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## PhD student's two months in hospital after leisure centre fall

# Climbing fall victim calls for better safety measures

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### Appeal for life-saving donor

by Sian Teague

**S**TUDENTS at Newcastle University are being urged to join the search for the vital bone marrow match that could save the life of four year old leukaemia victim Rhys Grundy.



Rhys with his mum, Donna

A local paper has launched a search through the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust to find a match for Rhys' rare blood tissue that will offer Rhys the chance of a successful bone marrow transplant.

Without the operation, Rhys will die in the next few months.

The Union Society has been asked to arrange mass testings to find a suitable donor who will be the key to possible survival for Rhys.

Union President Tom Hemesley said: "Students have been great in the past with blood donations. Hopefully we will see a good response to this plea. We can all help save lives of children like Timothy and Rhys."

The trust are seeking participants between the ages of 18 and 40 willing to donate two teaspoons of blood to establish their tissue type.

If a match is discovered then more

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by Alistair Thomson

**A**N INDOOR climb at a local leisure centre turned into a nightmare for a PhD student when she fell, shattering her ankle joint.

The female student, who wishes to remain anonymous, is bed-bound with her

leg in traction, and doctors say her ankle may never be the same again.

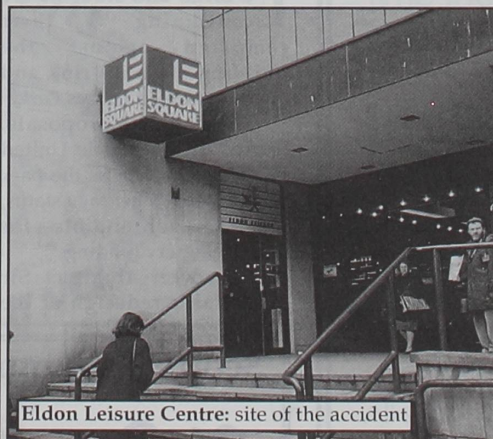
And she has criticised safety measures on the Berghaus Wall at the centre, complaining there is inadequate supervision, and the crash mats provided are insufficient protection in a fall.

"You just pay your money and go - just like going to the swimming pool. There seem to be very few safety precautions," she told *The Courier*.

"Since I came to Newcastle in October, I've heard of four other people spraining an ankle on the climbing wall. One bloke, an experienced climber, was apparently in this ward a few weeks ago with a broken leg after falling off the same wall."

Following her fall, the student was rushed to hospital, where her leg was put into traction before an operation ten days later, which involved inserting metal plates and pins to hold the bone particles in place while the joint heals. She is expected to spend at least another month in traction.

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Eldon Leisure Centre: site of the accident

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**Climber's fall**

Doctors have told her that her ankle joint could completely break down within the next five or ten years, and that early-onset arthritis is likely.

The tragedy happened as she was on a regular Tuesday night climb with the Mountaineering club.

Eldon Leisure deny that the wall is unsafe, saying that the wall conforms to all climbing safety requirements.

"We have four-inch thick wet-pore rubber matting all over the floor, with additional crash mats," said Steve Cavanagh, who is responsible for the Berghaus wall.

"This is probably the safest wall in the country. The matting we have has saved an untold number of accidents. You could fill the wall with crash mats, but you could still fall between them.

"We only have an accident - a sprain or something - every two or three weeks. Accidents are predominantly with ankles as climbing shoes provide very little support."

**Donor appeal**

detailed testing will follow in order to find the closest match possible.

The chosen donor will be asked to go to Rhys' hospital - the RVI, and undergo an operation to take a small amount of bone marrow from the pelvic bone, under a general anaesthetic.

Healthy 18 to 20 year olds can give bone marrow without any risk to their personal health.

Those who wish to help should contact the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust on 01642 783829.

If sufficient interest is raised there could be a mass testing arranged at the University.

**The Courier says...**

Students may hold the key in the search for bone marrow for four-year-old

**Fire Alarm forces GM walkout**



Lunchtime exodus

by Alistair Thomson

LAST Thursday's General Meeting in the Union, after failing to reach quoracy, was totally washed out when a fire alarm forced everyone out of the building.

Thousands of students had to take their food outside after someone set off the alarm during the busy lunch-time rush.

An attempt by Sabbatical Secretary Ashley Frieze to hold a quorate GM outside the Refectory proved unsuccessful.

The latest inquorate GM leaves a motion on French Nuclear testing - proposed in October - still undiscussed. All motions automatically roll over to the next meeting on 2 May.

Union Council, which did reach quoracy on Thursday night, was reduced to traditional student politics in a mishmash of procedural motions, amendments from the floor, and an overturning of the Chair's decision.

**Sad Union hacks' brush with death**

AFTER months of campaigning on student safety issues, four Union officers got a taste of their own medicine at the weekend when their central heating boiler was condemned.

The household in Wingrove Road, Fenham, became suspicious when Ruth Berry (Societies Officer) complained of a headache.

Shortly afterwards, the pilot light in the boiler went out, and they decided to follow their own advice and plug in a carbon monoxide detector.

The alarm went off, and the emergency gas service lost no time in condemning the heating boiler - just hours before freezing conditions returned to the north-east.

But the occupants were philosophical about the situation.

"That detector saved our lives - we did exactly what we've been telling everybody, and now we're safe," said Campaigns Officer Emma Stevens.

Carbon Monoxide alarms are available in the Union Shop at cost price.

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REIGNING Mr Newcastle University Simon Killington made his first bid for a national title in the regional heats for "Mr Gay UK", held at The Powerhouse last Friday.

But what we class as the body beautiful is clearly just not up to scratch, as Simon failed to make it through to the national competition.

But Simon needn't worry, the women's rugby team - who bought him in last year's slave auction - still love him.

**Quip**

**Women won't smile enough**



by Kate Cuddihy

DANCERS from Newcastle University Scottish Country Dance Society reeled their way to victory at the Newcastle Festival held by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in the Civic Centre on February 10. They were competing against various Scottish teams and others from Leicester and Birmingham.

Although judges initially criticised the women's team for not smiling enough, it was in the formation event that the dancers proved victorious. With their display taking inspiration from the Battle of Bannockburn and demonstrating a military theme they were able to win the first prize. The dancers were also given the honour of performing their winning dance at the celebratory dinner after the event.

**Victorian demo for Park**

by Corinne Prescott

LOCALS and students are continuing their campaign against the building of an ice rink and sports centre on Leazes Park.

The original proposals, backed by Newcastle United FC, were rejected, as the park would lose its heritage status, and be non-eligible for heritage lottery funding.

However, architect Sir John Hall's redesign of the

stadium into a circular shape, is more likely to be accepted by the City Council as it uses less land.

This improvement will not lessen the impact for those living near or using the park, given to the public in the Victorian era. Protestors will join a gathering in Victorian dress at 9am on Friday 23rd February, outside the Civic Centre, venue of a planning meeting for the project.

**Scottish Country Dance Society**



We meet 7-10 on Tuesday evenings, in the Dance Studio, King's Walk, P.E. Centre, below the Union. Dance virgins welcome any week. Trips to festivals and dances.

See noticeboard in the Basement or the WWW under "University Clubs and Societies" for more details.

## College Union left thousands of pounds in debt

by Alistair Thomson

**F**OLLOWING the shock no-confidence of Ray Dodds, President of Newcastle College Students Union, details of the financial nightmare he left behind continue to emerge.

Acting President Jag Singh has spent the last fortnight trying to sort out the mess, including debts running into thousands of pounds.

"Somewhere along the line people have got mixed up between the revenue side and the real job of helping students who need help now," Singh told *The Courier*.

And in the latest development, the College is

expected to bale the Union out by paying off its most pressing debts.

Staff at the Union have not been paid for six weeks, and the majority have been laid off - although even their redundancy cheques bounced.

Details of financial management under Ray Dodds have been handed over to the College authorities for further investigation, but it is unclear what, if any action will be taken.

"We're looking into re-writing the Union's constitution, which should stop this sort of thing ever happening again," said Singh.

### Courier

PEOPLE drinking gallons of Coors from the Union bars in the hope of a free trip to New York should watch out.

One lad who had entered the competition was phoned by a friend masquerading as Union President Tom Hemesley, and told he had won the trip.

But the joke turned super-hoax when the deluded bloke told his parents - who rushed out and booked a trip to accompany him to the Big Apple.

### Quip

## Landlord list to put a stop to dodgy housing

by Alistair Thomson

**A**N initiative to bring city landlords into line on safety standards was launched yesterday.

"Landlord Accreditation" is a joint venture between student bodies, Newcastle City Council and landlords in the area. It aims to improve the safety standards in accommodation privately rented by students by setting bench-marks on specific safety issues.

The major concerns of the accreditation scheme in its first year will be gas safety and general security, and landlords will have to conform to various standards before their properties can be advertised in student housing offices.

The standards are high, and regulations include minimum door thicknesses, provision of spy-holes, and the type of door locks used in student accommodation.

The launch is the result of several years of work on the part of Environmental Health workers and student unions.

Tom Hemesley, Union President said "We're very grateful to the Council and Housing Offices for their co-operation.

"I hope this is a pilot for some kind of national scheme to ensure the safety of students in rented accommodation."

Tom added that people should always go through the University Housing Office when looking for accommodation, as all the properties advertised by them are accredited.

"There's a surplus of student accommodation in Newcastle at the moment, and people should shop around through the Housing Office to make sure they get a safe property."

Tom's own killer gas near miss - see page 2

## Troubles hit student politics in Ireland

by James Jordan

**L**IKE Newcastle, Queens University, Belfast is also in the grips of election fever, but their battle for Union President has an added political significance that puts this Uni's competition in the shade.

Two contenders are following in their parents' footsteps by entering the political world, but that is where the similarities end.

One of the candidates, Dierdre McAliskey is the daughter of the former nationalist MP Bernadette, and another Johnathon Taylor is the son of the Ulster Unionist deputy leader, John.

Taylor's policies include reinstating the

British national anthem on graduation day and banning all Irish language signs in the Union.

McAliskey politics are more republican, but she claims that she is not simply taking the lead from her socialist mother and is her own woman.

Despite their political differences the two candidates are good friends and are pleased that the media interest has highlighted the plight of further education.

But the other candidate, Michelle McAuley is not so happy about the situation, complaining that she is being overlooked simply because she does not have famous parents.

## Jesmond pranksters pinch PC's helmet

by Tarquin Cooper

**A** ROUTINE investigation to a house party in Jesmond on Valentine's day turned into a nightmare for police after revellers stole a helmet from a squad car.

Police arrived at the party to calm things down, but their visit did exactly the opposite.

After being mistaken for a strip act by revellers, they found themselves inundated with cheers and clapping, and demands for Valentine kisses. While they carried out

their tireless 'duty' four students stole the helmet, which had been left in the car.

"We were fooling around smooching with the policeman," explained Charlotte Bromley-Davenport.

"After they left we walked out and started running around the car, being drunk. We found a door open and jumped in. It was a spur of the moment decision."

Bobby Cameron told *The Courier*: "I was throwing beer cans at the policeman, and got blamed for it. I ended up hiding in the cupboard."

Police re-entered the house to retrieve the helmet, but it was only when Charlotte and Bobby went back to get the other helmet that they were caught.

The helmet was returned in 24 hours and the officers concerned apparently did not mention the embarrassing incident to their bosses at Gosforth, preferring to keep the matter under their hats.



## In Brief

by Matthew Page & James Jordan

### Metro attacks down

RECENT figures show that the Newcastle Metro is a safer way to travel than ever before.

Published last week, the records show that attacks on staff and members of the public have fallen by an impressive 23%.

The introduction of CCTV combined with more visible security measures have been cited as reasons for this good news.

Despite the recent rise in student attacks the Metro still remains a relatively safe way to travel.

### Law Fair boost

THE Law Society are to expand the National Law Fair, the event taking place on the 12th and 13th of March at the Telford International centre.

Those considering a career in Law should attend.

As Roger Wood comments, it will make students "aware of all the employment opportunities."

Entrance is free, and TJW exhibitions will give a donation of £100 to parties of 40 or more for travel expenses. Tel Jo Mayes: 01823 433933.

### Art Auction

AN art auction will be held in the Long Gallery (Department of Fine Art) to raise money for a degree show this summer. Work of several leading artists will be displayed, and can be viewed on Saturday 2nd March (11.00-16.30), Sunday 3rd March (14.00-16.30), and Monday 4th March (9.00-18.00) culminating in the Auction.

Everyone is welcome.

### Essay Competition

THE Menerva Educational Trust has asked students for an educated and well written essay of less than 5,000 words on a topic taken from examples of women's success eg. leadership in education, medicine, law, politics etc. 5 cash prizes are to be donated (ranging from £1000 to £100) with the winning essay being published in the Times Higher Education Supplement.

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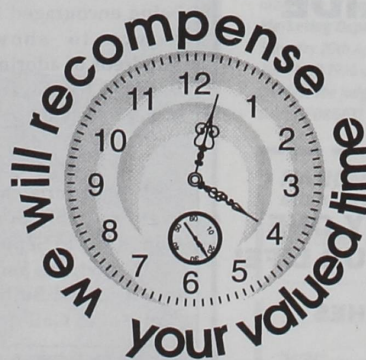
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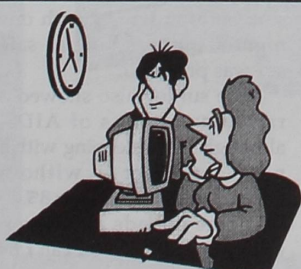
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# Pre-marital sex gets the thumbs down from students

by Paul Paes

**T**HE Valentine's debate ended in a crushing defeat of liberal student morality in the motion: "This House approves of sex before marriage."

Proposing the motion Charlie Rae said: "Sex before marriage is normal. It is part of our society. We ought to accept and approve it as part of our life. To discourage sex before marriage encourages marrying for all the wrong reasons."

## Values

An angry Rebekkah Perfect continued "Why should our values be dictated to us by religious faiths, when most people don't believe in God? The Bible was written 2000 years ago - we live in the 1990's."

Opposing, Sajjid Ahmed was infuriated by the proposition's "irresponsible, immature and trendy views which are the root cause of family breakdown in society. Sex before marriage is all

about lust, not love."

Jonathan Clark followed this, quoting from Tacitus of Imperial Rome to the Wombles of Wimbledon Common: "Pre-marital sex will lead to the complete decay of society."

"Just because everyone does something, that does not make it right. People's values may have changed, God's have not."

The floor speeches were a fascinating clash between a religious alliance opposing the motion, and a liberal faction led by Peter Gibson.

## Nature

Gibson said: "We are not by nature monogamous creatures. We have animal urges which need to be fulfilled. We were made to sow our wild oats."

But the house was not swayed by this argument - the vote ended with two-thirds of the house saying 'No' to sex before marriage.

# Universities reject student numbers cuts

by Matthew Page

**U**NIVERSITIES from around the country have dumped the idea of reducing student numbers in a bid to solve lack of government funding.

At the deadline for applications only one enquiry lay on the table, and it is clear that nationally high powered institutions are not seriously contending the idea.

The refusal to go along with the government's suggestion is the latest episode in the on-going saga over university funding.

As the wrangle continues, speculation had arisen that reductions would provide an alternative to the £300 weight on student shoulders, but has been openly rejected.

Adrian Smith, Vice-President (Welfare), suggested that a possible solution may have been overlooked.

"Obviously the ultimate answer is decent funding from the Government," he said.

"Restricting numbers would be a more compromisable alternative for keeping opportunity alive within the higher education sector. It would also halt the stretching of resources," he said.

## Courier

VALENTINE'S Day brought an unexpected bonus for Union Porter Tom McMullen when he got back from work last Wednesday when his beloved finally summoned up the courage to propose to him.

Asked whether she had got down on one knee to pop the question, Tom replied "Oh no, she was flat on her back - she had had two bottles of wine for Dutch courage and all."

## Quip

# Centre's challenge to young talent

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Demo tapes and enquiries to Patrick O' Sullivan at the centre at 43 Gallowgate.

# Cross Campus

by Tarquin Cooper

## St Vincent's College, Hants

THE extent to which men would go to express their love was demonstrated last week when one nearly died trying to erect a love message for his girlfriend as she walked to college.

Martin Beard and a friend had climbed a bell-tower in the early hours of the morning when disaster struck. Jamie Daly, 19, fell about fifteen feet sustaining injuries to his head and neck. His condition is described as "stable" and his injuries are "not life threatening".

## Edinburgh

AN Islamic Studies lecturer has been linked to an extremist Islamic group, known for its glorification of Hitler, according to a *Scotland on Sunday* investigation. Dr. Yasin Dutton is accused of belonging to Murabitum - a Jew hating fundamentalist sect.

Dr Dutton denies all accusations, naturally.

## Bristol

A THIRD year student accidentally phoned his father during sex with his girlfriend. The embarrassment came as he accidentally knocked the phone off the hook and pressed one of the pre-set numbers. Picking the phone up at the vital moment his father was greeted with the sound of the couple climaxing.

## Oxford

A GUEST night Dinner party ended with a violent bicycle race around Jesus College involving fifteen people in a one lap race. Those that didn't wipe-out were greeted by the Police with threats of arrest for disturbing the peace.

## Liverpool

FOR those people that think it's rough up north, be consoled by happenings in Liverpool. Over the Christmas holidays 11 student houses a day were broken into. In a term that has seen 11 muggings (five with knives) sexual assault and ambushes on students the Police Chief, Jim Sharples, has refused to commit fresh resources to combat the problem. "Students do not warrant special attention" and are "not sufficiently vulnerable" the report says.

# Election section

**E**XTRME weather conditions almost brought electioneering to a standstill as banners were torn from the Union building by ferocious winds.

On Monday - the day before the elections began - half a dozen banners had to be removed, many with wooden spars snapped,

ropes broken and fabric torn. Several had to be taken down to protect windows from loose struts blowing in the wind.

And the blizzard conditions didn't bode well for the two-day campaign during which candidates are prohibited from canvassing inside the building.

# Northerners top the table in bed

by Laura Smith

**A**NEW report issued from Adurex has labelled Northerners most active between the sheets.

Randy folk from Yorkshire topped the score chart, getting 88 sessions per year, while loveless (or just luckless) Londoners only managed to get their leg over 71 times.

Saturdays seems to turn the nation into horny animals,

with half of all adults choosing to make love on this day, leaving the early week days with a knackered and incapable average of 2% choosing Tuesdays as the day for lurve.

It was also revealed Britain is turning into a nation of budding Romeo's, with the average frequency of sex rising to 77 times per year; the highest figure for 4 years.

44% of those interviewed saw nothing wrong with one night stands, as long as safe sex was practised.

The survey also showed a raised awareness of AIDS, although those sleeping with a new partner without protection rose from 6 to 8%.

Come on lads and lasses, get it together - if you can't be good (and we know you won't), be bloody careful!

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 Dr Elizabeth Stuart  
 University of Glamorgan

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

**Public Lectures**

by Alistair Thomson

**P**OLY President David Holden was let off the hook last week as the motion to claim back £1000 solicitors' fees was withdrawn on a legal technicality - 20 minutes before the Emergency General Meeting.

Under the motion, Holden was to be asked to pay back the money, which he used in an attempt to sue *The Courier* over an alleged libel last October.

If unable to pay the money, the sum was to be deducted from his wages as a sabbatical.

But after taking legal advice, the proposer and seconders decided to withdraw the motion, on the grounds that it is illegal to stop someone's wages.

A letter signed by the proposer and all seconders was read out to the meeting, officially withdrawing the motion.

Shortly afterwards the meeting collapsed as a quoracy challenge was received, and everyone had left.

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**Don't mention it, just don't mention the 'C' word... Like it or lump it, or love it, we're stuck with it! Less stress, more chocolate - that's what this world needs. What can I say, it's simply the best, better than the best. Chocolate - an obsession for some and irresistible to many. Just what is it about this unique substance? Lara Bethinussen finds out...**

I'VE always wanted to know who 'discovered' chocolate - whoever the guy is, he deserves a medal, 10 Oscars and handfuls of other awards. We are not worthy! Just think how many of us, especially females (it has to be said), owe our sanity and moments of pleasure to the pioneers of chocolate as we know it.

Chocolate, in a drink form, was actually around thousands of years ago, before the Europeans even heard of it. The Incas and Mayans used a chocolaty drink in rituals and as a currency, made from the beans of the Cacao tree (found in the tropical areas of Central and Southern America). These guys certainly knew the way forward! Big-time investments on the horizon possibly? But no, it wasn't until 1502 that a European, Columbus in fact (what a guy), laid hands on the cocoa bean. On returning from his New World explorations, he brought a gift of beans to the Spanish king. For some bizarre and unfathomable reason, no one was impressed

- if only they knew what they had missed!

However, twenty years later another guy, Cortez, brought more cocoa beans to Spain, after having tasted it in Mexico as a cold drink, 'chocolat'. Things then began to look better for the future of chocolate when the Spaniards added sugar and vanilla to the cocoa, making it taste less bitter and more delectable. Cunning plan! So much so that they almost kept it a secret from the rest of Europe. But not for long, nothing could prevent the



onslaught of the brown bean. It was gradually discovered by English and Italian travellers in South America, and Spanish Jews fleeing the notorious Inquisition brought the cocoa to France.

Surprisingly, cocoa didn't appear in England until as late as the middle of the seventeenth century, in a drink form. At this stage only the well-off could afford the luxury - it was expensive (about the equivalent of £500

for a pound) due to heavy Government taxation, and was often smuggled into the country (some people knew they were on to a good thing!) Chocolate houses, called things like 'The Cocoa Tree', sprung up - meeting places for big-wigs. Samuel Pepys, in his diary, describes listening to poets and playwrights at such houses, whilst enjoying the taste of 'jocalatte'.

It wasn't until the 1850s, when Gladstone lowered the taxes, that us common people could afford the taste. Now your talking, time for a few important developments... In 1828 a chocolate breakthrough had been made - a certain Coenrad J. van Houten, basically the patron saint of chocolate as we know it, had the idea of inventing a press to extract the cocoa butter from the bean. Good thing or what, because this butter forms the basis of solid chocolate. The first eating chocolate was produced by Joseph Fry in Bristol, 1847 - he added chocolate liquor and sugar to the cocoa butter, and hey presto: **Chocolate.**

That is basically how chocolate is made - sounds easy, but it's a long process. It doesn't just appear perfectly packaged on the shelf, and it's not quite the Willy Wonka river of chocolate. The whole thing begins near the Equator, with plantations of trees which, when a few years old, grow pods. These are harvested about twice a year, and the beans are extracted and dried in the sun. Later, at the factory, the beans are roasted to bring out the flavour, then husked and ground. The heat from the friction melts the cocoa butter (about half the content) to a chocolate liquor. Different things are added to this liquor to create the different types of chocolate we know; plain chocolate has extra cocoa butter, sugar and

flavouring. Milk chocolate has milk added, and white chocolate has no milk added. The more pure the cocoa bean, the better quality the chocolate has. Some manufacturers add vegetable fats added instead of cocoa butter - Dairy Milk never tasted - Dairy Milk never you've tasted Belgium chocolate.

However, until 1880, chocolate was rough and grainy, not quite what we came the well-known Rodd... He had the brain wave of also mixing the concoction to give it a smooth consistency we know. Different manufacturers have different recipes, hence the diversity of flavours - are you a Cadbury's fan or a Nestle devotee?!

All of a bit of a joint effort really. The increasing popularity has meant more and more chocolate products (that's the

ending: chocolate bars, buttons, ice cream, moose, alcoholic drinks, milk shak



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## Wasp Factory

**Y**OU'VE seen *Seven*, now get to grips with 16 year old Frank's perfectly orchestrated series of murders: deaths which the audience simultaneously delights in and recoils from. And whilst Frank concerns himself with the ritual killings of small animals and young children, his mad, sheep burning, dog eating, institution escapee brother draws ever nearer. The story is as funny as it is horrifying - And Richard Gregory's adaption is certainly not for the faint hearted.

The Northern Stage production is certainly novel, and may prove rather inaccessible to those unfamiliar to Iain Banks controversial cult debut. And even seasoned fans of the book may be disconcerted and perhaps unsatisfied with the minimalistic approach.

The play successfully preserves the darkly humorous tone of the novel, the three deaths resonating with all the sadistic charm of Iain Banks clinical wit. And yet the humour of the story does not detract from the serious questions that lurk beneath the exterior - regarding where responsibility for violent action lies: with the

individual, or with society. Frank may appear to be from a different planet; his bizarre upbringing and the confusion surrounding his gender (interestingly depicted by Graham through using male and

rather clichéd and melodramatic drama school posturing of the central character grates after the unpretentious power of the novel's narrative voice.

However it is perhaps unfair to criticise such an



female actors to portray the character) mark him out as "different", but his story is utterly relevant.

And yet Bank's character is arguably undermined by the jarringly vehement acting of the female lead, which seems to strongly contradict the deadpan, methodical attitude of the novel's Frank. Moreover, the

approach, as the production is clearly limited by it's minimalistic attitude. This minimalism may lead to the omissions of many of the most powerful and funny parts of the novel, but it has a certain poetry and stark appeal. Frank's story is certainly worth hearing.

Lucy Howard + Tom de Castella



## Two's a crowd...



**F**OR only two actors to take on 14 roles between them during just one play is a feat in itself. However, when they do it with the gusto and aplomb shown by Charlie Hardwick (female) and Trevor Fox in *Two's a Crowd*, it becomes nothing short of masterful.

The play is set in a pub, and apart from incarnating the two ever-bickering publicans, Charlie and Trevor incarnate the varied assortment of customers who grace the premises that night. The rich tapestry of life is laid out on the stage, every stitch skilfully displayed for the delight or horror of the audience. Some scenes are side-splittingly funny, others - such as the violent boyfriend abusing his meek, battered girlfriend - are harrowing to say the least. All are linked by their location and by the undeniable talent of the two performers.

The newly refurbished Live Theatre is the perfect venue for an offbeat play such as this, resembling as it does the interior of a public house; and the relaxed atmosphere made a refreshing change from other more stuffy theatrical establishments - you all know the ones I mean!

Now it may seem like I received a fat cheque for writing this, as I have nothing but praise for the play and it's two stars, but alas that is not the case. However hard I racked my brains, I don't honestly think that I would be able to find anything critical to say. So, you will have to make do with my sycophantic whittering instead - sorry!

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## BASS INSTINCT TWO FINGERS



**S**ET in modern day South London, Bass Instinct tells the story of a biracial (his word) spliff smoking, woman chasing, cycle-courier by day, DJ by night.

Our hero is not a particularly sympathetic character. He is full of insecurities and prejudice, and is driven by a desire to be blacker. He believes Techno and Jungle are for black people only, whites apparently have no taste and even less idea how to fully appreciate or interpret this sort of

music.

Music is his passion. Throughout the story he pursues a relentless search for a record that he heard as a kid, which then set him on his journey to become a DJ.

**"His other great passion is sex! His encounters and fantasies are described in great detail"**

His other great passion is sex! His encounters and fantasies are described in great detail, as are his hang-ups and his thoughts on contemporary attitudes to sex.

Spliffs are another of his indulgences, and the vivid descriptions of his drug experiences suggest that *Two Fingers*, the author, has also had the pleasure

*Two Fingers* is without doubt a good writer. He has a lovely way with words, which helps bring the main characters, and the intricacies of their lives, very much to life.

I enjoyed the book, although I didn't care much for the hero. I could identify with his interests and feelings about being a twenty-something in the nineties, but he wouldn't believe it possible because I am white and a member of the fairer sex.

However, it was a good read, and *Two Fingers* is definitely one to watch out for in the future.

Nicola Harris

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## Frank the plank

THE fourth "job" in my prestigious reporting career for *The Courier* took me to the opening of the Two Headed Haddock Comedy Club at the Riverside. A catchy title indeed, for a no frills set-up in a cold and draughty room upstairs at this famous venue.

Places like this have to be where hardy Northern comedians are born, so if you're envisaging drinking cappuccino, while reading the Times and having the odd smirk at a 'right-on' comedian, then don't go. This is the Riverside after all. Mind you, a certain member of the audience called Cheryl does stick in my mind. She heckled the first support act with such resounding success that he was given a huge round of applause as he left, purely out of sympathy.

**“ I'm only trying to do my job. Do I disturb you when you're doing yours sniffing for truffles? ”**

The second support act proved to be more of a match for our Cheryl. Anvil Springsteen, an aged and malnourished Jimmy Corkhill lookalike took instant control of the situation with, "I'm not on T.V. love, I can come down there and smack yer!" This was received with rapturous applause, and he continued, "I'm only trying to do my job. Do I disturb you when you're doing yours sniffing for truffles?"

Finally (and unfortunately) the main act of the evening was the old T.V. comic with the paper maché head, Frank Sidebottom. The first half hour of his set (I didn't last any further into it!) consisted of a collection of songs made up of television adverts or famous songs, to which he had added his own lyrics, the accompaniment for which was preset into his Yamaha keyboard.

You could have divided the club into 3 parts; Frank Sidebottom, his fanclub, and the rest of the audience - the latter were never really on the necessary wavelength. However, the comedy club has a lot of potential to become a venue to further enhance Newcastle's reputation for fine comedy, and I hope it succeeds.

P.S. Cheryl, stick your version of heckling up your arse!

DeeJay

For info on forthcoming dates phone 0191 2614386.



## In Short...

### A Stone's throw from love...

SHARON Stone revealed in a recent interview with a British magazine, that she has been in love with the same man for 14 years! Apparently she is perfectly prepared to wait another 14 for him to come round to the idea, and no other guy will do. So, all you men who have been pinning your hopes on her falling for you, and then whisking you off to her Californian mansion had just better think again!

### A sensible choice...

AT last, Austenmania has made the jump to big screen with Emma (is there nothing this woman can't do?) Thompson's adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*. The film is a hot favourite to sweep the board at the Oscar ceremony, with Ms. Thompson having been nominated for Best Actress and Best Screenplay. Judging by how wonderful both the film and her performance are, it would seem to be a highly 'sensible' choice!

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### Comic turns

THE LONSDALE pub just beside the West Jesmond metro is now the venue for the Newcastle Comedy Club. Events take place every Thursday night from 8pm and entrance is £4.50, which may seem a lot, but for that you do get to watch an assortment of the finest young comics around, in a very convivial atmosphere. If beer and comedy are two interests of yours then get yourself down there on a Thursday night.

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### Caribbean Magic

FROM the 26 to 28 February, NUTS is giving you the chance to be transported away to the warmth of the Caribbean Isles. Not literally, unfortunately - but via their play, "Moon on a rainbow shore" by Errol John. This play has been described as, "Happy, sad, black, white, small and big." Tickets will be on sale from 21 February at the Union door, costing £2.50 for students. Not a bad price for a trip to Trinidad!

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### RSC hit the Toon

THE 1996 Spring run by the RSC began last Monday with Josie Lawrence as Kate in 'The Taming of the Shrew' and 'The Relapse, or Virtue in Danger' starring Jennifer Ehle. The season runs until Saturday 23 March and includes such delights as 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Julius Caesar', and Chekhov's acclaimed play 'The Cherry Orchard'.

Prices vary depending on location (the Theatre Royal, the Playhouse or the Gulbenkian) but student tickets are available on the day for £1 at the Theatre Royal and £4 in the other two theatres.

For those of you for whom culture has up until now consisted of watching Noel's House Party on a Saturday, now is the time to broaden your horizons with some of the Bard's best work performed by many of Britain's top actors and actresses.

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**albums**

**GIRLS AGAINST BOYS**  
House of GVSB

(Touch and Go)  
FOR the uninitiated, GVSB play an almost bluesy hardcore not too far removed from the likes of Rocket From The Crypt or Jon Spencer, with vocab strictly from the Mark E Smith school of growling - I think you get the idea.

Opener, and first single, 'Super-Fire' sets the tone for one of the most original platters unleashed so far this year. Despite the initial comparisons, no one does it quite the same. With songs from the weird to the just plain trippy, they show a cool J Mascis would be proud of. Oh, and they're Michael Stipes favourite band.

So go on, do yourself a favour, and enter the house!

Steve Jackson & James Clarke

**RIDE**  
Tarantula

(Creation)  
TARANTULA sees Ride enduring each others company one last time before splitting up, presumably to tide themselves over until their solo careers get moving.

This album proves it's long overdue that they put themselves (and us) out of their misery. After seven years they have perfected the knack of writing the most cringe-worthy rhyming couplets. Child/wild, mountain/fountain, camper/hamper, you can see them coming every time.

There's a couple of redeeming moments such as the single 'Black nite crash', but it's all summed up in 'Nowhere to Run' when they complain of being stuck on the road, sick and tired of the same old songs. It wouldn't be much fun listening to this stuff too many times, so I'm with them on that one.

Andy

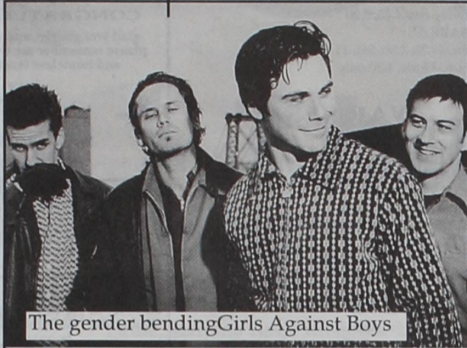
**THE FALL**  
Sinister Waltz

(Receiver)  
THIS album is the first of three to be released milking (oops - that is to say, exploring) The Fall's back catalogue. The Fall - they were something I always felt I ought to like, like coffee, but to be honest I think I've always missed the point.

With this album Mark E's whiney vocals still grate, and the sleeve notes make me feel even worse for not enthusing; 'Arid AI's Dream' they opine is "a mid-tempo slice of surrealism with intense backing track peppered with evocative violin lines and

sinister percussion". The track in question is not worthy of such orgasmic praise, but there are moments on the album where I feel, well, peppered with admiration for the band's brave innovation.

All in all, the jury returns its verdict; Clever? yes:



The gender bending Girls Against Boys

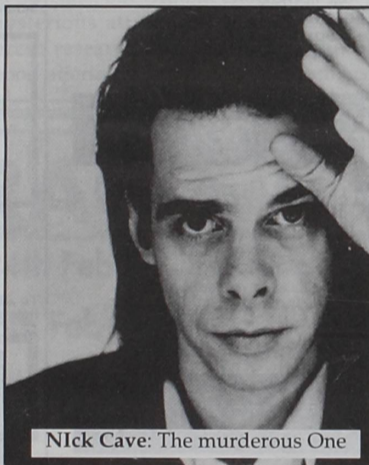
Enjoyable? Not unless you're someone who likes anchovies.

\*\*\* Claire

**NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS**  
Murder Ballads

(Mute)  
ECHOING from the deep depths of a hell hole comes the devil's black soul music. Typical Nick Cave then.

This is a dark collection of low-life lullabies, bluesy ballads and misogynist murders in which the hugely resonant Cave ensnares the feminine vocals of Kylie and PJ Harvey. It's enthralling melodrama - and funny as fuck.



Nick Cave: The murderous One

The vein of heavy humour running through these sinister stories produces some of the most heart-felt light-relief since that 'smell of Napalm' speech in Apocalypse Now.

Finishing off with Bob Dylan's 'Death Is Not The End' was perhaps predictable, but the presence of Shaun MacGowan, Kylie, PJ, the man himself, his German guitarist and others, all warbling like The Muppets used to do, makes it unsettlingly amusing. Like when you least expect it you're going to get a pick-axe in the head, just for laughing at the absurdity of it all.....

\*\*\* Pooh Bear.

**singles**

**ANGEL CORPUS CHRISTI**  
Me And My Beretta

(Almo Sounds)  
THE grand title conjures up images of academia and intelligence. Oh, how wrong that is.

It sounds like someone has been handed a bon tempi and just messed about a bit. Remember how the flute on those dinky Casios sounded more like a cat being strangled than anything you'd find in the wind section? Well then you've got the idea as to the quality of the background 'electronics' going on here. Not only that, but the lyrics are banal and it's very repetitive. The only good part is that I now know what a beretta is. Whoopee.

Wild Child

**FLUFFY**  
Husband

(Parkway)  
WHAT does a posh all-girl punk band have to offer us then? Can they live up to the music press hype? Are they any good?

Well, unfortunately, not really. This single contains the obligatory four chords played in ascending or descending order only, and also features some pretty cringe-worthy lyrics. Having said that though, it's not as bad as I feared; it's reasonably catchy and a mildly interesting distraction, although I can't see them outlasting the hype.

Martin Pollard

**LUSH**  
Ladykillers

(4AD)  
IT'S to be hoped the recent spate of 'sceptical about men' type material coming from this flame haired songstress doesn't mean she's having problems in the bloke department.

First was 'Single Girl', and now 'Ladykillers' emphasises a cynical yet realistic view of men and their not so wonderful ways. What girl can hear the lyrics "he was persistent, he only had to have me 'cause I put up a fight" without breathing a deep sigh of recognition

\*\*\* The Wild One

**ROBERT MILES**  
Children

(Deconstruction)  
FIRST gentle xylophone chimes, then enter solitary piano soaring serenely. Slowly fade in plucked violin. A subtle acoustic guitar drifts through, swirling over the calmness which lies below. Next, strings sweeping effortlessly through the texture which has been created...

Then enter 120 bpm bass drum? Something must have gone wrong here, but, believe it

or not, it actually sounds good. Not overdone, not harsh, but just right. A sort of dancefloor version of Mike Oldfield.

This could quite possibly mark the dawn of easy listening for the techno generation!

\*\*\* Dave

**SUPER FURRY ANIMALS**  
Hometown Unicorn

(Creation)  
A band of Welsh new-hoppers from the Oasis stable. They paw about with retro Bowie and Iggy Pop influences, while sounding like Supergrass with a forty-a-day smoker on vocals instead of hyper-active children.

And the lyrical content? - well your guess is as good as mine. But with a couple of promising B-sides, Creation might well have done it again.

\*\*\* Christopher Robin

**WAY OUT WEST**  
Domination

(Deconstruction)  
NICK Warren and his boys are probably better known for their remixing talents, rather than song writing capabilities.

All the same 'Domination' just about hits the nail on the head. A hard driving bass line and catchy sampling both help to keep the whole thing ticking over quite nicely.

\*\*\* Jack

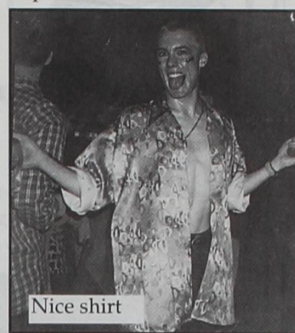
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C & Sez

**clubscene**

**HULLABALOO**  
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THE fact that it sold out way in advance was a strong indication of how much potential this night really had, and it lived up to the highest expectations.



Nice shirt

Scott and Scooby warmed up nicely with their classic Shindig style, while we lost a few friends due to plentiful random searches by security!

Then came Antony Papa shuffling along nicely with Angel to follow. She went on a garage type tip that was a real crowd pleaser.

A short session in the chill out room was a top move as to go back into the action - the genius of Tall Paul - meant a finale of perfection.

For those that managed to stay (hardcore posse) they were rewarded nicely due to the AMAZING last 30 minute set including Ken Doh's 'Nagasti' and Robert Miles' 'Children'.

Can't wait 'till the next one!

**live**

**POP WILL EAT ITSELF**  
KING L,

**THE MYSTICS**  
**VOXALINE**  
Holsten Indie Party, Newcastle City Hall  
SEE PWEI free!! Well, not quite.

In order to get tickets you needed to drink Holsten Pils, or alternatively be in the Union on Monday night when they were being given away.

The City Hall was only about a third full and most of the people were in the bar (drinking Holsten Pils no doubt). The first three bands played short showcase sets, the most notable being King L, their REM meets Bluetones style going down well with the audience.

However, when PWEI arrived with their dance industrial wall of noise, it proved too much for the uninitiated in the crowd. The few PWEI fans there though, did enjoy themselves. The excellent light show and energetic performance partly made up for the lack of atmosphere in the void-like City Hall.

If PWEI sold tickets normally for this venue they would probably do quite well. But at the end of the day I can only draw one conclusion from this strange evening..... not many PWEI fans drink Holsten Pils

Dave



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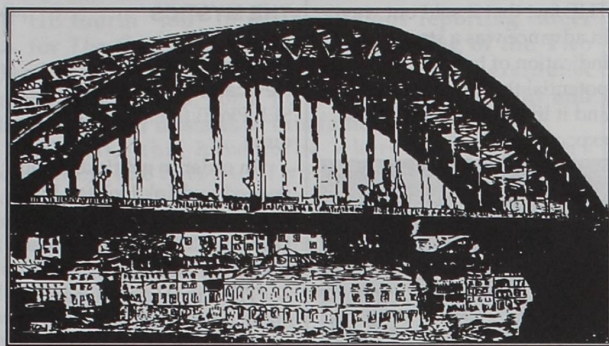
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- WIGGLE WIGGLE 8.00-Midnight

Tuesday, 27th February

- ELECTRIC LOUNGE Trip, hop, hip, hoptrip.

Wednesday, 28th February

- CREAM the hidden curriculum tour. 9.00-3.00 am £7.50 advance

### Music

Thursday, 22nd February

- PAUL LAMB & THE KINGSNAKES Chillingham Arms, Heaton, 8.30 pm
- STICKY FINGERS The Pheasant, Tynemouth, 8.30 pm

Friday, 23rd February

- IN THE MOOD WITH HERB MILLER ORCHESTRA City Hall, Newcastle, 7.30 pm

Saturday, 24th February

- STICKY FINGERS Heaton Buffs, 8.30 pm
- ETERNAL City Hall, Newcastle, 7.30 pm
- MICK WHITTAKER Newcastle Arts Centre, £3, 8 pm

Sunday 25th February

- LIVE MUSIC and Sunday Lunch Ram Jams, Newcastle

Monday, 26th February

- PULP Newcastle Arena, 7.30 pm
- MO HAROLD BLUES BAND Newcastle Arts Centre, 8 pm, £2

Tuesday, 27th February

- THE HOLLY TREE Newcastle Arts Centre, 8 pm, £2

Wednesday, 28th February

- IRISH FOLK Cumberland Arms, Byker, 8.30 pm.
- PERFUME Riverside, Newcastle, 8.30 pm, £4

### Clubs

Mondays

- HOUSE PROUD Bliss House music to blow your dumplings off. With Tony Hutchinson and Little Hutchy. £1
- 80's NIGHT Planet Earth £3 (NUS £1.50)
- ALTERNATIVE Bourbon Street
- DERIDDIM Legends
- LOADED Ritzy. Student night. Underground dance & funk in the back room, £1.50

Tuesdays

- THE CARWASH Planet Earth. Djs Huggy Bear & Starsky.
- PLASMA POOL Planet Earth. DJ Kenzie. £2 (NUS £1.50).
- THE GARAGE, Tuxedo Royale.
- 70's DISCO FEVER Bliss. 70's night with Brutus Gold, Afro's and 70's attitude. £2 (£1.50 NUS)
- BULLETPROOF 2000 Ritzy. Turbo Assisted guitar based noise. Alternative Tuesdays £1.50

Wednesdays

- WESTWORLD Planet Earth. Student Night, Indie, Pop & Dance. £1. 11pm-2am.
- MASS - Bourbon Street.
- Trip hop to techno, alternate Wednesdays.
- 70's NIGHT, Tuxedo Royale. £3.
- ENJOY - Hip Hop with Da Flava Fat Sams. Free.
- JOINED AT THE HIP Bliss. Happy House & Party. 9.30 pm-2 am. £1.

Thursdays

- FOR THE GRACE - Bliss. Garage/House with Steve Butler and guest Djs. £2 (£1.50 NUS)
- HAPPY NIGHT Madisons. Charts, Party and Dance.
- THE GARAGE - Tuxedo Royale. Progressive Dance, Garage, Commercial House.
- CLUB 18 - 25 - Tuxedo Royale.
- FUTURE WORLD, Planet Earth. £1.50.
- DJ SHOWCASE Fat Sams with Djs from Ice FM New talent welcome. Open decks.
- LICKETY SPLIT (Acid Jazz) at Arts Centre, Newcastle. £2.
- JALEO - House and Jungle Rockshots (under new management) Two rooms. £3

- BING BONG ROOMS - Mo' hip hop & jazz Riverside, Newcastle. Residents: Phil Browne & Nik Barrera plus rappers nd bongos. Waitress service for coffees and muffins. 9 pm-2 am. £2

Fridays

- THE PALACE, Riverside. £2.50 B4 10.30pm, £3.50 after. London beats Manchester groove, Northern soul, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.
- VIVA, Riverside. Residents: Bhaskar Dandona, Ollie & Emma. 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.
- ROCK CLUB Mayfair, Newcastle. 9 pm-2 am
- THE DROP (Back-a-Yard) Mayfair. £3.50.
- GEARBOX Mayfair
- JUST THE CARROT Madisons.
- FEEL THE NEED Madisons. 60s and 70s.
- NICE - with residents Hans & Skev + guest Djs. Planet Earth. 10 pm-2 am. £5/£6 (£5 NUS).
- THE OLD SKOOL, Downstairs at Planet Earth, Newcastle. Funk, Hip-Hop, Mowax, Ninja Tunes. £5 B4 10.30pm, £6 after (NUS £5), 9.30pm-2am.
- NICE WARM UP with ROB AND ANDY Fat Sams. Free B4 11pm.
- BOP TIL YA DROP Bliss. 9.30-11.30 pm. £2 B4 11pm, £3 after.

Saturdays

- SHINDIG, Riverside. £6 before 10 and £7 after, NUS £6 all night. 9pm-2.30am.
- BACK-A-YARD The Mayfair. Reggae, Roots, Dub, Ragga.
- ASYLUM University. Indie/Alternative. Free. 9pm.
- SCAMMING SATURDAYS Planet Earth. The Freshest Djs. £5. 'till 2am.
- THE MAIN EVENT World HQ. £3.50/£4.
- STRICTLY GAY NIGHT Rockshots. Resident Djs.
- BEATNIK Central Park. Indie. £2. 11.15pm-2am.
- SATURDAY NIGHT Madisons. Requests, charts, dance, party
- SERIOUS DANCE Madisons. Back room
- SUNSET JAZZ CLUB Tuxedo Royale
- CLUB STOWAWAYS Tuxedo Royale. Soul, 70s and new romantic
- TRADER JACKS Tuxedo Royale, 7 hours of commercial dance with DJ Mamoon
- CLUB EUROPE Tuxedo Royale. Progressive dance, garage and commercial house
- LICKETY SPLIT (Acid Jazz Club) at Arts Centre, Newcastle, 8 p.m.-Midnight
- DO YA WANNA PARTY? Bliss, Little Hutchy & Chris Schrouder until 2 am. £5

Sundays

- DELIRIUM, Saturday's Dance Bar, Planet Earth
- DUB + CHILLOUT, Fat Sams with Djs from Ice FM

### Theatre

- GULBENKIAN STUDIO THEATRE Barras Bridge, Haymarket, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tel. 0191 230 5151
- THE WASP FACTORY (Northern Stage) Till Sat. March 2 at 8 pm + matinees Thurs. 15, Wed. 21, Wed. 28. 1.30 pm. £8 (discounts £4)
- NEWCASTLE PLAYHOUSE Barras Bridge, Haymarket, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tel. 0191 230 5151
- THE RELAPSE, or, VIRTUE IN DANGER (RSC). Till Tues. 27.
- THEATRE ROYAL Grey Street, Newcastle. Tel. 232 2061

- TAMING OF THE SHREW (RSC) Till Tues. 27 Feb. at 7.15 pm (Thurs. and Sat. matinees 2 pm), £5-£29.

### RSC

PERFORMANCE DATES & VENUES

- MARCH
- THEATRE ROYAL Fri. 1st - Sat. 9th
- ROMEO & JULIET 7.15 pm (except Sat. 2nd, Thurs. 7th and Sat. 9th: 2.00 pm) Wed. 13th-Mon. 18th
- JULIUS CAESAR 7.15 pm (except Wed. 13, Thurs. 14 and Sat. 16: 2.00 p.m.) Tues. 19th - Sat. 23rd
- RICHARD III 7.00 pm
- PLAYHOUSE Fri. 1st - Sat. 9th
- DEVIL IS AN ASS 7.15 (except Sat. 2nd, Thurs. 7th and Sat. 9th: 2.00 pm) Wed. 13 - Sat. 16th
- CHERRY ORCHARD 7.15 (Except Thurs. 14th, Sat. 16th): 2.00 Wed. 20th - Sat. 23rd
- FAUST 7.15 Thurs., Sat. 2.30
- GULBENKIAN Mon. 11th - Sat. 16
- PAINTER OF DISHONOUR 7.15 Except Thurs. 14th, Sat. 16th, 2.00 Mon. 18th - Sat. 23
- PHOENICIAN WOMEN 2.15 (Except Thurs. 21st, Sat. 23rd: 2.00)

### Films

TYNESIDE

- Thursday, 22th February
- MADAGASCAR SKIN (15), 4.30/6.30/8.30
- RENDEZ-VOUS DE PARIS (15), 4.15/6.15
- FUNY BONES (15), 8.15

Friday, 23rd February

- DESPERADO (18), 4.30/8.45
- SWINGER + ANGEL BABY, 6.30
- INSTITUTE BENJAMENTE, 4.00/6.15
- SISTER MY SISTER (15), 8.30

Saturday, 24th February

- POCAHONTAS (U), 1.30
- SISTER MY SISTER (15), 4.45
- DESPERADO (18), 6.45/8.45
- INSTITUTE BENJAMENTE, 4.00/6.15
- WINTER'S BLOCK + HOTEL SORRENTO, 8.25

Sunday, 25th February

- DESPERADO (18), 4.00/8.40
- SPIDER ROSE + SMALL TREASURES, 6.15

Monday, 26th February

- INSTITUTE BENJAMENTE, 4.00
- SISTER MY SISTER (15), 6.05
- TRAINSPOTTING (18) + SPECIAL EVENT, 8.0
- DESPERADO (18), 4.45/6.45/8.45

Tuesday, 27th February

- DESPERADO (18), 4.00/8.40
- THE SUM OF US + HAYRIDE TO HELL, 6.15
- SISTER MY SISTER (15), 4.10, 8.30
- INSTITUTE BENJAMENTE, 6.00

Wednesday, 28th February

- SISTER MY SISTER (15), 4.15/6.00
- INSTITUTE BENJAMENTE, 8.15
- DESPERADO (18), 4.30/8.45
- MAGNETISM + BLACK FELLAS, 6.30

ODEON

Commencing Fri. 23rd Feb. until Thurs. 29th Feb.

- JUMANJI (PG) Weekdays & Sun. 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.25 Sat. 10.50, 1.15, 6.00, 8.25
- SEVEN (18) Every evening 8.05
- LOCH NESS (PG) Every day 1.00, 3.15, 5.45
- SENSE & SENSIBILITY (PG) Weekdays & Sun. 1.55, 4.55, 7.55 Sat. 10.55, 1.55, 4.55, 7.55
- CASINO (18) Every day 3.40, 7.20
- BABE (U) Fri. 11.25, 1.30, Sat. 11.25 only Sun-Thurs. 1.30 only

WARNERS

Beginning Fri. 16th Feb.

- STARTERIDAY
- CASINO (18) 3hrs 10mins 1.10, 5.10, 8.50 (Free list suspended)
- SENSE & SENSIBILITY (U) 2hrs 30min 12.30, 3.20, 6.10, 9.10 Late show Fri./Sat. 11.50 (Free list suspended)
- DESPERADO (18) 2hrs 2.20, 4.40, 7.20, 9.50 Late show Fri./Sat. 12.00 (Free list suspended)
- JUMANJI (PG) 2hrs (11.10, 11.40 Fri.-Sun.), 1.30, 2.00, 3.50, 4.20, 6.20, 6.40, (8.40 - not Thurs), 9.00 Late show Fri./Sat. 11.35 (Free list suspended)
- HEAT (15) 3hrs 5min 1.20, 4.50, 8.30
- LOCH NESS (PG) 2hrs. (11.20 Fri.-Sun.), 1.50, 4.10, 6.50
- A LITTLE PRINCESS (U) 1hr 55min (11.40 Fri.-Sun.), 2.10, 4.30
- BABE (U) 1hr 45min (11.30 Fri.-Sun.), 1.40, 4.00
- SEVEN (18) 2hrs 20 min 7.00, 9.40
- ACE VENTURA 2 (PG) 1hr 50min Fri.-Sun. 11.10 am only
- DANGEROUS MINDS (15) 1hr 55min 7.00, 9.30 Late show Fri./Sat. 11.55
- FATHER OF THE BRIDE Part 2 (PG) 2hrs 9.20 only
- THE PEBBLE & THE PENGUIN (U) 1hr 30 min Fri.-Sun. 12.00 noon only
- SHOWGIRLS (18) 2hrs 30min Fri./Sat. 11.40 pm only
- JOHNNY MNEMONIC (15) 2hrs 5min Fri./Sat. 11.00 pm only
- Kids' Club 24th Feb.
- TOM & JERRY: The Movie (U) Sat. 10.30 only
- Manager's Choice 29th Feb.
- BODYGUARD (15) 2hrs 20min Thurs. 8.40 only

### Cabaret

Thursday, 22th February

- IMPROV SHOW - DAVE JOH, SIMON CLAYTON, ANDY SMART, CAROL McGUIGGAN The Comedy Cafe, 7.30 pm, £4.50 First of the very popular improv shows where your suggestions are turned into comic sketches.

### Bits & Pieces

- Sunday, 25th Feb., 1996
- NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY Sub-Aqua Club. Suck and See! If you dare... If you would like to try Scuba Diving then book now. Cost £7 only. Tel. (0191) 212 0985 - Ask for Spencer or Adam 11th March, 1996
- DAVID LIPSCOM A-CAPPELLA GOSPEL SINGERS. Ravenswood Road Primary School, Heaton, 7.30 pm

## PERSONAL COLUMN & CLASSIFIED ADS

3p PER WORD - MINIMUM CHARGE 30p

RAG DAY - 29th Feb. For all ORANGES - Big Thanks and let's stay friends. - ADRIAN x

To the girl from MARS, CONGRATULATIONS! glad you got the one you wanted... please remember me when I'm jobless and homeless (on 1st August!) Love SIMON

RAG DAY - 29th Feb.

SOMEONE TO TALK TO Nightline Tel. 261 2905 - 8 pm-8am

Thanks to the Sunbury Sexpots at No. 5 and No. 20 for keeping me stress-free on Wednesday. Pedigree chum here we come!

We would like to thank everyone, everywhere who have helped us over the last few stressful weeks! You're all great Love Adrian, Nick, Fridley, Chas orange

To all those people who didn't get elected: you got away lightly!! RAG DAY - 29th Feb.

Thank you to all NIGHTLINERS - you've been great. Love the ex-co-ordinators

For all YELLOWS - Thanks for the Race. JAMES, good to see the New Year's Resolution of no larking has hit the fan!

PAINT IT RED RAG DAY - 29th Feb.

JULIE, try staying at home at night you Sunbury Slapper.

LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL SOCIETY Meets 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Women's Room, 1st Floor, Union Building. For more information please contact Andrew Smith, LGB Officer, Equal Opps. Unit, 2nd Floor, Union Building. Tel. 232 8402. Ext. 136.

CHRIS - Thanks for your patience. -Love, Adrian

RAG DAY - 29th Feb. To all those who got elected: wait until training - we'll make mince meat of you!

Roses may be RED Violets may be BLUE But ORANGE was the best team And you are ALL stars too! H x

RAG DAY - 29th Feb. How about a serious bit of house-warming?

Tony, what did you want to say about Ian's hair? Happy Birthday, Leah.

RAG DAY - 29th Feb.

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# Chocolate orgasm

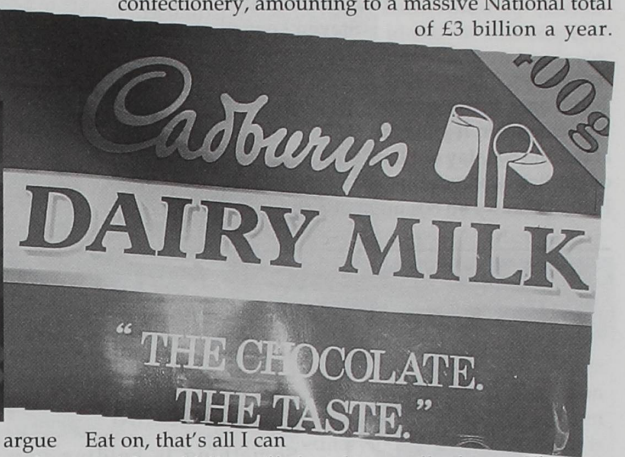
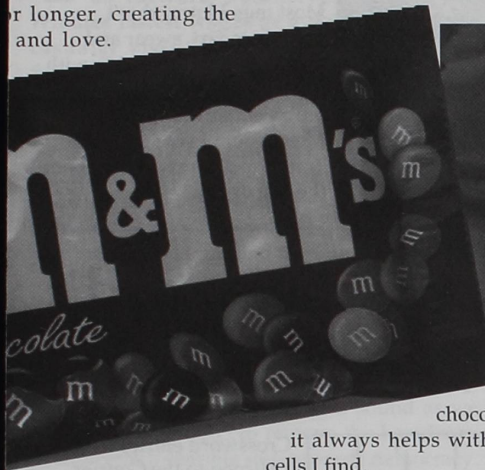
## - The Chocolate turn-on

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Lindt (Swiss, of course).  
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r longer, creating the  
and love.

that familiar craving now can't be a true chocolate fan! The versatility of chocolate is unimaginable - the Mexican's dip Chicken in it (whatever turns you on...), the Sicilians add onion to it and serve as a sauce with game, Italians have invented chocolate tagliatelle, and some American (they always have to go one step

Chocolate does seem to cheer people up, partly because it contains the chemical Phenylethylamine (along with 300 other chemicals) - the reason for chocolate cravings. This chemical is similar to Amphetamines probably having the same effect, raising the blood pressure and blood sugar levels, making

pounds of chocolate, out done by 22 lb by the Swiss, but more than the 10lb for every American. Recent figures show that British people spend over £7 per month on confectionery, amounting to a massive National total of £3 billion a year.



; the range is never-  
olates, biscuits, cakes,  
erts, eggs, hot chocolate,  
Anyone who isn't feeling

further) invented monthly news letters printed in chocolate scented ink. And, of course, it always helps with doing work - boosts the brain cells I find.

I can imagine a world without TV, without McDonalds, but without chocolate - no! Just what is this mysterious attraction? It obviously tastes good, but recent research also shows that chocolate is in fact a mood-altering substance, giving feelings of 'well-being'.

us feel more alert and well. Cadburys and Nestle argue that you can't become addicted to chocolate, but the Eating Disorders Association believes it is possible; people can get hooked on the rush of blood sugar which gives a little pick-me-up. I would be inclined to agree with the latter... The Latin plant name for the cocoa bean tree, 'Theobroma Cacao' means 'food of the Gods' - how apt, it certainly is divine.

Figures from a few years ago show that every year on average every English person eats 16 and a half

Eat on, that's all I can say! I could live off chocolate, well, almost. That could sound a bit worrying, with chocolate supposedly being a substitute for sex and all that. But I don't see it like that - let's face it: giant Galaxy bar on one hand, Brad Pitt look alike on the other; the Galaxy wins hands down every time, no competition mate! After all, the chocolates always there when you need it, and it lasts longer (sometimes), plus it doesn't care if you get fat. In doubt? Eat chocolate.

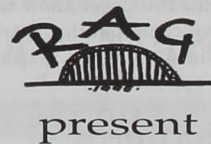
### RAG EVENTS

Saturday 24th Feb	Rag Parade
Monday 26th Feb	Snogathon
Tuesday 27th Feb	City Centre Collection Sponsored/themed Pub Crawl
Wednesday 28th Feb	Sale of Rag Mags Roman Slave Auction
Thursday 29th Feb	Fancy Dress Collection Fellwalkers Everest Climb Leap Frog Leg Wax Blind Date Mr & Miss University Raffle
Friday 1st March	City Centre Collection Bungee Jump Pyjama Jump/Snogathon
Saturday & Sunday 2nd and 3rd March	Hitch Hike to Amsterdam

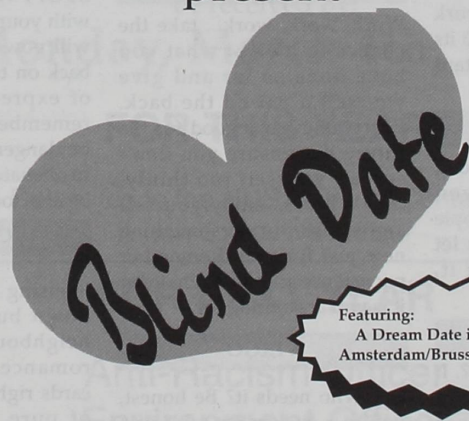
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CULTURAL BLUES

Dear Aunt Sally  
Following on from last week's classic *Courier* review of Attica Blues at the Riverside, I too have had similar experiences of the appearing artist failing to actually perform their album with their entire band but instead just one of them standing behind a record deck.

I recently went to see Boy George do 'NICE' at Planet Earth. To my disgust, the rest of Culture Club were nowhere to be seen, and Boy George didn't even perform Do you really want to hurt me?, Karma Chameleon and all the other classics. Instead we had the usual con of George just standing behind the record deck.

Why didn't they just book Mark Goodier?

Yours Gratefully  
Steven Loane  
Henderson Hall

Sally Says:

Times are changing mate! - this is the 90s remember. If you want to reminisce about the 80s stay at home with a mug of Horlicks and your 'tape' collection. Failing that try an 80s night at a club!!

Star letter - Star letter - Star letter - Star letter - Star

Dear Aunt Sally  
I was wondering if the Editor and staff of the *Courier* have noticed a recent upsurge in sales.

I may be able to solve your dilemma:- I am currently in possession of 25 000 copies, having been unable to resist the absolutely wonderfully gorgeous, young, Friday- lunchtime vendors. I just can't help myself.

Yours Sincerely  
I.M. Grim

Sally says:

Glad *The Courier* is providing an all round service as usual. Next week identify yourself - even if you have to buy them both a drink it will be cheaper than 25,000 *Couriers* won't it!

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Dear Friends,

I am an adult philatelist interested in postage stamps from your country. I am looking for a partner keen on a systematic exchange of stamps. In exchange for mint (unused) stamps from your country, I am similarly offering mint specimens from Russia.

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Faithfully  
Andrew A. Skurlatov  
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MEN'S LETTERS

Aunt Sally

E-mail ncourier@ncl.ac.uk

Dear Aunt Sally

I am severely pissed off about two items of earth shattering importance: the lack of a men's officer, and the lack of a dedicated men's room.

This has nothing to do with chauvinism, but the fact that we have nowhere private to fart, swear and grunt.

I have often wanted to rip off a large fart in the Union, but the presence of females has necessitated an uncomfortable build up of

pressure.

A men's officer would protect these rights,

Hello, Boys!



many men are aware of the social impropriety of some aspects of their preferred behaviour, and therefore would appreciate a designated area and representation in order to avoid offending the general populace.

If the Union cannot exceed to these requests, I would suggest the removal of egg stotties and beans from the menu.

Yours  
Knuckles McGooliecruncher

Sally says:

Most men I know don't hesitate to fart, swear and grunt - either I'm mixing with the wrong type or you truly are a gentleman. As for a Men's room I vote for one for Tank-top wearers - how about the rest of you?



The Women's Room: But do Men really deserve one?

The Cosmic Courier

Horoscopes by Hercule - stargazer of the future



Hercule

AQUARIUS

Things are looking up but don't take it all for granted give a little extra to a special relationship but keep a close watch on those purse strings. - Remember money can't buy you love! (but it can buy you sex.)

PISCES

Parties and good times may not be the answer to all your problems but it's fun while it lasts. Remember you only live once but try to balance work and pleasure as it will reap its rewards in the not so distant future.

ARIES

You can't do anything wrong this week, everything you touch will turn to gold. People may be jealous but don't let them stop you enjoying it, you've deserved it.

TAURUS

Who said romance is dead? If you play your cards right 'it could be you'. A close relationship is going to reach new heights this week, tread carefully at first and it may blossom. Time you had

something other than Tedy to keep you warm at night!

GEMINI

Something is holding you back from getting what you truly want. Take a good hard look at yourself and start to recognise your true potential. Nothing is out of reach if you only believe in yourself. Go take the risk, it will be worth it in the long run.

CANCER

Despite the cold weather and the bleak outlook there's something new on the horizon. Don't be afraid to talk about your concerns, 'a problem shared is a problem halved'. You never know who or what could put that sparkle back into your life. Explore every option!

LEO

Work, work, work... take the chance to look at what you have done so far and give yourself a pat on the back. Everything looks good for the future but ensure you don't spread yourself too thinly, take a break, enjoy yourself and splash out on something new just for you. Remember persistence pays off whatever it is you are aiming for.

VIRGO

Sex, who needs it? Be honest, you're a sucker for a bit of a 'frolic' like the rest of us. Put aside your inhibitions this week and go after the one you have been secretly admiring

you never know where your charm will get you.

LIBRA

You've been overdoing it recently! Get things into perspective, and think about what you really want from life. You may be called upon to lend a supportive shoulder this week, make time for others and what you want may happen without forcing the issue.

SCORPIO

Again you have put others before yourself, it makes you a great person but you need to have some quality time just for you. Go out, treat yourself do whatever you want, people won't hold it against you. Get your other half to give you a bit of TLC and snuggle up in front of the telly for an evening or two.

SAGITTARIUS

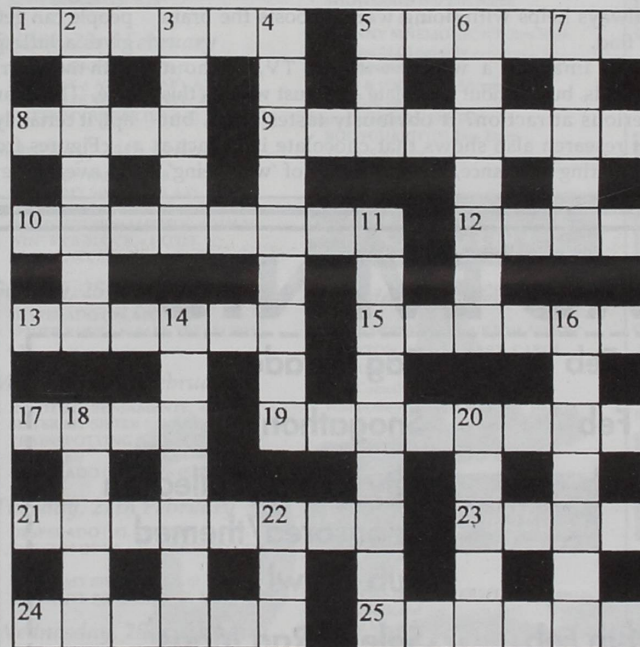
STOP! What are you doing with yourself, have you got no will power? Try to get things back on track. Don't be afraid of expressing yourself but remember a harsh word can be dangerous, you don't want to alienate people as they may be able to help in the future.

CAPRICORN

Housing may be getting you down but a not so distant neighbour may bring some romance. If you play your cards right it could be a week of pure pleasure in every sense of the word. Don't walk round with too big a smile though or everyone will know what you have been up to!!

The Courier Prize Crossword

Compiled by Grazy



Crossword entries to be returned to the *Courier* office by 2pm on Monday 26th February 1996.

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Nick Sandeman,  
Fenham

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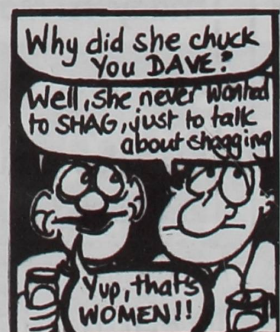
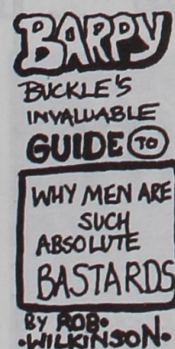
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- 12 Vow, pledge: esp. in court (4)
- 13 A star sign (6)
- 15 Cajole, seduce, allure (6)
- 17 Western US state (4)
- 19 Jotter (8)
- 21 Coffee made with boiling water/steam (8)
- 23 Zulu regiment, armed blacks (4)
- 24 Wood to hold roof tiles (6)
- 25 Splendid, excellent (6)

Down

- 2 Tightfistedness (7)
- 3 Use the brain (5)
- 4 Nuclear hazard (9)
- 5 Arrow launcher (3)
- 6 Thaw (7)
- 7 Brilliant, showy (5)
- 11 Union event last Tue/Wed (9)
- 14 Gain wealth on someone's death (7)
- 16 Axe (6)
- 18 Magentic flux density (5)
- 20 Small airship, complacent person (5)
- 22 Male child (3)

Last Week's Answers

- Across:** 7. Acclimatised; 9. Ransome; 10. Burro; 11. Acid; 12. Cellular; 15. Cenotaph; 17. Adam; 19. Uncle; 21. Tolkien; 22. Breakthrough
- Down:** 1. Scansion; 2. Gloom; 3. Ampere; 4. Stubbly; 5. Tsar; 6. Adjournment; 8. Breakthrough; 13. Lodgings; 14. Streaky; 16. Patchy; 18. Alloy; 20. Chef



SO BASICALLY WOMEN TALK ABOUT SEX, FEELINGS, AND JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING. MEN JUST THINK WITH THEIR LITTLE HEADS!!!!!!

# No Lords a-leaping?

**Tony Blair wants a new-look Labour, but does the changing focus of British politics mean an end of an era for one of its oldest institutions? Alec Marsh takes a political magnifying glass to an old political germ.**

**CU.1) Would you let your local pub cricket Sunday-warriors team out to bat against the West Indies?**

**CU. 2) Why did the Beano kell off Lord Snooty?**

**T**HE answer to question one is NO; the sight of aged men using their beer guts as forward defensives against the Windies fastest would be a sick tragedy with casualty visits all round. Secondly, Lord Snooty was axed because, besides being unfunny, he was outdated and irrelevant.

The House of Lords are in a similar situation. Not only are they the last great amateurs of political history, but they're also an endangered species who are far more boring than Lord Snooty ever was. This does not mean that the Beano is funding the Labour party but Lord Snooty has shown the way.

Tony Blair has decided to give New Labour something new, so he's plumped for something old - Parliamentary Reform. This is a strange revival of Liberal England. But are his plans for removing hereditary peers as sound as we would think? Firstly, to remove the hereditary peers seems a sensible step towards democracy. After all, why should somebody whose ancestors were the political deviants of yesterday, be a figure in government of today? Under the political rhetoric of the nineties this is undoubtedly a good idea. However, if you

remove the descendants of yesterday's politically corrupt elite, all you do is to concentrate the powers of the corrupt of today. Thatcher, Tebbit will still be there to haunt John Major. Perhaps this is exactly why Blair may keep the life peers.

## Queen, Commons and...

This begs the question of what could and would replace our ancient upper body? If they were an elected chamber, would they require an income of fifty grand a year along with a list of things they'd have to do as well? Surely this would mean they'd need more power which could only come from the Commons. Does Blair realise that he is attacking the sovereignty of this humble house?

But of course, he's read Will Hutton and he knows the State We'll Be In. However, if you split the power of the two Houses more evenly, then who is going to co-ordinate it? Which independent official will be the lucky recipient of this task? Will Charles be given a real job when he becomes king? Surely not, so we'll need a quasi-president of some sort. Therefore, in ten years time we may be saying goodbye to all that and Liberal England really will be dead.

## So what about apathy?

As the last wreath is thrown on the grave of liberalism, will anybody actually care? Apart from the odd extremist, most politicians accept that the Lord's days are numbered. Could this be the passing of a great institution. Although the hereditary peers, did pack into the Government lobbies when voting began for the Poll Tax. In this sense they failed to fulfill the time-honoured duty to act as a check on the otherwise supreme sovereignty of the Commons.

However, if you asked the average man on



Blair: May scrap the Lords

the street a few political questions, he couldn't care less about proportional representation, devolution or Donald Duck running (or waddling) for the leadership. Ask them about other things - patriotism, tourist postage stamps etc. It stirs up some of that apathy.

In the film SE7EN there's enough murder and rape to make Tarantino look like an ardent member of the Salvation Army. The central message of the story was that apathy caused the present social evils. The idea was that we're like this because nobody gives a damn about anybody else but themselves. This brings us neatly to Thatcherism. The cliché that

everybody is apathetic about everything except apathy rings true here. But, people did demonstrate about the Poll Tax and people have recently been ripping wing-mirrors off lorries to prevent live export. Newbury is not a sign of apathy. It is not all powerful and neither are people simply motivated by selfish ideals. In this respect, the House of Lords do some good. They are cheaper than an elected body of professional politicians; they are less interested in furthering a career and they are less likely to follow a party line

because they can't be threatened with deselection, like M.P.'s can. Peers have a job for life. But the fact remains that as the world enters the twenty-first century the notion of an upper house dominated by men (no women can become hereditary peeresses) and which is not accountable, does seem absurd.

In the age of the internet, the House of Lords is a monument to antiquity and should be reconciled to a museum. Change for change's sake is not what is being called for here, but the argument of 'gradual' reform and evolution can be taken too far. Perhaps political institutions should be given a sell-by date - say 1000 years.

## STUDENT'S

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# Vaseline greases Universities' palms

**B**RITISH University Sport has triple cause for celebration with the announcement of substantial support from three commercial sources.

Vaseline, the world's biggest selling hand and body care brand, becomes title sponsor of the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA), with a six-figure investment in the current academic year.

The Vaseline BUSA Championships will also benefit from an association with *The Daily Telegraph*, long noted for its regular coverage of student sport, which becomes the official newspaper of British University sport, second only to *The Courier*.

At the same time, BUSA

has reached agreement with Live TV, the cable channel which transmitted the Rugby League World Cup in 1995, for scheduled coverage of major fixtures in the Vaseline BUSA Championships, including the Rugby Union Final at Twickenham on 20 March.

Commenting on his commercial hat-trick, BUSA Chief Executive Greg Gregory-Jones said, "It is extremely gratifying for university sport to receive simultaneously three major votes of confidence.

"We are delighted to secure a brand of the calibre of Vaseline as title sponsor. And growing media interest, exemplified by the *Daily Telegraph* and Live TV, is testimony to the increasing stature of University sporting

competition."

Paul Jacobus, Brand Development Manager, Vaseline, commented, "Vaseline's position as official sponsor of university sport is a logical development because of its synergy with young, active, healthy people."

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### The team with the hole

**T**HE Water Polo girls are through to the Semis of the BUSA competition.

In a particularly tough second round against Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge last weekend, the Newcastle girls showed their true colours.

Without a goal conceded, the other teams were left miles behind and our women's squad are now through to the semi-finals of the first ever BUSA women's water polo tournament.

Katy Lamb

### Geographers lose their way

**D**AYSH are Brill, it's Official.

In the Cathedral of Football that is Close House, the mighty Daysh boys from the Geography department, continued on the long road to Premiership survival.

Resplendent in their beards and anoraks, it was a Stirling defensive display by the likes of Joe, Captain Dan, Dave and Mark.

A wickedly in swinging corner from the inspirational Chiggy eluded everyone and gave Athletico the lead.

A spell of pressure from the oppo led to an undeserved equaliser and once again it looked like the Geographers were heading for yet another defeat.

Once again, though Chiggy came to the rescue and, with a little help from Dan, the red and black army maintained the momentum.

Battling against the gradient and the wind in the second half, Daysh needed solid defence to protect their lead.

An astute tactical change brought all eleven back to protect their keeper. The result was inevitable as they soaked up the pressure and attacked on the break.

This eventually provided a simple third for Pete and even a lucky own goal for Henderson could not spoil the day for the victorious Daysh.

### Super Scuba do

**T**HE Newcastle Universities Sub-Aqua Club is holding a fund-raising event on Sunday 25 February and costs £7.

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### Vikings conquer Edinburgh

**T**HIS year the Association of Norwegian Students Abroad held their annual games in Edinburgh, at Herriot Watt University.

These games have a long and proud tradition and involve such diverse sports as football, volleyball, indoor bandy, tug-of-war and throwing the milk bucket.

Newcastle University ruled the tournament consisting of 300 Viking participants and teams from universities all over the UK.

Newcastle participated with two teams (one mixed with Essex) and won the football and tug-of-war, finished second in volleyball, third in throwing the milk bucket and reached the semi-finals in indoor bandy.

The team spirit was tremendous and both teams joined forces to ensure complete victory.

This is the first time in history that Newcastle has won the tournament and the trophy that is ours to keep until next year.

The prize this year also included 5 return tickets from London to Oslo.

To crown the weekend the ever so famous Norwegian band DeLillos were flown over from Norway to give a performance no-one will forget.

Hege Nordahl

### Thirds out of BUSA competition

**T**HE 3rd Football Team crashed out of the BUSA cup last Sunday as sleet and hail lashed the frozen north-east.

Needing to beat Leeds to go onto the third round and face arch-rivals Northumbria, the Uni got off to a flying start.

After weathering the initial storm, Newcastle took the lead courtesy of an excellent finish from the Scouser Joe Bann.

This turned the tide in the Toon's favour as they piled on the pressure. A second goal was not long in coming, this time from the deadly boot of Alan Kirkman.

With half an hour gone and Newcastle in complete control things looked good for this team who have struggled this season with injuries to key players and an immense fixtures pile-up.

But, yet again the defence

hit the self-destruct button and Newcastle just could not hold onto the early lead.

Going into extra time with the scores level at 2-2, it seemed as though Leeds just wanted it more.

They were first to every ball and more importantly kept their composure and discipline.

This result means that the second team are the University's only representatives in the BUSA competition.

But at least it allows the third team to concentrate on the league which they are holding up at the moment.

### Rowers battered by elements

**T**HE senior men's rowing squad spent a weekend a fortnight ago seat-trialing to win their seat in the boat down in Nottingham.

The weather was a deciding factor, with the water at Holme Pierrepont doing a superb impression of the Cape of Good Hope.

Saturday saw a set of three trials being conducted on the nearby river Trent. One oarsman, Cenk Ozer, looked despondent and shattered after an unsuccessful three, and had to wait until the Sunday to fight again for his seat on bow-side.

By the late afternoon, the entire squad seemed spent, being out in the cold, soaked, and tired of rowing into a raging head wind.

Sunday was far more productive, as the squad moved camp to the Trent at 7am. With conditions much calmer, rowers looked a little happier.

The whole exercise of trials is mentally and physically exhausting, and often the realisation of your performance in losing a seat trial can be deeply upsetting.



A day of upsets it certainly was. The two big men, Neil Hunt and Brian Nuttall, were rowed down by comparative lightweight James London and Fabien Balles, respectively.

The rowers returned to Newcastle awaiting the coach's final verdict, to be announced early in the week, some ecstatic, others unsure of their performance in this crucial man-against-man competition.

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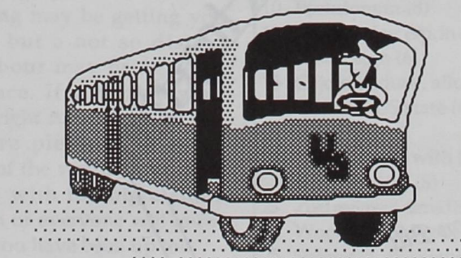
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# NU-ice work as freshers skate to victory

Durham 3 - 5 Newcastle  
by Tim Ellis

ICE Hockey history at Newcastle University was rewritten last Wednesday when the second team clinched the club's first ever victory.

The victory was made all the more sweeter because it was against Newcastle's arch rivals and perennial toffs; Durham.

A frantic opening saw both teams warily sizing up each and several violations of the no-contact rule which was designed to create a more flowing game. This frenetic period was broken by the fresher Ashley Sharpe who, assisted by Tom Cartwright, broke away from the pack and neatly finished giving the keeper absolutely no chance.

Durham replied six minutes later with a solo effort from a rather capable Oxbridge reject, who beat Newcastle's ever-present keeper, Stuart Woodhouse.

The wind was only temporarily taken out of

Newcastle sails as they quickly regrouped and scored two goals in a storming five minute period.

The first was picked up by Andy Stringer from a muddled pile-up next to the Durham's goal. Man-of-the-match Mark Jones netted the second with an impressive slap-shot from the edge of the defensive zone.

After a lucky second goal from Durham, Newcastle tempers began to fray as a succession of unnecessary penalties followed. A game billed as a non-contact run-around was speedily degenerating into a grudge

match of epic proportions.

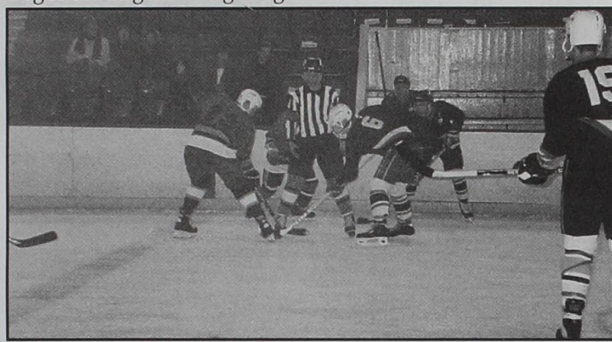
Despite this Newcastle's defence remained solid and effectively nullified some of Durham's more experienced players.

Newcastle's greater strength in depth then began to pay dividends as they powered away.

Goal of the match belonged to Carlos Serra who benefitted from good approach work by Stringer and Cartwright. Receiving the puck unmarked in front of goal Serra did not panic and calmly placed it past the keeper.

Considering the vast majority of the players that appeared were new to ice hockey at the start of the year the standard of play was even more impressive.

A place in the history books and the pride of Newcastle belonged to the second team.



# Windy weekend for sailors

HIGH winds and tough opposition provided Newcastle sailing teams with challenging racing a couple of weeks ago.

With qualification for the national BUSA finals at stake Newcastle needed to finish in the top two positions in the north-east league which included Durham, York, Leeds and Hull Universities.

Saturday saw mixed success amidst the icebergs at Hull when Newcastle I and II beat the host teams and York II.

But the Firsts were defeated in both races against York I and the Seconds although winning one race lost narrowly overall on points to the same team.

Racing continued on Sunday at South Shields in Durham's Laser 2's when Newcastle needed wins to secure their positions. With a biting easterly wind gusting Force 5 staying upright became increasingly difficult, even with reefed sails.

Newcastle proved their superior boat handling in beating Leeds I and II and Durham II convincingly, finishing 1, 2 and 3 out of 6 in most races. Newcastle's excellent starting was the key to their success.

The ladies team, without two regular members, were always struggling in the strong winds and disaster almost struck when crew member Lucy hit her head and was pulled underwater in a dramatic capsizing.

Help was quickly on hand but Newcastle Ladies were unable to overcome the strong opposition of Leeds Ladies and failed to qualify for BUSA. However they are through to the Northern Universities finals.

The services of the rescue crew were required again as a dinghy receiving on-the-water repairs was swept almost beyond the pier heads on the strong side, next stop Norway. It was time to call it a day with Newcastle still to race Durham I.

Three matches took place at South Shields on Wednesday in light winds. Newcastle II won their place at BUSA with a triumphant straight match defeat of Durham I to the obvious delight of team captain Bob Collins. This left Newcastle I and Durham I to fight it out for the other qualifying position.

Durham won the first race, but controversy surrounded the outcome of the critical second race when Newcastle's leading boat suffered a

breakage during the race which was claimed as a victory by Durham. Newcastle immediately lodged a protest and are seeking a rematch.

With adjudication necessary Newcastle must convince the judges they deserve a chance to make it a double celebration for Newcastle Sailing Club.



# Kane still able

Liverpool 5 - 8 Newcastle

NEWCASTLE University 3rd rugby team scraped through against a strong Liverpool side last week courtesy of some impeccable kicking from an old maestro.

Vice-captain Rob O'Kane found his old kicking form to win this thrilling game in extra time. Putting aside thoughts of an earlier miss and jeering opposition supporters, O'Kane coolly slotted home from fully forty yards.

Man of the match Jim Nicholson opened the scoring with a well deserved try after good play from the forwards. The pack must take full credit as all were outstanding in defence. The back row must be pushing for greater honours such was the ferocity with which Tinkler, Barnett and Nicholson tackled.

Rob Casserly also had a fine game at full-back and must have pushed hard for the man of the match award.

The defence, impeccable all day only succumbed to sustained Pool pressure once giving away a rather fortuitous try. Pressure also came in the form of the ref who made some dubious calls and at one point found himself at the bottom of a ruck such was his lack of mobility.

Despite this the Toon defence held strong and as the twenty minute extra time period ticked away Newcastle's discipline held and they were rewarded with the penalty that sealed the game.

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## Newcastle show new found confidence against Australians

**Newcastle 21 - 31 NSW**  
**F**OLLOWING a heavy defeat at the hands of a mediocre Harlequins side the prospect of facing a strong NSW team was not a happy one for Newcastle.

The touring side that ran out last Tuesday evening contained eight full internationals and looked formidable, even without the mercurial David Campese.

After ten minutes the tough antipodeans had scored ten points and Newcastle seemed destined for another heavy defeat.

The lightening pace of the Australian full-back, Matt Burke was too much for the Newcastle defence to handle and he raced in down the right.

Strengthened by the introduction of England star Tony Underwood to the three

quarters Newcastle played with confidence and a good deal of panache.

Instead of relying entirely on the golden boot of Andrew, Newcastle were running penalties and posing the NSW's defence serious questions.

Questions were all they were though as the Aussie back line held firm under constant waves of attack.

When defence was turned into attack by the Australians and Scott Bowen plunged over for their second try the writing looked on the wall for Andrew's men.

The crowd went quiet, fully expecting another thrashing.

But this match did not turn out to be the rout that most predicted and everyone feared.

Previously New South



Wales had looked pure class and Newcastle only brave, but slowly the tables began to be turned.

Just before the interval Matt Wilson, the Toon winger, fed by Underwood touched down in the far corner. Although still 13 points adrift this heralded a impressive Newcastle fightback.

After the break, Newcastle were quick to attack and two minutes they scored the try of the match.

A try-scoring NSW pass was intercepted by Wilson who sprinted the full length of the pitch to score underneath the posts.

Despite several penalties for the Aussies, Newcastle kept the pressure on and a quickly taken penalty by Andrew lead to a push over try, scored by No 6, Tony Malarky.

Only three points behind at 24-21, in control and with only ten minutes remaining, Newcastle looked well and truly in the hunt.

The home side were recycling the ball at a tremendous rate and keeping the Australian defence under intense pressure. As the crowd howled for the winner, NSW seemed to step up a gear.

A loose pass was seized on by the opposition back line and lead by the huge lock, Warwick Waugh, they drove ominously up the field.

A certain try was saved only by desperate defence. But it was too desperate according to the referee who awarded a penalty directly in front of the posts.

Much to the crowd's disgust the pragmatic Aussies elected to kick at goal and effectively sealed the game.

Further infringements from the exhausted Newcastle side led to a misrepresentative final score.

But this is a game that Rob Andrew and his happy band of pros can take heart from.

### Sport this week...

Inside your three pages of regional and University sports coverage...

Back page - James Jordan reports on the recent tour match between Newcastle RFC and New South Wales.  
 Page 15 - Ice Hockey 2nd's make Uni history.  
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