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## FIVE YEARS AND 50p

It is some years since I provided the infliction of an editorial. As this is the magazine's quarter century however, and my own full score as Editor, there is perhaps an excuse. Also at each annual meeting nowadays, when the Society's finances are discussed in the usual bothered way, Castellum inevitably is at the centre of the discussion. It is the major, and steadily rising, cost which faces the Society, and Castellum is the appropriate place to describe the problem.

The cost rises because of inflation, and also because the number of copies rises each issue by nearly a full year's Castle leavers. The subscription base, which is life membership purchased over six terms by undergraduates, remains the same, and the Society has decided not to look for increased income from this source. Instead it is, in a sense, going back on one of its obligations, so that it avoids reaching a point of being unable to meet any obligation at all. From now onwards it will require an extra annual payment of 50p from members who five years after going down still wish to receive a Castellum.

The meeting decided this with real regret. There is a possibility that only the most ardent readers will overcome normal inertia sufficiently to take steps, simple and inexpensive as they are, to keep up the magazine. Only a relatively few members make the Reunion regularly, and the magazine is the real life-blood of the Society. We shall miss many of those members, who pre-occupied in early years with young families and careers, simply because Castellum has kept on coming and kept them in touch, find themselves in a later year interested still in some of the news and keen to come again and see Durham and a few still familiar faces.

However, the Reunion notices will still reach everyone, and remind them that a small payment by Banker's Order will bring them Castellum again. They will remain members, and in touch at least to that extent.

Economies in Castellum itself are not an easy way out. Already we have virtually banished photographs. Even the crudest form of news letter would not save all that much unless we were also to greatly restrict the material in it. We should not forget the magazine's value as a College record.

Certainly we are never short of news items from members, and many of them clearly are trying to stimulate news from others they have lost touch with. Friendship and memories formed in Castle appear to be among the deepest and best which we all have, and I never feel that Castle nostalgia, a lot of which passes in front of me when I prepare the magazine, is of a sticky or exclusive kind. It has an easy Durham

breeze about it and real heart. The nature and tone of it do not obviously change with the newer generations. Editing Castellum is a satisfactory and pleasurable experience, because it is something one feels is enjoyed and needed. The more who send in news, the more enjoyed and needed it will be.

I hope enough of us will defeat inertia and take the steps necessary to continue to get it, so that it forms as effective a bond as it has in the past.

EDITOR.

## THE MASTER'S LETTER

In the life of the College 1972, has been a year with some distinctive features. In historical perspective one should perhaps first note the fact that 900 years have passed since the start of building of Durham Castle in 1072. A number of ideas for celebrating the noncentenary were discussed but the only special event which actually came off was the Celebration Ball in the Castle on the 23rd/24th June. This was quite the biggest event of its kind that we have ever had, some 600 double tickets being sold. There was a marquee for supper in the centre of the Courtyard, another large one with a dance floor covering the tennis court in the Fellows' Garden and there were connecting covered ways between them, the Hall and other parts of the College. There were many famous groups and bands for dancing; chamber music and madrigals were presented in the Tunstall Gallery; there was a barbecue on the North Terrace (sausages and roast pork); cartoon films shown on the Norman Gallery; a night club with "discs" in the Undercroft; virtually activity everywhere throughout the night until 6 o'clock in the morning. A few Old Castlemen turned up and obviously, from the number of tickets sold, there was no lack of support. Only the catering arrangements perhaps left something to be desired: they were necessarily "contracted out" to a large firm who admittedly struggled against considerable physical difficulties of over-crowding. Nevertheless it was a very notable occasion earning much more praise and appreciation than criticism. Much credit is due to Aubrey Brocklebank, his friends and many student members of the College who worked extremely hard to put on so large-scale an event. I cannot believe it is practicable to repeat Balls on this scale very often but no-one should cavil at trying once in 900 years! It is still hoped that another type of celebration of the 900 years of our history will be in evidence later in 1972, namely an Exhibition of published and printed material (probably as photographic reproductions) in the Norman Gallery. Council offered some financial support but the arrangements are not yet complete as I write this letter.

Another event of historical significance was the end of Assizes and therefore the end of the use of Durham Castle as lodgings for High Court Judges—a custom which has been continuous since mediaeval times. Durham will miss some of the colourful pageantry of visiting Judges three or four times a year. Our State Rooms no longer need be made available for the Judges and their staff during Assizes periods, so the College has increased facilities in special rooms in the Castle throughout the year. In recognition of this the University has decided that the State Rooms shall be entirely "managed" by the College, at

least for an experimental period, but with separate accounting procedure to ascertain how profitable (or otherwise) an element in College activity they are.

Many will remember that only a few years ago "Bailey House" was demolished in preparation for the building of the Bailey Court rooms. We lost another of our "outhouses" this session, namely Abbey House, which the College evacuated completely at the end of June. Very promptly Abbey House Cottage, dear to the hearts of many former occupants no doubt, was razed to the ground as part of the operation which will lead to the remodelling of Abbey House itself and rebuilding on the site of Abbey House Cottage, to make premises for the Department of Theology. While this reduces the number of separate premises the College occupies, it unfortunately means that another twenty of our members need to live in Parson's Field House further away from the Castle itself. One hopes of course, that this proves merely a stage of dispersal preparatory to greater concentration near the Castle when the Sutton Site is built upon, enabling us to pull out of Parson's Field House altogether. In a sense the process has begun as four rooms in 61 Saddler Street were adapted for College use during the session. The Sutton Site project remains in the University building programme for 1974 but there is no news of any change in Government policy which would make it more likely that building could begin. There is reference elsewhere in the magazine to the progress of the Appeal to our members for the Sutton Site project.

So far I have referred to three events notable in the history of the College. Literally of more parochial significance was the change in our Chaplain: Peter Brett became Rector of Houghton-le-Spring, a local living of historical significance. This preferment after seven years splendid service to the College brought cordial congratulations for him tinged of course with regret at the end of his College Chaplaincy. The many expressions of goodwill and thanks to Peter and Jill Brett will have faded in memory by the time these words are read but they were very warmly extended at the time, and accompanied by parting gifts too. We rejoice that Peter Brett continues as a member of S.C.R. and we hope he will come to join us in College as often as a busy parish priest can. We shall be welcoming as successor and Chaplain to University College and Hatfield College, Mr. Alan H. Nugent, a former student of St. John's College (1961-65) who has more recently been Assistant Curate at Bridgnorth after previous Parish and University experience in Liverpool. He will occupy the same Chaplain's residence at the bottom of Dun Cow Lane and minister to the Colleges from October onwards.

Amongst changes in our buildings, I mention the making of three Music Practice Rooms in the subterranean spaces beneath the front

of Bailey Court rooms on 'D' Stairs: the successful insulation of the cellar space from which cool beer is piped through the wall to the Undercroft Bar: the mounting of the Macfarlane-Grieve Memorial Blades high on the wall of the Norman Gallery; and the very successful cleaning of the floor and the panelling in the Great Hall, the decoration of its walls and the re-arrangement of some of the armour above the Gallery. This last became necessary following the temporary disappearance of one of the Baker Rifles which, in the atmosphere of recent events in Northern Ireland, caused a flurry of police interest in this collection of historic rifles with the suggestion that their better security was imperative. In fact we took the opportunity of rearranging them as well as making them more secure, putting into the display many more rifles than we have hitherto shown.

It seemed desirable with the impending change in use and responsibility for the State Rooms, to have their contents revalued for insurance purposes and to include the College silver in the valuation. It was a fairly expensive operation but it yielded surprising results. The contents of the State Rooms including the pictures in the Castle, are valued at £137,000 and the silver at no less than £24,000! It is as well we should know the value of our assets even if they are by no means liquid or convertible.

What of the activities and achievements of members of the College during the year? The examination results of June 1972 were excellent, 5 Firsts and 28 II (i)s and only one failure out of a total of 81 candidates. These results compare favourably with those of recent years and indeed with those of other men's Colleges in Durham. The record of our sporting clubs is chronicled elsewhere in this magazine and it is fair to say that considering how numerically outstripped we have been by most other Colleges in Durham, our sporting record is pretty good though patchy and far from uniform. We have had comparatively few student members of the College living out other than those who were graduates, but there is a growing tendency for a few more undergraduates to opt to live out for their final year. On the other hand their numbers have been almost balanced by the number of graduate student members who have asked whether they could return to occupy a College room. I suppose this reflects the changing opportunities for accommodation and differences of financial means between different students. It suggests however that, as value for money, College residence must be reasonably comparable with independent living outside. The number of owners of motor vehicles amongst the student population continues to grow, which also indicates that a considerable proportion of the College is not feeling the financial pinch of inadequate student grants too badly. We continue too to have a substantial number of members of the University staff

who wish to live in College. Apart from the College Officers and their families established in Cosin's Hall (the Vice-Master, the Bursar and the College Librarian, Dr. Rhodes) no less than 13 other dons live in College. This is almost embarrassing in the sense that when they all simultaneously decide to dine in, there is not much room left for many guests or for that matter for many graduate members of the College to exercise their right to dine at High Table. Frankly I don't know the solution to this problem unless it lies in having a second and separate graduates' table, and this would be such a departure from Castle customs that I doubt whether I shall venture to try it before I retire!

Despite the evidence of the preceding paragraph, the residential College principle has its critics in Durham with allegations that it is unduly expensive for student members. Opinions without supporting evidence are not good enough on a topic of such fundamental importance for Durham University and it has been decided that the finances of *all* the Colleges shall be investigated by an O. & M. Team organised by a consortium of Northern Universities. I for one welcome this investigation and I shall be surprised if it does not prove that our form of organisation and provision of facilities is efficient and economical. But we must wait and see. Meanwhile under the inevitable pressure of rising costs of wages and salaries as well as materials and provisions, the Maintenance Fees for everyone "living in" must rise just as the cost of living everywhere has risen. Income must rise, from two sources: maintenance fees and vacation earnings. There is a danger if the two are not kept in proportion. It would be paradoxical and an economically unstable situation if student conditions and facilities—our prime purpose—became over-dependent upon our earning enough money by vacation conferences, external functions and ancillary efforts, which are surely only secondary and merely the means to help discharge our real responsibilities. It is the opinion of many experienced in University affairs and in the catering, conference and "tourist" industry that residences in Universities are now earning as much as they can safely *rely on* in their vacations. If it isn't enough the only other major source of revenue must yield more—student fees. It seems inescapable and I cannot be content to see fees for present students kept too low too long when the price must surely be paid by their successors. I shall no longer be responsible for clawing back any deficit but that doesn't make me complacent about ducking the problem now.

We decided to have a Trainee Caterer, Mr. David Watson, to assist Mr. Peter Sanderson our Caterer this session and mightily have they and Mrs. Vine worked under the Bursar's direction to earn money to help College finances. They cannot do more and deserve your thanks as well as mine for all they have done. J.C.R. officers and committees



too have shown themselves thoroughly responsible and have worked splendidly together for the College. My thanks especially to Alan Howard, Bill Sylvester and Tony Wood.

I'm feeling distinctly "penultimate" writing this, the 19th letter I have written for Castellum. But I must forego the temptation to "reminisce" and perhaps save it for my next (and last) Master's Letter when reminiscences must be combined with farewells and a welcome to my successor. Till then . . . . .

L. SLATER

### LAST IN OFFICE

The 1973 Reunion on April 28th will be the last one to be attended by Len Slater in his position as Master of University College. He retires in the summer, as indicated in his Letter. We will all hope to see him at many future Reunions but this will be members' last chance to see him in office.

## EXTRACTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM GAZETTE

A Memorial Service for the late Professor C.C. Abbott was held in the Tunstall Chapel, University College, Durham, 10th November 1971. (The address given by Dr. S. Holgate, Master of Grey College, was published in the University of Durham Gazette Vol. XIX (New Series) No.1 dated 31st December 1971).

## DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

### *Annual Dinner*

On 15 October, 1971 the Annual Dinner of the Durham University Society was held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington. Professor A.W. Woodruff presided and the chief guests were the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Cairns and Dr. W.A. Prowse, Master of Van Mildert College. The Dinner was well attended and proved a most enjoyable occasion for members of the Society and their friends.

### *St. Cuthbert's Day Service*

There was a good attendance at the St. Cuthbert's Tide Service at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on 21 March when the preacher was Bishop J. Boys of Hatfield College. After the service several members had supper together at a nearby restaurant.

### *Luncheon at Dunelm House*

On Saturday 24 April thirty-four members and friends attended a Luncheon in the Staff Dining Room at Dunelm House. Arrangements had been made by Mrs. P. Kohnstam, Hon. Secretary of the Northern Committee. The President, Professor A.W. Woodruff, spoke in appreciation of the efforts of the Northern Committee to arouse an interest in the affairs of the Society in and around Durham. He also introduced various designs which he had made for a possible Society tie. This proved a most enjoyable occasion for all those who attended.

### *Annual Spring Reception*

The Spring Reception was held on the Cholmondeley Rooms of the House of Lords on Monday, 3 May at the kind invitation of Lord Shinwell of Easington. This event proved a great success as 110 members and friends attended. Lord Shinwell was introduced by the President and he gave a racy and interesting address about his early connections with Durham and the North East.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Durham Castlemen's Society was held in the Undercroft on Saturday, 22nd April 1972 at 5.30 p.m. The Master presided and 75 members were present.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the accounts for 1971-72 and said that the Society had to increase its annual income to survive. To this end the Committee had put forward various suggestions. The Accounts were accepted.

After discussion of the recommendations from the Committee it was agreed to increase the charge for the Reunion in 1973 by 50p. The charges would be £3 for the whole Reunion, £1.50 for the dinner only, and students-in-residence to pay £1.

In an attempt either to cut down the costs of printing or cover the now very large printing bill, it was also agreed to insert a Banker's Order form in Castellums sent to members 5 years after graduation, asking for 50p each year by Banker's Order or some other means, to ensure the future delivery of the magazine. If there was no response only one further copy of Castellum would be sent until either a Banker's Order or 50p in some other form was received to pay for the magazine and postage. This step was greatly regretted but there was no other alternative. The Society would, however, continue to send out to all members notice of the Annual Reunion together with further Banker's Orders.

The Bursar reported that 66 Covenants had so far been received from members in response to the University College Appeal. This should bring in £6,180. The Reverend F. Chase asked all members to take 3 copies of the Brochure and send them to friends.

### Election of Officers:—

The Secretary-Treasurer was re-elected.

Mr. Keith Orrell was re-elected to the Governing Body.

Mr. Duncan Cramb and Professor James Boulton were elected to the Committee.

The Editor, Mr. Derek Holbrook was re-elected with thanks from the Society.

The date of the 1973 Reunion would be Friday, April 27th-29th, with the Reunion Dinner on Saturday, April 28th.

Mr. Keith Orrell reported on the work of the Governing Body during the year. It had been decided to hang the oars won by Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve in the Norman Gallery. Mr. Orrell stressed how important it was that the Castle Appeal should succeed and appealed for more support.

The Master said that this year would be the 900th anniversary of the foundation of the Castle and the June Ball would be bigger than ever. Members were invited to take up guarantees up to £5, with a corresponding return in the event of a profit being made.

It was agreed to reduce the cost of the annual Reunion to members over 65 years of age, if they so wished.

Mr. Derek Holbrook proposed that Miss Jean Oliver's work on behalf of the Society should be formerly recognised by the Meeting and recorded in the Minutes. The meeting recorded its warm appreciation and sincere thanks.

## REUNION DINNER

A former senior man, D.H.T. Waters, proposed the toast to the College at the Reunion Dinner. Like many old Castlemen he regretted the passing of some hard customs and the softness of modern conditions (it will be interesting to see with what illustrations the 1973 graduate makes this point in his 1980 speech—now, with keys to the Castle gate, it seems they have nothing to lose except examinations). Mr. Waters' illustration was vivid. He described himself on one night, heady with learning (that was what he said) going for a walk on Palace Green in a philosophical dream. Unaware of anything so sordid as time he heard the Castle door slam, with a finality exclusive to Mrs. Shaw's practised hand, followed by the Cathedral clock starting to chime the hour. He had to stop being a philosopher, and become instead a commando, a challenge not put to the modern Castleman.

The highlight of his speech however was a description of an event staged by the Lumley Run Club. I would not wish to spoil the hilarious account by a brief summary here; I can only persist in my endeavours to get him to write it down, so far regrettably unsuccessful, so that it is preserved in full in Castellum's pages.

Dr. Duncan Bythell, a College Tutor, replied for the College. Not an old Castleman, and therefore without a supply of matching relevant anecdote, he nevertheless spoke up manfully on College matters, and expressed good wishes to Peter Brett, who had left the College as Chaplain to become rector of Houghton-le-Spring, as reported elsewhere.

D.H.

Reunion 22.4.72

I shall never see its like again.  
Vic Hill can vouch for what it was—  
for he was in the room next door,  
part of the Chaplain's suite.  
Vic and I were getting ready for  
the eight thirty service in Chapel,  
when looking through my bedroom window,  
I shouted for Vic to come and see,  
what I shall never see again—or he.  
A perfect, brilliant, rainbow—  
framing the dull brick viaduct,  
and the city roofs below—  
both ends touching down;  
one beyond the Prebends Bridge,  
the other to the right of the Station.  
And while we watched this wondrous sight,  
a train passed gently over,  
with a royal blue engine (or was it Palatinate?)  
drawing six, or was it seven cream coaches?

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“We could only stand and stare,”  
without a brush of camel's hair  
and neither of us paint—do you?

BERNARD M. GOODWINS

**OBITUARY**  
**S. WILSON LEES**

S. Wilson Lees (1931-1935) died in hospital during August 1972. For the last ten years he was unable to work through muscular dystrophy. Although this affliction steadily increased and made him less mobile, he still managed to maintain a cheerful outlook. His contemporaries will remember that he spoke bluntly and mordantly in JCR meetings with a style that was brutally frank and always pointed. After leaving Durham he was a teacher for a while and became involved during the war in the work of the aircraft inspection department. At the end of the war members who came from the Wakefield area were amazed to find that he had become the manager of the Strafford Arms Hotel in the centre of Wakefield. His straight-forward, no-nonsense approach made him a more than useful hotel manager. He was unable to continue in this line through the onset of his illness and through the disappearance of the hotel in the redevelopment of Wakefield. He enjoyed a most happy family life and in the last few years he owed much to the devotion and care of his wife.

## ATHLETICS

There was a resurgence of interest in Athletics this year in the College with a Castleman Captaining the University. However results in the track events were not too encouraging but Castle did have some second places in field events and came third in the 4x400m relay. Most of the talent remains which is a good omen for next year.

A.C.F. NISSEN,  
*Captain.*

## BOAT CLUB

The Boat Club has had, on the whole, a successful year, both on and off the river. It has been clear for some time now that, if Castle is to be successful in fine boat events both in open regattas and our own University regattas, we must have a new Fine IV. A new boat has been ordered and a fund has been set up to raise the necessary money. The total now stands at £450, of which most comes from the sale of the old Fine IV and the oldest clinker IV. Our target is £530.

On the river, success has been mixed. The year's freshmen revealed two oarsmen with any experience, Martin Proctor and Ihor Kruk, and a dozen people very keen to take up rowing. From these beginners a very promising IV emerged.

In the Michaelmas term, Senate regatta proved a disappointment in that all the Castle entries were knocked out in the preliminary rounds. This was not as bad as it seems at first reading. The Pickard IV and the A.K. Miller invitation VIII both drew the eventual winners and in President's Sculls, Martin Proctor and Graeme Armstrong drew the two finalists. In Bumps at the end of term, Castle I started 7th and rowed well to go up all three days, finishing 4th. Castle II, our Macfarlane-Grieve crew, started 9th and did well to maintain that position.

The Epiphany term saw the introduction of the Novice League Ladder for Macfarlane-Grieve crews. Castle quickly moved to the top but were beaten by Hatfield in the last challenge of the competition—a very good performance. In Grads regatta, Alan Miller sculled in defence of his Gabbett's Sculls title but was beaten in the final by D.U.B.C. President Colin Barratt.

The beginning of the Easter term revealed six novices and one senior 'C' oarsmen wanting to row seriously, with Alan Miller firmly established in the 1st VIII for the 2nd year running. The Macfarlane-Grieve crew elected to stay together and rowed at Wear and Durham regattas. Martin Proctor and Dave Pearson formed a combination crew with two Mildert

novices and also rowed at Wear and Durham. At Wear, the Castle crew were beaten in a very exciting race with the combination crew, which lost in the semi-final. On the first day at Durham, the combination crew showed fine form, winning the Mayor's Plate whilst the Castle IV rowed very well on the second day and lost by a canvas in the final. Rowing in Senior 'C' at Tyne however, proved too much for the combination crew and they were thrashed in the first round. Another Senior 'C' Castle—Van Mildert crew with Graeme Armstrong and Bill McWilliam, lost in the semi-final at Tyne. Ihor Kruk sculled throughout the season and did very well at Durham where he lost in the final and at Tyne where he lost in the first round.

#### Officers for 1972.

Captain : M.H.T. Procter  
 Vice-Captain : A.K.M. Miller  
 Secretary : J.R.W. Goss  
 Treasurer : I.Z. Kruk

#### Pickard IV and Castle 1.

I.Z. Kruk (Bow)  
 M.H.T. Procter (2)  
 A.K.M. Miller (3)  
 G. Armstrong (Stroke)  
 P.J. Riddell (Cox)

#### Macfarlane—Grieve IV & Castle II.

J.M. Carr—Ellison (Bow)  
 P.T. Magee (2)  
 J.R.W. Goss (3)  
 J.H. Peet (Stroke)  
 M. Osbaldeston (Cox)

#### Invitation VIII

D.J. McWilliam (Bow)  
 I.Z. Kruk (2)  
 M.H.T. Procter (3)  
 G. Armstrong (4)  
 A.K. Miller (5)  
 T. Bentley (6) Van Mildert  
 D. Holmes (7) Chad's  
 B. Macdonald (Stroke) Cuthbert's  
 A.R. Allwood (Cox) Van Mildert

## CRICKET

The College team, in 1972, was unable to maintain the high standard of last season, being knocked out in the quarter-final of the Trophy Competition by Hatfield. Under the captaincy of G.E.J. Dennis, the team played 5, winning 2 and drawing 1. The College had two regular members of the University 1st eleven, wicket-keeper-batsman R. Mercer and fast bowler A. Good. Numerous others including T. Sugden, C.



Nicholson, M. Potter, M. Tracy, A. Kemp and G. Dennis played for the University 2nd's in various matches.

The season began with a drawn game against Durham School. T. Sugden with 67 not out batted very soundly while A. McCarthy (41) and M. Potter (33 not out) also struck out well in a total of 176 - 7 declared. The School batted out time and reached 97 - 7.

Against the University Staff, we totalled 96 - 9 in our allotted 30 overs but the staff hit off the runs in a persistent drizzle, within 16 overs for the loss of only 3 wickets. We then recorded our first win by defeating the Graduate Society at the Racecourse. After our opponents had scored 102 - 6 in their 25 overs; T. Sugden steered Castle to victory with another solid innings of 51 not out, and we won by 6 wickets in the last over.

Our next match was against Saltwell Senior High School which was won very easily by 105 runs. In the 22 overs permitted, Castle did very well to total 142 - 7, valuable contributions coming from T. Sugden (50 not out) M. Tracy (44) and A. McCarthy (34). The School were routed for only 37, with M. Potter bowling well to take 4 - 13.

These games were an adequate preparation for the quarter-final Trophy Match against Hatfield. We restricted our opponents to 110 - 8 in the 40 overs with A. Good (2 - 38) and A. Hill (6 - 70) bowling throughout. After a quiet start, Castle found themselves 60 for 3 but with only ten overs left and no hard-hitting batsmen available, we crashed to a disappointing 76 all out to lose by 34 runs.

It was very disappointing to be knocked out so early after the efforts of last year but the cricket was much enjoyed by all the team, during the season.

May I thank Andy McCarthy for his work as Secretary and all the College players for their effort and enthusiasm.

G.E.J. DENNIS,  
*Captain.*

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross-country running within the College is undoubtedly a minority sport. Difficulties have arisen in raising teams for events in the inter-collegiate league but even so distinguished performances have been achieved occasionally. For example, in the 4x3 mile Cathedral relay, the College managed to finish 9th out of 40 teams, despite the fact that the team consisted of two runners, one of whom ran three legs! This might be taken to indicate a lack of interest in this sport but it is rather an indication of the fact that members of the College prefer a relaxed, casual and non-competitive jaunt in their spare time. Numbers taking part in inter-

collegiate events are not indicative of the actual numbers who run purely for exercise.

J. PATTON,  
*Captain.*

## DARTS

This year the dedicated band of pubcrawlers excelled themselves, but not alas at darts! The team selected mainly by Mark Potter and myself fluctuated considerably, with the following people taking part at various times:- M. Potter, I. Blackley, J. Blount, P. Alexander, C. Nicholson, A. Bradbury, A. Creese, P. Barton, G. Hunt and E. Mitchell. But of 9 matches played in the Michaelmas and Lent terms, 3 were won and 6 lost; they were played against each of the Men's Colleges including Houghall. The team did not unfortunately do very well in the University Championships, however the sport throughout the season was much enjoyed by all.

R. FITZGEORGE-BALFOUR,  
*Captain.*

## FIVES

The Castle Fives scene revolves round the inter-collegiate competition, external Fixtures being left to the University side. So, with regard to the trophy competition, Castle won through to the Final for the fourth year running, defeating on the way Ushaw and Hatfield. However, disappointingly, we came to grief against Bede in the Final, a defeat which, on viewing the ability of the team, need not have happened. Hopefully, next year, Castle will regain its time-honoured title of 'Five Trophy Winner.' The team consisted of John Yellowlees, Jeremy Schroeter, Alan Farrar and Malcolm Stuart, who have all been awarded College Colours. Next year's captain (also the University captain) is Jeremy Schroeter.

R. JOHN YELLOWLEES,  
*Captain.*

## GOLF

The College's domination of University golf over the last two years came to an end during the 1971-72 season. Although M.T. Dobell was captain of the University there was no other member of the College who held a regular place in the team. This meant that in the University Championships, M.T. Dobell and J.R.W. Goss were unfortunately only

able to come third in the Inter-Collegiate stroke-play Trophy but the former came second in the individual cup. It is to be hoped that some low handicap freshers come up in October to revitalize Castle golf.

M.T. DOBELL,

*Captain.*

## HOCKEY

For the first time for several years the College found themselves in the very agreeable position of having more than eleven players who had represented the University. Thus, when we met St. Cuthbert's in the first round of the trophy, gaps caused by injury could be filled more easily than in the past. This match was won 1 - 0, and thus doubtless appears to the reader of this article to have been very close. In fact the only time the Castle goalkeeper touched the ball was to retrieve it from an adjoining pitch.

The semi-final saw us drawn once again against Bede, and alas, the same result as the previous year—a 3 - 0 defeat—ensued. The conditions in this year's game were atrocious. A monumental cloudburst and strong wind made good hockey impossible. Bede were fortunate enough to be winning 1 - 0 when the storm broke. Their second goal was a well worked corner move, whilst the third came right on the final whistle. The score did not reflect how close this game, played in an excellent spirit by both sides, was.

If the College can secure a good attacker and defender next year, our prospects in the trophy should be even better, with eight of this year's team returning.

Colours were awarded to A.R. Farrar, N. Haynes, A.J. Good, D.M. Paterson, S.D.G. Williams and A.W. Wood, and re-awarded to S.H. Fenn.

A.R. FARRAR,

*Captain.*

## LAWN TENNIS

Lawn Tennis has not flourished this term. A potentially strong team was disrupted by injuries and exams, resulting in a disappointing first round defeat in the trophy. Thanks should be given to those who did turn out, particularly at such short notice. Since then some friendly games have been played although Durham weather and facilities have not been particularly conducive to any really serious tennis.

M.D. STUART,

*Captain.*

## RUGBY

Castle Rugby staged some sort of a revival this season, largely due to an influx of half a dozen or so talented Freshers. Training sessions were indulged in, and for the first time in ages there was some element of choice in the selecting of the team. Needless to say the 2nd XV remained inactive.

The 1st XV however leapt into action in the early weeks of the Michaelmas Term only to be massacred by Grey ' Mildert—Hatfield had the cheek to cancel their fixture. But in spite of this shaky start the team went on to astound their critics. A resounding victory over Ushaw in a trophy match gave us some confidence; and under the fine leadership of John Bligh, the University's 1st XV prop, we succeeded in defeating Mildert in the quarter - finals. This was indeed our finest hour, for regardless of their star-studded line-up we were able to pressure them out of the game. But such were the conditions in the Epiphany term that we were unable to go on to greater glories. The semi-finals against Hatfield were postponed again and again, and eventually we had to face them in the Easter term—after a dissolute vacation most of the team were not up to much and we were completely crushed. Finally a word should be said about the tour to Cambridge. Sydney Sussex College was our host and the team had a very pleasant weekend. The Rugby though was not all that it might have been. The congeniality of the surroundings had its effect; and in spite of "spirited" leadership from their captain, the team went down 7 - 8. Nevertheless, with the score line ending with 4 won and only a few lost, this can safely be described as a successful season.

The team varied a great deal, but frequent appearances were made by P.M. Heskett, J. Bligh, J. Blount, A. Nissen, B. Botcherby, J. Schroeter, J. Pelican, R. Jones, A. Creese, A. Game, M. Hughes, F. Rundall, T. Foxall, J. Littlefair, S. Williams, P. Booth, M. Hamlin, R. Mercer and D. Piper.

PETER HESKETT,  
*Captain.*

## SOCCER

I'm afraid I must admit that this has been a very disappointing season for the Castle Association Football team. Having lost five of last year's regular first XI, we needed to rely heavily on the Freshers to maintain the performance of the previous year. Andy Bullen, Tim Sugden, Pete Clarke, Tim Gatenby and Chris Nicholson were able to fill this gap,

and at the beginning of the season the team looked set for a good year in the League.

The pre-season friendly against Gradsoc proved a great success, the team winning by six goals to one. The first league match against Bede was a disappointment since we lost 1 - 3 despite playing some good football. After this we were hit by several injuries, the result being that we lost the next four games.

After collecting our first two points by beating the top-of-the-league team at this stage, our form fell away again, and by Christmas we had collected a mere three points, although it must be said that several of the matches were very closely fought, and that we deserved to be higher in the league than we actually were (we were bottom at this stage). Our final match of the term was again against Gradsoc, and this time it was our turn to be beaten by six goals to one—a good indication of the decline in performance and enthusiasm of the team.

The next term started just as disastrously, and perhaps it was lucky for us that the weather caused several of the games to be postponed. During a particularly bad spell—we did not play for three weeks—we had a chance to get things organised before we completely fell apart as a team. We reverted to the old red shirts and bought some new white shorts and red socks.

Unfortunately our opening match in our new strip was against Bede 1st XI, which contained six or seven University players, in the Trophy competition. Despite scoring a goal in the first minute and completely dominating play for the first ten minutes, we were finally overwhelmed by superior skill and fitness. But at least there were signs of the spirit and determination which had been so badly lacking.

This was our last defeat of the season, and from here on the team went from strength to strength. We finished the season third from bottom on the league, although we were unable to finish the fixture list because of so many postponed matches and the difficulty of booking pitches in the summer term. We drew our final match with Van Mildert 1 - 1 (they had beaten us only a few weeks before by five goals to one). Here is a summary of our matches:—

P	W	D	L	PTS
19	3	6	10	12

And so by ending the season on a good note, we may possibly have regained a little of Castle's footballing pride. I can only hope that next year's Captain will be able to write a completely different report to this one. My thanks to everyone who played for the team this year, and in particular John Miles who helped me out considerably in his

role as secretary. Finally, congratulations to John Miles, Mike Carr and Nick Crawley who earned their colours.

F.M. ROBINSON,  
*Captain.*

## SWIMMING

It would be true to say that this season has been one of mixed fortune for Castle swimming. We encountered at least two early setbacks when competing teams decided to withdraw from fixtures at the last minute.

Our first match was a joint Castle/Bede swim against Bootham School at their pool in York on May 10th. We lost this match by 74 points to 46, but first place was taken by Castle in two events—the 50-yard freestyle and backstroke races.

The annual Inter-Collegiate Swimming Finals were held on June 18th in Durham and most colleges entered a team. The meeting was much more competitive and lively than ever before and Bede took first place. Castle came third overall—a result with which we can feel well pleased. Keith Allen swam well in all his events and Bill Sylvester, together with John Yellowlees, made valuable contributions in their freestyle and breaststroke events respectively. For their efforts in the Castle team, each of these three swimmers received their colours at the end of the year.

Our high position in the Inter-Collegiate was also made possible by the useful butterfly and breaststroke swimming of Roy Brigden and John Martindale, to both of whom I offer my thanks.

DEREK NEWTON,  
*Captain.*

## TABLE TENNIS

With the return of all of last year's regular players, now more experienced, a successful season was hoped for. Also for the first time for a few seasons Castle have had a home venue, after the J.C.R. had allowed the club to play its matches in the Undercroft. However, after a promising start, narrow defeats incurred against St. Cuthbert's Society and Grey College, with whom we were evenly matched, meant hopes of the Inter-Collegiate Title faded. The College eventually finished 5th in the Inter-Collegiate League. With regard to individual performances G. Dennis was outstanding for his consistency throughout the season.

Castle also provided this year's University Captain and Secretary in the persons of G. Strangeway and G. Dennis respectively.

Regular Team Members: G. Dennis, T. Foxall, M. Hughes, J. Martindale, G. Strangeway, P.R. Taylor.

G. STRANGEWAY,  
*Captain.*

## THORP CLUB

This year has been an enjoyable and active one for the Club. We have had 27 members and our facilities have been well patronised, especially the periodicals and the record player. Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting on October 18th were Chairman: Jeremy Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer: Jackson Towers, Research Rep: Philip Whyte and Education Rep: Mike Wilson. Sherry was imbibed on this occasion and our main social event of the year, which 14 members attended, was the Annual Dinner, held in the Senate Room on May 22nd. The evening was most successful and thanks are particularly due to Mr. Sanderson for providing a first class meal. A social evening for P.G.C.E. club members was held prior to the June examinations to decide on the possible questions and the minimum revision required to answer them adequately.

I should like to thank my fellow officers for their help over the year and also Mr. Bell, College Accountant, for his assistance with financial matters.

J.I. TOWERS,  
*Secretary.*

## THE UNDERCROFT BAR

1972 proved to be a year of financial consolidation for the Undercroft Bar. The introduction of more efficient stock control and a more compact Bar Committee bore fruit in increased turnover and a record profit of £450. All three dances paid their way, and at last the Buttery is proving a success.

Although £100 has already gone into the coffers of the Boat Club, a significant amount has been put aside for improvements to the Bar. A dart-board has been set up in the Undercroft and, in conjunction with the Caterer, two portable bars have been purchased to accommodate parties in Bailey Court and Owengate.

Unhappily, the sole disappointment of the year was the Castlemen's Reunion. For the second year running, damage was done to the Undercroft and an attempt was again made to break into the Bar. It seems probable that, next year, the Caterer will be asked to run the Bar, as the Bar Finance Committee is unwilling to subject J.C.R. Officers to threats of violence.

Finally, Allied Breweries, our tied supplier, has at last allowed us to become a free house, and from Autumn 1972, in addition to Double Diamond, Tartan, and Starbrite will be stocked.

My thanks must go to Roger Utley, the Vice-Chairman, for his

accounting, undertaken with Prussian military judgement, and to the whole Bar Committee for their infinite patience and courtesy.

P.L. GUEST,  
*Bar Chairman.*

## THE CHOIR

I believe it was Dr. Johnson who said: "When a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully."

Taking care to dampen the rather morbid harmonies of the doctor's remark, the members of the Castle Choir, I am sure, might take it as their motto: what else inspires a body of singers to work and concentrate so hard on rehearsing the music for the Thursday evensong every week, than its impending execution an hour . . . . . half an hour . . . . . ten minutes later?

I must admit to being in constant fear of garrotte after asking those members of the Choir who came to St. Asaph Cathedral, North Wales, last summer, to put up with uninspiring accommodation in the local Church Hall. Nonetheless, everyone seemed to enjoy the week; certainly, our singing of hymns in Welsh at the service for the inauguration of the new dean was something which the local inhabitants will not forget!

We were fortunate, at the beginning of the year, in having a large contingent of keen newcomers to augment last year's choir, so large in fact that there was barely room for any congregation. The prospect of extra practices for the College Advent Carol Service, however, thinned their ranks; even so, it was a tight squeeze around the altar on the last Sunday of the Michaelmas Term, with the added problem of five string players, who provided the accompaniments to two anthems, probably the first time such an ensemble has ever played in the Chapel.

During the year, the choir sang two Renaissance Masses—Victoria's 'O quam gloriosum' for All Saints' Day, and Byrd's Five-part Mass at the Ash Wednesday Eucharist. We visited Canon Berriman at his South Shields church, and sang evensong with the resident choir, at a special R.S.C.M. service.

At the beginning of the Easter Term the choir partook in a musical 'Son et Lumiere' in St. Oswald's Church. They sang a comprehensive selection of 'numbers' from both parts of 'Messiah,' accompanied by organ and 'cello continuo, and directed from the harpsichord by next year's organ scholar, Michael James.

As a body, we suffered a great loss in the departure of Peter Brett, on his appointment as Rector and Rural Dean of Houghton-le-Spring.



I am sure that Peter, on his part, would have felt the weight of Dr. Johnson's metaphor as he officiated at the Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist to the music of Byrd's Mass, of which he was very fond. Peter was a great sponsor of music as a valuable aid to worship and devotion in the Chapel curriculum, and it is doubtful that, without his encouragement, the musical tradition of the Chapel would have become such an established part of College, and indeed, University, life.

I should like to thank all those members of the College who have given much of their time in connection with the Choir, especially Christopher Tinker, Jackson Towers, Geoffrey Brown, Michael James and Stephen Shipley for their organ accompaniments, and the Chapel Clerk, David Cross, for his admirable chanting above and beyond the call of duty. Our most appreciative thanks, finally, to Peter Brett, in absentia, and to the Master, for being so encouraging, in praesentia.

J.C. BETTLEY.

## DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1972

	RECEIPTS	£	£		PAYMENTS	£	£
April 1 to Reunion Charges, 1971			231.00		April 1 By Balance brought forward		42.82
" Subscriptions:—					" Printing:—		
Life Members 4 @ £3.00		12.00		'Castellum'	254.60		
Members 67 @ £0.50		33.50		Envelopes etc. ...	7.75		262.35
Students 170 @ £1.50			300.50	" Reunion Expenses, 1971 ...			219.10
.. Transfer from Rock Building Society			200.00	" Postages ...			29.90
			200.00	" Bank Charges ...			1.80
			731.50	" Balance carried forward ...			175.53
			731.50				731.50

The amount invested in the Rock Building Society at  
31st March, 1972 is £155.29.

Signed on behalf of T. Spedding, Treasurer.  
T.F. BELL.  
21st April, 1972.

\*Subject to Audit.

## COLLEGE OFFICERS, 1972-73

Master	...	...	...	...	MR. L. SLATER, M.A., J.P.
Vice-Master and Senior Tutor	...				MR. S.G. RAMSAY, B.Sc.
Bursar	...	...	...	...	MR. H.C. PRICE
Chaplain	...	...	...	...	THE REV. A.H. NUGENT, B.A.
Lowe Librarian	...	...	...	...	DR. P.J. RHODES, M.A., D.Phil.
Resident Tutor in charge of Parsons Field House	...	...	...	...	DR. A.I. DOYLE, M.A., Ph.D.

## COLLEGE TUTORS, 1972-73

DR. F. ASHTON, B.Sc., Ph.D.  
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