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## RAG RULES OK

### Mr. J. L. S. Crawford

MR. J. L. S. Crawford, External Accommodation Officer, died suddenly at his home last Saturday.

Mr. Crawford joined the University in 1963 as Warden of Lodgings, and remained in charge of external accommodation until his death. Before 1963, Mr. Crawford had a varied and long experience in the field of aviation.

#### GREAT SHOCK

He joined the R.A.F. in 1937 as a pilot, and left as a Squadron Leader in 1946. After four years in civil aviation he rejoined the R.A.F. in 1950 and went to Korea as a flying instructor and later took a staff appointment in the R.A.F. After a short period in commerce, Mr. Crawford was appointed Warden of Lodgings in 1963.



Mr. J. L. S. Crawford.

His death last week came as a great shock to members of the University and students alike. Only in his middle fifties, Mr. Crawford leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Two other deaths were announced by the University last Monday. Firstly that of Mrs. T. B. Rushbrooke, part-time lecturer in the School of English since 1956, who died last Friday. And secondly that of Mr. H. King, lecturer in the School of Architecture since August 1971 and Senior Lecturer since August 1976. Mr. King died last Sunday.

THE centre of Newcastle was plunged into anarchy and chaos for two brief hours last Saturday — and gave Newcastle Colleges Rag almost £1,000 for the pleasure of it.

And after a week of daring kidnaps, silly races, dressing up, smashing up and entertainment, this year's Rag looks like coming out on top to the tune of £5,000.

The week started last Tuesday with a dawn raid on the homes of Social Secretary, Phil Harris, and Deputy President, Alan Macdonald. Dragged from their beds at 4.0 a.m. they were left tied to a lamp-post outside Middlesbrough Polytechnic Union wearing only tights and net curtains with a box of Rag Mags at their feet.

That Tuesday evening the Lord Mayor was kidnapped from a high brow dinner and a substantial ransom was collected from the assembled guests at water pistol point. On Wednesday all famous people lived under threat of kidnap, but alas it wasn't until Thursday that radio personality James Whale was carried out of Top Shop in Eldon Square where he had been interviewing Dennis Waterman (of 'The Sweeney' fame) in a major shop promotion.

Held to ransom for £20, James Whale was returned to Eldon Square tied to a bed.

Thursday was also the day of bed races, welly throwing, jelly races and tug-of-war to name just a few loony events.

The Rag Procession on Saturday was to have kicked off from Leazes Moor with a parachute jump, but due to 40 m.p.h. winds the aerial spectacle was a non-event. Over twenty-five floats, which came in all shapes and sizes from juggernaut lorries to three single beds tied together, set off from Richardson Road at noon in a two-hour procession round the streets of Newcastle.

More than three hundred students were involved with the floats, though due to the high winds a group from the Agricultural Engineering department lost their float on the A69 from Hexham. Their mechanical Lambton Worm was last seen making its way towards the Tyne, aided by high winds.

Best of the floats was judged by the Lord Mayor to be a mammoth Britannia based effort compiled by Eustace Percy Hall, and

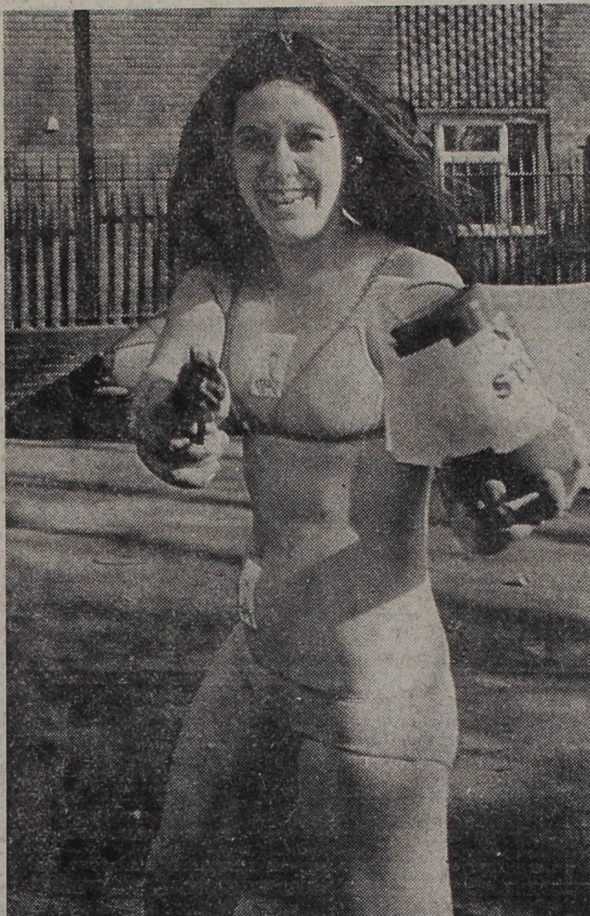
music provided by the Savannah Syncopators aided the movements of Rag Queen, Jane Richardson. It is thought that about



£1,000 was collected on the Saturday alone when over 400 collecting tins were out on the streets. Together with the proceeds from the sale of 30,000 Rag Mags (circa £3,000), entertainment by Alvin Stardust, Ralph McTell and others, and miscellaneous items, Rag should have raised a healthy £5,000 or so for the charities it was supporting.

The Rag Draw held last Saturday was won by a woman in Whitley Bay. She raided the Co-op last night and made off with valuable groceries.

Various amusing anecdotes have emerged from the week of hilarity and madness, including that of a Rag Mag seller (who wishes to remain anonymous), whose father bought 50 Rag Mags from



Braving the cold March wind, Lady Godiva (Eleanor Norman) brandishes water pistol and collecting tin at our photographer.

her at 20p a time and then promptly threw them in the dustbin.

And then there was G. & S. man, Norman Galbraith, who was bounded up to a young couple who were dressed very smartly and carrying flowers. Greeting them with the words "Ah, off to get married, here is your last chance to buy a dirty Rag Mag while your fiancé lets you". Poor Norman's joviality was greeted with the comment "We're off to a bloody funeral mate".

There was also the ducking of Richard Murphy, President of the Union, last Thursday. Thinking he was safely down the list in fifth place, he was marched (though he claims he volunteered) to the ducking stool at Leazes Pond to

receive three dips in the icy waters.

And finally there was Camilla Hermann herself, Rag Chairperson, who was accosted and kidnapped by Manchester Rag and held to ransom. An unambitious Manchester settled for a £1, and Camilla was duly unleashed. Manchester know a bargain when they see one.

We must not forget the escapades of four Polytechnic students, amongst them Poly President, Dave Howarth, who went fly posting in the sub-way under Swan House last week. Caught in the act by two policewomen, the four made a dash for it, but to no avail for they were no match against the policewomen.

It is believed charges will be pressed against the four later this week.

## SHOP! 'Coming'

PLANS to open the new Union shop after the Easter vacation have had to be postponed due to shortages of essential building materials.

It was originally intended that the shop, which is to be built in the lower Refectory, would be opened sometime during this term. Problems regarding the design and building of the shop had pushed the opening date back to May.

#### SET-BACK

The latest set-back means that the shop will not now open until the beginning of the next academic year in September.

Due to the revised opening of the £15,000 project, stock to the value of £5,000 need not now be purchased until September, thus avoiding the problems of security over the Summer vacation.

## Anti NUS group meet

THE first meeting of the National Non-Political Students' Group was held last week at Cambridge. It was organised by Mr. Geoffrey Berg, a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, and President of the Cambridge Anti National Union of Students.

The group is trying to co-ordinate people who do not wish political issues to be mixed up with Student Unions. Mr. Berg said: "In the present N.U.S. a very few make their views felt and these are not the views of the majority."

In Cambridge members of the new group will contest the student elections.

## FEES FIGHT ESCALATES

THE possibility of student direct action in the form of a 24-hour occupation was raised at yesterday's General Meeting in the ballroom.

The original motion for discussion was replaced by one which requested "the university to make a more definite statement against tuition fees."

The meeting, which was attended by about 250 students, almost unanimously carried the motion which spells out the message for the University in no mean terms: "Unless the University takes more meaningful

action against fee increases we will not rule out the possibility of using an occupation as a tactic to make University Council and Senate take note and change its policy."

Mr. Richard Murphy, President of the SRC, will take this to the Acting Vice-Chancellor today, and present his comments to a further General Meeting this Friday.

This meeting follows only a week after Bradford University's invitation of all other Universities to a joint conference on the increase in fees.

As student militancy swept throughout the country, Bradford which has already decided not to charge higher

fees for overseas students, sent out letters calling for joint action.

Last Wednesday marked the National Union of Students' 'Day of Action', but most students had already started occupations earlier in the week.

Brunel University were soon followed by Kent University and by the end of the week there were occupations at York, Hull and Manchester Universities.

Similar direct action is also being taken by at least ten Polytechnics including Sunderland.

There is a national demonstration and lobby of Parliament today organised by N.U.S. for which Essex

University have given all students and staff a day off to go to London.

Commenting on the threat of direct action, Professor E. S. Page, Acting Vice-Chancellor, said "We don't like this steep increase in fees, but consider rational agreement to be far better than public demonstration."

"Direct action tends to lose public sympathy rather than gain it."

Mr. Tim Sheehan, an S.R.C. Executive member, replied to this statement by saying "the occupation is only to gain a clear statement of open condemnation of the increase in fees from the University. If it is forthcoming the occupation will not be necessary".

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G.B.D., A.I.H., those thighs drive me wild!! JANET — What are you exposing next? C PERSISTENCE brings its own rewards. KASHANOVA — enjoyed first nasal ride with me. THE SUNDAY CUDDLER will strike again uninterrupted! DELTICS... PEAKS... WESTERNS. TONIGHT 19.30 MET. DEPT. HAS CLAIRE gone to seed yet. JANET — Page 3 next? DO WELLIES reside in H564? SOME PEOPLE (B.N.) are stuck in the muds! JENNIFER — Enjoy the dirty pictures. NEWCASTLE WHERE WERE YOU AT CARROW ROAD. WHAT HAPPENED to H564 on Friday night?

TONITE BUNAC PARTY Wed. 9th GROBS 9 - 1.0 a.m. 30p. Tickets from Travel Office or Dominic Pinto

LONELY GIRL wishes to meet Blue Eyes. Object: Poetry reading. AMANDA, never seen you with nightwear on before! GEOFF would like to thank all his friends who helped pay for his swimming lessons, and especially Tony for the loan of his dressing gown. P.S. — Do you like your new rooms Don and Nigel?

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STATISTICALLY one person in every hundred is a schizophrenic. Dr. E. Bird will be giving a lecture about his research into schizophrenia under the auspices of the local branch of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship at the Department of Agriculture, Clement Stephenson Lecture Theatre (ground floor) on Wednesday, 9th March, from 7.15 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome.

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CJS. Not many people's are threadbare down the front. FOLK MASS for Staff and Students. Mixed Common Room, Level 6, Wednesday, 16th March, at 8.0 p.m.

NORWICH 2 NEWCASTLE 1. DAVE — they shoot ducks as well as horses, don't they? IS H564 A fling of everyone's imagination?

I DID NOT KNOW that boy soldiers were included in the gunners (or young Seedlings).

ASTROSOC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Room 15 Physics on Thursday, 10th March, at 1.15 p.m. ALL members to attend. Elections etc. Nominations to P. Mack (Physics) by Thursday morning.

RESISTANCE — Reluctance with variable permissivity.

K. Do you think we're changing for the better or for the worse? E. CANARIES RULE.

JIL. Is a platonic relationship better than Ralph McTell?

VELIKOVSKY — public meeting to mark new book. University speakers, questions: Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, Leeds University: 19th March, from 2.30 Admission free.

TONY — will you help me practice your octaves please? — your Sugar Plum Fairy.

WATCH out for more "SOME PEOPLES".

JOHN BOND'S YELLOW AND GREEN ARMY.

IF STEAMIER let fishheads do the CONAV, they would not put pigs into ditches.

T — I only needed one glance at your sand-swept face and the laughter in your eyes to realise that your feelings reflected my own.

N.C.F.C. RULE O.K. I DOES 5th FLOOR CRASTER suffer from Disappearing Rooms?

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A LETTER FROM OUR FAN

Sir, I have been a fanatical reader of this wonderful paper ever since I began my higher education.

I have read with extreme interest how Nick Richardson and Vince Allen now use "Colgate" instead of "Crest". And as someone who was fortunate enough to spend three glorious terms at Henderson Hall I am happy to hear that The Ugliers are finding happiness outside Chez Basil's — namely that of Synthetic Synchronized quartz vibes of their gigs (though I must admit I'm not sure what a 'gig' is).

Unfortunately I can remember when Phil Harris was just a globe studying student trying to out-do Danny La Rue and I feel so sorry for him now that everyone is constantly having a go at him.

I have never contributed anything to "Courier" because I have always felt that I could never get my article in on time (deary). But I must take this opportunity, before I leave, to tell the good people two things.

Firstly, I would like to confess about something that has been haunting me for 18 months.

When I applied to University through U.C.C.A. I put myself as an independent. Whilst at University I went to meetings of all the political parties; unfortunately the parties were full of students and they didn't appreciate my bringing a bottle of "Amber". So I gave that up as a bad job.

In my second year I thought I'd start something new — a different way of thinking. However, physical difficulties stop me being a fascist or a racist, so the only road open was to start a new party. With the help of my colleague Brian Foxwell (Ex Martian) I set up the Silly Party. After a while we realised that the Silly Party was not right for us so we formed a splinter group. The very broad Silly Party.

We would like to apologise to the University, U.C.C.A. and our Headmasters for this cunning stunt we have pulled on them; but they will (hopefully) realise that we just had to take this course of action.

Secondly, I just must tell everyone about a new theory that I have come up with for running the Union Society (S.R.C. would be dissolved).

Your "Gutter Snipe" a few weeks ago said that democracy stems from committees. WRONG! Democracy is

based on corruption. Corruption is the fruit of all good doing. It runs Richardson Road Flats' kitties, private and public companies, Prime Ministers, banks and of course Universities. But no one at the Union has realised the benefits of corruption in the Union.

The idea of kidnapping Alan Macdonald et al was good; but it didn't go far enough — say as far as Baghdad. Next — ask the Mafia if they would contribute some of their employees. Use these as porters (no Australians though). Italian porters would be a damned good idea. Good students would have to pay a term's grant (with parental means test) for entry to late bar and Disco.

Moderate students would be made to drink in the Stag and Dalek where only 80/- would be on sale; and what better price to charge per pint than the name of the beer. Bad students would simply be shot dead.

After two or three late bar and discos and upon implementation of T. Dan's suggestions the Union would be an excellent place.

Obviously the "Courier" would be left alone. Hail Courier!

Yours faithfully, (i.e. etc., etc.), P. Bahia.

No Strings Attached

Sir, In the areas of Newcastle and Durham there exists a very active community of people who take an interest in various forms of guitar playing, tuition and music.

The two main concerns are the Durham University Classical Guitar Society and the Guitar Appreciation Society of the North East.

The former is a very efficient organisation whose concerts (including people such as John Mills and Alirio Diaz) are always fully attended and whose other activities include professional and guitar tuition, seminars and other social events.

The latter is not so well established but also books very distinguished soloists (such as Alice Artzt and Juan Martin), most of whom perform in the People's Theatre for a very modest entrance fee. They hope to extend beyond the classical and Flamenco styles, as is seen by their concert with Joe Pass (Jazz) on March 19th, and include all styles of play. Unfortunately this society almost totally lacks support from the University.

I therefore propose to establish a Guitar Society, try to promote interest generally and encourage more people to attend the concerts so that they may continue into the future.

With respect to this there will be a meeting at lunchtime on Thursday, March 10th in Room 27 for all those who are interested. Further details may be obtained from me in EPH 345 or the Union at lunchtimes.

Yours hopefully, Matthew Holley.

SNOOPY PRICK UP YOUR EARS

Sir, May I, through your columns, reply to Snoopy

SUNDAY ISN'T SUNDAY WITHOUT THE SUNDAY CUDDLE!! HAS JON got 42" hips and does he wear blue knickers? ARE THEY Ken's blue knickers in Jon's Laundry? HULLO INDIA 21 this is Tango 11A. Message over. HAS APB got Gunner Ear yet?

Newcastle University Conservative Association Are pleased to announce SIR KEITH JOSEPH, M.P. Speaking in the Debating Chamber Friday, March 11th at 5.15 p.m. A QUESTIONING OF THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM We invite you to come and hear the Case for Capitalism. Union Card for Admission.

COMMENT All hope of appointing a new Vice-Chancellor by the summer has been abandoned by the University following the recent withdrawal from the running at an advanced stage of negotiations of the most favoured man for the post.

This leaves the University back at square one and it appears that we are in for another year of rule by the "Acting" Vice Chancellor, Professor E. S. Page. Very little, if anything, has emerged to show the University that the student body has any original ideas on the matter.

It's time Murphy and company pulled their finger out and started making noises about what the students would like to see in a new V.C.

who wrote in last week's Courier. Dearest Snoopy I cannot promise you 24 hours a day baseball on T.V., but I can promise you lots of other things: a fur lined kennel and breakfast served therein each morning, and a new typewriter, for example, in return for your support.

We do not think you are a dumb mutt, and it's obvious that you do help to get us votes.

So please, dearest Snoopy, do not desert us now; not when there is so much to be done. We are not a bad lot really, and we are very fond of you.

Lots of love from the guy (?) who has been using you.

Yours etc., Amanda Stuart.

Rag, Tag and Anarchy

Sir, Rag week is conciliatory shit. In fact it's a direct contradiction to be given a week in which to be outrageous (but don't go too far or they might not give us one next year). Of course if you're really naughty it might jeopardise your job prospects.

The attitude of the Rag Committee towards the forces of authority is pathetically servile (e.g. the poster they put up about selling Rag mags in Eldon Square: "If asked to move—movel" etc.) and the stunts show the usual lack of imagination, continued irrelevance and appeal to a sad fascination with

titilation. No wonder people think students are wankers. No one does anything too shocking, so while R. Murphy must pretend to fight back if he gets ducked, the House Manager maintains his usual cool.

So comrades, lap up the pre-packed distractions (and be as free as they let you) then get down to some revision, you've got exams soon, if the strain doesn't get to you first.

Here's hoping that one day we finally get together in a real festival of liberation.

Yours etc., A. Narchist.

p.s. Don't let Dr. Grant tell you you're mad, he's just short of patients.

p.p.s. It's odd that people who slang non-conformists, are now seen wearing strange clothes themselves, of course everyone's doing it, and it's only for a week .....

ANOTHER CASE FOR SUPERMONK

Sir, Once again continuing the debate on racism and apartheid, I feel I must reply to J. Seed's letter on the disinvestment meeting which appeared last week in Courier.

His condemnation of the defeat of the amendment to include 57 other varieties of

countries is totally ridiculous. Surely even the Conservatives must realise our University authorities are probably one of the most reactionary in the country. Therefore, when we are taking a proposal to disinvest from South Africa we have to know exactly what we are talking about. Of course the countries named in the amendment are oppressive — so are the 50 or so others that aren't mentioned.

As far as the personal attack on my knowledge of the situation in Turkey, I would like to say that at that meeting I stressed that I was sure not many people there, myself included, knew the WHOLE situation. I would also like to say I believe Iran is an even more despicable regime — but that is the problem, which are the worst? That is why I think we must judge separately. As far as India is concerned

I think we would be wise to see what happens at the elections in two weeks time. The Conservatives were so eager to condemn the Soviet Union they failed to realise that the University couldn't invest in Russia even if they wanted to and would have therefore made the whole motion look silly and give the University every excuse to reject it.

As a responsible body we need to employ careful research and thought and not go recklessly crashing around not knowing what we are talking about.

Finally, I'd like to say how much more "disturbing" it is to see a Conservative N.U.S. delegate stating at hustings that racism and fascism has nothing to do with students — especially as 15% of our students are from overseas.

Yours etc., Loraine Monk

## Slashing time had in Balloon

RAG'S Saturday night Balloon Debate soared to dizzy heights with Dennis Healey, who only smokes after intercourse, Hilda Ogden, "I'm kind to animals love", and Nicholas Parsons.

Abraham Cowley, a 17th century playwright, romantic and approachable, disclosed that the natural affection of his soul, gave him a secret bent ..... which no-one disputed.

A late arrival was Leonard Cohen, who, with a bandaged wrist explained that he'd accidentally slipped with a razor and cut himself. He gave a monotonous rendering of a Bird on the Wire, on an anti-vivisection theme, and Lizard by the Wall, describing the problems of working class millionaires in Tanzania.

Mr. Dyna-rod a prominent member of the 'effluent' society, out to maintain a 'cistern', described people's lives as banal, without the 'b'. He was pissed off with bleedin' turds who thought themselves superior. "When you realise", he said, "that everyone has a smelly anal region and a wet crotch, it puts things in perspective". By popular vote, he remained in the balloon.

## Ideal Society

LAST Monday week the Newcastle Centre for Transcendental Meditation organised a Conference on the ideal society.

The meeting, which was fairly well attended, was chaired by Ms. Isabel Carmichael, and opened by Ms. Eleanor Burn, a teacher at The Newcastle Centre, who outlined the growth of the T.M. programme on Tyneside since its beginning in 1971.

Probably the highlight of the evening was a short talk by Dr. David Bellamy of the Botany Department, University of Durham, on how man's control of education could lead us to a more ideal world.

The final speaker was Mr. David Laird, Director of Maharishi International College whose speech told us of the beneficial effects of meditation



THE annual elections normally produce an extreme form of catalepsy in most students and the majority of the rest compete to be the most disinterested and cynical. However, some people feel involved enough to stand for the posts sometimes with cabals of Presidents, Deputy Presidents and Secretaries standing on the same "united" policies.

This year, however, the populace has hardly been stirred in their slumbers as the Presidential elections pass almost unnoticed. Can this lack of political fervour be due to the colour and excitement of Rag Week eclipsing the more mundane elections?

Hardly—considering most students buggered off home on Thursday for a long weekend, or remained steadfastly in bed all week.

In fact this low profile approach is part of the strategy of the prospective candidates who have realised that the average student violently resents being asked to play any part in running their affairs (after all they pay their £31 p.a.) and that the candidate who causes the least annoyance is most likely to get in.

Brian Foxwell stood as President of the Union and the Students' Representative Council on behalf of the "Silly Party." How could he be disposed of to preserve the dignity of the Elections without any scandal?

Fortunately one of his seconders for the Presidency of S.R.C. was a student called A. N. Arsehole, so that invalidated that.

Unfortunately the ubiquitous Arsehole did not choose him as President of the Union, and by now he wasn't allowed to withdraw.

So Brian made history by standing as President of only half the Union.

# NIGHT ATTACKS ON WOMEN INCREASE

THE perils of Newcastle at night have become once again only too obviously apparent.

In the atrocious lighting conditions behind the Royal Victoria Infirmary, a female student from Castle Leazes was assaulted last Tuesday evening on her way back from the University Library.

Fortunately she managed to free herself after a brief struggle, but this incident is far from isolated. Similar attempted, but unreported attacks, have recently taken place in the same area.

### DANGEROUS AREA

These incidents follow a long and drawn out tussle between the Students' Representative Council and the University in which the S.R.C. demanded that lights should be put up to illuminate this obviously dangerous area.

Lights have recently been put up by the University to cover a section of the lane, but these for some reason, known only by the powers that be, have recently been unlit.

Now further lights are being put up, though it seems that action is once again only being taken after the event—and that is too late!

### INJURED AND ROBBED

In another incident only two days later a female language student was injured and robbed in Leazes Terrace. Fortunately her assailant was soon caught by the police and later remanded on a charge of robbery.

The student was detained in hospital overnight, but discharged on the following day. We can only repeat again the warning not to walk alone in badly lit areas, if at all possible.

## SHOCK PULL-OUT

A WEEK after being elected, a member of the delegation to go to the National Union of Students' Conference next Easter has resigned, claiming pressure of work as the cause.

Mr. Bill Howard, a member of the Broad Left, was elected as an observer to go from this University to N.U.S. Conference at Blackpool at the end of March.

At the Students' Representative Council meeting last Thursday, Mr. Howard tendered his resignation, saying that he could not spare the time to go to Conference, due to a backlog of academic work.

It is thought that his position as an observer and not as delegate with voting rights may have also been a consideration in his decision to resign.

Next in line in the ballot was another member of the Broad Left, Diarmuid Maguire who will fill Bill Howard's place.

## Students to share contents of bank

STUDENTS may soon be able to use the work of other students when writing their own essays, if a proposal to set up an essay bank is adopted.

The bank will enable students to borrow essays from any department, not just their own. We believe that such a scheme would be valuable in establishing an

exchange of ideas, and would be a supplement to the proposed Learning/Exchange Scheme which is going to be put into operation soon.

The bank is foreseen not merely as a way for students to avoid doing course work or an easy way to get through exams. It is anticipated that the bank will eliminate some of the laborious and unnecessary slog needed for standard essays, set year after year by some departments. If objections from lecturers are raised, the organisers reply would be that they ought to put more into the particular course they're teaching, making it more varied and consulting students on course content etc.

In addition, the essay bank would give first year students an idea of what approach to make to an essay, and an indication of the standard expected from them.

A meeting will be held in Committee Room D in the Union on Friday, 11th March at 1 p.m. to discuss the setting up of an essay bank/library. Anyone from whatever discipline is invited to partake in the scheme.

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## Boozy offer

THE Union rolled out the barrel last week and offered beer to students at only 19p a pint.

But the only condition is that you have to buy 88 pints at a time.

This follows a decision by the Union Management Committee last week, and means students can now buy kegs of beer from the Union at cost plus V.A.T. and 10% handling charge.

Two varieties of beer are available — Tartan and Exhibition. The former costs £16.86 and the latter £17.89 a keg.

The Union will also provide a footpump on a deposit of £10.

Mr. Dick Gibson, the Union House Manager, with responsibility for the sale of beer, said last week "as long as we have a few days notice we should be able to supply."

"Due to the limited supply of footpumps, we require a little more notice for these," he added.

Transport of the beer from the Union is the buyer's own responsibility.



Sir Keith Joseph speaking in the Debating Chamber on a previous occasion.

## SPECIAL BRANCH NSOOP AT MEETING DENIED

SUGGESTIONS that Special Branch men might be present at next Friday's visit to the Union by Sir Keith Joseph were dismissed as "highly unlikely" last week.

The possibility was first raised at Leeds Students' Union where Sir Keith Joseph, opposition spokesman

with responsibility for policy and research, spoke two weeks ago.

Apparently Sir Keith's agent, Mr. B. White, requested Special Branch men to attend the meeting, so that they might watch for potential trouble-makers.

A Leeds expert on political security said that attendance by Special Branch at similar meetings was "becoming standard procedure for screening potential subversives."

After the visit, a member of Leeds University Executive declined to comment, other than to say that no one was admitted to the meeting without a current union card and that there was no disturbance, apart from a peaceful demonstration.

Ms. Amanda Stuart, a member of the Conservative Association and organiser of next Friday's visit said last week that she had no knowledge of any Special Branch plans for Sir Keith, who will be speaking in the Debating Chamber at 5.15 p.m. next Friday.

Suggestions that Special Branch would be present were "highly unlikely" she added, and the local branch of the Conservative Central Office greeted the rumour with surprise and denials.

## University stands by New Tenancy Agreement

### First Year Accommodation

IT has become University policy to guarantee certain categories of first year applicants, places in University accommodation.

Those prospective students who firmly accept conditional or unconditional offers will be assured of places.

Mr. Richard Murphy urged the University to also give their assurances to those provisionally accepting conditional offers, but this was not agreed to.

In order to implement these decisions, the total amount of beds available for first years in Halls of Residence, including the Leazes complex, Henderson, Ethel Williams and Easton Halls, have been increased.

First year students will also be accommodated in the Richardson Road flats.

### STATING A VIEW

BUDDING journalists perk up your ears and dip your quills.

The "New Statesman" has recently started a "New Forum" University page, for which students are invited to contribute articles of any kind, type or description.

"Approximately 1,500 words" is the only qualification for the article, which can be inclined in any political direction. Indeed the more radical, the better.

Not wishing to hog all the glory, the "Courier" in its usual magnanimous way is willing to pass on this unique opportunity to students all and sundry.

Further details can be found in the "New Statesman" or just bring your article to the Courier Office and we'll pass it on.

THE University has refused to reverse their decision to increase the rent paid by postgraduate students over the summer quarter, in Richardson Road flats.

The students will have to pay the full quarter rent of £86, instead of the usual £13 retainer.

The Students' Representative Council had originally approved the scheme in principle because postgraduates receive a 52 week grant. However, the scheme is to be implemented on the 1st July, 1977, which means that existing 12 month rent agreements will be terminated prematurely.

Legally the University can terminate any tenancy agreement in four weeks.

S.R.C. feel that it is morally wrong to implement rent increases during the academic year, especially without warning the students concerned that rent arrangements may be changed.

In fact students taking out tenancy agreements one week before the increases were publicly announced were informed by the Bursar's Office that there would be a summer rebate.

The Residential Accommodation Committee has agreed to examine any cases of hardship.

### STOP PRESS

Following a discussion at University Council last Monday, it appears likely that the increased summer rents for post-graduate students living in Richardson Road will not be implemented until 1978.

This is on the condition that next year's President does not raise the point with the University that undergraduates are effectively subsidising some post-graduates in Richardson Road.

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# FIFTIES FUN

**YET** another film looking back to the Fifties, "WILD GAME," showing at the "Tyneside Cinema Club," 9th - 12th (£2 membership per annum and 50p entrance fee), deals cynically with the dominant myth of the time, around which a whole pop-cult was built—"Puppy Love."

The German film director harshly reveals the reality behind the dream in his depressing tale of a young James Dean's love for a German fraulein of fourteen years.

She is the only child of two ordinary decent working people, who wish to remain as such, and resent the problems this love-affair introduces into their hither-to-peaceful lives.

The boy Franz, who is nineteen, seduces Hanni, and she comes back for more, loving every minute of the superfluous sex scenes that credit the film with an 'X' certificate. Franz is jailed for interfering with a minor, and then released on parole. Needless to say, he cannot leave her—true Puppy-Love of course, and she enjoys the excitement their subterfuge brings.

Becoming increasingly irritated with her parent's disapproval and their efforts to prevent them meeting, she begs Franz to kill her father, and the romance of the teen love-scene of the Fifties finally destroyed, she becomes pregnant. Things go from bad to worse and their end is far from the happy ever after future of Donny's song.

It's hard to decide whether Fassbinder meant the film to be moral retribution on young love, the harshness of society, or opposition of the law; or if it is simply a sadistic treatment of a dream we all like to hold precious—that is if you can remember as far back as your early teens.

The boring dialogue portrayed within the intriguing sub-titles does not help either. As an artistic creation, or meaningful film, Fassbinder fails in the attempt.

A mournful film it has its interesting moments, but bring back comedy I say. Is it really

such a bad life for you on the continent?

*THOSE glorious fifties,* the time of the youth revolution; well, *THE FRONT*, showing at the 'Odeon' 7th-13th, gives another view of the same times.

The view is of the McCarthy era, when the anti-communist witch-hunts were resulting in thousands of entertainers being banned from performing because of real or suspected communist sympathies. Charlie Chaplin is the most famous of those who were blacklisted and exiled.

The film stars *WOODY ALLEN* as Howard Prince, a restaurant worker and part-time bookmaker, who acts as a front for comedian Hecky Brown, (Zero Motel), who has been blacklisted for marching in a May-day parade, signing petitions, and buying the Daily Worker. His prosecutor will not believe that his reasons were to seduce a communist girlfriend.

The prosecutor Henessy can help those suspected, but only if they confess, whether or not they have anything to

confess.

Prince, eventually fronts for several writers from whom he takes 10 per-cent of the fee. He has fallen in love with Florence, the script-editor, and she with him. One reason she loves him is his modesty about his writing talent, which from his point of view is understandable, especially as he has to find continual excuses to avoid writing when people are watching him.

Hecky Brown in order to recover his former status, is forced to spy on Prince and thus loses his self-respect. Finally Prince is made to face an enquiry and takes an unusual line with his prosecutors!

The plot is rather unlikely, and there is less comedy than expected in a Woody Allen film, probably because it was not decided by him. However, if you prefer a little more depth to your comedy then it is an interesting film to see.

**SEX, violence, murder and suicide; ideal constituents of a film you might think! Well there are all of these in "Mother, Jugs and Speed", showing at the Queen's from 7th to 13th, albeit in small portions.**

One particularly large portion, lovely *Raquel Welch*, has the part of "Jugs", for fairly obvious reasons.

It has been said that she cannot act but in this film she has no need to; anyone could play the part of Jugs provided they had her qualifications. This is not meant to belittle Miss Welch, merely to warn that no Oscars will be awarded for the acting in this film.

Mother, Jugs and Speed are the nicknames of the three main characters who work for a private ambulance company in Los Angeles, which is facing bankruptcy.

Harry Fishbone (*Allen Garfield*) is the boss who comes on like All American football coach and Mother, played by Bill Cosby, is the hip negro who is his number one driver. Requel Welch has an obvious nickname and so has Mother but in another way; you see his surname is Tucker.

Speed (*Harry Keitel*) is the good-guy suspended from the cops for suspected sales of the drug "speed" to kids. Guess what, he didn't do it.

The action consists of various emergencies only linked by the trials and tribulations of the ambulance crews and there is very little plot outside the company's fight against bankruptcy and Unity (a rival company) with whom a merger is eventually inevitable.

The whole film swings rapidly from tragedy—a mother in labour is turned away from a hospital because she has not the right papers, to comedy, if indeed you can laugh while an injured patient careers down the stairs strapped to a stretcher.

Maybe that is the essence of comedy, the crews bet on the number of deaths because it's the only way to do their job and stay sane, and maybe we laugh for the same reason. More of a television pilot for a new comedy series than a complete and satisfying film, it provides fodder for the emotions, which is not unpleasant; or very spectacular.

Angela Noble.

## DIARY

### CINEMA

**ABC HAYMARKET**  
Sweeney, 1.30, 5.10, 8.45. Tiffany Jones, 3.15, 6.50.

**ABC WESTGATE ROAD**  
1 Battle of Midway, 1.00, 4.10, 7.30.  
2 The Enforcer, 1.05, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.  
Hollywood, 2.45, 5.15, 7.50.

**QUEENS**  
Mother, Jugs and Speed, 1.35, 5.10, 8.40.  
Breaking Point, 3.20, 6.50.

**ODEON FILM CENTRE**  
1 Carrie, 1.10, 5.00, 8.45.  
The Devil Within Her, 2.50, 6.40.  
2 The Pink Panther Strikes Again, 1.05, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.  
Free As A Bird, 3.05, 5.35, 8.05.  
3 The Front, 1.40, 5.15, 8.45. Drive In, 3.25, 6.55.

**STUDIOS 1-4**  
1 Food Of The Gods, 2.55, 5.45, 8.35.  
Sensual Paradise, 1.40, 4.30, 7.20.  
2 Monty Python And The Holy Grail, 2.00, 5.15, 8.35.  
And Now For Something Completely Different, 3.35, 6.50.  
3 Death Wish, 4.30, 8.25. Mean Machine, 2.15, 6.10.  
4 Prickly Problems, 3.20, 6.10, 8.55.  
Sex Life In A Convent, 1.55, 4.40, 7.30.

**THURSDAY NITE MOVIE**  
DP II for USEC presents—Rollerball—in the Curtis Auditorium (School of Physics). Tickets 35p from the Porters Lodge.

**TYNESIDE CINEMA**  
Until Sat. 12—Taxi Driver, 4.35, 8.20.  
The Wild Angels, 7.00.  
Mon. 14 - Sat. 19—The Tenant, 4.40, 8.35.  
The Parallax View, 6.50.

**In the Club Cinema:**  
Wed. 9 - Sat. 12—The Wild Game and The Great Ecstasy of Woodcarver Steiner, 7.30.  
Sun. 13—Experimental Cinema: Mike Leggerby's The Sheepman and the Sheared, 3.00.  
Mon. 14—Frederick Wiseman's Juvenile Court, 7.30.  
Tues. 15 - Wed. 16—Corman's Bloody Mama and Machine Gun Kelly, 7.30.

**SIDE CINEMA**  
Wed. 9—Justine by the Marquis de Sade, 7.30 (club show).  
Thurs. 10—Occupyl plus Three Songs Of Lenin, 7.30.  
Fri. 11 - Sat. 12—The General Line, 7.30.  
Sun. 13—Penthesilea, 7.30.  
Wed. 16—Kuhle Wampe, 7.30.  
Sat. 12 - Sun. 13—Study Weekend 1: Agitation, Propaganda and Theory. 10.00. Students £3.00. Previewed in last week's Scene City page.

**ROYALTY, GOSFORTH**  
The Likely Lads, 8.15. Man About The House, 6.30.

**KINE CLUB**  
All performances in the Fine Art Lecture Theatre. 7.00. 40p.

## SHADOWS OF THE PAST

ONCE more a reunion looms Apache, Man of Mystery, F.B.I., Guitar Tango, all hits in days of yore. The Shadows, so uncool they were cool, this is an L.P. of their 20 GOLDEN GREATS and for once it's true, these tracks are great.

(rhythm) and Jet Harris (bass) create the mood.

For instance Reservation drums for "Apache", while Marvin's lead guitar flows coolly over. His style is the characteristic one note at a time, no power chords for these boys, Status Quo eat your hearts out.

This must have been one of the most original groups, no real influences, which means that the music is still as fresh

today as it was then, and the only real fault is that while appreciating the technical skill and melody, there is no depth of feeling in the playing.

### WITHOUT CLIFF

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WILD ANGELS (x)  
7.00

Next week in the Public Cinema  
Polanski's  
THE TENANT (x)  
4.40 and 8.35  
plus Warren Beatty in the  
political thriller  
THE PARALLAX VIEW (aa)  
6.50

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## THEATRE

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Wed. 10 - Sat. 12—Much Ado About Nothing.  
Tues. 15 - Thurs. 17—Romeo and Juliet.

**GULBENKIAN STUDIO**  
Until Sat. 12—Chance Dancing: the Scottish Ballet's Moveable Workshop. Students, teachers and actors. 2.00  
Thurs. - Sat. Tickets 40p.  
Thurs. 10 - Sat. 12—Chance Dancing: a programme for all ages exploring the influence on dance of fashion, music, art and literature, 60p.  
Tues. 15 - April 9—Royal Shakespeare Company in Bertolt Brecht's Schwegel in the Second World War; Macbeth; Destiny by David Edgar; Bingo by Edward Bond. 7.30 (Wed. and Sat. mats. 2.30). 60p. For further details phone 23421. Schwegel and Macbeth already sold out.

**PEOPLE'S THEATRE**  
Until Sat. 12: The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekov. 7.30. 55p.

**EMPIRE THEATRE, SUNDERLAND**  
Until Sat. 12: Sunderland Amateur Operatic Society presents Brigadoon. 7.15. (Sat. mat. 2.15). 35p - £1.00.  
Mon. 14 - Sat. 19: International Circus. 4.30 and 7.30. Sat. mat. 2.00. 30p - £1.00.

## MUSIC

**WED. 9**  
City Hall: Uriah Heep plus Woody Woodman U Boat. 7.30. £1.10 - £2.20.

**THURS. 10**  
City Hall: T. Rex plus support. 7.30. £1.10 - £2.00.  
Kings Hall: Music Students Midday Concert. 1.10. FREE.

**FRI. 11**  
Poly: The Damned and Gosh. 50p adv., 70p before 10.30, £1.20 after.  
Central Library, Gateshead: Northern Sinfonia Ensemble chamber music for wind by Arnold, Barber, Damase, Ibert, Reicha and Vivaldi. 7.30. 50p.  
Mayfair Ballroom: Procul Harum. No other details available.

**SAT. 12**  
Kings Hall: University Music Society with Nigel Harrison (violin). Programme of works by Beethoven. 7.30. FREE.

**SUN. 13**  
University Theatre: Northern Sinfonia in "The Age of Vivaldi." 8.00. £1.00.  
City Hall: The Wurzels plus support. 7.30. £1.00 - £1.75.

**MON. 14**  
City Hall: Roy Orbison with Sidney Davine. 6.30 and 8.45. £1.50 - £3.50.  
St. Mary's College Chapel: In the Style of the French Organ with Russell Missin (organ). 1.00. FREE.

**TUES. 15**  
City Hall: Jan Akkerman and Kaz Lux Band. 7.30. £1.25 - £2.00.  
Darlington Civic Theatre: Scottish Opera in The Marriage of Figaro. 7.15.

# SCENE CITY

## LAMPOONED DRAGOONS

THIS year, under the guidance of Stage Director Norman Galbraith, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society's annual production adopted an "anti-pseudos" attitude.

The central theme behind the comic operetta, *Patience*, is a lampoon directed against nineteenth century affectation, particularly towards aestheticism. It is also opposed to blind following of trends without any deeper comprehension of their significance than surface appearances.

Throughout the performances there was a constant undertone of homosexuality, a typically modern concern, so often associated these days with cultural sensitivity and aesthetics. This updated the action considerably making this nineteenth century entertainment into a relevant modern play of today, with a surface display of perennial farce and visual comic antics.

The performance was impressive for an amateur production and the obvious enjoyment that many of the personae took in their work soon pervaded the audience and they worked together to create a light-hearted atmosphere. The actors were able to relax so that their grotesque movements could be fully appreciated by the eager spectators.

The singing was good, especially on behalf of the male singers, the girls, however, tended to lack strength,

but were none the less appreciated.

*Patience*, played by Pat Snowdon, had a penetrating, rich voice, but her performance tended to lack vitality, but this was compensated for by the vivacity of her counterpart, Dave Wilmore.

The character studies, or rather characters, came over well and were superbly acted out by this amateur cast. Chris Scott-Wilson, in the person of the Duke, was brilliantly ineffectual! and Paul Clarke, alias Archibald Grosvenor, the genuine aesthete must also be praised for an excellent display of hebetude and vanity. Probably the most forceful performance came from Lad Jane (Celia Burton) whose darkly brooding part was, perhaps, the most subtle and difficult of all to portray, which she did with

success.

Overall the Gilbert and Sullivan Society had yet another success to add to their ebullient past record and are to be congratulated for providing us with two and a half hours of humorous entertainment, which is nothing when compared to the hours that they had to sacrifice in order to produce this.

"*Patience*" was a suitable choice for a University performance, and the cast were well backed by the orchestra, and an army of essential staff who provided lighting, make-up, and the picturesque stage set. The whole was a colourful spectacle of dragoons and aesthetes gaily caparisoned in all the shades of the spectrum, and a chorus of twenty love-sick maiden of reputed beauty and languishing souls!

Ailsa Rae.

## Oedipus Today

### Latest on R.S.C.

N.U.T.S. presented *ANTIGONE* by Jean Anouilh last week and it proved to be a popular and successful choice of play. Briefly the story is a continuation of the Oedipus saga but recreated in modern terms with universal significance.

Anouilh takes a new look at tragedy, portraying it as a tranquil, welcome end to the tragic hero (or in this case heroine's) life.

He comments on fate as determined by genetics and our characters, rather than by the stars, and retells the whole story in a new light with Creon as the hero and Antigone as a headstrong young girl, too young to put her life into a logical perspective.

happiness.

The production was unusual, opening with slides of Vietnam and the Kent State massacres. They gave a convincing picture of what preceded the action but were misleading as to the actual content of the play.

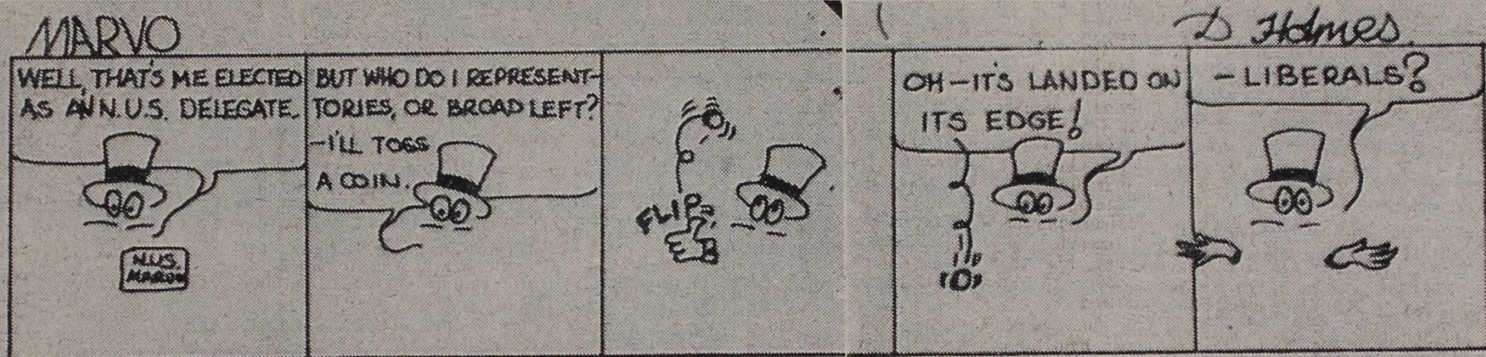
#### DARK TRAGEDY

The acting was good, on the whole, and special acclamation must go to Creon, Antigone and Ismene.

The talent of Mike Szpakowski cannot go unmentioned either, he composed and played most of the musical background to the play. This created a deeper, ominous dimension to this dark tragedy and heightened the sense of doom and mystery.

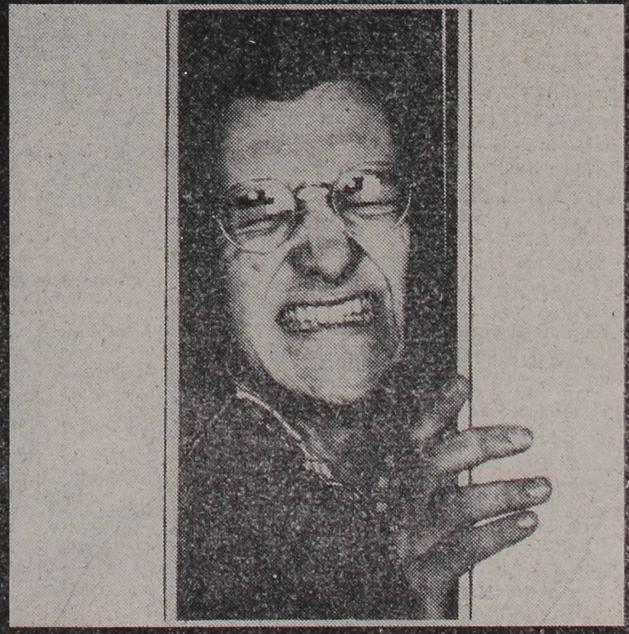
#### CONVICING PICTURE

There is no alternative life, formed from within the soul, not external forces, cannot be changed. Antigone and Haemon have to die, they were not born to be happy, and do not want such human



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SOME people have had some pretty weird ideas about SCAN in the past. We've been accused of being (the obvious) do-gooders, conscience-killers, useless reformists, and even resembling the Nazi Youth movement! Hopefully SCAN is none of these, and sadly the accusations usually come from people who know little, if anything, about the organisation.

Our aim purely and simply, is to involve students in the community and we are one of the few organisations within the University that attempts to do this. In itself this is no easy task, as it is so easy for students to remain a very isolated community, even in Newcastle where the proximity of the University to the town is such an advantage. There is also the problem of the amount of free time students have, but we are well aware of these limitations and try to work round them.

This year, with a full-time worker, under the auspices of the Job Creation Scheme, and a well-situated office, we have been able to expand both our activities and our membership to such an extent that next year a sabbatical worker will be appointed, financed by the Union. Contrary to people who see SCAN as an irrelevant Union activity, we feel that involvement in the Community can be a very important educative experience in the broadest sense of the term. After all, what good is academic work if you can't put it into perspective in the context of the outside world!

A simple visit to the SCAN Shop (on the corner, near the Univ. Theatre) will put you in touch with a project if you are interested. There's no formal membership; you become a member by doing something. The Shop is open 9-5 p.m., so drop in sometime; have a browse round and meet our full-time worker. We have a publications section for reference and hold an open lunch every Thursday from 12.30 to 2 p.m. to keep people in touch with what's happening (lunch is very reasonable and makes a change from Union "food").

#### WHAT DOES SCAN ACTUALLY DO ?

We run a wide variety of projects ranging from the more "community service" type such as decorating, elderly visiting, to the more "community action" ideas, such as welfare rights, and housing work. These projects are not duplicating, but complementing the work done by the other agencies in the city. The variety of projects hopefully enables people to choose the one which is most suited to their interest, and time. Here's a rundown of them:

#### WELFARE RIGHTS

This project offers an advice service to anyone with welfare problems. We run a stall on Saturdays in the Bigg Market, and a referral session in the Scan shop on Wednesday afternoons. These are done on a rota basis and frequent talks are held to "train" you.

#### MENTAL HEALTH

A group of people meet in the Scan shop each Saturday at 1.30 p.m. to visit St. Nick's Hospital. They are hoping to establish another group at Prudhoe Hospital on Wednesday afternoons soon. A one-to-one day event will be held at Prudhoe on May 21st, the idea being to match each patient up with a volunteer for a day.

#### KIDS

Always a popular project, there are

# WHAT IS SCAN ?

Kath Brown, Scan full-time worker reveals all

several things happening:

1. Benwell Kids' Project runs each Sunday 10 - 2 p.m. at the Dolphin Street Community Centre and can always use new helpers and ideas.
2. Inflatables. These aren't what you think. They are PVC structures which, when filled with air, can be bounced on by little (and big) horrors. A group of people take these to play-schemes, mental hospitals, carnivals, etc.
3. Adventure weekends away . . . are organised each fortnight, enough time for you to discover a latent affinity for snotty-nosed kids.
4. Playgroups. There are many groups in the City needing helpers.
5. St. James's Youth Club, Northumberland Road. This runs on Monday and Friday evenings and is particularly short of helpers at present.

#### HOMELESSNESS

Wayside — is a day-centre run by the Probation Service, near the Quayside and needs people to make contact with the men who go there. An informal training will be held to give volunteers back-up.

Carr-Gomm House. This is a small home for people with social handicaps. A decorating group meets in the shop at 1.00 each Wednesday to visit. Carr-Gomm also

runs a workshop on the Shields Road and would welcome anyone, particularly with carpentry skills.

#### ELDERLY VISITING

We have referrals from Age Concern for visitors for lonely people, to be arranged as you like.

#### DECORATING

Two groups go out "decorating" (usually each other) each week. NO SKILLS NEEDED. Meet in the Shop either Wednesday 1.00 p.m. or Saturday 10.00 a.m. (a great cure for hangovers).

#### TYNESIDE STREET PRESS

This is a local community newspaper which needs helpers to write articles, and help out with lay-out and sales.

Besides these, there are many "one-off" requests for help that come in regularly, these are posted on the noticeboard in the Shop. Alternatively, if you would rather help with the running of Scan, we always need typists and drivers. As well as a referral agency, Scan also acts as a means to set up projects in which you may be interested. The Welfare Rights, Mental Health and the Benwell Kid's Project all begin in this way, so if you want support and facilities

to run a project, please call in, new ideas are always welcome.

#### HAS NUS GOT ITS PRIORITIES RIGHT ?

It is ironic that we are pumped with the commercial side of NUS, such as the Student Discount Scheme, and yet hear very little about the parts which do the most valuable work. The SCANUS unit is a good example of this (chorus of 'what's that?'). Well the SCANUS Unit has three workers employed by NUS, who service and co-ordinate the national Student Community Action network and research into areas such as alternative education, environment, housing, civil liberties etc.

Recently however, NUS has announced that, like most other organisations, they must cut back — to the tune of £30,000. It is said that SCANUS appears to be among the first for the chop, regardless of the fact that it was established from a mandate at NUS Conference in 1969 since when it has provided the impetus behind many NUS campaigns at a National level. Many people do not realise the link between Student Community Action groups and the Union, but it is a vital one—namely that we are the people who attempt to put NUS resolutions into action at a local level in the community. If NUS disbands SCANUS, it also destroys the means necessary for the national growth of community-based campaigning work.

It was estimated at a recent conference of all SCA groups that the saving from this proposed venture would be minimal, and "priorities" of NUS were deplored. The recent injection of funds into the struggling discount card scheme is symptomatic of the sustained failure of the NUS executive to grasp the reality of the fact that our Union will never be an effective campaigning organisation if it retains its membership on the basis of commercial ventures.

This issue will be discussed at the forthcoming NUS conference when hopefully delegates will support the more constructive and valuable NUS activities.

#### CONFESSIONS OF A SCAN FULL TIME WORKER

That sounds like a jail sentence, but in fact the 'job' of co-ordinating SCAN activities is certainly never dull. The idea of employing a full time worker, now taken up by twenty other higher education establishments, is to co-ordinate the multifarious projects taking place at once, i.e. one person will know everything that is happening at a particular time. There is also a good deal of administration to relieve project groups and allow them to be able to get on with more activities.

One of the most interesting parts of the year has been the building up of relations with other organisations in Newcastle, and these links have been invaluable. There's also been time to get the 'educational' side of SCAN off the ground — namely weekend conferences, forums and discussions on activities and problems, again vital to the development of the organisation.

In actual fact, apart from unending evening meetings, much of the day is spent chatting to the steady stream of people who call into the shop, to discuss what they are interested in doing. These include townfolk and University employees as well as students, and we get several people referred to us from other agencies.

Acting as a go-between between students and organisations has its up and downs, as you tend to get the thanks, but also the blame when inevitably things go wrong. It also requires a critical approach, especially in this the 'Cut's Era' when local authorities may want to use volunteers as cheap labour.

Nevertheless, it's a very stimulating post which teaches you to type with two fingers, push transit vans, do five things at once and meet an incredible cross-section of people — I'd recommend it to anyone!



Kids bouncing on an inflatable.

# COURIER SPORT

## Rugby Football

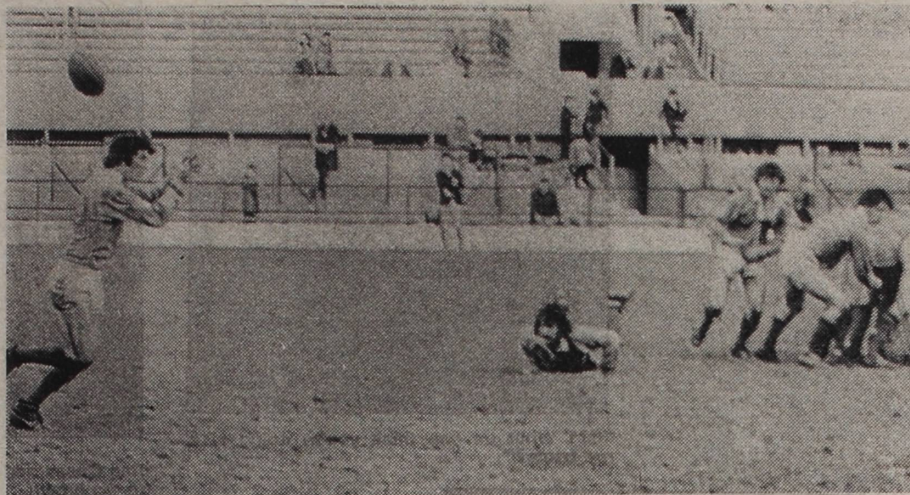
U.A.U. FINALS—  
TWICKENHAM  
Newcastle 3  
Loughborough 23

ON their first visit to Twickenham, Newcastle failed to bring away the U.A.U. Championship title, Loughborough winning it for the 15th time.

But it was a disastrous first half in which Newcastle allowed the well-drilled Loughborough side to dominate in all phases of the game. They opened the scoring through No. 8 O'Callaghan from behind the pack. This was soon followed by a try by winger Rees after a mis-kick by Newcastle captain, Currie. The Loughborough full-back Whiteley widened the margin with an accurately kicked penalty after Newcastle centres became off-side at a scrummage.

### DIFFERENT STORY

It was Whiteley who improved Rees' second try following a superbly executed set-piece. Loughborough's last try came from their scrum, O'Callaghan driving hard to the line and the strong prop Sasse in support



It says it all — missed chances and elementary mistakes.

## Loughborough yet again

taking the ball over, Whiteley improving.

The second half was a completely different story. Loughborough were unable to continue the massacre and Newcastle began to raise their game. The threequarters began to show initiative and in the tight Max Stone began to get results from his hard work.

Joe Clarkson kicked a penalty from the 22 metre line and was unlucky to miss two others that were affected by the phantom swirling Twickenham wind.

Due to a blow-out on the

M1 well over half of Newcastle's most ardent supporters were not able to arrive until well after the interval and their efforts sparked life into the team.

### CRITICISM ASIDE

Loughborough, despite mistakes and a drop in the standard of their play, maintained their strong defence, and in spite of good runs by Jarvis, Wright, Stone, Vince and Fincher, Newcastle were unable to narrow the margin.

Commissions and criticism aside, we should

remember one thing. It is not every day that a rugby team gets the chance to play at Twickenham, the home of rugby football in England. We should, therefore, congratulate the whole team on achieving this, and thank everyone involved in the preparations and build up for the match.

Greg Smith.

NEWCASTLE: Clarkson, Currie (capt.), Fincher, D. Smith, Jarvis, Wright, Campbell, Stone, Carslaw, Rennison, de Lacy, Gaskell, Forman, Vince, Trenholme. Replacements: Ashcroft, Goodall. Referee: P. Lillington (Army).

## Failure blamed on horses

LAST Wednesday was the occasion of the Area Qualifying Round for the British University Riding Clubs' Association for the Scotland and North East area. The match was held at Langley Close Arabian Stud at Maiden Law against teams from Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrew's and Durham. Newcastle was represented by Richard Jennaway, Neil Johnston and Nicola Caley.

This was a very interesting match with great enthusiasm from all teams as the members tackled the problems of riding strange horses in the dressage phase. Some of the horses were not at all willing to do the test and all three members of the Newcastle team rode their horses very well.

The show jumping caused a lot of excitement and a fair amount of grief as several people parted company with their horses. However, no one was badly hurt, although one of the members of the team from Aberdeen had the mis-

fortune to fall off twice during her round.

Newcastle managed to avoid any mishaps of this kind although Neil Johnston unfortunately parted company with his mount after crossing the finishing line.

This was a very good match with determined riding by all the teams and we were very unlucky to come third and just miss qualifying for the Final. However, we did quite well in the individual with Nicola Caley coming fourth and Richard Jennaway sixth. I would like to finish by wishing Durham and Edinburgh luck on March 31st at Melton Mowbray.

The results were as follows:  
Team: 1st Durham 318.  
2nd Edinburgh 283.  
3rd Newcastle 265.  
4th Dundee 250.

Individual:  
1st Ruth Jeffery, Durham, 112; equal 2nd Kate Couldrey, Durham 103 and Barbara Abrahams, Durham 103.  
4th Nicola Caley, Newcastle 100; 5th Jill Davidson, Edinburgh 99; 6th Richard Jennaway, Newcastle 96.

## Badminton

### All in all a bit of a cock-up

THE end of the Badminton season draws near and everyone in the University teams has been pulling their pelves in sheer suspense and excitement as promotion and relegation issues are sorted out.

Unfortunately the Mixed I team failed to overcome the unbeaten Morpeth Wansbeck, going down by 6 games to 3. Hopes were high before this match and as Angie Cliff and Nigel Birkett achieved their usual three wins it was inconceivable that our other pairs could fail to win two matches between them.

But (*expletive deleted*) it they did, though, so as not to offend anyone, they did come close. Let us hope that the team who play Heddon-on-the-Wall in the promotion clincher prove themselves up to the occasion. Thanks to Morpeth for their hospitality, especially after the match. It would have been more jolly if we had beaten the buggers.

The Mixed II team con-

tains some strong pairs who would do well in the higher division which our first team's final year members should drag themselves up to this week. Watching them beat an admittedly weak Burnopfield St. James' was heartening, especially seeing girls such as Pam Coulthard and Gwyn Jones willing to run about and keen to win.

Steven Tee, Pang and Martyn Sentence are three solid players who will be a strong backbone for next year's men's teams. The 8-1 victory was conclusive, the opposition gaining one match by default when Pang collapsed with cramp.

The Men's I team avoided relegation with a hard-fought 5-4 win against Wylam. Continually strengthened by a pint from the "Ship" each member of a much-changed team for this match, proved their worth. Keith Laidlaw was very easy to play with for Birkett and this pair got the three wins which provided the base for victory. Afzal and Tony Atkinson got our other two matches which leaves the Men's team in 'B' division for another season.

We will soon be having our A.G.M. to decide who will run the club next year. If anyone reading this thinks they could do better conducting affairs than this year's crowd, they should look at the badminton noticeboard for details of the date and venue of the A.G.M. and the procedure for nomination to the various posts existing.

## Hockey

### EATING HOCKEY

ANNUAL DINNER: The Men's and Ladies' Clubs held their joint Annual Dinner at Close House last Friday. One hundred players and guests enjoyed a well prepared buffet supper, followed by interesting speeches from Joe Messer, Men's Club President; the new Pro Vice Chancellor and an exceptionally eloquent and concise speech by Roger McVey. It was very pleasing that the Ladies' Club joined us for the evening and we hope that they will continue to come in future years.

**President XI v Past-It XI.** The present XI played some good hockey despite the prevailing weather conditions and in the first half, went ahead by a goal from John Wiseman. In the second half the Past-it side tired. John Wiseman scored again along with Ian Thomas (2).

Pete Creighton was bored in goal and allowed to take the awarded penalty flick—he duly missed. The Past-its did well to pull one goal out of the bag while Jerry Evans was asleep.

The 2nd XI continued their unbeaten league run by beating D.H.S.S. A well taken goal by George Swayne put us in the lead. The game was well in the control of the University after half time with Nigel Skeffington's reverse stick shot making the score 2-1.

In extremely windy conditions D.H.S.S. had little to offer and were 1-0 down to a good goal from John Wiseman. Good midfield work by Steve Bartram led to the second goal by Ian Thomas.

He added a second from a saved short-corner shot, John Wiseman scored the fourth.

## Women's Hockey

Sunderland Poly 2  
Newcastle 1st XI 3

After winning 4-3 against the same side at Cochrane Park the previous week, Newcastle travelled to Sunderland feeling confident of repeating this performance. However, they had not anticipated playing on a pitch more suitable for growing cabbages.

The "hit and run" tactics of the Sunderland forwards proved to be the best method of moving the ball through the mud and this tended to leave the University forwards with little to do but stand and watch.

Despite the result this was a very poor match, the bad conditions were the cause of a number of fouls and as in the previous match against Sunderland very few players escaped without injury.

The Newcastle goals were scored by Ava, Kath and Lesley—the winning goal coming from a penalty flick taken by Lesley within minutes of the final whistle.

York University 1st XI 5  
Newcastle 0

After a mystery tour of York by bus, followed by an equally mysterious tour of the University campus on foot, we managed to find the pitch and were promptly beaten by a superior York side.

The combination of a British Universities Right Wing and a very good Right Inner for York proved to be too much for the Newcastle defence and these two players were responsible for most of the York goals.

## Orienteering

### Orienteering to great heights at great speed

IT seems as though most members of the Orienteering Club are improving at their sport in the past few weeks because our times for the courses are getting faster and so positions obtained are higher.

On the 20th February we went to Mabie Forest near Dumfries where Frank Edge turned in yet another good performance to come home in first place, despite losing his pen at the second master-maps. This meant he had to remember the positions of the controls for the second part of the course.

The second master-maps seemed to cause some trouble that day as Jeremy Wilson, who was heading for a good time in the M19 class, copied the wrong course down onto his map while Malcolm Cow-sill took the wrong control description sheet and retired.

At Black Banks near Wolsingham on 27th February John Phillips had his best run for some time recording a second place with a time of 73 minutes in M21A. This was also a good day for Malcolm who finished a course for the first time while Paul Green, Pete Clark, Tim Roberts, Andy West and Sue Benstead all did well. Jon Dakin said he was confused at one stage because the herd of cows he was running through was not marked on the map.

## Football

### Durham Socked

Newcastle Univ. 2 Durham 0  
First XI

With the psychological boost of a 5-0 victory at Durham the previous Wednesday, Newcastle ran out easy winners in their return Northern Alliance match. The margin may have been narrower this time but Newcastle continue their climb up the league table.

All the damage was inflicted in the first half John Phillips grabbed the first when he blasted home from close-in. Centre-half Dave Newton volleyed in from a corner to put Newcastle two up.

In the second period, Paul Little was denied two certain goals by the Durham keeper who smothered his attempts.

## MENS INTRA MURAL LEAGUE

The following tables represent the final positions in the Badminton and Table Tennis Leagues. One match is still outstanding in the Table Tennis League — a rearranged match between Poly A and C & M. If anyone has any objections or complaints could I have them in writing please to the P.E. Centre (in the usual tray).

David Childs,  
Men's Intra Mural Secretary.

### TABLE TENNIS

	P	W	L	Pts.
Poly 'B'	10	9	1	18
Henderson 'A'	10	8	2	16
C. & M.	9	6	3	12
Ethels	10	6	4	12
Freemens	10	5	5	10

Poly 'A'	9	5	4	10
Embleton 'A'	10	5	5	10
E.P.H.	10	3	7	6
Havelock	10	3	7	6
Henderson 'B'	10	3	7	6
Embleton 'B'	10	1	9	2

### BADMINTON

	P	W	L	Pts.
Medics	8	8	0	16
C. & M.	8	6	2	12
Henderson	8	5	3	10
Poly	8	5	3	10
Embleton	8	4	4	8
E.P.H.	8	3	5	6
Freemens	8	2	6	4
Havelock	8	2	6	4
Ethels	8	1	7	2

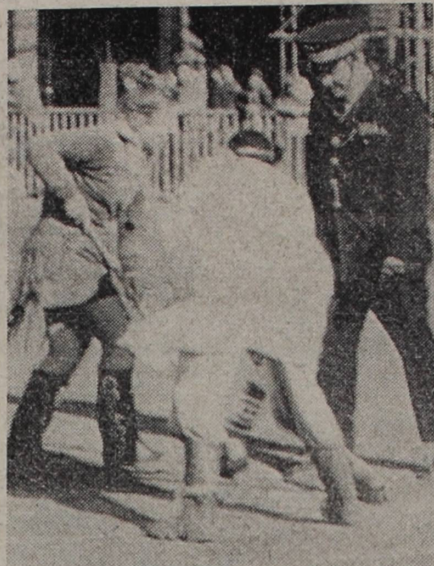
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Richard Murphy, President, coming out for the third time still smiling.

# Reflections on Rag Week



"Oi! What do you think you're doing with my boots?"



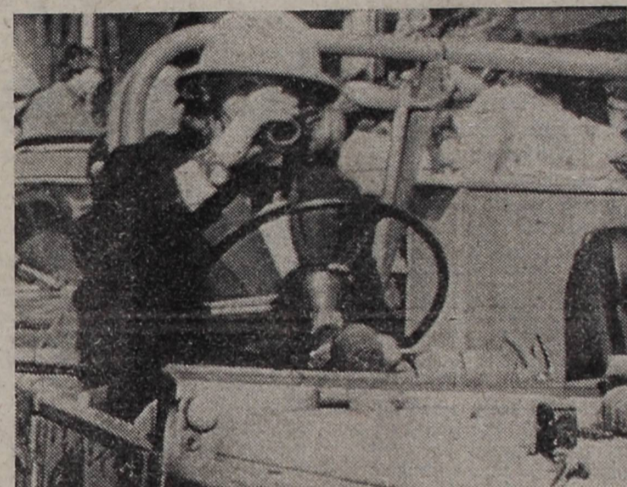
Rag Queen and Drag Queen casting their gifts to the crowd.



"I know there is a shortage of ambulances, but this is ridiculous."



James Whale having a whale of a time tied to a bed on his way down Northumberland Street.



Nothing like a cup of tea when exploring the swampland of Northumberland Street.

## N.U.S.R.C. ELECTIONS

Closing Date for Nominations 10 a.m. Date of Election

VICE-PRESIDENT NUS and External Affairs	... Fri., 11th March	Tue. 15th March
VICE-PRESIDENT Services	... Fri., 11th March	Tue. 15th March
VICE-PRESIDENT Cultural Affairs	... Fri., 11th March	Tue. 15th March
VICE-PRESIDENT without Portfolio	... Fri., 11th March	Tue. 15th March
EDITOR OF COURIER	... Tue. 15th March	Thur. 17th Mar.

## THE UNION SOCIETY

Closing Date for Nominations 10 a.m. on Date of Election

*SIX ORDINARY MEMBERS OF UNION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	... Fri., 11th March	Tue. 15th March
*CONVENOR OF DEBATES	... Fri., 11th March	Tue. 15th March

### THE ELECTIONS

will take place in the UNION FOYER

10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

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### HUSTINGS

Starred items (\*) at 5.00 p.m. in the Debating Chamber on the day preceding the Election.

Unstarred items at 1.00 p.m. in the Debating Chamber on the day preceding the Election.

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NOMINATION PAPERS from Permanent Secretary, Level Six, and must be handed in by 10.00 a.m. on the closing date for Nominations.

—Vince Allen, Secretary.

## NUSRC

and Union Society Meetings

WEDNESDAY 9th  
SRC Executive, Level 6 Committee Room. 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 9th  
Library Committee, Level 6 Committee Room. 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 10th  
Hustings Deputy President and Secretary of SRC and Student Treasurer, Debating Chamber. 1 p.m.

THURSDAY 10th  
Hustings for Union Society Vice-President, Secretary, Student Treasurer and Social Secretary Debating Chamber 5 p.m.

MONDAY 14th  
Hustings for SRC Executive Vice-Presidents, Debating Chamber. 1 p.m.

MONDAY 14th  
Hustings for 6 Ordinary Members of UMC and Convenor of Debates, Debating Chamber. 5 p.m.

MONDAY 14th  
SRC Council Meeting, Debating Chamber, 5.30 p.m. (approx.).

TUESDAY 15th  
Day of Action on Southern Africa.

WEDNESDAY 16th  
Hustings for Editor of Courier, Debating Chamber. 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 16th  
SRC Executive Committee, Level 6 Committee Room. 2 p.m.

THURSDAY 17th  
SRC Welfare Committee, Level 6 Committee Room. 1 p.m.

THURSDAY 17th  
Union Catering Committee, Level 6 Committee Room. 4 p.m.

—Vince Allen, Secretary.

## Annual General Elections

for

## FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

on

Friday, March 18th, 1977

Agriculture	(3)	History	(1)
Architecture	(1)	Humanities (inc. Archeology)	(2)
Biology	(1)	Music	(1)
Chemical Engineering	(1)	Philosophy	(1)
Chemistry	(1)	Psychology	(1)
Civil Engineering	(2)	Religious Studies)	(1)
Classics	(1)	Law	(1)
Computing	(1)	Mathematics	(2)
Dental School	(2)	Medicine	(4)
Economics	(1)	Mining Engineering and Metallurgy	(1)
Education/Speech	(2)	Marine/Naval Arc. and Shipbuilding	(2)
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	(1)	Physics	(1)
Mechanical Engineering	(1)	Politics	(1)
English	(1)	Social Studies	(1)
Fine Art	(1)	Surveying & Town & Country Planning	(2)
French and Spanish	(2)	Zoology	(2)
Geography	(2)		
Geology	(1)		
German & Scandinavian Studies	(2)		

(Number in brackets ( ) indicates vacancies to be filled)  
CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS

WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1977  
THE ELECTIONS

will take place in the

UNION FOYER  
10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Nomination Papers are available from the Permanent Secretary on Level Six, of the Union Building and must be handed in by 10.00 a.m. on the closing date for Nominations.  
—Vince Allen, Secretary.