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"Someone is going to be killed" ...

LONDON RIOT— STUDENT VIEW

Man of many faces

THE I'm Backing Britain Movement could be the greatest present-day threat to Democracy.

Such was the ominous message given to members of the Liberal Society last Thursday by Steve Harris, North-east representative of the Union of Liberal Students, in his talk on 'British Fascism'.

"In the individual such an attitude may be thoroughly desirable, but when it spreads under the guidance of influential politicians and industrialists it tends to Social Fascism. This can be seen in the national press at the moment where many writers are protesting about student militancy and the militant unions being detrimental to the country."

Earlier, Mr. Harris had given a near-biography of Sir Oswald Mosley describing him as being "contrary to public opinion, a moderate—but for his inability to take defeat, his career could have taken an entirely different course. First, he was an M.P. representing the Tory party, then he joined the Liberal party and finally ended up as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster under Ramsay MacDonald's Labour government."

Keen

"Many of his ideas for ending the unemployment problem of the late 20's are now considered to have been the sign of a keen economist," continued Mr. Harris, "but the plans were not liked by the Government and so Mosley discontinued his support of the Labour party." "But for this event and also for the dislike by two members of McDonald's cabinet, Sir Oswald would almost certainly have been made Foreign Secretary, and then—who knows?"

After some discussion on student militancy the meeting ended.

Q. Club

BIG changes are promised at the Quay Club by new manager Ian Jenkins.

22-year-old Ian who has for the past four years been manager of the La Cubana club Sunderland, took over the club on Thursday.

He told Courier yesterday "We hope to demolish the gents toilet and build a grill bar where our customers can enjoy a steak at a reasonable price."

Mr. Jenkins has said that any student arriving before 9 p.m. will be allowed in free on production of a Union card. This scheme will come into operation next week.



At Monday's Council Meeting there were no nominations for the post of next year's Art's Festival Organiser, so the position is still open. Pictured above is Andy Lowe, this year's Organiser, who was able to tell the Council that this year's Festival has cost the S.R.C. about £100 only.

ABOUT thirty Newcastle students were among those who took part in the Anti-Vietnam War demonstrations in Grosvenor Square on Sunday

Many of our demonstrators were members of the University Socialist Society who hired a coach to take people down to London. Others were from Rutherford College.

It is not certain whether any Newcastle students were arrested during the disturbances but some of the contingent had not yet been seen back at the University on Monday night.

Germany

Many of those concerned stressed to Courier that besides the British students there were also members of the A.E.U., Dockers, and elderly people. Also demonstrating were students from Germany, Portugal, Australia and America.

Although much of the National coverage of the trouble seems to have centred on the students who participated, several students said that the majority of demonstrators were not in fact students at all.

Several of the demonstra-

tors gave their accounts of the incidents to Courier. "Police provocation was the main cause of the disturbances," said one Ray Cameron.

Another demonstrator, first year General Artist Ian Watts said that the Tyneside contingent had been marching with arms linked towards Grosvenor Square, after meeting in Trafalgar Square, when the police had tried to split them up. Police on horses had ridden into them with batons waving, he said.

Bodies

Mr. Watts said that he had seen a girl with a huge cut on her face bleeding badly. "Police used truncheons and horses on us," he said. "The German contingent were wearing crash-helmets, and charged through the police with a banner pole held out in front of them."

"As we walked we had to climb over the bodies of people who had been knocked down by the police," was the comment of another demonstrator.

The riot is believed to be the biggest in Britain about the Vietnam War. "I hope the next demonstration is stopped," said Ian Watts, "otherwise someone is going to be killed."

Rents meeting a sorry farce

AN Extra-Ordinary Meeting of students last Thursday passed a motion 'condemning the discrimination against Rutherford College students by Mr. L. Beecham's stated refusal to rent houses or flats to students from Rutherford College, after they were informed of their legal rights in accommodation'.

The meeting was brought about by a motion from 12 members demanding discussion of the actions of Mr. Beecham as reported in Courier and the Journal.

After the publication of Rutherford student Gordon Moir's leaflet 'The Rent Act and You', Mr. Meecham was quoted as saying that Rutherford students were trouble-makers.

Editor's

The passed motion was part of an original longer motion which included three resolutions to the effect that S.R.C. should—

(a) produce a simple pamphlet to explain how students can use the Rent Acts to get better accommodation.

(b) Ally with other Newcastle Colleges to improve Newcastle students accommodation by inter-college student action.

(c) As an interim measure, to assist students now in furnished accommodation, and searching for accommodation next year, to distribute Mr. Moir's leaflet to University students.

Birthday

Mr. Mike Wilkinson, Vice-President for Welfare of S.R.C., suggested that the long motion be split up into its separate paragraphs and that these should be voted on. This was agreed upon and the first motion condemning

Mr. Beecham's discrimination was passed.

Discussion on this motion was mainly between Mike Morris for the proposition and the new Accommodation Secretary, Mr. Trevor Kemp, Mr. Kemp said that this motion was unnecessary since Mr. Beecham had withdrawn his statements about Rutherford students. Any business man, he said, would recoil at the ideas suggested by this motion as it would lose 130 flats for students.

Today

Mr. Kemp then made a long speech against the acceptance of the distribution of Mr. Moir's leaflet to University students. There was, he said, already a leaflet being done which could be made available by Monday. He pointed out that most flats are not yet vacant and said that Mr. Moir's "inflammatory" article was likely to do considerable harm.

Mr. Moir, in defence of his article, said that it gave the facts whereas Mr. Kemp was merely giving his opinion. By this time there were only 22 people left in the Chamber and just as a vote appeared to be on the way, Mr. Barry

Barton, S.R.C. Vice-President, challenged the quorum and the whole sorry farce drew to a close, with no other decisions being made.

DANCE

MARCH 29th sees the first-ever Union Ball at the College of Commerce.

Venue for the ball is Black Friars Hall, on New Bridge Street.

Appearing at the ball are The Clemil Orchestra and The Sect. The ball will be semi-formal in nature and there will be an opportunity to partake in both ballroom and beat dancing. Said organiser W. Mike Pattinson: "We would like everyone to come, this is the perfect opportunity to have a really good time. There is a running buffet, spot prizes and many other attractions."

"I think this will make a pleasant change from the normal type of jig," continued Mike. "If this venture is successful we hope to make it an annual affair."

Tickets price 12s. 6d. are available at the Union Office on Northumberland Road. Students from all of the local colleges are invited.

Change in guests law

DRASTIC changes are to be made in an effort to control the number of illegal guests signed into the Union on Saturday nights.

It was decided at a meeting of the Union Management Committee on Monday that from now on students must go to the Porter's Lodge on Friday or up to five o'clock on Saturday to get a voucher for the person they intend to accompany on Saturday.

Disagreed

The names of the guests will then be checked off at the entrance to the Union when they arrive on the Saturday evening.

This system should come into operation next term and it is hoped will ease the congestion in the Union on Saturday nights.

The question of the Dances on Saturday nights was also discussed with reference to the proposed changes and a proposal from SRC Secretary Mr. Ian Seabright that the Executive should bring to the next meeting a proposal governing the entrance to Raves was carried.

Courier

This is the Courier that nearly wasn't—many of the staff have terminals but the Board felt that with so much important news and end of term sport, a Courier was essential—see you next term.

NEW MAN—UNOPPOSED

NEW Vice-President of the College of Commerce Union is Cost Accountant, W. Mike Pattinson.

Twenty-four-year-old Mike, who is retaining his present position as Entertainments Secretary, was elected unopposed.

Mike began his student career as a Medic in the then King's College. Unfortunately, however he failed the second year exams and so went out to work as a medical representative for a well known pharmaceutical firm. Many of those at the university who are longer in the tooth will remember "Wilf" for his efforts in such enterprises as Radio Rag, Rag Revue, etc., and after leaving pharmaceuticals' show biz called to Mike. He took a job at Nodes Point Holiday centre on the Isle of Wight and spent two years there as Entertainments Manager.

Ideas

"Show biz is all right," said Mike, "but there isn't always a future in it. I wanted a profession behind me." So he decided to apply to a Higher National Diploma Course at the College of Commerce and joined the hard-working



Mr. Pattinson, new vice-president.

ranks of those who also sit the examinations of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

Asked what his aims are Mike told Courier "I want to get the College of Commerce off the ground. There is a great potential here and I believe that the Union can exploit it."

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The University provided all the skill and fitness, whereas Ashington relied on a combination of physical strength and experience which resulted in a very entertaining game despite the atrocious conditions.

Before a crowd of about 200, who had braved the strong wind, the 1st XI kicked off and within 30 seconds, Dagless had a tremendous 40 yard drive tipped over the bar. Then Harrison saved well from a strong Ashington counter attack.

However, after this initial flurry of excitement the first half developed into a mid-field battle with both defences choking the efforts of the attacks. The second half began with the University rearguard defending desperately against a strong Ashington advance but in a quick breakaway, Dagless again went close with a shot which the Ashington keeper did well to save.

BALL CONTROL

Throughout this period, Dagless, Dunn and Fuschillo were showing fantastic ball control for such conditions with Megson and Lamb setting up attacks in midfield. The occasional thrusts of wingers Reay and Moir had the visitors full-backs in a tangle and Stephenson and Gregson had their wingers tied up from the start of the match.

So, a match with very few clear cut chances, and consequently very little to write about, resulted.

The replay is at Portland Park, Ashington, on Saturday and supporters are very welcome.

THE REST OF THE SEASON

As the 1967-68 association football season draws to a close, the University soccer club can look back with immense satisfaction.

At the beginning of the season considerable doubt was raised as to the composition of the 1st XI. A goalkeeper, a midfield player and a centre forward were needed.

ERASED

The doubts were erased somewhat when in October three new members joined the club and to the pleasure of skipper Terry Gregson they have proved to be an outstanding success in the positions mentioned above.

Eddie Harrison, the goal-



Iain Moir, the university's top goal scorer.

keeper, from London University, who has since proved to be the best university goalkeeper in the country. Paul Fuschillo, a fresher, who with his obvious football ability and insight has emerged as a future club captain. Ronnie Crennell has emerged as the success story of the year.

After three years in intramural football he emerged this year as a centre forward of the highest rank.

FITNESS

An early disappointment was defeat in the F.A. Amateur Cup to Durham City but this was unavoidable as a scratch team had to be fielded and fitness was non-existent.

But under the guidance of coach Alan Brown, a man who has obtained tremendous respect and gratitude from members for his dedication, and undoubted coaching ability, the team has built up into one of the most feared combinations in the country. The first XI beat every university they played until the U.A.U. final, when for some inexplicable reason the team failed in every department versus Swansea. A tremendous disappointment, but after all, this is football!

ST. JAMES'S PARK

On the local soccer front, the success has been unbelievable. The first XI have played several top non-league clubs, e.g. Blyth Spar-

Rugby review

SEASON TO FINISH ON A HIGH NOTE

AT first sight the season as a whole would seem a pretty uninspiring one, an only average record being backed up by no notable victories. Closer analysis reveals a different picture. Kenny Goodall has long been a regular Irish back row, and this distinction was added to this season when Brian Keen was picked for England at prop — two current internationals for a university side!

In addition Stu Mashedor and John Seymour as well as

Keen played regularly for the county and later Keith Allen, too, made an impressive debut. These honours go a long way in explaining a very indifferent record, for the team was rarely settled for even consecutive matches

CONVIVIALITY

The highlights of the season were undoubtedly the two matches against South African universities, and despite the joke demonstrators both visits came off extremely well and convivially. Both matches were lost, although the O.F.S. game should have been won — the story of the whole season. Similarly the Edinburgh match was more or less thrown away after a substantial lead had been built up — although it must be remembered Edinburgh beat Cambridge convincingly earlier in the season.

The Derby match with Durham was generally agreed to be a "scorcher", with a partisan crowd and the result in doubt almost to the last whistle; Durham, however, deserved their win, and contrived it mainly through their excellent backs.

DISRUPTED

The Centaurs, too, have had their ups and downs—but this is always the case with a second team. They have provided, however, excellent reserves whenever county calls have disrupted the first team. Jeff Williams, John Walker, Clem Thomas, Adam Spence, Mike Lamb and Ian Scott all look good prospects for next year, with experience of 1st team rugby, and so, although only six of the 1st team are returning, there is a fine basis for a good, fast side.

Whatever happens in the cup and on the Lancashire tour, however—Pinder-King strikes again to secure "plum" matches, as he has done by extremely hard work throughout the season—the year must

tans, North Shields and have beaten them all.

They reached the semi-final of the Northumberland Senior Cup and the semi-final of the Northern Alliance Cup (thus dispelling any doubts about the possible future in this league). Victory in either of these will mean a bumper final at St. James's Park at the beginning of next term.

The 2nd and 3rd XI's have had a combination of success and failure this season. They have been very successful against university teams with the 2nd team being very unlucky not to qualify for the final stages of the 2nd XI U.A.U. Competition.

Many representative honours have come the way of the first XI players this season, Harrison, Dagless and Moir have all represented the full U.A.U. team while Fuschillo and Reay have been reserves.

NEXT YEAR

News has just come through that Harrison, Fuschillo, Dagless and Moir have been picked for the U.A.U. in the B.U.S.F. tournament at Easter with Megson, Dunn, Gregson and Lamb as reserves.

What about next year? Most of the 1st XI will still be with us. Reay, Megson, Moir and Crennell who all graduate this year will be continuing with post-graduate studies, while Dagless, Fuschillo and Harrison will still be here.

HOCKEY TEAMS ROUND-UP

AFTER being in the U.A.U. final for the last three years it is unfortunate that this stage was not reached this year when the 1st XI results have been the best ever recorded. Indeed, with only one defeat in 25 games to February 18, only one team in the country was on a par with them. The final 1st team record reads:

P W D L F A
32 24 4 4 87 29

With ten of last year's U.A.U. winning team returning, Waller, Jones, Kokri, Summerfield, Sutton, Hall, Watson, Ayre, Lo; two county standard freshers, Forbes and Williamson, Bramley, a Midlands U23 player, and Winstone, a gifted all-round sportsman, joining the team, selection has been difficult. Moreover, about 15 players outside the regular 1st XI have represented the University. Problems have been enhanced by injuries to Summerfield and Lo in November which have kept them out of the side to date.

INABILITY

As a team which relies primarily on quick movements involving the use of basic skills to perfection, the games which have not been won, with the exception of two, have resulted from an inability to adapt to heavy conditions and poor pitches, where hard hit-and-run tactics were required. Neverthe-

less, especially early in the season, some superb hockey was played.

The experience and agility of Charlie Lo in goal has been missed considerably, but his substitute Starr has matured quickly. At full back the solid and hard-hitting experience of Hall and Sanderson has been in contrast to Williamson's wide range of skills which have seen him in most positions on the field.

Forbes filled the gap at centre half more than adequately and has been rewarded by a regular county place. Sutton is perhaps the most improved player in the side, providing a vital midfield link at left half, whilst Watson, a regular county player, has only partially fulfilled the very considerable hopes placed in him.

INVALUABLE

In the forward line Waller, the only full U.A.U. player, has been invaluable for his individual class and has combined well with the hard-working, consistent Jones; between them they have scored half the 1st team's goals.

At inside-right Kokri has only rarely exhibited his full talents, although filling the right hand link position most competently, and baffling almost everybody with his slickwork. On the left wing, Summerfield's speed and shooting power has been re-

placed by Bramley's more orthodox but most effective style, which has combined well with Jones.

The somewhat portly figure of the captain on the right wing has often caused amusement, but he has nevertheless provided many scoring chances for the inside trio, despite playing the season with a knee injury. Winstone has been the regular reserve.

The second XI record of:

P W D L F A
23 7 5 11 37 46

hardly reflects the strength of the team, which at full strength is probably second only to Durham. However, the numerous representative calls on the 1st XI have caused an unsettled side of which Fox, the captain, Walmsley, Johnson, Beadle, Fowler, Judd and Hatch deserve mention for their consistency.

Under the guiding hand of MacArthur the 3rd XI have had considerable success, and show great talent for next year. Their record is:

P W D L F A
20 12 2 6 60 24

The club's fine record is rewarded during the vacation by the 1st XI tour to North Germany in which they will play in the Hamburg Easter Festival, whilst the 2nd XI are playing in the Scarborough Festival.



Even England prop forwards have to jump in the line-out.

go down as one of outstanding social success—to put it mildly.

Forthcoming Matches

THE Rugby Club look like ending the season with a bang. For while many players now look forward to a long, easy lay-off until next October, the 1st XV still have half-a-dozen key commitments.

Next Saturday, the 1st their top County Cup semi-final against Seghill, followed by a North-west tour; three "sevens" tournaments; the large possibility of reaching the Cup Final at the County Ground, Gosforth, on April 20th; and an informal "sevens" tour to Holland, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

FESTIVE

So in spite of the present world financial "run" on gold many members of the Club will be applying for further bank credit in order to fulfill these extra playing and "social" commitments over the Easter festive period.

Starting with the Cup, the University have more than a strong chance of winning the Fina Cup for the first time since 1965, when they beat Rockcliff 11-6 under Tarbitt's captaincy. Although the Miners from Seghill should not be underestimated (and what suits their dour forward play better than a cup-game?) Varsity look set for a crack against the winners of Gosforth and Northern at the Greyhound Stadium.

'GRAND-SLAM'

Provided Newcastle can pull out the form they showed in their 16-point "grand-slam" against Edinburgh University last month, there is no reason why they should not win their first trophy in a season of "near misses."

Two days after the Seghill game, Varsity begin their shortened North-west tour with games against Warring-

ton and the top Cheshire side, Wilmslow. A third fixture against Preston Grasshoppers was unfortunately cancelled because of the need to fit in the Seghill semi-final.

A season of strength

STARTING off in 1967 with more pace than grace, the Armstrong 1st XV arrived at the end of the season in 1968 with a most impressive record. Played 23, won 16, drawn 2, lost 5, points for 327, against 140. Two of the defeats were at the hands of Henderson, or should one say Cowman, their mature stand-off.

Many players have shown great improvement, and prominent were Turner (centre), Moriarty and Fairry (2nd row) and Payne at open side. At Christmas, Hatton at right wing had averaged two tries a match. Perse at centre had all the worth of a great player, but also the most shocking handling.

TACTICAL

Short of a capable stand-off, we were lucky to find Partridge, who has fairly good hands, a superb side step, and a recently improved tactical boot. Above all, he was keen but cool and a steady influence on the relatively inexperienced threequarter line.

Howell, at full back, often slow at times, was reliable and had his best game to date in the recent Cup Semi-finals. Adam Spence, a hooker of notable ability, we were glad to have until he was adopted by the Centaurs. Also in this category were G. Williams and Fawcett, whose absence was cruelly felt.

Most thanks must go to Mike Armstrong, the diminutive and industrious retiring captain. His organisation and leadership were just what this team needed to be a success and it is sad to report that next season he will be playing outside the university where he feels he will be "getting a better game."

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HIGH HOPES IN U.A.U.

AT the start of last season, the Cricket Club found itself in the proud but unenviable position of defending the U.A.U. Trophy. However, the snowstorms and torrential downpours which attended every fixture in the first fortnight of term meant that the side went into its first U.A.U. game with virtually no match practice. This had been, to a lesser extent, the fate of our opponents also, but our new, and hence inexperienced side fell heavily at the hands of both Sheffield and Durham, and so with the season only three weeks old we were out of the U.A.U.

Afterwards, in our other fixtures a gradual improvement was achieved. Judd, Stocks and Wood featured in several good batting stands, ably supported by Green-shields and Newton. Tuckerman had unfortunately lost touch completely and Heywood rarely fulfilled his promise.

BOON

None of the latter order batsmen were able to capitalise on earlier good work. Newton gave up the wicketkeeping to concentrate on his captaincy, and the discovery that the second string wicketkeeper, Mel Over, was something of a batsman was a boon indeed. Neither of our fast bowlers could be described as a genuine opener, hard as Hey tried, but Byrom always bowled tidily, and Lipson, a fresher began to improve as he steadied himself.

It was realised that Sanson, who had been performing well in the second team, was also a good bet as an opening bowler, though he too lacked pace. Unfortunately our mainstay in the spin bowling department, Mason, as with his batting, could not find the form of previous seasons. Gibson's off-breaks were as inconsistent as his batting, and by the end of the season the medium-pacers Stocks, Judd and Heywood found themselves shouldering an increasing burden of the bowling.

Consequently morale was low when we made our third attempt to beat the weather and fulfil our outstanding

U.A.U. game at Hull. On top of that several of our first choice players were unavailable on the rearranged date, and something of a 'scratch' team captained by Bob Stocks eventually made the trek to the East Riding.

ALAS

Lo and behold!—a superlative effort of application both with the bat and in the field ensured that Newcastle were not the North-east's "wooden-spooners." Wood, Judd, Over and Stocks were prominent with the bat and in the afternoon, the whole team fielded magnificently. Sanson produced an excellent controlled opening bowling spell, Gibson dropped some catches (luckily off his own bowling!) and finally Grindrod polished off the tail with his left arm slow. Alas!—the season was now almost complete, but there was talk of Newton not regaining his place. In the return match at Close House, Hull were again soundly beaten.

The improved form was maintained for the rest of the short season, but came too late to salvage our record.

This year we have lost Bob Stocks, Dave Wood and Mick Mason but a number of useful freshers have appeared on the scene. The nucleus of last year's side is still with us and the experience of last year should prove invaluable. It is hoped that the consequent keen competition for places in both teams will ensure a high standard throughout the season.

U.A.U.

Our first big match is against a Northumberland XI at the County Ground (Jesmond) on Sunday, April 28, and our first U.A.U. game is at Sheffield on Wednesday, 1st May. This year York have joined in the N.E. Region of the U.A.U. cricket. The other two U.A.U. games we play are against Durham and Hull. Let us hope that the spirit produced at Hull last year will attend us in all our preliminary round games this year, and that we will once again find ourselves competing in the final stages. We have some other strong fixtures, notably against a Yorkshire County side, and on the Devon tour.

Finally — an invitation to everyone who likes a pleasant day out. There is no finer cricket setting than Close House. Why not come and watch us on those long, hot, lazy summer week-ends? The P.E. Department provides buses for teams and spectators, and if you have access to a car you have no excuse. Any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday come and enjoy the facilities at Close House and if you like, watch cricket, lovely cricket.



TEAM PHOTOGRAPH WITH U.A.U. TROPHY
Tom Bagley, Tom Gibson, Nick Lipson, Stuart Byrom, Graham Heywood, Bob Stocks, John Greenshields, Andy Judd, John Newton (captain), Dave Wood, Mick Mason, Dave Cook. Absent: Mel Over, Pete Sanson, Tony Grindrod, Brian May.

TABLE TENNIS

Moderate year

THIS season's performance could at best be described as moderately successful.

The U.A.U. team started the season very well with wins against Hull, York and Durham — however, fielding a weakened team against Sheffield proved disastrous and the result, a narrow defeat 8-7, precluded any further interest in the competition. The most encouraging performance in this competition was by Paul Canham who was unbeaten in all U.A.U. matches. In view of this it was a great disappointment when he was knocked out in the early stages of the B.U.S.F. singles competition.

Useful

The performance in the Northumberland League has been satisfactory despite losing all of last year's very successful 'A' team. Four "useful" "freshers" were found to fill the gap and they have done very well to keep the team in the upper half of their division.

The second and third teams have had about the same degree of success in lower divisions of the league.

The transfer of E.P.H. to Richardson Road in October could well cause considerable confusion to the "C" team. Because of this it is possible that the team will play in the Newcastle League next year. The standard of this league is just as high as the Northumberland League but the programme is much less arduous.

Smoothly

The one major success of the season was the "Tyne-side Closed Tournament," held by the club in the gym on Sunday, February 4. This attracted a large number of high class entrants from all over the county. There was a record entry of 150 in the Men's singles and after some preliminary confusion the tournament ran very smoothly, receiving praise from both competitors and county officials.

The Women's team has had

a rather indifferent season—wins were recorded against Ponteland, M.I.H., Northern Counties and Hull, but defeat by Sheffield and Durham ended any hopes of winning the W.I.V.A.B. competition.

The A.G.M. is to be held today, Wednesday, at 1.30 p.m. in the small gym.

LADIES

This year has seen the welcome return of a Ladies team. Although only small in number at the moment, it is hoped that a good team will be established in the future.

Most of the Men's team will, in fact, be leaving this year, and this will result in a nucleus of about three swimmers on which next year's team will be built. Any potential competitive swimmers, and also any members of the University interested in recreational swimming, are invited along to the Royal Grammar School Baths, Eskdale Terrace, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on every Tuesday evening during term.

Captain, D. Hardman; Vice-Captain, J. Deaton; Secretary, J. R. Smith.

WATER SKIING

"Do you fancy yourself as a water skier? Or perhaps you'd rather be at the helm of a cruising yacht? Last summer quite a number of students from the various Newcastle Colleges found themselves doing just that."

"Thanks to the Central Council for Physical Recreation and the co-operation of several North Eastern yachting clubs, beginners have been able to learn the rudiments of watersports such as these, without the cost being prohibitive."

"The North East is particularly lucky to have several clubs with excellent facilities who run these courses in conjunction with the C.C.P.R."

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"For a very modest fee one can learn to waterski at centres such as Hartlepool Yacht Club. The instructors use the latest techniques, including the 'long bar' method

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"All equipment such as boats, skis, etc. is provided—you simply provide yourself plus swimsuit. Last season 100 per cent of beginners could ski at the end of the course, and several had progressed from two skis to one!"

DINGHY

"Similar whole day courses on dinghy sailing and cruising are also held, not only at Hartlepool, but at other centres too. The sailing courses are similar to the skiing courses in that basic theory is taught and then put into practice on the water."

"Theory and practice are combined on the cruising courses, by taking the pupil out for a day's cruising and explaining the theory as each point arises."

"Full details of these and other courses may be obtained from the C.C.P.R., 40 Saddler Street, Durham."

WATER POLO

MIXED FORTUNES

THE university team has had a year of mixed fortunes. The season started well with a close match against a very competent Sheffield team, but recently poor attendance has hamstrung the university.

Osburn, Payne and Hardman have played consistently well both in defence and attack, while Coates has shown vast improvement in goal although balls coming in from his left still tend to worry him.

OBSTACLES

Perhaps the best features of the university's game have been firstly, Chris Veitch's accurate passing and Hugh Osburn's rugged determination to swim with the ball through any obstacles. Mike Cooke played a number of useful games in defence, aided by John Deaton. Dave Fitch, the captain, has been performing well at forward, scoring consistently through fairly determined opposition.

What of the future? John Deaton, Dave Hardman and Dave Fitch are all leaving, while there is a possibility that Hugh Osburn and Mike Cooke will not be with us very much longer. The hope of the team must, as always, lie with the university's freshers.

RESULTS

- SHEFFIELD, LOST 6-4
- MANCHESTER, DREW 7-7
- DURHAM, WON 11-3
- DURHAM, WON 6-0
- LEEDS, WON 8-7
- R.G.S., WON 13-3
- R.G.S., WON 12-3
- FENHAM ASC, LOST 10-1
- NORTH'D ASC, LOST 3-0
- SUNDERL'D ASC, LOST 5-1

Motor Club

The University Motor Club was first formed before the University received its independence and its name was altered from King's College Motor Club to Newcastle University Motor Club or N.U.M.C. The founders of the Club decided that N.U.M.C. should cater for all divisions of motoring interest and many car-less enthusiasts have spent happy hours either participating in, helping to organise or just watching the sporting activities of the club.

The past year

N.U.M.C., like all other clubs, was badly hit, competition-wise, by the lay-off for the foot and mouth disease. However, before the lay-off, the Rag Driving Tests were successfully held and attracted the usual large crowd of tin-rattling students. Also before the cattle course, an introductory event was held for all who thought they were interested in rallying. This event, a motor-phone, consisted of a dash around the Northumberland telephone boxes and a hair-raising time was had by all. The climax of the year came after the lay-off in the form of the Inter-Varsity Rally which was held on March 9th/10th and had a 90 car entry, the largest entry ever seen in a university event. This event was a success in nearly every respect and has undoubtedly enhanced the reputation of the Club.

The future

This year's committee decided, at the end of the last academic year, that the club needed a stronger social side and regular weekly meetings were instituted. Talks and films were held alternate weeks, the films being shown in the Union and non-members were welcomed.

SAILING

SUCCESSSES

THE University Sailing Club have had a successful year being runners-up in this year's Northern Universities Super League. This league is composed of the top six sailing universities in the North. The team were beaten by only one other university: Sheffield, having beaten Liverpool, Leicester, Manchester and Leeds.

We were also successful in matches with Durham (H and A) Aberdeen (away) and Edinburgh (away). The latter two matches were sailed in Loch Long Keel boats as opposed to the dinghies which we generally sail. These require considerably different technique.

At present the club is preparing with confidence for the Association of Northern Universities Sailing Championships which are taking place in Bangor during the first week-end of the Easter vac. and we are also intend-

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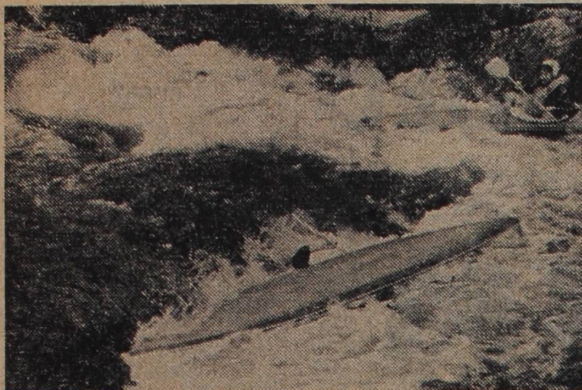
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A successful first year



First lady member to join "Kingfisher Club"

THE Canoe Club was formed early this year by a group of first year students under the guidance of P. R. B. Sanderson and R. N. Hall. From its inconspicuous start it has gathered momentum rapidly and is now very much a going concern, with great potential for the future.

The first outing was held early in February when about a dozen people came to see what was going on in the club, and though the meeting was called off early due to a blizzard, the "canoeing bug" had struck home in a number of people, and they are now noticeably in the Slalom training team.

The club's meeting during its five weeks of existence have taken its members to the North Tyne, Carlisle (R. Eden), Newby Bridge (R. Leven) and Windermere, Croxdale, Finchale Priory, Fernike (near Selkirk) and

Abbey Bridge (near Barnard Castle). All the meetings have provided good sport and white water experience for the members.

CHARLOTTE

Probably the most enjoyable meeting was the trip to the "Leven Wild Water Test" when the club was accompanied by a number of Ladies from Charlotte Mason College Canoe Club, and the first Lady from N.U.C.C. ventured on to the water. The weather was perfect, and the lakes were at their calm wintery best. The tests themselves were cancelled, due to low water conditions, but the run down the river provided excitement, and the club's captain reluctantly joined the "Kingfishers Club" by capsizing.

Last Sunday's meeting at Abbey Bridge provided the club with an expensive insight into the dangers of wild water canoeing, when two boats were badly damaged in heavy water, and major repairs will be required. Luck was with us and though the boats were smashed, nobody was hurt, thanks to lifejackets and crash hats. Wild water canoeing is probably the most dangerous sport this University participates in, and Sunday's meeting clearly underlined this.

FERNILEE SLALOM

To the future, the club will be entering competitions, both in the University and National Fields. Ray Hall is representing the University in the B.U.S.F. slalom championships on the 24th of this month and next month a team of four will be entering the novices' event in the Fernilee Slalom, a stepping stone on the way up the national field. It is also hoped to have a North region inter-college slalom at Carlisle (thanks to Carlisle Canoe Club) and a training weekend at Fellfoot on Windermere (thanks to the Lakeland Canoe Club). Invitations have been received to go to camp with the Physical Education Department and to go sea canoeing off the Farne Islands with Mr. Chris Hare (B.C.U. Area representative) and "Lofty" Wright (Richmond).

The club has found its feet and is moving from strength to strength. The lack of boats and transport are the main problems, but enthusiasm and calculated madness make up for a lot. The future looks bright for the new club.

NETBALL

Potential

DESPITE the general opinion that the Netball Club in this university is something of a nonentity—it has had an active and successful season. The membership numbers have been good and players have shown keenness and ability. In the W.I.V.A.B. matches — Newcastle was unlucky in not winning a title, for in the N.E. Final they narrowly lost to Durham (the only defeat of the series) in a match hampered by late injury and rearrangement. In the W.I.V.A.B. rally held at Hull, Newcastle reached the final, only once again to be narrowly defeated by the home team, although three members were selected for W.I.V.A.B. trials.

The club has indeed covered a wide scope this season—playing clubs of varying standards, including county teams, school teams and university teams. Thus, the number of successes and the close defeats in the W.I.V.A.B. finals this season prove the potential of the club and with greater encouragement it is a club that could bring even more credit to the university in the coming season.

FLUCTUATING FORTUNES

THE start of the season revealed that the club had been shorn of a large percentage of last season's best runners, with only two of the regular six counters and three of the first ten runners remaining. This meant that a great deal depended on the fresher contingent, and an advance in performance of members of last year's second team. On the second count the club was extremely fortunate, for Martin had trained hard over the summer months and revealed himself several minutes faster, whilst Milroy was also greatly improved. With Pratt, again the Club's senior runner, and this year's captain, Tinlin, running to last season's form, there was a nucleus of experienced runners around which to build a new team.

The first match, at Close House, proved very successful for the new combination, whilst at Leeds in the following match, the team were second of seven universities to U.A.U. champions, Leeds, At Close House, two new members, Reilley, formerly of Swansea University, and Jones, formerly of Oswestry College of foot-and-mouth, completed the scoring six, whilst at Leeds, fresher Nichols began to make his presence felt, as he got used to the longer university courses.

The team performed creditably in a big field at Nottingham, but sixth counter was too far down the field for a result to really celebrate. Jones' place was taken by Vale, a second-team regular of last season, and the former sank further down the results sheets as the season progressed, due simply to increasing overweight.

STRAIN

The strain of a long series of away matches began to tell, as fewer runners made themselves available to travel, so that weakened teams were sent to Liverpool and Durham, and were soundly beaten. The final match of the first team was thus a great morale-booster, when Newcastle emerged triumphant at Glasgow in an encounter with the top three Scottish Universities, thanks in part to an inspired run by Sainier.

The sequence of away matches continued into the new term, and in fact, due to several cancellations, the first match of the season was the only first team fixture at Close House, and an entire season has passed by without a race on the University's regular full course. This was as much a disappointment as any poor result, as no accurate guide to individual improvement could be obtained. Also, several runners were reluctant to travel to all of the long sequence of away fixtures, which resulted in weakened teams on several occasions.

U.A.U./B.U.S.F.

The beginning of the second half of the season marked the return of Coppen to active service, and he joined Messrs. Pratt, Tinlin, Reilley, Milroy, Nichols, Martin and Vale in the team for the U.A.U./B.U.S.F. Championships in London. On the big day, the six counters all ran well to give Newcastle 8th place in 25 U.A.U. teams.

A disappointing position was obtained in the Hyde Park Relay by a below-strength team, but a fine result was achieved at Oxford followed by a clean sweep in a big match at Durham to finish the competitive season. It was on this latter occasion that a vastly-improved White made a rather beated challenge for a place in the first team.

PRATT

Thus fortunes fluctuated from week to week, depending on the strength of the team, but all-in-all, considering the resources available a highly satisfactory season can be claimed. Several individuals had successful seasons, in particular, Pratt, who gained U.A.U. selection early on, and Nichols, who represented Northumberland and Durham in the junior inter-counties, in his first year at the University.

Rutherford College competed in many of the local University matches, having advanced considerably on last season, when the club was first formed. Star runner, Camp, had an extremely successful season, climaxed by selection for the Northumberland and Durham senior team. His performance in the Durham Cathedral Relay, when his time was within five seconds of the record set by Scottish International, Mel Edwards, shows his class.

SKIING

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR 1968

BOWLING

League round-up

THE season 1967/8 has been a very mixed one, but it marked the entry of Newcastle into the Northern Section of the Universities League. But due to a mixture of bad luck and inexperience, the team was not very successful, scoring only two victories—against Manchester and Salford, and two draws against Salford and Liverpool out of fourteen matches.

Each match was played by four teams, three men's and one ladies' but the final league placings of each has not yet been received. One other victory was scored, in a friendly match against Durham University.

On the domestic scale, the scene was far happier and an excellent league competition was completed last week. The decision was so close that the first two teams could only be split by pin average, and this only by 705 to 703, victory going to U.F.O.'s (L. Weymes, J. Edwards, D. Crossland, S. Thompson and G. Harding).

The league was enriched by teams from Northern Counties and Rutherford, but better support from the university itself could have been expected. Nevertheless, the standard was higher than it has ever been in the past, the most outstanding performers being J. McAllister, Average—171, D. Eland—162, M. Holliday—160, D. Norrie—165, P. Close 159, C. Hogg—157, B. Mars—153 and Miss F. Tonge—141.

Fixture

The N.C.C. team shattered the all-time team records with a top game of 861 pins and top series of 2546 (250 pins above existing record). P. Close scoring the second highest series on record 591, and R. Darbyshire had top game of the year with a score of 218.

The club is now finishing its fixture list with an individual K.O. competition.

FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P.	W.	L.	T.P.	H.G.	H.S.	Av.	Pl.
1. U.F.O.S.	42	26	16	29604	811	2270	705	72
2. Under-Privileged	42	27	15	29516	845	2231	703	72
3. Take Five	42	24	18	30613	834	2309	729	64
4. N.C.C.	42	21	21	28061	861	2540	719	60
5. New Harlem	42	20	22	26562	725	2003	632	50
6. Misfits	42	17	25	26542	799	2198	632	44
7. Woodentops	42	17	25	26196	735	2149	624	44
8. The Committee	42	16	26	26624	835	2240	634	42

SEASON RECORD

1st High Team, 3-Games	2546	— N.C.C.
1st High Team, 1-Game	861	— N.C.C.
1st High, Ind. 3-Games	595	— Pete Close
1st High, Ind. 1-Game	218	— Roj Darbyshire

AS the Newcastle University Ski team will be competing in the British University Ski Championships to be held at Aviemore in the Cairngorms on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of April, the two races held there last week-end gave the team the opportunity to get some race practice.

In the Grampian Giant Slalom run over a 3,000 ft. course of 48 gates Ian Bloom (capt.) came 25th of 61 starters with a time of 1 min. 28.7 seconds, and Ole Alveberg 30th only 1.8 seconds behind. Also competing from the University were John and Peter Craggs who finished 49th and 52nd respectively. The race was won by Miss Helen Jamieson (British Olympic Team 1968) in a time of 1 min. 14.6 seconds.

SLALOM

The following day both runs of the Slalom were run despite freezing rain and at times virtually no visibility. Of the four Newcastle participants both Bloom and Alveberg qualified for the second run by bettering 54 seconds with times of 45.3 seconds and 46.0 seconds respectively. Per Sveum was going very well on the first run when he missed a gate (which he proceeded to take) and then a little further on lost a ski forcing him to retire!

On the second run Bloom

and Alveberg demonstrated their consistency by clocking 54.0 seconds and 53.9 seconds which left only one tenth of a second separating them with totals for the two runs of 99.8 seconds and 99.9 seconds respectively. They came in fact 13th and 14th out of 63 competitors which included two British Olympians and many full time skiers.

CLOAK

If the team can maintain this form for the University Championships they have a good chance of being placed in the first three.

Travelling with the team last weekend were sixteen of the keener members of the Ski Club which this year has a record membership of 230. Although the notorious "White Lady" ski run was shrouded in a cloak of cloud most of the weekend, making skiing a bit treacherous for the beginners, everyone got plenty of skiing.



Ole Alveberg during the first run of the Slalom in which he came 14th.

SECOND VICTORY

THE University Handball Club strengthened its good record of the season by beating Sunderland Technical College 27-25 last Wednesday. Sunderland seeking revenge for the defeat in the British University Championships, put on a good performance leading most of the match.

However, in the final minutes Newcastle, although lacking goalkeeper S. Torp, and centre forward S. Eidsgaard showed its better condition and came through to beat the by then very tired Sunderland team. Most of the Newcastle goals were put in by F. Aschim, K. Vaagnes and H. Harung, the latter having to move into centre forward position as the team was rearranged.

CHRISTMAS

This match served as a good conclusion of the season for the Handball Club having nine wins in 11 matches. The club, although having good results on the field, has not been able to get the game properly introduced in the University. This is due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, one being that we were unable to use Lightfoot Sports Centre all Christmas term. Also when training finally started, on Wednesday nights, a lot of people were tired after various games in the afternoon. Next season there is, however, a chance of hiring Lightfoot on Monday or Thursday nights in which case the possibilities should be better.

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THE RELEGATIONS AND PROMOTIONS ARE DECIDED

THE Frank Brennan Challenge Cup was won last Wednesday by Eustace Percy Hall "A," defeating Commuters by 1-0. The solitary goal was scored for the winners by Walton, converting a cross from the right wing.

An unlucky season for Commuters looked like ending in a very disappointing way. Until the last month of the season, injury problems and other setbacks had meant that they had rarely fielded the same team in consecutive matches, and this factor contributed substantially to their lowly League position. Only K. Palmer and C. Bridge were ever-present. However, they gained some compensation last Friday by winning the indoor four-a-side tournament at the expense of Maths 'B.' The trophy was presented to the winning side in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd by Frank Clarke of Newcastle United.

This past season has been an excellent one for the League with interest and competition both running very high. Every division has throughout the season contained some close struggle, be it for the championship, promotion or relegation. Some of the relegation issues are so close that special deciding matches are being played today.

CUP RUNS

Throughout the season, Northumberland College 'A' have looked the likely champions of Division 1, and apart from a short patch towards the end of the term, when plagued by Teaching Practice, they have proved worthy winners. Henderson Hall 'A' have had a respectable season, being almost certain runners-up from a long way out.

Northern Counties 'A' and Eustace Percy Hall 'A' have both been affected by long

League Tables

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	Pt
N'land Coll. 'A'	11	9	1	1	19
H'son Hall 'A'	11	8	0	3	16
N'ern C Coll 'A'	9	5	1	3	11
E.P.H. 'A'	10	4	2	4	10
Medicals 'A'	12	4	1	7	9
Economics	11	3	2	6	8
Commuters	10	3	1	6	7
Elec. Eng.	12	2	2	8	6

Champions: North. Coll. 'A' Relegated: Elec. Eng. plus one from Medics, Economics, and Commuters.

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Geog. 'A'	13	9	2	2	20
Civil Eng.	13	8	3	2	19
Agrics.	14	7	3	4	17
Metallurgy	14	8	1	5	17
History	13	6	2	5	14
Mining Eng.	12	3	1	8	7
Henderson 'B'	13	3	1	9	7
Physics	14	1	3	10	5

Champions: Geog. 'A'; Promoted: Geog. 'A' and Civil Eng.; Relegated: Physics and either Mining Eng. or Henderson Hall.

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Planning Soc.	12	11	0	1	22
Law 'A'	12	11	0	1	22
Mech. Eng.	12	7	1	4	15
Ruth. Coll. 'A'	14	6	0	8	12
E.P. 'B'	13	4	2	7	10
Chem. Eng.	13	4	1	8	9
Botany	13	3	1	9	7
Geog. 'B'	13	2	1	10	5

Promoted Champions: Planning Soc. and Law 'A' (Joint). Relegated: Botany and Geog. 'B'.

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	Pt
German	13	11	1	1	23
French	13	9	1	3	19
Chemistry	12	7	1	4	15
Maths	12	5	1	6	11
Ruth. Coll. 'B'	14	5	1	8	11
Medics 'B'	14	4	0	9	8
N'thern Co. 'B'	12	4	0	8	8
Leazes	12	3	0	9	6

Champions: German; Promoted: German and French. Relegated: Leazes and either Medics 'B' or Northern Counties 'B'.

DIVISION 5

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Cath. Soc.	13	7	3	3	17
Col. of Comm	13	6	3	4	15
N'land Coll. 'B'	14	7	1	6	15
Naval Arch.	10	6	2	2	14
*N/cle Cl of E	10	6	0	4	12
Classics	13	5	2	6	12
Geology	13	5	1	7	11
Law 'B'	12	1	0	11	2

*Result of match between these two on 13.3.68 is missing. Champ.: As yet unknown. Promoted: Any of two from the first five.

cup runs, but whilst both have been in the relegation fringes at one time or another, both achieved respectable League positions.

Electrical Engineers will definitely be returning to Division 2 but any one of the Medicals 'A', Commuters and Economics will be accompanying them. In an effort to decide the position, the following matches will be played today; Economics v Electrical Engineers, and Medical 'A' v Commuters.

Geography 'A' gained the Division 2 championship by virtue of defeating rival promotion contenders Agriculture 2-1 last week. Agriculture opened the scoring in the first half, but second half goals by Savage and Seelown gained Geography promotion, and the trophy.

CHARLTON

Civil Engineers were a powerful side all season, justifiably gaining promotion. They were deprived of a share in the trophy by only drawing 1-1 with Henderson Hall 'B' last week. History and Metallurgy have both had a good season whilst never quite becoming consistent promotion candidates. A feature of History's performances this season has been the goals of the aptly-named Charlton; his season's tally stands at 22.

Physics continue their tumble last season and their companions in Division 3 next year will be decided by this afternoon's match between Mining Engineers and Henderson Hall 'B'. Promotion from Division 3 has always looked to be between Planning Society and Law 'A' and so it turned out. These two teams met last Wednesday at Close House, and Planning Society lost their 100 per cent record to an exuberant Law side. Law's twin centre halves, Parsons and Rudd bottled up the middle, and Law took the game with a spell of heavy pressure towards the end of the second half, with goals coming from Crawford and Stapleton. Planners' leading goalscorer Blenkinship pulled one back, but Law held out until the final whistle. These two very evenly-matched teams thus will share the Division's trophy.

RESURRECTED

After a poor start, Mechanical Engineers ended the season well, and Rutherford College 'A' were dangerous at times. Eustace Percy Hall 'B' resurrected themselves from relegation danger, leaving Botany and Geography 'B' to drop down into Division 4 next season.

German always looked likely to become champions of Division 4 and in the end this they justifiably did. The other promotion place was clinched by French, defeating their major rivals, Chemistry, by 3-2 last week. Chemistry can consider themselves a little unfortunate not to gain promotion after making much of the running. Their team was disrupted by an injury to a key defender during their good Cup run. Leazes will be relegated after a disappointing season for them, but their companions in distress will not be known until after today's match between Medicals 'B' and Northern Counties 'B'.

Throughout the season Division 5 has been subject to tremendous fluctuation, and the position is still very fluid. Catholic Society, College of Commerce, Northumberland College 'B', Naval Architec-



Ted's team.

ture, and Newcastle College of Education are all still vying for the two promotion places. On paper, Catholic Society and Naval Architecture appear to have the best chances. It is hoped that matches played today (Naval Architecture v Newcastle College of Education and Catholic Society v Law 'B') will finally decide the matter.

CRISP

Classics were for a long time likely promotion contenders and although they finally fell away, they can be content with their achievements in their first season in the League. Law 'B', true blue amateurs all passed a milestone in their history last week by netting three crisp goals against Geology. The fact that they conceded eight in the process is something that they regard as purely incidental.

Today at Cochrane Park (Kick off 2.30 p.m.) an IMSL XI tackles a University XI. Because of the extra matches arranged for today, the IMSL team has had to be altered and support from regular players in the League is asked for the following team: Johnson (Henderson Hall 'A'), Mills (Eustace Percy Hall 'A'), Davis (Northern Counties College 'A'), Butcher (Northern Counties 'A'), Craddock (Northumberland College 'A'), Reay (Northumberland College 'A'), Butched (Northern Counties College 'A'), Owen (Northern Counties 'A'), Jackson (Northumberland College 'A'), Hall (Eustace Percy Hall 'A'), Palphramand (Eustace Percy Hall 'A'). The substitute is Waple (Henderson Hall 'A').

The League's annual dinner and presentation of trophies has been rearranged for Wednesday, May 8th in the hope that players will have money in their pockets. Please try to support this function.

Finally, I would like to thank all team Captains and players for making my job such a privilege this season. The standard of co-operation has been very pleasing. I would also like to thank Courier for taking much greater notice of the League than ever before. The more competitive nature of the League this season can be attributed largely to the much greater interest and personal involvement generated by Courier. I would like to wish the League, and my successor, Mr. R. Palphramand, the best of luck for next season.

CORRECTION

Due to a change of car and driver, the outright winners of the rally were G. R. Morris and J. V. Taylor in a Cooper 'S' and not Pursglove as published in Courier last week. Morris, of Durham University, dropped only 37 penalty points on the whole 220 miles. He was hotly pursued by the N.E. Rally Champion, Ron Charlton, in his 1500 c.c. Anglia who had only 58 penalty points at the end.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

BUSF Championships at Cochrane Park

THE British Universities' Sports Federation (BUSF) are holding their Women's Hockey Championships this year at Cochrane Park on Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th March. Each year BUSF hold this tournament for the purpose of selecting a BUSF Women's Hockey team from the British University players.

A place on this team therefore is the highest honour possible for a university hockey player. The teams from which the B.U.S.F. team will be selected are the W.I.V.A.B. teams, picked from all English Universities except London and Cambridge; the Scottish team selected from all Scottish Universities; the Welsh team from the Welsh Universities; the Northern Ireland team from their Universities and a combined London / Cambridge team as they are not affiliated to W.I.V.A.B.

This will be the last year that there will be a combined London/Cambridge team as next year they will affiliate themselves to W.I.V.A.B. so that next year's W.I.V.A.B. team will be the official "English University" team.

The selections for the B.U.S.F. team will be made while 5 teams play an American tournament, each team playing all the others, and there will be no trophy to be won. On Wednesday, 27 March and Thursday 28 March five matches a day will be played, two in the morning and three in the afternoon. The final selection of the B.U.S.F. team will take place on the Friday morning.

WEDNESDAY: MARCH 27,
10.0—Scotland v Wales
11.0 — N. Ireland v W.I.V.A.B.
13.0—London/Cambridge v Scotland
THURSDAY, MARCH 28
10.0 — Wales v London/Cambridge
11.0—W.I.V.A.B. v Scotland
13.0—N. Ireland v Wales
14.0—W.I.V.A.B. v London/Cambridge
15.30—Scotland v N. Ireland
FRIDAY, MARCH 29
11.0—Possibles v Probables

The match at 11.0 on Thursday March 28 will be the official international match between English and Scottish Universities.

The matches will be played 25 minutes each way and the tournament will be decided on a single league basis with each team playing all others on a points system of 2 for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a defeat.

SELECTORS

The Selectors at this tournament are all of great importance in the women's hockey world. They are headed by Mrs. Crisp from England, and are Miss Chamberlain (England and English Women's team coach), Mrs. Dalzell (Ireland), Miss Mus-

RESULTS

MEN'S HOCKEY
2nd XI 1, Norton 2nd XI 1
Festival XI 2, University XI 2
Festival XI 6, Rutherford College 0

RUGBY
Liverpool 3, 1st XV 5
1st XV 24, Billingham 8
Newcastle Mining Eng. 24, Nottingham Mining Eng. 6

SOCCER
NORTHUMBERLAND SENIOR CUP—SEMI-FINAL
1st XI 0, Ashington 0
F.B.C.C. FINAL
E.P.H. "A" 1, Commuter 0

DIVISION 1
Northern Counties Coll. "A" 5, Elec. Eng. 3
Northumberland Coll. "A" 1, Economics 1

DIVISION 2
Geography "A" 2, Agriculture 1
Henderson Hall "B" 1, Civil Eng. 1
History 4, Mining Eng. 1

DIVISION 3
Law "A" 2, Planning Soc. 1
Chem. Eng. 1, Geography "B" 2
E.P.H. "B" 2, Mech. Eng. 4

DIVISION 4
Chemistry 2, French 3
Medic "B" 0, Maths 1
German 2, Rutherford Coll. "B" 1

DIVISION B
Northumberland Coll. "B" 0, Naval Arch. 0
Geology 8, Law "B" 3
Catholic Soc. 5, Classics 1

N.I.C.C. DRIVING TESTS
Individual Class: 1, R. Johnson (Northern Counties, Ford Pop.); 2, R. Venner (Rutherford Coll., Mini); 3, P. Slatter (University, Mini)
Team Prize: Northern Counties "B" (Johnson, Turner). Ladies' Prize: P. Bell (Kenton Lodge, A.30).

RIDING

Good year

THIS year's ambitious programme of events in the Riding Club has paid off well, with an increase of membership, and the resounding success of the University team, Gillian Carruthers, Lorna McRobie and Raymond Hodgkinson.

After winning the area round for the Prix Caprioli championships, they were the only university team to reach the National Finals at Workop; where they put on a very good exhibition, considering the advanced standard, Lorna being placed individual 12th.

COMPETITION

This season, for the first time, the club has won resounding victories over the Scottish Universities, beating Glasgow, the usual winners, into second place. The team having won their area competition, will once again be competing in the Universities' Riding Clubs Championship at Melton Mowbray on April 6th.

The addition of a large indoor arena at Murton House Riding School, with instruction available to members at reduced rates, has added effectively to the club's facilities. Intra-club competitions are now being held here in the evenings.

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"Elevated peace in a new dimension"

WE left the exam hall at Cardiff and piled into our 1938 Austin 10 already crowded with food and camping gear. Lynne Morie, my girl friend, had first choice of the only free passenger seat. Roger, a would-be Electrical Engineer, had to make do with the already crowded back. We headed North to Carlisle. We were going parachuting for the first time.

Many hours later we had the tents up on the edge of what is now Carlisle Airport. It was eleven in the evening, but as it was June, the light was still strong. Cows cropped grass on neighbouring Old Wall Farm. Summer in England has no equal.

Dropping zone

Early next morning, we drove round to the Clubhouse of the local Flying Club at the Airfield. We met Lecki, who was a small, efficiently spoken Scotsman and was running the parachuting course. He had an Economics degree from Glasgow, and had since done many descents in Australia and Canada, returning with a lot of parachuting gear. He had founded the School on a week-end basis but hoped to make it full-time during the summer months in a year's time. The atmosphere was informal but well ordered. I said I could drive and within minutes I was heading out to the D.Z. (dropping zone) at the wheel of the Mini Bus.

The D.Z. turned out to be an eight-acre field on the edge of the airfield. It was surrounded by all the usual natural hazards such as wire fences, trees, cows, a farmhouse and outbuildings. We put a coloured marker in the centre of our field and waited.

The wind was no more than a breeze but jumping is usually suspended if it gusts much past eight knots. This is for two reasons. One is that it becomes difficult to know accurately where to jump from the aircraft in order to be able to land on or near the target. Wind strength at altitude can be quite considerable although ground conditions seem suitable. The other reason is landing speed. Most parachutes have a portion removed from their canopy which gives them on descent, a forward speed of about four to six knots relative to the air. Hence it is important to land into wind to reduce your speed relative to the ground. The previous week, a group of T.A. soldiers had all landed downwind at something like fourteen knots but had suffered no more than a good bounce.

Legs together

This morning, while the conditions were good, the regulars were jumping and soon the Auster was dropping them, one at a time, from about four and a half thousand feet on

IKE STOW a postgraduate in the Mining Engineering Department relates his personal feelings and experiences, when he attempted parachute jumping for the first time, when attending a course held at an airfield near Carlisle.

a delayed opening, that is, the jumper opens his own chute. They were of a varied standard. An American, from Holy Loch, just missed the only large tree and was in with the cows. "Keep your legs together," we all yelled, the parachutists' motto. The others delayed opening for about three thousand feet and flew at startling speed across the sky in the classical sky-diving position, hovering and changing direction as hunting hawks. At about fifteen hundred feet, they opened their chutes and gently manoeuvred to land gracefully within feet of the marker. They were all very excited, perhaps even suffering from a mild form of shock, just the right amount that makes you see things that much clearer.

We all helped to roll up the coloured parachutes, being sure not to tangle the rigging lines. We were very careful for we were to use these same chutes in the very near future. Back in the Mini Bus to the airfield and lunch. Here we met two nurses who were also on the course and hoped to jump this week-end. Conditions were ideal; some sunshine and even a slight haze.

An Auster landed heavily way out on the tarmac runway and bounced badly before stabilising and taxiing in. Its under-carriage was buckled and it was wheeled away for repair.

Energy of motion

We then started our ground training. This was basically the mechanism of falling, to convert the energy of motion from linear to rotational and subsequently absorb it. This involves careful positioning of the feet descending on your horizontal motion relative to the ground. In theory, you twist and fall in such a way as to absorb the shock on the side of the feet, knees and hip after which you do a sort of half roll to absorb any remaining energy.

So off we went, to hard grassland, to try this. It involved choosing an imaginary landing direction such as moving forwards relative to ground, placing the feet in the approved landing position and being pushed over to simulate the landing shock. We all found it rather difficult initially but after a while were soon rolling over the grass with professional ease. We demonstrated our abilities to our instructor and he seemed pleased. Later we were to discover our ground training to be quite adequate.

We had more discussions about parachutes and harnesses, how they opened and fitted.

We learned all the various snags we must check for, all the safety precautions, all about line overs and reversed canopies. We were told how to operate our reserve parachute which straps on the chest. From 2,500 feet, one would have about seventeen seconds to do this if things did get out of hand. Obviously we were keen to learn and remembered all the details. We tried the parachutes on and practised getting in and out of the aircraft, an Auster 6, with the door removed.

Static line

This aircraft is a three-seater, high wing monoplane. The parachutist sits beside the pilot on his right and the instructor crouches in the back. Over the target, on given the all clear by the instructor, you have to put both legs over the cockpit sill, find the steps with your left foot and holding the edge of the cockpit with your left hand reach out and grab the main wing strut with your right hand. You are classically three point mounted and allow your redundant right leg to dangle into space.

The instructor has previously attached the static line to the aircraft and on the word go, you release your grip and drop away. As you fall, the static line pulls out the pins that hold the small primary chute which in turn unfolds the sleeve and pulls it from the enclosed parachute which should open normally.

We went off for tea as it was now late afternoon but were soon disturbed by Lecki. The weather forecast was poor for tomorrow so our jumping would take place tonight. In half an hour we were on the other side of the perimeter track and having a final run through of exit details and safety precautions.

Open cockpits

The Auster appeared and took one of the nurses and soon she emerged, a tumbling mixture of girl and coloured parachute, first rushing, now floating gently, for about a minute and a half before she disappeared behind some trees to land. Her friend went next and then it was me.

In the cockpit it was very cramped and exposed. This is how it must have been in the days of open cockpits, wooden propellers and leather flying helmets. I was forced back to reality by the instructor saying it

was time to go. The engine cut and we glided on the approach run to the target. I got my legs out with great difficulty, couldn't find the steps but did have a firm grip on the strut with one hand and the cockpit sill with the other.

I tried to find the steps with the left leg but in the end gave up and just hung there by my arms, half a mile above the ground with only the wind for company. This is how death must be, I told myself, a sort of elevated peace in a new dimension.

Someone was yelling in my ear to go so I went. I just released my grips and dropped. The acceleration has no parallel on earth, I was upside down on my back. Two, I counted. There was a sharp crack and looking between my feet I saw my chute was open. I was wrenched back into an upright position. I was floating, alone and in silence, over England on a June evening.

Sheer elation

All the fields were little squares below, the Auster like some Dinky toy was landing on the distant aerodrome. Was this the real world that people found at the top of mountains, in deep potholes or behind the wheel of a Grand Prix car? Lawrence must have felt as this when he led his Arabs against the Turks. With sheer elation I started to sing "Sweet Little Sixteen" until I remembered the waiting people below and stopped. I looked up at the chute and it was a perfect circle, just as it should be.

I moved my toggle cords and rotated through 360 degrees. They really worked. I started to tack towards the D.Z. The ground was much nearer now and I was still above the adjacent field. Desperately I tacked across the wind. Lynne Morie waved from the D.Z. I just cleared the hedge, turned into wind, got my feet together and hit the ground. I did a most perfect roll and lay laughing in the long grass. I stood up and was amazed by the firmness of the earth. Lynne Morie arrived and we kissed.

Soon Roger was overhead, the engine cut and he was out, upside down and then floating. He almost hit the tree but made a soft landing. He greeted us with his ginger beard smile. One of the nurses had landed in the farmyard on concrete but was O.K. The other had made the field. We all packed our gear into the Mini Bus and went to Carlisle for a drink. Soon I was wondering if it had been for real. But really I knew it was.

IKE STOW.

THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

WITH only three days left of this term, "Week In" has a half page only, in which a compilation of events forthcoming up till the end of the month is given, mindful of the large number of students staying in Newcastle over the holiday.

Town Cinema

APOLLO: The Anniversary, for those of you who missed it at the Haymarket, is on at the Apollo all this week. It is the story of a woman who celebrates her wedding anniversary by inviting all her sons, and tries to rule their lives as she did when they were boys. One is a harmless transvestite, one produces his latest bird, who is pregnant, and the third is about to emigrate, and is choosing his moment to tell her... This is where the fun begins.

ESSOLO: All this week, a Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes story and **The Adventures of Marco Polo**. With an all star cast including Horst Buchholz, Omar Sharif, Anthony Quinn and Orson Welles — Elsa Martinelli provides the feminine interest in this story of a young Venetian sent by the Pope with a message of peace to Kublai Khan, the Mongol ruler of China — good performances all round, and plenty of adventure.

HAYMARKET: The Mercenaries, starring Kenneth More, Rod Taylor, Jim Brown and Yvette Mimieux is a modern adventure story set in the Congo, and telling the story of the men who will fight for the side which will pay them the most. A film worth seeing, both as a documentary and as a rattling adventure.

ODEON: Millie, will continue this week, and to the end of the month; then it will play only alternate weeks — the weeks in between will present such goodies as **Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush**, and **Valley Of The Dolls**, so keep your eyes open, and make sure you don't miss either of these!

QUEENS: Doctor Dolittle will finish at the end of this week, and in its place will come **Around The World In Eighty Days** for a season. So if you want to see Rex Harrison talking to animals, and Samantha Eggar refusing to believe that he can, then you'd better hurry.

STOLL: Jason Robards and George Segal are among the stars in **The St. Valentine's Day Massacre**, another in the big-gangster class of film, telling the true story of Al Capone and the circumstances leading up to the terrible mass slaughter of innocent by-standers on St. Valentine's Day. Second feature is **Please Not Now!** starring Brigitte Bardot. Enough said!

TATLER: This week, Friday, Saturday only at 11.0 — **In Love And War**, starring Robert

Wagner, Dana Wynter and Jeffrey Hunter. A multiple love story set in wartime; but never slushy or sugary; there is a deep moral behind this film, telling the story of three young marines from widely differing homes, and their reactions to the war and to the women they love, and their eventual action when one of them is killed by his own bravery.

Next week-end, **A Time To Live And A Time To Die** — a French film by Louis Malle with the moral that you should never try to go back. (Award winner, Venice, 1963). And the week-end after, 5-6 April, **A Woman Is A Woman** — Jean Paul Belmondo, the story of a stripper in Paris who falls out with her boy friend because she wants a child and he doesn't; however, he has a friend who is very willing to oblige...

Theatre

NEWCASTLE PLAYHOUSE. Until Saturday, April 6th, J. B. Priestly's play **An Inspector Calls**. He calls as Mr. and Mrs. Birling are smugly celebrating their daughter Sheila's engagement. His errand concerns the suicide of a young factory worker. The play is set in the Midlands in 1912, a background intimately known by Priestly.

Performances 7.30, Saturday 4.30 and 8.0. Students 5/- (these tickets only within half an hour of the performance). Box office telephone 814251.

PRIORY THEATRE, WHITLEY BAY: From Thursday, March 21st until Saturday, 23rd, a play by Thomas Job, produced by Hugh Manc, **Uncle Harry**, 7.30. Tickets 3/- from Mrs. F. E. Burnett-White, 1 Hamilton Way, Whitley Bay, or at the door.

MAX ADRIAN as G. B. SHAW: This is a one-man show, devised by Michael Voysey from G.B.S.'s writings. It has successfully been on tour in England, Ireland, the Near and Far East, and to New York.

It may be seen on Saturday, March 30th at St. John's Church Hall, Iffracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay at 8.0 p.m. Tickets 7/6 from F. W. Johnson, Park View, Whitley Bay.

LITTLE THEATRE, Saltwell View, Gateshead. From Thursday, March 21st until Saturday 23rd, a comedy by Derek S. Royle — **Flat**

Spin; organised by The Crown Players, 7.15. Tickets 4/- from Mrs. Hay, Room 105E, MPNI (Social Security for a laugh), Longbenton.

Music

CONCERTS and MUSIC RECITALS: On Wednesday, March 20th at the City Hall, **The Dream Of Gerontius** by Elgar. Soloists: Norma Proctor (contralto), Ronald Dowd (tenor), John Noble (bass), The Lemare Orchestra conducted by Dr. Chalmers Burns. Organised by Newcastle and Gateshead Choral Union. 7.30. Tickets 4/-, 5/- and 6/- bookable from Alderson and Brentnall, Northumberland Street, almost opposite Ridley Place.

On Saturday, March 23rd, 7.30, at the City Hall, a concert given by the **Glasgow Phoenix Choir**, conducted by Peter Mooney. Tickets 4/-, 5/- and 6/- from Windows Limited, Central Arcade.

JACK BRYMER — clarinet. Organised by South Shields Music Society, Wednesday 20th (today), Marine and Technical College, South Shields, 6/-, but 2/- only for students. Ring College for further details.

Recital by **Fou Ts'ong**, organised by The Friends of the Laing Art Gallery, for 8.0 p.m. Thursday, March 28th, at the gallery. Details from Gallery.

OPERA. At Ponteland. Ponteland Memorial Hall, from Tuesday, 26th to Saturday, March 30th at 7.15 — **The Quaker Girl** by Lionel Monkton, organised by Ponteland Repertory Society. Tickets 4/-, from Mrs. Kennedy, 70 Cheviot View, Ponteland. Telephone Ponteland 3768. If you don't know how to get there, take a boneshakerbus No. 5 (N.C.T.) from the Haymarket bus stand. (5 minutes after the half hour).

Rather far afield, at the **Empire Theatre, Sunderland**, from Tuesday, 26th until Saturday, March 30th, North East Theatre Festival presents:

Verdi's Il Travatore — Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. **Die Fledermaus** — Strauss, on Thursday and Friday, New Cantata Orchestra, London, and Empire Theatre Chorus. Performances 7.30. Tickets 5/- and 15/- from Box office.

A concert version of **The Bartered Bride** by

Smetana will be given at the City Hall on Wednesday, March 27th. Organised by Newcastle upon Tyne Y.M.C.A. Choral Society, 7.30, 3/6, 5/- and 7/6 from Y.M.C.A., Blakett Street, and The Record Centre, Grainger Market.

RECORD RECITALS, Wednesday, March 27th, 7.15 at the Marine and Technical College, Westoe, South Shields, with a very attractive programme as follows: Vivaldi's "Spring" Violin Concerto, music for guitar, Schubert's "Trout" quintet in A dur, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4. Further details from Hon. Secretary, 6 Bright Street, South Shields.

Two record recitals at the **Y.M.C.A. Club**, Saville Place at 7.30: **Thursday, March 21st** — Symphonie Espagnole — Lalo, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9, and **Thursday, 28th** Symphony No. 6 — Bax. Details from P. Milne, 1042 Shields Road, Newcastle 6.

MUSICAL: I Do, I Do — a new musical starring Ian Carmichael and Anne Rogers. **Theatre Royal.** Tickets from Box office. This musical is on from Wednesday, March 27th until Saturday, April 6th.

ORATORIO: On Saturday, March 30th. **Passion According to St. Mark.** Admission 5/-, Details from F. Mills, 61 Fern Avenue, Newcastle 2, or phone 813623.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ART: Sources of Inspiration. G. Dreewitt, Art Organiser, Northumberland Education Committee, is to give this lecture on Thursday, 28th at the Institute of Education, St. Thomas' Street, at 6.30. Tickets: Non-members of the North East Art Education Society, 2/-, (St. Thomas' Street is where the red buses for Whitley Bay etc. line up). Pay at the door.

Exhibitions

LAING ART GALLERY: Saturday, March 23rd — April 13th. Exhibition of Screen Prints by Peter Chase. Saturday, March 30th to April 20th, paintings by Alec Ponton. Times: 10.0 a.m. — 6.0 p.m. (Tuesday and Thursday to 8.0 p.m.). Sunday 2.30 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.

WESTGATE GALLERY: Until Wednesday, 27th, paintings by Colin Webb. Wednesday, March 27th to April 27th, open exhibition. Times: 1.15 p.m. — 5.0 p.m. (Tuesday and Thursday 7.0 p.m. — 9.0 p.m.). Closed Sunday.

SHIPLEY ART GALLERY: Until Sunday, March 31st. Ten Years of Gateshead Architecture, and paintings by Andre Bicat. Until early April, Etruscan Art from the Victoria and Albert. Times: 10.0 a.m. — 6.0 p.m. Sundays 3.0 p.m. — 5.0 p.m.

U.M.C. BACKS BROOKS ON ISRAEL WEEK

THERE was a long discussion at last Friday's Union Management Committee meeting about two motions passed at an ordinary meeting of Union members last Tuesday.

The motions concerned the banning of Israel Week. The first proposal concerned was "That we the members of the Union Society deeply regret in the name of justice and freedom of expression the banning of Israel Week and the removal of posters of certain societies from their notice boards and furthermore request that in future such natural cultural events be allowed on Union premises by the Union Management Committee."



Tony Sorensen

After much discussion this motion was carried on Tuesday, there being for the motion 128, against 38 with 36 abstentions.

Further, it was resolved on a general aye that the Union Society should bear any financial loss occasioned by the banning of the Union Society of certain of the activities of the Jewish Society.

Bloody

There was such criticism of the fact that Student Treasurer of the Union, Mr. Tony Sorensen had 'spear-headed' the motion, Mr. Nick Nicholson, S.R.C. President, and ex-officio member of U.M.C.,

said that he was "bloody angry that an Executive member should call such a meeting without seeing the U.M.C. first."

In reply, Mr. Sorensen said that this was utter nonsense. "Mr. Brooks' action was his own, without consultation with most of the Union Executive and consequently, was not binding on me."

Mr. Brooks agreed that he had made it quite clear from the start that the decision to ban Israel Week was his own.

The longer motion was split into three parts for discussion:—

- (a) Concerning the actual banning of Israel Week.
- (b) The removal of posters from the notice boards.
- (c) The request that in future such cultural events should be allowed.

Justified

Mr. Nicholson proposed motions on each of these three topics

(a) That the action of the President in restricting Israel Week was justified.

(b) That the removal of posters portraying supposed atrocities was justified.

(c) That in future requests for any event of such nature should be referred to UMC to consider in the light of conditions at that time.

All were carried with huge majorities.

With regard to the financial loss to the Society there was disagreement as to whether the Union Jewish Society should pay expenses etc. for the speakers, who did in fact attend the arranged meetings. It was decided that the Executive should look into the question of the amount to be paid and should report back to the next UMC meeting.

Vital motions tomorrow

THOSE of you who read your S.R.C. notice board in the Union foyer will have seen that two very important motions are on the agenda for tomorrow's General Meeting of Students. The second concerns the rises in Hall fees and Refectory prices, and calls for "militant action to prevent these price rises for students."

Suggestions

It is not enough simply to say that price increases to students must be prevented, in the face of substantial increases in almost every running cost. "What are needed most are sensible ideas as to economies which are worth making, and this is what S.R.C. has been recommending to the University authorities throughout this year," were the words of S.R.C. Welfare Vice-President Mike Wilkinson.

"The University have taken our suggestions very seriously and must be congratulated on the efforts they have made in examining the existing state of affairs to see where economies can be made. We, as students must ensure that these efforts are not relaxed and that substantial changes are implemented to place Halls and Refec on a sound financial basis. It is to be hoped that this can be done without any further price increases."

BACK PAGE SPOT



Back Page Spot this week is lovely Diana Sutton, of the Social Studies department.

FIREWORKS

FIREWORKS are expected tomorrow in the Debating Chamber at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting called for by two motions from groups of students.

A fiery discussion is expected on the first motion which condemns the action of N.U.S.R.C. in "denying a General Meeting of Students control over their own representative Council."

Change

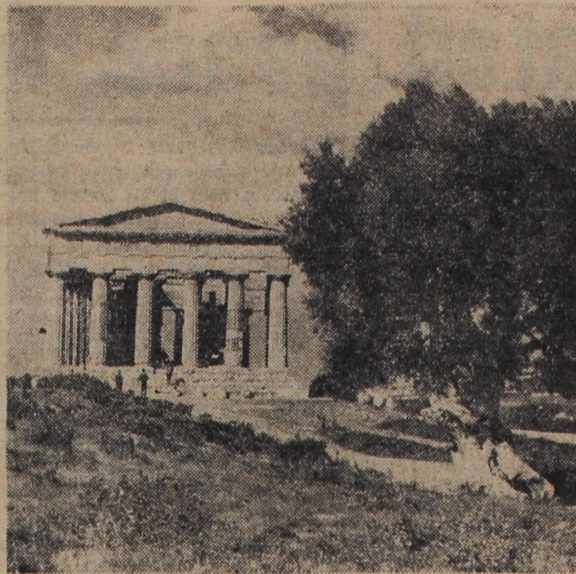
Further the meeting is asked to note with disgust (1) the attitude of N.U.S.R.C. that students are "boors" and "swayed by emotion," and are not fit to control their own Union. And (2) the arrogant assumption that Council is superior to its "inferior" student members. Finally, the motion demands

that N.U.S.R.C. change its constitution to make a General Meeting of Students the Supreme Governing Body of the Students' Representative Council.

The other motion at the meeting deplores the proposed £20 rises in Hall of Residence fees and the ten per cent rises in Refectory prices this term. These rises will severely cut student living standards, in that student grants will be inadequate due to the cut in the proposed increase.

Thus this meeting calls upon N.U.S.R.C. to take militant action to prevent these price rises for students.

Also at the meeting the business unfinished from last Thursday's inquorate meeting will be discussed and amendments to the laws concerning the proposed election of SRC officials by the student body will be discussed.



The Temple of the Concord at Agrigento, Sicily. Picture shows the Temple of the Concord, of the fifth century BC, the best preserved of the Sicilian temples in the wonderful archaeological zone of Agrigento—just one of the many enchanting places you could go this summer, helped by SRC travel service, Level 6.

The problem of lodgings

THE students' biggest problem — not sex or drugs, but accommodation — was brought under public scrutiny once again last week. This skeleton in the University cupboard was given an airing in the Debating Chamber last Friday lunchtime at a special meeting called by the Warden of the Lodgings, Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford told 50 house-hunting students the facts of life about this recurring student headache. And what he told them must have shattered many dreams of domestic bliss — for getting a flat, it seems, is a lengthy, expensive, and often unrewarding business.

First there is the expense. To book a flat for next October, said Mr. Crawford, a student must pay rent throughout the summer, even though the flat is not occupied; and—more bad news—there was no special rate for students. To get round this difficulty a student living in or around Newcastle should make a two or three-day flat-hunting visit during the vacation. He could then act on behalf of his future flat-mates.

Assured

Those who could not get to Newcastle would be given forms to fill in, and information would be sent on to them as soon as suitable accommodation turned up. Mr. Crawford said that those who could not be on the spot should not worry too much: "It is not a case of first come first served." He also assured students that the University accommodation organisation functioned throughout the summer—"We don't wrap up at the end of June."

Mr. Crawford warned against hasty acceptance of sub-standard property in a moment of desperation—"You will find a lot of

crummy stuff." Was the landlord the type who would improve it?—the University, he said, had confidential information on many landlords which would be given to students on request.

Sex-mad

Mr. Crawford then commented on the behaviour of students once they were installed in flats. He said that the image of the rampaging, drunken, sex-mad student was (largely) a myth and that as long as you had nice curtains, neighbours didn't mind what you did inside the house anyway.

Nevertheless, care was required. One small incident, appearing in 'Courier' he said, could be magnified into a scandal by the national press. "This would not do students any good."

The start of the meeting was delayed 15 minutes, because the Debating Chamber was locked. The Warden had to find the key of the door himself for a change.

PIANO ROOM

LAST Friday's meeting of the Union Management Committee confirmed an Executive decision to restrict the use of the Music Room so that in future it may only be used by those wishing to play the piano.

This is a move to facilitate meetings and other functions in the Flying Wing which are now being hampered when the Music Room is being used by Beat groups. Furthermore, the Management Committee has approved the purchase of a new mini-grand piano and is anxious to take all precautions with this instrument.

Small groups of musicians using un-amplified instruments should use Room 27 after office hours. Special arrangements are to be made for Beat groups.

Union President, Mr. Paul Brooks said of the decision, "The Executive regrets the necessity for the decision, but it does seem the only way in which we can cater for a wide variety of tastes without having the Union subjected to a noise level which at times reaches the threshold of pain."

Great plans for Ball

THIS year's President's Ball and Dinner is to be held on Friday, May 3, and promises to be a fine occasion. The Dinner will be at the Five Bridges Hotel before the Ball at the University. There are to be four separate groups, including Simon Dupree and the Big Sound, Graham Bond, The Candy Choir, Junco Partners, and in addition the Fred Percival Orchestra, who between them should be able to supply music to suit all tastes.

Alice

As well as dancing there is going to be a Hootenany in the Debating Chamber and a cartoon show. The Dave Brown Quartet and Nigel Stanger are to provide jazz in the Bun Room and there is also a cabaret arranged. To add to the enjoyment for those who require further stimulation there will be a late bar extension until 2 a.m.

The theme for the decorations is 'Alice' and the School of Art are responsible for these—one of the first examples of their work being the posters now in evidence around the Union.

In order to attend, payment of some 5 gns assures entry to the complete "do," whilst for those who do not wish to dine a mere 55s. obtains a night's dancing and a buffet with both quoted prices being of course for double tickets.

Put your feet up!

A bar footrail is to be added to the facilities in the recently decorated Men's Bar at a cost not to exceed £100.

Live letter

SIR, May we, as Liberals, first say how flattered we are that you should devote almost all of last week's editorial to a critique of the Liberal Society's views on the Student World. However, we feel you do us a little too much credit. To quote your editorial "Any fool can poke cheap fun at Courier, S.R.C., the Union, apathetic students, etc., perhaps we should be glad that such people at this University seem to be confined almost entirely to the ranks of the Liberal Society."

If this is so the 90 per cent of Courier's correspondence column during the past year must have been submitted by Liberals. A notable feat, you must acknowledge. The previous writer of Grey's Column spent a large part of his time 'poking cheap fun' at S.R.C. (try reading some back issues) that gentleman is now S.R.C.'s president. Is he, therefore, guilty of immature non constructive criticism?

No Sir, before you speak you should first examine the facts. The Liberal Society has always encouraged its members to take a keen and active part in S.R.C. In one case a Liberal Society officer resigned his position in order to take up work on S.R.C. Was that an immature and non constructive action. This very involvement with S.R.C.

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surely gives our members the right to voice their exasperation at the way they see their efforts wasted, while Courier stands silently by. And please remember Cosmos is a broadsheet for expressing individual views, we publish what we receive, and if that is a critique of Courier, S.R.C. or even of the Liberal Society, we print it subject only to limitations of space.

You say you do not view Cosmos as a reputable publication. Excellent! Cosmos categorically refuses to become a reputable publication, it's a student rag, not a parish magazine.

Further, don't lump us in with Mr. Byrne. Liberals are militant, yes, but we are not and never have been, associates of the "Revolution by Wednesday Brigade."

Finally to our criticism of Courier. There is an adage which says that the sting of reproach is in its truth. Judging by the way your editorial ignored everything else in a news-packed week simply to take a side-swipe at a Society magazine with a circulation of around 100, Courier has been stung pretty hard.

Yours etc.,
D. WARLEY
(Editor, Cosmos).