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Crackdown on porn

by Miles Starforth

STUDENTS who store and distribute pornography from the Internet on University computers could face criminal charges.

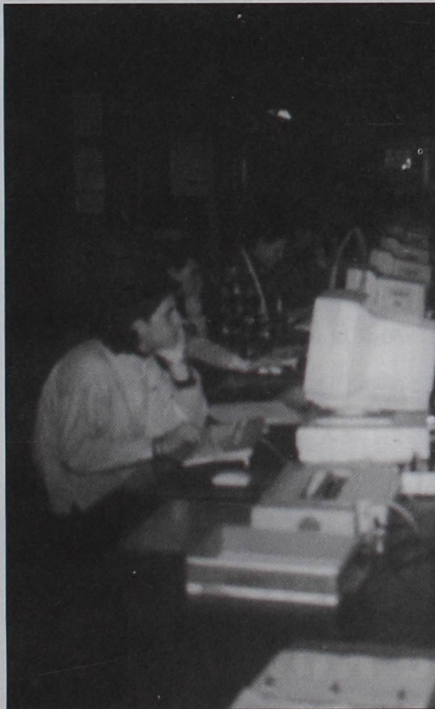
The University is clamping down on abuse of the information superhighway and a number of students have already been disciplined this term.

And, depending on the nature of the pictures, offenders may be dealt with by the police as well as the University.

Computing Service Director Paul Salotti told *The Courier*: "We take this matter very seriously as any student who handles offensive material on University computers is breaking their user contract."

"It states clearly that the computers should only be used

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A SPATE of burglaries in Jesmond has rocked students - and residents now fear they are deliberately being targeted by gangs operating in the area.

by Tarquin Cooper

The raids have occurred across Jesmond from Sandyford to Ilford Road with one thing in common: residents have returned to find their front doors bolted.

Emma Stevens, Welfare and Campaigns Officer, believes that burglars have been moving their business from the Fenham area into Jesmond owing to the more lucrative market on offer there.

Ransacked

On October 19, a house on Osborne Avenue was ransacked. "Thousands of pounds worth of goods were stolen", said Rory Renwick who estimated that he had about £600 of property taken.

And the next day the house directly behind on Shortridge Terrace was raided. "They even took our washing machine", said Bobby Cameron. For Mel Butler-Adams the incident has had much greater repercussions - it has forced her to move out.

Car stolen

"Not only was her Golf stolen", Mr Cameron added, "but all of her 21st birthday presents were taken too". He estimated that the value of their property stolen reached £7000.

Johanes was not impressed either. Both remain

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Bob Cameron: gutted

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Internet porn

from front page
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other University-related work.

Salotti confirmed that several students had already been found using pornography on University computers, but refused to reveal whether any were set to face criminal charges.

But he added: "If we found material that was clearly illegal we would consider passing the matter on to the police, though first we would discuss the matter with the student's tutor."

"We have three options: banning the user for a period of time, referring the student to the Registrar and contacting the police. Our course of action would depend on the individual case."

Burglaries

from front page
convinced that it was the same gang that burgled Rory's place. That same night five girls fell victim to a break-in in Sandyford Road.

And the following night nothing could have prepared the inhabitants of a house on Newlands Road for the bare faced cheek of their intruders.

"They left a turd on the back steps" Jez Alcroyd told us. "Luckily", he continued, "they left about £6000 worth of musical instruments".

And the stolen car was also retrieved, left undamaged a few streets away. A week later the keys were found by a woman playing golf.

Lawyers made to pay up

THE Eldon Society was told to fork out £75 in compensation after a security steward was hit on the head by a bottle at a social, despite expert representation by one of the Law lecturers.

The society was holding their Punch Party a few weeks ago when steward Amanda Greenwood was struck by a bottle dropped or thrown from outside the party on the second floor.

Following the injury, Amanda has suffered from headaches and poor eyesight, stopping her from working for two weeks.

Various attempts by the Eldon Society to identify the perpetrator were fruitless, leaving the society to face the music.

The Union Disciplinary Committee awarded Amanda the £75 to compensate her for her injuries and an estimated £150 lost earnings.

Representing the Eldon Society, Mr Ian Dawson, of the Law Department, acknowledged the gravity of the incident:

"The fact that I'm here is because we take it seriously - there's no-one in the Law Department who doesn't think this ought never to have happened."

Leeds man snatched by rugby pranksters

by James Jordan

VICTORY-CRAZED rugby players got carried away after their game at Leeds recently and abducted one of the opposition, leaving him:

- Beaten-up by a local taxi driver
- Banged-up in a police cell
- Scalped in front of everyone
- 100 miles from home

His ordeal started in the clubhouse after the game when he was coerced into drinking a bottle of Port and numerous beers. He was then bundled onto the Newcastle team coach in a drunken haze.

Arriving in Newcastle with a great deal less hair, he was persuaded to come into the Union for 'a few drinks'. Some time later he was ejected from the Mens Bar by the stewards for collapsing in an alcoholic heap.

He was discovered by concerned Newcastle players lying outside the Union as they departed to the local hotspot, Madisons. Once again the hapless victim was told he was being taken home and duped into accompanying the rigger buggers. Instead, he arrived at the nightclub where he was forced to consume more alcohol, becoming progressively more drunk.

He left the club, hailing a taxi in a desperate attempt to return to his native Leeds. The alert taxi driver immediately became suspicious of his financial viability and duly confronted him, punching him repeatedly

until the police arrived to take him into their care.

After several hours detention in the local police station he eventually wound up sleeping on the floor of a charitable rugby player.

Halloween fun for students' kids



LAST Saturday Spiny Norman's was transformed from your average student bar into an exciting venue for a children's Halloween party, organised by the Student Parent Group with the help of SCAN volunteers.

Ghosts, webs, giant spiders and generally spooky

decorations adorned the walls, with a bouncy castle for the more adventurous.

With scary musical statues, bobbing for apples, chasing marshmallows on string, face painting and making decorations, everyone was happy.

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Sailors up in smoke

by Lucy Howard

FIFTEEN members of the University sailing team had a lucky escape this weekend after a fire broke out in the bottom of their minibus.

Their riotous journey to Glasgow was accompanied by tunes from a team member's stereo - which had been wired to the minibus battery.

"We were just driving up a Glasgow street when I suddenly noticed a burning smell," said a female passenger.

"I was so pissed after the journey that I didn't think anything of it, until I looked down and saw the stereo burning at my feet."

Luckily driver and Club Commodore Bob Collins - experienced in fighting the elements - was on the ball.

"I screeched to a halt, lobbed the stereo onto the pavement and extinguished the flames, whilst the rest of the team sat on the street and had another beer."

Thinking the danger was over, the drunken sailors began to get back in to the minibus - but then noticed that the vehicle was still full of smoke.

"The wiring was still burning its way to the front of the bus" said Bob, "but we managed to stamp it out."

Student mugged on way to Robinson Library

by Anna Lynch

A SECOND-year historian was mugged last Wednesday evening as he was walking to the Robinson library.

He was assaulted in daylight at 4.50 pm in the Jesmond underpass - a route often used by students.

The victim, who has asked not to be named, walked through the tunnel, passing a man he described as "pretty

mean looking". About ten metres on he felt a hand grasp his neck from behind.



Thinking it was a boisterous friend, the student was shocked to discover that it was in fact the large Geordie demanding his cap, jacket and wallet.

Fortunately he was not carrying his wallet and the whole incident was over in seconds.

After reporting the matter to the police the student, somewhat shocked, continued his way to the library to finish an essay.

Student spots thief wearing his own clothes

by Sally Hall

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A THIEF was almost caught red-handed when a third-year student spotted him wearing a shirt taken from his own home.

The raider was seen the day after victim Lee Smithson's house had been ransacked and his television, video, camera and clothing been pilfered.

Lee had tried to find his shirt the next morning - only to find it had been stolen along with the other items.

But riding into college on the bus that day, he spotted the culprit wearing his shirt,

which he stated was 'unmistakable'.

This was not the last time he was to see his shirt...he bumped into the thief in his local chip shop that same evening - still sporting the garment.

He and three others ransacked the take away in front of a nervous Lee before threatening a pensioner with a "beating" if she reported them.

"I was too scared to confront him about my shirt" said Lee, "He was built like a brick shithouse with tattoos all down his arms. There was no way I was going to mess with him."

Lecturer awarded thousands in damages after 'Irish' jibe

by Joanna Kelly

A LOCAL lecturer was awarded £30,000 after a colleague called him an 'Irish Prat'.

Alan Bryans, a lecturer at Northumberland College went to industrial tribunal after the insult.

But Northumberland College are appealing against the damages - seen by the Principal, Mr Mills as "totally out of all proportion to the proven damage".

Bryans' union representative from Natfhe was shocked at the college's treatment of him since winning the damages, and at their determination to seek vengeance and blacken his reputation.

The college authorities 'slapped in the face' the idea that his award also related to the fact the college had failed to respond to the lecturer's complaint of much racial discrimination in the college.

Bryans' claims his chances of promotion have been jeopardised, but the Principal has agreed to try and improve racial awareness in the college.

Although utterly disappointed by the excessive amount of damages awarded, Mr Mills is making arrangements for Bryan's return to work but nothing is definite.

He will use a different staff room and may work at home from time to time over his first month.

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FIVE cheeky students had a narrow escape from the law last Monday after jumping in a stranger's car.

The pissed-up students had failed to get a taxi after a boozy evening and were so desperate to get home that they got into a Geordie's car whilst he was stopped outside a city takeaway. He, however, was having none of it, and responded to their request of "Jesmond please!" with "get out of my car, you bloody students!"

He eventually resorted to driving them to the local nick, whereupon the five decided that maybe their legs were the most appropriate form of transport after all - and legged it.

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NUS call on Government to ban Islamic extremists

by Courier Staff Reporter

THE National Union of Students this week put forward a motion to the Government to ban the Islamic fundamentalist group Hizb-ut-Tahrir from Britain.

The motion, backed by the Association of University Teachers wants Britain to follow suit of many Middle Eastern Countries who have already banned them for their overtly homophobic, anti-semitic slogans.

Evidence that the group has infiltrated Britain's Universities was obtained through a 24 hour phone line set up for students to report acts of racism. Over two thirds of the calls were about Hizb-ut-Tahrir, including 31 acts of physical intimidation. There have also been clashes

between students and the group at four university freshers fairs.

The group has already been banned by over a hundred student unions. NUS president Jim Murphy described them as "the single biggest extremist threat in the U.K. at the moment."

Education secretary Gillian Shephard has promised to try and push the motion through parliament.

Hizb-ut-Tahrir themselves deny the allegations and "challenge anyone to bring one shred of evidence that implicates its members or supporters using intimidatory behaviour on the university campuses or elsewhere, physical or otherwise."

The group has been active in Newcastle's Islamic cultural awareness week,

leafleting in the marquee outside the Union. They were asked to move on by the University police as they had not gone through the official channels. The leaflets weren't overtly racial but did bear the black flag logo associated with Hizb-ut-Tahrir.

A member of the Union of Jewish Students in Newcastle said of the NUS motion; "Any active move to avoid the distress, intimidation and harassment that follows in the wake of Hizb-ut-Tahrir must be applauded."

"I would hate to be a victim of the hate campaigns that have been run in other campuses when Jewish students are followed and photographed..... it happened to my cousin and I was overwhelmingly sickened."

Union gets the OK from students

THE popularity of our very own Students' Union at Newcastle has been finally proven without doubt this year by the amount of students represented - 100%.

The 1994 Education Act, passed last year and enforced this year added new clauses to existing Union codes of practice insisting for the first time that students have the

opportunity of 'opt-out' of S.U. membership if they wish.

The Act states clearly; "A student should have the right ... not to be a member of the union."

At first it was feared that student numbers may decline as a result of this option.

However, even though the Union provided an 'Opt Out' Post right next to the

Enrolment Desk 'just in case', not one single student chose not to be affiliated with the S.U.

Ashley Frieze, Sabbatical Secretary for the Union, said: "I am very happy that no student chose to opt out since this means the Students' Union is still in a position to represent all the students of the University."

Suzanne Fairless

NUIS - NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

So you're enjoying University life, no surprise there. You've got most of those student 'qualifications' too. You have an endless supply of 'drunken night out stories.' You're an expert on hangover cures and you know all the words to every song by R.E.M. but you've still got a problem. To sum it up; family and C.V. OK, so your tales of drunken exploits might keep your mates amused for hours, but they're not likely to go down so well at family gatherings, and are not quite what's required on that dreaded C.V. What are you meant to put on there anyway? Well how about the fact that you were a member of NUIS. Don't let the word 'industrial' put you off, we're not all engineering students. We have members from every discipline. NUIS bridges the gap between the student and the graduate professional. We help you improve the skills that businesses want. Like how to give a good presentation, what makes you a good manager and how to work well in a team. Add this to an excellent social calendar and you can see why SIS has a national membership of 15,000 students. Personal development has never been so much fun! Presentations are often with free wine and a buffet so there's always an opportunity for a free feed and some booze. In addition to this there's a whole load of other social events all aimed at getting you involved, meeting different people, having a damn good time and doing something constructive towards getting a job. It costs just £4 per year or £6 for life membership. You can join by either coming to the meeting on Thursday 1 - 2 pm in the Committee Rooms on the first floor of the Union, or by phoning the Chairman, Steve Maguire on 0191 272 3504.

NUIS Dates for your DIARY

9th Nov @ 7.30pm: NESTLÉ 'Matchmakers' Business Game.

25th Nov: Edinburgh II "The Revenge" Geordies vs the Jocks - pub golf.

30th Nov @ 7.30pm: PRICE WATERHOUSE on Body Language and Interview Skills.

Also "Chocolate and Wine" evening Coming Soon

Sign up for events at the Careers Service, and check the notice board by the Debating Chamber, 1st Floor of the Union

Fenham's Burning

by Jenny Poulter

RESIDENTS of St. Mary's College on Fenham Hall Drive thought that they were witnessing the advent of full-sense TV when fire alarms began to ring during the popular drama series 'London's Burning'.

Liam and Rado of Flat 4 were unperturbed by sirens ringing because of several recent false alarms caused by ineffective smoke extractors.

Fortunately Liam left his room to investigate and saw black smoke pouring from underneath the door of his absent neighbour from room 2.

He acted promptly, rushing to the payphones to dial 999, and reporting the incident despite his panic and the loud conversations of other phone users.

Those in Flat 4 and neighbouring flats were forced out into the cold to

await the arrival of 5 fire engines, a police car and an ambulance.

Forced to break a window to get into room 2 because of the billowing smoke, firemen discovered the cause of the

panic - a computer monitor,



left on standby, which was slowly smouldering away on a desk top.

Their other flatmates Simon, Johnny and Graham returned to find their flat uninhabitable due to the dust and evil smell - and were forced to spend the night with

friends. After seeing the damage in the room of Graham Haythornthwaite, who owned the computer, Simon observed "It was probably very hot, looking at the

damage it did."

Graham is making a large insurance claim due to the extensive smoke damage to his room which will not be habitable until this weekend. Soot covered the walls and floor and the electrical equipment in the room was obviously unusable.

Uni passes buck on racial attacks

SYMPATHY doesn't seem to be high on the agenda over in Kensington Terrace, judging by a recent contribution to the Magazine *The Big Issue*.

Responding to a racial attack on a Turkish student in the West End of the city earlier this year, a University

spokesperson said: "The Housing Office gives advice as to the safer areas of the city," but added, "If the student ignores this advice, as in the case of the recent attack, there is nothing we can do about it."

Newcastle Councillor Nigel Todd suggests the University

should do more than offer advice to potential victims.

"Many overseas students are not so well off and move into cheaper accommodation in some of the 'problem areas'."

He explained that the Council didn't wish to see 'no go areas' in the city.

Drugs bust judged success

JUDGEMENT Day hit last week as the local lads and lasses partied on doon not the toon but the Union Basement.

The external rave event seemed to be running smoothly with all those attending being frisked on the door.

Unfortunately, Security aren't allowed to do a full body search, and it was noticed later that at least three people were pushing drugs.

The police were called and all three were arrested.

Head of Security Steve Gavin, described one of the dealers as having a "cartoon-sized" bag of drugs.

A further 30 of the school-aged ravers were ejected from the building 'for being too high'.

Duty member and Welfare and Campaigns Officer Emma Stevens described the night as "very distressing, but at least we didn't have to call an ambulance!"

"Security did an excellent job, considering the amount of people they had to deal with. They kept everything remarkably under control."

Miranda Saville

Blokes just don't give a toss about soaring debts

ARE you in debt? Do you care? Are you male?! According to a student finance survey at Leicester University, male students have higher levels of debt than their female counterparts yet are less concerned about it.

Nearly half of the female students surveyed worry "often" or "always" about debt, compared to under a third of men.

At a time when student hardship is on the way up and grants are dwindling, the average female student is beginning the academic year with debts of around £1,100, whereas the average lad's debt will be more like £1,600. In line with this trend, 54% of men took out student loans compared to 48% of women, four-fifths of bank and

building society loans are taken out by men, and on average men also owed 2.5 times more than women on their credit cards.

"So they must be harder up than us?" we hear concerned females all over the university cry. Not according to Leicester University, they're not! Their debts exist despite the fact that male students are more likely to be supported by their parents, to have savings and to receive sponsorship. The survey also found that female students are more likely to work during termtime and in the vacations. So, girls, next time your boyfriend/mate/the boy next door asks to borrow a tenner, maybe you'd better think twice before parting with your precious cash!

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It was steamy gussets all round when famous sexy comedian Rob Newman swanned into well-known student haunt Bierrex last week.

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In February 1990 a motion was passed by our Students' Union dictating that the sale of any Nestlé products by the Union Society be forbidden. Five and a half years on, this motion is still in existence even though very few of us around the Union today had any say in this decision. As with all Union motions, the Nestlé boycott has to be reaffirmed every three years. In February 1993 the motion was again passed, and so the boycott is up for review again this year.

Sophie Moore, who spent a year at a Nutrition Centre in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, explains why our Student Union, along with 70 others and indeed the National Union of Students endorses the campaign against Nestlé in the U.K:

".....no artificial food can completely mimic the nutritional and protective properties of human milk.....breast feeding is preferable to artificial feeding and should be encouraged." (DHSS 1980).



Breast feeding is the normal way of feeding infants in all traditional societies; it is nutritious, safe, inexpensive and helps protect infants against disease.

However, despite the many advantages, breast feeding has declined in many countries for various reasons, including the obvious convenience for working mothers in settings not conducive to breast feeding.

Also, many health centres discourage breast feeding and

instead promote bottle feeding through the early separation of mother and baby. However, it is the inappropriate advertising and promotion of bottle feeding that is much to blame for reinforcing and escalating the misguided views listed above. And it is for this latter reason that Nestlé, the world's largest food company, who control about half the global baby food market, shot to the centre of a continuing battle concerning their role (and malpractices) in the promotion of infant formulas.

So what did Nestlé do wrong, and why have they become the centre of all the negative attention and boycotts? Baby Milk

Action, the leading campaigners in the U.K. against Nestlé, cites the giving away free or subsidised baby milks to hospitals and maternity wards. But this can be detrimental and often dangerous to the infants health. Just giving a new-born baby a bottle makes it more likely that later breast feeding attempts will fail, and the baby become dependent on the artificial milk. Leading logically on from this problem is the cost of keeping up bottle feeding once away from the freebie hospital handouts. This is by no means a cheap alternative, and often poor mothers try to over-dilute the powder so it will last longer, ending in baby-malnutrition. But worse, far worse than this, are the consequences that occur in many developing countries where the water is unsafe and when mixed with the milk, leads to diarrhoea, dehydration and often death.

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UNION SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Looking into my crystal ball, I see a student and another student - having a good time on the election night. I see all those who voted getting a great deal in the Union bars on the night of Thursday 21st November. I also see some drunkenness tooooooo.

UNION SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Tuesday 21st November 1995

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Your Weekly Newcastle Arts, Entertainments and Listings Guide

Steve Steen spills all

I PICK UP THE PHONE in trepidation. After all, it's not everyday I get to speak to a star of "Whose Line Is It Anyway".

Steve Steen is the man I'm talking to. He is a comedian who has worked the whole field of TV, radio and live theatre.

So how did he get into comedy? "Since school really. I was always a bit cheeky, I suppose, so the teachers say. At primary school it was a useful diversion against the nitwits who wanted to show you their knuckles in close up and girls who you couldn't get close to."

I want to know the key to making someone laugh. Through the phone I hear

this wicked roar of laughter. "Don't say it to their face, that's the key. Do it when their back's turned". I'll remember that.

So what about "Whose Line Is It Anyway"? Is it as natural and unrehearsed as it looks? "Yeah, it really is. It's flying by the seat of your pants...they put you on the cameras and say "Go". There's no preparation". And Clive Anderson?

"Very sharp and very quick. I don't understand why he doesn't do it himself - he's damn good. I'd be frightened to be left alone on stage with him."

Steve is about to come to Newcastle to do his show "The Lost Continent" which opens at the Gulbenkin on Monday.

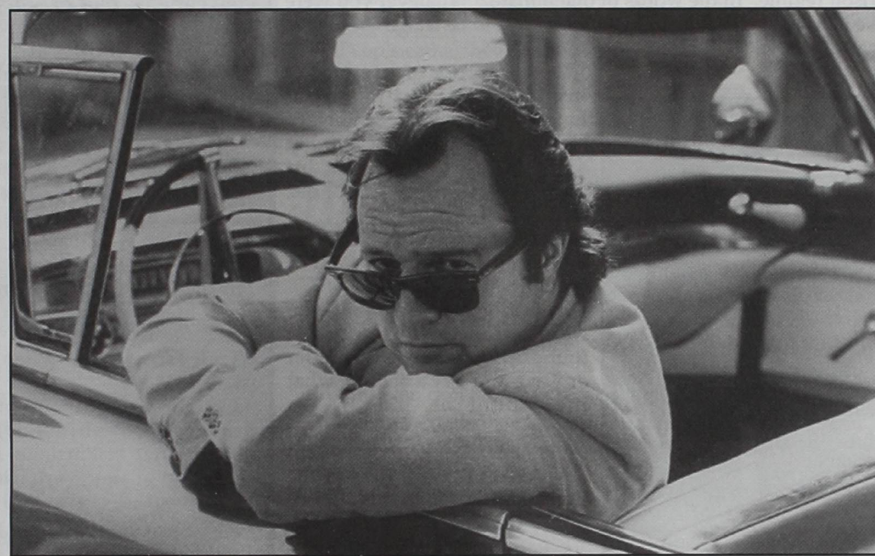
"It's a one-man show, there's 79 characters, all played by me - including all the ladies as well!"

Live comedy is what Steve likes best. "It scares me shitless; every time I get up on stage - it's a miracle I get through it without visibly soiling my pants. I've actually only ever dried once. That was just the most nightmarish moment. I was on stage at Croydon and suddenly all the scripts deserted me. I just stood there and stared at the audience repeating one word".

Let's hope this doesn't happen on Monday night eh Steve!

Nicola Christie

"The lost continent" runs at the Gulbenkin 6-11 Nov



Babes on the net!

AS if Newcastle hasn't got enough on its plate at the moment; Eighth-best party capital of the world, football team at the top of the premiership, an international comedy festival that's going to be in our faces for the next two weeks...and now the city is in a couple of weeks playing host to a unique conference on art on the Internet.

Digital Dreams is an ambitious attempt to open up new avenues for practising visual artists, photographers and film makers by way of the much-fabled Information Superhighway. In an age when conventional means of exhibition such as galleries, theatre and television are arguably seen to be in decline the conference will draw upon the knowledge of and experience of specialists from a range of fields both regionally and nationally.

Formats will involve panel discussions, question and answer sessions and individual web site workshops. For those technophobes amongst us it must come as a relief to know that the net isn't just all about trawling halfway across the world for sleazy soft porn

images or about sending crap messages to your friends sitting across the room, but will this conference be of any use to absolute beginners?

Well, yes, according to Belinda West of Northern Lights and main co-ordinator of the event (along with co-sponsors Tyneside Cinema and Newcastle College). Throughout the course of the two-and-a-half days, delegates will be shown how to set up their own Web site, warned about copyright and censorship regulations, commercial viability of art on the net and all manner of other interesting stuff relating to computers.

And so, unlike BMX bikes, Rubik's cubes and Man. City, computers and the Internet are definitely here to stay, Elitist, inaccessible, maybe, but this is only the beginning and who knows if staying at home and communicating via modem will not eventually become the norm in our well ordered society.

Digital Dreams runs from 23 - 26 November, prices are competitive for students and if art and computers are your game you could learn a lot. That's it, I'm off to play my abacus.

Oliver

Ticket info: Alison Wild (0191) 281 6334

this week

Thursday 9th November

Deconstruction in association with CREAM present "no-one's driving tour"

Dave Clarke (red series, bush records), Justin Robertson, Jon Carter (monkey mafia), Richard Fearless,

Live: Death in Vegas

9pm - 3am - Tickets £6 advance

Friday 10th November

The Bassment Club plus house/garage in the Attic

Doors 8pm - Tickets £1 advance £1.50 on the door

forthcoming

Wednesday 15th November

The Hacienda

Sound Education Tour '95

with Graeme Park, Tom Wainwright, Bobby Langley

PA's Love to Infinity and Tak Tix

9pm - 3am - Tickets £6 advance

Thursday 23th November

Northern Exposure

featuring Delicate Vomit, Sleepy People, Ilk,

January Blue and Monodrone

Tickets - NUS £1.50, others £2.50

Doors 7:30pm

Thursday 30th November

from RED DWARF

CRAIG CHARLES

is Live on Earth

Tickets £5 advance

Doors 8pm

more events to be confirmed

Stargazing

I'm sure I'm not alone in rejoicing at the choice of Pierce Brosnan as the new James Bond.

As I eagerly await Goldeneye to hit our cinemas, I can't help but wonder how womanising Bond can cope in a PC 1995?

Will we see a New Age agent, who's as handy with a Hoover as with a Walther PPK?

University of Newcastle upon Tyne

FIRST SEMESTER Michaelmas Term 1995

Thursday 9 November

THE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

Dr Brian Lang
Chief Executive,
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Tuesday 14 November

MARCHON LECTURE MAKING THINGS BETTER

Professor John Perkins
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Tuesday 14 November

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Dr Gerard McCartan
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Unless otherwise indicated all these lectures are open to the public, are free and will take place in the Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building at 5.30pm.

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PROGRAMMES WEEK COMMENCING FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

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POCAHONTAS (U) 1hr 40min Fri. 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30 Sat. 10.40, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30 Sun. 10.50, 12.50, 2.50, 5.50 Mon-Thurs. 12.50, 2.50, 5.50	JADE (18) 1hr 55min Fri/Sat 9.50, 12.00 Sun-Thurs. 9.00 only
CLUELESS (12) 2 hrs Fri/Sat. 12.30, 2.50, 5.10, 7.30 Sun. 11.10, 1.30, 4.00, 6.30 Mon-Thurs. 1.30, 4.00, 6.30	NINE MONTHS (12) 2hr Fri. 2.40, 5.05, 7.20, 9.40 Sat. 12.10, 2.40, 5.05, 7.20, 9.40 Sun-Wed. 1.20, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30 Thurs. 1.20, 3.50, 6.10
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APOLLO 13 (PG) 2hrs 35min Fri/Sat. 2.25, 5.25, 8.30 Sun-Thurs. 2.00, 5.05, 8.00	Kids Club 11/11/95 MRS DOUBTFIRE (PG) 2hr 5min Sat. 10.30 am
FRENCH KISS (12) 2hr 10min Fri/Sat. 1.30, 4.10, 6.50, 9.30, 11.50 Sun-Thurs. 1.00, 3.40, 6.20, 8.50	MORTAL KOMBAT (15) 2hr Sat. 10.35, 12.50 Sun. 11.30, 1.50

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Ho-ho-ho

HE might be known best for his impersonations of famous sports stars, but it's the way Alastair McGowan fits all those instantly recognisable voices together that really pulls in the laughs.

With the show starting at 10.30 on a Saturday night, there's time for a few pints in the Toon before even the doors open. The late start adds some kind of extra atmosphere to the show - don't ask me why, it just does.

Compere Mr. Drayton did a superb job, as usual, in warming up the audience ready for the first act of the evening, Ronnie Ancona. Good solid stuff from her, but she was at her best with her comparison of American films in the forties and fifties to how they would be made now.

However, it was Alastair McGowan that everyone had come to see, and no-one left disappointed. His opening line "What about Kevin Keegan then?" brought the obligatory whoops and cheers. Not part of the act he admitted, but who cares? We'd beaten Liverpool 2-1 earlier in the day!

Putting well known personalities, through his incredible skill as an impersonator, in strange situations is an incredible talent. He really should be performing to larger audiences. He's brilliant.

Frank.

Our Perfect Society?

A PERFECT SOCIETY is a photographic and CD Rom exhibition which explores and questions the criminal justice system and the role it plays within society.

The artists behind the exhibition, Huw Davies and Arabella Plouriez have drawn on the experience that 2 years working in Durham prison has given them, to give us a unique insight into prison life.

Davies uses photographs to show the life styles of male prisoners, and the way that they express themselves through their tattoos and possessions. Pictures which stuck in my mind included one of an inmate's family against a backdrop of jazz magazines, and a poignant photo taken in the prison yard. The latter teasingly shows the outside world, in this case a glimpse of Durham Cathedral, to those shut off from it.

Plouriez, on the other hand, works with digitally constructed images of girls' toys, combined with quotes from women prisoners in the high security "H" wing.

These images work well, thanks to the sharp contrast between the innocence of the toys, and the harshness of the words, on to which they are superimposed. A thought provoking view of the prison regime. In the words of one inmate, "Whatever you were like before, you change in here. You have to be tough to survive or you get picked out"

Every aspect of life on the inside is there and though at face value, A Perfect Society may appear to be just another art exhibition, it goes a lot deeper than that. For example, the various ways in which photography is used to restrain and identify the criminal is brought into question.

Basically, you get what you want out of this exhibition. I found it fascinating to wander around and get a feel of what life would be like in the slammer.

Paul

A Perfect Society runs at the Zone Gallery (83 Westgate Rd) until 3 December.

"THERE is a sense of dread this time of year, like running out of pot and knowing the only way to get high is to drink the bongwater" - Well desperate times call for desperate measures but a little more imagination wouldn't go amiss.

Her best friend Jennifer is a pill freak, sadly pursuing yet another unobtainable man - a retro-glam homosexual. Then there is David, an unsuccessful film-maker who seems to have had every female character in the book and for some reason is still whining.

Their relationships are ambiguous and parasitic. They really don't seem to give a shit about one another - a feeling easy to empathise with. However Hornburg's

cynical witticisms and occasional gems make up for the characters' lack of passion and life. It is the lifestyles of these people that is important, not their personalities or experiences (rape and pain are barely blinked at).

Bongwater is a transitory insight into the grunge scene before the media made it the mainstream, but it makes you wonder why they bothered. Self-consciously '90s, there are frequent references to various themes of the decade we are only half way through - grunge, slackers etc. However it gets a little ridiculous with Hornburg managing to pack the words, millenium, new age and zeitgeist all into one sentence and Jennifer's description of sex as "so eighties".

In 1993 this book would have been a classic, but in 1995 it leaves a stale taste - in Jennifer's terms, its 'so early '90s'!

Jo

Bongwater

Alan 'Aha'-tastic!

Armed with Glen Panda and his resident house band, Alan Patridge has a mission - to push forward the frontiers of the chat show. eager to produce a popular show, and deeply upset by criticism, the former sports presenter promises 100% chat, with a few surprises.

Having been a fan of the show ever since it was on the

radio, if you're looking for an unbiased opinion you've come to the wrong place. Steve Coogan, alias Paul Calf, alias Alan Patridge, is excellent as an amalgamation of all the worst presenters possible and these first three escapades of the TV show confirm his position as the chat show host from hell.

He interviews a variety of people including Keith Hunter the new presenter from This is Your Life,

magician hypnotist Tony le Mesurier, and That Paints the sexiest dance act in Northern Europe. Memorable moments include a re-run of the 1936 Berlin Olympics, and when Alan gets a little hot under the collar and tells his guests to 'Kiss my Arse!'

Knowing me, knowing you, Aha, and roll on the next instalment.

Phil

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Attractions for November

at the Tyneside Cinema

Saturday 11th November, 2.00pm
Deathtripping with Nick Zedd:

Celebrating the release of "DEATHTRIPPING - Cinema from Trash to Transgression", a long-overdue document of the essential modern sub-cultural movement, we're delighted to welcome author Jack Sargeant, and underground film-maker Nick Zedd to the Tyneside.

With a package of video extracts featuring the work of Beth B, Lydia Lunch and Zedd among others, this will be an adult afternoon (Whayhey!!!) tracing the Warhol, Kuchar and John Waters connection behind this mix of punk, porn, art and imagination.

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Porridge Queen



Vocal sensation **Martina** talks to *Keith Gabriel* about pop stardom and life with Tricky.

"If I was a disease what would I be? 'Lurve,' I think. Because it's cool."

So says one of the two contrasting talents introduced by the Maxinquaye album; Tricky, the outspoken mumbler of many of the group's lyrics and Martina, she of the lower profile, the affecting, seraphic voice and the utterer of the opening statement. Without Martina's influence, the best album of the year would've been without its unique quality.

It's a recording that she had found hard to enjoy. "It was painful to listen to something that I'd sung with lyrics that meant so much." Now proud of the album, Martina can look back confidently at the songs she helped create, including current single Pumpkin, despite her lack of involvement.

"I was meant to be recording the song but I...er...did a runner when I should've been in the studio. Tricky got pissed off and got Alison (Goldfrapp) in." Could she have done a better job? "Fuck no! I'd have never thought about doing the song with no words. Alison's version is fine."

These recording shenanigans appear to be more evidence of tensions between Martina and Tricky, but this is dismissed. "Nah, Tricky's the only person I want to work with. We're mutable characters."

The solo career of Martina is not in progress yet then, though she has written material already. "I'm not entirely sure of it yet though - I've got to make sure that they're worthy." She is already successful though, regardless of the fact that she doesn't think she qualifies as a top pop sensation.

"I don't feel like a pop star at all. I don't get stopped in the street and I still have to change the nappies (of her daughter, Maisie)." Maybe true pop stardom passes her by because of the resistance to pigeonholing herself as a black soul/swingbeat diva or something equally predictable. "It feels good to know that we don't fit in to musical stereotypes - I'd feel like a kind of prostitute otherwise."

Martina doesn't even fit in with the music press portrayal of her as elusive and taciturn: "When there's you and Tricky in the same room, what do you expect? He just talks a lot more basically." Martina is friendly, engagingly optimistic and, in her days of living with students, a "king porridge maker." And not many people can say that of themselves.

COMPETITION TIME!

FREE ALBUMS and TICKETS for Swedish pop sensations - WHALE - tonight at The Riverside. First come first serve basis...so hurry to *The Courier* office NOW!

clubscene

BLOATED

The Riverside

AT the moment Newcastle seems to be swamped with Dance and Techno nights. But Bloated has been doing it for the past two years every Thursday.

On stage tonight were Autechre, like most bands in the genre they don't have much of a stage show. However their normally relaxed trance sound was beefed up to a blend of Orbital-meets-Chemical Brothers.

DJ's Suburban Knight and Nick Detnon kept the momentum going. Hard-edged techno was definitely the order of the day in the main room, with the packed second room/bar filling the gaps playing almost anything with a hard beat.

People came, they danced and had fun. As the flyer says "Leave your handbag at home", otherwise it will get trampled.

Nic & Dave

live

THERAPY?

The Mayfair

HALLOWE'EN and I'm off to a Therapy? gig. Scary stuff. Understand kick things off proving you don't have to be American to write inventive hard-core. Vent up next with Miles !unt... sorry, er Hunt, and Morgan Nicolls, the Senseless things bassist. Whatever prejudices you may have had about the Wonderstuff, Vent are actually quite good, in fact they're absolutely brilliant, sounding more like Helmet than the Stuffies.

And then the witching hour was brought forward for the night by an intro from the genius that is David Holmes. Then the Dark Lord himself took to the stage and launched into a blistering version of "Infernal". The set then consisted of greatest hits, rounded off with, quite predictably "Screamager".

I thought Therapy? had changed their image to happy uplifting tunes. This is obviously rubbish. They probably decided they had more fun being bad guys.

J Clarke (& Steve Jackson)

albums

HAPPY MONDAYS

Loads

(London)
INEVITABLE and long overdue Mondays best of that shows just how great Madchester's finest really were. 'Loads' gathers all the classics-'Step On', 'Loose Fit', 'Hallelujah', 'WFL' etc, and collectively this canon proves that, one album in, Black Grape can't touch the brilliance of The Mondays at their magnificent 'Pills' peak.

★★★★

Jon

PULP

Different Class

(Island)
JARVIS waited fifteen years for this, now he's wreaking vengeance on all those who flattened him under expensive crocodile slip ons.

We still get a peek at voyeuristic sex, but it's all so much less carefree. Vicious, yet pertinent, humour abounds, from 'Mis-shapes' - "what's the point of being rich, if you can't think what to do with it? 'Cause you're so bleeding thick." to the sinister 'I Spy'. But while Jarvis' sexy voice is emphatic and emotional, the tunes are versatile yet cold synth pop. Stomper 'Disco 2000' rips off Elton John's 'Saturday Night' and will be an anthem to equal 'Common People'. It's glitter in the gutter, fantasy woven inextricably into lyrical grim reality.

All this frustration and tension - it's a little disturbing, yet intriguing. Is this the real Mr Cocker or just part of character development. However, with the ultimate combination of sing-a-long melodies and deceptively simple lyrics Pulp are proving to be a different class of pop group.

★★★★

Kat.

SMASHING PUMPKINS

Mellon Collie And The Infinite Sadness

(Virgin)
TWENTY-eight tracks may seem excessive, but two individual LP's is what The Smashing Pumpkins have created. It still has that Pumpkins edge, but the transition is more severe, expanding Billy's experimental element. They have added loops

and synths, even a computer game sample is in there. And they handle this diversity better than most bands: James Iha gets his first album solo composition, and 'Farewell And Goodnight' features all three vocalists harmonising brilliantly.

In the main it has the certainty of the Pumpkins, from the screaming distortion of 'Tales Of A Scorched Earth' to the gentle platters of 'Lilly', and the jammed beginning to 'Where Boys Fear To Tread' makes for a great start to the better of the two CDs.

It's well balanced, but at over two hours does quantity mean quality? Definitely.

★★★★

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singles

LIVINGSTONE

Good Intentions

(Mono)

DISCOVERED in the unsightly tent at Reading this year, Livingstone's sparky, eager brand of guitar-fuelled pop certainly has potential. However, the world of music is a big, bad, busy one, and 'Good Intentions' is not the vital stand-out track needed to elevate them above the masses. Keep trying lads.

★★

Vic

HONEYCRACK

Sitting At Home

(Sony)

Honeycrack's new single sounds remarkably like an amphetamines-enhanced Rembrandts. This is not necessarily a good thing. Enjoyably bitter lyrics about the souring of a relationship do not compensate for mediocre, stomping rock. It's undeniably cheeky and cheery. But so is Jim Davidson.

★★

Keith Gabriel

bass

The rundown on the latest techno and house releases...

"Transcendental psychedelic muzak is the new dance craze sweeping the nation!" At least if you believe Goa Trance guru Jon Snow on Channel 4 News. Delta Aquarius, the new triple LP from Total Eclipse (Blue Room)

displays both the good and the bad side of the hyped Goa experience - stormers like "The Crucible" contrast with dross reminiscent of Jean-Michel Jarre on amphetamines. The Red & Black EP is a

choice of double 10" from Air Liquide (Sm:)e offering cool beats and radical breaks. Lovely. 303-fuelled mayhem comes courtesy of Fuzz DJ and Unit 700 with

Acid Burns NYC (Sm:)e and the duo that make a living from broadcasting their preferred choice of narcotic, the Acid Junkies, are back with Vol 4 (DJAX). This weeks

recommendations..... Scott & Scooby at Trax - Tribal UK LP Vol 2 (TribalUK); Ben at Volume - DJ Skull's

Rawform Anger (DJAX) & the house Dept at Bass Generator - reissue of Roach Motel 12" (Junior Boys Own). If you like your world painted in glorious technicolour watch out for the Sabre-Tooth Dog extravaganza on the 15/11 at the Poly with (trumpet fanfare) Andy Weatherall, David Holmes & PA from CJ Bolland. ACID RULES!

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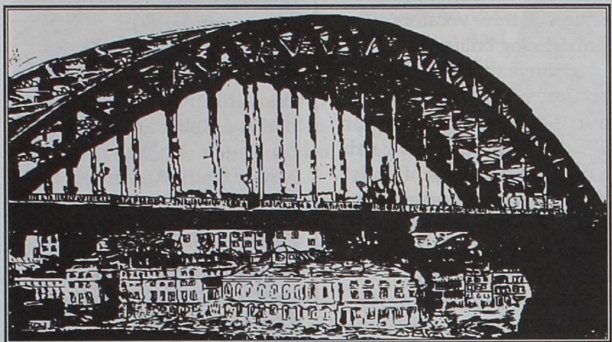
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- THE BUNSEN BURNERS Jumpin' and Hot Club, Bridge Hotel, Newcastle. 8.30 pm. £3 adv

- DECONSTRUCTION in association with CREAM presents "No-one's Driving Tour" 9 pm-3 am. Tickets £6 advance
- WHALE Riverside, Newcastle 7.30 pm. Tickets £6 advance

Friday 10th November

- PLUCK & FIDDLE BAND The Archer, Newcastle, 8.30 pm
- LOST ANGELS Broken Doll, Newcastle, 8.30 pm
- SALSA DANCE NIGHT Arts Centre, Newcastle, 8 pm. £2.
- JJ CLARK BAND The Star, Newcastle, 9 pm

Saturday 11th November

- BEVERLEY WILSON QUINTET Arts Centre, 8 pm, £2
- THE LUNKHEADS + THE CAMPUS TRAMPS Tut'n Shive, Newcastle, 8.30 pm
- SOULFUL GATHERING Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle 7.30 pm, £4

Sunday 12th November

- KITTEN KENEVIL + PELLETHEAD + MYRTLE Cumberland Arms, Byker. 8.15 pm. £1.50
- MAKER SHAKER: POWDER + STRANGELOVE + ELCKA Riverside, Newcastle. 7.30 p.m. £5
- TANTOBIE ROW Live Theatre, Newcastle. Noon. £3 (£1.50)

Monday 13th November

- SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY Riverside, Newcastle. 7.30 p.m. £10.50
- THUNDER City Hall, Newcastle, 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 14th November

- RUNRIG City Hall, Newcastle. 7.30 pm
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- SNARLING HORSES Arts Centre, Newcastle, 8 pm

Wednesday 15th November

- THE MUTTON BIRDS Riverside, Newcastle. 7.30 p.m.
- THE HACIENDA SOUND EDUCATION TOUR '95 Newcastle University. 9 pm-3 a.m. £6 advance

Clubs

Mondays

- CRUISE, Bliss, Gay Party with DJ Sal. £2.50, (£2 members)
- 80's NIGHT, Planet Earth £3 (NUS £1.50)

Tuesdays

- THE CARWASH Planet Earth, DJs Huggy Bear & Starsky.
- PLASMA POOL Planet Earth. DJ Kenzie. £2 (NUS £1.50).
- DISCO FEVER Bliss. 70's Night with Brutus Gold, Brian Nylon. £2.

Wednesdays

- WESTWORLD, Planet Earth. Student Night, Indie, Pop & Dance. £1. 11pm-2am.
- 70's NIGHT, Tuxedo Royale. £3.
- ENJOY - Hip Hop with Da Flava Fat Sams. Free.
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Thursdays

- FOR THE GRACE - Bliss. £3.
- CLUB 18 - 25 - Tuxedo Royale.
- FUTURE WORLD, Planet Earth. £1.50.
- DJ SHOWCASE Fat Sams with DJs from Ice FM
- THE HOUSE OF FUN, at Riverside, Newcastle. Plus music for the 80s. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. £2
- LICKETY SPLIT (Acid Jazz) at Arts Centre, Newcastle. £2.
- 80s NIGHT, Riverside, Newcastle. 70s music - no, only joking!

Fridays

- THE PALACE, Riverside. £2.50 B4 10.30pm, £3.50 after. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
- VIVA, Riverside. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. £4 before 10.30 p.m., £5 after
- RAVE, Rockshots. Straight night & resident DJs.
- SPUNKADELIC with DJ Tom Caulker The Arena. £3.50/£2.50. 9pm.
- CACTUS, The Arena. Live Bands + Dance & Indie DJs. £2.50 B4 10.30, £3.50 after. 9pm-2am.
- CAR WASH Central Park. 70s, 80s and Club Classics. £1.50. 11.15pm-2am.
- THE DROP, Mayfair. £3.50.
- JUST THE CARROT, Madisons. 60s and 70s.
- NICE - Planet Earth. 10 pm-2 am.

Saturdays

- SHINDIG, Riverside. £6 before 10 and £7 after, NUS £6 all night. 9pm-2.30am.

Theatre/Comedy/Cabaret

- GULBENKIAN STUDIO The Lost Continent by G&J productions till 11th Nov. £8 (£4)
- PEOPLE'S THEATRE Stephenson Road, Newcastle The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare until 11th Nov. £5 (£4)
- THEATRE ROYAL Grey Street, Newcastle Don Giovanni by Scottish Opera. Tues. 14th, Fri. 17th Nov. 7.15 p.m. £6-£45

Thursday 9th November

- JULIAN CLARY Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, 8 p.m. £10/£9
- JOHN HEGLEY Playhouse, Newcastle, 8 p.m. £7/£8
- ROCK Live Theatre, Newcastle, 9.30 pm. £7/£6
- BILL OWEN + SEAN LOCKE + ROUGE HERTJIE + DAVE JOHNS Comedy Cafe, Newcastle, 10.30 p.m. £6

Friday 10th November

- REDUCED SHAKESPEARE Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, 8 p.m. £9/£8
- YLLANA Playhouse, Newcastle, 8 p.m. £8/£7
- LYNNE FERGUSON Live Theatre, Newcastle, 7.30 p.m. £7/£6
- OWEN O'NEILL Live Theatre, Newcastle, 9.30 pm, £7/£6
- PARROT + STUCK IN THE MIDDLE + LANNY BROWN + ROSS NOBLE Comedy Cafe, Newcastle, 10.30 pm, £6

Saturday 11th November

- ENNIO MARCHETTO Playhouse, Newcastle. 8 pm. £10/£9
- THE LAST STAND WITH ARDAL O'HANLON + JEFF GREEN + FELIX DEXTER + DAVE JOHNS + VLADIMIR McAVISH Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, 8 pm. £7
- CLAIRE DOWIE Live Theatre, Newcastle. 9.30 p.m. £7/£6
- DEATHBANG PARTY Venue TBC, 10.30 pm. £8

Wednesday 15th November

- DAVID HADDINGHAM + ROB HITCHMOUGH + ERIC SCARBORO Tap & Spile, Newcastle, 8 pm. £3.50 (£2.50)

Films

TYNESIDE

Thursday 9th November

- LAND AND FREEDOM (15) 4.00, 8.30
- DOUGLAS COUPLAND 6.15
- CHANNEL 4 SURGERY 11.00
- TO DIE FOR (15) 3.45, 6.00
- IL POSTINO (PG) 8.15

Friday 10th November

- CHUNGKING EXPRESS (15) 4.00, 6.15, 8.30
- IL POSTINO (PG) 4.15, 6.30
- NEON BIBLE (15) 8.45

Saturday 11th November

- THE WATER BABIES (U) 1.30
- THE LAST SEDUCTION (18) 4.00
- CHUNGKING EXPRESS (12) 6.15, 8.30
- DEATH TRIPPING (18) 2.00
- IL POSTINO (PG) 6.30
- NEON BIBLE (15) 8.45

Sunday 12th November

- IL POSTINO (PG) 4.15
- THE LAST SEDUCTION (18), 6.30
- FUN (18) + SHORT 8.35
- CHUNGKING EXPRESS (12) 4.00, 6.15, 8.30
- NEON BIBLE (15) 8.45

Monday 13th November

- ALEXANDRIA... (15) 4.15
- NEON BIBLE (15) 6.30
- CHUNGKING EXPRESS (12) 8.30

Tuesday 14th November

- NEON BIBLE (15) 4.45, 6.45, 8.45
- CHUNGKING EXPRESS (12) 4.00, 6.15, 8.30

Wednesday 15th November

- NEON BIBLE (15) 4.45, 6.45
- LES DIABOLIQUES (18) 8.35
- THE CHINA SYNDROME (PG) 1.00
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY 1.30
- CHUNGKING EXPRESS (12) 4.00, 6.15, 8.30

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Commencing Friday 10th

- CRIMSON TIDE (15) Weekdays & Sat. 12.15, 2.55, 5.35, 8.15 Sun. 2.55, 5.35, 8.15
- POCAHONTAS (U) Weekdays & Sun. 2.00, 4.10, 6.25 Sat. 11.40, 2.00, 4.10, 6.25
- FRENCH KISS (12) Weekdays 12.50, 3.20, 5.50, 8.25 Sun. 3.20, 5.50, 8.25
- TO WONG FOO (PG) Weekdays & Sat. 12.35, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20 Sun. 3.10, 5.45, 8.20
- NINE MONTHS (12) Every day 8.30 only

Northern Charity Premiere: James Bond in "GOLDENEYE" (12) on Thurs., 23rd Nov. Doors open 7.15. Feature 8.00

WARNERS

Commencing Friday 10th

- Start Friday
- CRIMSON TIDE (15) 2hr 15min Fri/Sat. 12.45, 3.30, 6.10, 9.00, 11.40 Sun.-Thurs. 12.30, 3.00, 5.40, 8.20 (Free list suspended)
- TO WONG FOO (PG) 2hr 5min Fri./Sat. 1.20, 4.00, 6.40, 9.20, 11.45 Sun.-Thurs. 12.50, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40 (Free list suspended)
- POCAHONTAS (U) 1hr 40min Fri. 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30 Sat. 10.40, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30 Sun.-Thurs. 10.50, 12.50, 2.50, 5.50 Mon.-Thurs. 12.50, 2.50, 5.50
- CLUELESS (12) 2 hrs Fri./Sat. 12.30, 2.50, 5.10, 7.3 Sun. 11.10, 1.30, 4.00, 6.30 Mon.-Thurs. 1.30, 4.00, 6.30
- TO DIE FOR (15) 2hrs 5min Fri./Sat. 1.40, 4.20, 6.40, 9.10, 11.30 Sun.-Thurs. 12.40, 3.10, 5.30, 8.10
- APOLLO 13 (PG) 2hrs 35min Fri./Sat. 2.25, 5.25, 8.30 Sun.-Thurs. 2.00, 5.05, 8.00
- FRENCH KISS (12) 2hr 10min Fri./Sat. 1.30, 4.10, 6.50, 9.30, 11.50 Sun.-Thurs. 1.00, 3.40, 6.20, 8.50
- UNDER SIEGE 2 (18) 1hr 55min Fri. 12.40, 3.00, 5.20, 7.40, 10.00, 12.05 Sat. 3.00, 5.20, 7.40, 10.00, 12.05 Sun. 4.10, 6.40, 9.10 Mon.-Thurs. 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10
- BRAVEHEART (15) 3hr 15min Fri./Sat. 8.45 only Sun.-Thurs. 7.45 only
- JADE (18) 1hr 55min Fri./Sat. 9.50, 12.00 Sun.-Thurs. 9.00 only
- NINE MONTHS (12) 2hr Fri. 2.40, 5.05, 7.20, 9.40 Sat. 12.10, 2.40, 5.05, 7.20, 9.40 Sun.-Wed. 1.20, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30 Thurs. 1.20, 3.50, 6.10
- CASPER (PG) 2hr Sat. 12.00 only Sun. 11.40 only

Kids Club

- MRS DOUBTFIRE (PG) 2hr Sat. 10.30 am only
- MORTAL KOMBAT (15) 2hr Sat. 10.35, 12.50 Sun. 11.30, 1.50
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Bits & Pieces

Sunday 12th November

- INDIAN DANCE - Workshops for complete beginners. Dance City, Peel Lane, 11 am £5 (£4 concs). Tel. 01977 683715
- The Monday night session every week from 7.30-11.00 in The Irish Bar - DIY Live Music and Dance. FREE beer for new members.
- WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE CLASSES. Room 27. Monday Nov. 13th, 6.30-8.30 pm. Wednesday Nov. 15th, 1.30-3.30 pm. Thursday, Nov. 16th 6.30-8.30 pm

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Where's my gong?
Where's my rose?

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Union Building
For more information please contact
Andrew Smith, LGB Officer,
Equal Opps. Unit,
2nd Floor, Union Building
Tel. 232 8402 Ext. 136

K.H. - less work, more play. Do you hear?
Love M.S.

'LOOSE'
It won't be the same without you!
We can only love ourselves if there are ALL FOUR OF US
Don't ever lose touch and role on the holiday in France.
Thanks for the best summer ever.
Nick, Friday and Helen.
xxx xxx xxx

Where's my rose?

To the NL Co-ordinators -
Well done - we love you,
You are both wonderful!!!

MIRANDA - Here's to a good weekend in Dublin!

To MUM AND DAD
Shame we couldn't see each other!
I'll be catching you old folks up soon!
Thanks - T.

Where's my rose?

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National Demo to end student hardship,
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To ALICE!
Welcome home, look under my cape and find a turbo - if you rub it up the right way - BATMAN

I bet it was the Beth Breakfath you ever had.
Love the Fit Birds.

Where's my rose?

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HELEN, a very happy birthday, will miss you on Friday. My loss is Ireland's gain.
WWW

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Socialist Party

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Green Party

WEDNESDAY
15th NOVEMBER, 7.30 pm
Debating Chamber
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not a KitKat

Manufacturers, Nestlé became the centre of a continuing battle. The public and professional concern over the problem grew, the World Health Assembly (WHA) responded with the introduction of the

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by milk given countries, all new-mother people.

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article they responded by saying that Nestlé is in fact "fully committed to the protection and promotion of breast-feeding" but added that they also believe that infant formula is a "highly nutritious food" especially useful for those women who either cannot or choose not to breast feed. However, they blamed problems with illness in developing countries with the fact that most 'bottle-fed' babies are actually fed with local inadequate milk substitutes such as cereal gruel or diluted animal milk, and that Nestlé could not be held responsible for this.

Nestlé did not, though, deny any of the allegations that they broke the Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitute between 1990-1993. Although they abide fully by the World Health Organisation (WHO) Code, they admit that they are phasing out their donation of free supplies to maternity wards and hospitals in all developing countries. Could such policy reversal be the effect of the boycott to date? Apparently not, as Nestlé also stated that there is no evidence that the boycott has had any effect on their sales, although it might "unfairly damage our reputation".

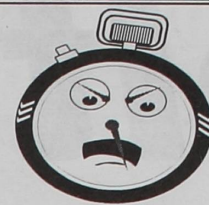
And finally Nestlé claim that most allegations made against them are untrue. In all countries Nestlé now follow local Government directives about the appropriate language to be used on its packaging.

So the debate continues, and there are many questions left unanswered by Nestlé. Although they claim that a boycott can do little, isn't it better to do little than nothing? The Students' Union participation in the boycott is therefore essential in order to put continuing pressure on Nestlé, but also to scare other companies into changing their marketing techniques so that breast-feeding, whenever possible, is encouraged for the health of children world-wide.

'International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes'. This code included ten important provisions, some of which are given in the box along with examples of how between 1990 and 1993 Nestlé have still been found to violate them.

Although Nestlé is not alone in these malpractices, it violates the code more often than any of its competitors. Whilst the boycott is chiefly targeted at Nescafé, Nestlé's highest profile brand, boycotting their other subsidiaries and brand names will also help to get the message through. You'd be surprised at how many Nestlé products you actually consume: Rowntree, Findus, Shredded Wheat, Perrier, Crosse and Blackwell, Buitoni Carnation, Maggi, Tarte, Chambourcy...

But what have Nestlé to say about the boycott and allegations made against them? When contacted with the details of this



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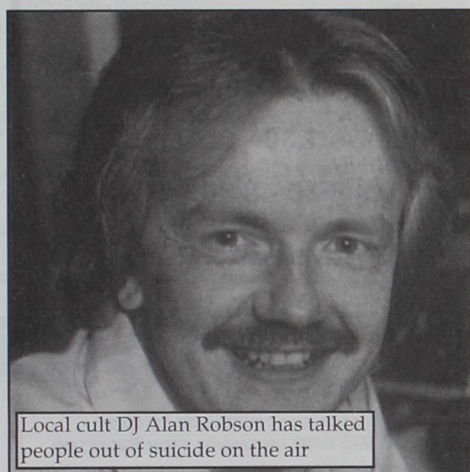
MISS THE TAP & SPILE COMEDY NIGHTS AND THE LAUGHS ON YOU!!!

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Felt Better...?

If you're fed up with the cold winter, irritating friends and an even more irritating bank manager, and just wish everyone would fuck off, then Tori Fletcher tells us of someone who will always be willing to listen.

IT'S that time of year again isn't it? The anticipation of returning to Newcastle after a long summer break is over. If you're new here and are just focusing on your new surroundings after the Fresher's Week haze, then YOU may be feeling it too. Mid-term blues.

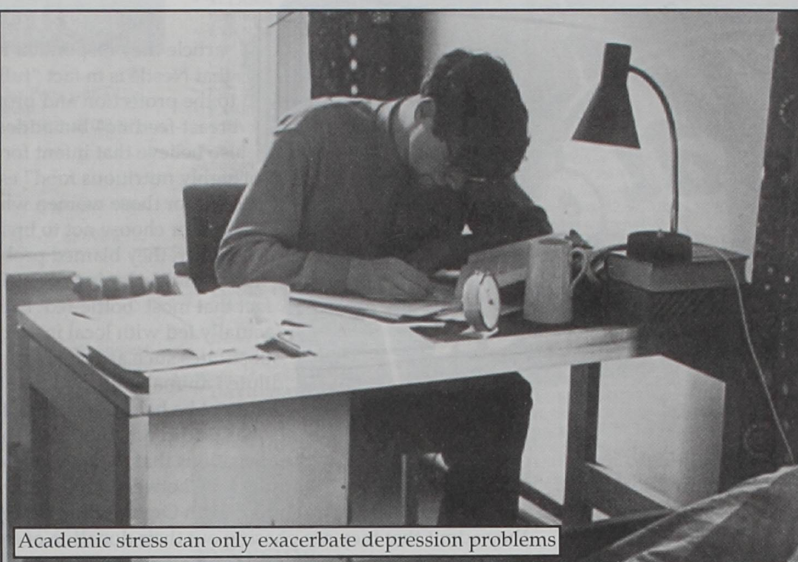


Local cult DJ Alan Robson has talked people out of suicide on the air

It happens - probably to more people than you'd ever have realised - but definitely happens. 'Being down', 'feeling miserable', 'depression' or whichever term it chooses to go by, can appear at any time, place or for any reason, however small. It manages to tiptoe up on you just when you've already got your plate piled high, and make you incapable of tackling the smallest task. But one of the worst things about it is its isolation.

"Depression" seems like a scary word connected to mental illness and not being able to cope. It is an unmentionable, a taboo amongst students who are trying to live up to that carefree, young, 'living to the max' label that is attached to each of us when we cross the student threshold. And if we feel we don't fit in, it seems easier to hide it away from our seemingly happier friends. But this is where you'd be wrong. More than one in seven people suffer from depression and one in four students will at some point have a mental health problem, so you aren't alone. And it's time we started seeing being fed up as a normal part of life. Just like when we get colds or the flu and moan to our friends, so too do we get anxious and uptight and should be able to complain about it in just the same way.

And talking is the answer. You've heard of



Academic stress can only exacerbate depression problems

them all before: Nightline; The University Counselling Service; Saneline; The Samaritans; The Student Advice Centre or your GP. And as long as there are little things that really piss you off, there will also be these services who will listen.

The pressure to cope with work, relationships, peer or whatever it may be, can build up. A recent study by the Liberal Democrats cited the all-too familiar "intolerable financial pressures" as a major factor in the increase in student suicides by eight times since 1985. It can result in the present seeming meaningless and the future, hopeless. Sleep often becomes the only escape. But however small or large the problem, these

services are here for us all day, all night, every day, every night. And this is the point that Alan Brice of the Student Counselling Service makes. "People may perhaps become solitary and isolated and feel a pain and burden to others but they must find a friend or member of their family or professional whom they can talk to." He stresses that they are used to dealing with people suffering from depression even to the point of suicide. But everyone should "try and get help as it is possible to manage eventually."

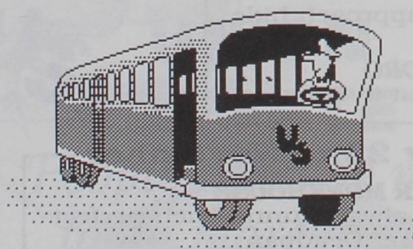
So don't let depression drain your motivation and trap you in the empty bubble it creates - TALK!

Nightline: 261 2905
University Counselling Service (Claremont Road): 222 7699 or 222 6000 ext. 7699
Student Advice Centre, First Floor, Union: 232 6600 or University ext 6367
Saneline: 0345 678 000
Samaritans: 232 7272 (local) or 0345 909090 (nationwide)

WARNING

There has been a spate of attacks around the campus

Don't go home alone



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KNOCKING OUR SHOP?

Dear Aunt Sally,
There is something that has been perplexing me now for some time. We all know and love the Union Shop do we not? We love it for its attempts to encompass the variety of goods you might purchase from an entire English high street and simultaneously its failure to produce exactly what you were looking for. We love it for its tremendously long queues that wind themselves around the central cashiers and in fact we could even say we love the ladies forever stationed at those over-used tills.

Certainly we have all witnessed the Union Shop's development over recent years, extensions into the annexes of the building the opening of a sub-post office (which for the number of hours it is open may as well not open at all). Can it be called anything but a success?..... Perhaps one thing it is most

successful at is ripping off those it pledges to serve. How can such a promising shop charge its customers such ridiculous prices?

It purports to be a shop for students (who we all know are near-penniless) but then charges far more than the respectable high street stores could get away with. How can the well-loved Union Shop take advantage of its over-convenient location and charge the earth for the range of goods it knows no student could be arsed to walk down Northumberland St for. In short (!!!), if the Union Shop really wants to serve its students then surely it should be encouraged to charge at least normal prices? Am I the only person who thinks the goods are over-priced? I

Aunt Sally



Hello, Boys!

await your comforting words of advice on this, a matter close to my heart.

Yours etc,
A. Student

SALLY SAYS

How can you give such severe criticism to a shop that sells cut price postcards and babies in plant pots, and bake your own danish pastries? Not to mention the wondrous "Canadian Ham" flavour crisps. Lock me in the Union Shop for the night and I think I'll be in heaven - though I'll have to stipulate that I be accompanied by an eligible male.

Star Letter - Star Letter - Star Letter - Star Letter - Star Letter - Star Letter

VICE CHANCELLOR,
VICE CHANCELLOR -
WHO THE F**K IS THE
VICE CHANCELLOR?

Dear Aunt Sally,
I write this letter as a confused second year student. I don't know if I am the only one with an inquisitive mind but I have recently wondered who is the Vice Chancellor of the University? I have asked many people and answers have ranged from the Duke of Northumberland to Keven Keegan to Jimmy Nail. Nobody seems ever to have seen this mysterious person. In my mind, I picture him as a

small person of Eastern European origin who wears a collarless suit and has a nasty scar on his face. He also has a fetish for white cats with expensive necklaces sitting on his lap. From his office, he directs subversive missions to undermine the capitalist world only to be foiled by the same British agent every time. Maybe the real Vice Chancellor could step out of his office somewhere in the depths of the University nuclear bunker and reveal his true identity. I suspect that about 99% of students have no idea what he looks like never mind his name. Surely this is a massive public relations

blunder by the people 'who brought you semesterisation' or just plain ignorance on the side of the University big dicks. (Or maybe little!)

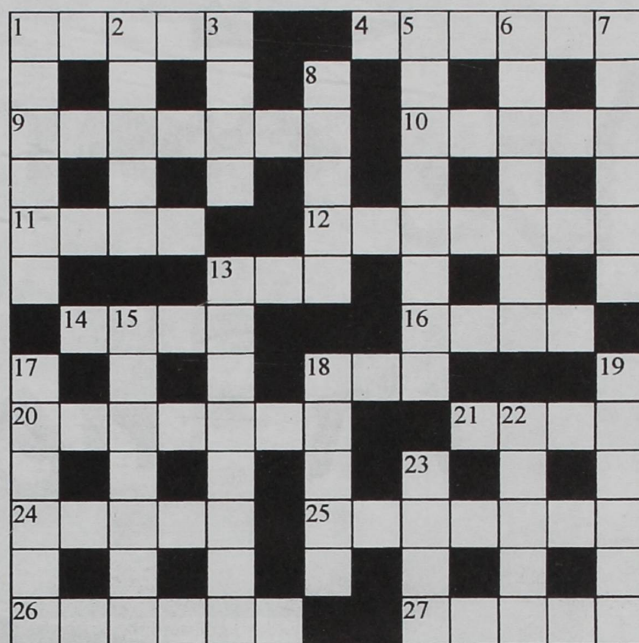
Yours curiously,
Freddo, Jesmond.

SALLY SAYS:

I see you perceive yourself as the mouthpiece of the student body, Freddo! Whilst I am not at liberty to reveal the identity of this illustrious personage, I can nevertheless assure you with the knowledge that your observations are startlingly accurate. Perhaps you should usurp Hercule as the seer of the Courier office. On the issue of big dicks I couldn't possibly comment.

The Courier Prize Crossword

Compiled by Grazy



Crossword entries to be returned to the Courier office by 2pm on Monday 13th November 1995.

Last week's winner :
Richard McGonigle,
Greystoke Avenue,
Sandyford.

Collect your prize from
The Courier office.

The £5 book token prize is
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Across

- 1 Sacred cup (5)
- 4 Split, share out (6)
- 9 Of no practical value (7)
- 10 Break (a link), cut (a limb)(5)
- 11 Courage (4)
- 12 In front, ahead (7)
- 13 Objective (3)
- 14 Device for illumination (4)
- 16 Musical key (4)
- 18 100m², 100 sq yards (3)
- 20 Out of focus (7)
- 21 Wind instrument (4)
- 24 Sporty Ford (5)
- 25 Proof of a will (7)
- 26 Train parking place (6)
- 27 Jump about to music (5)

Down

- 1 Scruffy fashion (6)
- 2 On the ball (5)
- 3 Right of retention (4)
- 5 Occasion, happening (8)
- 6 Bill (7)
- 7 Make angry (6)
- 8 Religious chant (5)
- 13 Pregnancy termination (8)
- 15 Seized (power) (7)
- 17 Ancient adding machine (6)
- 18 Expert, proficient, adroit (5)
- 19 Rub out, remove (6)
- 22 Thinking organ (5)
- 23 Precious metal for jewellery (4)

Last Week's Answers

Across: 4. Doe; 8. Exclude; 9. Ninth; 10. Tread; 11. Obelisk; 12. Requests; 14. Head; 15. Reel; 16. Employed; 20. Citroen; 21. Nylon; 23. Clout; 24. Thornes.
Down: 1. Letter; 2. Acre; 3. Bundle; 4. Decontaminate; 5. Enter; 6. Unlikely; 7. Choked; 13. Question; 15. Rococo; 17. London; 18. Danish; 19. Youth; 22. Link.

The Cosmic Courier

Horoscopes by Hercule - stargazer of the future



Hercule

SCORPIO

Trust your instincts this week - if you have a strong intuition to do something out of the ordinary, listen to your impulse and go with the flow.

SAGITTARIUS

You may feel that you've been toiling away endlessly without reward or recognition, but this is about to change, and hard work will be rewarded - if you're doing any! Don't make a fool of yourself with someone

you've got a crush on...

CAPRICORN

Something close to your heart seems to be going badly wrong - but don't blame it on yourself, it's not your fault. Single Capricorns need to get out on the scene - If you're male and you've recently snogged a girl, count your lucky stars - she's going to be a treasure in your life.

AQUARIUS

Life seems a bit dull as the realisation that you are careering towards exams and essay deadlines hits you. But, don't panic, people are recognising your efforts. Family matters are coming to the fore - keep your eye out for trouble at home.

PISCES

What you want and what you get might be two different things - as usual eh? However, this week, settling for second

best might bring some advantages which will have long lasting effects.

ARIES

As the week warms up, so do you - way hay! But don't get too carried away or you might blow a gasket. This week is a great week for getting your own back and relaxing with 'cigarettes and alcohol' - so don't get overwrought.

TAURUS

Expect the unexpected this week - things are hotting up and just when you thought you were on safe ground the cat sets itself among the pigeons. Don't ask me if this is a good thing though!

GEMINI

Exercise care in any dangerous liaisons this week. Mercury - your ruler - assists you in tedious tasks and pending projects. Busy is the best way to be - of course.

CANCER

The tide is turning and on the face of it you have lots to be

enthusiastic about. It seems that life is good, but watch out on the 12th when it's the Full Moon - a lover could rock the boat.

LEO

You often try to live your life in boxes and not let anyone mix business with pleasure. But some naughty work-related liaison may arise this week - watch out or you could get your fingers burnt.

VIRGO

The times are a changing! Don't get gloomy about the way things have been going in the last few weeks. Take action and make things happen, and then everything will get a lot better.

LIBRA

This week will start slow, but don't worry, things are sure to hot up in more ways than one! Just be sure not to jump out of the frying pan and into the fire when a close decision arises.

If Hercule has predicted accurately for you, write in and we will print your true-life story.

Sandy's Sumptuous Supper Suggestion

Spicy Ratatouille

Serves 4

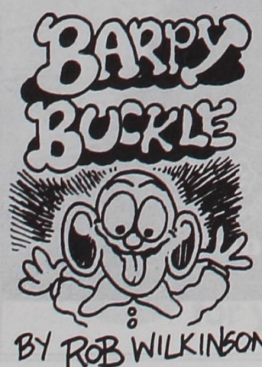
Ingredients:

- 1 Tin Tomatoes
- 2 Onions
- 1 Red Pepper
- 1 Green Pepper
- 4 Courgettes
- 2 Cloves of Garlic
- 1/2 tsp Chilli Powder
- Mixed herbs
- Black Pepper & Salt

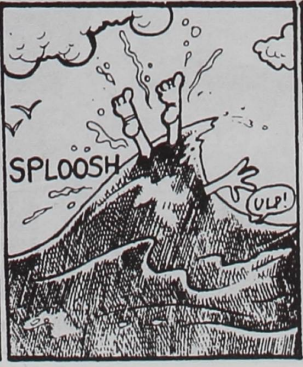
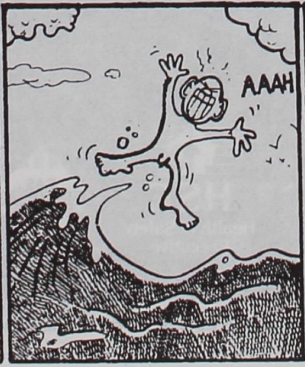
Method:

1. - Chop tomatoes and place in a pan.
2. - Chop onions, courgettes, peppers and finely chop garlic, lightly fry in a pan.
3. - Once cooked, add to tomatoes.
4. - Add all the seasoning and cook for about 10 minutes on a low heat.
5. - Serve on a bed of rice.

Suitable for Vegetarians



BY ROB WILKINSON



Basketballers sweeping all before them

THE men's University basketball team are on fire. In the first match of the season the men rallied from a fourteen point deficit to clinch a four point victory in the last few seconds of the game sending the crowd wild.

The victory was largely due to the stern words of the new coach, Graham Rayner. His riot act given during the interval gave us a much needed wake up call.

Then came Leeds. We eventually arrived to find our Ladies team waiting having just been thrashed. This gave us extra passion and revenge was sweet. The match was electrifying and incredibly close all the way. The team avoided foul trouble and it

was the Israeli Team members night. Gil, Ofer and Kristal roasted the Leeds defence with some great shooting and power moves. It was Ofer who nailed the match with 15 seconds left with an awesome jump shot.

Durham proved our easiest match yet. Back in the hands of our capable coach the Newcastle team were unstoppable with new bigman Stylios cleaning up the boards at both ends. The match was held up at half time to repair a broken backboard which had been crippled by a dunk by Newcastle. The second half proved Newcastle's defensive capabilities as Durham only scored 14 points. This team can go all the way this season.

Newcastle have Durham rattled

Durham 2 - 2 Newcastle

HAVING beaten Durham three weeks ago for the first time in many years, Newcastle were confident that a result could be achieved.

Newcastle were not helped when their centre-midfield player failed to turn up, but captain Ferry put himself in to fill the gap left.

It was evident from the start that Newcastle were the better team and they used their advantage well when Rob crossed for Billy the Kid to score from a yard out.

The advantage was rammed home when, after a period of extreme pressure, a second goal was scored by Fluff after yet another short corner. At this stage

Newcastle were clearly on top and were very unfortunate to hit the post from another short corner.

Had this gone in Durham would have been dead and buried. Unfortunately a dubious penalty flick, awarded by an equally dubious umpire, gave Durham a life line.

Martin received a yellow card for his 4th bad challenge and left the pitch for 5 minutes.

The beginning of the second half saw Durham put Newcastle under a lot of pressure. A break away by Durham was stopped abruptly when Fox carried out what can only be described as a 'professional foul' and he too gained his

Maths defence shut out Phantoms

Maths 2 - 0 The Phantoms

AFTER a poor season last year and with a squad which has only four newcomers, things did not look too promising for Maths.

The first 10 minutes saw an evenly fought midfield battle with neither side willing to lose the initiative. The deadlock was eventually broken by a free hit inside the Math's 25. It was played to Bez who had acres of space at the half-way line. Bez, in turn played a delightful ball through to Jan, who made the most of his opportunity.

The remaining ten minutes of the first half saw Maths make quite a few chances which should have made it more comfortable. The Phantoms still had not had a strike at goal, and the defence looked impressive.

Within five minutes of the restart, Maths went two up with Jan's second strike of the game.

Maths had their backs to the wall for the rest of the half and only managed to get out of their half on a few occasions. The phantoms attack simply could not break down the solid defence meaning that the goalkeeper had nothing to do all day.

Andy Pickles

marching orders.

Durham equalised shortly after and seemed to be looking for the win.

It was only when Fox was allowed back on did Newcastle regain their composure and play out the game comfortably on top of the opposition.

Yet another draw for Newcastle but everybody played with their hearts and the phrase 'pain is temporary, pride is forever' springs to mind about all eleven gutsy players in this Newcastle team.

Porky

Mariners sail to top of league

**Newcastle Mariners - 12
Lancaster - 0**

ATIGHT scrappy match was dominated by the defence on both sides with Newcastle winning in the end.

Two touch-downs either side of half time decided things. Both were long passes from Quarterback "Marshy" Mokhtari. Our first win on the opening day was due mainly to the team's ability to play with the killing instinct of OJ Simpson.

**Newcastle Mariners - 18
Teesside Demons - 6**

TWO wins in two matches leaves Mariners top of the North East Conference - unprecedented success for the

team this early in the season.

Richard Home's first-quarter touch down came from a 65 yard pass, with a one yard rushing touch down from Andy Barlow following in the next quarter.

A second touch-down for Home in the last quarter left Demons well behind. The score would have been even higher, except that four touch downs were disallowed because of penalties.

Once again, Mariners kept up an excellent defence, led by John Patterson and Steve Browne.

The away game at Leeds on Sunday will test whether Mariners have it in them to stay at the top.

Jon Woods

University students represent County

ON SUNDAY 29th October, four University Ladies Hockey Club members represented Northumberland in the U21 Northern Counties tournament which was held at Blackpool.

The girls from Newcastle were Catherine Campbell, Polly Pogden, Ailsa Mithchell and Andrea Stewart who had all got through two trial sessions held at Wallsend.

The tournament included an extremely early start and a long drive for the dedicated

players who faced tough competition from opposition such as Cheshire, Cumbria and Durham County.

Despite having little game-practice playing together, the team bonded well and adapted to the new experimental rules which were being played.

There were two draws and two defeats, the only goal coming from first year Ailsa Mithchell.

Andrea Stewart

Nuns in unholy bloodbath

Durham 30 - 0 Newcastle

AGOOD overall performance considering the strength and experience of the Durham team.

The NUNs held off the Durham offensive for over half an hour inside their own twenty-two, resulting in only two tries being conceded in the first half.

By half-time several players from both sides had congregated in Durham hospital.

A broken ankle in the first five minutes left the Newcastle side short of inside centre Julia Essex.

Shortly afterwards two Durham players collided head on and were both taken off for stitches.

The first half was spent in

the Newcastle end, desperately defending.

Crucial tackling and a lot of screaming held up two tries, and a brave come-back pushed Newcastle up the pitch.

An impressive run down the left wing by first year Abi made vital ground and the quick penalties run by flanker Jewellery panicked the Durham defence.

The Durham forwards were extremely quick to reach the breakdowns and recycled the ball at an amazing rate.

But with extra training and experience the fresh Newcastle side has tremendous potential.

On Sunday, with the score at 7-120, the quality was there, but not quite the quantity!

Tennis team triumphant

Durham 1 - 4 Newcastle

NEWCASTLE Ladies Tennis first team continued their impressive form with a satisfying win over Durham.

This was in spite of damp, gloomy conditions and courts that resembled an ice rink.

Our girls remained determined and played with confidence to repeat last year's result against unchanged opponents.

Tessa and Kate put in convincing performances thrashing their opponents in straight sets before our number one, Jo, overcame an irritatingly conceited opponent showing her considerable mental toughness. The doubles results then clinched the match as Jules and Tessa, unbeaten in two seasons together for Newcastle 1st IV, completed a straightforward win without a double fault in sight.

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Rugby League boys notch up 15 try victory

Trinity 0 - 76 Newcastle

AFTER a couple of defeats in cup competition, Newcastle Rugby League bounced back with an emphatic victory over Trinity College.

The Leeds outfit was completely overwhelmed by a great team performance from a rejuvenated Newcastle side. Newcastle dominated from the start, going over after a couple of minutes, Chris Pottis grabbing his first of four. Solid defensive work throughout the first half meant that the lads went in at half time with an impressive forty point lead.

With the second half starting off in the same vein as

the first, including impressive ball handling and strong running, Trinity never looked like a threat. Tries flowed like the Tyne. Class performances by Bob Wilson and Andrew Hogg and tries by James Rodgers, John Rollason, Paul Broughton, Darren Howells and Ian Paton to name but a few enabled Newcastle to notch up the biggest ever win of 76-0. Every man gave his all with Adrian Taylor grabbing man of the match followed closely by Dave Rollin and Jason Sowerby.

Congratulations to absentee Antony Gerard McLoughlin on his place in the England squad against the Cook Island's A-team.

Andrew Traynor

Impressive Durham scrape victory

Durham 16 - 8 Newcastle

IT'S an age old fact that Durham always turn out a well drilled, disciplined outfit. After their performances this season so far there was every reason to think that this Durham side could be the pick of the group.

For the first time I have been watching Newcastle v Durham fixtures Durham looked a beateable side. Although our 1st XV still did not manage to clinch victory, hopes must be high for the return leg.

The first half was a very even affair with both sides enjoying some periods of sustained pressure. Slowly, Durham's superior discipline showed as did the advantage of having an accomplished goal kicker in their XV. At half time Durham were 9-3 up, all the points coming from the boot.

The second half saw a more open game as Newcastle put in every effort to break down Durham's seemingly undentable defence. Our progress was slow, but with the wily old Greenwood weaving his magic and Storks running right into the heart of their ranks there

seemed to be a growing belief that the game was there for the taking. Unfortunately, as is customary with this fixture Durham managed to squeeze out that little bit extra when it counted and scored a converted try when we needed it least. To the credit of the Newcastle XV they did not let their heads drop, and once again marshalled by Knowles, powered towards the Durham line. Just

deserts were received late on when Whoppit forced his way over to cap a superb performance, but it was all too late.

With the next Poly game looming there is no time to relax, however I'm sure that in the next 3 weeks we will see the 1st XV getting the results that they so deserve.

Alex Williamson



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- 3642 Wins a dozen cans of beer donated by Vaux Breweries.
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- 0853 Wins two tickets donated by the Odeon Cinema, Pilgrim Street.
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- 0047 Wins Ents Gold Card donated by Ents Manager, Union Society.
- 0259 Wins manicure donated by Clinic 54, 17a Saville Row.
- 1107 Wins meal for two to the value of £10 donated by Komal Balti House, Stanhope St.
- 0671 Wins ticket to selected event donated by Ents Manager, Union Society.
- 1826 Wins a hardback book donated by Dillons the Bookstore, Monument, Newcastle.
- 0423 Wins two ice hockey tickets donated by Newcastle Arena.
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- 0187 Wins one mixed grill stottie donated by Breadcrumbs, St Mary's Place.
- 0403 Wins hair trim donated by Long, Short and Curly, second floor, Union Building.
- 0029 Wins two filled baguettes plus two pints of beer donated by Millfield House, Pets Corner, Jesmond Dene.

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BUSA block fixture V Durham (away) 1/11/95

Sport/Team	Newcastle	Durham
Football 1	2	4
Football 2	2	0
Football 3	1	1
Football (Women)	3	4
Badminton 1	4	5
Badminton 2	5	4
Badminton (Women)	7	2
Basketball (Men)	76	39
Basketball (Women)	47	35
Fencing (men)	5	22
Golf	3 1/2	2 1/2
Hockey 1	2	2
Hockey 2	2	4
Hockey 3	1	3
Hockey 1 (women)	1	2
Hockey 2 (women)	3	0
Hockey 3 (women)	2	2
Lacrosse	4	11
Netball 1	33	42
Netball 2	27	40
Rugby Union 1	8	16
Rugby Union 2	12	22
Rugby Union 3	0	43
Rugby Union (women)	0	30
Squash 1	5	0
Squash 2	3	2
Squash (women)	2	3
Table Tennis (men)	2	15
Volleyball (men)	2	1
Volleyball (women)	2	1
Winter Tennis (men)	0	6
Winter Tennis (women)	4	1

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