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60th BIRTHDAY PARTY
OF "YOUR UNION"
Friday 14th October
7.30 — 1.00 a.m.

Anthropology is forced to the brink

A lecturer's sudden decision to take early retirement has left returning 2nd year students without a course to attend.

Dr. Powell, an Anthropology lecturer in the Social Studies department made the decision over the summer and this means there is now only one Anthropology lecturer in the whole University.

This has resulted in the scrapping of one of the 3rd year options, Anthropology 3, which understandably has angered a great many students. Union President, Joe Carlebach explained "We have received a number of complaints from irate students who left in June expecting to take the option and returned in October to find it was no longer possible. It's very worrying as it also raises questions about the whole future of the Social Studies department".

Councillor Jon Davies, a lecturer in the department agreed that the department was now most definitely in a vulnerable position and said he was very annoyed at the furtive way in which the course had been scrapped. He also added that he was worried about the future of the department: "It is not really credible viable with only one member of staff and it can only mean that the University intends to run it down".

At present there are six members of staff in the Social Studies department, but it is believed more early retirements in the next few years will reduce this number drastically. The faculty has been

told to make a number of cuts and one way to save money is to freeze posts when they become vacant.

The Head of Department, Mike Stant, the man responsible for the decision not to replace Dr. Powell, explained that the department was doing its best in very difficult circumstances, but also admitted that the future of the department and especially of Anthropology was uncertain, and explained "if the remaining Anthropology lecturer leaves then there is the possibility of no more Anthropology ever being taught at Newcastle. I can only say it will continue as long as he is here".

Although all equally disappointed about the decision, the Social Studies lecturers do not seem to agree about the effect it will have. Mr. Stant claimed that only six students studied Anthropology 3 anyway, so it actually would do little damage, whereas the remaining Anthropology lecturer Dr. Al-Shahi described the decision as "disastrous for the students" as it was such a popular course.

Clearly a great deal of the trouble stems from the fact that Mr. Stant took the decision with-

out consulting his colleagues whatsoever, but he was quick to point out that it was more a decision he was forced to take than one he wanted to take.

Dr. Al-Shahi, however, was disappointed by the lack of consultation and claims the new substitute option is not really what the students want. The Staff/Student Committee should have been notified, he added, before any final decision was taken.

Quite clearly the future of Anthropology at the University is far from settled and even this decision has not really been accepted by the majority of people concerned. Union President, Joe Carlebach, still hopes that "something can be done to rectify the situation", but even he admits that "time does appear to be running out".

Anthropology 3 is no more and the unfortunate fact that emerges, is the way in which it was scrapped. It would seem that Heads of Departments do have the power to establish course options without properly consulting the people affected, and this must surely be a blow to Student Union leaders and members of departments everywhere. Sue Crawford

Amanda — Lost and found

Do you remember the furor last year when an interviewee went missing? The Student Reception Service were accused of losing a girl, and the police launched an extensive search. The cause of this frenzy of activity — Amanda Jarrett a schoolgirl from the Coventry area.

Amanda who had arranged an interview at the University, was seen arriving at Marlborough Crescent bus station last February, but she did not turn up at the S.R.S. office as expected. Pleas for information by her parents revealed nothing.

However, the 17-year-old Amanda was found recently, alive and well and living in Exeter — Devon, according to a spokesman from the Northumbrian Police.

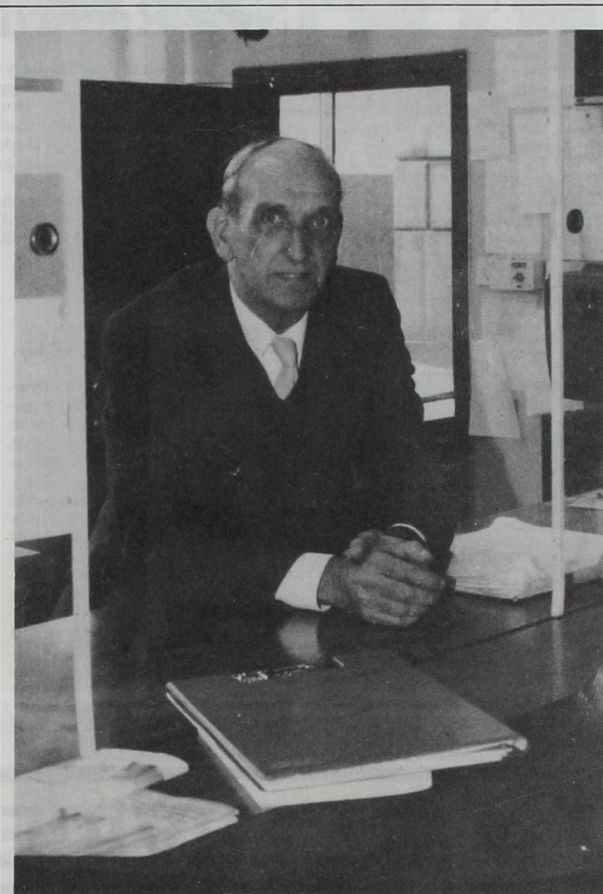
Liz Hughes

Grant delay

There have been many rumours flying around about grant cheque delays. Due to the government's late announcement of this year's grant cheque regulations some local authorities have experienced difficulty in getting the cheques out in time.

According to the Finance Office there is no real problem. However, if any students do experience difficulty in obtaining their grant they are advised to tell the Finance Office as soon as possible. The University will help any students in University accommodation with free accommodation until their cheques arrive.

Liz Hughes



Jimmy bows out

Jimmy Blackburn retired last Friday (September 30th) after 12½ years service as a porter for the Union Society.

Jimmy has obviously enjoyed working in the Union and leaves us in the capable hands of "really smashing staff". He hasn't a bad word for the students either and made a point of saying that "Agrics are a real good set of lads".

One thing is sure, Jimmy will be back in 1993 to renew his ten year Union Society pass. He will be sadly missed, but we all wish him a very happy retirement.

Tony Hay

Happy Birthday

This October the Students' Union celebrates a double anniversary, the 60th Birthday of the Union and the 20th Birthday of the University. The construction of the University Students' Union building began in 1922 with money donated by an anonymous donor, whose name was later discovered and in whose honour the Coghane Lounge is now named.

The Students' Union building was from its inception unique among Student Unions throughout the country as Newcastle owns its own building and employs its own staff.

When the building was built Newcastle was at that time King's College, a division of Durham University and it was only with the grant of Royal Charter in 1963 that Newcastle became a University in its own right.

To mark these events the Students' Union have arranged a number of events. All the Halls of Residences and much of the self-catering University accommodation will be visited by a travelling Union roadshow, encompassing a University band, and a general rundown on Newcastle University 1983!

The Union is also planning a

Twanus on it's knees

A series of dramatic events has led to the virtual collapse of the Tyne and Wear Area of the National Union of Students (Twanus).

The area conference held in June failed to even reach a quorum and therefore no decisions could be made. Furthermore, a number of the colleges present staged a walkout, to protest about the behaviour of the Newcastle College of Arts and Technology delegation.

The final straw for the area's colleges has been the Inland Revenue's attempt to sue TWANUS for non payment of taxes.

Apparently the employees National Insurance Contribution and P.A.Y.E. tax was not paid for the Area Convenor's salary from April to July of this year. The person responsible for the tax payments was the Area Treasurer, Mr. David Addison, a third year student at the University. Unfortunately Mr. Addison could not be contacted during the summer to explain the situation and it was then that the Inland Revenue decided to proceed with Court action.

On a more constructive note, however, out of the debris of the old TWANUS a new organisation seems likely to appear.

A Working Party has already been formed by Newcastle University, Durham University, Sunderland Polytechnic and Newcastle Polytechnic and colleges are already considering setting up a new area N.U.S., which with the inclusion of Teesside Polytechnic may possibly be called Tyne Tees Area.

Meanwhile the Newcastle College of Arts and Technology decided at a General Meeting last term to leave N.U.S. At present they still remain members of the original N.U.S., but it is thought that their disaffiliation nationally may affect this. Whether or not it does, the College can be assured of one thing; the disaffiliation means that their students are now no longer admitted into the University Union, as only N.U.S. affiliated students are allowed entry. The ban will take place from 31st October.

Sue Crawford

large Birthday Celebration. On the afternoon of Thursday, October 13th, there will be a trip down memory lane, as the Union revives its old tradition of Afternoon Teas in The Oak Room.

The culmination of the Celebration occurs on Friday, 14th October. Early in the evening the Union is hosting an official Celebration when all the University and Civic dignitaries will unite to toast the University's and Union's well being.

Later in the evening the Union invites all students to its Birthday Party, Ceilidhs, Balloon debates, all bars open until 12.00 p.m., food, films, fancy dress, and spot prizes. The evening will end with a Piper marking the Anniversary with a stirring Auld Lang Syne.

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Editorial

May we at Courier be, no doubt, the last to wish you a warm welcome to the University, but more importantly, the first to welcome you to the Student Newspaper.

Courier is run by students, for the students, and we need more people to come along and get involved. Pop in for a chat if you're interested in writing for us, or if you want to know a bit more about how Courier works.

As well as regular writers we also welcome letters and longer Viewpoints on any subject.

Please come and see us for more details. And finally, don't be put off Courier by the number of adverts in this week's paper — this always happens with the first edition. Next week we'll be full of the usual news and features, so please bear with us — remember our advertisers support us, so please support them.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.
Sue Crawford, Editor.

ARRIVAL

The department of English Language has a new Professor, Noel Edward Osselton. He replaces Professor Barbara Strang who died suddenly last Easter. His first academic appointment was as a lecturer in the Department of English at Southampton.

Professor Osselton's main inter-

A new term also sees the Students' Union begin a new approach to Democracy. A General Meeting in the third term of last year instituted the following Reforms.

That the Union would only hold a limited number of General Meetings per term, and that the issues to be discussed in these Meetings would be decided by a cross campus ballot of all students.

Therefore, in line with this new policy the Priorities Ballot will be held on Thursday, 13th October, between 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Any students wishing to nominate issues for the ballot must give them to the Sabbatical Secretary's Office by Friday, 7th October at 10.00 a.m. A written explanation of each issue must accompany the nomination.

est is in lexicography past and present. He is the Editor of the standard scholarly dictionary of Dutch and English used in Holland and he is also the author of more than 50 articles and books.

Professor Osselton, a Yorkshireman by birth, is married with three daughters. We wish him and his family a warm welcome to the University.

Liz Hughes.

Awards for Retiring Professors

Newcastle University will award ten of its retiring Professors the title of Professor Emeritus when they leave on the 30th September, 1983.

A full list of those awarded the Professor Emeritus appear below, but it is worth singling out a few of those who will receive the title.

Professor Pavel Novak (Civil and Hydraulic Engineering) has had a distinguished career in Hydraulic Engineering both in the U.K. and abroad as an advisor to many bodies dealing with water resources, including being a representative in his field at UNESCO.

Professor Kathleen Bell C.B.E. (Social Studies) has made a reputa-

The Royal Mail is helping Britain's Latin American department beat a government ban on importing books and periodicals from Argentina.

The Customs and Excise officers at airports have been instructed to seize all imports from Argentina. This ban does not include airmail packages. However, as a result the colleges are receiving their regular supplies of periodicals, but books which are heavier and more expensive to send by air are being seized at the docks.

The ban is not expected to affect Colleges immediately as most have their own substantial stocks of textbooks. Mr. T. R. A. Mason, the

Head of Latin American Studies here at Newcastle said "the ban will not affect us as we have ample stocks of texts and the department will receive the impounded books in a few years anyway". He says that the department has a substantial commitment to Latin America and the main text suppliers are Mexico and Argentina — a third of the books coming from Argentina.

Mr. Mason is to send a letter of complaint to the Minister for Trade. The National Union of Students has also become involved in the situation. The President, Neil Stewart, has written to the Minister complaining about this 'restriction of intellectual freedom'.

Liz Hughes.

New Record for Dentists

All sixty-seven final year dentistry students qualified this year, the first time in ten years that this has happened.

The Dean of Dentistry, Professor Roy Storer, read the list of results to the students as is his tradition but stopped when he had read the honours list, saying that as all the other students had graduated there was no need to complete the list. The students greeted his announcement with a huge roar of delight.

To mark this happy occasion, the Dean was presented with a pair of white gloves — a tradition carried over from that in law, when Assize Judges were given white gloves if there were no trials that would result in execution!

Liz Hughes.

tion in the socio-legal field concentrating on the problem of social justice. She is the only woman ever to gain such an award from Newcastle University, having become a C.B.E. in 1978.

Professor G. Jobey (Prehistoric Archaeology) is well known as a leader in the archaeology of Northern Britain having served for some years on the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings of Scotland and on the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland.

Professor D. N. Allan (Operative Dental Surgery) retires after 40 years of service. He was Founder Member in 1968 and President in 1975-76 of the British Society

for Restorative Dentistry, President of the American Dental Society of London 1980/81, and elected (one of four) professional members of the Central Committee of University Dental Teachers and Research Workers in 1982.

The following are also accorded the title of Professor Emeritus upon retirement on the 30th September 1983: Professor Sir James Baddiley (Chemical Microbiology); Professor R. L. Plackett (Statistics); Professor A. E. Stuart (Pathology); Professor J. D. Thornton (Chemical Engineering); Professor P. J. Yarrow (French); and Professor J. K. G. Webb (Child Health).

Tony Hay.

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S.R.S. OFFICE Level 4 (next to Porter's Lodge)

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LABOUR CLUB INTRO MEETING — See R. Lindley, Publicity Officer, or phone 322384. THE GRADS OF '83 — gone but NOT forgotten.

PRIORITIES BALLOT

Thursday 13th October, 1983

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See advert in this issue

Smile smackin', r-sole lickin' I'm a creepin' Grins T. Does private medicine contribute to the Health of the N.H.S.? Newcastle Medical Group Meeting, New Lecture Theatre, R.V.I., Monday 10th October, 7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME.

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2.15 pm, Executive Committee, Level 6, Exec. Committee Room.
- Thurs Oct 6**
11 am, Services Committee, Level 6, Exec. Committee Room.
1 pm, Education Committee, Level 6, Exec. Committee Room.
5.15 pm, Union Council, Debating Chamber.
- Fri Oct 7**
1 pm, Steering Committee, Level 6, Exec. Committee Room.
- Mon Oct 10**
1 pm, N.U.S. Committee, Level 6, Exec. Committee Room.
- Tues Oct 11**
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- Wed Oct 12**
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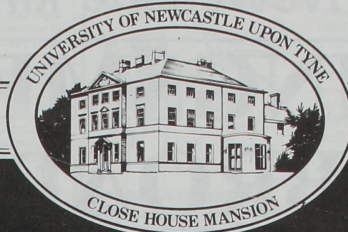
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APPLICATIONS must be in by 1.00 p.m. TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

MICK RUTTER
Sabbatical Secretary

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YELLOW BATTLE - Gin, Sweet and Dry Vermouth and orange juice served with a small crushed pistachio cone	1.25	75		
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WITELLERY - Gin, Sweet Vermouth and a dash of Anchocha, served straight up	45	50		
CHAMPAGNE - Whisky, Dry Vermouth, Port Wine and a dash of bitters	1.25	70		
SPRITZER - A splash of White Wine topped up with Mineral Water	50	45		
GIN FIZZ - Gin, Lemon juice and sugar topped up with Soda Water	85	50		
SWAGGERS SLIMS - Gin, Cherry Brandy, Lemon juice and Soda Water	1.40	85		
SOBRIETY - Vodka and Orange juice - long and tall	85	60		
HAPPY WILDBANGER - As above with Cachaça - rind 100%	1.20	75		
SIDECAR - Cognac, Brandy and Lemon juice	1.40	85		
BANQUET - Southern Comfort and Lemon juice, topped up with American Grogg Ale	1.00	60		
BUSBY MALL - Whisky and Drambuie - a full measure of each - on the rocks with a double twist	1.30	75		
THE HAMPTON - Gin and Dry Vermouth on the rocks, or straight up with a hint of lemon	40	50		
THE MANHATTAN - Scotch, Rye or Sourmash with Sweet Vermouth on the rocks	40	50		
RAIN COLLARS - Gin, Cognac, soda water and a slice of Lemon	1.40	85		
BLOOD MARY - Vodka and Tomato juice with Lemon juice and Worcestershire Sauce	85	60		
BLOOD SHAM - Tomato juice and Soda Water	55	35		
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An assault on a major East European Folk Dance Festival demands a wide variety of expertise and ability. Thus June 28th saw our team of intrepid explorers setting off, together with reinforcements and mercenaries in the shape of the Sadler Hall Folk Group (alias Leeds University 1st XV) a group of Irish dancers from Manchester, and a team of Welsh cloggies from Colwyn Bay High School.

Combined Exercises first took place in Aachen. This gave us a chance to dance in public, and work up a reasonably varied programme for the later and more important events. The Kingsmen contributions included the Royton Clog Morris dance from Lancashire, a Longsword dance from Grenoside near Sheffield and the Rapper Sword Dance traditionally performed in the North East.

Diversionsary tactics by a British lorry which reversed into the border barrier, allowed us to slip unhindered into Czechoslovakia, and settle into our "base camp" at an agricultural college outside Prague. Fortified by beer at 4 pence per pint, and by endless quantities of goulash, we set out to take on the combined might of the Czech and Russian armies in the courtyard of Prague Castle. This

was a resounding success.

The Palace guard were forced to take avoiding action to get past our Lancashire morris dance, whilst most of the Red Army (!?) looked on in amazement despite the Solidarity badges worn by several of the team. Allied injuries were slight and losses were confined to the Squire's bells which fell off in the middle of a dance. This could have been serious, but fortunately it was discovered that the consequent obligatory round for the team would only cost 50p in total.

A later attempt to knock out the Czech navy met with only partial success: Our hired rowing boats were somewhat dwarfed by the 2000 ton barges on the River Vltava, and there was some disagreement as to whether the landlocked Czechs actually had a navy!

Undeterred by Kamikazi tram-car drivers or by Prague's 9 p.m. closing time, we pressed on eastwards to the main festival site at Zvolen, pausing only at Austerlitz for ice cream, in honour of an earlier, and less successful, attempt to conquer the world. Zvolen is a small Slovakian town notable only for its folk dance festival and its licensed fish-and-chip shop. It was here we were to take on the combined might of Europe's dance teams.

We knew we were in for a hard battle as soon as we saw the armoured train outside our hostel and soon the action started: the Turks tried to bore us to death with their interminable circle dances, whilst the Poles favoured a ferocious night attack by a lone accordion player who kept going until 6 a.m. Fortune favoured the allies,



The group gathering outside the bus before their well received performance in Zvolen, Tch.

however. The Russian and Italian teams failed to arrive, and the French musicians seemed to be engaged in a perpetual melodeon and hurdy-gurdy fight. This was indeed fortunate, as the French use of bagpipes, contrary to the Geneva Convention, could have cost us our victory.

The next day our victory performance in the town square in front of 5,000 people was relayed to every street and lane over the ubiquitous loudspeakers.

Our gallant troops now swung southwards to approach the Hungarian capital, delayed only by a detour to find a ferry which would take our coach across the shark-infested Danube. It was in Budapest that our courageous drivers fooled the enemy by reversing all the way to a booking.

Budapest was also notable for the furthest recorded sighting of a

No. 41 bus. Previously the exact route of this service has been a mystery even to the P.T.E. However, opinion was divided as to whether the vehicle was last January's departure from Blackett Street, or the one from the previous September.

Having liberated Czechoslovakia and Hungary, we expected little opposition as we victoriously swept into Vienna. Indeed the inhabitants turned out their pockets to the tune of £70 per hour when we went busking in the city streets! The world's press caught up with us at this point, and Stevie was graciously pleased to grant an interview to the war correspondent of Radio Trent.

The return to England was interrupted only by a short stop to entertain the peasants in Franconia and by a thanksgiving pilgrimage to the chip shops and bars of Bruges.

Arbitration by the United Nations has since determined that the final results of the tour were Kingsmen — 4179.17/64 pints; rest of the World — 529/43. For this outstanding result we must thank Ernie Kirkby from Leeds Sadler (Ex Newcastle Agric) for his help and organisation; the floozies for their support and encouragement; Graham and Kevin for their driving; and the Breweries of Europe.

Written by
Martin Coombs

This is the first of a series of features written by societies about their activities. If you would like to write something about your society and would like someone from Courier to come and do a short feature, please come in and see us.

Sue Crawford — Editor

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There will be a General Assembly for all Union Societies on

FRIDAY, 7th OCTOBER
1.00 P.M. — 2.00 P.M.
Debating Chamber

Any society requiring a grant for this term must send at least one representative or **NO** grant will be awarded.

ADNEWS ADNEWS ADNEWS ADNEWS ADNEWS ADNEWS

I hope our newcomers have fully recovered from their First Year Conference, and that those returning for another year have rested their livers for the forthcoming ordeal in the Cochrane Lounge and Men's Bar.

For those new to the Union one topic which will crop up throughout the term is the "Merger". This refers to the amalgamation of the two former Student Unions of this University to the one bureaucracy — the Student's Union. This "Merger" has taken years of work and the present Executive are still coping with the new Union structure and the unavoidable teething problems.

Drawing up the new Union's Constitution last year presented an ideal opportunity to improve the policy making structure of the Union.

Every Student Union has "policy" which guides the student officers in their work, and also presents the 'official' voice of the students. The well publicised results of such policy is well known, usually reported as "Student sit-ins", "Students rock for peace", "Students revolting" etc., and unfortunately students as a whole have been left with a very bad reputation — especially politically.

In order to achieve a more favourable democratic structure this year YOU the students decide what YOU want to discuss at the policy making General Meetings, of which there are five this term. The Priorities Ballot, held next week, will have a list of subject topics and the top five subjects will be the topics discussed this term.

Anyone can submit topics for debate, any suggestions must be made in writing to the Sabbatical student Secretary Michael (Mick) Rutter by this Friday (7th October). Mick's office is down the flying wing corridor of Level 6.

Another new innovation this year is the creation of smoke free zones in the Union and please take notice of the No Smoking zones. The Cochrane Lounge is also a smoke free zone for those who have never started the evil habit and for those wishing to give it up.

DIARY

WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER		FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER
Registration 9-12 noon — University Ballroom		Steering Committee, 1.00 p.m. — Committee Room, Level 6.
Union Executive 2.00 p.m. — Committee Room, Level 6.		Publicity Committee 1.30 p.m. — Executive Work Room, Level 6.
University Library Advisory Committee 2.15 p.m. — University Library Committee Room.	THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER	MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER
	Education Committee 1.00 p.m. — Committee Room, Level 6.	N.U.S. Committee 1.00 p.m. — Committee Room, Level 6.
	Union Council 5.00 p.m. — Debating Chamber, Level 5.	

If anyone wants a mention in the diary column (societies, special functions etc.), please contact me Level 6 Executive Work Room.

Richard I. Lindley,
Publicity Officer,
Students' Union.

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DELAY

The planned Information Centre, that was to be situated in the Union building, has been postponed until after Christmas.

The Centre is to hold information about the Union, the University and the City and will let people know of the various facilities that are offered, as well as any events that are taking place.

The Student Union Executive decided to postpone the Centre after a meeting during the Summer. A spokesperson for the Executive said that the delay had been caused by the pressure of already existing work, but that the Centre would be functioning as soon as possible.

Sue Crawford.

Awaydays

All British Rail tickets can now be purchased in the Travel Bureau (situated on Level 6).

This extension of the Travel Bureau's existing services follows a recent successful application to British Rail for a ticket agency.

"We hope to offer a fast and efficient service", says Sabbatical Treasurer Chris Turner who added "purchasing a ticket a day or two prior to your journey will undoubtedly save the time and queuing at certain stations".

Sarah Crew.

Intake Up

A circular from the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) reveals that, despite government cuts, this year's intake of students will rise by approximately 1,000.

This corresponds exactly with the increased number of students applying for places but still leaves a substantial amount of failures — from a total of 173,000 applications only 79,000 students will receive places.

Tony Hay.

The North of England Cancer Research Campaign has awarded a grant of £43,059 to the Departments of Surgery and Anatomy.

The principal investigator will be Mr. Thomas Lennard who is Lecturer in Surgical Science at the University. He will be assisted by Dr. Reginald Jordan, a Senior Lecturer in Anatomy.

New Man

The merger of the Union Society and Students' Representative Council called for re-organisation of the structure of the permanent staff and their responsibilities. The post of Senior Administrative Officer was created to head the permanent staff with particular responsibility for personnel and industrial relations matters.

Mr. Alan Fidler (below) was appointed to this position on 1st July 1983. After leaving Tynemouth High School in 1965 Mr. Fidler was employed in the offices of both public and private sector organisations. He graduated from Birmingham University in 1978 and was admitted as a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in 1981.

Mr. Fidler came to the Union Society from private industry where he was Group Company Secretary with a firm of Electrical Engineers. Married, with one daughter, he lives in North Shields.



Mr. Alan Fidler, B.Soc.Sc.

HEADS

Professor J. A. Cannon has been appointed a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University for three years from 1st October 1983.

Dr. R. A. Lodge is appointed to the Chair of French from 1st October 1983 and to the Headship of the Department.

The following have also been appointed Heads of Department: Professor D. A. Shaw for Neurology, Professor J. A. Watt for History, Professor R. H. Pain for Biochemistry, Professor M. B. Pescod for the School of Civil and Mining Engineering and Dr. R. L. Townsin for Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding.

Sport Award

The present state of British athletics is reasonably healthy. Scholl, more renowned for caring for the feet of the nation, has now diversified into caring for the future of the young athletes dreaming of winning medals for Britain.

This caring takes the form of a competition for the Scholl Student Athlete of the Year. Students between 16 and 22 are proposed by their colleges — being a full time student is a necessary qualification since it is they, according to Scholl, who are deprived of facilities.

The local boy, entered by Newcastle Poly, is Richard Outterside. The 21-year-old Essex born badminton player has represented England at U23 level as well as working on his B.A. Sports studies at the Poly.

If, in the eyes of the judges, Ron Pickering amongst them, he is more deserving than the other seven candidates, it is he who will receive the first prize — a grant of £2,500.

Congratulations must go to this year's Union Executive for producing such a lovely little diary.

The thugs gallery has gone from the back and the listing of Union Executive has been drawn up in alphabetical order.

The diary has all the usual information with a fair amount of nonsense thrown in. A snip at £1.25 from the Union Shop, Level 2.

Tony Hay.

NEWCASTLE'S VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT IS:



PRINCESS SQUARE (back of Central Library)

We provide natural foods at reasonable prices, including at least 12 varieties of salad. The hot dishes are mostly unusual due to our determination to avoid convenience foods and those containing obscure chemicals. Theakstons beers are sold, as well as a comprehensive selection of the better quality wines and spirits.

Open from 9.30 a.m. till 10.30 p.m. every day except Sunday.

SCAN PROJECTS

Tuesday

Tyneside Challenge Club, 5.00 p.m. at SCAN

Wednesday

Inflatables 1.00 p.m. at SCAN

Decorating, 1.30 p.m. at SCAN

Monkton Gateway Club, 6.15 p.m. at SCAN

Thursday

Deaf School Youth Club, 6.45 p.m. at SCAN

Spital Tongues Youth Club
Meet Spital Tongues Community Centre

Friday

Pendower Junior Gateway Club
Meet 6.30 p.m. at SCAN

Saturday

Decorating, 10.00 a.m. meet at SCAN

Transport provided for all projects

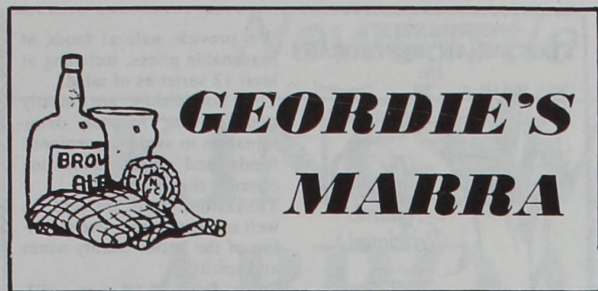
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' GENERAL MEETINGS PRIORITIES BALLOT

Thursday 13th October

VOTING DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS

UNION BUILDING	10.00 a.m. — 8.00 p.m.
LIBRARY	10.00 a.m. — 3.45 p.m.
ETHEL WILLIAMS HALL	4.15 p.m. — 8.00 p.m.
HENDERSON HALL	4.15 p.m. — 8.00 p.m.
CASTLE LEAZES	4.15 p.m. — 8.00 p.m.

Any Student wishing to nominate an issue for the Priorities Ballot must do so by **Friday 7th October, 10.00 a.m.** The nomination should be accompanied by written explanation and should be handed in at The Sabbatical Secretary's Office, Level 6.



If it has been your fate to have been brought up in the deep South — an unexpected hurdle will have appeared in your path. The problem being one of communication — not what they say, but more importantly how they say it — in short understanding what on earth the porter is trying to tell you.

And it won't be just in the Student's Union or your Hall where you'll discover difficulties coping with the cultural shock while simultaneously combating with the dialect. Stepping on to a bus, buying a pound of potatoes or merely asking directions — these are all situations where you will come bang up against the barrier. In Newcastle it's not only North versus South, it's Geordie versus the rest of the World! Therefore Courier, your weekly rag, sees fit to ease your acclimatization and guide you towards the upper echelon of civilization. Here then is an initial brief guide:

I hope you won't mind me giving a little of the historical background of the Geordie language. I feel that it is necessary because Geordie is not, repeat not, a regional accent. It is a language in its own right. Admittedly it owes much to Scandinavian tongues, for the Geordies and the Vikings had much in common, and still have. Both races were always keen on chatting up each other's women and burning down monasteries. The Vikings actually made a League in monastery-burning and it became a major sport. The Geordies used to have a whip-round and charter a

flight to Oslo for the return matches.

TO LEARN GEORDIE WE BEGIN WITH TYPICAL SOUNDS

This is not such a difficult process as you would think, although those slightly lacking in normal concentration or moral fibre, or possessing an epiglottis of normal proportions, may experience some slight trouble in the first ten years of practice.

The first sound to learn is the Geordie 'R': This is both rolling and guttural, combining the best effects of Doctor Finlay at his homeliest with the sound of a very old nanny-goat being sick. Try also to imagine the sort of sound emitted by the late Herr Hitler throwing a tantrum, or even the late Mr. Boris Karloff in his celebrated role as Frankenstein's monster. One could say that it is really an amalgam of all these sounds but not so delicate in timbre.

How to reproduce the original Geordie 'R': Following the instructions carefully, keeping this article in front of you so that you may follow the sequence of sounds correctly. Are you ready? Then we'll begin.

Phase One: Open the gob (mouth) to its fullest extremity.

Phase Two: Keep the gob open and vibrate the tonsils in an anti-clockwise motion producing a gargling sound. Keep the tonsil movement supple and flowing.

Phase Three: Still with the gob open and keeping the tonsils vibrating, summon up a hacking cough. Just as this is emerging, change it swiftly into an 'R' sound.

Try to think of the sort of 'R' that might emerge from the gob of an asthmatic hyena. (An excellent example may be heard in "The Adventures of Tarzan", episode seventy-three, where the monkey hits the hyena over the muzzle with a wrench — a monkey-wrench of course).

Phase Four: Amalgamate all these sounds into one mighty roar, thus producing the final Geordie 'R' sound in all its pure beauty.

Special Note — An embrocation compounded of equal parts of surgical spirit and Madras Curry Powder (extra hot) may be used to anoint the tonsils prior to Phase Three. This is a great help to those who live south of the Trent, have been to public school, Sandhurst, or work for the B.B.C., and have in consequence a tendency to use 'W' instead of 'R'. This embrocation is miraculous in effect. As soon as it is applied to the tonsils the recipient immediately shrieks "R"! very loudly.

Very Special Note — In practising the Geordie 'R' for the first time, readers are recommended to wear a truss or similar supporting device.

Check your results — Have you done this? Good. You will easily know if you have pronounced the Geordie 'R' properly by simple observation. This page will be soaked in saliva. Practice makes perfect, remember. You won't make it but practice anyway.

This is the first of a series of Larn yersel' Geordie articles. Next week we'll be teaching you some simple Geordie phrases with which to impress your friends and relatives. Why aye, Aall see yis agin.

This is your UNION — use it or lose it!!

During the Summer the Students' Union decided to embark on a wide-ranging publicity and information campaign.

The aim of this campaign was to reach out to the students, the University, the community, and to make clear the function that a Student Union can perform. This campaign was entitled the 'Your Union' Campaign 83'.

The Students' Union undertook the campaign for a number of reasons, firstly to publicise the services of the Students' Union to a wider market. To students at the University and to student groups such as nurses who are not fortunate enough to have a modern Union building such as ours.

Secondly, to recreate for the Students' Union a special identity, not an elitist one but an identity synonymous with help, friendliness and quick professional services.

Thirdly, to redress the bad image of students.

This has been worked out by the adoption of a positive media policy. The large amount of press cuttings the Students' Union has collected from the local press over the last few weeks bears testimony to the success of this policy.

Over the next fortnight the YOUR UNION CAMPAIGN will reach out to most students at Newcastle. At registration all students will receive a YOUR UNION HANDBOOK, it will be included town discounts, Union Services, information and a run-down on the events out and about over the next few weeks.

All students in Hall and in self-



Students relaxing at the bar.

catering accommodation will receive a visit from the Union roadshow, providing entertainment and information.

From 10th to 14th October there will be exhibitions on Union services as well as numerous events connected with the Birthday Party celebration.

The Campaign is being run not for the benefit of a FEW students, but for the benefit of ALL students at Newcastle. So please take part in the activities of this Campaign and help make the Students' Union your Union.

Therefore dates to watch out for:

- Sunday 9th October — Roadshow — Disco — Ethel Williams.
- Tuesday 11th October — Roadshow — Band — Disco — Castle Leazes.
- Friday 14th October — 'Your Union Birthday Party'.



Dancing at the Level 2 Disco.

Mick Rutter, Sabbatical Secretary.

UNION SHOP LEVEL 2

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Huge Range of Pens including Parker and Pilot

Always large stocks of Refill Pads, Ring Binders, Etc.

Lab Coats Tights Legwarmers Underwear

Large Selection ROTRING Drawing Equipment

Posters

Complete Sets Dissecting Instruments

Printed Sweat Shirts and Sports Bags

Large Range Toiletries Confectionery Tobacco & Cigs

Great Selection of Humorous Cards

ALL AT DISCOUNT PRICES

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GOOD NEWS FOR STUDENTS

★★★
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
are
STUDENT NIGHTS

MONDAY —
Eat as many Pizzas as you can **£2.65**

TUESDAY —
3 Course meal **£3.50**

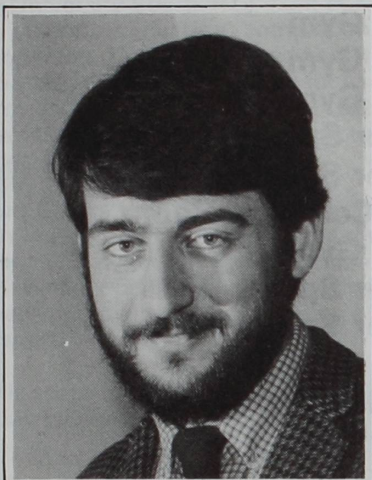
WEDNESDAY —
Enjoy our party night — group over 8 FREE bottle of wine
GET A REQUEST PLAYED BY OUR OWN D. J.

★★★
Open 9.30 a.m. — 11.30 p.m. every day
FULLY LICENSED
Eat in or take-away
10% DISCOUNT ANYTIME ON PRODUCTION OF UNION CARD
Birthday Parties — ask Manager for Details



YOUR UNION EXECUTIVE

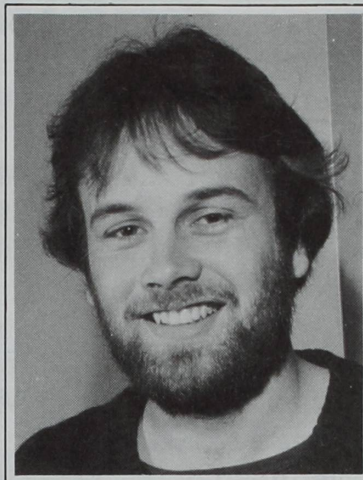
HOW THEY CAN HELP YOU



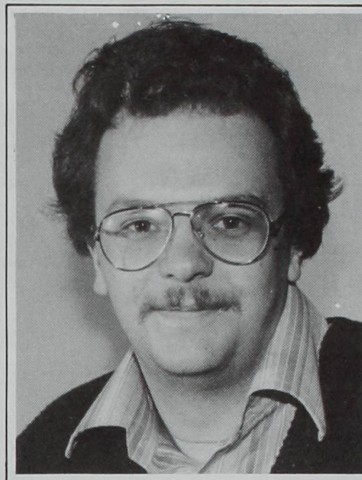
JOE CARLBACH, President
Responsibilities:
NUS, Social Head of the Union, External Affairs



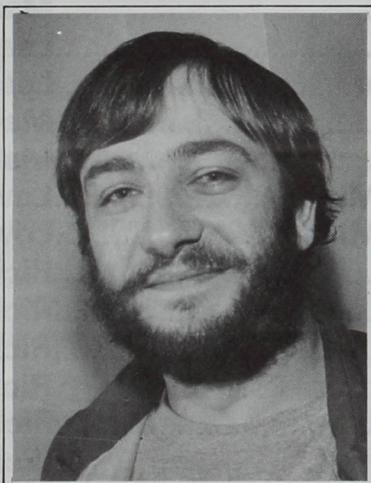
PHILIPPA BILLIGHEIMER, V. President
Responsibilities:
All problems of an academic nature, Overseas Students



MICK RUTTER, Secretary
Responsibilities:
Staff, Constitution, Meetings, Level 6 Bureaucracy



CHRIS TURNER, Treasurer
Responsibilities:
Financial dealings, all Union Services, Societies



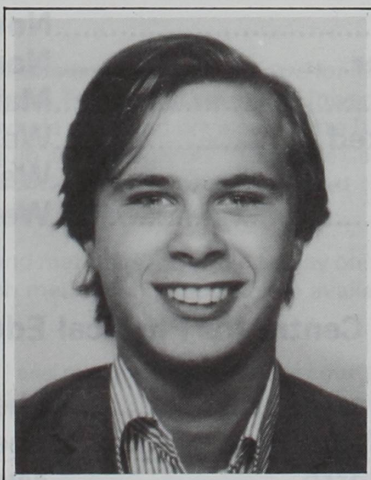
IAN LAKE, Events Officer
Responsibilities:
Entertainment



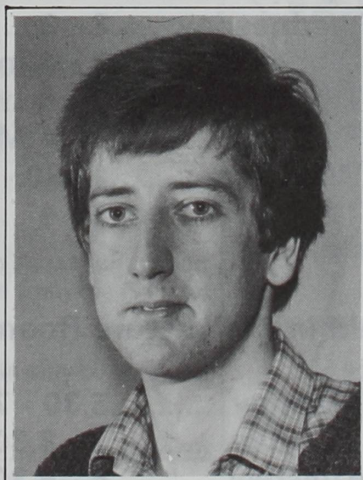
KATY COLLINGS, Accommodation Officer
Responsibilities:
Campaigns on all problems of student accommodation



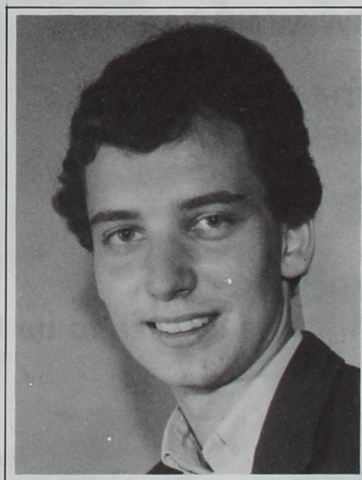
SARAH FORD, Executive Officer
Responsibilities:
As assigned by Executive



ROBERT WRIGHT, Executive Officer
Responsibilities:
As assigned by Executive



RICHARD LINDLEY, Publicity Officer
Responsibilities:
Deals with Union publicity



DOMINIC GRINSTEAD, Welfare Officer
Responsibilities:
Campaigns on all aspects of student welfare, i.e. Disabled Students, Safety of Students

MAKE THE EXECUTIVE WORK FOR YOU

Contact any Executive Member through
the General Office on Level 6





University of Newcastle upon Tyne Centre for Physical Education and Sport

Coaching Courses

OCTOBER/DECEMBER 1983.

Classes offered are at beginner level unless specified otherwise. Most classes last for one hour and the starting times and locations are indicated.

REGISTRATION:

Week commencing Monday 10th, 1983

AEROBICS	Friday	1 - 2 p.m.	Main Gym
BADMINTON	Monday	12 - 1	Main Gym
	Wednesday	10 - 11	Main Gym
FENCING	Wednesday	2 - 3	Lower Sports Hall
GOLF	Thursday	6 - 7 Mixed	Lower Sports Hall
JAZZ DANCE	Monday	6 - 7.30	Arts Common Room
	Wednesday	6 - 7 Dancers	Main Gym
JUDO	Tuesday	7 - 8	Lower Sports Hall
	Tuesday	8 - 9 Women	Lower Sports Hall
KARATE	Tuesday	6 - 7 Intro Mixed	Main Gym
	Friday	5 - 6 Mixed	Lower Sports Hall
KEEP FIT	Monday	1 - 2	Main Gym
	Wednesday	12 - 1	Main Gym
MODERN DANCE	Monday	7.30 - 9	Arts Common Room
	Wednesday	7 - 8	Main Gym
	Thursday	7 - 8	Leazes Conf. Room
	Thursday	8 - 9 Inter.	Leazes Conf. Room
POPMOBILITY	Tuesday	12 - 1	Main Gym
	Wednesday	1 - 2	Main Gym
SELF DEFENCE	Friday	6 - 7.30 Mixed	Lower Sports Hall
	Friday	7.30 - 9 Mixed	Lower Sports Hall
SQUASH	Monday	9 - 10	Richardson Road
	Monday	10 - 11	Richardson Road
	Tuesday	9 - 10	Richardson Road
	Tuesday	10 - 11 Inter.	Richardson Road
	Thursday	9 - 10	Richardson Road
	Thursday	10 - 11 Inter.	Richardson Road
	Friday	9 - 10	Richardson Road
	Friday	10 - 11	Richardson Road
SWIMMING	Wednesday	2 - 3	Northumberland Rd. Baths
	Wednesday	3 - 4 Inter.	Northumberland Rd. Baths
TRAMPOLINING	Thursday	5 - 6	Main Gym
WEIGHT TRAINING	Tuesday	2 - 4 Mixed	Weight Training Room
	Wednesday	11.30 - 1	Weight Training Room
	Thursday	2 - 4	Weight Training Room

YOGA

All Yoga classes to be held in the Lecture Room, Centre for Physical Education and Sport

Monday	5.30 - 7 Intro.	Sheila McErlane
Monday	7 - 8.30 Non. Beg.	Sheila McErlane
Tuesday	5 - 6.30 Intro	Muriel Rudkin — Holmes
Tuesday	6.30 - 8 Non. Beg.	Muriel Rudkin — Holmes
Wednesday	1 - 2.30 Intro	Muriel Rudkin — Holmes
Wednesday	2.30 - 4 Intro	Muriel Rudkin — Holmes
Wednesday	5.30 - 7 Intro	Phil Powrie
Wednesday	7 - 8.30 Non. Beg.	Phil Powrie
Thursday	12 - 1 Intro	Muriel Rudkin — Holmes
Thursday	1 - 2 Intro	Muriel Rudkin — Holmes
Thursday	7 - 8.30 Intro	Sheila McErlane

FEES:

STUDENTS £5.00 STAFF £7.50 PUBLIC £10.00

SPORT and RECREATION IN THE UNIVERSITY

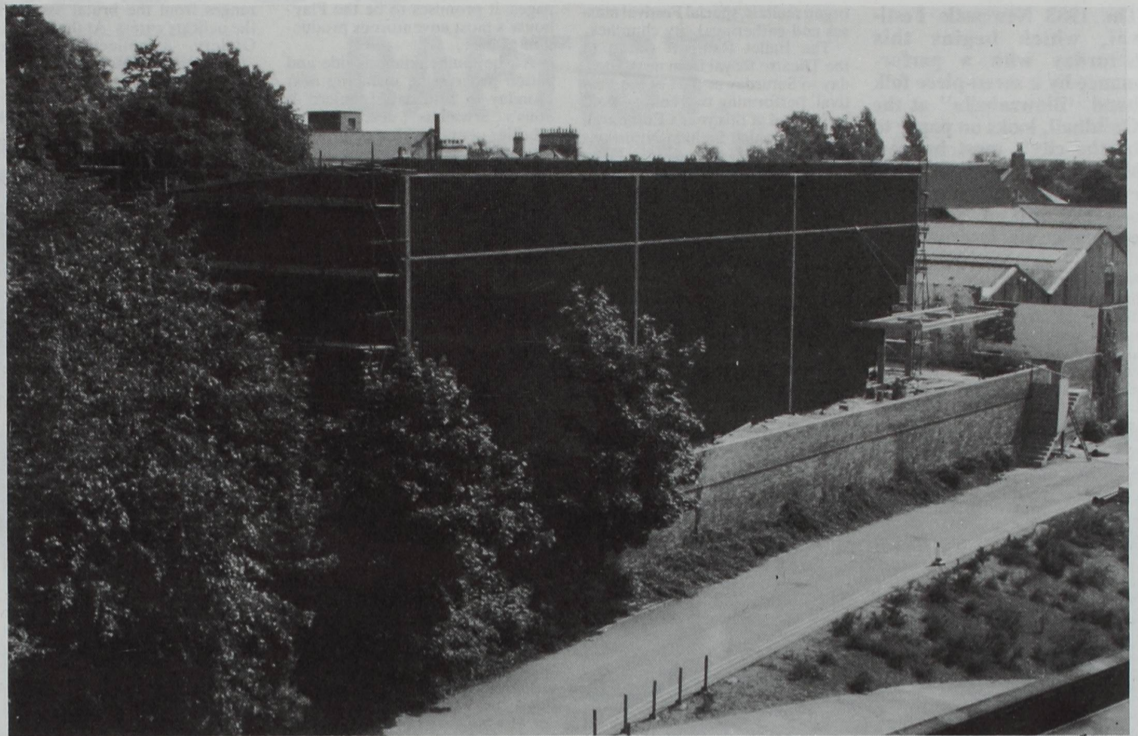
Michaelmas Term 1983/84

New Sports Hall

The new University Sports Hall, built at a cost of over £½ million is nearing completion for a December opening. The Hall, situated near Richardson Road Squash Courts will be open for use in the Spring Term and will provide space for either two 5-a-side games or 6 badminton matches or a whole host of other sports.

Claremont Sports Hall, 25 years in the planning but built in just 9 months, is the first stage in the development of new indoor sports facilities at the University. When open the hall will significantly increase both the quality and availability of indoor space for sport.

Watch this space for further details of the opening and activities planned for the New Hall.



Intra-Mural Sport

The intra mural leagues provide regular competitive sport at a reasonable level for all students.

At present during the Michaelmas and Epiphany Terms women students may take part in netball, squash, table-tennis and badminton leagues, whilst in the summer term a one day tournament involves hockey, tennis and volleyball. Men students play soccer, table-tennis, badminton and squash during the first two terms and cricket during the summer term.

Entry into the leagues is usually through halls of residence or faculties but teams of individuals have been known to compete. More details at Centre for Physical Education and Sport, General Office.

Lunchtime Circuits

Lunchtime (12-2) sees the Lower Sports Hall at the P. E. Centre given over to Circuit Training. So why not get a sweat on before eating your stottie! Admission as usual is free: - you just turn up and work your way around the circuit at your own pace. Each exercise is explained on cards (and is usually being demonstrated by some sweaty individual!) and targets set for beginners, intermediates and supermen. During the first few days of term Colin Hide will be around to offer advice on training and generally encourage you to greater efforts! So why not use the circuit as part of your regular training or at least occasionally to keep that "which way to the beach?" look. Men and women most welcome.

Squash

The University has six squash courts. Two courts are sited at the Centre for Physical Education and Sport whilst the other four are at Richardson Road. To play squash at the University you must join the University Squash Club. This costs £10 for a whole year, and once paid there is no further charge for squash at all!! (no lighting fees etc.) You can join at the General Office in the Centre for P. E. & Sport. Membership entitles you to play and book courts via the Porters Lodge at the Centre, whilst the membership fee itself goes into a building fund to provide more courts.

The courts have recently been refurbished and members are asked to play only in squash shoes and not black soled trainers. Full details of squash membership fees etc are available from the General Office at the Centre for P. E. & Sport.

Castle Leazes Halls have their own courts (2) and membership for these courts can **only** be obtained via Mrs. Ward at Castle Leazes (The Cashier).

Dance Workshop

SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1983

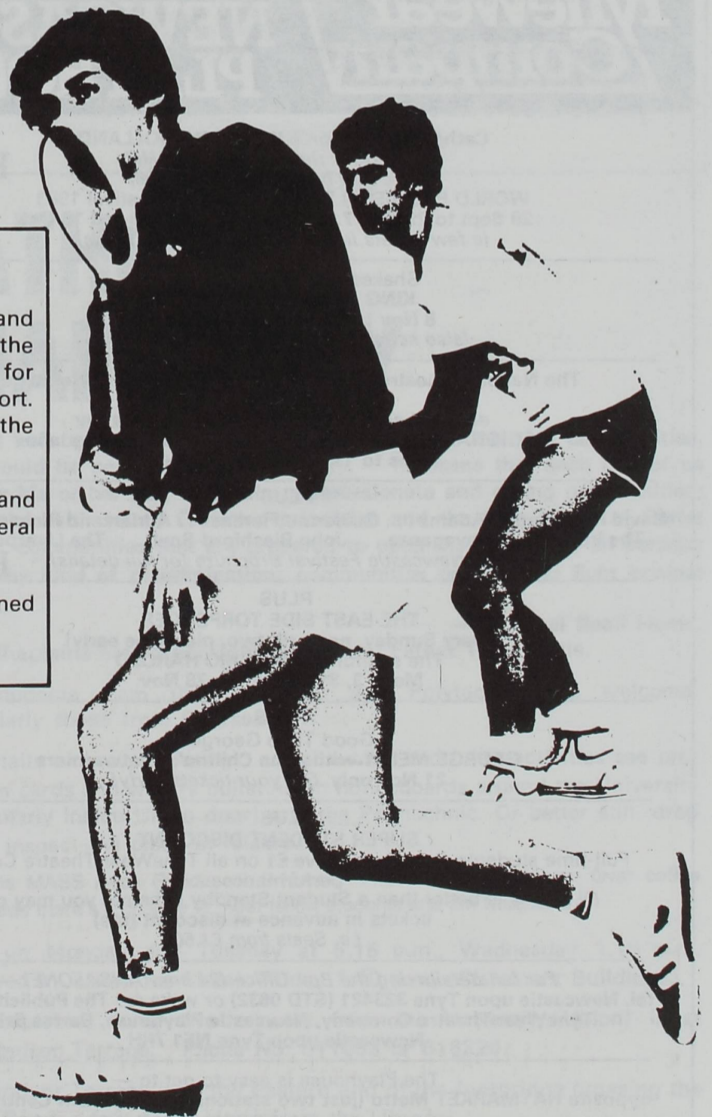
A dance workshop, given by Robert North, Artistic Director of Ballet Rambert, will be held in Room 3, 5 Joseph Cowan House (School of Education Building) St. Thomas' Street, Newcastle from 10.30 a.m.—12 noon on Saturday, 15th October 1983.

Fees for the course are as follows:

Students £3.50

Others £5.00

Application forms may be obtained from the Centre for Physical Education and Sport, King's Walk.



CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

*'For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be with them',
JESUS.*

CHAPLAINCY

Accommodation in Claremont Building, Eldon Place, is provided by the University for the joint use of the Anglicans, Free Church, Jewish and Roman Catholic chaplains, who offer their services to all students who wish to make use of them. Their Chaplaincy also contains a library, a students' common room and a prayer room used by Muslim students.

Tel. No. Newcastle 328511. Extension 2341/4.

CHRISTIAN UNION

— Invites you to join with us on Friday evenings at 7.15 p.m. in the Robert Boyle Lecture Theatre, Armstrong Building.

We are a group of evangelical christians who aim to witness for our Lord Jesus Christ within the University.

We also aim to unite students who profess a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to deepen the spiritual lives of all our members.

We also have midweek "small-group" meetings within the Halls of Residence, which meet for prayer and Bible study.

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our meetings.

METHSOC 'NEWCASTLE STUDENTS METHODIST SOCIETY'

— Welcomes you to join our regular Sunday meeting at 4.15 p.m. at West Avenue Methodist Church (Gosforth) and take part in other activities during the week.

- ★ We welcome anyone who wants to learn more about the spiritual and practical aspects of our faith and increase their understanding of the Christian Gospel through Christian Fellowship and Friendship.
- ★ During the week we have a number of small Fellowship Groups in rooms and flats all over Newcastle and we discuss and explore matters of importance to us, with prayer, sharing and bible study.
- ★ We have Guest Speakers, discussions and Films during our Sunday afternoon meetings and enjoy participation in the evening services.
- ★ Our Social events include Ceilidhs, parties, football team and fell walks plus others and we also have an annual Retreat.

For more information contact:

- **GRAHAM HASLAM**, our Chaplain, at the Chaplaincy.
- Denise Rourke, our President (Rowardennan, Byker Village).
- Watch our notice board in the Union for any special events arranged for first years.
- Ask for a programme card.

ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY

Bryan Vernon is the Anglican Chaplain. He is usually in the Chaplaincy from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. He is available to all members of the University, whether they are committed to the Christian faith or not, and can be contacted via the automatic answering machine on University extension 2341.

- ★ TODAY at 1.00 p.m. there is an International Lunch in the Chaplaincy, organised in conjunction with the International Students Centre. This is a chance for home and overseas students to meet one another and share international concerns. At 50p it is a bargain not to be missed. (If you are reading this after lunchtime on Wednesday, come next week).
- ★ Tonight you are invited to the home of Bryan Vernon, 52 Fern Avenue, Jesmond, for an open evening from 8.30 — 10.30.
- ★ EVERY TUESDAY at 1.10 p.m. there is an informal service of Holy Communion in the Chaplaincy with time for quiet, meditation and reflection. Light lunch follows at 50p. (This is a rip-off, but the profits go to Christian Aid).

BAPTIST CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplain is JIM WILSON, who is available in the Chaplaincy on Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., other times at the Heaton Baptist Church, Heaton Road to which all students are welcome, SUNDAYS — 10.45 a.m. + 6.30 p.m. TUESDAYS — Housegroups — 7.30 p.m. Through the church services, other meetings, etc., a varied programme is presented. The congregation represents a wide cross-section of people and age-groups. A large number of young people attend.

The Y.P.F. (over 18's) meets on SUNDAYS at 8.30 p.m. plus other times and it seeks to promote growth in Christ, fellowship and outreach to others.

You are warmly invited to come to all or any of the above, through which we pray that Christ will become more real and vital in your life.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOCIETY

- welcomes all students, especially those from a United Reformed, Congregational or Presbyterian background.
- meets on Sunday evenings at Jesmond United Reformed Church, Burdon Terrace . . . with a varied programme.
- looks forward to seeing you at the Chaplaincy or at the Church.

Chaplain: Malcolm Hanson President: John Stanley
Secretary: Jill Sunderland

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

We must help each other to build up strong local Christian communities. These should be communities which pray. It means that each one of us must play his or her part to create compassionate and caring communities; communities with sound Christian principles and the high ideals of Christ Our Lord; communities that are prepared to open themselves to all persons without any kind of discrimination; communities prepared to fight against injustices.

—Cardinal Basil Hume.

The Chaplains are Father John Breen and Father Tony Battle.

- ★ ALL students from the University and Polytechnic are welcome, particularly those from Overseas.
- ★ For details of group meetings, social events and other activities see programme cards and weekly bulletins on noticeboards around the University (particularly inside Union door) and the Polytechnic. Or better still, drop in and inspect the place at leisure.
- ★ There is MASS each Sunday at 9.15a.m., 11.00a.m. and 6.45p.m. Over coffee afterwards there's a chance to meet fellow students and the Chaplains.
- ★ Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 5.15 p.m., Wednesday 1.15 p.m. (followed by Lunch for Chile), Friday 1.10 p.m. (Claremont Buildings).
- ★ The Chaplaincy (only two minutes from the University Union) is at 14, Windsor Terrace. Phone No. 811053 or 816320.
- ★ 14, Windsor Terrace is at the Eastern end of the footbridge crossing the North Road, a few doors along from the Library.

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Film Feast

The Sixth Tyneside Film Festival, sponsored by Channel 4 and British Caledonian Airways, gets underway next Wednesday with the North East premiere of "Betrayal", the David Jones film of Pinter's play starring Jeremy ("Brideshead") Irons and Ben ("Gandhi") Kingsley.

It promises to be a fascinating event, particularly if the two films

which I've already seen are representative of what's to come. Greg Killmaster's *Possum O'Possum* and Katherine Matheson's *Comedienne* are a couple of lively, extraordinary documentaries, which shed a remarkable light on American obsessions, with a shrewd eye for detail and a joyful ear for the absurd.

The first is an examination of the curious possum-worship of a small town in Alabama which extends to Miss Possum Beauty Contests, possum-fur fashions and possum

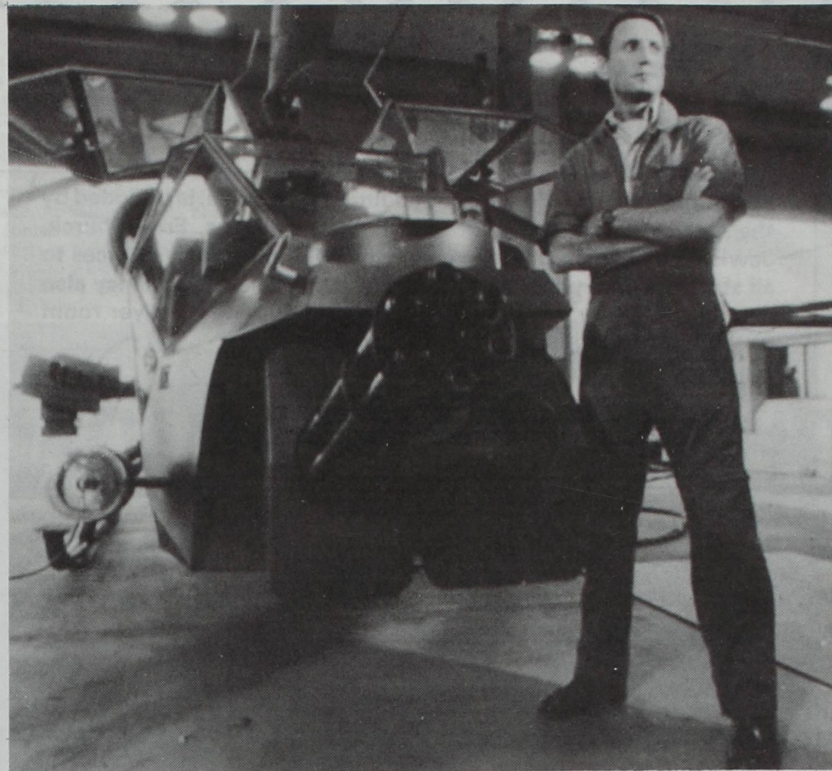
pet-keeping. The camera is rarely out of range of the townfolks' affectionate, anecdotal front and there are some marvellous, straight-faced inter-viewees, including the Chairman of the local possum society, anxious not to give away prime possum acreage to deceitful Arabs, and the Police Chief, concerned to catch the nearby possum rustlers who leave the highway scattered with their prey.

"Comedienne", is a rather more sober, sad but funny account of two New York women desperate to make the top with their comedy acts. Cheryl Klein and Zora Rasmussen both derive their material from aspects of The American Tradition, the former wickedly sends up her Jewish upbringing, ("As a child I had two choices; matricide or patricide"), and the latter her College days as the girl everybody loved to hate.

But the most impressive aspect of the documentary is in its portrayal of the two wise-cracking comedienne as, to a certain extent victims of their own desire to escape from their backgrounds. Klein, whose routine resembles a quick-fire mortar on rapid repeat, ridicules her family to the extent that she becomes estranged from them, even a made-up reunion especially for the camera is made fun of in a later video. Whilst Rasmussen, who attains a degree of success during the very shooting of the film, has an act that is basically self-parody in the Sophie Tucker mould.

Nonetheless, these two varied and entertaining documentaries, the first showing as part of a programme of American shorts on Thursday the 13th, and the second being given its British premiere on the 20th, have a bizarre real-life quality which hopefully will be characteristic of many of the other shorts in the film festival.

During the film festival, which runs from the 12th to the 23rd, there will be a special category for video and a series of films, documentaries, cartoons and shorts under the heading "Britain Can Make It", which covers the period 1945-51. On Sunday the

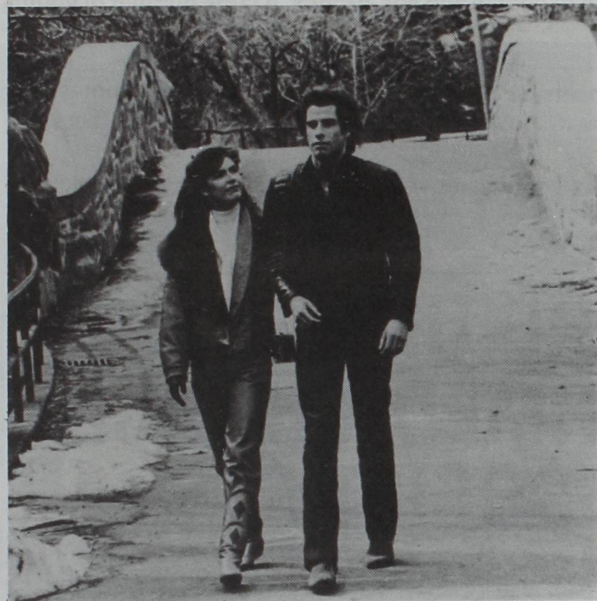


Roy Scheider in *Blue Thunder*

destroying half of Los Angeles. "Blue Thunder" has a number of real thrills, but most of them are in the dialogue.

Sylvester Stallone's *Staying Alive* (PG; ABC Westgate Rd.) may find a teenage audience somewhere, but surely even the most sanguine survivor of Disco Fever no longer regards the gauche-gauche of John Travolta or the floss of the Bee Gees as a force to be reckoned with? There is scarcely anything credible to recommend in this sequel to "Night Fever", and if the final number is intended to represent something from a Broadway show, then I suggest that whoever dreamt it up at least reports it to his or her psychiatrist.

Steve Waring



John Travolta and Finola Hughes in *Staying Alive*

16th at the ABC Haymarket the World Premiere of Clair's "An Italian Straw Hat", complete with orchestra and specially composed score, marks the highlight of the festival, although on Sunday the 23rd the closing film, "Moving With The Times", will be accompanied by the Berliner Band. Also at the Festival Finale the presentation of the festival awards will be made by, amongst others, Julie Christie, one of the panel judges.

This year, as well as the prestigious Tyne Award, a new prize, the Tyne Video Award, will be presented to the best video shown.

In the commercial cinema, few prizes for originality but plenty to thrill about in John Badham's *Blue Thunder* (15; Odeon). This is a conspiracy thriller about a police helicopter pilot, (Roy Scheider), who uncovers a high-level plot to create civil unrest on the streets of Los Angeles in order to justify the use of a new multi-purpose special helicopter which is equipped with the sort of weaponry one normally associates with James Bond.

There are a few revealing sides as to the nature of American military paranoia, timely as it happens, but by the plot has been reduced to an airborne shootout between Scheider and the U.S. Air Force,

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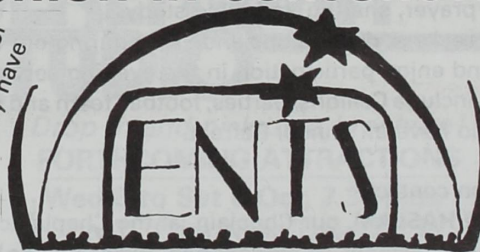
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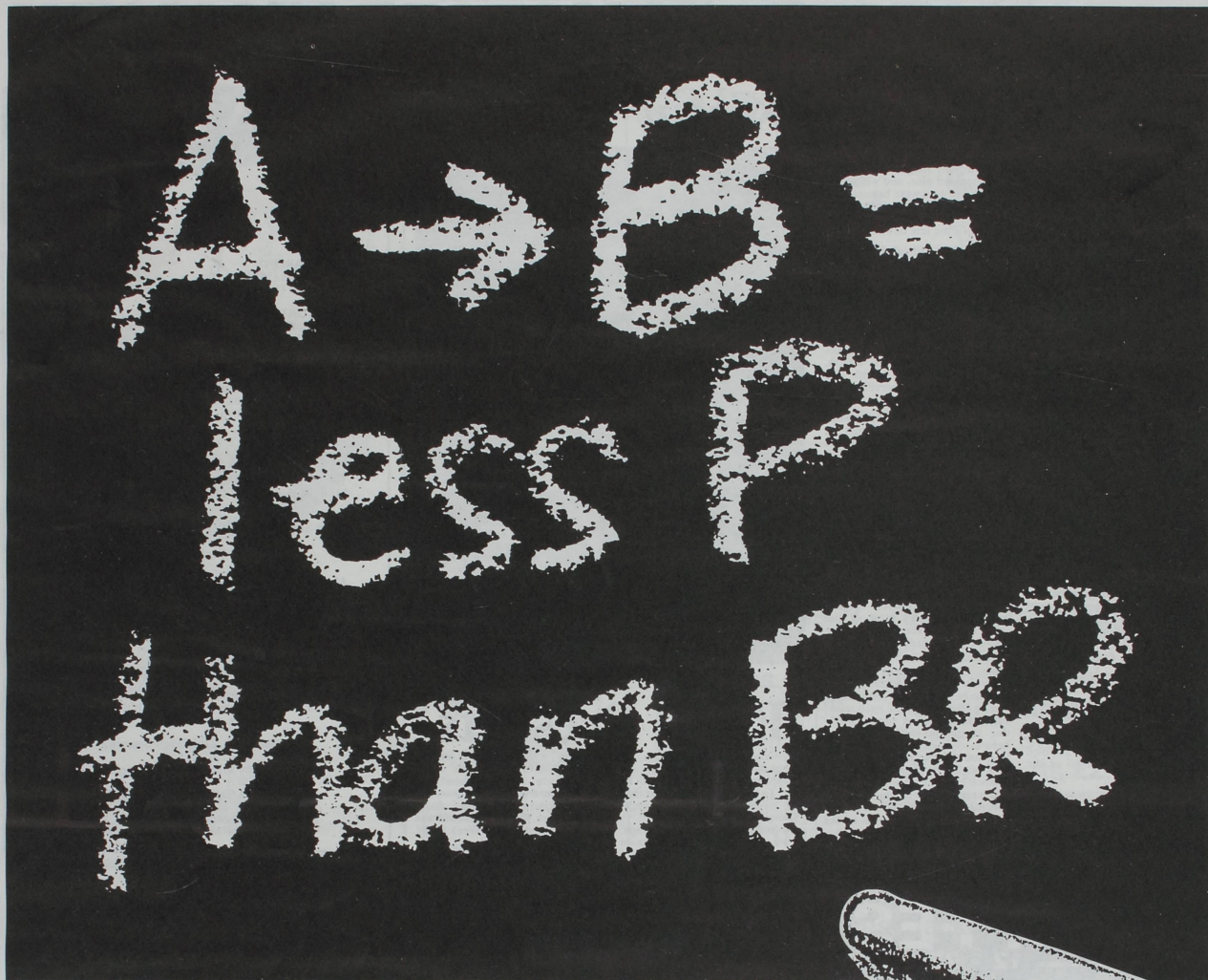
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The Saga of Kissin' Kate

The TyneWear Theatre Company's musical adaptation of Catherine Cookson's *Katie Mulholland*, (Playhouse until October 29th), is certainly one of the most popular productions to appear at the Playhouse in recent years. Already sold out for its entire run, it has been subject to a publicity build-up which spanned almost the entire summer.

Coming to this play with a professed ignorance not only of this but any other Cookson novel however, I was still uncertain whether this left me at an advantage or disadvantage to the 90% of the audience, whose familiarity with the novel would be obvious to anyone who merely mulled around the Playhouse Bar.

Certainly on the evidence of the production, it is almost impossible to comprehend the motives of the heroine, which seem muted and obscure in a fashion that the book would surely fail to tolerate. Katie Mulholland is opportune enough to wed a man she hates when her baby needs an upbringing, but she proves to be too proud to accept charity after her husband's death, and eventually allows the child to be adopted.

Class Conflict

Similarly, the backdrop of recurring class conflict and industrial strife between the local pit-owning aristocracy and the militant mineworkers, in the Tyneside of 1860, looks peculiarly discordant and unattached, to anyone unfamiliar with the detail of the novel.

On the other hand, I was able to view the song and dance, the continual musical accompaniment and the more overt theatrics without feeling as though someone was

shattering my long-held vision of character and plot, and whilst the novels' devotees were bemused by the productions' chronology, I found the representation of the march of time less bewildering.

It would be difficult for anyone not weened on romantic melodrama to accept this play without incredulity however, and even they would be hard pushed to acclaim it. Banalities always look better in print than they sound on stage, and although the cast are hardly unrehearsed, few emerge with distinction. For much of its length, "Katie Mulholland" seems like "Tess Of The D'urbervilles", as written by Dory Previn.

Technically the play is not without its successes, the design by Robert Jones works well within the range of the theatre and although Eric Boswell's songs are hardly likely to stay with you, they at least boost the flagging Ken Hill script. Most of the cast work hard, including Prue Clarke in the title role, but a few seem incapable of shouldering their musical responsibilities.

There is a marvellous, throaty impersonation of a dockside tart by Rosalind Bailey, which deserves special mention, largely because it reduces most of the other actors on stage at the same time as her to cardboard cut-outs.

"Katie Mulholland" is unique in many ways; (not only a World Premiere but the first Cookson ever to be staged) but surely there can be few stage plays, even musicals, whose sell-out run is largely due to patrons who have never before set foot in a theatre? For this, and the prospect that the success of this production may help finance less spectacular plays, the warm response of the public to this contribution to the 1983 Newcastle Festival is to be welcomed rather than dismissed.

Steve Waring



Stephan Chase and Prue Clarke in *Katie Mulholland*

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Tomorrow night on Level Two, the reggae duo "Laurel & Hardy" will be appearing as part of their U.K. tour. To coincide with the tour they will be releasing a new single "Dangerous Shoes".

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On Saturday at the same venue, del Amitri, a Glaswegian four-piece whose "Sense Sickness" was awarded Single of the Week in the music press last month.

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3. Octopussy (pg) 2.35, 5.25, 8.15
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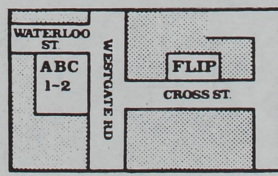
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Designed, as ever, to introduce the maximum number of students to the other side of University life, in the minimum amount of time, the Conference succeeded in its aim.

All the first years I spoke to said they had enjoyed it immensely and praised the organisers for the smooth running of the Conference. In fact the only complaint they had was that after a hard night at the ceilidh they found it difficult to get up for the mystery tours!

The Conference began in full on Thursday, with most students taking the opportunity to browse around the seventy-four society stalls, which Jane Edwardson, the Societies Fair Organiser described as "very busy".

Friday saw hundreds of sporting hopefuls attend team trials for a variety of events. Despite the rain most people enjoyed themselves and after a quick shower were back home to prepare themselves for the Grand Conference Ball at the Mayfair.

This, if anything, was the only disappointment of the Conference, with the main band "Bad Manners" living up to their name. Arriving hours late they then proceeded to demand six bottles of Brown Ale before they would appear on stage. As they had no time for sound checks the resulting performance was far from perfect. However, the evening was still a success, with the two support bands receiving loud applause from the lively audience.

Nevertheless, the actions of "Bad Manners" did come under attack from Union President Joe Carlebach, who described their



Welcome! . . . Students being collected at Central Station.

behaviour and performance as 'very disappointing'. As Joe explained "The Conference organisers and the stewards put a lot of work into making the Conference a success and it was sad to see them let down like that".

Saturday afternoon saw a variety of energetic events including ice skating, swimming and snooker, but for the more sedate a Mock Union General Meeting took place in the Debating Chamber. At the meeting various members of the Executive portrayed the motley crew of characters that are likely to be found at any General Meeting and first years too were encouraged to contribute from the floor.

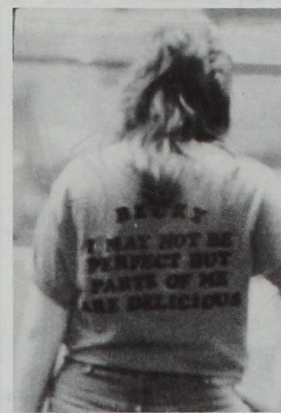
On Saturday evening the ceilidhs and Metro Roadshow were very well attended and were probably only matched in popularity by the Grand Conference Climax.

Films, bands, discos and a number of very tired looking stewards heralded the end to the conference which was apparently the busiest final night ever. One of the more notable events was the balloon debate. The theme for the motion was broadly entitled 'Cult Figures' which left plenty of room for the imagination of the speakers.

Mick Rutter, hardly disguised at all as 'St. Peter Tatchell', got the evening off to an amusing start. Dave Hollings followed as Marvin, the paranoid android. The Rev. Bryan Vernon, our fun-loving and broad-minded Chaplain, appeared as himself. Chris Foster, meanwhile, appeared magnificently attired as the Rev. Sun Young Moon, head of the "Moonies" Church.

Jeremy Mayes as the man who received the least votes, had the dubious privilege of having to drink a pint as quickly as possible. He performed ably.

Adrian Chatt, appearing as Senor Inco Nito (incognito!?)



Becky Osborne encapsulates the welcoming attitude of all the stewards.

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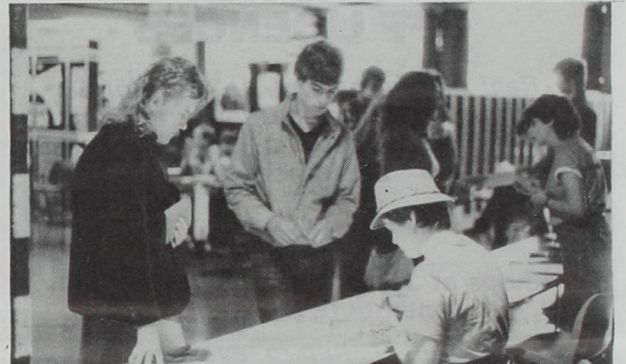
Simon Spalding, last year's President, revealed his religious bent as Billy Graham, but lost to Paul Fernandez-Montes who gave a superb performance as Andreas Baader.

The Conference can only be described as a great success and its organiser, Simon Raybould, said he was "very pleased" with the whole week. The Stewards had been "excellent" and had worked extremely hard, a view that was echoed by Union President Joe Carlebach, who described the organisers efforts as "magnificent" and then perhaps summing up the Conference for everyone involved said "It's been very tiring, but I've thoroughly enjoyed it".

Sue Crawford.



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