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## News In Brief

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Chris Holt.

### New chair of council

Chris Lofty has been elected as the new Chairperson of Union Council.

This follows the resignation by Kate Nelson as Convenor of Debates and Chair of the Council. Chris, who is Labour Club Women's Officer, defeated Phil Leib in a vote held at last Thursday's Union Council meeting.

Jonathan Hill.

### Housing Benefit

If you have not claimed Housing Benefit for this Academic year, do so now says Mrs Diana Stewart, Welfare Advisor. The Civic Centre are still taking claims for term time and the Christmas and Easter holidays. This especially applies to those of you living in Richardson Road and Kirkley Close. The Civic Centre takes claims retrospectively so you will not miss out on the beginning of this term if you have not yet claimed. This, however applies only to people claiming for accommodation in Newcastle.

Richard Leeming.

### Sex education

CHILDREN at mixed-sex schools get a head start on social graces according to a team of psychologists from The Queen's University of Belfast. Those who have gone to single sex schools often clam up when they find themselves in mixed company later.

Another study from Queen's found that young girls who have a good relationship with their fathers do better at maths, whereas boys' mathematical ability is not affected by their feelings towards either parent.

Chris Holt.

### Iranian exiles to visit

THIS week two Iranian exiles are coming from Durham to speak to the Newcastle University Amnesty group. They will tell us of their experiences in Iran and give us an insight into the situation.

Everybody is welcome, the meeting is on Tuesday, 10th December, at 7.00 p.m. in Committee Room A. So if you can motivate yourselves out of the Men's bar, come along!

# Stealing the Christmas Spirit



By Jonathan Hill

## Thieves stole £250 worth of liquor when they broke into the Union at the weekend.

The burglars made away with 18 dozen cans of Strongbow cider, 4 dozen cans of Castlemaine lager and a 12 bottle case of Pernod. A quarter of the beer was later recovered in the University precinct by a cleaner working on Monday morning.

It is not clear how the thieves got into the building but a forced door on Level One identified

their means of exit. Union Staff had been stock-taking in the building until 12 noon on Sunday. The burglary must have taken place between then and 6.30 a.m. on Monday when the Union Building opened.

Police are treating the case as burglary. (Northumbria Police wish to contact a fat, rosy cheeked old man with a red suit and long white beard in a sleigh in Northumberland Street being pulled along by a very red nosed reindeer singing "Roll out the barrel").

## Mystery death at student party

By Genny Fay

### Mystery surrounds the death of a young male student after a late night party last Friday.

20-year-old John Swales, a student at Newcastle Polytechnic is thought to have shot himself at his brother's flat on Hare Bell Road in Gateshead.

It is thought that John and his brother were with friends celebrating a birthday and decided to go back to the flat to carry on the party. Police and detectives were called to the scene shortly after 1.00 a.m. after the alarm had been raised by other students at the party.

The police feel that there are no suspicious circumstances and they are not looking for anyone else in connection with the incident. The whole matter now lies in the hands of the Coroner.

## Dancing in the street

The Ballroom Dancing Society, not noted for its subdued approach, took over the Brunton Halls (Edinburgh) last Friday to compete in the Scottish Universities Ball.

Due partly to the adverse weather conditions and the capacity of some members' bladders, we were unable to make the vital practice session. Unperturbed the high spirited team took to the dance floor with enthusiasm and alcohol. To say that the Newcastle contingency danced superbly would be a gross understatement. In only eight weeks the standard of dancing was so good that in three of the five finals, four out of six couples were from Newcastle.

At the end of the Ball we had won half of the presentation shields, justification for the truly excellent performance, and a solid foundation to be built upon.

Outstanding performances came from No. 26: Johnathan and Andrea and No. 42: Luke and Caroline.

Craig Jefferies.

## Grant fallen by 17% - official

The Vice-President for Welfare in the National Union of Students (N.U.S.) Vicky Phillips, was fortunate enough to be present at a grant debate, where a 'new face' appeared. Mr. George Warden's debut in the debate, will, I expect, be one remembered by the Department of Education and Science (D.E.S.) for many years to come.

Whether due to stage-fright, or a fit of honesty, or that he was simply holding his brief upside down, Mr. Warden admitted that the N.U.S.' figures on the decline in value of the grant (17% since 1979) was roughly correct. So far the D.E.S. has put the fall at about 11%.

So our deprivation is not just a figment of our under-financed imaginations; and so there has been a seal of approval from the D.E.S. for saying so.

Behind the scenes the picture is worse, if letters received by the N.U.S. from Back-Bench Conservatives are anything to go by. The message from the N.U.S. appears to be - "Fasten your safety-belt, Minister, it's going to be a bumpy ride. And you know full well whose fault it is!"

Jill Spencer.

## Hacks off to the seaside

A worthy delegation of students from Newcastle are travelling to Blackpool tomorrow to represent you at the National Union of Students (N.U.S.) Conference.

Delegates elected in the recent elections were James Buxton, Nick Clarke, Brian Thomson, Nigel Lowther, Andy Potts, Ann Gresson and Sarah Gear. Observers elected were A. Patterson, R. Gleave and B. Fairweather.

This band of merry men and women can expect a packed weekend of work and play. Conference begins at 9 o'clock each morning and often lasts until midnight. Motions to be discussed include the Fowler Review, Education Cuts, Grants, Youth Unemployment and South Africa. The most valuable aspect of conference is the work done by commissions. These discuss special student topics, such as provisions for handicapped students.

In the past, eccentrics such as the speaker in a space suit have added to the circus atmosphere and together with the constant mingling of hacks with hacks, a good time is sure to be had by all.

Chris Holt.

## Polling Day Today

Today is polling day in the Tynebridge by-election. Last Thursday, students could compare the candidates at a televised debate at Newcastle Polytechnic.

Among issues raised, privatisation and unemployment provoked the most interesting comment. On privatisation, Jacqui Lait (Conservative) argued that nationalised industries were both bureaucratic and inefficient. Privatisation of those industries brought competition, hence improvement. David Clelland (Labour) argued that the Government were 'selling off the heritage of this country to win themselves seats in Parliament' - and if organisations such as British Gas were so inefficient, he asked, 'why does everyone want to buy them?'

On unemployment, Mr. Clelland said that Newcastle had the highest redundancy rate in Great Britain and argued that in the sphere of job creation it was 'the will, not the way, which is lacking'. Rod Kenyon (SDP/Liberal Alliance) argued that his party sought to solve the unemployment situation through realism and common sense, not the Labour Party's 'framework of overpromising and deceit'.

The by-election was caused by the death of Mr. Harry Cowans (Labour) and the constituency is considered to be one of the safest seats in the country.

Julia Tindall.

Courier would like to say Happy Christmas to all readers, advertisers, contributors, printers and the many people who have helped make this term the best ever for our sales.

## Students forced onto the streets



The streets of Newcastle echoed to the chant of 'No Cuts' when students marched through the City in an effort to bring the issue of higher education to the people of Newcastle. Assisted by a large contingent from Durham University the March was a success.

Nevertheless important criticisms were made for the future. Karl Holweger, Union President, condemned the "sectarian hijack" of the March by the Revolutionary Communist Party (R.C.P.) who sought only to "use it for their own political gain". Several similar complaints have been made, and the loss of about one third of the March is generally attributed to the R.C.P.'s selfish action. The campaign, however, is now entering a new enlightened phase with an improved strategy being planned for the next academic term. The emphasis will be on a broad front with no sectarian interests.

"The University has passed a strategy on paper, they have yet to implement it" said Nick Clarke, Deputy President, in fighting mood. Let the Senate be warned.

Lawrence G.

## WINNERS

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## STIRRER'S WEEK



### Yorkshire Puddings!

Another term over, another grant cheque gone, it's time for all students to return to the loving arms of their Mummies. Hastily, they must re-acquire their regional accents, and make up tales of student pranks and debauchery (honest, I had 4 birds and 28 pints in one night and I WERENT PISSED) to pretend that they had a good time up here. My home background too will come as a surprise to most *Courier* readers. Beneath this sophisticated public school exterior lies a man who has struggled.

I was raised in a condemned cess pit in Grimethorpe, and it cost me Dad an arm and a leg to send me to Gaytrousers. Though he did get a wheelchair on the N.H.S. out of it, I wouldn't say we were poor exact-

ly, but the pigeons fly upside down over our house - nothing worth shitting on.

Christmas were always a hard time for us - t' mill would be closed but boss was a kindly man and would give half a stale Christmas cake to each one of his serfs. We never even had a nativity play in Grimethorpe, couldn't find three wise men - or a virgin. The girls weren't really loose in our town, falling apart more like; some of them had seen more pricks than Keith Richards' left arm.

Still, we made our own entertainment in those days, but would always wash our hands afterwards. Grandma would be so excited that she'd start squeezing out her stomach bag in time to the National Anthem. Grandad too would be continually going out, so I'd have to throw a few more Yuletide logs on him.

At night we'd watch the cats' eyes twinkle on the town Christmas tree, the fairy on the top being some local Bertie Woofter from the Amateur Dramatic Society. Later, we'd play some traditional Yorkshire games like postman's knockers; which is like the original only more sexist. And then we'd all huddle round to play Coming Soon. The boss's cake would be placed in the middle on the cess pit, and copies of *Climax* and *National Geographical* were handed to the competitors. I well remember those uphill struggles where hand speeds of up to 100 miles per hour were recorded. And for the bloke who came last? Well someone had to eat the cake didn't they?

SHITSTIRRER.

### M.P. fails to raise numbers

**John Smith, Labour's Shadow Trade and Industry Spokesperson proposed the main motion at the General Meeting on Graduate and Youth Unemployment. There were no amendments and no opposing speakers thus the M.P. was able to speak at some length.**

He gave an interesting and articulate exposition of Labour's programme for re-generating the economy should they win the next Election. Calling them 'intelligent policies for creating economic growth' he claimed that the Labour Party would get one million people back to work in two years. He said that this was erring on the side of caution, that they didn't want to make false promises to the unemployed.

He also gave close attention to the issue of North Sea oil revenue. He deplored the fact that all of our revenue that comes from the North Sea, goes to pay unemployment benefit. Mrs. Thatcher, he said, had 'had the equivalent of a personal pools win when she came to power in 1979', and had squandered it all. When the tide goes out, he said, and North Sea oil recedes, there will be some very unpleasant objects left on the beach! He said that Labour would use this money to rejuvenate the economy. He also deplored the 'shabby decline of the Social Services... to the extent where even the Prince of Wales can recognise it!'

At the end of his speech, the meeting was deemed inquorate by Karl Holweger, Union President, and a general discussion took place.

Richard Leeming.

### Lecturers are unstimulating and ineffective

**Cambridge University teaching methods have been condemned in a recent survey.**

Over 18 months, more than 1,200 people responded to 3,000 questionnaires distributed by the Students' Union.

Science lecturers were found to be boring but effective, however more than half of those participating viewed arts lectures as unstimulating and merely a means of dictating notes. They are also described as ineffective and irrelevant to courses.

Detailed work assessment was missing from supervisions, which wasted time in the reading out of

essays and marking. There is no adequate mechanism for the criticism of lecturers, thus those who are sub-standard can remain in their positions without question.

Michael Black, S.U. Academic Affairs Officer, complained that there should be training courses for members of staff, as brilliant researchers do not necessarily have the ability to communicate their knowledge. He concluded: "At a University with high academic standards, this is pathetic."

Guy Jackson.

### Halls urged to boycott Barclays

**Student's courageous battle against apartheid was extended to Hall Treasurers, Union Building walls and soft drinks, this week.**

Sabbatical Treasurer, Des Thurlby, has written to Hall treasurers urging them not to bank with Barclays. The Union Society already has a policy of not using this particular bank, as it has heavy links with South Africa. However the conscientious sabbatical officer insisted he was not applying any pressure on the Halls.

Another key element to the fight against white supremacy in South Africa is ridding the Union of products originating from the region. The soft drink "Appletise" stood accused of links with South Africa but was cleared of the charge at Union Council this week. The tasty beverage does not contain Cape apples and thus can be sold over Union bars.

So as not to leave anyone in any doubt where the student's sympathies lie, the executive are to make a banner against apartheid and put up a plaque, remembering the victims of the unrest in the region.

James R. Baker

### Exec members up against the wall

**Censured! That's the position Nick Dalton, Sabbatical Secretary and Sue Binding, Publicity Officer, find themselves in. The vote of censure came from Julian Pye (2nd year Physiological Science) claiming the Union did not have enough publicity for the General Meeting on Graduate and Youth Unemployment.**

The problem arose due to the General Meeting having to be cancelled twice: firstly because of the South African Memorial Service, and secondly, due to the march on Senate concerning the cuts. There was adequate publicity for the meetings but due to their unfortunate postponement the meeting was inquorate, 84 out of the quorum of 100 attended. This has been the only inquorate General Meeting this term.

Nick Dalton, Sabbatical Secretary described this term as "hectic", i.e. the cuts (if you haven't noticed) and commented that Sue Binding had "made a good job of publicity."

"Sue has her course to do, and she's in her final year, so this kind of criticism by censuring is simply bureaucratic masturbation."

Anyone wanting to help with publicity please see Nick Dalton, Sabbatical Secretary on Level 6 of

the Students' Union. Nick Dalton though, was careful to point out "students don't want Union Publicity rammed down their throats permanently".

Finally, Sue Binding when asked about Julian Pye, stated "I've never heard of him".

Kevin Perkes.

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## THE UNION SOCIETY

# EXECUTIVE REPORT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th December

1.00 p.m.

## Debating Chamber

At these meetings the Executive reports back on what they have been "Up to over the term"

## Big NU Events



FRIDAY DECEMBER 6th

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- TOM McEWAN "Och another braw little number"

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Liberty, Fraternity and Lloyd-Walker

Dear Madam,

I feel I must communicate to you my feelings of dismay shared by many, at your malignment of the Conservative Association, and especially its Chairman, the very fine and much respected James Baker.

It has been suggested or implied in various sections of your "newspaper" that all we do to amuse ourselves in the Association is to indulge in gay banter about our public school backgrounds, the empire and champs, and to allow a few spare moments each day to worship our great leader, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Thatcher.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The only members who attend our Monday meetings are dedicated activists who give up their time to do what they consider their duty - to present this Government in a true light, to oppose the creeping evils of Socialism, and to provide more balanced political material for discussion by members of this undemocratic, unrepresentative and left-wing dominated Union.

We have also been represented as either lunatic right-wingers, or as clones who toe the party line on every political issue. Again this is untrue.

There are at least three factions within the Association, all of whom have different views, united fairly loosely by Conservative principles and a realisation of the need to fight the fascist Left.

Most of the Association's leadership is made up of what is known as the 'party faction' and stand for traditional Conservative points of view. Many members are considered 'wets' and associate themselves to the TORY REFORM GROUP, who consider that party policies have gone too far and problems such as unemployment must receive an immediate solution. The third faction, of which I consider myself to belong to, describe themselves Radical Thatcherites and believe in many of the principles of libertarianism. We stand for the elimination of coercive intervention by the State; the right of all persons to life, liberty and justly acquired property; the voluntary exchange of goods and services, and, in the individual's liberty to pursue his or her chosen lifestyle and promote it by peaceful persuasion, but not to impose it forcibly on anyone else.

We consider every member of the Association, whatever their point of view, has a valuable contribution to make to it. It is a pity that they have been dissuaded from attending Monday meetings by your comic thus preventing these meetings from becoming the lively forum for political debate that they should be.

I also feel that many people have not joined the Association because you have always presented it as being elitist and full of upper-class dogmatic bigots. I myself am proud to belong to the new breed of working-class, radical Tories and appeal to all those who recognise the threat to our way of life and the threat to our freedom that is posed by the dark forces of Socialism.

Help us in our struggle and join the fight for freedom, the fight for the inevitable eradication of Socialism.

Your in liberty,  
**Jamie Lloyd-Walker,**  
 Publicity Officer  
 Conservative and Unionist Association.

## Road to Socialism temporarily blocked

Dear Comrades,

"OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR CLUB"

To judge from recent letters to the *Courier* and experience of Labour Club meetings, there are profound disagreements between us both about the immediate issue of how to fight the cuts being made by the University and the more general question of the fight for Socialism.

Unfortunately those disagreements seem at present to express themselves in terms of personal abuse and slanging matches via letters in the *Courier* rather than serious political arguments. Yet only a year ago we were united in activity, collecting for the Miners, seeing a victory for the Miners as the way forward on the fight against the Tories.

It is strange that whilst we are talked of as an irrelevant ultra left sect if you look at several front page articles in the *Courier* we are the main enemy that the Union faces.

What has changed since a year ago, when we stood together in support of the Miners? S.W.S.S. is arguing the same, that the way to beat the Tories is class struggle and workers fighting for themselves. The Labour Club instead seems to be arguing that we should all unite and rally behind Kinnock - build for his election. To cement themselves behind Kinnock, we see the witch hunt of the

Militant and all those on the left who are a reminder of support for workers' struggle. In the colleges, Militant aren't that great a force. So they turn instead to S.W.S.S. who do represent something of an opposition, albeit a small one.

Whether you agree on this point or not, there are surely grounds for debate and an organised debate would be far healthier than the present slanging match. Perhaps a debate on The Way to Socialism in Britain; we leave the title to you. We are confident of our argument and ideas, is the Labour Club?

Yours Fraternally,  
**Socialist Worker Student Society**

**David Vyse**  
 - an unsung hero

Dear Editor,

Sorry Nick but you are wrong and I hope this doesn't mean you want your tapes back. But credit where credit is due, Nigel Lowther, super guy, mega-mega excellent person and now even more trendy-A-Lefty than he was before, did not in fact propose the motion of no confidence in Peter Swan, the now ex-President of Havelock Hall.

If fact it was a very tall and noticeably handsome young man by the name of David Vyse, whom did not even get a mention in last week's front page article "President-Out".

Dave, who was standing to the right of our immortal Secretary, Tim Podger and to the left of Nigel Lowther, presented (for the record) a concise and factually correct proposal of no-confidence which was very well executed. Both Dave's proposal well Nigel's supporting speech complemented each other and both deserve equal credit for their victory.

Perhaps now Dave, you can send your *Courier* cut-out to Mammy, even if it is a week late.

Yours,  
 Friendly and not slugging anybody off,  
**Andrew Burr**  
 (Havelock Hall)

## Only a stable to spare

Dear Editor,

I was extremely fascinated to read in last week's "Letters" page a quote from a University letter sent to students who had difficulty paying their rents due to grant cheque problems.

In my opinion this is just yet another example of the appalling diffidence meted out to students in the area of accommodation. One might expect the University to send letters to students re their fees, but also to include in these letters some sort of sympathetic appreciation of the financial difficulties which some students are facing.

However, unfortunately the University manages its accommodation with a siege mentality which concerns money at any cost. Rarely is any regard given to the welfare of students. They are encouraged to apply for appalling residences presented in an admirable public relations package which bears little resemblance to the truth, and when students arrive at Castle Leazes to find it is little more than a re-vamped Swedish Prison, or Kirkley Close to find that it is stuck in the middle of nowhere - then tough shit, you've signed away your rights and you're there for the year.

It doesn't matter if your surroundings emotionally disturbs you, your only means of exit is by letting off a fire extinguisher, simply because Big Brother needs your money - it's okay for Mr. Williamson (University Conference Manager) to make £15,000 less this year than last, but from the students the University must make more, even at the cost of adverse effects on the students' work. It doesn't make sense but at least that's consistent with other University programmes e.g. the Academic Strategy! Then when one turns to the private sector the disregard shown here by the University towards its own members verges on being soul destroying.

The University Accommodation office clears itself of all blame associated with bad landlords by explaining that it is merely a consultative office and cannot take any responsibility for the landlords who advertise through it. Bullshit! Your conscience must be pretty low to allow a racist landlord to let to an overseas student, or to allow a violent landlord to let to women or merely to allow properties which aren't fit for a dog to be let to normal human beings. If the Housing Office staff don't have time to vet accommodation then the University should employ someone for this purpose and stop fobbing the students off with weak excuses.

The University must appreciate that if they allow landlords to advertise through their Housing Office they are condoning if not recommending their foul practices, and thus encouraging landlords to treat students like a malleable piece of crap.

The University must make an effort to ensure that bad landlords are not allowed to use their facilities until they improve them, and make sure students are warned about some of the more ferocious sharks in the sea of private sector student accommodation. A failure to do so is a complete abrogation of the University's responsibility towards its members.

One can only conclude, from a mere two months in this job, that from the Vice-Chancellor down the University has no regard for the welfare of students in relation to both the private and University accommodation sectors, and even further conclude that they condone racism, violence and depravation.

Perhaps Messrs. Martin et al ought to get out of their mansions and have a look at the real world situation which they help perpetuate.

Yours etc.,  
**Brian Thomson,**  
 Student Union, Accommodation Officer  
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## TAKE HART

Dear Editor,

I'm sure that anyone who, like me, was privileged to witness the latest in the "Save Fine Art" banners on display by the Arches, will have been immediately overcome by the sheer beauty and artistic integrity of the "Cheers Keith" poster.

Seeing this masterpiece of crayon, and water paints, obviously the culmination of many days exhausting labour, has convinced me that all other departments should be closed down so that Fine Art's great traditions of posters for the under-3's can continue unabated.

Yours etc.,  
 J. Pratt



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# TYNE OUT

Compiled by Richard Leeming

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- ★ **UNION:** Disco & late bar on Level 6. Mega-disco of the year. proceeds to Tyneside Housing Aid Centre. 'Come along and boogie till dawn' Tickets £1.00
- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** The Creation Records package with 'Meat Wiplash', 'Primal Scream', and the 'Weather Prophets'. £2. adv/ £3.00 door.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** 'Dire Straits' Luckily the boring sods are sold out.
- ★ **THEATRE ROYAL:** The Ballet Rambert (NOT Rambo...) Until Saturday. A fine chance to see this superb company in the North-East. Tickets from £1.50 to £6.00 with boxes at only £20. Starts at 7.30 p.m.
- ★ **PLAYHOUSE:** 'The Voyage of the Dawn Treader' for all Narnia fans. Here it is. Ken Hill's adaptation of the classic with songs by Brendan Behan.
- ★ **CURTIS AUDITORIUM:** 'Another Country' & 'Alice in Wonderland'. A good version of Julian Mitchell's play. 'Another Country' stars that well-known corpse Rupert Everett. At 7.30, tickets only 70p.
- ★ **TYNESIDE CINEMA:** London Film Festival on tour. Tonight 'Leave All Fair' at 6.00 and 8.15 in cinema 2.
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ **DEBATING CHAMBER:** General Meeting on South Africa. 1 p.m. Annual Business Meeting at 5 p.m.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** C.C.C. from 7-10
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** B.U.N.A.C. From 12.30 to 2.00
- ★ **RM 27:** Ecology Society from 1 to 2. Music Therapy from 5 to 6. American Music from 6 to 10.
- ★ Tyne-Bridge Bye-Election. go and vote if you live in Benwell, West City, Scotswood, Elswick, or Gateshead.

## FRIDAY 6th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** The very wonderful bigger better Christmas party featuring 'The Men They Couldn't Hang' 'The Bluberry Hellberries', 'The Daintees', 'The Housemartins', 'The M K Big Band', a late bar, video, a disco, and a film. And all for a mere £2.50.
- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** 'The Wobblies & 'King Volts' & 'Paperwalls'. £1.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** 'Dire Straits' still sold out.
- ★ **MAYFAIR:** 'Fusion Factory' an alternative Disco. £1.25
- ★ **TIFFANY'S:** 'Mr M's' Another disco Nightclub 9.30 to 2.00 £1.50
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ **DEBATING CHAMBER:** Another Debate... From 7-10
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** S.W.S.S. From 1 to 2, Peace Forum from 6.30 to 10.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** Parachute Club from 1 to 2.
- ★ **ROOM 27:** Arthurians from 5 to 9.
- ★ **T.V. ROOM:** C.N.D. from 1-2.

## SATURDAY 7th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** Jona will probably be resting after last night so there may not be much happening, but the Cochrane does have a new sound system.
- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** Party Night with London's top new band 'Curiosity killed the Cat' & Rathaus disco. 50p mems/75p guests but free before 9pm.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** 'The Spinners' a Liverpoolian Folk band. £5, £4, £3.
- ★ **ELDON SQUARE:** Only 15 shopping days left to Christmas.
- ★ **UNION:** Room 27 Labour Club Women's Group Self-Assertion lessons only 50p

- ★ **MAYFAIR:** 'The Gear Box' yet another 'alternative' nightclub...
- ★ **TYNESIDE CINEMA:** Lates. 'Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid' & 'The Big Sleep' at 11.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m. 'The Railway Children'.

## SUNDAY 8th DEC

- ★ **QUAYSIDE:** Morning Market. lots and lots of things to squander your grant on.
- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** Sunday Rock night 50p/75p free before 9pm.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** Hospital Christmas Carols. Presumably a benefit gig. Tickets £3, £2, £1, 7.30.
- ★ **ARMSTRONG BRIDGE:** Same old Craft Market.
- ★ **TYNESIDE CINEMA:** Cinema 1: 'Rear Window' & 'The Trouble with Harry' at 4.50 & 8.40.
- ★ **Cinema 2:** 'Let's Make Love' & 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' yes it's Marilyn Munroe... at 6.30.

## MONDAY 9th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** The last chance this term to take part in the Intellectually teasing Cochrane Quiz. 8.30.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** Northern Sinfonia Christmas bash with pieces by Robert Tear and Ben Luxon. Tickets from £1.50 to £5.50. probably starts at 7.30, but check.
- ★ **PLAYHOUSE:** 'The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader' continues...
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ **DEBATING CHAMBER:** The Conservatives last meeting of the term.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** 10.15-11 a.m. Exec meeting 1-2 Education Committee meeting.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** Liberal Association Christmas Knees-up. 1-2.
- ★ **ROOM 27:** The Chess Club from 6.45-10.
- ★ **T.V. ROOM:** The S.D.P. meet from 1-2 and C.N.D. from 5-8.

## TUESDAY 10th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** Late bar & good stotties in the Men's bar.
- ★ **TIFFANY'S:** Liquid Sky disco. A psychedelic nightclub with appropriate music. A mere 80p.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** 'Magnum' This is a band, not the ugly American Cop, not for anyone who likes their music mellow. £4.50.
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ **DEBATING CHAMBER:** Exec report meeting 1-2.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** Amnesty International, from 7-10 p.m.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** The Sci-Fi society from 7-10.
- ★ **ROOM 27:** Animal Rights from 1-2, 7-9.30 the Film and Cinema society.
- ★ **T.V. ROOM:** Scouts and Guides from 1-2, Third World First from 5-7.30, Hi and Dri from 7.30 to 10.00.

## WED.11th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** Level 6 Disco & Late Bar. This is the Labour Club and Working for Ford Social, and all are welcome. Tickets £1.00.
- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** The Pattison Duo, Live Jazz. 50p/75p free before 9pm.
- ★ **UNION:** Will have live Jazz as well so there.
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ **DEBATING CHAMBER:** The Labour Club meet here from 1-2, and SCAN gateway club between 5&9.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** Celtic Soc 1-2, The R.C.S. from 7-9.30.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** Fell Walking 1-2.
- ★ **ROOM 27:** Arthurians from 2-5, Self-defence from 5-7, and 7-10 the Eldon Soc.
- ★ **T.V. ROOM:** Lesbian and Gay Society, from 7-9.

## THURSDAY 12th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** 'The Pogues' possibly the best band this term, the Pogues are a lively mix of trade. Irish and Punk music. Don't miss them. £4.00.

- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** Oh Dear another excellent band. 'Dr and the Medics' a mock Psychedelic band, who are brilliant £2.50/£3.00.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** Blue Oyster Cult (nothing to do with Ian Astbury). This lot have been around for ages. £6.50, £5.50, £5.00.
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ **DEBATING CHAMBER:** Has nothing in it.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** CCC From 7-10.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** B.U.N.A.C. from 12.30-2.00.
- ★ **ROOM 27:** Ecology Soc from 1 to 2. SCAN Christmas party from 2-10.
- ★ **T.V. ROOM:** The R.C.S. from 1-2.

## FRIDAY 13th DEC

- ★ **UNION:** The last Friday night Disco of term, so make the most of it.
- ★ **RIVERSIDE:** Watt Government & Support. A Friday the Thirteenth special. £1. on door.
- ★ **CITY HALL:** The Evening Chronicle Christmas Carol Concert. (Carol goes to a lot of concerts at this time of year)
- ★ **MAYFAIR:** Fusion Factory, Iggy, The Sisters, The Cult, etc. £1.25.
- ★ **TIFFANY'S:** 'Mr M's' you know what this is by now... £1.50.
- ★ **MEETINGS:**
- ★ Only a few die-hards meeting today:
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM A:** S.W.S.S. from 1-2.
- ★ **COMMITTEE ROOM B:** The parachute club 1-2
- ★ **ROOM 27:** The Arthurians from 5-9.
- ★ **T.V. ROOM:** C.N.D. From 1-2.
- ★ **TYNE OUT WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.**

## CINEMAS

- TYNESIDE CINEMA
- (1) Mon. 9th to Sat. 14th 'Desperately Seeking Susan'. 5.20, 7.10, 9.00.
  - (2) Mon. 9th to Sat 14th 'The Official Version' 6.00 (Wed., Fri., Sat.), 8.15.
- ODEON
- (1) 'Santa Claus The Movie' 12.55, 2.55, 5.30, 8.05.
  - (2) 'Nightmare on Elm Street' 1.30, 3.10, 5.30, 8.00.
  - (3) 'The Purple Rose of Cairo' 1.50, 3.55, 6.05, 8.15.
  - (4) 'Prizzi's Honour' 2.20, 5.00, 7.45. Students £1.50 Mon-Fri with Union Card.
- A.B.C.
- (1) 'Back To The Future' They wouldn't give me the times, so you'll have to find them out for yourself.
  - (2) 'Goonies' 1.45, 4.40, 7.30. Students £1.10 before 4.00 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- JESMOND PICTURE HOUSE
- 'Emerald Forest' at 7.00.

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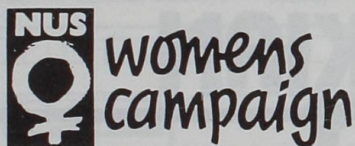
**DESPERATELY SEEKING DICKHEADS - CONTACT TORPEDO TIM FOR A QUICK ONE.** Did HAZEL find her PRINCE charming at the Toga Party? Happy Christmas Wobbly and Frigid - oops! Jelly and Ice-cream! ROWAN says she's never been in it before! There wasn't any rounding errors at No. 94 - or was there? STEVEN TOMLINSON ALTHOUGH HE CAN BE SLAPDASH, MAKES AN EXCELLENT SOCIAL SECRETARY. ROWAN - what little one? EMBLETON HOUSE JCR SECRETARY - you and How Hard can come and clean our telephone any time you like. We've heard of dirty phone calls, but this is ridiculous. GARRETT JCR. Can Plant Scientists practice husbandry? PETE. IS DUNSTABLE IN LUTON?

Do SRS get short ones free? JES sez "who's been sleeping in my bed?" ERROL broke his 3 foot weapon last week! Headboard for sale - see JUDE for details. The potato-peeler will be on view to the selected few from 10 on Sat. 'Birthday Greetings to the blind, incompetent, sex maniac of Chem. Eng. (you, Punshon) from all at 87. p.s. Why does Jeremy always have his head in your lap? XXX'

ELLIE, why is SID costing you a fortune? P. W. BOTHA would like to thank Newcastle Miners and Metallurgists for all their hard work during the Summer. HERBERT YARR? ISHURARA? KISS MY AJURA. LAURAJ Here's wishing the Jewish Society a Happy Chanukah. ISYETH being superseded as the principal wearer-out of Thingy's bed?

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 MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY THIS CHRISTMAS - BUY THEM A BRITISH TELECOM PHONECARD FROM THE PORTERS LODGE - HAPPY CHRISTMAS - BUZZBY.  
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Ode to CHRIS 'CREOSOTE' COULSON. When Chris said she wanted to throw. Everyone said "Oh please go!" But she was not able And puked on the table And then in the shower - Oh No! Intervieweespeak: "Is Julian bonking Kim?" I went to this party in Gateshead - it was so cold, when they opened the door the light went on! He'd be alright if he wasn't a bloody Mining Engineer. To the Green-eyed Panda - Kaboom! Yter. Tonight's Annual Business Meeting will see the censure of Nick's performing ego - we hope. CATH and PAULA - any problems with condensation? The reclusive 3rd year Marine Biologists have decided to come out of their shells. The Dove WILL fly! (Sean's bottom - hall). ELLIE gets them free and cheap?



Please tick wherever appropriate

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# PARTY TIME IN COURIER

## Games For Your Party

By Genny Fay

Uh Oh. Its organised fun. It's best to stick to charades or anything with teams. Just so long as the teams aren't males against females or otherwise it's too much like real fighting with your boy/girl friend.

When you team up for charades you'll find that there's always one person on your side who just can't act things out properly. This is the person who forgot "Gone with the Wind" was a book and a film, or the person who told the other side that there are five syllables in "Pygmalion".

Card games are great fun if you're over 90 or have less than 75% of your faculties (like the University by 1990?). Any game which involves a lot of counting, fake money, paper and pencils, more than five rules and markers shaped like racing cars is far too complicated for any party. Hunt the slipper and sardines should be left to the Agrics. There are much more realistic games you can play:

### PIN THE BLAME ON THE PARTNER:

This is a terrific game in which you have to guess which person in the room your boy/girl friend would most consider committing carnal rudeness with behind your back. There are no rules to the game beyond the mandatory muttering of the sentence: "You couldn't take your eyes off him/her all night" and it can be played all the way home and again the next morning. Dirty fighting is allowed.

### TOUCH AND TELL!

Ideally played in pairs (mixed sex) one person is blindfolded. Their Partner then passes them one end of an item to be identified by touch only. The victim then states what he or she thinks it is.

Suggested items:-

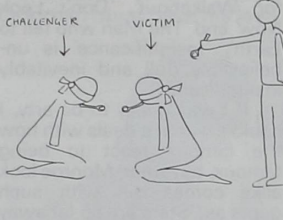
- Warm thick pork sausage.
- Two tomatoes in crumpled bag.
- Bristles of soft hair brush.
- Two Balloons
- Two Grapefruit

or more authentic items if you prefer.

### THE SPOON GAME

This game is one to be played with any gullible "friend" with aggressive tendencies. It carries a health warning though, as it should not be tried on anyone who is susceptible to brain haemorrhage.

One person challenges the "victim" to a battle with spoons. The rules being that each contestant should be blindfolded, kneeling down and holding a spoon in their teeth. Each player takes it in turn to bang their opponent on their head with the spoon gripped in their teeth. The winner is the one who gives up last. Thus the contest. The victim starts first and invariably manages a feeble little tap. Then it is the challenger's go. As he lifts his spoon, an accomplice standing behind the victim and holding a spoon, whacks him on the head (really hard). Hal



### OUTSTAYED WELCOMES

Look. It's nearly dawn. Half the party givers have gone to bed. The other half sporadically fall sideways in a fit of tiredness. As the room lightens you ask if there's more coffee in the pot and continue to lay out your argument in favour of unilateral disarmament even though no-one is listening. The arm on the record player lowers itself and begins to play 'Love Over Gold' for the 17th time in succession. The winner is the one who comes out with a plausible excuse for having stayed so long like: "We would have left ages ago but your boy/girl friend was screwing somebody else on our coats".

### Ask the students

By James Baker

- Which current film stars a "sex thimble"?
- Who took over from Barry Norman on his film programme and also edits Vanity Fair?
- Which two film stars have recently had their old films, "The Glen Miller Story" and "The Hustler", re-released?
- Which country is the most prodigious film producer in the world?
- Which actress' credits include the films "Carrie", "Missing" and "Coalminer's Daughter"?
- Who wrote the tune for "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"?
- Which pop single has sold the most copies in the U.K. this year?
- Who wrote the filmscores for "Once upon a Time In The West" and "The Good, The Bad And The Ugly"?
- Which current group has shortened its name twice since it formed?
- Name Elton John's most successful solo single?
- What is Jim Callaghan's middle name?
- What did the Militant group used to be known as?
- Which American party did Ronald Reagan join when he entered politics?
- How many women are there in the cabinet and shadow cabinet combined?
- Which party does Enoch Powell belong to?
- Who did Barry McGuigan beat in his last fight?
- Which league football club is not a limited company?
- Which Eastern bloc country went to the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984?
- Who won the British Open Golf tournament this year?
- What is the highest score made by a batsman in a first class match?
- Which country sends a Christmas tree to Britain every year to remember her contribution to the war?
- Where does Father Christmas make his toys?
- Who is Donner?
- Who was No. 1 in the charts at Christmas 1980?
- When is Christmas Day?

Answers to the Courier Office by Friday noon.

The person who gets the most correct answers wins a bottle of Christmas plonk.



Beaujolais Nouveau is with us once again amid the massive hype and publicity. The claims are that this year is the best since 1945, although it is not obvious how to compare the wines or who can remember the 1945 vintage.

The reason for the claim is the extraordinary amount of sun in Summer and early Autumn which proved disastrous for everyone except wine-makers and tourists. Sun giving more sugar, therefore, more alcohol and more tannin because the skins ripen longer.

Despite it being a great year be careful when buying since there is as much rubbish pushed out as there is good wine. Try Piat's Beaujolais Nouveau which is stocked at Peter Dominics at £2.99, and although slightly more than some, it is a reputable firm. Do remember to chill it slightly.

The Wine Society got under way with its first tasting in the Hutton Gallery. The guest speaker being Simon Roe of Abbey Vintners who gave an introductory talk on the wines of France to 40 assembled "winos". The only notable wine tasted was a red from Fitoú region,

selling for around £2.50. It is certainly worth buying if you see it and opening it an hour before drinking brings best results.

Also the Wine Society has been invited to compete in the Inter-University Wine Competition held by Peter Dominics. So if you have a great palate or knowledge of Peter Dominics wines, now is your chance to represent your University.

Due to the great response and interest shown at the talk there will be many more meetings and future tastings to look forward to. Last Thursday in the Hutton Gallery there was a wine tasting session and a raffle for a bottle of champagne. Over 50 students turned up and had a jolly good evening.

Anyone who has not yet joined and would like to, membership is still open. Keep an eye open for posters or the ubiquitous President of the Society, David Behrens.



### PERSONAL COLUMN

2p per word - 10p minimum

MARINE BIOLOGISTS TOP 10  
1. A Good Trout is Hard to Fry - Feargal Sharkey  
2. Skatesaway - Dire Kippers  
3. Pulling Mussels from a shell - Squids  
4. Satisfy my sole - Bob Marlin  
5. No Polychaete no cry - The Whalers  
6. Scary seamsters - David Cowie  
7. The Dream of the Blue Turtles - Stingray  
8. Mussel Bound - Spandau Benny  
9. Cool for crabs - Squids  
10. Rock Lobster - The BSZ's and bubbling under  
11. Sean's Bottom - The Moonies

C - A Love is 2 Gary Newman groups sharing a sleeping bag  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO: Jem, Andrew, Errol, Green Worm, Will, Salad Cream, Gwrgi, Mayonnaise, Harry, Prickles, Iddabds and the Ratpup!

TO MY DEAR RALLOU  
I love you and always will.  
Have a very Happy Christmas.  
LOVE PETE XXX.

4th CURLY - with "rainbow salmon"  
Guess which two miners are miserable in bed? ... and which one is looking for his 157th, so he can't be bad bodybuilding the TIFIN way.

Enough people have had the opportunity to inspect Harry's wits.  
JEM, Love and Kisses over Christmas. ROSIE  
ZEN is now airborne and about to touch down! Viv, Julia and Mouna would like to thank ADAM, DAVE, GRAHAM and IAN for a great night. You heard them here first!

What's so scrummy about David's Big Monster. Les Boys.  
Insatiable Rathbag - I just love the tickle spot on your nose - F. Face.  
TIM, DON'T BAR DIVA ON AGRIC'S NIGHT. MY BULB AWAIT'S  
MISSING: ex 3rd Floor client, now hermit, goes by the name of Bobby Dodgson.  
PAUL BROCK, ENTS BREAK DANCE CHAMPION 1985 - STAGESTRUCK?

KIM: Forget Jam - Just for Christmas let's try it with Brandy Butter - Tickish.  
The 3 stooges say, did M.M.H. get a good impression?

SOMEONE TO TALK TO  
NIGHTLINE  
Tel. 612905 - 8 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Who is MOTORMOUTH? We never get a word in edgeways to ask.  
Pogue Mahoney - If you've got it you know it, clap your hands!  
Does AWA always use an old letter?  
RAUNCHY AND GROPER: There's more to come. We know one for every day of the year. PADDY + WILF.  
Skinny Head desperately seeking sexy-smiler with sheepskin.  
Why does Ellie want to pour milk down the Hairy Wozbit.  
Happy Xmas to 3 "wise" men, 1 Auntie, 1 Old man, 1 Train (e. 4f.  
SID wouldn't with Ethel around.  
BO PEEP: Awaits the return of her lost Sheep.  
ONE LEGGED DUCK SOCIETY - Interested - contact Joan Scott 12B Rocky Road.  
DEBS - I hear the frogs worn out - don't worry I'll get you another one from a Fellow Hooker.  
Mining Engineers have NOTHING under their kilts.  
ETH: shake the can!

If you cannot find your girlfriend When the party's in full swing.  
Don't think that she's forsaken you Despite the diamond ring.  
Don't think the man that she is with Has got a bigger thing  
Coz it's just that weasel Evans.

This evil man will show her charm - She'll put up little fight.  
He'll bare her soft and tender neck. The fleshy skin to bite.  
His wasty hand her parts will roam And pull aside her tight!  
You little rotter, Evans.

The husky voice with tales of yore Are passwords to her puss.  
And that is when most boyfriends Begin to kick and fuss.  
But my advice to you, dear friends IS NOT to scream and cuss.  
Coz it's only slimy Evans.

Poor old AL went O.T.T.  
And upon Hal's back did leap  
But he had no cause for worry.  
And his girlfriend he will keep.  
Coz the only thing that Hal has bonked Has been the Barrow sheep!  
Behold - The Mighty Evans!

Hide the Hometrew - ELLIE's coming.  
Abraham Lincoln is a cynical bastard.

The BANK wants your hot water bottles now. Fill 'em up! - SAM FOX.  
3rd JOHN - I've brought my hairdrier!  
GWRGI - don't let Rosie's Mum see the Platypus and don't mess up the sheets!  
ON SHOW (UNION) - HOPALONG ENTS. STEWARD.  
Its getting smaller...  
I wanna see a doctor...  
It's affecting everybody...  
Hope the results are positive. Joke.  
Please don't self-optate me again.  
H. Amster

SID wants to see what goes in! SPOCK? I'm going to the Library to work. I may not be home all week.  
For Sale: TERRIBLE LAUGHTER contact: The professional Naggin pervers.  
It was a little short Lyndon but it was nice.  
TIM: Don't seek security in my SILENCE. The Bulbous Toad.  
Now I can see why Horlicks likes spanking - It's all on the Red Marks you get.  
Hooray! Zen's beat the blues.  
To the boring Miners (especially the mountain goat!) the potato-peeler has safely returned.  
JUST what is too long to get it all in, Seawyn?  
KAI - rodents at my place or yours?  
EVEN J.B. couldn't make my feel horny with you lot around. Disgruntled Horlicks!  
1st DALE - if we all die, it won't matter! net psi-phi instalment BLACKPOOL.  
WANTED: Recently abandoned women for Christian rehabilitation. Enquiries to F 391.  
TEZ only does it after five pints.

WILF - Harry apologises for not coming to see you, but because of the cold weather he is now hibernating under a pile of leaves in the garden with a winter's supply of Jam! James Vincent Redman Wannier - is this one obvious enough for you?  
You never could detect subtleties!!!  
FARTFACE - I love you XXX  
The Laurel Transporter been to Benwell recently?  
EVERYONE was on top of everyone on 29.11.85 at Kitchen Moor Road.  
MEMORIAL ABOUT THE HOUSE - The Hoover and Kitchen sink cordially invite you to their weekly cleaning function - S + A.  
Mad Maniac Moran Services: ceilings mended, duvets cleaned, cheap loans.  
BEN and EVE - SO requires experienced surgeon to perform urgent surgical separation.  
To three children, ANDREW, MARTIN, JULIAN. TRY using the SRS stamp on PAPER!!!  
First schoolgirls, next mature women, now inflatable frogs - Wot next, Connor!!  
CLARE - sore knees? You will, doing it piggyback - HOOKER.  
Was I really that wonderful on Friday night, Key?  
THE potato-peeler. Happy Christmas.  
What's pale and shakes - Traci in lift.  
LEFTY: Are your undies RED because they're embarrassed about your Birthday present?  
No more lonely nights... No more Jeffrey blues.  
Horlicks or WHO'RE-LICKS?  
You get a Mark for a right answer - what's the question?  
HOOKER.  
ZEN - what were you doing up a wall with communal bottom?  
To Mr. Magneton - Has Karen got a sore throat yet?  
Congratulations LES on being such a keen security steward for Gannet party, but did you have to take AMANDA home and look after her all night?  
Has Stooze II got stretch marks on her ears?  
There was a young lady called Tina,  
Who wanted to be a ballerina,  
But her feet were too big  
And she ate like a pig  
So she became a mathematician instead.  
Happy Birthday!! - P. & G.

SHEILA - come jump with me!  
Erol says NUTS to Council.  
Tim would like to propose a well-used GREEN FROG for Havelock President.  
The Residents of Hymns appreciate attempts at greater European contacts and Trust that these will be maintained in the future. The North Tyne/South Tyne divide stays, however. Happy Christmas to our Public.

THE MINING ENGINEERS INVITE EVERYBODY TO PISS OFF FOR CHRISTMAS  
A would like to wish P a Merry Christmas. (Another Cliche) Rowans, Andy's and Zens bottom doesn't clean.

ODE TO THE GERMOLENE KID  
Joke, come out the bathroom please.  
The rest of us are crossing knees.  
The loofah's getting worn and thin,  
With just an inch to put it in.  
The problem is an overdose  
of something jelly, pink and GROSS.  
The work is waiting to be done,  
Yet you're off out to have some fun,  
But whose turn we ask ourself...  
which lucky girl's left on the shelf?

ROSIE: Merry Christmas to my favourite dinner partner.  
"I love Prof. Cannon!" is Paddy serious?  
Does Mrs. Prof. know? How much will Courier pay for the story...  
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To my Long-Haired Lover from Liverpool, let me cut it off, and I'll love your socks off - FLURRILEGS.  
To Rick and Sarah Westlake - I heard of Samese twins - HOOKER.  
And every one who has crossed the Hairy Wozbit. Opening soon: Betsay Library - open 24 hours.  
Happy Christmas LEWIS. One year on and your baubles still twinkle, honey! Love Chris XXX.  
LZ was wrecked again on Friday, but did she crash out at the party as usual?  
KIM - HAPPY CHRISTMAS. I'll miss you. Love JULIAN.  
Traci, Chris and Gill say it's warmer to do it in the library. In loving memory of Grumbleweed - Penola's dildó.  
DAVE: we know you can't speak LATIN but you could at least speak civily.  
Only four ways to put it in, Lyndon?  
We ought to have it on the door - Really Ethel? Whatever next?  
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## ACID TRIP

Spivs/Theatre Royal

East London at the end of the Second World War is the setting for "spivs" by Roy Herman, a comedy about the flourishing black market that was a result of strict post-war rationing.

The plot centres around the inhabitants of Bluebell Street, who are all involved in a scheme to spend thousands of fake five pound notes found in an old German bomb by Kenny King, the spiv of the title and Billy Biggs, his sidekick. Unsurprisingly, the real money brought back and entrusted to Kenny is misused by him, and anyway the massive influx of money to a previously poor community acts as a corrupting influence. Eventually, the spirit of Bluebell street disappears forever as jealousy and selfishness set in.

In places "Spivs" was very funny, and the use of audience participation - for example the actors mixed with the audience in the lobby before the show - lent the play an almost pantomimic appeal. The production was lively with much enthusiastic acting from the small cast and Lee Dean's set design was quite ingenious.

However, the play itself was badly flawed. None of the characters felt particularly real, or engaged the audiences sympathy to any extent; they were comic strip people. The whole thing moved slowly and clumsily in the first half, and in the second half the action was predictable and the story line hopelessly simplistic and hackneyed. Which all goes to show how difficult it is to write comedy plays, which have an underlying message of any worth.

Paula Fleming



## BLIP READERS ONLY

Insignificance/Tyneside



The story of life, death and sex' the blurb said...

To be honest I should have realised. The Ed's holding a list of films to be previewed and there's only one left - he sees me. His eyes light up - I fall into his open trap... (any more complaints and you'll be reviewing Mime all next term - Arts Ed.)

Marilyn Monroe meets Albert Einstein in a New York apartment. They nearly go to bed together. She loses a lot of blood in between her legs while

her husband boasts about his 13 collections of bubblegum cards. Meanwhile, poor old Albert has only made one appearance and that was in ChewyFruits' great scientific achievements.

Considering director Nicholas Roeg is responsible for 'Walkabout', 'Don't Look Now' and 'The Man who fell to Earth', 'Insignificance' is unbelievably dull and inevitably insignificant.

If I was going to be arty, I could say that it deals with how the famous react to being famous, but when Monroe look alike comes out with such gems as "Stars are so far away they make me feel small", you don't know whether to ask for the bucket or an alarm call for the year 2001, and put the cat out will you dear.

Tony Curtis and Theresa Russell are in this - perform it too good a word - they ought to have known better.

Next...

Jonathan Hill

## RAVELING IN IT

Thursday Concert  
Isobel Woods and Ronald Woodley

In a recent talk at the Huddersfield Music Festival, Hugh Davies made the point that the modern piano has such a wide range of expression that it is actually less interesting than its forebears. The Thursday lunchtime concert (25/11/85) I think proved otherwise, featuring two pianos, played by Isobel Woods and Ronald Woodley, both lecturers in the Music Department, and pieces by Busoni, Ravel and Stravinsky.

Busoni's "Duetto" is based on the finale of Mozart's Piano Concerto K459, and after a fairly straightforward statement of Mozart's first theme, the texture becomes gradually more complex and florid with Busoni bringing out some of the harmonic implications in the original Mozart lines, though without Mozart's directness and brevity. I found it an interesting technical exercise, perhaps in the vein of an elaborate and extended realisation of say a figured bass, but felt the pure musical content limited.

Ravel's "Ma Mere L'Oye" was originally written as a piano duet for children in 1910, and was subsequently arranged for



2 pianos. The pieces were written to evoke... the poetry of childhood... and led Ravel to "... simplify my style and to refine my means of expression." The five sections are fragments reduced to musical basics of tune and accompaniment with little internal development, and the lack of contrast between the sections tended to give an impression of music rather than being music in itself.

"Petrouchka" by Stravinsky is well enough known as a ballet and orchestral piece, but it is often forgotten that Stravinsky composed at the piano and often only orchestrated pieces afterwards. The piano duo version emphasises the brash, rather percussive side of the composer's writing, and despite his acute instrumentation sense, the lack of orchestral colour was not missed.

The playing of the two pianists was very strong and committed, although at times there was a lack of synchrony, and although there were slight hesitations, the overall drive and direction given to the performances was impressive.

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# SCENE TWO



## CLASSICAL GAS

Upcoming events: Thursday 5th December, Isobel Wood conducts the University Madrigal Choir concert.

On Saturday 7th December at 7.30 p.m., King's Hall; the University Choir and Orchestra will perform Wagner's Overture to Die Meistersinger, Berlioz's Te Deum and Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis-Tickets £2.00 (Concessions £1.50).  
Adam Powell

## KINNOCHIO REDSKINS LEVEL 2

The Redskins are exciting, fast a bit threatening, a little funky, full of soul and passion, and more importantly campaigning on this tour for a worthy ideal—the ending of Apartheid. Apart from these qualities, numerous as they are, the Redskins stink. I find it amusing that the Redskins choose to preach their SWP doctrine in one of the bastions of the management class; watch out for law students and medics wearing subversive Redskins merchandise.

I wasn't quite so amused by the reference to people with big noses wearing kashmir sweaters! Moore clearly shares the same views that his skinhead counterparts on the extreme right of the political spectrum hold. Did we see another Oswald Mosely in the making tonight?

The Redskins are never short of a word or two inbetween songs. Tonight X Moore occasionally mentioned Pretoria, but seemed more intent on bitching about the Labour Party and its musical support. Billy Bragg has got a big nose, and so must be Jewish and therefore not kosher, and Neil Kinnock is really a Zionist banker propping up South Africa's economy.

Politics are used by the Redskins as an image the way Nik Kershaw wears fingerless gloves. The only difference is the Redskins write brilliant songs—listen to 'Keep On Keeping On' and 'Kick Over the Statues'. They are to some extent hypnotic, tonight I nearly gave a clenched fist salute; next time I'll have to remember a cellarfull of salt. I left Level 2 exhilarated, proud that I was middle-class, on a minimum grant wearing bover boots and a member of the SWP.  
G.J.D.



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## STONE ME!! BACK TO THE FUTURE/ABC

It's a sure sign Christmas is near when the cinemas take off all the horror movies and replace them with big family entertainment films that always seem to start 'Steven Spielberg presents'.

'Back to The Future' is no exception to this, in that it sticks rigidly to the tried and trusted Spielberg formula—an old science fiction idea set in small town America, full of nostalgia for old films and as many special effects as they can cram into two hours.

The plot, such as it is, is instantly recognisable as a variation on the time traveller stuck in the past story and even though the film isn't directed by Spielberg he's got one of his clones to do it so it comes out exactly as if he had.

Most of 'Back To The Future' is set in 1955 which is a relief as the opening half in the present is fairly slow though it does contain the film's best joke—John DeLorean must have his law-

suit ready by now I would think.

Once in the past our hero with the unlikely name of Marty McFly has to reunite his seventeen year old mother and father which proves difficult as his mother has fallen in love with him. As this is a family film it avoids any of the obvious Freudian jokes so most of the humour comes from poking fun at figures like Reagan, then as now a bad actor. The end sequence revealing where Chuck Berry got the idea for Johnny B Goode raised the biggest laugh from the audience though most of us would be far too young to remember that sort of thing...

Basically if like me you enjoyed any of Spielberg's other films then there's no reason why you shouldn't like this one; it's fast, slick and funny though it might be nice if Spielberg could surprise us once in a while as he must be able to do this sort of thing in his sleep by now.  
Steve McAlinden



### EDITORIAL

I would briefly like to thank all those reviewers who contributed articles to this terms Art's Pages. Also to those in the back room—lan Carter, Lynn and Laura—whose services have been very much appreciated.

This page is not compiled by Richard Leeming.



## SKA QUALITY THE UNTOUCHABLES/LEVEL 2

The term "Revivalist" has always had a negative impact on me; ever since my high street was invaded by Jam patches and scooters five years ago. So to see a new generation of the Parka Brigade take over Level 2 filled me with foreboding about the evening's events.

However, by a couple of minutes into the set, it became clear that the Untouchables are much more than a second rate 'Specials'. The comparison with that peerless group is inevitable; and though the Untouchables might lack their lyrical finesse or a Jerry Dammer's arrangement, they have the same manic quality that made the Specials such a compulsive act to watch.

I'd heard very little of their songs before Thursday, but numbers like "Free Yourself", "What's Gone Wrong" and the "Lebanon" (thankfully no relation to the league's debacle) have an immediate impact that bodes well for the band's future. The Untouchables have all the requirements for a great live act: stage presence; a

three man vocal-attack force backed by a driving rhythm-section; and an instrumental lineup that does justice to the material.

Their stable diet of Ska, Reggae, and Soul were handled with assurance in a well-paced, up-tempo set. And despite the paucity of student (or maybe because of?) on Thursday the audience response was always enthusiastic. Sadly though, if people aren't going to bother turning up to Level 2 gigs then bands the quality of The Long Ryders, Green on Red, and The Pogues are not going to play here—and who wants to go to the City Hall these days. The diversity and excellence of the bands this term seems to have been in inverse proportion to student attendance.

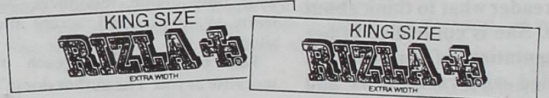
On Thursday night it was definitely their loss.  
Adam Powell



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Hope Santa's good to you  
JONA XXX



## Billie Jean breaks sporting racket

Billie Jean King is one of the most important individuals in the history of tennis, and perhaps in women's sports in general. It is not widely appreciated just how much time, effort, energy and hard work she devoted to the uphill struggle of gaining recognition and respect for women, in a sport where they were regarded as supplementary to the men.

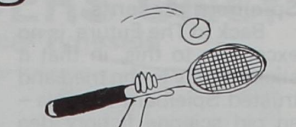
She grew up in Southern California when tennis was for rich children and rich men. She had to contend with sexism and class distinction in most of the tennis clubs. Sports scholarships were available to colleges in

America, but naturally they always went to men. Recognized as one of the best tennis players in the world, she didn't receive a penny in assistance - whilst the reserve on a 6-man tennis team received a full athletic scholarship.

Even expense money, for players representing the country abroad, was unfairly distributed. As she says herself it would take a score-card to keep all the double standards. So, while trying to improve as a tennis player, she really had to carve out some kind of tournament structure within which the women could play without always taking second billing to the men.

In the 1960s she and three others travelled round America playing tournaments and exhibitions, and "taking tennis to the people". It was in an effort to prove that women's tennis was worth watching could demand an audience and was a marketable product. It was hard work because, as well as playing tennis at all hours, they had to make all their own business arrangements and create their own publicity. It paid off and is now the Women's International Tennis Circuit. It was the recognition, not the money, which was the victory. Women are now respected as sporting greats and idolized by fans.

It's difficult to do justice to



Billie Jean King in a short article and I've had to leave out details of her magnificent career. Yet I hope this gives a flavour of the character of the woman who has singlehandedly changed the face of women's tennis.

The fight for women's rights within tennis is a microcosm of the Women's Movement in general. Sexist attitudes can be crushed if we keep on plugging away at them, and treat them as targets to be shot down.

Bud Collins

## LIBERAL WOMEN ARE ASKING FOR IT!

What are Liberal women asking for? We are asking for CHANGE and CHOICE.

As Liberals, we believe in equality of opportunity for all, without qualification, and so the change of social and economic structure to admit women as equals with men is a vital and immediate principle of Liberalism.

The present education system, from beginning to end, was designed by men for men. Women are irresistibly channelled towards traditional sex-stereotyped roles.

The student grant system is totally biased against women. Married women must be financed by their husbands. Women entering education after time in work must principally finance themselves which many cannot do.

Single women students with children cannot claim extra benefit for them. The abolition of the minimum grant may mean that some women without parental sup-

port will have nothing to live on. Sexism should be eradicated from the grants system and women assessed as individuals.

Liberal women also believe that women, especially those with dependent children, would benefit from a more flexible system of education. In particular the exam system must be restructured.

Other possible improvements include proper creche facilities - these are as important as libraries and should be provided accordingly. The Union of Liberal Students is concerned that women are afraid to go out at night. More, improved public transport is needed.

Sexual harassment is a serious problem. We want to encourage a better understanding of the problem, and a just and compassionate complaints procedure. No woman should be too frightened to complain about sexual harassment although many are.

Rachel Gardner

## This plum is the pick of the crop

PLUM BUN by Julia Redmon Fauset  
Published by Pandora

Redmon Fauset was a major writer in the 1920's as part of the Harlem Renaissance and race is a very important part of her writing. This book doesn't preach or moralize at you. The author doesn't tell the reader what to think about race. She is controlled in her presentation of an America riddled with racist laws and

attitudes. We come to criticise the institutionalised racism through our own interpretation.

Angela Murray, the main character, has "mixed blood" but outwardly appears white. She mixes with white people, not telling them she is black. Without the history of a multi-racial and racial intermarrying society like America, the idea of those with black blood appearing white is a rather strange concept for us in Britain. However, with only gentle reminders, we learn to realise and accept the situation.

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tell the reader what to think about race, she is controlled in her presentation of an America riddled with racist laws and attitudes. We come to criticise the institutionalised racism through our own interpretation.

The same lack of preaching is noticeable in her question of gender and women's position in society which remain huge cultural, political and academic questions. Redmon Fauset indicates their inseparable relationship without getting bogged down in the wide and debatable issue.

Presentation is straightforward. There is a direct chronological path which reflects the controlling theme of a woman's development

and slowly establishing herself in some niche in society.

If you can manage to wade through the initial strained metaphors and not become exasperated by unrealistic coincidences, "Plum Bun" is an interesting and comfortable novel. It gives us a hint of the idealistic and creative New York of the 1920's.

It's a novel that provokes thought but the simplicity of its approach doesn't allow us to grow uneasy or to have too many unanswered questions. It is a tidy, neat book and there is a real sense of satisfaction at its conclusion.

This book is available for loan from the women's room library.  
Tracey Skelton

### bits n' pieces

The "Reclaim the Night" march will be on Wednesday 11 December. To protest against attacks on women at night, meet outside the Playhouse at 7.00 p.m. with candles or a torch. After the march, there will be a social at Murray House in Diana Street (off Stanhope Street). This starts at 8.00 p.m.

Lesbian Line are holding a women-only social this weekend. All lesbians are welcome and further details are in the Womens Room on level 2.

Don't forget Women In Medicine's benefit night for Wendy Savage this Friday at the Bridge Hotel. It starts at 8 p.m. costs £1, and guests include the Tyneside Peoples Choir and the Moaning Minnies.

Thanks to everyone who has written or contributed to the Womens Page this term, especially to Alice Thwaite, Sue Chilton, the "Anonymous Artist", Emma, and Sarah Collins whose help has been invaluable. Anyone is welcome to write or contribute to the page. See you all next term!  
Sue Leaver  
Womens Page Editor

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## Where there's a Will, there's a woman

Oh yes, we all do have respect for Shakespeare, yet - don't you get that awkward feeling after reading the inevitable "great tragedies"? The feeling that Macbeth, Lear, Othello, Hamlet, those impressive, male, tragic heroes occupy their position not entirely unquestionably from the modern point of view?

Shakespeare, of course, may have had very good reasons for placing his female characters where he did. And, still, to be fair, have to admit that he gave them, sometimes, quite influential parts.

Remember the impact of the wicked and sensual Goneril and Regan in "King Lear"? But even they are overtaken by a character

from the sub-plot. On the other hand, you get women like Cordelia and Ophelia who are not just a bundle of ill-will, but they never get much of the action. They are quite lovable, but a bit thick sometimes.

So what should dissatisfied women do? Rewrite Shakespeare of course. Which is what Jean Binnie did. Her "Macduff: A play concerning Lady Macbeth's seduction of Macduff..." recently performed at the Gulbenkian, adds those details that seem indispensable for a full understanding of Lady Macbeth. The women's perspective is very limited in the Shakespeare original. Where Shakespeare left a lot unanswered by not making Lady Macbeth a full character, Jean Binnie takes up the story.

In her two-character play, she illustrates how little Lady Macbeth,

for all her wickedness, can personally take part in the male-dominated political world. This runs quite contrary to the Shakespeare play and, naturally, means stepping beyond the original. Lady Macbeth picks Macduff as a lover, his outstanding status in the male world makes him an ideal mediator.

Macbeth is pushed aside, but, ironically, the play shows that Lady Macbeth cannot, like Macbeth, play a part in politics as a person complete in herself. Her relationship to Macduff is meant to loosen the ties to Macbeth, yet it turns out to be just another negotiated approach. The bedroom/drawing-room setting and the lack of cohesive plot make the play a decisively backstage play - defined by events somewhere else.

Monika Kaup

## Merry Christmas - if you're lucky!

"Well here's to you, merry Christmas, Everybody's having fun." These immortal words of Noddy Holder herald the festive season at every party from mid-November onwards. Is Christmas any more than a myth perpetuated by the advertisers? Is it an evil plot hatched by men to keep their women-folk off the streets and in the kitchen?

The religious element of Christmas has certainly declined. The advertisers have replaced Jesus and they are guiding their consumer flocks with T.V. commercials. These begin obscenely early in September. This allows the children ample opportunity to mount a war of attrition on their parents for ridiculously expensive presents.

The Christmas military campaign begins in earnest in mid-November. It is marked by a sudden absence of men on the scene. This leaves the women a 'free hand' to wash, cook, clean, buy Christmas presents and explain why you are not inviting the aged parents to Christmas dinner.



The presents game is definitely a woman's prerogative. It is not until Christmas Eve that the men can be seen furtively buying underwear and perfume for their partners. The joys of Christmas shopping are at their height when looking for suitable presents. The shops are excessively hot. The queues are horrendously long and the lady in front always picks up an item without a price. Platoons of mothers can be seen being marched from shop to shop by their children. The mothers sport volcanic expressions whilst their children desperately appease their mothers' bunnions with promises to do the housework.

Christmas Day is maniacal. Everyone is prised from their beds with hysterical instructions to clean the bathroom or to peel the brussel sprouts. The ladies spend most of the day shackled to the turkey basting tin. By the time the meal is ready, a close emotional bond has been established between the bird and its keeper. When the cook sits down to devour the fruits of her labour, her appetite has waned.

Alcoholic indulgence, a hearty meal, and the Queen's speech produces immediate slumber. This leaves the only sober one, the cook, the task of washing up. When someone finally awakens they will weakly offer their services in the kitchen. At this point there is nothing else to do but drink the cooking sherry. The way in which your waistband cuts you in two is an unwelcome reminder that the diet industry will strike with a vengeance. From Boxing Day onwards there will be adverts for diet products so that you are skinny for your summer holidays.

Christmas is an even bigger advertising campaign than Saatchi and Saatchi's Mrs Thatcher project. I wonder how much time she spends sweating in the kitchen on Christmas Day?

Sarah Collins

Letters Cont. From P.3

**MORE LETTERS**



## Revolutionaries rocking the boat

Dear Ms Fay,

I am writing to complain about the actions of a certain political group. At the march on Tuesday in protest against the cuts being imposed by the University authorities - a large Revolutionary Communist Party banner was carried alongside those of our own S.U. and those of Newcastle Poly and Durham University.

I believe it was quite wrong for the R.C.P. to do this when this is something that all students of almost all political persuasion not just those in the R.C.P. are concerned with.

The protest against the cuts must remain apolitical and not be used by any one group as a means of trying to show their importance, as I'm sure that to many observers it appeared that the marchers were predominantly if not totally R.C.P. members.

Although I welcome the support of the R.C.P. in the fight against the cuts I think it would be preferable to see no political banners so that the student body may present a united front instead of being divided by politics.

Yours etc.,  
Simon Daniels,  
1st Year Chem. Eng.

## The Daily Leeming

Dear Ed.

I am writing to allay my suspicions concerning Richard Leeming's recent sex change operation.

Does this mean we shall be reading about this 'person' in the Women's Page as well as everywhere else in the Courier? Perhaps it would be wise to start a 'Leemings' page, or perhaps dedicate the entire paper or indeed the Union to this legendary character.

Yours exasperated,  
Paul Idoux

## Saying "No" to the back street horror

Dear Editor,

In reference to Kevin Perkes article 2 weeks ago concerning the Women's Group condemnation of S.P.U.C. I would like to point out that the Women's Group as a body has no set policies. As individuals we hold certain views but we have no 'party line'. In the Women's movement as a whole there are women who are both pro and anti abortion.

Just to clear up another point, those of us who do campaign for free abortion on demand, do not LIKE abortion, we are not saying every woman should go off and have an abortion if they find themselves pregnant.

What we are saying is that, legalised or not, abortion has and will always be carried out, it is far better to have safe legal terminations, than to regress to the stage where hundreds of women die from the results of back street abortions.

In solidarity  
Colour

## What freedom of speech?

Dear Editor,

Any students undecided on the issue of abortion, must surely have had their minds made up by the actions of the Women's Group recently (front page, 21st November 1985).

It is clear from their opposition to the invitation of a speaker, from the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, to a debate, that the Women's Group have little or no confidence in their arguments against abortion.

Any group of people, sincere in their beliefs, would have welcomed the opportunity of putting forward their case in a debate with their opposition.

Their action in trying to ban their adversaries from the Union is tantamount to saying "We believe in free speech, as long as we agree with the speaker."

I hope that Student Unions, and the N.U.S. which claim to be one of the largest democratic organisations in Britain, will see that this erosion of free speech will not be allowed in their buildings. Their positions on abortion (or any other issue) should be irrelevant in their decisions.

Yours sincerely,  
Rod Currie, (1st Year Accountancy and Financial Analysis)

## Shurely Shome Mishtake

Dear Editor,

I wonder if any of your readers have noticed the growing similarity between your newspaper 'The Courier' and the celebrated fortnightly satirical organ, 'Private Eye'.

I wonder if by any chance they are related?

Yours faithfully,  
Hugh Thompson, (1st year Law student).

## A deprived childhood

From the Headmaster,  
Uppingham School,  
Uppingham,  
Leicestershire

Dear Editor,

One of my more senior members of staff has produced a copy of your newspaper (14th November) in which takes place a lively debate on the pro's and con's of a private school education.

Ms. Fay, who obviously feels very strongly about public schools expressed herself admirably and it is a great shame that she was not more articulate when she sat the entrance exam for Uppingham in 1980.

Yours faithfully  
N.R. Bomford M.A.  
HEADMASTER

## Embryo in the balance

Dear Editor,

I was horrified by the stance taken by the Women's Group, Women's Sub Council and Labour Club in relation to the recently proposed debate on abortion (as reported in the Courier - front page November 21st).

How ridiculous to ban S.P.U.C. because they are sexist. It makes a mockery of sexism and makes our Student Union's commitment to fighting for abortion rights into no more than a token gesture.

As an organisation S.P.U.C. are no more than a handful of right-wing bigots. But the ideas they promote i.e. that abortion is murder and that women are best confined to producing babies (etc.) are commonly held by society at large and by many students - both right-wing and left-wing - at this University.

The confusion of the Women's movement (which I've just left!) in relation to the recent Powell Bill, led many feminists to adopt the reactionary position of defending embryo rights against the butchers knife of male doctors, thus putting embryo rights before women's. Should these feminists who actually in practice supported a Bill that would attack women's rights to abortion also be banned? Of course not.

For those of us who are serious about fighting women's oppression, we should welcome any opportunity to debate, with our opponents in order to win the arguments and convince more and more students of the need to fight for free abortion on demand.

The technical response of 'no platform' neither challenges sexism or confronts the real problem i.e. that S.P.U.C. has a lot of support outside the Catholic clergy/Victoria Gillick ranks. I for one will not be convinced of our Student Union's commitment to fight for women while they suppress debate on the subject, and more importantly while female students here still have no decent nursery. Paper resolutions are not enough.

We need free abortion and contraception, on demand, as well as free nurseries in the here and NOW!

Yours  
Ann Mariarty.



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# Life as a disabled student

By Jenny Brown



**In this day and age, when the attitudes towards the disabled have substantially improved, one would also expect the same to be true of access to University buildings - but no!**

Unfortunately, the facilities for the disabled are not good; the University is the first to admit this. It is not that the University intends to be malicious and inconsiderate towards disabled students, it would be fairer to say that the buildings were built in Victorian times and were not intended for disabled access; the authorities would not necessarily realise the extent of improvements to be made to make buildings accessible.

Consequently, the buildings are filled with obstacles for the disabled such as steps up to buildings, lots of stairs, and few lifts in good working order. Having said this no Universities ever reject a student on grounds of disability unless access to buildings is impossible. These days Universities are more than willing to improve facilities for the disabled if it is at all practical.

Newcastle University has two procedures for improving facilities for the disabled. The best procedure is for disabled students to point out any access problems to the authorities. In my case, I pointed out that the route through the Quadrangle to the old Library and the Armstrong building was difficult for the ambulant disabled because of the steep steps. A set of heavy handrails were duly installed to facilitate the journey, so that I

don't have to risk breaking my neck going to and from my lectures.

The authorities will also improve disabled access when a department or building is moved; such was the case with the new sports centre and the library which have ramps and a flat surface along into them. Unfortunately, some buildings cannot be significantly improved owing to their design.

**"... risk breaking my neck going to and from my lectures"**

The Armstrong building would have to be knocked down in order for it to be further altered and this is, of course, too expensive and too impractical. The revolving doors on the Armstrong's front door are potential traps for me because I am unable to negotiate them fast enough; the side doors are a little stiff but at least they open inwards - a boon for wheelchair users. The access to the Armstrong has been significantly improved over the last few years and the front door is ramped.

The possibility of installing ramps both at the front of the Union and the Careers Centre was discussed; the permanent ramp for the front of the Union was shelved owing to the impracticability of the alterations; able bodied people would fall over the ramp if it were 6 or 7 feet long.

The Union is a difficult place for the ambulant disabled - ever tried opening the stiff doors whilst endeavouring to balance on the pillars? In the Union's case a set of swing doors would surely be more practical and less stiff to open. Failing that, I would, of course, appreciate a helping hand from any eligible, handsome males if they

happen to see me staggering around.

Jackie, a third-year wheelchair-bound student, told me that there were no ramps in the Quadrangle when she first arrived and she had, therefore, to take a longer trek around the Armstrong building to the Percy building. She found the Robert Boyle lecture theatre difficult because it necessitated her being carried up and down steps - surely not practical in the event of a fire?

A lift was impossible because the steps were too steep for ramps and a chair lift was difficult because of the pillars. Unfortunately, she cannot get in to the Careers Centre because it lacks a ramp. The authorities are reluctant to install one because the Careers Centre is due to be moving to the Armstrong building in the next three years, and it would not be worth it. What do wheelchair-bound final year students do in the meantime for Careers guidance?

**"... appreciate a helping hand from any eligible, handsome males if they happen to see me staggering around."**

In spite of these problems, Jackie, like myself, feels that the University does its best to combat some of the problems faced by the disabled, as long as it gets to hear about them. Jackie, when it was discovered that she would have difficulties with University accommodation, was offered a place in the Sick Bay, not too far from the centre of University life. This has, she says increased her independ-

dence, for which she is grateful.

The new Library is good for disabled access. There are no steps into it and there is a choice between a set of revolving doors or a set of doors which are fairly easy to open. A wheelchair can easily move between the shelves although it might be difficult to reach the books.

Whilst there is definite room for improvement in terms of access into the University, in particular less stiff doors into the old Library, much has been done to improve access in recent years and hopefully more will be done in the future, finance permitting.

## A real beanfeast!

A Latin-American Group has recently been set up within the University as a sub-group of Third World First. We aim to try and raise consciousness among students about issues affecting Latin American countries.

One particular campaign which the group is involved with is the 'Nicaragua must survive' campaign. This is a campaign in support of the people and government of Nicaragua and the steps forward which they have made on behalf of the poor, for example in the fields of literacy and health care. The campaign also opposes the United States interference in Nicaragua in the form of both financial support for the Contra Guerillas and their imposition of economic sanctions.

The group aims to campaign on behalf of oppressed people in Latin America however; with this in mind we plan to have a weekly stall in the Union to distribute leaflets, collect signatures for petitions and sell books, postcards etc.

If anyone is interested in joining the group then we meet every Thursday lunchtime from 1-2 p.m. for a Latin-American lunch at St. Thomas' Church on St. Mary's Place. Everyone is welcome to come along - it's a real beanfeast!

Paul Graves

## The Final Frontier

Phil McGowan divulges what the exploration society has been up to

Summer 1985 saw a University expedition head for the Western Himalayas. The expedition was a joint venture with Aberdeen University and was organised by Exploration Society members.

The Expedition visited the isolated settlement of Bara Bangahal at the head waters of the River Ravi in North-West India.

Surveys of the wild life present were conducted, together with forest surveys and human pressures investigated.

The party had a four day trek, reaching 15,000 feet before arriving at the village that was to be the base camp. Despite various mild symptoms of altitude effects all



were completed and the team moved out, splitting into two parties. Two returned over the pass and four trekked down the Ravi, despite strong warnings from the locals about the dangers ahead. However, the team did reassemble - no lives lost, only near misses!

The most touching moment came when Jagelish, guide and guardian of four weeks said his tearful farewells. His fondness for chakti (rice beer) at the frequent village festivities will be remembered!

The Exploration Society plays a large part in assisting expeditions such as this, each year.

Anyone interested in expeditions and exploration is welcome to the Society's Office (Room 2-12, Daysh Building) any lunchtime.



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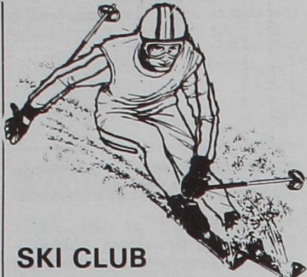
Members of the Cross Country Ski Club bravely endured the rain this weekend to enter the Yorkshire and Humberside roller ski races at Harrogate.

Amid fierce Army competition Chris Tuckey and Chris Davis finished in good time in the men's 9km race. In the ladies 5km, Karen Murray after many a painful fall, glided into 5th place followed by Frankie Dean in 7th.

The meet was well-attended with clubs from as far afield as London and Edinburgh.

If anyone wishes to 'have a bash' at it on the moor, come down to the ski room in the P.E. Centre on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Club Captain



**SKI CLUB**

If any of you are eagerly awaiting downfalls of snow this winter then read on.

For those of you whose closest experience to skiing is watching T.V. on a Sunday afternoon then why not change your life and join the Ski Club.

This is no idle statement since once you are hooked nothing will stop you skiing (may be this explains why 15-20 students troop out to ski on a dry slope every week).

So what's the Ski Club doing - well there's trips to Sunderland dry slope every Wednesday afternoon including several beginners courses, and regular trips to another dry slope at Edinburgh. There are 3 trips to the Alps this Christmas and many weekends skiing in Scotland organised for next term.

If you are interested in a bit of competition then take up racing - indeed on Thursday, 14th November at the North East Ski Association Championships, Ski Club members won the under 19 racers and Senior Novice sections and came third in the Senior Racer section.

So if you want more info come to the Ski Room (in the P.E. centre) on Thursdays 1-2 p.m.

Ski Club

Competitors: Carol English, Fiona Sutton, Simon King, Tony Stein, Neil Elborn, Nick Webster and Ben Soketela. Coach Colin Edwards.

**Hockey**



**NEWCASTLE 4TH XI (2)  
VS  
ST. GEORGES (3)**

Making their debut on Astroturf under floodlights the crew showed some very promising play, with hard dedication from all players.

A hazardous journey to the pitch nearly gave us a 1-0 lead, the driver Duff, over excited with his new pads and box. During the warm-up we sighted our biggest member as Ord ripped over the fence for a leak. On the odd occasion when the ball leaked through the forwards, the beer gut wall of Pete 'overdraft' Amies, Bill Forrester and Andy 'one hand' Jameson gave some solid clearances.

Fine midfield play by Ian 'there's 3 of them' Thompson and Simon Brazier led to some excellent passes to the wall of forwards who gave sound support to each other: Dave Outhwaite, Mike 'Guinness' Hutchinson, Tie man and Si 'wimp off' Shellard.

Goal No. 1 by Keith Slaughter with a superb cross shot gave the boys a temporary high. Rich 'scratch marks' Cranmer swooped upon another of Slaughter's crosses to leave the score at 3-2. Culling's lap of honour led to him getting the team tie (about time too - Ord's week off!)

R.C.

**MIXED HOCKEY**

**NEWCASTLE A (1)  
VS  
MORPETH (1)**

The score not a true reflection of what could have been, this valiant side of mature men and women were subjected to play in appalling conditions. The pitch was like the Somme, the umpire akin to Atilla the Hun and the Morpeth side like crazed animals.

John "break that Stick Caddies" played a memorable game in the mire, and received many a good ball and many a bad one from Elaine, early in the first half he roofed one home only to be denied by Atilla for some dubious reason.

"Fergal" Stephenson and "My name is Dave", Tarzey showed us what golf is all about whilst Fiona and Hilary hacked defiantly at Morpeth's attack. "Yes I did get out of bed" Chaplow and Amanda cruised expectantly up and down the wing to no avail. Stirling Sharon Moss handled the ball as well as the minibus, but was unhampered on the field as was not the case at the wheel - no we are not going to Carlisle Amanda!

In short - we drew. Thanks to all the team except Amanda. Dave "we're moving" Tarzey, "Fergal" Stephenson, "early riser" Chaplow, "new stick" Caddies, Nige "you owe me £4.00" Shepherd, "We're lost" Amanda, Elaine, Hilary and Fiona, Mark Broadmeadow did not appear by kind request. £4.00???

**PARACHUTE CLUB**

The year began very well for the Parachute Club with 63 new members joining the Club. Our first course this term consisted of 8 first timers all of whom had completed 2 evenings of training by the chief instructor at Topcliffe, Trev. Dobson.

The weather was perfect for the first two courses the second being trained by our usual instructor Jim Barnes, and both were jumped successfully at the drop zone. No injuries have occurred apart from one pillock who decided to ignore any advice and take a downwind landing on a tarmac runway. Luckily the only damage was a slightly torn jumper. In fact the most dangerous part is probably the drive down with Steve Shaw aiming for cones.

However, we are not just a training school we are also a very social club. In fact too social on Friday and Saturday nights judging from some of the hangovers. Already this term we've had a video and free booze evening which was attended by about half the club and also an introductory party in the Stage Door. On December 6th we shall be having a traditional Christmas meal at an Indian restaurant followed by a party, and a brewery trip is being planned.

As for the left over parachutists from last year the following standards have been reached:-

Our beloved President, Andy Bragg is now Cat 3, Andy Rowson (Treasurer) is Cat 4, Vicki (Secretary) and Steve Tomlinson (Social Secretary) are verging on free fall. Whilst our resident sky God and Cat 10 Steve Shaw helps out with instruction.

So if you'd like to try a REALLY exciting sport come and drop in and jump with us. Meetings are held 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Library at the P.E. Centre and on Fridays in Committee Room B, Level 6 and everybody is welcome.

A final point is that unlike one club I could mention we never lose our minibus.

Steve Tomlinson



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# COURIER SPORT

## Racing



### Horses Mouth

GAYE BRIEF can confirm that he is back to his best by taking the Still Trucks Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday. His owner Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin should also win the next race, the Still Folk Trucks Gold Cup with HALF FREE.

Fulke Walwyn should record yet another Cheltenham victory with ARCTIC STREAM in the Fred Withington Novices Chase where up at Wetherby THE MIGHTY MAC can follow up his successful seasonal debut by taking the Supermaster Handicap Chase.

Grant Stretcher

## Rifle Club

The Club had a busy weekend consisting of an open meeting at Sunderland on Saturday and a friendly with Durham University on Sunday. The result at Sunderland is not yet known, but Darren Bottoms had a reasonable shoot in Class B and may have won a prize.

The match against Durham was highlighted by notable performances by Martin Godfrey and Andy Sutherland both shooting top scores and dropping 3 and 4 respectively out of 200. The rest of the team put in one of their best performances for a long time to win by 59pts to 103pts, dropped out of 1600.

Other team members included: Ian Hartley, Robert Wood, Simon Platt, Stephen Hulbert, John Metcalf (captain).

stable defence ensure that goals against are a rarity with only one team managing to find the net more than once. If the defence represent the immovable object then the forward line coupled with an attacking midfield are surely the irresistible force.

They tested the opposition searching for weaknesses before ruthlessly exploiting the goal scoring abilities with Jackson (14) and Lay (7) the main perpetrators.

With their opponents taking it in turn to defeat each other, Gateshead hold pole position with games in hand, and seem clear favourites to take the Divisional title. The morale in the squad is high, and with a pool of sixteen players to choose from a competitive edge is ensured for the remaining fixtures as Dynamo Gateshead seek to succeed where Manchester United failed and claim 14 successive victories.

## Fifth Division Stars —

### DYNAMO GATESHEAD

With five straight wins Dynamo Gateshead stand at the top of the fifth division having scored 36 goals, and conceded 8. Driven on by the pride and commitment inherent in the white shirts Gateshead have out run, out thought and, out played their opponents.

The consistency of Nevin complemented by a solid and now hopefully

## Miners



### Dynamo Shalters Finally Lose Virginit

The saga of the Shalters, Part 2. After approximately 25 matches over 2 seasons the pride of the Bedson building have, at last, lost it. I refer to, of course, the zero in their point's column.

The Agricultural paraplegic First XI are the first victims of the All New Dynamic Dynamo Shalters. Although 1-0 down at half-time, the Shalters thrust back to be ahead 1-2 in the second half, with goals slipped in by Pulsating Pete and Rambo Rogers.

The loyal Shalters will now be able to hold their heads up with pride, as the final score showed that they had won 2-2. (A warning to the rest of the Fourth Division — The Shalters are coming!!)

P. Naas

## Waders



Last Saturday we ventured to North Shields, where Steve 'anyone want a ride' Speak came home first for the University, followed by Rob 'which pub is Mary in?' Moyte and Aids 'where did you sleep last night' Bebb. Not far behind was Richard 'I fancy your sister's friend' Tiffan and Mark 'I only brought £1.05' Critchley. Andy 'where's the bogs' Boucher also did very well.

Unfortunately Steve 'I've hurt my knee, it's raining' Bird didn't make it, however Greg 'censored — Ed' Webb and Captain Cademan watched everyone.

The girls did extremely well, unfortunately Catherine and Mary couldn't come but thankfully Sheena and Charlette's coming was very much appreciated. Thanks also to Liz and Andy Murphy who got their exercise anyway (I hope).

Steve Bird

## Cock and Bull

Dear Editor, It cannot have escaped anyone's attention this term that *Courier* is suffering from anorexia nervosa. Nevertheless that should not give the Editorial carte blanche to print totally outrageous and unsupported articles in a pathetic attempt to flesh out its meagre organ. I refer, of course, to the article headed 'Armstrong R.U.F.C. Hole Out' featured on the back page of last week's *Courier*.

We note carefully the Law Faculty's Challenge to a rematch, and state without reservation that we would be delighted to play them again. However, as we dispute that the match has been officially declared void we would not consider such a meeting to be a rematch but merely the second round in what we still hope will become a traditional feature of the sporting calendar.

To underline the sporting nature of Armstrong R.U.F.C. yet further we do not propose to respond to the highly libellous accusations made by Stobsie (whoever she may be).

Nevertheless if it comes to our attention that either *Courier* or the members of the Law Faculty Golf Team persist in spreading this absurd fairytale then we will have no choice but to instruct our Solicitors (Alcock and Bull) to serve these bodies with the writs they deserve.

Yours etc.,  
Lord Lucan and 'Trapper' Crossley, both reading the Landrover Instruction Manual

## Poly Pirates 2 v. Fenham Globetrotters 1

Fenham Globetrotters, the 5th division's last representatives in the cup have at last departed from this year's competition.

In a tight, closely fought match, they went down to Poly Pirates a team lying second in division 2.

Both Pirate goals came from Scouse, the first a disputable penalty. Fenham's goal was a beautiful 20 yard curling chip over the 'keeper scored by Neil Jeffries. This fine attacking team of the eighties was: Phil, Rob, Ed, Goof, Gary, Andy, Chris, Ian, Suggs, Jools, Neil, Mike, Tony.

## ROWING REVIEW



The weekend of the 23/24 November provided N.U.B.C. with two separate events on two consecutive days. On the 23rd, the Novices went to Wansbeck to compete and came back after a successful day, well satisfied.

Newcastle firsts was narrowly beaten by Hatfield College by five seconds in the Novice class. The other Novice crews did less well and finished in sixteenth and seventeenth places. Even so the event gave all the oars some valuable racing experience in time for the Head Race season.

On the 24th, the more prestigious event of the two, took place in York in the Small Boats Head. Here the Club put on a creditable performance both on the river and away from it. On the

river especially pleasing was the win of the Elite Four against some stiff opposition, and the performance of the two Novice crews who finished about halfway up the order.

The Senior B and Senior C Fours also did reasonably well. Off the river, there was stiff competition too, with a challenge from Sheffield University to a typically rowdy singing competition which they soon regretted as they were duly beaten. The message of both events must be only to say, 'Watch Out Durham!'

Edward C. Funnell  
Secretary

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- SOCCER 2nds Newcastle v. U.M.I.S.T.
- SOCCER 3rds Newcastle v. L.S.E.
- RUGBY 1st Nottingham v. Newcastle
- RUGBY 2nd Nottingham v. Newcastle
- RUGBY 3rds Loughborough v. Newcastle
- HOCKEY 1st MEN Wales v. Newcastle
- HOCKEY 2nd MEN Kent v. Newcastle
- BADMINTON 1st Newcastle v. Nottingham
- BADMINTON 2nd Newcastle v. Nottingham
- BADMINTON WOMEN Swansea v. Newcastle
- SQUASH 2nds Newcastle v. Warwick
- SQUASH WOMEN Newcastle v. Leeds
- NETBALL 1st Newcastle v. Brunel
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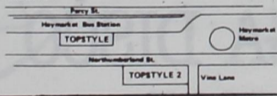
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