



## 1st XV RUGBY TEAM IN TWICKENHAM FINALS TACKLE



1st XV reaching for victory.

OUR University 1st XV rugby team now stand just 80 minutes away from the glory of victory in the U.A.U. Championship Final at Twickenham.

Last Wednesday saw the team sweep to the final by knocking out holders U.W.I.S.T. by 6 points to 4, in a game in which the "Guardian" described the standard of play as "impressive"—high praise indeed!

Despite atrocious conditions and the fact that U.W.I.S.T. scored the only try of the match, the game was won up front, with Clarkson kicking the two all-important 35 yard penalties.

Now the team will face Loughborough at Twickenham on the 2nd of March and obviously rate their chances very highly.

Malcolm Trousdale, Athletic Union President and team coach, praised the spirit which has taken the side through to the final.

"It is not a team of individual stars", he said, "but has got where it is by producing good team rugby on the day".

Morale naturally is "sky-high", and despite the traditional consistency and fitness of the Loughborough side, the superiority of our forwards should pull them through a game which is expected to be "very, very, close".

"Special coaches are to be laid on for the match and anyone who wishes to go down will be catered for".

As he said "When the team clicks, it produces good rugby. Let's hope it clicks in the final".

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## Sex and Soccer fail to impress

THE prospects for graduate employment are on the decline, due to severe cutbacks in graduate recruitment by nationalised industries as a result of slashed public expenditure.

In addition, many graduates hunting for their first job are often staggered to discover that three years at University does not necessarily give them the right to more money than the man on the shop floor.

In his Annual Report, the Chief Careers Advisor, Mr. C. A. Slipper, makes the point that academic excellence alone is generally not sufficient for most employers. Many students fail to take advantage of the extra curricular activities, and some are quite incapable of discussing anything but "sex and soccer".

Many students awed at the prospect of working in industry, have either opted for postgraduate study — a course of action questioned by Mr. Slipper — or they opt for a life away from the ethic of striving and climbing and towards a less aggressive life style.

## FREE SPEECH POLICY TO BE CHALLENGED

IN direct contradiction to its current policy on racialism and fascism, the Students' Representative Council has been asked to adopt a policy of no platform for racist and fascist speakers.

Certain to produce heated discussion at the next meeting of S.R.C. Council on the 22nd February, when the proposals must be ratified to become policy, a no platform policy would bring into question the right of any student to bring to the Union, say, a National Front speaker paid out of S.R.C. funds.

The proposals as they stand, which were passed at a non-mandating General Meeting last Wednesday, urge the S.R.C. not to "extend their facilities to anti democratic group/forces" and not to "invite fascist and racist speakers".

In opposition to the motion Mr. Colin Fitzpatrick said that by banning racist and fascist speakers, this would merely have the effect of banning the problem to the gutter where it would fester. Adopting this motion was not the right way for the S.R.C. to fight racialism and fascism he added.

In spite of this plea, the proposition maintained that the adoption of the motion was a positive action, and the motion was passed by a substantial majority.

Ms. Amanda Stuart, Secretary of the Conservative Association said on Monday "I find it very regrettable that the people who spoke for this motion should have wished to 'con' that General Meeting. Read the motion — it is a no platform motion".

This motion has considerable implications with regard to the intended visit of Sir Keith Joseph next month, since his visit to the Union is partly financed by S.R.C. money.

Last week Sir Keith spoke at Essex University where he addressed about 500 students. As he arrived, flour bombs and eggs were thrown at him, and afterwards he admitted that it was one of the five

worst meetings he had attended in the last two years.

Last Tuesday week the Essex Students' Union made it clear that Sir Keith was not welcome, and organised a picket of about 150 protestors for last Friday's visit by Sir Keith.

One of the most crucial questions raised by the motion is who will decide whether a person is a racist or a fascist or not. Both Mr. Alan Macdonald and Mr. Vince Allen, Deputy President and Secretary of the S.R.C. respectively, and members of the Broad Left Movement, claim that Sir Keith's visit will not be jeopardised if the motion was ratified by S.R.C. Council. This does not mean to say, however, that the meeting will not be disrupted by protestors who claim Sir Keith is a fascist or racist.

Even if the motion is adopted as policy by the S.R.C., it will not prevent racist and fascist speakers from speaking in the Union (unless the Union Management Committee adopts a similar motion), since the S.R.C. and Union Society are totally independent bodies.

Other motions adopted at the General Meeting included one on West Germany, where the Government is making continued attacks on the student and Trades Union Movement.

A motion was passed which requests the S.R.C. to join in the fight against the increasing tendency towards an authoritarian society in West Germany.

## Students in shock horror car drama

FIVE medical students had a lucky escape last Wednesday when their car returning from a Sunderland Hospital, burst into flames just outside Gateshead.

John Oyston, the owner and driver of the car, a Ford Escort Estate, said that there was a smell of petrol and suddenly flames could be seen coming from under the bonnet of the car.

While John went to phone the Fire Brigade from a nearby office, two helpful Scottish and Newcastle Brewery draymen helped to put out the fire using carbon dioxide cylinders on their dray.

The next to arrive on the scene were the police who felt that the car was an obstruction and insisted on it being moved to the side of the road.

By the time the Fire Brigade eventually arrived the fire was extinguished and the car a write-off.

## SRC GETS ITS PRIORITIES ON NUS CONFERENCE

FROM almost 40 motions to be presented at the National Union of Students' Easter Conference, a motion on Northern Ireland should receive priority consideration, it was decided at a General Meeting of the Students' Representative Council last week.

A General Meeting, at which about fifty students were present, considered that other important matters Conference should discuss were Government economic policy and racialism. Motions which have a more direct relevance to students, such as grants and education cuts, mature students and educational policy were deemed to be of relatively minor importance in comparison with South Africa, Devolution and Palestine.

Unless amended at last Monday's meeting of S.R.C. Council, motions for N.U.S. Conference have been prioritised as follows:—

Northern Ireland; Government Economic Policy; Racialism; South Africa; Overseas Students; and Tuition Fees; Women; Gay Rights; Human Rights; Devolution; Palestine.

## Student Alcoholism causes concern

ALCOHOLISM amongst students is on the increase, and has reached a level which is causing serious concern with doctors at the University Health Service.

Although no figures exist to show exactly how prevalent it is amongst students in Newcastle, figures from other Universities suggest that as many as 50 students a year may be leaving the University with a potentially serious

drink problem.

Dr. G. Grant, Senior Medical Officer of the University Health Service, said last week "alcohol consumption among students is becoming a serious problem."

"We see quite a few students who have what amounts to a drink problem. Beer is available to them from virtually ten o'clock in the morning until virtually midnight. For many students this is their first experience of free access to drink, and many don't know how to handle it."

"We also have experience," said Dr. Grant, "of students not just with a drink prob-

lem, but with signs of alcoholism."

When under stress students tend to resort to alcohol as a form of self-medication, to get temporary relief when depressed or suffering from anxiety.

"The trouble is," said Dr. Grant, "alcohol tends to accentuate depression. It is a well known fact that suicide bids are often made the morning after a heavy drinking session."

"In addition we have had cases of depression where alcohol has been a contributing factor, to either academic failure or a complete drop-out from the

course."

In recent months several students have died as a result of excessive drinking, either through car accidents or asphyxiation. The most recent of these being a student at East Anglia University, at whose inquest the Coroner called for a major enquiry into the excessive drinking habits of students.

"Early signs of alcoholism are solitary drinking, craving for a drink at a certain time each day, drinking to cope with difficulties or worries, insomnia, regular binges, unwillingness to study and memory blanks," said Dr. Grant.

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 for me.

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 always come from behind, at  
 7.00 a.m.

ODE to Snoopie:  
 Music is fine,  
 Music is nice,

But save it for dancing,  
 That's my advice.

— G.

"I CANNOT question the propriety  
 of your decision — Oh, South  
 Kensington!"

JOHN AND PAULINE would like to  
 announce their engagement (per-  
 haps they will).

ARE Leazes Fell Walking Club go-  
 ing to make you an honorary  
 member for services rendered C  
 Jane?

DAVE: There is no way that ham  
 and mustard sandwiches can be  
 pie in the sky. — AUNT AGNES.  
 WHO is Leather Bottle's sexy little  
 mandolin player!

WHAT'S WRONG ALI, isn't my bum  
 tasty enough — T. Johnson.

H262 "Still only 50p."!  
 ANDY: You've seen mine, so can  
 I see yours?

SORRY it's a bit late — Why did  
 Father Christmas and his Fairies  
 take two days at Carol Nourses.  
 DO YOU prefer brown sauce to  
 stew?

COCAINE CLANCY has two hour  
 bone to share offers, F161.

IS IT TRUE JOHN SEED is form-  
 ing a TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.  
 Abbot.

IT'S TRUE — IT'S PATIENCE —  
 COO-ER!

A VALENTINE'S WISH FOR MARGE  
 FROM FRED.

UNISIZE — Does one DINE in  
 Havelock tonight.

PARISH out of control: 9 ft. skid  
 marks up Teresa.

INTERESTED in a room at Ethel  
 Williams Hall. Contact Judy  
 Corrie MH93 or tannoy in Union.

PARISH on the loose!! Pills in-  
 effective, use polyfills girls!

NIGHTLINE — would you like to  
 help? ..... Come to a meeting on  
 Monday, 21st February at 7.30  
 p.m. Committee Room B in the  
 University Union or telephone  
 612905, 8.0 p.m. — 6.0 a.m.

WHAT'S the matter, Andy? Don't the  
 girls at Ethels have them?

DAVE, F247. We hope you're better  
 at making love than changing  
 plugs and explaining chemistry in  
 anticipation — E + K.

COWIE YO U'RE DISGUSTING.

AT LEAST Ethel's Pratts enjoyed  
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## CAMILLA CARES - DO YOU?

Sir,  
 I WAS interested to read  
 Ms. Wright's comments on  
 the state of student apathy  
 in the Union in last week's  
 Courier. I have frequently  
 noticed that most students  
 are extremely unwilling to  
 remove themselves from  
 their comfortable seats in  
 order to attend important  
 meetings in the Debating  
 Chamber, however much  
 publicity the meeting is  
 given. Even a meeting on  
 a relatively interesting  
 topic, such as Rag, is  
 almost certain to be ill-  
 attended.

However, there is an  
 answer to this apparently  
 insoluble problem. In  
 fact, the Polytechnic  
 Union found it some time  
 ago. Instead of waiting  
 for students to come to

General Meetings, their  
 meetings are taken to the  
 students, and all subjects  
 of any importance (and  
 some of no importance  
 whatever) are discussed  
 in the Green Bar in the  
 Poly Union, where large  
 numbers of students are  
 usually to be found at  
 lunch-time.

This Mahomet-like action  
 (do students constitute a  
 mountain?) ensures that  
 there is always a quorum of  
 students, undisturbable by  
 petty Tories, at any given  
 meeting.

Although the University  
 Union has no bar approach-  
 ing the barn-like size of the  
 Green Bar, it seems to me  
 perfectly feasible to hold im-  
 portant meetings in the  
 Mixed Common Room, al-  
 ways supposing that Phil  
 Harris could bear to lend  
 some form of P.A., so that all  
 students could hear what was  
 going on.

I realise that in its infinite

wisdom, the Union no doubt  
 has some clause in its con-  
 stitution forbidding meetings  
 outside the usual places.  
 Nevertheless, there are  
 considerable problems in  
 getting students to attend  
 anything; holding meetings  
 in new and different places,  
 especially if the places are  
 equipped with a bar, might be  
 a useful incentive to get them  
 to turn up.

Yours etc.,  
 Camilla Herrmann.

## BLUE LION ROARS

Sir,  
 Your readers may wish to  
 note the existence of a  
 literary magazine being pub-  
 lished within the University  
 — "The Blue Lion". The  
 first issue was produced last  
 October, cheaply printed by  
 duplicator, but thanks to  
 support from the Students'  
 Union via the Literary  
 Society, the forthcoming  
 March issue will be properly  
 printed.

Creative material — poems,  
 short stories, critical articles  
 — as well as reviews and  
 letters from any source are  
 all welcomed, and copy  
 should reach me c/o School  
 of English, 3rd floor, Percy  
 Building, by March 4th, 1977  
 at the latest.

Yours etc.,  
 Peter Regan,  
 Editor.

## This Correspondence is now CLOSED

Sir,

In your review of the  
 Debate on whether God  
 is an unnecessary hypo-  
 thesis, you quoted from  
 the summing up by Pro-  
 fessor Hamilton in which  
 he used a phrase from the  
 Bible to suggest that the  
 Christian's faith is only a  
 blind hope: "Faith is the  
 substance of things hoped  
 for, the evidence of things  
 never seen".

In the context in which  
 those words originally  
 appeared, they refer to people  
 mentioned in the Old Testa-  
 ment — those who lived be-  
 fore Jesus Christ. They are  
 described as Men of God be-  
 cause they had the faith to  
 believe that sometime in the  
 future God would fulfil his  
 promise to provide a  
 Redeemer — someone who  
 would pay the price necessary  
 to cover man's wrongdoings.  
 They hoped — they had faith  
 — in something they did not  
 see in their lifetimes and God  
 'counted it to them as  
 righteousness'.

However, today we are in  
 a different position; our faith  
 is built on the firm  
 foundation of an historical  
 fact — the life, death and  
 resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
 of which we have well

attested eye witness accounts  
 which have never been dis-  
 proved.

We can not only look back  
 in faith, but we also look for-  
 ward in hope to the time  
 when Jesus Christ will  
 physically return to the world  
 (not as a baby in a Christmas  
 manger, but as a holy King  
 executing righteous judge-  
 ment), but that hope is not  
 blind, but is what the Bible  
 describes as 'a sure and stead-  
 fast anchor of the soul, be-  
 cause it is built on a historic  
 objective fact. Is not this  
 certainty worth having?'

Incidentally, during the de-  
 bate, one of the speakers  
 from the floor, a self con-  
 fessed atheist, surprisingly  
 used the term 'Christian'.  
 Logically, he could only do  
 this by misdefining the word  
 as 'Someone who goes about  
 doing good to other people'.  
 This might be a result of  
 Christianity, but it is not its  
 definition — as was said in  
 the debate, a Christian is  
 someone who has a personal  
 relationship with Jesus Christ.  
 This surely makes God very  
 real, because you can't have  
 a personal relationship with  
 a hypothesis.

And if God is real, then  
 God is God, and he ought to  
 be very necessary for each  
 one of us. Think it through.

One of the God Squad.

Yours etc.,  
 R. A. Bagnall,  
 Aldis House.

## RED MAC IS ONLY SLIGHTLY PINKISH

Sir,

As someone who has  
 been at the centre of the  
 setting up of a Broad  
 Left within Newcastle  
 University, I would like  
 to refute the allegations  
 made by Mark Taylor of  
 the Liberal Society last  
 week that Alan  
 Macdonald somehow  
 "sneaked into office" as  
 an independent, whilst  
 really being a member of  
 the Broad Left.

I believe it was the growing  
 acknowledgement by Alan of  
 the constructive role that  
 the Broad Left plays within  
 the National Union of Students  
 that led to his feeling able to  
 join the recently set up Broad  
 Left Society.

More especially our  
 support for peace and demo-  
 cratic and economic reforms  
 in Northern Ireland, as a  
 first step to solving the prob-  
 lems there, sadly absent from  
 Tory, Liberal, the present  
 right-wing Labour Govern-  
 ment or ultraleft policies  
 made sense after his fact find-  
 ing tour of the area last  
 summer. It is no coincidence  
 that the majority of N. Irish  
 Colleges send Broad Left  
 delegations to N.U.S. Con-  
 ference.

This is the truth of the  
 matter. Alan had no political  
 affiliation with the Broad  
 Left when he stood for  
 election. Please ask before  
 you condemn next time.

Yours etc.,  
 William Howard.

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# Welfare promoted in Level 6 reshuffle

WITH elections for next year's Sabbatical Officers only a month away, moves are afoot which will radically change the responsibilities of Officers of the Students' Representative Council.

The proposals are that the existing three Sabbatical positions continue, but the position of President is the only Office which escapes change. The Office of Deputy President, which is currently paid jointly by the S.R.C. and the Union Society, will go, and will be replaced by an Education and Welfare Officer.

The establishment of an S.R.C. Office which has responsibility for education marks a new departure for the S.R.C. Those elected to the Office will have responsibility for the academic welfare of students — "and to assist present and prospective students in obtaining the maximum influence in the content of their education".

Debates, which were the responsibility of the Deputy President, will now be taken on by the Convenor of Debates — a non-Sabbatical position.

All matters connected with the National Union of Students and other Student Unions throughout the country have been hived off from the Deputy President to a non-Sabbatical Vice-President of External Affairs.

The present Secretary of the S.R.C. and Union Society, Mr. Vince Allen, said last week "I think that the Vice-President of Welfare position is an extremely difficult one to do properly as a non-Sabbatical. Transferring the responsibility of welfare to the Sabbatical Education Welfare Officer, should improve the position immensely".

The President, Mr. Richard Murphy, was also very strongly in support of the proposals, saying "At last this Union is doing something about academic affairs. This is something we have been lagging behind in when compared to other Universities".

The proposals although approved at last Monday's meeting of S.R.C. Council, have yet to be approved by the Union Management Committee, which meets tomorrow.

### STOP PRESS

Due to possible confusion between the Education and Welfare Officer and the Welfare Services Officer — a permanent post held by Mrs. D. Stewart, it was decided to retain the title of Deputy President at last Monday's meeting of Council.

## Oxford Students delve deep into sex

WHO thought Oxford was a dull mundane University? Well evidently beneath this placid surface there, lie deep rooted sexual obsessions, that are to find their outlet in a questionnaire.

Under the guise of "study," two thousand Oxford students have been invited to tell all about their sex lives.

Ranging from the intimate "Are you a virgin?" and "How many partners have you had?" to the intellectual "What do you think of the local family planning services?", the questions are designed to delve deep into the unplumbed subconscious of the student mind.

Non-virgins will be asked to say how long they have been sexually active and in what proportion of love-making sessions they use a contraceptive.

It will be absolutely anonymous which may reduce the temptation to indulge in sexual bragging, and the results will be put to strictly sociological use.

"It is partly a sociological study to find out students' attitudes to sexuality and to discover their patterns of sexual behaviour," said Peter Anderson, fifth-year Medical student and one of the authors of the "Little Blue Book", which gives information and advice on sex and family planning to all Oxford undergraduates.

## MASSIVE PICKET

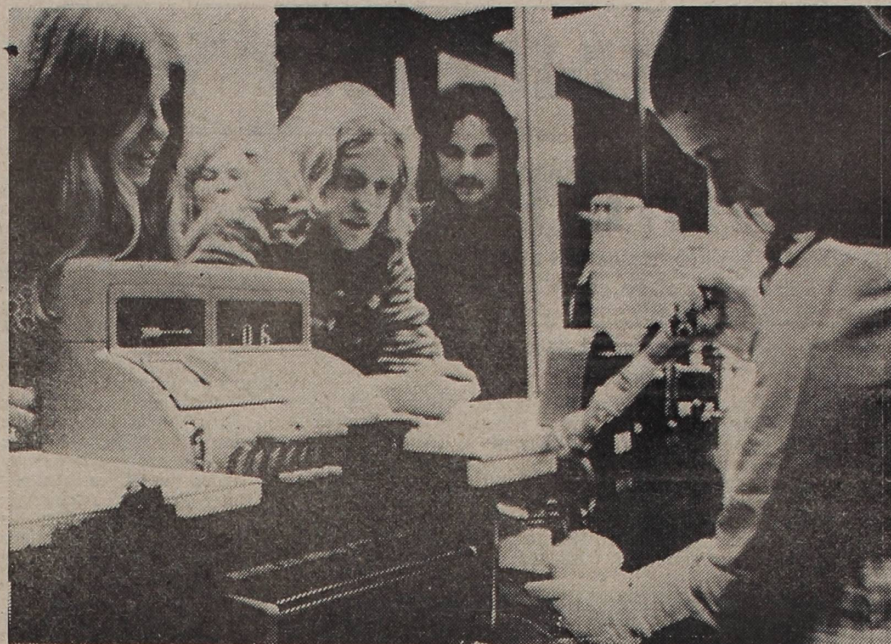
SEVERAL hundred students and Trade Unionists are expected at a picket of the Civic Centre this Friday when the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mrs. Shirley Williams, comes to Newcastle.

The lunchtime picket is to be held in protest against increased tuition fees for next year and the planned closure of St. Mary's and Ponteland Teacher Training Colleges.

Mrs. Williams is chairing the first of a series of regional Conferences on education which the Department of Education and Science is holding between now and the end of March.

Whilst the Conference is going on in the Civic Centre, Mr. Charles Clarke, President of the National Union of Students, will be chairing a meeting in Newcastle Polytechnic. The meeting will bring together students in the North East and representatives of N.U.P.E. and N.A.T.F.H.E., to discuss the effects of the education cut backs on North East schools and colleges.

As the introduction of the higher tuition fees approaches, case examples of self-financing students who are seriously considering whether they can avert the necessity to give up their



Audrey pulls the first pint.

## REAL BEER PULLS AWAY TO A QUICK START

REAL beer got off to a flying start when it came to the Union last Thursday evening.

In just three and a half hours Audrey, the barmaid behind the Lower Bunroom bar, pulled her way through 400 pints of McEwan's 80/-, which went down a treat with the long-suffering real beer addicts.

By the middle of Friday evening, Audrey had to hang a sign on the decorative hand-pump informing those who had come in search of a pint of real ale, that the Union

had sold out.

In the light of this embarrassing position, Mr. Terry Lamb, the Union Administrator, decided to double this week's order of real ale from Scottish and Newcastle breweries, to twelve casks.

Comments from members of the Real Beer and Ale Society indicated that their mouth was where their money was, and many were delightfully happy with the return of real beer to the Union after an absence of two and a half years.

courses, are beginning to emerge.

Their future is all the more uncertain because of the Government's refusal to give any indication of likely tuition fee charges in the next two or three years, and the doubt which surrounds the Government's own hardship fund for overseas students, and the mooted fund for self-financing home students.

## Beer prices rocket in new round of increases

AS people reading this may already be aware, beer prices in the Union have risen again.

This is due to a price increase in all beers brewed by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries of 1p a pint wholesale which will probably result in a retail price increase of 1½p a pint.

A spokesman for S & N breweries stated (not surprisingly) that the increases were unavoidable due to rising costs of raw materials and overheads, despite record profits in the last six months (before tax).

He also pointed out that the last price increase of benefit to S & N Breweries (as opposed to the January price rise which was to appease the Chancellor of the Exchequer) was in October 1976 and then only some beer prices were increased, and in fact the prices of McEwan's Scotch and Export have not risen since June 1976.

### RISE EXPECTED

Mr. Terry Lamb, the Union Administrator, said that the price rise had been expected as Tetley's had raised their prices in January and an increase in Federation Brewery prices was expected in the near future.

The pattern of drinking in the Union does not appear to have changed with the increases. In fact, states Mr. Lamb "if it wasn't for the patronage of certain students of the Lower Bunroom on Thursday nights, there would be inadequate consumption of Federation Ordinary (the Union's cheapest beer) to justify keeping it".

Beer drinkers, however, have a champion in Mr. Ted Garrett, M.P. for Wallsend, who plans to question the Government on the latest increases which he feels are unjustified.

## TWO NEW CHAIRS

LAST week the University announced the appointment of two new Professors.

Mr. Michael Jones-Lee has been appointed to the Second Chair of Economics from 1st August 1977 when his current post at York University ends.

### TRANSPORT

Mr. Peter Hills has been appointed to the Chair of Transport Engineering, and will take up the post when his present appointment at Leeds expires.

## University Pub Licence Bid Adjourned

AN application by the University for a pub licence has been adjourned for the second time, pending further investigations by the Magistrates.

The adjournment follows objections by the City Police at the Magistrate's hearing last week. These were that according to the 1964 Licencing Act, premises with a pub licence cannot have direct access to premises with a club licence.

Since the University application is for the Long

Bar in the Lower Refectory, the police are concerned that members of the general public will have free access to the Union Society building which holds a Club Licence.

The Magistrate's have decided to investigate the assurances made by the University that the link door between the Union and the Refectory would be manned during licencing hours by a porter.

Until the Magistrate's reconsider the application in a month's time, planned alterations to the Long Bar will not go ahead.

## University acts on Summerhill complaints

RESIDENTS who complained that their rooms were infested with cockroaches, have been placated by the University after the intervention of Mr. Richard Murphy, President of the Students' Representative Council.

Last November, many of the 40 postgraduate students living at Summerhill House, the University-owned flats in the West End of Newcastle, claimed that their rent was excessive in comparison with Richardson Road flats, and made many complaints about

the standard of accommodation and the facilities provided at Summerhill House.

### COMPLAINTS

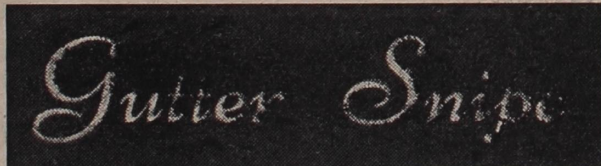
Mr. Murphy took up these complaints with the University's Housing Manager, Mr. H. H. Wigram, last December, and it appears that as a result the University has made several improvements to Summerhill House.

These include a regular contract with the pest control firm Rentokil, improved ventilation, new refrigerators and more cupboard space,

and an improved standard of cleaning.

Mr. Murphy said last week "I am very pleased with the prompt and speedy action of the University. They have responded to virtually every request I made and I understand that the residents of Summerhill House are also chuffed with their improved facilities".

Further improvements to the property, whilst not possible this year, have not been ruled out. It is probable that the present roof which has been a source of trouble will be the next item to receive attention.



WE were shocked to hear the other day that the glamorous and versatile Lorraine Monk was driven to writing to Courier through sheer exasperation.

We can hardly believe her naivety when it comes to the inaction of the Societies Financing Committee last week. Surely she realises that after arguing about terms of reference for half an hour, the Committee would have looked very silly indeed if they had granted anything at all.

Sad although it is, Ms. Monk has made it apparent that she has not been let into the secret of the new super democracy planned for the Union. Based on the tenet that democracy stems from the barrel of a committee, Courier has obtained a copy of a highly secret Murphy document outlining the revolutionary changes.

1. The creation of 360 new committees. To cover every aspect of student activity, so these combined with the Committee for the setting up of committees, the committee for naming committees and the working party on co-ordinating committees should provide every student with a chance to be on a committee.
2. The rewriting of the Constitution into several subtly different versions, to promote more efficient in-committee technical arguments.
3. The creation of 78 new committee rooms (some of you may already have heard rumours about a proposed new Union . . .).
4. The inauguration of at least 12 new Sabbatical Officers to act as chairpeople.
5. The creation of a 48-hour day.

# SCENE CITY

## SUBTITLED SIN

TO see the exquisitely filmed 'LA FAUTE DE L'ABBE MOURET' (the sin of Father Mouret) showing at the Tyneside Cinema, 16th-17th February at 7.30 p.m., is to escape into a fantasy world — although a very adult one.

A French film with subtitles, it has a hint of mystery throughout combining the real with the symbolic in a fairy-tale about consummated love in a remote country village in France.

Serge Mouret (Francis Huster) is a young and de-

vout priest, who arrives to work there with Brother Archiangas (Andre Lacombe), who professes a rigid moral code and despises Mouret's tolerance. The villagers are gross and heathen, and the gentle Mouret is shocked by their



Oh God — I've forgotten to take my furtleberries.

greed and cruelty.

However he soon meets Albine (Gillian Hills) who lives at 'Paradou' (Paradise for the ignorant) a beautiful estate outside the village, with, of course, an enchanting garden! And it is here that Mouret meets his temptation.

While recuperating from an illness at 'Paradou', by which he fortunately lost his memory, he is led into the garden by Albine and there they spend many happy hours — hence the 'X' certificate!

But Brother Archiangas has been watching over his spiritual health and reminds him harshly of his past, and makes him leave 'Paradou' and his love.

And the film being for hardened adults, does not have a fairy-tale ending. The lovers are not re-united and nasty Archiangas receives his painful due from Albine's uncle. (Quite an awful it is too!). Serge spends the rest of his life in penitence for his 'sin' for which Albine had to pay a heavier price.

A savage attack on Roman Catholics perhaps, but still a very sad and beautiful film set in a distant time and place, which allows Newcastle to drift away for a while — can't be bad!

Angela Noble.

# BOOKS

"THE SURVIVAL HANDBOOK — SELF SUFFICIENCY FOR EVERYONE" by Michael Allaby. (Pan, £1.25).

Edited and compiled by Michael Allaby, the man who rose to fame whilst working for the Ecologist magazine. The book takes you on a guided tour of self-sufficiency from how to make a wooden spoon to how to run your own community.

Allaby has brought together facts and information from a whole variety of sources, and presents it in a readable and not too technical manner. The section on energy dispels many of the myths about getting cheap energy from pig muck, and discusses the more practicable designs of solar roofs and windmills made from sliced up oil drums.

The Survival Handbook stretches its coverage on self-sufficiency, however, when it describes how to build your own sea-going fishing boat in just seven pages, especially when the book takes the same number of pages in telling you how to make a paint brush.

The book is packed with ideas and suggestions for those among us who wish to remain in the rat race, particularly the large section devoted to the growing and preparation of food.

# DIARY

## Cinema

### ABC HAYMARKET

Sweeney, 1.30, 5.10, 8.45. Tiffany Jones, 3.15, 6.50.

### ABC WESTGATE ROAD

1 Emmanuelle, 2.25, 5.45, 9.00.

I Will If You Will, 3.55, 7.15.

2 The Enforcer, 1.05, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.

Hollywood, 2.45, 5.15, 7.50.

### QUEENS

The Pink Panther Strikes Again, 1.20, 3.45, 6.15, 8.40.

Free As A Bird, 3.05, 5.35, 8.00.

### ODEON FILM CENTRE

1 Carriq 1.00, 4.55, 8.50. Operation Undercover, 2.45, 6.40.

2 Yes in Yessongs, 2.50, 4.55, 7.00, 9.00.

Beginnings, 2.10, 4.15, 6.20, 8.20.

3 At The Earth's Core 2.40, 5.50, 8.55.

Birds Of Prey, 1.10, 4.20, 7.25.

### STUDIOS 1-4

1 Erotic Quartet, 2.40, 5.40, 8.45. Bed Games, 4.00, 7.05.

2 To The Devil A Daughter, 1.40, 5.05, 8.30.

The Devil Rides Out, 3.15, 6.40.

3 Logan's Run, 4.10, 8.00. Westworld, 2.30, 6.15.

4 Death Blow, 2.20, 5.30, 8.45. King Of Kung Fu, 3.45, 6.55.

### THURSDAY NITE MOVIE

USEC presents Fellini's \*\*Roma\*\* in the Curtis Auditorium (School of Physics) 7.30. Tickets 35p from the Porters Lodge

### TYNESIDE CINEMA

Until Sat. 19—The Missouri Breaks, 4.30, 8.30.

Midnight Cowboy, 6.40.

Mon. 21 - Sat. 26—Jesus Christ Superstar, 5.30, 8.40.

Crystal Voyager, 7.20.

### IN THE CLUB CINEMA:

Wed. 16 - Thurs. 17—La Faute de L'Abbe Mouret.

Fri. 18 - Sat. 19—Slither.

Mon. 21—An evening of Horticultural Films.

Wed. 23 - Thurs. 24—Tristana.

Fri. 25 - Sat. 26—El Topo. (For times phone 21507).

### SIDE CINEMA

Wed. 16—Gumshoe, 7.30.

Thurs. 17—The Nightcleaners, 7.30 (club show).

Fri. 18—Adult Fun, 7.30 (club show).

Sat. 19—Gumshoe, 7.30.

Sun. 20—Charlie Bubbles, 5.00, 7.30.

### ROYALTY, GOSFORTH

Return Of A Man Called Horse, 7.40.

### WEST JESMOND PICTURE HOUSE

Fear Is The Key, 7.00. Survive, 8.45.

### KINE CLUB

All films shown in the Fine Art Lecture Theatre at 7.00.

Tickets 40p.

Wed. 16—Arthur Penn's Alice's Restaurant.

Mon. 21—Oshima's Diary Of A Shinjuku Thief.

Wed. 23—Paul Newman's Effect Of Gamma Rays On Man In The Moon Marigolds.

## Theatre

### THEATRE ROYAL

Mon. 21 - Sat. 26—The Actors Co. in Pinero's romantic farce The Amazons, 7.15. (Also Sat. 5.00 and 8.00). 60p. — £2.50.

### GULBENKIAN STUDIO

Thurs. 17 - Sat. 19—Ango-German Society present Durren-matt's Die Physiker. Performed in German. 7.30. (Mat. Thurs. 2.30). 60p.

Mon. 21—Contemporary Music Workshop presented by the Music Dept. 1.10. FREE.

Wed. 23 - Thurs. 24—The Actors Co. in After Liverpool by James Saunders. 1.10, 60p.

Thurs. 24 - Sat. 26—Spanish Dept. presents Barroca Abajo by Florencio Sanz. 7.30 (Mat. Fri. 2.30). 60p. In Spanish

### PEOPLE'S THEATRE

Sat. 19—People's Lit. An evening of words, wit and wisdom with company members and guests. Details from box office (655020).

Fri. 25 and Sat. 26—British Theatre of the Deaf presents The Most Dangerous Animal Of All by John Abulafia. 60p.

### SUNDERLAND EMPIRE THEATRE

Sat. 25—The Rock and Roll Show starring Bert Weedon, Marty Wilde and Carl Simmons. 8.00. 65p + £2.

Mon. 28 - Sat. 5—Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. 7.00. (Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2.15). 60p - £1.30.

## Music

### WED. 16

City Hall: Bach Orchestra of the Leipzig Gewandhaus with Gerhard Bosse (solo violin). Programme includes Haydn's Symphony No. 8 in G (Le soir) and Suite No. 2 in B minor by Bach. 8.00. 50p - £2.50.

King's Hall: Newcastle Chamber Music Society presents the London Oboe Quartet. 7.30. £1.20 at door.

### THURS. 17

Uni. Theatre: National Health. 8.00. £1.00.

People's Theatre: Philadelphia String Quartet. Programme includes works by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Bartok. 7.30. £1.00.

City Hall: Daniel Wayenberg (piano). 8.00. Students 75p.

Uni. Theatre: Lunchtime recital by Nigel Harrison. 1.10.

### FRI. 18

Poly: Lonestar and The State Line Band. 60p adv., 80p at door. £1.20 after 10.30. Next week (Fri. 25) Doctors of Madness plus Pat Travers Band plus Route 77.

Uni. Ballroom: USEC presents a Real Beer Festival with Mike Absalom. 50p. Late bar. In association with the Real Beer and Ale Society. Next week (Sat. 26) Scaffold.

Uni. Theatre: Friday Folk with Mik Elliot in the bar. FREE.

Wallsend Arts Centre: Folk night with resident artist Anthony Robb.

Mayfair Ballroom: The Sensational Alex Harvey Band (without Alex). 8.00 - 1.00. £1.20 before 10.00. £1.40 after.

### SUN. 20

Sunderland Empire Theatre: Alan Price plus Lamplight. 8.00. £1.00 - £2.00.

### TUES. 22

Trent House: Folk Club present John and Sue Kirkpatrick. 7.30. 35p.

### WED. 23

Poly: Alternative Rock Soc. present The Stranglers plus Raven plus Vince Clit plus The Crocodiles.

## MEDIC BASHING

"GENIUS finds its true expression in medicine," was the motion discussed at the Henry Miller Memorial debate last Friday, in the debating chamber.

The motion was proposed by Prof. John Walton, the Dean of Medicine. He pointed out that many contributions to medicine had been made by past geniuses and gave Da Vinci's anatomical drawings as an example. Also Jenner and Pasteur had changed our lives drastically by inoculation against disease and prevention of bacterial infection.

Father Bob Spence, the Catholic chaplain at the University, speaking against the motion, said that it held an implicit arrogance. To say that only Doctors could truly be geniuses was blatantly untrue.

He did however say that genius could find its true expression in medicine and in that context the motion was a true one. However Father Spence said "We don't innuocinate the truth on every occasion".

He believed that the medical profession as a whole is suffering from the disease

'creeping genius', illusions of their infallibility.

Mr. Paul Ince, seconding the motion, pointed out that 'true genius', may only be a concept, that doesn't truly exist. He did not believe that genius could express itself truly in any sphere, particularly in Agricultural economics and Dentistry.

"Medicine," he said, "is a subtle integration of Art and Science and in order to be good at it a Doctor must understand people, the way they behave and their diseases". Although competence in the art of medicine takes a life-time, it may be the only way in which true genius can be expressed.

Mr. Richard Murphy, President of S.R.C. and the Union Society, seconding for the opposition, freely admitted that in his speech he would indulge in pure, unadulterated, Medic bashing. He wanted to know why Doctors always practised and



Professor Walton — Dean of Medicine.

never got it perfect.

Mr. Murphy gave an amusing quote from the annual report of the Medical Defence Union. It cited the case of an Australian pensioner who had complained to the Medical board about his G.P. The Doctor in question had been charged with 'commercialism, overcharging, mis-diagnosing and an improper attempt to sell his bicycle to the complainant's wife.

'Sanitary engineering,' he

said, brandishing a chamber pot, 'is far more responsible for saving life than modern medicine.' He reminded the Medical students in the Chamber that they had better support the motion for fear of failing their Stage Three exams.

In the summing up, Bob Spence made a final plea to the audience to forget 'creeping genius'.

Prof. John Walton conceded that criticism of the medical profession was in the most part justified. Handling people as people and caring for their patients was the ultimate job of a Doctor and that to do this requires true genius.

The motion was overwhelming- defeated.

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### TYNESIDE CINEMA

This week in the Public Cinema BRANDO & NICHOLSON in Arthur Penn's THE MISSOURI BREAKS (AA)

4.30 and 8.30 and DUSTIN HOFFMAN, JON VOIGHT MIDNIGHT COWBOY(X) 6.40

Next week: JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR (A) and CRYSTAL VOYAGER (U)

This week in the Club Wed. 16 and Thur. 17 at 7.30 LA FAUTE DE L'ABBE MOURET

Franju's beautiful version of the Zola novel. Fri. 18 and Sat. 19 at 7.30 SLITHER

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## CAMPUS CRUSADE

ONE time folk guitarist Gordon Giltrap has found a better way to play:

Never mind that quiet acoustic sound, he's into synthesisers, drums and decibels nowadays, and all in aid of a campus crusade.

Last Wednesday's concert was part of the week-long Christian campaign 'Towards a better way'.

The aim of the event was 'secular', said one of the organisers, but he hoped it would give publicity to some evangelical talks held later in the week.

Apparently Gordon Giltrap had played here at a similar mission event three years ago. "It's a bit embarrassing", he said, "as I was a committed Christian at the time". He still believes in God but is no longer actively Christian. "I thought people knew" he added.

Largely a gathering of the faithful, the concert was opened by singer/guitarist Granville Sykes. His songs dwelt on the spiritual side of life and was enthusiastically applauded as much for his sentiments as his music I feel.

In stark contrast, the support band Strange Days followed with a 'heavy' set which included a rather inappropriate number about

Some were taken from his latest record 'Visionary' which is a 'theme-album' based on a series of paintings and poems by William Blake.

He has been playing professionally for 8 years now and after a long spell as a folk artist he moved into the rock field 2 years ago.

He feels that the folk scene has become too restrictive. "The excitement has gone out of it" he said. "I was trying to be a professional in an amateur environment".

Fred Bloggs.



Gordon Giltrap.

## NO FLIES ON HERRIOT

"THERE are three ages of man: youth, middle age and 'My you're looking well'." This was just one of W. B. Sinclair's amusing quotes in his highly entertaining illustrated lecture entitled "Tristan—talks on James Herriot," at the very well attended lecture in the Curtis Auditorium last Thursday, organised by the Zoological Society.

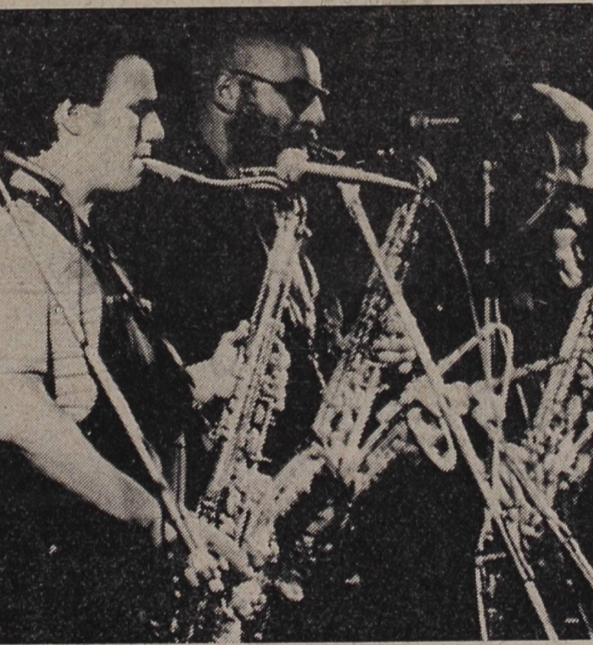
Abounding in amusing, nostalgic reminiscences of the practise in Thirsk, he gave a very personalized and highly informative talk on the man and his work.

He informed us of the Herriot 'Daft sense of humour', and portrayed to the audience the hectic and varied life of the veterinary profession coloured by memorable anecdotes which have in themselves made Herriot's books so popular and made his five published volumes so far world best sellers.

In one such anecdote Mr. Sinclair — actually 'Tristan' in the Herriot Vet. series — told of a visit to a pub in Harrogate, with an environmental Health officer, who admonished the publican for the dirty facilities.

On returning a couple of months later, the situation was vastly improved. The officer however, was puzzled by a piece of string hanging from the publican's fly, and asked its purpose. The publican replied "When I go to the toilet I don't have to touch it".

Remarking on Herriot's success Mr. Sinclair put it



## SOMETHING OR OTHER

IF you want to bop something out of your system anytime, make for the rock disco in the Long Bar any Saturday night but be careful of the two foot deep bed of dandruff on the floor coz it's that kind of music.

down to his down to earth style and the fact that his books are about ordinary people and their lives.

He summed up this relaxed and memorable talk by quoting Herriot's favourite compliment, paid to him by a Yorkshire farmer, who said, "Your books are all about now".

In fact we spent so long wading through the said dandruff we missed the beginning of the Ultravox set. Never mind, They weren't that much to shout about anyway. The bassist got a nasty farty tone out of a Les Paul Triumph, and though the singer had reasonable stage style and a very fine voice, they were pretty boring to listen to and extremely boring to watch.

The Uglies.

## CULTURE RETURNS TO UNION TONIGHT

TODAY sees the start of a series of musical entertainment organised by the recently formed Cultural Affairs Committee.

This evening's concert in the Union Library on Lebel Five consists of six Shakespearean songs composed by Thomas Arne.

Written in the 18th century, the music accompanies Shakespeare's plays, and was very popular with the public.

Later events planned for this term include poetry readings, glee singing by the University Gentlemen's Glee Club, a production by the Fine Arts Performance Group and further musical evenings.

## ODDS

From last Monday's Evening Chronicle and an article about the building of the Metro system:

Leon Fairclough Ltd. said: 'We are tunnelling in builder clay and we are coming across a few actual builders embedded in the earth.'

## 'N' SODS

Perhaps it was just nerves but they seemed absolutely engrossed in changing from A to E7 and didn't appear to be enjoying themselves at all. Anyway, we went back to the rock disco.

Supercharge were very entertaining. This is because they present a stage act (as opposed to a series of songs) in the same way as Jack the Lad though arguably not as high a musical standard. When Supercharge played support to Queen last year, the stage-act idea flopped dismally, but in these smaller halls it works a treat.

## LACK OF HAIR

The ringmaster for the evening was Albie Somethingorother, a singer/saxophonist whose extreme wit is only exceeded by his extreme lack of hair. He seems to tell the most jokes and make with the patter between songs while the remaining six of them chip in with doo-wops, aaahs and assorted obscenities.

Remember that old Stone's motto, well Supercharge have their own version, "We'll take the piss anywhere, man", nothing is sacred to these bums, punk, boogie, pop, we had skits on them all and very funny they were too.

But the best part of the evening was the mug-solo from the audience after the second encore. Great stuff.

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# Courier's Guide to Folk Music in Newcastle

COURIER'S folk music correspondent Ian Coward takes you on a pub crawl of Newcastle pubs which provide folk entertainment, from the local Trent House to more distant places, such as Cramlington.

**BORED with rock music? Tired of being deafened by this month's superstar? Then why not give folk a try!**

An evening at a folk club must be one of the best forms of live entertainment available in Newcastle today and it is certainly one of the cheapest.

When the average rock concert costs a pound or more the 30p or so charged by most clubs is modest enough.

Folk music is a living art form with roots that go back hundreds of years. 'Folk' means 'of the people' and folk songs and tunes give expression to the lives and experiences of ordinary people as much today as they did in the past. It is, above all, live music, to be enjoyed in a crowded bar room rather than intellectualised over at concerts or on records.

In the folk world there are no rigid barriers between performers and the audience. Everyone joins in the choruses and many of the musicians who play in clubs are just ordinary members (called 'floorsingers' or 'residents') who play a few numbers just for the fun of it.

## DISTINCTIVE LOCAL FLAVOUR

Most clubs have 'singers nights,' when the entertainment is provided solely by members, and 'guest nights' when visiting artists are booked in addition. Some go one step further and work on a 'singaround' basis where there are no paid guests and virtually everyone is expected to perform in some way.

Northumbria has a long musical tradition, and many of the artists who perform in Newcastle clubs are themselves Geordies, giving a distinctive local flavour to the music.

Both traditional and contemporary schools are thriving in the North-East at present with artists like the HIGH LEVEL RANTERS maintaining a solidly traditional front, and young singer-songwriters like PETE SCOTT and PETE BOND writing in contemporary style about life on Tyneside today.

To the uninitiated there might appear to be little reason for the division that exists between traditional and contemporary folk. Indeed there is an undesirable amount of snobbery in some 'trad' circles who look down on anything at all experimental.

## FREE LUNCHTIME SHOWS

In addition to the clubs there are a number of other venues which hold folk events from time to time. The University Theatre has been active in the folk field in the past and last terms Folk Festival was a notable success. A week long event, the evening concerts in the main auditorium were augmented by free lunchtime and evening performances in the more informal atmosphere of the theatre bar.

Rather less well attended was their 'Northumbrian Night' in which a number of local musicians and a dialect poet performed in the main auditorium. It does seem that folk loses a lot of appeal in the formal atmosphere of the theatre.

This term a number of Friday night events are to be held in the theatre bar which will be recorded for broadcasting by Radio Newcastle.

On-campus folk is organised in a rather sporadic fashion on Wednesday evenings by USEC but these concerts have been poorly attended in the past. Bookings for this term have not been confirmed yet as the USEC member responsible for them has disappeared! Rag have booked RALPH McTELL (see diary) for the princely sum of £850, a bargain price apparently as the proceeds go to charity.

## THE CLUBS

**The Ford Arms folk club (Shields Road, Byker, Mondays) has a strong traditional bias. In addition to guest nights they plan to hold "theme evenings" featuring songs and narrative from a particular historical period. The first of these, entitled "Cruel Wars," is on the 18th April when the theme will be the Napoleonic wars.**

Tuesday seems to be the most popular night of the week with at least four clubs to choose from. First and foremost, the University Folk Club in the Trent House, Leazes Lane is probably one of the best in town. Always cheerfully crowded in the bizarrely decorated upstairs room which is such a contrast to the 'spit and sawdust' bar below, it nearly always has a good atmosphere (a view shared by visiting artists incidentally). It is not particularly biased to traditional or contemporary music and guest artists are booked most weeks.

For those who live in Heaton, the Chillingham Hotel, Chillingham Road, is an alternative. A recently reformed club, they have a resident band called 'Heritage' and are basically a trad club who hope to be booking guests in the near future.

## SEVERELY TRADITIONAL

For those with transport, the Cramlington Folk Club at the Blagden Arms, Cramlington, is also a trad club, at least as far as fortnightly guest bookings are concerned. Last but not least there are Tuesday folk evenings at the Blackbird, Ponteland.

On Wednesdays, the County Hotel, Gosforth is mainly a singers club who only book guests occasionally. They have two resident groups, 'North Face' and 'Cregan', and claim to be the longest running club in Newcastle (9 years!). They are open to all types of folk and even Country and Western.

The Bridge Folk Club is probably the best in town from a purely musical point of view. It is held on Thursdays upstairs in the Bridge Hotel (in the city, at this end of the high level bridge). Home of the famous 'High Level Ranters', it is well worth visiting, but dress warmly as the place is freezing at this time of year. Severely traditional in outlook, they take their music very seriously and will glare at newcomers who talk during the performance!

Finally there is a 'singaround' on Fridays at the Cumberland Arms, Byker, and if you happen to be down south for the weekend Durham University hold their folk club on Saturdays.



Resident group at the Trent House — Leather Bottle.

## FOLK DIARY

### February

- 15th Ying Tong John (Trent House), Tom Gillsellen (Cramlington).
- 18th Mik Elliot of Northern Front (University Theatre).
- 22nd John and Sue Kirkpatrick (Trent House).
- 28th Johnny Handel (Ford Arms).

### March

- 1st Dave Burland (Trent House).
- 2nd Ralph McTell (Poly Ballroom—Rag Event).

- 4th Dick Gaughan (University Theatre).
- 8th Mathews Brothers (Trent House).
- 11th Barry Moore (University Theatre).
- 14th Mik Hayward (Ford Arms).
- 15th Straw Head (Cramlington), Come All Ye (Trent House).
- 18th Tony Capstick (University Theatre).
- 22nd Swan Arcade (Trent House).
- 25th Bob Eaglesham (University Theatre).
- 28th Derek and Dorothy Elliot (Ford Arms).
- 29th Derek and Dorothy Elliot (Cramlington).
- 31st June Tabor (Bridge Folk Club).

## Rag Community Week 1977

**WE NOW have over 20 projects from various voluntary organisations in the city to be carried out during RAG week which is ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY . . . To give you some idea of what needs YOUR help, here are some of the projects:**

Taking ESN kids from a youth club away for a weekend to Alnmouth. Conducting a "Meals on wheels" survey for Age Concern. Running a publicity scheme for the Child-Minding Campaign. Ginger bread — helping with an "After school campaign" for single parents.

Carr-Gomm home for the homeless and socially handicapped . . . any students with cars are requested to give a few driving lessons to enable the men to be able to apply for more jobs. Lots of physical work like renovation, conservation and decorating. Helping to produce a local community paper—



Tyneside Street press, and the compilation of a directory of voluntary organisations. Kids' parties and outings from

children's homes, Battered Wives' hostel, etc. A short clothing survey for the work of the Child Poverty Action Group.

Working in an ESN school in Benwell. Has your group, or have YOU any entertaining talents? If so there are plenty of youth clubs, centres for the Homeless and the Elderly you could perform at. A court survey of Supplementary Benefit claimants for the national Council of Civil Liberties, etc., etc.

If your society, dept., hall or YOU have any ideas of how you would like to put a little effort into the community for just a few hours or would like to volunteer for a particular project, then come along to one of the meetings which will be advertised all over the place, or call in any time to the SCAN SHOP (on the corner, near the University Theatre). **WHAT WE NEED NOW IS YOUR HELP . . . SEE YOU SOON.**

## THINGS ARE HOTTING UP!

WITH less than two weeks to go to Rag, things are hotting up. The Rag Committee are reduced to a state of panic and spend their time running between the University and the Polytechnic. Excitement abounds.

Now is the time for all the people who have been showing vague enthusiasm since October, to burst forth from their hiding places in the

Men's Bar and show signs of life. Rush out and purchase a passport-size photo of yourself, you'll need it for your collecting permit. Then rush back to the Rag table on Level 4 and sign up for one of the many exciting Rag activities.

Now for the news of one or two little Rag stunts you may find amusing: we have a Rag computa-date service; for only 15p, you can be matched up

with the love of your life.

We also have a Rag ducking service, whereby you contribute a sum of money, naming the person you'd most like to see thrown in a pond; at the end of Rag Week the two persons at the University, and two at the Polytechnic, for whom most money has been collected, will be ducked in full public view. Both services begin on St Valentine's Day.

For any further information, contact the enthusiastic volunteers at the Rag table in the Foyer.

# COURIER SPORT

## Rugby Football

# UP YOURS TWICKERS

NEWCASTLE 0 U.W.I.S.T. 4

It was, by all accounts, a foul day on which to play rugby. But, in spite of the

strong down-field wind and the treacherous surface at Loughborough, the Newcastle side played impressively, defeating the U.A.U. cham-

pions by two penalties to a try.

From the start the Newcastle forwards dominated in the scrummage and lineouts, de Lacy and Gaskell jumping well. U.W.I.S.T. went ahead when winger Holt crashed over from a rucked ball.

However, Newcastle's continuous pressure harassed U.W.I.S.T. into making errors, especially at the rucks and these allowed Clarkson three penalty attempts, all unsuccessful.

The second half was one of almost total domination by Newcastle. Wright and Clarkson kicked accurately, Campbell made individualistic

forays ahead, Stone inspired his pack in the tight and the back row of Dodsworth, Trenholme and Foreman constantly made any of U.W.I.S.T.'s possession poor. The threequarters played well in exceptionally bad handling conditions, some fine crash tackling coming from Dave Smith.

The final score was obtained by Joe Clarkson kicking two 35 yard penalties. Newcastle now meet Loughborough in the finals at Twickenham on March 2nd. A lot of support will definitely be needed to fill the stadium, details of transport will be posted very soon. **Greg Smith.**

## Rally

# THE PATTERSON AUTO TEST

LAST Sunday the Motor Club held a well attended Autotest at Patterson's Garage, Ponteland. The Management were kind enough to let us use their car park and had closed the area off all day.

The first car to start was Warwick Partington who gave a spectacular demonstration on how not to get round a tight course.

The later cars learned from his experience with the exception of T. Ashby in a Saab who seemed to share W. Partington's disregard for police no waiting bollards.

The second section was more open and the drivers who liked applying plenty of welly got on very well. The event had attracted many spectators and they seemed to be quite appreciative of the Tattersall/Molyneux efforts at mini wrecking.

These two drivers were sharing an F registration mini which had seen better days, yet they went uncannily quickly round the courses,

giving all the spectators reason to rush out and buy shares in Dunlop Rubber Co. The tyre smoke could still be smelt ten minutes after we had finished.

Ashley Winter, again showed us how to drive in Autotests, and won the event easily. I. Pennington in his Spartan came second and Mr. Tattersall came a close third.

Our thanks to all who turned up to marshal, Ian Simmonds for setting out the courses and R. H. Patterson's Ltd., for donating the land.

Our next event is a Treasure Hunt on Sunday, 20th February. Start at 2.00 p.m. at Close House.

## Cross Country

# IN AND OUT

Four years ago after the British Universities Championships at Guildford we vowed never to return and so after an 8-hour coach journey we found ourselves in the rain outside a hotel in Godalming outside Guildford. Despite the daunting name, Steve's choice of hotel was good and he even remembered to book the right number of rooms.

The race can only be described as a mudbath and after watching the ladies bounce round for one lap, our B team runners set off for two, Chris and Nigel both continued their impressive form and finished 20th and 24th respectively both of them looking strong in doing so. Malcolm, Dave, Fran and Bob all packed well behind them to give us 3rd 'B' team place which was excellent despite us being understrength — yes excuses already!

About 800 runners turned up for the 'A' team race of 3 laps over the now well churned up course, still having gone that far, we just had to run. Our worst fears were realised as the mud slowed us to almost walking pace in places, but Richard Coles shrugged off the bad conditions to finish a fantastic 5th overall and 3rd University runner in the British Isles which is superb when you consider that Olympian and previous race winner, Ray Smedley, was the 2nd University runner.

Dennis Wright was satisfied with his 32nd place but Mike's 82nd place looked silly against his early season forecasts. Richard Pell, Roger Melton, Ian Brown and yours truly then came in with positions between 90th and 150th.

I won't mention the actual positions since mine was worst! Many of you will have noticed only seven names

in the 'A' team results; that's because Steve Walker actually DROPPED OUT — his excuse was that he got muddy. One has to admit he fell into a ditch up to his neck — twice! — but he's only a little squirt anyway.

All Yorkshiremen are stunted anyway. However, despite this we finished 7th best University in the U.K. which is no mean feat (and boy have we some mean feet!) although, yes, excuses again, if Steve hadn't dropped out, and Siddy had turned up it could have been better.

Congrats to Mike for the only technicolour of the weekend, to Ian for trying to leave his room via the wardrobe and to Brian the coach driver for getting us home with one of the rear wheels falling off. All in all a very enjoyable weekend.

**Brian Rouse.**

## Hockey

# FEMALE HOCKEY PULLS IT OFF

Neville's Cross College 1 Newcastle 1st XI 2

WE finally managed to win! After a long series of hard luck stories and disappointments the 1st XI won their first match of the season against a team of P.E. students at Neville's Cross College.

The all-weather pitch helped to produce a fast, enjoyable match and Newcastle were attacking right from the start. The Neville's

Cross goalkeeper had a very good game and made a number of fine saves.

Helen Caroline scored the first goal for the University with a hard shot from the edge of the circle.

At half-time the University were leading 1-0 and managed to hold onto this lead until half-way through the second half when Neville's Cross caught the defence unawares and equalised. Despite another series of attacks from Newcastle, the Neville's Cross defence somehow kept the ball out and it looked as if it was going to be yet another draw. However, just before the final whistle the winning goal came from Ava Teasdale and Neville's Cross could do nothing about it.

## Football

# Marching on

U.A.U. Championship semi-final at Loughborough

Newcastle University 2nd XI 3 Swansea University 2nd XI 0  
NEWCASTLE University stormed through to the final of the British Universities Championship in sensational style last Wednesday. Newcastle super-striker Paul Little smashed all Swansea hopes with a devastating hat-trick in the final 30 minutes.

The game was an untidy spectacle until the turn of the hour as both sides spluttered in their attempts to establish a rhythm. The first half was played at a frantic pace.

If anything, Swansea had the better of the first half exchanges and in their left-winger possessed a player of tantalising skills. Full-back Steve Robinson only just managed to scoop clear after Swansea pressure, and a close-in free kick flashed narrowly wide.

But Paul Little threatened

on a number of occasions, as if to provide a warning of what was to follow. One particular run the Blues leader tore down the left to send in a superb cross. John Armstrong could only half-hit the volley attempt and the ball was scrambled away.

Yet good things come to those who wait and Newcastle were rewarded with their patient approach in the second period. The first was a gem. Adrian Donovan flicked on a floated free-kick which found Little eight yards out. Newcastle's ace striker turned on a sixpence to smash home a scorching left-foot volley.

The goal seemed to break the spirit of a useful Swansea side and Newcastle surged forward.

John Armstrong was forced to retire with an ugly wound below his right knee but substitute Dave Griffiths filled in admirably.

Swansea were thoroughly demoralised by a burst of two goals in two minutes. On both occasions Little broke clear and his quick one-two put paid to any Swansea hopes of pulling back the original deficit.

Paul Little may have brought goals to Newcastle, but he only rounded off a brilliant team effort.

Newcastle reach the summit of their glorious and emotional cup run with the final against either Loughborough or Aberystwyth in early March.

Incidentally, at Sheffield the First XI won 6-1 A hat-trick from Phil Atkinson, two from Tim Richardson and a goal from Rich Beacher completed the rout.

Mark Ogden played what was probably his best ever game for Armstrong, consistently producing stopping tackles. Full credit must be accorded to all Armstrong players for their fine play in extremely difficult conditions.

## Fencing

# DOPES IN FENCING

THE fencing club is living proof that engineers are belligerent even when sober. In the UAU individual championships earlier this term, two of this breed took five final placings between them. Ina Fflag was 2nd in foil, 4th in epee and 5th in sabre.

Following this result it was decided that in future there will be routine dope-testing of UAU finalists. Heave Spanner came 4th in foil and 4th in sabre. Well done Heave, not bad for a pensioner. Zorro and Yore Struly plunged out of the competition in the epee semi-finals.

What about the women? Phaser has had moderate success this term, coming 2nd in the WIVAB individual, fencing a couple of times for Britain, sitting off to Duret (spelling mistake or Freudian slip?) for tournaments; in other words it's been a pretty ordinary season for this fencing talent. Diane Kerr was 6th in the WIVAB individual. In the team event our team (Phaser, Diane and Nicky) looks as if it will get to the final, and we hope win it like last year. Touch wood.

The men's team came up against Bristol in the UAU quarter-finals. We started by carving them up 6-3 in the sabre, then proceeded to drop fights in the foil, eventually

## Men's Hockey

# DRIP

LAST weekend's games were all cancelled because of the very heavy rain during the week.

Last Wednesday the thirds beat R.A.F. Boulmer 5-2. Goalscorers were Roger Handscombe (2), Alastair Paul (2) and Richard Tomlin.

The first and second elevens won both their matches against Bede College.

winning it 5-4 after being 4-1 down at one stage. Epee we lost 4-5, the first time we had lost at a weapon this year. The final score was 15-12 to us.

Last weekend the team (IAN GAFF, STEVE HANNAH, RICHARD MONTGOMERY and EDWARD ZAKREWSKI) went down to London for the semi-final. We faced Aston, starting well again in sabre, winning 7-2. Foil we won 6-3, and the epee was abandoned at 4-1 to us, as it was obvious that we had already won overall. We met a very strong Manchester team in the finals (here come the excuses) with four internationals. They hammered us, although the match was closer than the score-line would suggest. Funny how easy to lose, these score sheets are...

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## Armstrong

# ARM'S DIS-ARMED

ARMSTRONG fielded a full side for this match against Ponteland College for oh, well, a good minute before John Toscano, the dashing scrum half was kicked in the back and had to be taken to the dressing room by tractor (again!).

With fourteen men a victory still seemed highly probable until disaster struck again. This time a hefty hoof was applied to the head of that devastating centre, Pete Davidson, so, down to an unlucky thirteen but, luckily the side began to get together and began to play good exciting rugby.

With a powerful wind blowing sideways across the pitch, kicking was extremely difficult and the wet ball hampered good handling moves. The now depleted pack took the full brunt of the Ponteland pressure, repeatedly taking ball against the head with brilliant footwork by hooker, Chris Holmes.

The second half saw another departure, Tony Sanders reluctantly left the field with a knee injury. All certainly was not lost, Armstrong played on, inspired by the challenge of such overwhelming odds.

For twenty minutes Armstrong held up against strong attacks, tiring their players but refusing to give up. Relief came with the return to the field of Pete Davidson and the addition of Mark Prouder the cripple on the touch line.

Armstrong after such a valiant performance unfortunately went down — perhaps hardly surprisingly.

# Newcastle University Motor Club A TREASURE HUNT

will be held on the afternoon of

Sunday, 20th February

FOR DETAILS OF VENUE SEE THE MOTOR CLUB NOTICE BOARD. Everyone is welcome to compete or spectate. Non-vehicle damaging.

Entries are also invited for the Motor Club's

RAG RALLY 1977

PLEASE TANNY W. PARTINGTON FOR DETAILS

## GAY LIB . . . . .

### What does it mean ?

**BETTER TO BE HATED**  
... for what one is than  
to be loved for what one  
is not.

Are you one of the 310 closeted gays in the university? Wouldn't you feel happier with people who knew you were gay, and who you knew were gay too?

GAYSOC meetings are designed to encourage people who are gay, people who aren't sure of their sexuality, and people who aren't gay but realise that gays are O.K. to get together for discussions, drinks, and, hopefully, friendship.

At the moment, GAYSOC has only 15 regular members. There are 6,500 people at this University, and accepting statistical evidence that 1 person in 20 is gay, that means that there are at least 310 people who would probably love Gaysoc meetings somewhere on the campus who we haven't seen yet! Believe me,

there's surprisingly little hassle about "coming out".

#### POSITIVE

I started telling my friends that I was gay last year, mainly because I thought when they visited me, it could be a bit awkward explaining why I was sharing a bed with my boy-friend. Far from freaking, they were all amazingly happy about the idea. Now, because I'm on the gay scene in Newcastle as well as in the University/Poly GAYSOC, I've got more friends than I would otherwise have had, and I'm positive about that!

It's nice to know that gay people aren't (all) obsessed with sex, and don't get me wrong — I'm hardly averse to it — it's just that it makes a pleasant change not to spend all my time at parties etc., talking to people whose sole aim is to get to bed as soon as possible. There really are gay people around who will talk to you without trying to rape you!

Don't imagine for a minute, though, that everything in the garden is rosy. If I wasn't over 21, and the guy I'm living with was, then he could be prosecuted for "corruption of a minor". Amazing really, considering that two heterosexual kids over 16 can screw as much as they like without anyone saying a word. I can't even hold hands with my boyfriend in public without laying both of us open to charges of "gross indecency". How would all you hets reading this article feel if you were arrested for kissing your boy/girl-friend in the street/bar/park? You could be, because kissing in public, even for hets, is "indecent", but how often do you hear of prosecutions for that?

#### EQUAL RIGHTS

Gay Liberation is a phrase that's bandied around a lot these days, notably by the NUS, but what does it mean?

In the broad sense, Gay Liberation means bringing pressure to bear on MPs and other influential bodies to bring about a change in the law, not so much to give gay people equal rights to hets, but to remove from the statute book all current legislation which discriminates against them.

## 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.

On a more down to earth level, it means encouraging friends who are, or might be gay, to be more relaxed about it, because it's probably their fear of your possible reactions that's putting them off doing just that. For those of you who are reading this and thinking about coming out, I can only offer you advice from my own experience, and that's to do it, i.e. tell somebody, as soon as possible, and get it out of your system, because that's the best way.

#### CONTACT

If you want to be sure you're talking to somebody who is gay, then you can contact gaysoc at the places mentioned in the personal column of Courier. See you soon.

Dave Humfress.

## PERSONAL COLUMN

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

**CHEEKY BOTTOM** — Have you had it at Henderson yet?

**KATE** — Fancy a mouthful of crisp.

**BEATLE JOHN'S** sister? Burn a debt, help Required.

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**STEVE** — is it VICTOR BORGE or SILLY BORGE.

**MIKE** do you often sleep with JOHN?

**STEPHEN (VICTOR) LUMB** — Why is there blood on the hockey stick.

**IS ANDREW COLLIER** a lay man? **BLACK HAND GANG REUNION.** Cochrane Lounge Friday night. Come early to avoid disappointment!

**PATIENCE** — come on now — have some more — soon, soon.

**MESSRS. Squigley and Bentfield** will handle your legal problems as academic exercises. Squats and occupations our speciality.

**PAT** what were you doing in MOTHERCARE last week?

**WANT TO TALK?** Call or telephone Newcastle 22388. OFF THE RECORD, 5, Charlotte Square (off Cross Street), opposite A.B.C. Cinema, Westgate Road. Mon. - Fri.: 7 - 10 p.m.

**I WAS REALLY good until I was 14** — ANIK H.H. 40.

**SMARTIES CAN ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO YOUR SEX LIFE**

ASK PAUL.

**ATTENTION: ALL SOCIETY SECRETARIES.** Copy for this year's HANDBOOK must be handed in to the Courier Office by Friday, 25th February, 1977. Not more than 200 words on aims and functions of your society.

**DO BUSHBABIES WEAR FALSIES.** **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Mandy, Liz, Janet and Steve. Love, T.

**MR. PETER SNOTT** will speak on the need for freedom of expression in Ethels Macnaughton.

**N.B.:** E205 has sensuous ankles. **BLOW JOBS** aren't supposed to go SNAP, CRACKLE and POP — one ball Bill.

**TONIGHT, WEDNESDAY, 8.00 p.m.** CATHSOC CEILIDH FOR PEACE All welcome — late Bar — 40p.

**CUDDLY MARTIN** — Next time you come demanding money with menaces from H.H. 77 and 86 — WEAR A WET SUIT. EH!

**IF A PINT** of ex does that to me, how do you manage to drink shandies Rob?

**WILL PATIENCE** come? — REALLY! FIVE TIMES! WOWEE.

**PERSISTANCE** strained for Man Die (S).

**GRAFFITI** expert willing to deface folders, notes and related matter — even thighs — Billy.

**COWIE** would rather keep his 17p (300 into £50) and let the old folks of Benton suffer another lonely Christmas.

**TESTS** prove that 9 out of 10 D.P.'s prefer brown sauce.

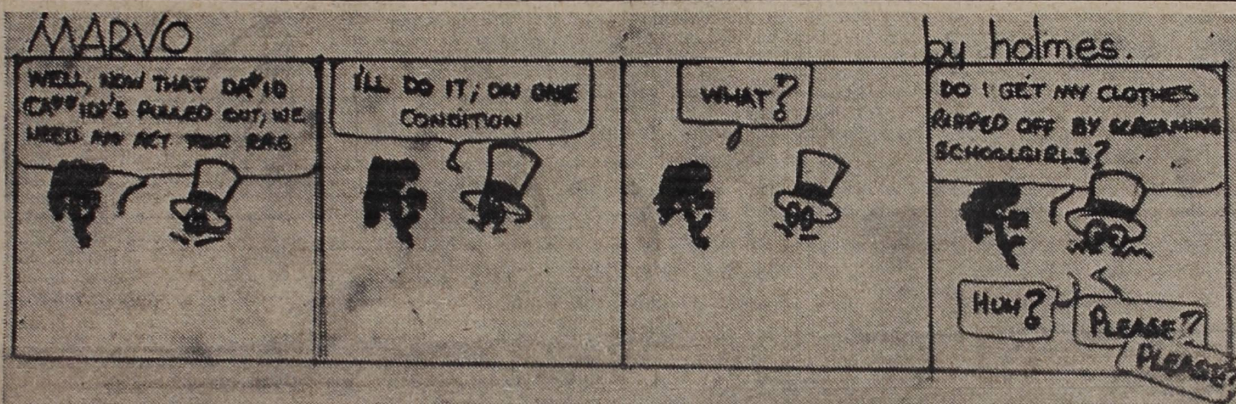
**WATCH OUT!** watch out, smelly feet about Chris F 149.

**IN MEMORIAM.** For Escort LBR 657G cremated on the Felling By-Pass 10/2/77. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to Oyston (Auto-Wreckers) Ltd.

#### NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY GENTLEMEN'S GLEE CLUB

wish to announce that vacancies exist for one tenor and one bass due to the expansion of the group to six voices. Candidates are invited to audition in the Music Room at 3.00 p.m. this Friday and must be able to read music and have a fair sight-singing ability.

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## Events and Meetings Programme

### NUSRC and Union Society

**WEDNESDAY, February 16th**

At 1 p.m. S.R.C. Executive Committee in Level 6 Committee Room.

**THURSDAY, February 17th**

At 1 p.m. Welfare Committee in Level 6 Committee Room.

Special Meeting of Union Management Committee to discuss an executive recommendation to release the Deputy President from his role within the Union Society and recreate a Convenor of Debates. In Room 27 at 5.15 p.m.

**FRIDAY, February 18th**

**DAY OF ACTION, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Picket at the Civic Centre of Shirley Williams, concerning the closure of teacher training colleges in the area.

2 p.m.—Meeting to discuss the closures and tuition fees, the Polytechnic Theatre, with speakers **CHARLES CLARKE**, President of N.U.S. plus speakers from N.U.P.E. and N.A.T.F.H.E. and Road Gang Street Theatre.

**TUESDAY, February 22nd**

External Affairs Committee at 1 p.m. in Committee Room B.

**WEDNESDAY, February 23rd**

S.R.C. Executive Meeting at 1 p.m. Level 6 Committee Room.

6.15 p.m. Life Members' Committee meeting in Level 6 Committee Room.

—Vince Allen, Secretary.



## N.U.S.R.C. Elections to N.U.S. Conference 1977

### 6 DELEGATES 2 OBSERVERS

**TO BE ELECTED ON FEBRUARY 22**

**IN THE UNION FOYER**

**BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.**

Nomination papers from and must be returned to the Permanent Secretary, Level 6, the Union Building, by 10 a.m. Friday, February 18th.

**HUSTINGS—**

**DEBATING CHAMBER at 1 p.m. MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY**

—Vince Allen, Principle Assistant Returning Officer.