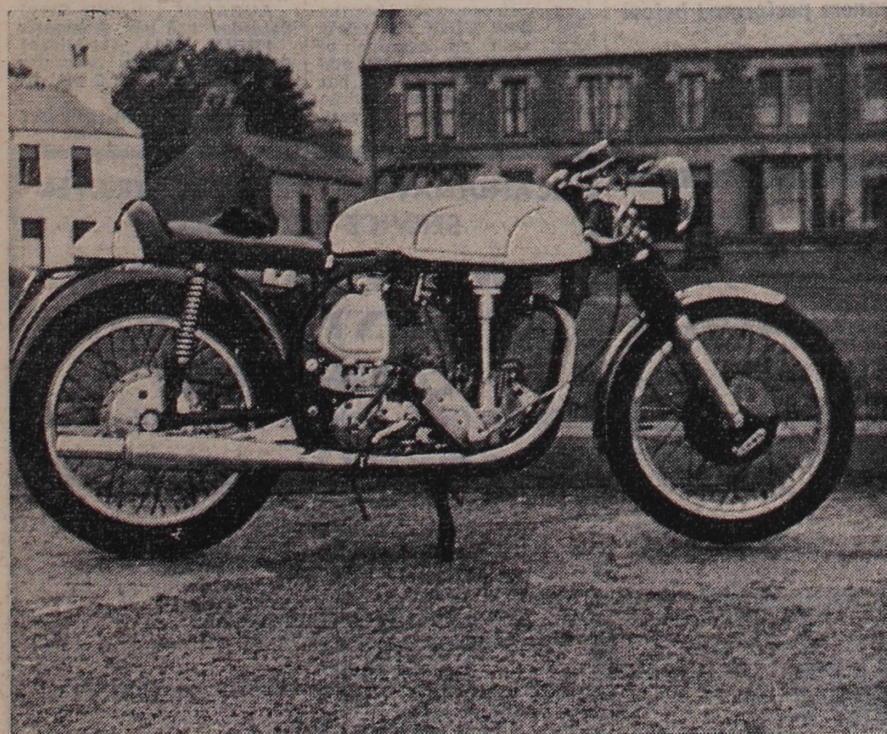
This can be fitted with detachable lights so that it can be used for normal everyday travel as well as the hard stuff. Incidentally, a trials machine, if the bars are not too wide, is ideal for getting through heavy traffic due to its positive steering and flexible motor. Two of

by  
Arnold Lane

the Club members have bought 650 c.c. scrambles sidecar outfit, and at the moment are searching the market for a suitable trailer. Their progress from the start line should prove amusing.

Plans are afloat to find a garage or Club-room where members can work on their machines, store tools and spare parts, or just meet to discuss matters of interest. This may not be possible until next year when the Club will be eligible for a Union Grant. Until then, there is of course Close House, and it is hoped that the unproductive woodland may be used for occasional trials practice. It should be added that trial machines are fully silenced and make very little noise. It may also be possible to run simple riding tests for owners of road machines to see just how skilful they really are.

The Club is mixed. In fact at the moment about one quarter of the members are girls. So why not give it a try. It's a different world on two wheels. If you are interested in anything connected with Motor Cycling why not join now? Just contact John Nutting by Internal Mail, watch the notice boards and you can't go wrong.



One of the more interesting machines in the Club is International Norton, which started life way back in 1934 but is now assured a more secure life snug in the depths of a featherbed frame. The owner is Vic Ford, Department of Mining Engineering.

MIXED RESULTS DURING VACATION, BUT...

# Firsts enthusiastic about their U.A.U. and Cup matches

## IMSL UPSETS FORM

LAST WEDNESDAY'S fixture list was affected by rain, three matches being postponed and pitches generally being very muddy. Perhaps not surprisingly, there were some upsets of known form. Northumberland College 'A' still reign supreme in Division I, despite the fact that their match was cancelled because of a waterlogged pitch. Their nearest challengers Henderson Hall 'A' were defeated by a Medicals team whose biggest task will be to complete their fixture list.

Division II becomes more bewildering as the season progresses. At each end of the table, positions are close, and at this stage every team in the division is a candidate for either promotion or relegation. Agrics drew 4-4 with Physics and thus allowed Geography 'A' to catch up with them on points at the top of the table by beating Henderson Hall 'B' 4-3.

**SURPASSED**  
Physics' effort in taking a point off Agriculture was commendable, but unfortunately for them was surpassed by Mining Engineers' defeat of Civil Engineers', previous joint leaders of the division.

History improved their prospects of avoiding relegation, and at the same time dented Metallurgy's promotion prospects with a 5-3 win in a game riddled with errors.

Law 'A' have handed the leadership of Division III back to Planning Society on goal average. The Lawyers won 4-2 against Mechanical Engineers, whereas Planners had a blank day as the result of Botany's withdrawal.

German retained their 100 per cent record against Mathematics, and their nearest rivals for the Division IV leadership, Chemistry, registered a comfortable victory over Medicals 'B'.

In Division V, College of Commerce rejoined the leaders by defeating Law 'B' 6-2.

### LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION 1					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
N'b'nd Clge A	6	6	0	0	12
H'dson Hall A	8	5	0	3	10
Commuters	8	3	1	4	7
Economics	8	3	1	4	7
Medicals 'A'	5	3	0	2	6
N. C. Clge A	5	2	0	3	4
E. Engineers	6	1	1	4	3
Eustace P H A	6	1	1	4	3

DIVISION 2					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Agriculture	7	4	2	1	10
Geog A	8	5	0	3	10
Civil Eng	7	4	1	2	9
Metallurgy	8	4	1	3	9
History	7	3	1	3	7
Mining Eng	8	2	1	5	5
Physics	6	1	3	2	5
H'dson Hall B	7	1	0	6	2

DIVISION 3					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Planning Soc	7	7	0	0	14
Law A	8	7	0	1	14
R'th'd Clge A	8	4	0	4	8
Chemical Eng	7	3	1	3	7
Eustace P H B	8	2	2	4	6
Botany	7	2	1	4	5
Mechanic' Eng	7	2	1	4	5
Geography B	8	0	1	7	1

DIVISION 4					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
German	7	7	0	0	14
Chemistry	7	6	0	1	12
French	8	5	0	3	10
Mathematics	8	3	1	4	7
Medicals B 2	7	2	1	4	5
R'th'd Clge B	7	2	0	6	4
N'n. C's Col B	8	2	0	6	4
Leazes	8	2	0	6	4

DIVISION 5					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cath Soc	7	4	2	1	10
Geology	7	4	1	2	9
N'l'd Col B	7	4	0	3	8
Col of Com	7	4	0	3	8
Naval Arch	6	3	1	2	7
Classics	6	3	0	3	6
N'tle Col of E	6	2	0	4	4
Law B	8	1	0	7	2



Mick Dagless in action.

## Surprise result when runners stay at home!

NEWCASTLE, leaving behind Pratt and Milroy in expectation of an easy victory at Sheffield, and already demoralised by transport difficulties, were confronted on arrival by an unusually strong Leicester University team. As a whole, the team emerged creditably, though several runners performed below par, but Camp won a grim battle for the individual victory.

Foot-and-mouth restrictions had again caused a revision of the course, which now consisted of four 1½-mile laps of Graves Park, Sheffield. The start on the flat was fairly steady, but the runners began to spread out on the downhill. The team position looked quite healthy, with Camp up front and Nichols and Martin to the fore, and improved as Tinlin joined the latter two at the end of the first lap.

### Advantage

On the second lap, Camp found himself 100 yards down on the leading Leicester runner, but used the hill to advantage to catch the second runner previously 50 yards in front, and close a little on the leader, Tinlin and Martin began to drop Nichols, but the latter was in no danger of being over-hauled by Reilley, gaining ground further down the field. Vale was next for Newcastle, with a pack of runners hard on his heels.

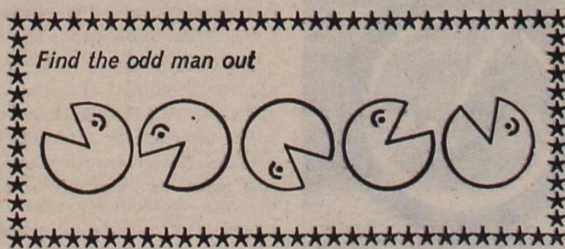
Camp achieved the lead on the third lap, and hung on to the end. Tinlin kept going steadily, but Martin lost contact with him on the fourth lap, finishing tenth. Nichols came next, then Reilley, while

Coppen emerged from the group to challenge Vale, and win the ensuing 150-yard sprint for the finish.

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DURING the Christmas vacation period, the 1st XI played five matches resulting in three wins and two defeats. A remarkable achievement, remembering that a large proportion of the members of the club were in their homelands throughout the country.

The enthusiasm present in the club was reflected in the fact that Peter Reay and Mick Dunn travelled for each match from Carlisle and Middlesbrough respectively. So Reay and Dunn together with locals, Lamb, Megson, Harrison and Crennell, provided the nucleus of the team. These players were ably supported by Greenhalgh, Atkinson, Dillon and Rodgers with skipper Gregson and Moir returning for the last two games.

### RESULTS

2nd round Northumberland Senior Cup v Marine Park Won 4-1  
League v Wallington Lost 3-2 v Alnwick Town  
Lost 4-1  
v Ashington Reserve Won 3-2  
Friendly: v London University Won 2-0

The 1st XI have been in strict training in preparation for their three important quarter final matches in the next fortnight. Today they are at Loughboro' playing Reading in the quarter-final of the U.A.U. competition. A week on Saturday, Blyth Spartans, of the Northern League are the opponents in the quarter-final of the Northumberland Senior Cup, followed by the quarter-final of the Northern Alliance League Cup v Sacriston on February 10th.

On Saturday, the 1st XI drew with Sacriston 1-1, while the 2nd and 3rd XI's had good cup victories over Wallsend St. Columbas and College of Commerce.

### NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY 1st XI v SACRISTON CW 1

This was a rather disappointing performance by the 1st XI. Gone were the quick strikes and the midfield dominance of last term, but it is hoped that this is only

due to lack of fitness on several of the players as a result of the Christmas vacation.

In a dull game, the first half produced very few thrills with Moir going close on a couple of occasions. Sacriston with their ability to use the long ball up the middle of the field contrasted to the University's more scientific reading of the game.

Dagless hit the post with a curling shot shortly after the interval and on several occasions the 1st XI were saved by the diving Harrison at the feet of the thundering Sacriston forwards.

Sacriston went ahead midway through the half and then at last the 1st XI sprung to life (even in a somewhat lethargic manner). Five minutes from the end Moir equalised with a cracking left foot shot from a square ball from Dagless. Let's hope for a better performance against Reading today!

Team: Harrison, Gregson, Stephenson, Dunn, Fuschillo, Lamb, Reay, Megson, Grennell, Dagless, Moir.

## BOAT CLUB IN STAKES

IN THE COMING term the Boat Club has a very packed programme. This coming Saturday they are entering two VIII and a VI in the Northern Universities Harp Challenge Stakes at Lancaster. The event is rowed in a league system over a one-mile course. There will be a coach going over on Saturday with as many supporters as possible. It promises to be a very enjoyable day out and anyone interested should consult the Boat Club Notice Board.

Other races this term include Glasgow Argonauts, Tyne, Reading and York Head of the River Races; the Guinness Sprints, the Northern sculling Championships; and of course the term will be culminated by the London Head which is the main long distance race of the year. Both VIII's are fairly light with an average of 12st in the First VIII and 11st 8lbs in the second, but performances so far while training have been very encouraging.

## RESULTS

IMSL  
DIVISION ONE  
Commuters 1, Economics 3  
Henderson Hall 'A' 1, Medicals 'A' 2

DIVISION TWO  
Geography 'A' 4, Henderson Hall 'B' 3  
Metallurgy 3, History 5  
Physics 4, Agriculture 4  
Civil Engineers 2, Mining Engineers 3

DIVISION THREE  
Chemical Engineers 2, Eustace Percy Hall 'B' 4  
Rutherford College 'A' 8, Geography 'B' 2

Law 'A' 4, Mechanical Engineers 2  
DIVISION FOUR  
Rutherford College 'B' 2, Leazes 4

Chemistry 2, Medicals 'B' 0  
Northern Counties College 'B' 4, French 6  
German 2, Mathematics 1

DIVISION FIVE  
Law 'B' 2, College of Commerce 6

The following results were not handed in on time:  
Newcastle College of Education v Geology; Northumberland College 'B' v Catholic Society.

RUGBY  
Henderson Hall 12, Armstrong 11  
Newcastle Mining Eng. 9, Nottingham Mining Eng. 3

FENCING  
University 15, Leeds Univ. 12  
Foil: Russell 3 victories; Henderson 1 victory, 2 defeats; Bardsley 3 defeats.

Epee: Russell 3 victories; Henderson 2 victories, 1 defeat; Bardsley 3 defeats.  
Sabre: Russell 3 victories; Henderson 2 victories, 1 defeat; Bardsley 1 victory, 2 defeats.

WOMEN'S FENCING  
University 5, Leeds Univ. 4

WATER POLO  
Newcastle 6, Durham 0

HOCKEY  
University 6, Stockton 1



RACING is settling down to normal after the foot and mouth ban. Winners, however, are difficult to pick as a result of large fields and unfit horses.

The Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster is the feature event of this week and it could be a duel between WOODLAWN and Gobion Goblin. The latter ran a good fourth in the "Mildmay" and last week gave an impressive display of front running to win unchallenged over three miles. Woodlawn ruined his chances in the "Hennessy" after slipping at the water jump. However, in his previous race he recorded a fluent victory over Vultrix, and I expect this strong finish to account for Gobion Goblin.

Rondetto, the "Hennessy" winner, should win the Royal Windsor Chase on Saturday

SELECTIONS  
Wednesday 4.0 p.m. Windsor  
AUBAGNE (Chicilla Grey)  
Saturday 1.30 p.m. Doncaster  
PRIVY SEAL (Ladylake)  
Saturday 2.0 p.m. Doncaster  
WOODLAWN (Gobion Goblin)  
Saturday 3.30 p.m. Windsor  
CURED (Rock Castle)

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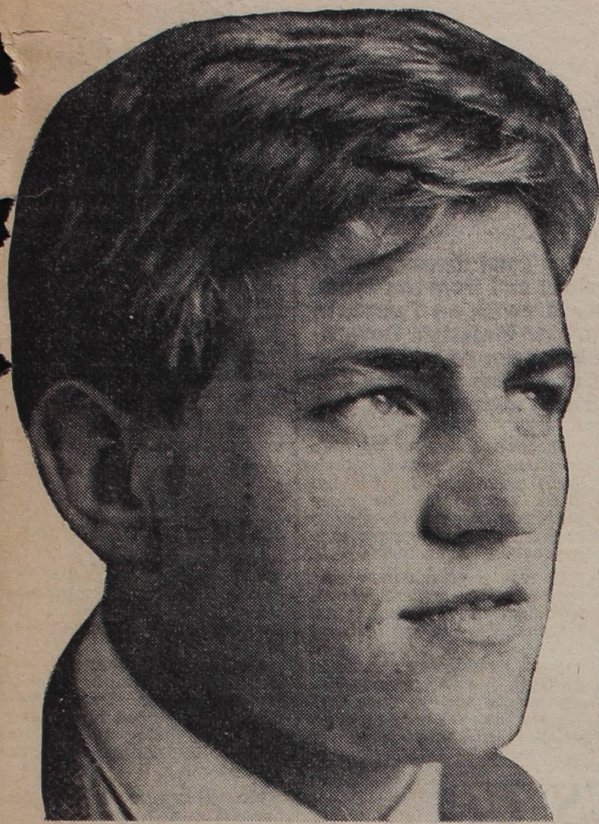
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## KEEN AND GOODALL—INTERNATIONAL CAPS

THE BEST NEWS to hit the University Rugby Club over the Christmas vac was Brian Keen's magnificent achievement in being selected to play for the England team which drew 11-11 with Wales last Saturday. This, together with Kenny Goodall's selection for the Irish side makes Newcastle the only University in Great Britain with two current

internationals, a fantastic recommendation for the rise of rugby particularly and sport generally in this University.

Certainly Brian has worked hard for his chance and this could not have gone to a more dedicated or deserving player yet his rise to international honours has been meteoric.

Coming to the Univer-

sity four years ago he was unable to establish himself as a first team prop but gained a place in the side at full back. He reverted to his rightful position in the following season, played in two county matches and represented the U.A.U. In 1965 Brian played for the North East Counties against the touring Australians and captured the U.A.U. side

which toured Wales at Christmas.

This year Brian has really caught the selectors' eye. He played in both the victorious trial sides and, on merit, gained his chance at the expense of such seasoned campaigners as Judd and Horton.

Certainly the whole University will want to wish him the best of luck for what we all hope will be a long career.

## RUNAWAY RUGBY WINS FOR FIRST FIFTEEN

AFTER AN easy 44-5 win in mid-week against Bradford University the 1st team had an even better win at Westoe on Saturday. Keen, able captain Woodcock—who trains the team twice a week, except when he is ill—proved himself a strict dispenser of justice in imposing fines for late arrival. Even his own late arrival did not deter him and retribution fell on the head of the experienced Cook, veteran of many international University rugby contests. It set the tone for the match.

Westoe are a rugged outfit, difficult to beat convincingly but after a hard fought, very equal 20 minutes University took the lead 6-5 and never looked back.

Hard running and impressive backing up overwhelmed a side reduced to 14 men in the first half.

### OUTSTANDING

Outstanding in the pack were Seymour, Masheder and Woodcock while in the backs Allen again stood out. In the end tries were a formality, even the wingers were allowed to score, despite heart-warming efforts by the rest of the team to deprive them. In the end everybody trotted happily off to watch the Brian Keen show the result auguring well for the hard matches to come. Edinburgh University and Orange Free State.



Terse scene in Pretoria match. Photo courtesy of the Journal

## Touring team beats Varsity in thriller

THE VISIT of a foreign touring side to the North East is a rare event but fortunately the long wait has not been in vain. The encounter with Pretoria University produced a match which many acclaimed as the best seen at the County Ground for years.

The University had a strange look about it with Keith Allen making his debut in the centre after recovering from injury, Geoff Hall helping out at full-back and Mal Sanderson and Keith Baggs returning to old haunts.

In fact, had a Keith Allen 40 yard penalty attempt in the opening minutes suc-

ceeded the result might well have been quite different.

But there was no denying Pretoria's class. Mini scrum half Anton Le Roux was always eager to use any space provided and he contrived to plot three of Pretoria's tries but the visitors' pack proved to be the real show piece.

By half-time Pretoria led 6-0 through tries by Dappie Louw and Tonee Roux but the deft kicking of Mal Sanderson had always kept Newcastle in the fight. Both forwards and backs tackled like demons and Keith Allen and Ken Sykes went close to scoring.

After the interval the game was kept fast flowing with each side prepared to open up the game from the most defensive of positions.

### DESERVED

The University, to its credit, never gave up and was rewarded with a richly deserved try minutes from the end Eric Newsham was able to take advantage of a kind bounce to touch down in the corner.

It had been a fine game in the true spirit of rugby and after a night's liquid celebration the Pretoria lads must have returned home with fond memories of Newcastle.

## Next big match soon!

AFTER THE tremendous success of Pretoria University's visit to Newcastle, great things are expected of the Orange Free State side which is to play the University next Wednesday at the County Ground, Gosforth.

O.F.S.'s tour itinerary has been considerably rearranged due to cancellations which is a pity for they look to be a team of considerable potential. In the party of 29 players twelve have played for the State side and five have represented the South African Universities.

Captain Koekoes Reinecki

looks to be a useful player. A flank forward, Koekoes has been playing representative rugby for five years and has already played against Wales and the South of Scotland. He is one of sixteen players in the group who previously toured with the Shimeas, as the touring party is known, to Rhodesia last year.

### Experienced

Full back Steve Strydon is another experienced player, having had South African trials, he has played against the British Lions, the Wallabies and Wales. Other players

to watch for will certainly be vice-captain Nic Boje, fly-half Gerard de Haas and No. 8 Bennie van Rensburg.

The second row looks solid, to say the least. Stoffel Botha, 6 ft. 4in., weighs in at a cool 17 st. 2 lb., while his partner Hennie van Zyl, 6 ft. 4in. and just under 15 st., has a formidable reputation as a line-out expert.

At the moment our own University has struck top form, notching up 87 points in the last two matches, so the meeting with O.F.S. University promises much.

## Hanson Trophy —events start

WHILST not too surprising, it is nevertheless discouraging that very few people in the University know what the Hanson Trophy is. In a University with such a keen interest in sport this lack of information can only be put down to lack of publicity.

The trophy itself was purchased from a fund set up by members of the University Staff as a memorial to the late Dr. Hanson who was former Registrar at this University, and who had always taken a keen interest in University sport.

### PARTICIPATE

The main purpose of the tournament is to give more people a chance to participate in sports at an intramural level than would otherwise do so. In its present form there is a Men's and Women's Competition. In the Men's competition the competitors are Eustace Percy Hall, Henderson Hall, Leazes, Medics, Agrics., and Armstrong and Whitley Bay Student's Association. In the Women's competition we have Easton Hall, Ethels, Medics, Agrics., Armstrong and Whitley Bay Students' Association.

The following sports are contested:—

### MEN'S

Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Squash, Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Athletics, Cross-country, Golf.

### WOMEN'S

Hockey, Netball, Squash, Badminton, Table Tennis, Athletics, Tennis.

Except for Athletics, Golf and Cross-country, all sports are played on a knock-out

basis, with play-offs for the losers in each round. The points are awarded as follows:

Men: 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Women: 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1

The draw for these matches has already been circulated. It was intended to have the 1st round completed in most sports by the end of last term. However, this was not possible and all the appropriate dates have been arranged for this term, with the exception of five matches which have already been played.

### Longbenton

HANSON DAY itself is the 28th April at Longbenton. On this day can be seen the Semi-finals, Play-offs and Finals of the Rugby and Soccer and the Men's and Women's Hockey and Tennis. The Cross-country race will also be run on this afternoon.

It is hoped that this term there will be a notice-board in the Union for Hanson Events and Results. It is also hoped that many will turn out on Hanson Day to watch some fast and exciting sport. In the past two years the honours have gone to Medics in the Men's Trophy and last year Ethels won the Women's Trophy.

(Any inquiries should be addressed to Peter Bond, Athletic Union Office).

## SPORTS SHORTS

planned to take place regularly, but had to be abandoned.

This term training sessions have been revived every Wednesday evening from 9-10.30 p.m. at Lightfoot Sports Centre.

Buses 12, 2, 19 to Wharrier Street (Walker). New and old members are welcome. One of the major aims of the club is the introduction of this sport to England.

### Men's Fencing

The University Men's Fencing Club continued their unbroken record on Saturday by defeating Leeds University 15-12. Derek Russell proved indispensable once again by winning all his fights and Mike Bardsley, fencing in his first University match was more effective than the final results indicate.

The Club travels to Birmingham on Wednesday to meet Bristol University in the quarter-finals of the UAU Championship.

Dave Hardman played a versatile game, alternating between stopper back and attacking forward. The only real fault in the team was its reluctance to make full use of the many free throws that were given.

### Rugby

Last Wednesday at Heaton, Armstrong defeated the Medicals by two tries, two goals and a penalty to four penalties. Although the Medicals got off to a good start with fine play by their pack Armstrong took command of the game with their two powerful centres. Although trailing at the interval, they pulled ahead to win. In all a fine fast game of thrilling rugby.

### Handball

Due to unfortunate circumstances the Handball Club did not get the intended start last term. Prior to the season, training had been

### Hockey

The University men's hockey team beat a hard Stockton team by six goals to one in a game almost completely dominated by the University team. Stockton came briefly into the game with a goal from their right winger. Scorers for the University were Kokri (2), Waller (3), and Bramley.

### Soccer

Throughout this term, the indoor 4-a-side soccer tournament will be taking place each Friday afternoon between 4.0 p.m. and 6.0 p.m. in the Upper Gym.

### Waterpolo

The University deserved its comfortable 6-0 victory over Durham. A few easy chances were missed in front of goal; however Chris Veitch and Hugh Osburn played well each scoring twice.

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# Fine demonstration of debating skill

## New Convenor's Plans

### Accommodation

IN the recent cases the amounts by which students' rents were reduced at the Rent Tribunal could well have paid the cost of re-equipping the property."

Mr. J. L. Crawford, the Warden of Lodgings, had been asked to comment on the present situation regarding students flats. He viewed with dismay the possibility of large numbers of students "joining the bandwagon," and said that a general rent reduction would mean in fact that students had lost. He would much rather see standards brought up to the level of the rent paid, and he added that if students became over-militant, those people providing good accommodation might well withdraw it.

Mr. Crawford admitted that in many cases property is not even seen by Lodgings staff, but added that since 1966 some degree of control had been exercised in that Mr. Laurence Beecham had been informing the Warden of all students who arranged accommodation directly. "But," said Mr. Crawford, "we can't stop people going into bad property." He emphasised that Newcastle students are in some ways very fortunate, for they are allowed absolute freedom in their choice of accommodation from their second year onwards.

#### Agreements

The Warden went on to the subject of agreements between landlords and students. The Lodgings Office provides two specimen types of agreement, and any student who does not fully understand what is involved will be enlightened either by the Lodgings staff or by the Department of Law, where legal



A new picture of the Warden of Lodgings Squadron Leader Crawford.

advice can also be obtained. The Warden intends to make available booklets which will include new Rent Act provisions and additional advice to students seeking flats. He emphasised that the problem was very largely one of making adequate information available, and said that people should always "come and ask."

Mr. Crawford was further asked to comment on his having approved higher rents for students in Whitley Bay, particularly because many students have been paying the "new" rents since October. He explained that some rents had already gone up, and that the increase was now being made general at the request of the local Hotel Proprietors' Association. It was University policy, he added, to keep prices in line with those fixed by Northern Counties College, who had already approved the increase.

IN the first debate of this term, the House heard a very good demonstration of debating skill both from the Order Paper speakers and from the floor.

The Right Honourable Viscount Lambton, M.P. for Berwick on Tweed, in proposing the motion that 'This House has no faith in Her Majesty's Government's Foreign Policy' attempted to show that there had been no consecutive policy since they were elected to power. In spheres of British influence and foreign commitments, they had proceeded neither right wing nor left, but rather they had seemed to have been blown by any prevailing and suitable wind.

It was a fine attacking opening speech, but replying to this, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, M.P. for South Shields, declared that far from there being an absence of policy, broad definite lines of policy had existed in the four main fields of foreign affairs.

#### Suez

The main problem for the Government was to make sure that our commitments matched our present economic strength. On this basis, he declared, many of our commitments, for instance East of Suez, were financially indefensible, because our troops were merely establishing a presence and not defending trading interests.

Mr. Bernard Connelly, OBE, seconding the motion, said in reply to Mr. Blenkinsop that our broken commitments in foreign policy had been caused directly by the lack of a sensible economic policy at home. As we were a trading nation, our foreign policy ought to be dictated by our needs for raw materials and food.

He further attacked the Government for their naivety and their lack of grasp of the situation. Seconding the Opposition, Mr. Robert Crofton Brown, M.P. for Newcastle West, supported wholeheartedly the attack of his colleague.

From the floor there were some very interesting and

diverse speeches proving that there is much debating talent in the University.

Mr. Alan Craig said that he found himself in something of a quandary in that he opposed the motion. Our East of Suez interests were financially indefensible and as such ought to be abandoned immediately. However, he did say that he was surprised that anyone in the Labour Government could arrive at this conclusion because he agreed with Viscount Lambton that there had been no definite policy.

In their summing up both speakers reiterated their main points well, although there seemed to be some confusion between them as to where Mr. Blenkinsop's true support had been in the past.

It was a good debate and moreover the voting seemed to reflect the debating talent from all sides of the political spectrum. The motion was carried by fifty-nine votes to fifty-five with twenty-two abstentions and we hope that we can look forward to more debates of this level of enjoyment.

### PRICES UP

IT is now almost certain that the increases in Refectory prices which came into operation at the beginning of this term are not yet over.

The prices of meat, bread and certain other items have already been increased. So far the prices of fish, soups, cheese, eggs, vegetables, tea and coffee remain unchanged, although Mr. S. R. Dennison, on behalf of the Catering Management Committee, predicts that "devaluation and other factors will almost certainly result in increases in costs for some of these items in the near future."

The proposal to raise prices in the Refectory was first made at the meeting of the Catering Advisory Committee on December 8. This committee includes representatives of the Union Society

and Students' Representative Council, as well as certain members of the academic, clerical and technical staff of the University.

#### Minimum

An effort has been made to keep increases at an absolute minimum, and only very few of the prices have been raised by more than a penny in the shilling.

There was little evidence of anger among the students asked for their opinions on the new prices, although one irate member did feel that 1s. 9d. for bacon was "just ridiculous." Nor did anyone feel that there was likely to be a mass exodus to alternative eating places, although many people have been eating in restaurants and snack-bars elsewhere for some time.

ON the resignation of Mr. Alan Booth a new face appears as Convenor of Debates for the Union Society — that of Mr. Roger Thorn — a first year law student.

The saga of the Rt. Hon. George Brown finished in December with a letter saying he would be unable to attend because of his official visit to Japan.

This proved to be Thorn's first trial in his new office; however, numerous invitations to M.P.s contra to Saturdays motion that "This house has no faith in H.M. Government's Foreign Policy" eventually brought acceptances from Arthur Blenkinsop, M.P. and R. C. Brown M.P.

Despite the change, the Debating chamber was packed by a lively but slightly undecided house; the final vote being 59 for the motion, 55 contra with 22 abstentions.

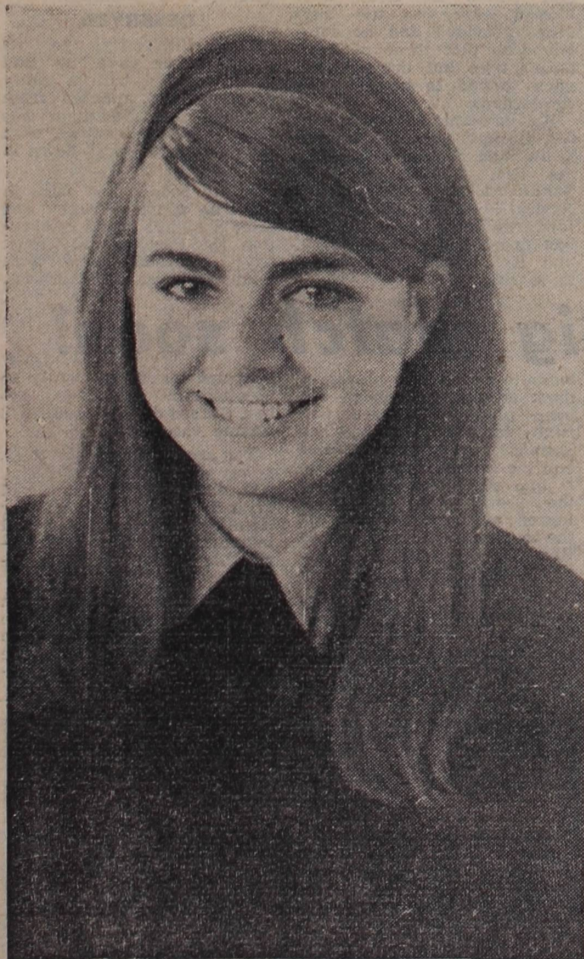
Mr. Thorn said that he hoped "by obtaining the best speakers available that Union debates need no longer be characterised by their deep-felt emotional arguments but completely lacking in information."

Many well-known figures have been invited to speak. On the 16th March Eric Thompson, the creator of Dougal on Magic Roundabout will, it is hoped, "prefer the pleasant posture of the bath to that of the bed."

Other highlights in this programme should be the Queen's Speech Debate on Saturday, 10th February. This has always attracted a full and lively house.

The Convenor hopes that the standard of debating will continue to rise. Mr. Thorn asks students not to hesitate in seeing him if they are keen to make an order paper speech.

### BACK PAGE SPOT



Back Page Spot this week is attractive Fiona Dedrick from Harrow, reading General Science in her first year. Fiona plays the flute and is cute

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