



ANARCHISTS IN MASSIVE CITY CENTRE SQUAT

A GROUP of students are among those who have occupied a city centre office block, in what may be the city's largest ever squat.

The group is part of the Anarchist Federation of Newcastle who took over the building last Friday which is located at the junction of Mosley Street and Pilgrim Street.

DEBTS RISE FOR SUNK NUS TRAVEL

FOLLOWING the collapse of NUS Travel last November, it has been revealed that the travel concern has debts greater than was thought two months ago.

It is now known that NUS Travel owes nearly £900,000, most of which has been classified as a "bad" debt — in other words the creditors will not be paid in many cases.

British Rail and the Australian Union of Students' travel department are each owed about £100,000 by NUS Travel. Although NUS Travel will pay "approximately £100,000" of the debt, the remaining £800,000 will be borne by the creditors. No money will come from the separate NUS organisation.

Meanwhile, a group of London colleges have organised a London travel agency for students, which they expect to have operating in two or three weeks.

Filling the Gap

Mr. Trevor Phillips, a member of the NUS Executive and one of the team of eight behind London Student Travel Ltd., said on Monday: "We will be taking advantage of our retailing position by selling products of other travel companies. We will not be organising flights ourselves and so will be free to provide the best and cheapest services for our customers."

"We are not intent on building an empire, only to provide a service to London students and to fill the gap left by NUS Travel."

They intend to use the building as a centre for homeless people who are at present sleeping rough in and around the city.

Support for the squat was forthcoming from SCAN who provided blankets and portable cooking facilities, as well as allocating £30 from funds raised voluntarily.

The building is one of many empty offices in the city. A large five-storey block, it has been vacant for seven months, after the owners, The Sun Alliance Insurance Group, moved to new accommodation.

The squatters believe that some of the unused office space in Newcastle should be utilised to provide temporary accommodation for those who would otherwise have nowhere to go.

Although the Cyrenians provide hostel accommodation for homeless single men, they only have 45 beds, and regularly have to turn many people away.

The occupation began last Friday afternoon when a group of fifteen anarchists gained entry after obtaining a key. That evening the squatters issued a press release explaining the aims of the squat: "Every night the Cyrenians turn away from five to 25 people who have nowhere else to go, and this in freezing weather. Because of this we have occupied the Victorian office building at 4 Mosley Street which has been empty since July."

"Is it right that people should sleep out in the cold when this building is empty? The building is so large that it can house homeless people and be used for other purposes as well."

At about 4.0 p.m. the Police arrived to investigate a complaint and allegedly threatened to arrest the squatters for criminal damage. They then inspected the building, but were unable to find any damage, but they kept a solitary policeman across the street to "keep an eye" on the property.

By Saturday night about ten homeless men between the ages of 30 and 50 had moved into the building. "Skipping" is their way of saying sleeping rough, and

many of them had been sleeping in derelict houses in and around the city.

One commented that the number of people "skipping" had increased during the last two years with rising unemployment, and that not only men but also some women and children were sleeping rough.

"Once you're down and out" said another, "It's very hard to get back in".

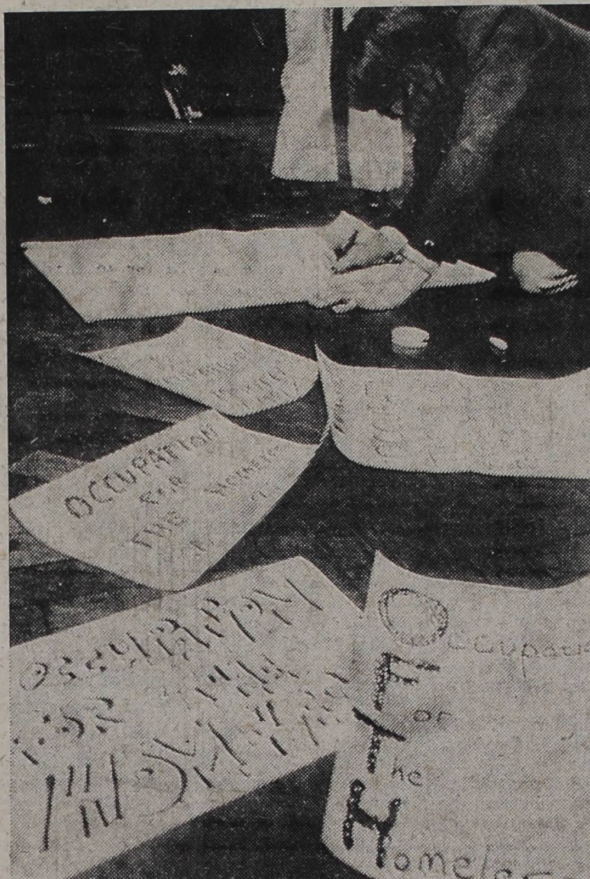
A representative of the estates agents for the property, Sanderson, Townsend and Gilbert, said that the occupation was "entirely unauthorised".

They were unable to say what action was to be taken as they were waiting for instructions from the owners.

Labour Councillor B. Abrahams denied that there was a problem of homelessness in the city. "We have the best housing history in the country" he said.

"There are no genuine homeless in the city, it is a question of irresponsibility".

He mentioned that the Council has two homes for the homeless, and gave financial support to the Cyrenians and Salvation Army Hostels. He added that he was strongly opposed to squatting, claiming that it was "totally illegal. This won't last long".



Writing posters for the Mosley Street squat.

Director Bolts and Loses Nuts

TODAY sees the start of the last N.U.T.S. production to be directed by Martin Houghton.

Samuel Beckett's vision of hell is portrayed in his play "Endgame". The production is N.U.T.S. entry to the National Student Drama Festival of 1977.

It is rumoured that Martin Houghton, Gulbenkian Studio Director, has for some time been dissatisfied with the running of the Student Theatre Group, N.U.T.S., and that this is one of the main reasons behind his decision to no longer direct productions for the Society.

It has been suggested that Mr. Houghton might establish

an alternative theatre group, which would have access to the Studio.

Mr. Stuart Pinnell, President of N.U.T.S. said on Monday: "All of Martin Houghton's past directions have been invaluable to N.U.T.S. in that we have seen a method of professional direction. I hope this will not be the last production that he does."

"I hope that a small independent elitist theatre group does not develop without transferring its experience and knowledge to those who would benefit from it in N.U.T.S."

Bun in the Oven for Agrics

AGRIC NIGHT could face the axe if suggestions for reforming the Union catering are adopted.

One of the few remaining traditional events, Thursday's Agric Night has for a long time been held in the Lower Bunroom, usually after lectures given by visiting agricultural experts earlier in the evening.

It has been suggested that the infrequently used Lower Bunroom might be profitably converted into a more salubrious room, offering evening meals and real beer.

Although opinion is

divided over the matter, it has been said that conversion would bring an increase in facilities to the whole student body, albeit at the expense of agricultural students.

The issue was due to come before the Union Management Committee which met last night and after Courier went to press. Tentative figures indicate that a full conversion of the Lower Bunroom would cost in the region of £10,000.

Amnesty International branches out

CAMPAIGNING for human rights and the release of prisoners of conscience will be the aim of the newly formed University branch of Amnesty International.

The group will be associated with the Newcastle branch and plans to hold an open meeting later this term to publicise Amnesty's activities.

It is hoped to invite a guest speaker who has been released as a result of pressure from Amnesty in the past.

SLIPPING SUE SLIDES SOON

THE first woman president in the 55-year history of the National Union of Students is likely to be elected at its next conference in March.

NUS National Secretary, Ms. Sue Slipman, has been nominated by the dominant Broad Left group within NUS as their candidate for the presidential elections. Ms. Slipman, who stands on the liberal wing of the Communist Party, would succeed the current president, Mr. Charles Clarke.

Her opponents will include Mr. Steve Moon, of Birmingham University, the solitary Tory on the present Executive. Other contenders will be two International Socialists, members of the Executive, although, like Mr. Moon, they are expected to be classed as "Also rans" in what is likely to be a one horse race.

Travellin' Cheap

IN spite of rumours to the contrary following the collapse of N.U.S. Travel last November, the Students' Representative Council's own Travel Bureau on Level 4 of the Union building has not gone into bankruptcy. Indeed the absence of cheap N.U.S. flights has brought to the surface a multitude of travel organisations offering cheap flights to Europe at extremely competitive rates, many of which are being offered by our Travel Bureau.

Recent years have seen a fall in the value of sterling, and this has tended to make foreign holidays extremely expensive. The answer for many people has been found in the do-it-yourself "hippy-hols" to mediterranean countries such as Spain and Greece.

One company is offering two weeks on a Greek Island for only £89, including basic accommodation and a return flight. Here one finds the idyllic existence of cheap booze, few cars, women, cobbled streets and horse-drawn carts for those too lazy or inebriated to walk.

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COMMENT

"ANARCHISTS in massive city centre squat" is our headline this week to an article which outlines the basic problem—not enough hostel room for too many single homeless in Newcastle.

The occupation of a large central office block by the Anarchist Federation is one way of drawing attention to the problem. In a month or so's time, when the Criminal Trespass Bill comes into force, such a protest will be illegal.

The involvement of the Cyrenians and SCAN in the squat, and the obvious detailed planning behind it all, has made the anarchists look decidedly organised, with a team of more than 15 involved in the squat.

But what are the real reasons behind the occupation? How many are devoted to the objective of achieving better accommodation for the homeless, and how many are ego-tripping on the publicity and aura surrounding the squat, letting off catch phrases about smashing the system?

After only a half hour inside 4, Mosley Street, anarchists were accusing the Young Liberals of free-loading into an entirely anarchist squat. After a heated discussion, the solitary Liberal left, leaving the anarchists to string up banners proclaiming the "anarchist occupation."

There are several anarchists who are without doubt committed to the object of the squat, and as the days go by they will be the ones serving the soup in near freezing conditions.

It is then that they will be in need of every bit of encouragement in their protest to make the Council recognise the homeless crisis.

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MACDONALD'S FARM GOES CO-OP

Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity of informing people that I have become an active member of the Broad Left Society, as to many this must seem strange since I stood for election as an independent.

However, when I stood there was no left wing grouping that I felt I could identify with. Unfortunately societies like the Labour Club seemed to be far too insular and sectarian, and also im-

practical in their demands. My view as regards them has not changed.

But now there is a real, responsible, left wing alternative to the Conservatives and the Liberals. It is a responsible left wing alternative that believes in a strong National Union of Students and a greater student involvement in all of its various campaigns. I believe it is an alliance worthy of our support.

Finally I have written this letter for two reasons. Firstly I wanted to clarify why I stood as an independent and yet now have joined the Broad Left, and to say that this was not done dishonestly but because there was no

party I felt I could identify with at the time. Secondly I have written this letter because I think it is foolish for us to continue the myth that all of the Left are militants and irresponsible. The Broad Left is an alliance of socialists who believe in changing things that are wrong, from within, and not ignoring or destroying structures like the National Union. I hope you too will give it your support.

Yours etc.,

Alan MacDonald,
Deputy President.

Bottoms

Up

Sir,

The Real Beer and Ale Society would like to thank Mr. Lamb, on behalf of the beer-drinking students of the University, for so efficiently organising the installation of Cask Beer in the Union.

Our thanks also go to those already mentioned in Courier and we trust that everyone will make this venture the success it deserves to be.

Yours etc.,

The Committee,
R.B.A.S.

VIEWPOINT

The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Board and are intended primarily to bring forward discussion from our readers. All contributions will be welcomed.

ROYAL FLASH

One of my flat mates has something in common with Princess Anne. They were both caught speeding recently. Not surprisingly, only Anne made the headlines. Somehow Val Hardman of Goostrey Cheshire was forgotten. She remains an un-newsworthy anonymous statistic.

These events led me to speculate upon the kind of scene which must have taken place between the princess and the policeman — compared with the usual situation. Was he a quiet efficient sort of chap who performed his duty silently and at maximum speed, inwardly wishing he were dead? Or was he blissfully unaware of the V.I.P. status of his victim as he swooped down with a perfunctory:

"Might I see your driving licence miss?"

But what, after all, is this status? What makes a person "very important"? I am sure that there cannot be anyone alive today who believes in the divine right of the sovereign. So why is royalty thriving and multiplying? Why do we still have ordinary men and women who, for no better reason than having been born to certain other ordinary folk, are to be treated as being especially privileged?

Perhaps the time has come at last for royalty to be gradually phased out. After all, we are constantly reminded by the media that the Royal Family is just a family like any other — not anointed with divine grace. It seems that incidents such as royal conviction for speeding help

Denise Burns.

to enforce this point.

I am told that the Queen is an excellent ambassador for our country, well-liked overseas. She may very well be gifted with numerous discreet talents, but, since her post is hereditary, her qualities are somewhat left to chance. I have no doubt that if her job were open to competition there would be many who could fulfil her duties as competently and for a far smaller remuneration — not to mention no "living-in" arrangements.

I have no desire to stir up a rebellion to overthrow Her Majesty and usurp the throne. I feel no personal grudge against the Queen. However, I do feel that a monarch whose best attribute, in reality, is probably tourist attraction is a somewhat expensive supernumary.

After all, it is not only the Queen who is kept in a manner to which we might all like to be accustomed. A whole wealth of relations cash in on the deferential treatment and the life of luxury with only an odd launching or garden party to interrupt them.

From the tourism point of view, the royal homes could be open to the public with, perhaps, the odd wax model of a royal person here and there for effect. And as for ambassadors, aren't a whole governmentful of assorted M.P.s and a Prime Minister sufficient representation for our tiny islands?

I propose that in this Silver Jubilee year, we should toast our Royal Family into a sparkling (but tastefully British) early retirement.

But perhaps I am being too hard on these well-meaning aristocrats. After all, they do give a great deal of pleasure to those avidly patriotic photograph album fiends. I suppose the Royal Family is just a bunch of honest folk, doing little and receiving a lot — and in these troubled times, it's nice to know that someone is better off than ourselves.

Personal Prospectus

Sir,

Having just read the first draft of the Alternative Prospectus, I feel that a certain number of sections have been written from a too subjective point of view.

I appreciate that it is hard to give a true impression of life for all 6,000 students up here, there is a general feeling among my considerable circle of acquaintances that some of the things written are a load of rubbish.

For example I know at least two postgrads and three third year students who have never visited the Cooperaage. You may say our education is sadly lacking, but I would suggest that you remove some of this subjectivity before releasing the final draft.

Yours etc.,

A disgruntled quark.

TORIES VOTING LABOUR

Sir,

In the past some prominent Conservatives in our Students' Union have expressed their disgust at the drastic cuts in

education.

Mrs. Thatcher has made it clear in various interviews that she feels that the cuts in general are essential but should be more severe. These are bound to hit education yet again.

Can I ask the Conservative Society what their views on the education cuts are and how, if at all, it will affect the way they vote in the next election.

Yours etc.,

S.R.C. Representative of the Education Department.

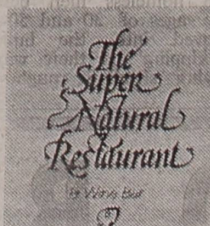
TOWARDS A BETTER WAY

Programme

Saturday, February 5	... CONCERT WITH ADRIAN SNELL.	The Polytechnic	Evening.
Sunday, February 6	... BOB GORDON will talk at The Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, The Catholic Chaplaincy and the Central Methodist Church.		
Monday, February 7	... TALK BY BOB GORDON "Towards Myself."	Curtis Auditorium	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 8	... TALK BY BOB GORDON "Towards Today"	Curtis Auditorium	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 9	... CONCERT. GORDON GILTRAP & BAND WITH ADRIAN SNELL.	University Ballroom	7.30 p.m.
Thursday, February 10	... TALK BY BOB GORDON "Towards Tomorrow."	Curtis Auditorium	7.30 p.m.
Friday, February 11	... TALK BY BOB GORDON "Towards God."	Curtis Auditorium	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, February 12	... CONCERT. ADRIAN SNELL.	Castle Leazes	Evening.
Sunday, February 13	... BOB GORDON will preach.	Jesmond Parish Church	6.30 p.m.

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Students fight College closures

University concern over Bursaries

LAST Friday, a meeting of self-financed students was addressed by Mr. A. L. Taylor, of the Estates and Bursaries Committee. Speaking about the coming increases in tuition fees, Mr. Taylor told students that an increase was to be sought in the amount of money available for bursaries and for granting fees remissions in the next academic year.

The Committee, said Mr. Taylor, would look sympathetically on any case of genuine hardship, for instance in situations where a student may be forced to drop his or her course owing to the increases. He was, however, unable to give specific assurances, since it is not yet certain how much money will be laid aside for such purposes, or how great the Universities' Grants Committee (UGC) contribution will be.

WORKING PARTY

University Council will be taking a decision in the Spring on how much money will be set aside for remission of fees. The UGC grant to us will come on top of this, and be fixed later this year.

Mr. Taylor is understood to be particularly worried about Bursaries, however. Unlike the money earmarked for fees remission, this is the only fund which can be used for helping students with maintenance costs. Maintenance is becoming increasingly a problem for many self-financing students, and the sum set aside for bursaries next year will be £5,000.

The Students' Representative Council has recently set up a working party on the increases in tuition fees, and it is hoped that a report will be produced on how various groups of students, in particular overseas students, will be affected by them.

Greater places for Lesser?

David Lesser could become the second lecturer from this University to sit on the Liberal benches in the House of Commons, if he becomes a successful Parliamentary candidate in the next General Election.

Mr. Lesser, a 49-year-old lecturer in Agricultural Marketing, has been adopted by Newcastle North Liberals as prospective Parliamentary candidate. If elected he would be following in the footsteps of Mr. Alan Beith, formerly a lecturer in Politics, and now Liberal M.P. for Berwick upon Tweed.

The next General Election, when it comes, will not be a new experience for Mr. Lesser. In 1970 he contested Newcastle Central against Mr. Edward Short, then Labour M.P. Undaunted by his 74% poll and hence loss of £150 deposit, Mr. Lesser decided to turn his attention to Newcastle North, which has for many years been held for the Tories by Sir William Elliott.

THE battle is on to save the axe falling on St. Mary's teacher training college.

Education chiefs, trade unionists and students are to throw their weight behind college authorities in their fight to stay open.

They have until June to convince Education Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Williams, that she was wrong to include them in a list of 30 to close by 1981.

It will be a bitter blow for higher education in the North if the threatened number of 1,200 teacher training places do disappear from Tyneside.

Throughout the country, 28 teacher training institutions will have to stop initial training after 1980. Some colleges will have to close but others will be used as additions to colleges of further education and as sixth form colleges.

The reductions have been made necessary by the fall in the number of births from 784,000 in 1970 to 585,000 last year, and by the decline in the number of teachers who have dropped out of teaching since the increased pay awards of 1974.

Mr. Charles Clarke, President of the National Union of Students, called it "the grossest hypocrisy for Mrs.

Williams to launch a public campaign to improve education standards, while at the same time announcing plans to close 30 colleges of education".

Meanwhile the proposals were described as "preposterous" by the Director of the University's Institute of Education, Mr. Kenneth Rockett.

"The proposed cut in the number of teacher training places North of the Tyne in comparison with those suffered by other areas is quite savage", he said.

The Principal at St. Mary's, Sister Prudence Wilson, pointed out that it is the only voluntary college in an area between York, Amble-side and the Scottish border.

"I consider that a deprived area is being forced into even greater deprivation", she said.

Student leaders in the North-East have already met to discuss Mrs. Williams proposals and pledged support for any action taken at the colleges. They are planning a big protest when the Education Secretary comes to Newcastle next month.

Union adopts student

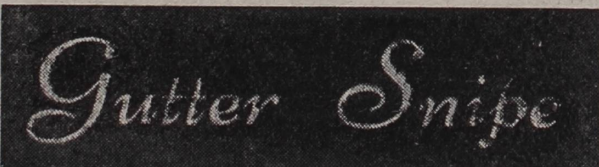
A Spanish student detained in Chile has been "adopted" by the Students' Representative Council.

Mario Neira, aged 25, has been condemned by the Chile Government to five years and one day in prison. If his application for a British visa is approved by the Home Office, he will be allowed to leave Chile. Because there is some doubt as to whether the British Government will grant this visa or not, the S.R.C. has decided to adopt him and to pressurise the Home Office

into approving his visa application.

This is all part of a series of "Days of Action" to be organised by the S.R.C. Besides a campaign on dis-sidents, it is intended to organise a campaign on tuition fees, increases in which will severely affect the 600 self-financing students at Newcastle University.

In addition the S.R.C. is to mount a campaign on dis-investment by the University in companies with Southern African interests.



We have received complaints that this column has failed to show an awareness of the lives of ordinary students, so this week we requested Christopher Tampon, a 21-year-old virgin gynaecologist living in a Richardson Road flat, to tell us how he spends a typical hectic week.

MONDAY:

Woke up. Went to toilet. Emptied hot water bottle. Went back to bed.

TUESDAY:

Overslept. Late for Disco again. Bird thought she was stood up. She Wood. Returned to bed.

WEDNESDAY:

Sports day. Hooray. Donned track-suit and jock-strap. Went back to bed and thought.

THURSDAY:

Heavy day. Four o'clock lecture—I think. Took copious notes for 40 minutes when informed lecture was cancelled. Returned to flat and turned over flat-mate to relieve bed sores. Topped up intravenous drip with gin. Vainly searched bed for woman. No luck. Dropped off.

FRIDAY:

Awoke at crack of noon. Still no woman in bed. What am I doing wrong? Changed hot water bottle, but still too hot. Fart. Exhausted, so go to sleep.

SATURDAY:

Planned adventurous meal. Bought packet of instant soup. Too dry. Washed down with hot water bottle. Had shower. Noisy. Noticed hole in raincoat. Party in flat. Who invited them?

SUNDAY:

Mattress lumpy. Found hot water bottle. Sunday afternoon: found woman. Send woman to refill hot water bottle. Bliss. Is this really love? Contemplated forthcoming week, but too tired. Went to sleep.



John Gladwin.

Chapple attacks Socialism in speech

The usual mixture of controversy and interest, which tends to follow Frank Chapple around, was present last Thursday in his address to a packed Curtis Auditorium.

Mr. Chapple, General Secretary of the Engineering Trade Union, offered a witty and competent address on the subject of "Unions, Industry, Government and Political Freedom".

"People think we have a free National Health Service and free education," he said. "But there is a price to pay for everything. If we forget or ignore this then freedom is threatened".

In what seemed like a fairly blatant attack on Socialism, he said "If the choice is between Socialism and

democracy, then I would opt for democracy.

"Freedom is in the market place and Social Democrats must learn to defend it, because otherwise the state takes over. You can't just be a spectator — participation is necessary".

He was critical of the Bullock Report which was published last week, proposing the introduction of 'worker-directors', for he believed that it would weaken the position of the Trades Union.

Although he later dealt very confidently with questions, he did seem more concerned with using the time to continue his speech rather than answer the questions put to him.

STONE FACED COUNCIL LEAVES CLIMBERS HANGING

NEWCASTLE University mountaineers are going up the wall over a Council decision which prevents them from using a disused quarry face for training, the average height of which is only three foot off the ground.

The quarry, known as Blackberry Crag, in North Jesmond Dene Park is used by local mountaineers to practice horizontal cliff face traverses.

Mr. David Herdman, President of the Newcastle University Mountaineering Society, and a representative of the British Mountaineering Council, said last week "Here we have a very useable and realistic recreational amenity in the middle of Newcastle on publicly owned property, but yet the Newcastle City Council Parks and Recreation Department are trying to prevent the public from using it.

"Climbers have been using it to my knowledge for at least 3 years, and there have been no accidents which we know of. The river which flows through Jesmond Dene is far more dangerous, but the Parks Department is making no attempt to fill it in.

"It has been suggested by the head of the Parks Department that we go to the Council and ask them to build an artificial climbing wall in Eldon Square. The chances of this are very small due to the economic situation, and what's the point when we have a perfectly good natural wall".

A spokesman for the Newcastle City Parks and Recreation Department said on Friday "We are doing a survey of the quarry face to ascertain the safety for both rock climbers and the public. When our engineers have made their report this will be presented to the Council who then decide what to do with the rock face."

Although the spokesman for the Parks Department declined to give any indication of when the Council might make a decision on the quarry, he said that until then only the Army would be allowed to use this facility, as they were

Hypothesising the unnecessary

LAST Friday probably saw the largest gathering in the Debating Chamber this year. Professor Hamilton (Head of Experimental Psychology) proposed the motion "This House Believes that God is an Unnecessary Hypothesis".

"Divine is, to me, the music of Mozart", he said, fidgeting with his wrist-watch to calm himself down for the debate, which is to be broadcast on Metro Radio. The whole problem of the debate seemed to lie in the word hypothesis, and it was shown implicitly, through the three laws of thermo-dynamics, that God was indeed unnecessary.

COUNTER-ATTACK

The opposition, ably led by John Gladwin, (lecturer in Theology at St. John's College Durham) moved to swift counter-attack. God is not a hypothesis, but invisible, immaterial and holy, he commented.

The seconder to the proposition, Andrew Palmer, in complete contrast to Hamilton's approach, gave a "full scientific proof" of why God did not exist.

John Gladwin's number two was Douglas Davies who captured the House with his aesthetic grin which made Professor Hamilton's fall off his seat! Davies started by saying that for a hypothesis to stand it must be just right — but this was just wrong. So he attempted to prove that scientists had closed their minds and, oh yes, the motion should be defeated.

Before summing up, speeches were taken from the floor. The Christian Union were out in force, and speeches from that side of the floor showed that God was necessary even if just one person needed him for peace of mind; there were few speeches from the atheists, who were far outweighed in number.

SUBSTANCE

Professor Hamilton summed up by saying that God was unnecessary to our understanding and defined faith as "The substance of things hoped for — the evidence of things never seen".

John Gladwin was certain of winning and said little in order to get to the vote.

The result was 50 for the motion and about 300 against, and so the motion was defeated.

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Recorded on the East Coast (of Prussia) Joe Haydn finally seems to have got the recipe just right on this latest disc.

His previous 99 Symphonies really aren't worth writing about, but with this so-called "Military" Symphony, Haydn shows that funky horns and laid-back strings are just the things to get your rocks off to.

There were already signs on one of his earlier albums (symphony 86—"The Surprise") that Joe Haydn wasn't just another punk-rocker.

His live performances have been few and far between. The last gig was in the City Hall, Leipzig in 1786. Phil Harris hopes to book him as support act for the "Sex Pistols" this term.

Vaughan Williams: Fantasia On a Theme by Robert Plant.
(Harvest)

Doesn't quite get off the ground this one. A second-rate musician filching a first-rate idea. Doesn't deserve a second spin. On the flipside "Stairway to Heaven" gets similar shoddy treatment.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 9
(Polydor).

Beethoven's 9th — One would like to be sympathetic, but it is evident in this work that deafness has proved an insurmountable handicap.

"A Night Out With The Northern Sinfonia" — recorded live at the Hotspur Hotel, Newcastle—all their old favourites including "Knees Up Mother Brown," "Down At The Old Bull and Bush" and "Aboard The Good Ship Venus."

Tchaikovsky 1813 Overture

—This attempted follow up doesn't quite make the grade.

P.S.: Rumour has it that the promising newcomer Gustav Mahler — remember his theme music for "Death in Venice"—has fallen upon hard times and is barely keeping the wolves from the door by scoring commercials for Stork Margarine.

This was the road to success, however, for Ludwig Van Beethoven whose 6th Symphony can be found on "Top 20 TV Tunes" (Earwig Sampler £1.50).

—HGW & IT.



HEROES

WELL, if last week's offering from USEC was a bit of a wash out, this week may see something of a 'Santa Harris' scoop.

Touring the country at the moment are a collection of musicians who, for want of a better name, are known as *Hinkleys Heroes*. And some collection it is.

Among their ranks include ex-members of 'Free', 'Joe Cocker's Grease Band', 'Family', 'King Crimson' and the 'Jimi Hendrix Experience'. As NME put it: — "Not so much a super-group, more a stoned jamming band for the Rock and Roll *nouveau riche*".

Playing very much for their own enjoyment, audiences are expected to pick up the vibes to have a good time. Freed from the confines of a rigid set up, the sound is bound to be somewhat sloppy, but crowd reaction from the last few gigs has been anything from good to ecstatic. Let's hope that the Heroes can come up with the goods this Saturday.

WELLSTOOD

THIS Sunday sees a welcome return of the American pianist Dick Wellstood, who makes a solo appearance at the new YMCA, at Ellison Place.

Wellstood has been a professional jazz musician for more than thirty years, yet widespread recognition of his skills has only been recently accorded. For British audiences, such enlightenment came in 1974 with Wellstood's tour with the World's Greatest Jazz Band — for this writer, he was the outstanding player of that rather polite company of jazz veterans.

Yet it is Wellstood's solo performances that have proved the main showcase of his talents — whilst convincingly airing the 'stride' piano style of James P. Johnson and Fats Waller, he manages to combine a dry sense of humour with a deep knowledge of jazz

history — all underlined by an impressive keyboard technique.

I caught such a performance twelve months ago in a tiny, smoke-filled cellar in Covent Garden, where Wellstood left a boisterous and beer-laden audience clamouring for more. If that atmosphere seems more conducive to the music than the Newcastle YMCA, the venue does have its compensations — the promoters, Jazz Northeast, ensure us that the piano and the acoustics are excellent. The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. and the tickets cost £1.25; Arts North vouchers eligible.

— Geoff Noble.



Mr. Wellstood.

Moon and Muscles. The only thing I knew about either of these bands before Saturday night was that Muscles were dead funky and that Moon had a poorly received set at a local college gig. Maybe this explains the lousy turnout.

I'm not too clear whether it was billed as a package or as Moon plus support, but if the latter was the case Moon made a huge boob in choosing such a good support act.

Muscles played funkier, not AWB funkier, more in the vein of War. What I love about hard funk is that bubbling beat from the bass guitar and bass drum which vibrates in your guts causing frequent visits to the nearest bogs and clearly explains why so few were in the ballroom.

It's a pity they chose such a weak single, "Love is all I've got", the Stylistics can do that stuff far better and besides they're infinitely stronger at hard, get up and dance funk.

I didn't like Moon at all. Yes, everyone applauded, some danced, there was even some

stamping for more at the end but then after paying a quid to see a band you can't afford not to like it.

Moon have a nice new PA, but it's simply too small to cope with seven musicians playing various combinations of guitars, saxes, drums, electric pianos, congas, mouth harp plus vocals and the resulting sound is confused.

There's no outstanding musicians in the band either, the vocalist sings OK but fancies himself as James Brown and the bloke in the denim jumpsuit blows a reasonably mean flute when he's in the mood.

You can call me mean, but I wouldn't pay to see Moon again.

The Ugles.

BOOKS

OPTIONS : ROBERT SHECKLEY (Science Fantasy)

Mishkin's space craft is grounded on Harmonia. He must trek through the alien forests to get the necessary spare part from the planet's cache. He takes with him a S.P.E.R. robot whose function it is to know the planet and protect him, but he soon finds that the robot has been programmed for the wrong planet and is of little use to him. This is where any thread of logic or continuity in the story ends.

The book is basically Mishkin's progress through science in wonderland. It is a ridiculous, mad, stupid collection of occurrences which doesn't pretend to be serious and makes fun of every cliché and accepted norm.

In his travels Mishkin meets a monster called Raemit who gets into trouble with the cops and can't keep his girl friend, a five headed giant worm whose largest head is a college drop-out called Vince and the Duke of Melba who disappears because his wife doesn't believe in him. He also has to contend with his cynical robot who believes everything is "done by mirrors".

Until Mishkin reaches the imaginary castle the book is hilariously funny, after that it becomes an orgy of incongruities and absurdities designed to confuse rather than amuse. Well worth reading.

THE BEST OF MYLES : MYLES NA GOPALEEN (Flann O'Brien)

Flann O'Brien was, up until he died in 1966, a satirical writer on the Irish Times. This is the best of his columns during the 5 year period 1939-44. Much of his writing is in the first person, criticising or asking himself questions in the name of the 'Plain People Of Ireland'. Large sections (which I haven't reviewed!) are in Gaelic.

There are very few gems of humour in this book and he often stretches one witticism over many pages. Perhaps the best section is the "Myles Research Bureau" in which he discusses the invention of intoxicating ice cream to combat the demoralising effect of the war-time whisky and beer shortage, or "Trink" the printing ink which gives off alcoholic fumes.

It wasn't convulsive fits of laughter, however, that made it difficult to continue reading after such jokes as: "... it was obvious to all present that he wasn't feeling himself (truth to tell, he was feeling the tyres of his bicycle fearing he had sustained a slow puncture)."

S. J. Perelman (whoever he is) says of Myles: "The best comic writer I can think of" — he couldn't have been thinking very hard!

FOLK BEEB

A new series of folk and jazz events are to be held in the University Theatre bar this term.

On Friday evenings, beginning on the 18th February, there will be folk concerts which are to be recorded for BBC Radio Newcastle.

The compere will be Jed Grimes of Hedgehog Pie who will be supported by a resident group consisting of members of Hedgehog Pie and others. Artists booked to date are Mik Elliot of Northern Front (18th Feb.), Dick Gaughan (4th Mar.), Barry Moor (11th Mar.), Tony Capstick (18th Mar.) and Bob Eaglesham (25th Mar.).

For jazz enthusiasts there will be a series of Thursday evening concerts beginning on the 10th February. Resident for the first month are the 'Savannah Syncopators' who are described as 'not exactly modern but nearer modern than traditional.'

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Such was the case with "Arbre", a local 6-piece band who provided two excellent sets for an appreciative Eustace Percy Hall audience last Friday.

Although their music owes an obvious debt to such bands as the "Eagles" and "America", they give it an

invigorating originality, showing musical versatility that allows them to exchange instruments, as you and I would swap conkers.

They made up for a vaguely embarrassing mortification in their stage presence, by providing music that was always tight, each member of the group contributing towards a coherent whole.

Numbers which were particularly well received included "Falling" and "Do In' Al-right", the latter providing a chance for all the group to show their far from negligible musical talents.

It is only a pity that one of their obvious assets, a very precise 3-part harmony had to take second place to the electrical orientation of the group.

Presentation 6; Content 9; Entertainment Value 10!

SPECIAL MEETINGS

NUSRC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th—

Open Meeting to discuss various campaigns outside the campus such as Southern Africa, Northern Ireland and Tuition Fees.

EVERYONE is entitled to vote.

Committee Room B. 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th—

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I Will If You Will, 3.55, 7.15.
2 The Ritz, 1.40, 5.10, 8.50. Alvin Purple, 3.20, 7.00.

QUEENS

Trackdown, 1.40, 5.15, 8.45. Rancho Deluxe, 3.25, 6.55.

ODEON FILM CENTRE

1 The Pink Panther Strikes Again, 1.05, 5.30, 8.45.
Free As A Bird, 2.55, 5.30, 8.00.
2 The Sailor Who Fell From The Grace Of The Sea, 1.10, 4.45, 8.40. "W" 3.05, 6.50.
3 Blazing Saddles, 1.50, 5.20, 8.50.
What's Up Doc, 3.35, 7.05.

STUDIOS 1-4

1 Virgin Of The Beaches, 2.55, 5.45, 8.40.
Make Love Not War, 1.30, 4.20, 7.10.
2 Picnic At Hanging Rock, LCP 7.25.
3 Confessions Of A Sex Kitten, 2.40, 5.45, 8.50.
Red Neck, 4.00, 7.00.
4 Goodbye Norma Jean, 1.40, 5.10, 8.40.
Fistful Of Dollars, 3.20, 6.50.

THURSDAY NITE FILM

USEC presents **On Her Majesty's Secret Service**
Curtis Auditorium. 7.30. Tickets 35p from Porters Lodge.

TYNESIDE CINEMA

2—The Hireling, 7.00 plus Day For Night, 5.00, 8.40.
3 - 5—The Last Detail, 5.15, 8.45 with Lisztomania, 7.00.
7-12—Collywood Cowboy, 5.00, 8.50 plus
That's Entertainment II, 6.45.
Late Nite Fri. 11—Silent Running - Phase IV, 11.00.

WEST JESMOND CINEMA

Jaws, 7.30.

SIDE CINEMA

2nd: Mother, 7.30 (club show).
3rd: Turksib, 7.30 (club show).
4th - 5th: The Stars Look Down, 7.30.
6th: Man Of Aran, 7.30.

ROYALTY, GOSFORTH

Confessions Of A Driving Instructor, 8.20.

KINE CLUB

Wed. 2nd: Far From Vietnam. Fine Art Lecture Theatre, 7.0

Theatre

THEATRE ROYAL

Until Feb. 5th: Jack And The Beanstalk. 70p - £2.10.
Mon. 7th - 12th: Ballet International in "The Sleeping Beauty" and others. 7.30. 70p - £4.00.

GULBENKIAN STUDIO

Wed. 2 - 5: LINK/NUTS production of Samuel Beckett's Endgame. 8.00. 60p.
Mon. 7: Early Music Workshop. 1.10. 40p.
Thurs. 10 - 12: Paines Plough present Motocar by David Pownall. 7.30. 60p.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE

Anouilh's Thieves' Carnival from Tues. 8 - 12. 7.30. 55p.

Music

POLY

Fri. 4th: Roogalator plus Whippet. 60p adv., 80p on door.
Fri. 11th: Roy Harper with John St. Field. £1 adv., £1.30 on door.

UNI BALLROOM

Sat. 5th: USEG present Hinkley's Heroes. £1.00. Late bar.
Sat. 12th: Super Charge.

THURS. 3rd

Northern Sinfonia and the Sinfonia Chorus. Works by Strauss, Parry and Walker. 7.45. St. John's, Grainger Street. £1.00.

SAT. 5th

Northern Sinfonia Children's Concert with Johnny Morris. City Hall. 11.00 a.m. 35p, 45p.

KINGS HALL

Mon. 7 - 11th: Chamber Music Festival '77. iWith the Aeolian Quartet and Denis Matthews (piano). Programme includes works by Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Ravel, Bartok, Haydn, Dvorak, Bloch. 6.00 (not Wed. 9). Students 30p.

CITY HALL

Thurs. 10th: Northern Sinfonia plays works by Strauss, Chopin and Haydn. 7.45. Tickets 35p. - £2.00.

Exhibitions/Lectures

SIDE GALLERY

"Documents in the North East." Until Feb. 13.
Singular Realities. Feb. 15 - March 13.

HATTON GALLERY

The Burrell Collection. Arts Council exhibition. Until March 13.

NORTHERN ARTS GALLERY

An exhibition of work by North East artist Elizabeth Harrison. Feb. 9 - Mar. 11.
All listings valid Wed. - Sat. unless marked otherwise. Where possible the following week will also be given.

CARRIED AWAY

ANOTHER chance to test your nerves (which after "The Exorcist" and "The Omen" should have become quite used to devils and demons, blood and guts) is to be offered shortly at the Odeon, Pilgrim Street, where the innocuously titled "Carrie" is coming soon.

Carrie, the frightened adolescent heroine, possesses remarkable telekinetic powers which her domineering mother, obsessed by her own guilt and sin, takes to be evidence of Carrie's possession by the devil.



Come on Monica, Courier isn't that bad this week.

With such a background one could hardly expect Carrie to be a blooming example of psychological good health—sure enough she is shy and afraid, but her social life begins to improve as well-meaning teachers and classmates try to persuade her that she is normal, likeable and very pretty.

All is set for a fairy-tale ending but when Carrie is invited to the college prom, and wins the beauty contest, her moment of triumph is ruined in a scene which will make your heart bleed.

Carrie's humiliation turns to hatred and anger and she unleashes her powers causing more chaos than all the Dentists and Agrics in Newcastle could manage, in a week of their debates.

Leaving behind terror and destruction, Carrie returns home to loving mother, who is ready to cut the "evil" out of her with a carving knife.

The terrifying twist at the end is best left to surprise you.

losing his touch.

He wonders if the fate he might receive at his brother-in-law's hands would not be preferable, but decides against it when a virile detective with a squeaky voice, and in Carmine's employ, joins the pursuit and it after his blood not his body.

Mistaken identity, unmistakable intentions and zany characters like Googie (Rita Moreno), a Spanish spit-fire, performing at "The Ritz" who believes that Proclo is a producer, or the crazy Italian family Vespucci he married into, earning his father-in-law's everlasting hatred, provide the farce, which cannot fail to amuse.

The hilarity and Proclo's anguish reach a peak when his brother-in-law and wife Vivian (Kaye Ballard) appear at the Ritz and the ghastly family secret is unfolded.

Thought you'd seen it all? Go along and see some more and be glad you were born into an age which allows such films—just!

FAKE

"F for Fake" is showing at the Tyneside Cinema Club, until Saturday, at 5.30 and 7.30. It is extraordinary how many excellent films fail to get a showing in Britain other than Wardour Street, London.

Showing this week at the Tyneside Cinema, is a filmed investigation by Orson Welles into the art of deception. "F for Fake" begins with a study of the celebrated forger Elmyr de Hory, whose paintings of the post impressionists have deceived art dealers and experts for more than 20 years.

Superbly filmed and edited, the film goes on to reveal more deception and exposes the fallibility of experts and even of artists.

Welles recalls some of his own deceptions, perhaps the most well-known being the New York radio production of "The War of the Worlds," when the entire population of the metropolis were conned into believing that little green men had descended to earth from Mars.

Overall, a film which provides an insight into the ways of man and proves the adage—There's none so blind as those who do not want to see.

—Ian Thompson/

Angela Noble.

For Women's Lib.

THE biggest operatic event of the Concert Society's life was performed at The Gulbenkian last week; Norman Platt's translation of "Pimpinone" with music by Georg Philipp Telemann.

The Orchestra performed well, conducted by Nigel Harrison, but perhaps due to the dimensions of The Gulbenkian Studio, they appeared to drown some of the singing, being perhaps a shade too loud. As a result some of the comic effect of the words went unnoticed by the audience.

The two performers complimented each other successfully. John Murchison acted superbly, having a versatile, expressive face which considerably counter-balanced any humour lost from the lyrics.

Alison Bell, in the part of

Vespetta the machiavellian, domineering housekeeper, sang with a sweet resonance, making up for any lack of strength in her partner's voice, whilst he far excelled her in acting genius.

The opera could be one of the earliest blows for "Women's Lib"! It depicts a female chauvinist, an even fouler breed than the male chauvinist, and her successful efforts to dominate and subdue her stupid but rich husband. It proved an interesting entertainment, and I hope we may see more, since practise makes perfect.

Ailsa Rae.

'SPECTRO' MOVES

SPECTRO ARTS WORKSHOP, formerly of Whitley Bay, is becoming well established in their new location just off Pilgrim Street.

Courses offered in electronic music, black and white photography, and screen printing are already booked up, and new courses are starting soon.

Woodwork and sculpture courses and a shop for artists materials are scheduled for the near future and the

building is at present being converted to provide a four-track recording studio, and a performance studio, coupled with an audio visual control room to provide sound effects, and it can also be converted into a small film theatre. Hopefully all these will be finished by the end of March.

Also planned is a Bar serving Sam Smith's beer and snacks, and eventually it is hoped that the basement will

be converted into private studios available for renting to artists rather like flats.

Behind the scheme are The Arts Council of Great Britain, our own Northern Arts and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation a Lisbon centred organisation who already have a small gallery in the People's Theatre.

At present members have

full use of all facilities and have only to ring in to arrange times to use them. A gallery open to the public is also hoped to be opened on the first floor.

On the top floor currently running is a "New Exhibition" by Sunderland Arts graduates. This is an exhibition of photography, performance and installation, open daily.

UNI

It makes sense

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THE FAT AND THE LEAN

COURIER SPORT

Football

News glide in blue

UAU Championship Quarter-final Tie

Exeter Univ. 2nd XI 1
Newcastle Univ. 2nd XI 2

If any team is to stop Newcastle from winning the UAU Championship this year then they have got a hell of a lot of work to do! For Newcastle had players willing to run until they dropped, players with all the skill and stamina necessary to produce a concentrated effort for one hundred and twenty minutes. All the ingredients of a successful cup-winning side were here mixed in ample proportions.

Dramatic

Luck? Well what successful cup-fighting team hasn't? Yet when Exeter snatched a dramatic equaliser from a twice-taken penalty fifteen minutes from time it looked as though the Blues were to get a smaller-than-usual helping.

Keeper Barry Howarth produced a brilliant save diving to his left only for the spot-kick to be retaken. Barry again saved, this time pushing the ball on to the cross-bar. To Newcastle's despair the ball rebounded straight to the feet of the penalty-taker who promptly shot home.

Nodded

Rough justice indeed after a first half which was almost completely dominated by Newcastle. When centre-half Stuart Ince nodded in Andy Dyson's corner it was the culmination of twenty-five minutes constant pressure.

Newcastle punched holes in an apparently unwilling Exeter side and their controlled passing and eager running was a delight to watch. Ten minutes before the interval Exeter survived an amazing scare. Adrian Donovan worked space for himself and crashed in a tremendous shot in-off the far post only for the goal to be chalked off because of a fractional offside decision.

Frightened

After the resumption the game took on a more finely-balanced look as Exeter began to emerge from their first half sleep. In fact full-back Dave Raine saved Newcastle when he flicked away a goal-bound header that alluded keeper Howarth. But the same player and an Exeter forward fell in a heap in the penalty area—the beginning of that amazing penalty drama.

Reaped

Newcastle seemed to lose some of their composure now but soon reaped all the dividends from a heavy pre-match training programme during the extra time period. Newcastle clinched a semi-final place through the club's top scorer Paul Liddle. Stuart Ince cleared an Exeter corner upfield to the waiting Liddle. After outstripping two defenders he slipped the ball to Andy Dyson whose shot was fumbled by the keeper. Paul Liddle gleefully slammed home the rebound to round off a great opportunist move.

—Jim Grant.

Rugby Football

BRISTOL BOOBS

NEWCASTLE 12,
BRISTOL 6

Newcastle went through to the semi-finals of the U.A.U. Championships after defeating Bristol University last Wednesday at Cochrane Park, writes Greg Smith.

The crowd of supporters urged the University on from the start when they applied considerable pressure. Wright narrowly missed a dropped goal and Currie missed a try scoring chance in difficult handling conditions.

Clarkson's accurate goal kicking brought the score to 6-0 at half time. This was narrowed by a penalty awarded to Bristol from a ruck infringement. Soon afterwards Clarkson widened the margin with two more penalties.

Kicking

Throughout the game the Newcastle back-row covered brilliantly, one cannot help thinking that Duncan Goodall frightened the Bristol fly-half into mis-kicking, badly passing and even dropping the ball. In the lineouts the two lofty Bristol locks had the jumping advantage but were harried by de Lacy and Gaskell.

Towards the end of the game Bristol came back hard. Newcastle successfully defended three short penalties, Masters kicking the fourth for Bristol to bring the final score to 12-6.

All credit must go to the team for a first-class effort. Man of the match was Joe

Womens Tables

These results cover all matches played last term, and are subject to alteration because of late score cards (there are still some missing), and rearranged matches.

If any teams feel they have been wrongly "gone out" of points, please let me know as soon as possible as the scoring is getting a bit out of hand!

Message to reps.: Don't forget Hanson Day, the details will be coming your way soon.

—E. Taij (Sec.).

Clarkson whose defensive kicking and tackling, penetrating running and accurate goal kicking brought the points in for the light blues.

Their opponents in the semi-finals will be U.W.I.S.T. at a neutral ground, possibly Manchester, within the next fortnight. Arrangements will be posted and it is expected that a supporters coach will be travelling.

NEWCASTLE: Clarkson, Currie (Capt.), Smith, Fincher, Jarvis, Wright, Campbell, Stone, Carlaw, Rennison, de Lacy, Gaskell, Trenholme, Dodsworth, Goodall.

Armstrong

R A F, A MINUTE

THOUGH late leaving, Armstrong sent out a competent full team squad to take on R.A.F. Boulmer. Mark with shampoo all over his kit and George asking the coach driver if the R.A.F. team had made any changes to the team since last year set the game off with a good laugh.

However, the cold, wet and windy day was nothing to



Newcastle jumping into the semi-finals.

laugh about, and it took everything from the team to pull off a narrow victory.

With the wind in their faces Armstrong remained in their own half for some ten to fifteen minutes, giving away an easily kickable penalty. Fortunately the attempt failed and Armstrong surged back renewed. Boulmer played a basically tactical game using their strength in the forwards and the boot in the wind to keep Armstrong from their line.

Racing Down

However, all was not despair as the backs frequently looking like scoring once they got running

with the ball. On numerous occasions Doug Coughtrie and Mark Ogden were sent racing down the wing, but the score remained 0-0 till half time.

Full Potential

This time with the wind behind them Armstrong surged forward. The forwards came alive and gave the three-quarters enough ball to send Coughtrie over in the corner. Boulmer almost pulled off a penalty and were near to a try, but Armstrong had their measure and were easily the better team on the day.

The team is at last showing the full potential of their excellent abilities.

Women's Inter-mural Leagues

NETBALL:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
St. Mary	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	8
E.P.H.	—	2	—	—	2	2	—	6
Poly 'B'	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	6
Poly 'A'	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	5
Havelock	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	4
Physio	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	3
Easton	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Geog.	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE TENNIS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
St. Mary	—	2	2	—	—	2	2
Poly 'A'	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Poly 'B'	—	—	2	2	2	—	8
E.W.H.	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Geog.	—	—	—	2	2	—	6
Easton	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
E.P.H.	—	—	—	2	2	—	4
Armstrong	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Havelock	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Physio	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

SQUASH

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Poly 'A'	—	—	2	2	2	2	2	14
Poly 'B'	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	10
Medics	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6
Geog.	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	6
Havelock	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
Physio	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
Maths	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4
E.W.H.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Armstrong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Easton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
E.P.H.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

BADMINTON

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Poly 'A'	—	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	13
Poly 'B'	—	—	2	2	2	2	—	—	11
St. Mary	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	10
Havelock	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	5
Geog.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5
Easton	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
E.P.H.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
Medics	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Physio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
E.W.H.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Armstrong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

Hockey

MEDICS CHICKEN

HOCKEY in the past ten days has been badly affected by the adverse weather with six of the eight games cancelled or postponed.

Last Wednesday the 1st and 2nd eleven's trip to Edinburgh had to be cancelled after heavy overnight rain made the Pepper-mill pitch more like a swimming pool than a hockey pitch. The same day the 3rd XI went up to Morpeth Grammar School and won 2-1.

The 4th XI played the Medics 2nd XI and deservedly drew 1-1, a request by the Medics to play the University 3rd XI had been refused. For the benefit of Medics, King's Hockey Club no longer exists, King's 1st XI is now the University 3rd XI and the King's 2nd XI is

the University 4th XI.

In the Indoor League the University turned out a side which played together very well and deservedly beat their opposition without too much trouble. D.H.S.S. were thrashed 12-1, and Tynemouth (formerly Northumbria) were least drastically beaten 8-3.

Pete Creighton out with a pulled thigh muscle, was substituted in goal by Mike Kettle who despite a slight lack of indoor experience, soon settled down and proved to be a more than adequate replacement.

Last weekend the swimming pools turned into ice rinks and matches against Hexham Grammar School and Tynedale had to be cancelled. The 1st XI match against the Medicals has been postponed which means that the 1st XI has now had three

league games postponed. The match on Saturday, February 5th, will now be a 1st XI league match v Durham City at Close House.

NEWS: John Wiseman is to be congratulated on being selected to play for the U.A.U. side against the Welsh H.A. side at Swansea last Sunday.

ANNUAL DINNER: The Hockey Club Annual Dinner is to take place on Friday, 4th March, at Close House. Professor David West, Pro-Vice Chancellor, has accepted an invitation to speak at the dinner.

Will everyone please let me know as soon as possible that they will be coming. Cost £3.00, and transport will be organised to and from Close House — add names to list on noticeboard.

League Tables — Inter Mural Soccer

DIVISION 1:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Mary's	7	5	2	0	45	11	12
Agrics.	7	5	0	2	23	14	10
Civil Eng.	8	5	0	3	28	28	10
Medics	7	3	3	1	16	14	9
Henderson 'A'	8	3	1	4	21	24	7
Havelock 'A'	5	2	0	3	16	15	4
German	8	1	1	6	17	32	3
N.C.C.	6	0	1	5	10	32	1

DIVISION 11:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Poly 'C'	7	6	1	0	32	19	11
E.P.H. 'A'	6	3	1	2	15	14	7
Poly 'A'	7	3	1	3	21	20	7
Geography	6	3	1	2	18	20	7
Freemans	7	1	4	1	20	16	6
Poly 'B'	5	2	2	1	10	8	6
Percy Building	7	2	1	4	19	23	5
Leazes	7	0	1	6	4	20	1

DIVISION III:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Geology	7	6	1	0	31	11	13
Economics	6	5	0	1	22	6	10
Fine Art	5	3	0	2	23	10	6
Miners	5	1	2	2	17	17	4
Law 'A'	4	1	1	2	11	15	3

DIVISION II:

Henderson 'B'	4	1	1	2	9	14	3
Embleton	6	1	1	4	8	22	3
Naval Arch.	5	0	0	5	7	33	0

DIVISION IV:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Poly 'D'	6	5	1	0	34	6	11
Poly 'E'	6	4	2	0	23	12	10
Planners	6	2	2	2	11	16	6
Social Studies	6	3	0	3	19	32	4
Surveying	6	2	0	4	20	19	4
Ethel Williams	5	1	1	3	14	23	3
Havelock 'B'	5	0	0	5	4	17	0

DIVISION V:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Mary's 'B'	7	6	1	0	35	5	13
Agrics. 'B'	6	5	0	1	21	8	10
Civil Eng. 'B'	6	4	0	2	23	9	8
Turks	6	3	1	2	31	21	7
Mech. Eng.	5	2	0	3	13	19	4
Poly 'F'	4	1	0	3	11	12	2
Architecture	6	1	0	5	6	41	2
Catholic Soc.	6	0	0	6	10	36	0

DIVISION VI:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
German Select	7	4	2	1	31	12	10

DIVISION VII:

Biochemistry	7	4	2	1	30	16	10
Malaysian Soc.	7	5	0	2	28	15	10
Medics II	6	3	1	2	14	11	7
Garnet Trotters	6	2	1	3	23	19	5
Politics	7	2	1	4	20	20	5
E.P.H. 'B'	7	1	1	5	13	48	3
Yorkshire Soc.	5	1	0	4	16	31	2

No results for: Wed. 17th Nov.

Div. III, Law 'A' v. Fine Art.
Wed. 1st Dec. Div. I: Havelock v. Medics, Agrics 'A' v. St. Mary's 'A'; Civil Eng. v. N.C.C.
Div. III: Law 'A' v. Naval Architecture.
Wed. 8th Dec.: Div. I, Havelock 'A' v. N.C.C.; Div. III: Poly 'A' v. Leazes; Poly 'B' v. Percy Building; E.P.H. 'A' v. Poly 'C'.
Div. V: Poly 'F' v. Catholic Soc.; Civil Eng. 'B' v. Turks; Architecture v. Agrics 'B'; Mech. Eng. v. St. Mary's

ODDS

A burglar was advised by a judge to retire last week after he had just been convicted for the twentieth time. As the judge said — how could he be a successful burglar when he had only one leg, a glass eye and a deformed hand? At York Crown Court the recorder told the burglar, Mr. Philip McCutcheon:

"You are a rotten burglar. You are always being caught and are always in trouble. It is time you gave up isn't it?" "And whoever heard of a burglar succeeding with one leg, something wrong with one hand, and a glass eye. You haven't a hope of getting away with it, not a hope and yet you are still doing it!"

'N' SODS

Student World

London

Investigations are going ahead at University College London following allegations that parts of bodies from the college hospital have been sold illegally. Two members of the post mortem room staff have been dismissed, and the inquiry is in the hands of the police. It has not been made clear, as yet, what bits, and of whom, have been the subject of these black market transactions.

Cairo

Students from the Al Azhar

University in Cairo took part in the fierce rioting last week, after the announcement of the government's intention to raise food and petrol prices. The rioters, including students, dock and factory workers, are thought to have numbered more than 5,000, and regular troops were called in to control the crowd.

Oxford

The Congregation of the University of Oxford will shortly be discussing plans to inaugurate a new college. The proposed college will be for post graduate students of clinical medicine, and the suggested name is Radcliffe College.

CATHOLICS ADOPT CHILEAN CHILDREN

STARVING and malnourished children of Santiago in Chile will be slightly better fed thanks to the efforts of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

The Chaplaincy has "adopted" one of the many soup kitchens which provide very basic food for the children living in the shanty areas of Santiago.

Every Wednesday they hold a bread and cheese lunch, the profits of which allow the Chaplaincy to send a regular donation of £20 a month to help finance the kitchen which serves about 50 children.

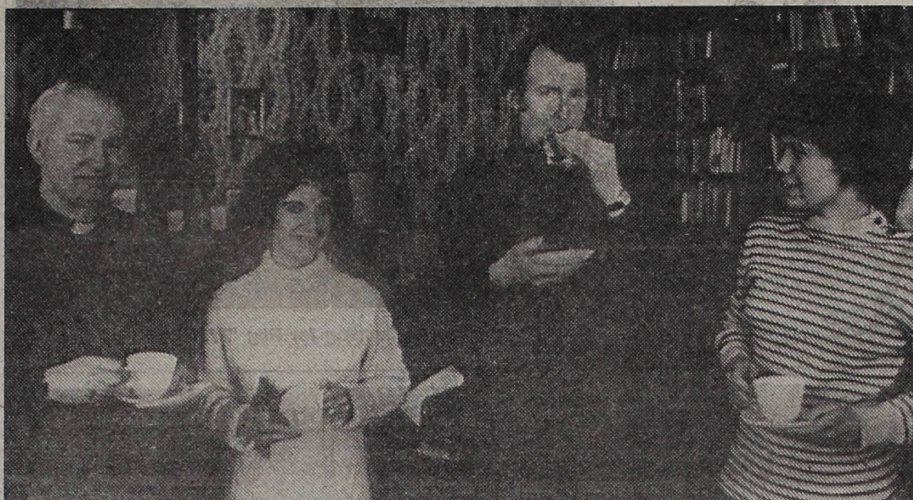
Miss Delores Swain, organiser of the adoption scheme, said last week "It is important that the soup

kitchen receives a regular income, and various events which we have held have enabled us to keep a regular flow of money through the vacations.

"Later this month we are planning to hold a Rich World/Poor World Supper at which one-third of the ticket holders will receive a four-

course meal. The other two-thirds will get just a bowl of rice. We hope that this will clearly demonstrate the inequitable distribution of food resources throughout the world.

"Money raised from this event will also go towards the Santiago soup kitchen".



Rev. Bob Spence (left) talking with members of the Chaplaincy.

SCIENCE REPORT

CAN the West still learn from the East in the field of medicine? Recent work by Russian scientists suggests that it might.

Although its use has long been scoffed at by the Western medical establishment, Ginseng, a medicinal root, has been widely employed in the Far East for the past 3,000 years as a general tonic and preventative medicine.

FLYING HIGH

Indeed it is still a big component in Chinese medicine today.

Studies have shown that regular doses can improve resistance to stress and lead to better performance in tasks requiring speed, stamina and accuracy. Ginseng is also free from the harmful side effects associated with other anti-fatigue drugs and has been used by Russian cosmonauts on recent space flights for this reason.

N.U.S. CONFERENCE:— FUN, FARCE OR FUNCTIONAL?

Richard Murphy, President of Newcastle University Students' Union and delegate to last December's National Union of Students' conference at Blackpool gives his impressions of the conference and suggests some changes which could improve the public image of the N.U.S. and increase the value of the conference.

"N.U.S. Conference" conjures up a variety of pictures to students: to some it is a very expensive waste of time, or worse, a positively harmful organisation, and to others it is "our Union" which is a necessity in a modern corporate state. Some students in fact are wildly enthusiastic about conference. Not me.

Blackpool was my first N.U.S. Conference and the effect, as the N.U.S. handbook says, is shattering. The scene in an enormous hall (the Winter Gardens) with the Executive on the stage, almost one thousand delegates and mass participation aided by various microphones on the floor of the hall. A dense pall of cigarette smoke adds character to the proceedings. We had four days to debate the issues of the world and yet an extraordinarily long time was spent debating "points of order."

Now of course in such an extreme democracy as the NUS no one could deny that following the correct procedure is vital, but I could not help wondering that for the sake of saving time which could have been used for debate, some delegates might have swallowed their pride and occasionally accepted the chairman's ruling. Conference really revelled in its procedural wrangles: it was such "fun" having votes about votes about votes about re-votes. I can't help wondering whether if the mass membership of NUS had been on the balcony watching the circus, conference would have been quite so proud of itself.

The assumption that more debating time is in itself a good thing is a little questionable. What debates NUS did find time for (four in four days!) were very predictable. There are a number of organised political groups in NUS which range from the "Trots" (International Socialists), the "Broad Left" (an alliance of Communists and Tribune Labour), the Union of Liberal Students and the Federation of Conservative Students. In addition there are a few Labour students around and the odd anarchist here or there. For each motion there are always recognisable "lines" (decided in the "caucus meeting" the previous evening). These appear in the various amendments to the main motion so that all debates tend to turn out the same with a certain allocation of time to the "Trot" amendment, then the Tories, then the Broads, etc. Again conference revelled in all this.

Debate on the future of the Service companies (mainly NUS Travel and Enleigh) almost ignored both the current state of the companies and their recent past history, and instead descended into an attempt to score political points by one group over another. I think it is true to say that we didn't have a "debate" on NUS Travel at all — what we did have was an attempt by the Tories to get the President of NUS, Charles Clarke, to resign (which included desperate moves to woo the



Charles Clarke, President of the National Union of Students.

"Trots"—such macabre political alignments are nothing new to NUS). "This is nothing but an attack on the Left by those who wish to destroy this Union," proclaimed Pete Ashby, the Deputy President, and Clarke was duly saved.

There seemed to be more excitement over the possibility of dumping Clarge than there was commitment to provide the best service facilities for the membership. It is a little odd that such a sad episode in the history of NUS as the collapse of one of its major service companies should arouse such enjoyment among delegates.

One cannot help thinking "who benefits" from NUS conference. I stress Conference rather than NUS in general, since the existence of a Union is a vital necessity in protecting the meagre rights of students from day to day, and any move to disaffiliate this Union can be effectively challenged on this argument alone. Unfortunately national conference is the shop window of NUS to the world—and a pretty dismal display it gives.

Take for example the attempt to eject Sir Keith Joseph from conference. After half-an-hour of ranting and when the situation was turning decidedly ugly, conference decided to throw him out, ostensibly on the constitutional nicety of not having applied for visitor status but really because then they could all live up to their political slogans. It was a straight case of "vote now, think later," and I'm ashamed to say the price NUS paid for allowing its conference delegates to indulge in their ideological masturbating was to make NUS a complete farce in the eyes of the world, and more particularly in the eyes of the membership back home.

Who benefits? Certainly national conference has the important role of controlling the executive and of deciding policy. However the impression that I was given was that the prime function of conference in the eyes of many delegates was

to enjoy themselves on a bi-annual political jamboree. National politicians can be silly at times but NUS student politicians are completely silly almost all of the time. Enjoying the party politicking seemed to be first priority and the welfare of students took a definite second place.

Before anyone uses this article to demand that we part company with NUS, let me make a few observations. NUS organises a variety of conferences throughout the year and they fall into two categories. On the one hand there are the decision making conferences like Blackpool, whilst on the other there are learning and information exchange conferences. The latter are generally extremely well organised and very useful for delegates, enabling student Unions throughout the country to do their job better. They are of a manageable size so that time is spent on the issues that matter rather than on procedural points.

Unfortunately it is the two jamborees that cost student Unions vast conference fees for what at first sight is very little immediate return. At the smaller conferences one is dealing with issues of direct relevance to the welfare of members whilst at National Conference most delegates seem to lose any idea of what a member is and what their interests are.

How can conference be improved? The frank answer is 'I don't know'. All that I do know is that something is desperately wrong at the moment. Perhaps it is the mentality of the delegates rather than weaknesses in conference structure itself. However from my novice's eye view I might make a few suggestions.

Firstly, why must we have two conferences per year? Most political organisations manage with one and it seems a financial extravagance to indulge in the whole process again five months later. (I'm told its even worse at Easter when the elections are held — the mentality of delegates reaches its political nadir).

Secondly, why do we need so many delegates per students' Union? Newcastle is allowed seven delegates and an observer. If card votes were used more often and were more efficiently run, I can only see a justification for one or at the most two delegates.

Thirdly, there should be a limit placed on the length of motions — some ran into three or four pages and were really a version of the proposing speech rather than a motion at all.

Fourthly, NUS ought to realise that it has limited resources and can only be effective if it concentrates on a small number of issues at a time. Throughout the conference there were calls for mass campaigns on almost everything under the sun. Having eighty-four mass campaigns running at the same time tends to dissipate energy and confuse the membership. We should be thinking in terms of giving priority to certain objectives, and then exerting student Unions throughout the country to achieve them.

There was an attempt, for example, to concentrate everyone's efforts to make all courses eligible for a mandatory grant from local education authorities, i.e. to abolish the "discretion" in discretionary awards. Many members thought that this might have been achieved had we made it N.U.S.'s major issue. However it was decided yet again to campaign on everything — higher grant, abolish means tests, discretionary awards, cuts, S. Africa, etc., etc., meaning that NUS in its campaigning achieves little. That NUS achieves results through obliging I think has been proved conclusively but then the success of this is only tenuously linked to the result of debate at conference.

Working, as I do, in almost daily contact with NUS I know from first hand experience that without NUS all students would be the poorer in many areas, National Conference is a very poor indicator of the work that NUS does and I ask members not to judge the Union on its public posturing but rather on its ability to fight for students on a day to day basis. I do condemn the structure of conference and in particular the mentality of some of the delegates to whom the whole episode is an opportunity to engage in party politics at their union's expense.

The genuine welfare of their constituents and the achievement of goals in a real world are completely forgotten (the "Trots" gave as their solution to the crash of NUS Travel a call to nationalise it by the government!). Since student welfare is in such a perilous state, it is a scandal that delegates are allowed to get away with such clearly counter-productive political posturing. As one delegate said: "if you live in cloud cuckoo land all you do is talk to cuckoos all day". NUS Conference could do with coming down to ground, shedding its cuckoos and concentrating on the needs of its members.

RAG '77 TO GET OFF TO A JUMPING START

RAG organisers breathed a sigh of relief last week as David Cassidy finally decided he was *not* available for the Rag Ball.

For further details of groups booked for Rag, watch this space..... There's a strong possibility that DLT will be doing the Saturday disco in the University Ballroom. The Carnival is to be started by three enthusiasts parachuting on to the Leazes Moor, possibly filmed from the plane by the B.B.C. Rag needs eighty people each day of Rag Week to sell Rag Mags — have you volunteered yet?

T-shirts should be on sale by the time this Courier comes out, only £1.50 each and available

from the Union Shop..... Rag needs you: what are you doing for Rag?



Clowning for Rag '77.

PERSONAL COLUMN

ADS.: 1p. per word, minimum 5p.

Ms. D. RANGED wishes to announce the forthcoming marriage of Paul Arney Hick to her daughter B. A. Ranged. No flowers please.

CAN MARTIN cope with his amazing technicolor yawn?

PATIENCE — WAIT ON. TOBY OR NOT TOBY — O FEEL YER!

GEOFF, do you know that flashing wears out your batteries!

DAPHY has SEALED her fate?

SUE WOOD — Ever been stood up?

PATIENCE? NO — NEVER.

ESKIMOS rub noses — so do Mark and Kim.

ARE YOU a budding cartoonist? Your talents are required for the Alternative Prospectus. We meet for inspiration in the Level 6 Committee Room, Thursday, 3rd February, at 6.30 p.m. See you then.

THE NEW GAYSOC now meets each Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. in the Wine Bar (upstairs), St. Mary's Place. New members, and old welcome. This advertisement cancels all previous announcements.

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SUE do you get bored sitting at home all on your own?

WHY aren't civil engineers civil?

REMEMBER: All 2nd drafts must be submitted to the Permanent Secretary, Room 2, Level 6, by Friday, 11th February.

SUE'S PHILING in for sherry in the nick of time — JAVA good time?

TO THE "person" who thinks we're fascinating but odd. It's going to be a lovely war.

HEY GIRL don't bother me, but how about you SUE?

TOO MUCH * * * is BAD FOR YOUR EYES KIM AND MARK.

WOWEE! — PATIENCE.

CAN Martin cope?

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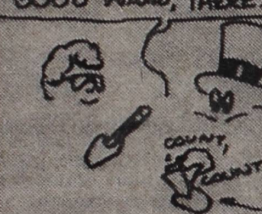
GEOFF — you're just a plane in the neck who can't put up with us slow coaches.

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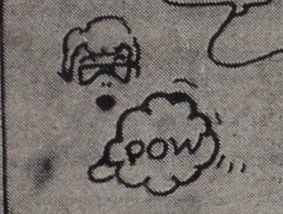
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YOU'VE BOUGHT A GOOD WAND, THERE.



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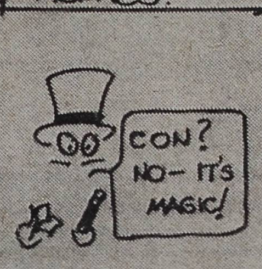
NEVER SEEN ONE MYSELF

AH, YOU'RE BACK



I'VE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THEM, THOUGH

by Holmes.



Events and Meetings Programme



NUSRC and Union Society

2nd FEBRUARY — 9th FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY, February 2nd—

S.R.C. Executive Committee at 2 p.m. in the Level 6 Committee Room.

THURSDAY, February 3rd—

Societies Finance Committee at 5.15 p.m. in the Level 6 Committee Room.

MONDAY, February 7th—

Working Party to discuss the aiding of would-be students in Newcastle for interview. All welcome. Level 6 Committee Room at 6.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9th February—

General Meeting at 1.10 p.m. to discuss Tuition Fees and other motions from the University Policy Conference. (Copies available from the Porters Lodge on deposit of Union card). Debating Chamber. S.R.C. Executive Committee at 2 p.m. Level 6 Committee Room.

—Vince Allen, Secretary.

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