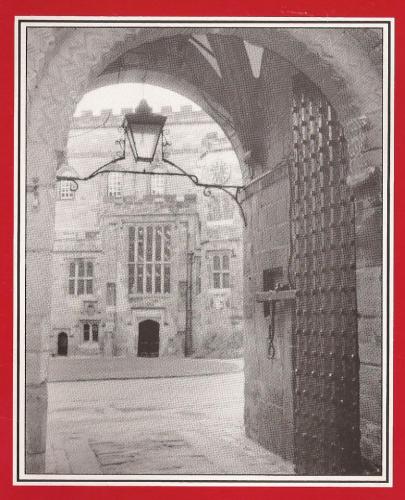
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THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

On the first day of 1992 I was skimming through the previous day's Times before it went on the recycling pile. My eye fell on a short article at the bottom of the

Court pages.

Not in any way was your editor jealous of a new magazine competing with Castellum. Con-

University of Durham

Graduates of the University should, by the New Year, have received a copy of the University's magazine, "Kingsgate". Anyone who has not received a copy is invited to contact the Alumni Relations Office, Old Shire Hall, Durham, DHI 3HP.

versely, a university magazine simply expands the sources of information above that already available in the University newsletter Password which is now in its 29th edition. So whilst also making arrangements to pop over to Kendal to see Mr Gibson I also booked an appointment to meet the new Alumni officer, Sylvia Brand at Old Shire Hall.

The reason for this sudden frenetic activity was the realisation that this year the reunion is once again in March. Members at the meeting before the Reunion Dinner last year will recall the debate about the date of the weekend for 1992, when members were advised that the date was not definite but might provisionally be fixed for 20-22 March. (Just as well, thought your editor, conscious that the same date was already printed in the back page of the newly published Castellum, and feverishly trying to recall the source.) But an early reunion does require faster work in preparing the material for printing in early February so that the magazine can go out with notices of the reunion.

For me the 1991 reunion was the best yet. I had the pleasant surprise of meeting again the Senior Man and Treasurer of 1982/3, David Coward and Tom Chambers, the first time we had seen each other in Durham since graduation. If you were the gentleman staying at the top of Hall Stairs whose room we shortcut through to get out on the roof after the bar closed, we apologise for the inconvenience, but so many of the traditional access points have been closed off. Thanks for being so understanding: I hope your wife wasn't too shocked!

> Burnopfield, Co. Durham January 1992

MASTER'S LETTER 1991

Another Michaelmas term is ending. The last few days have been cold and sharp but quite pleasant; we have managed to avoid the fog that has enveloped the south of the country. I hope the snow does not come before the weekend as Denise and I hope to get up to Scotland and turn the heat on in our house there in time for Christmas. Provided the frost protection has worked we shouldn't have any problems to sort out on arrival. The Bursar has just returned from a week in Madeira or somewhere - I am waiting to hear what the temperature was there. Last night we had the end of term Carol Service in Chapel. It was as well attended as I can remember and it was good to hear the choir perform so well. The attendance no doubt reflects the large number of freshers who joined the College at the beginning of this term; the largest intake in my time as Master and probably the largest ever.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip to the Castle in November when they had lunch as guests of the county. The event took a considerable amount of planning and inevitably caused some disturbance to our normal routine. For security reasons students living in the Castle could not return to their rooms until after the Royal Party left, but several were heavily involved as stewards and one acted as toastmaster. Others waited in the courtyard and some were able to talk to the Queen as she walked out to her car to travel to Heighington for her next engagement, opening the Fujitsu factory. The staff did a wonderful job and all who attended the lunch were pleased with the menu and service. I know that Marina Chayter, David Watson and the Bursar were very pleased to see the event safely over; it required a lot of planning and hard work to ensure that everything went as well as it did.

When I started to think about what I should write about this year, I realised that there were two major topics. One is fund raising — many of you will have seen the press and TV



Photograph: Paul Sidney

coverage of the launch of the Appeal for Durham Castle. I felt it might be worthwhile saying something about what the University is doing and how it affects the College and the Society. The other topic is one that has been causing us considerable worry over the past year, namely the very rapid growth in the size of the University. This growth is in direct response

to direct and indirect pressure from government. If I had been asked earlier this year how many students were in the University I would probably have answered around 5,500. In fact there are over 6,000. In its plans for the rest of the decade the University plans to grow to 7,500; at the present rate of expansion we will be close to that figure in 3 or 4 years.

Last year I noted that the College was having to make students live out; students who would have preferred to live in College and came to Durham expecting to be able to do so for the three or four years of their course. This year we have some 16 students in this situation but next year the number will be much higher as a result of a decision taken by the Universities Funding Council. University funding comes in two main ways, a grant from the Universities Funding Council and from tuition fees; the latter are paid by the student's local authority. While the University receives tuition fees for every student who comes to Durham, it does not receive a grant for every student. Such students are called fees-only students and their number has been growing steadily. Last May the UFC made it clear that if any University wished to maintain its funding position, it would have to admit an above average number of fees-only students in the coming October. Some rapid calculations showed that, to maintain its position, Durham needed to admit around 200 more new students than originally planned. Every college was asked to help and the University organised additional houses outside the colleges for first year students who might have to live out. In Castle our original quota for admission last October was 128 - in the event we admitted 148. All except two were found a bed in College and the two who did not, lived out voluntarily. But as I write we are squeezed quite tight. However when next term starts in January, we should have the new rooms in the gatehouse finished and that will ease the pressure a little.

Coming on top of the accommodation problems encountered last year, it was clear to the JCR and myself that the problem would be much worse this year and the number of students having to live out next year would increase yet again. To add to the problem our quota for entry next October has

been increased still further and we are now expected to admit 156. I hope we do not see another spring rush. I estimate that, with no additional rooms available in College, we need 85 students living out. The JCR have balloted the first year and those at the bottom of the list have already started looking for accommodation in the City.

When we went mixed some years ago I was regularly asked what changes it would make to the College. This was not easy to foretell but I felt that it would cause no lasting problems. This has proved to be the case. The College thrives and our women have made a full and positive contribution to life in College. It is very gratifying to hear students who have come for interview comment on the welcome they have been given and the spirit in college. When answering the question I commented that I was sure that other factors had produced greater changes in the past and would do so in future. I am quite certain that the increase in the size of the College and the inability to provide accommodation for more than two years will cause more lasting changes than going mixed. I know that for many of you a year living out was the norm. It is not quite the same. Students living out tend to want to share a house and it is up to the student, not the College, to find somewhere to live. The University provides an accommodation office with details of properties available and so far there has been no shortage. But it is not easy to find a house just where one would like it and it costs more than College.

Governing Body will have to decide to what size the College can grow. This year we have some 450 students, undergraduate and postgraduate, with rooms for 340. We would like to increase the number of rooms but the scope for this is limited. We expect to get two further double rooms in Moneyer's Garth; a further increase can only be achieved by converting Garden Stairs and relocating the offices in the new building proposed for the Fellows garden. This project will be significantly more expensive than forecast; we are still likely to go ahead but it is now certain that we will not be able to move in before 1993. We must also think how, without increased resources, we can provide services to those living out so that

they do not feel forgotten. With some 360 resident students our catering facilities will be stretched, as will the undercroft. It will be harder to provide tutorial and related services. We may well have to increase staff in one or two key areas. Bearing these points in mind, I do not think we should grow very much more. As a bottom line, we must be able to provide accommodation in College for at least two years for all students who wish it.

Many of you will have noted the press coverage for the Appeal for the restoration of the Castle, which has been mounted by the University. As Durham Castle has been the home of University College since its foundation, we are very concerned that the Appeal should be a success. Work on the Appeal was initiated by our last Vice-Chancellor, Sir Fred Holliday, some years ago and we very much appreciate the considerable amount of work that he put in. The Appeal is being organised by the University Development Office under the direction of Professor Bernhard Smythe. There is an active fund-raising group working under the chairmanship of Mr Malcolm Greaves of Haskel Engineering and in the first instance the Appeal is being addressed to industry and the North East. The Appeal is for funds that can be used to provide money for the necessary repairs to the Castle. We have had a preliminary survey of the buildings carried out and that revealed many areas in need of attention. The most urgent was the Gatehouse and work on that and the adjacent Barbican wall is well under way and should be completed within the next six months. The North Wall of the Castle needs extensive repairs to the stone work and the roof of the Great Hall will have to be recovered before long. Such work is expensive but must be undertaken to ensure the future of the Castle as part of a World Heritage site and as one of the most significant buildings in the North of England.

I should emphasise that the Castle is not being neglected. The College is responsible for the interior furnishings and fabric, and for some years now Governing Body has deliberately put all income from those taking guided tours of the Castle into a separate fund, which is used solely for this

purpose. In this way we have been able to restore the tapestries on the Tunstal Gallery and undertake the restoration of the Norman Arch. Last year we redecorated the Great Hall over the Christmas break and took the opportunity to have one of the royal coat of arms cleaned. The difference was quite startling. We have just completed the redecoration of the

Tunstal Gallery - in time for the Royal Visit!

I must stress that the University Appeal for the Castle is quite separate from the fund-raising activities being run by the Society for the College. Elsewhere John Hollier has given a report on progress so far. As you all know, the Society is aiming to establish a fund which will support the College and its activities; particularly those aspects of College life that cannot be supported by fee income, yet which are vital to ensure that the College can provide 'added value' for its members. This means better accommodation, funding for travel and hardship, scholarships, funding for the arts and sport. The Society has formed the University College Trust, an independent charity, and I regard this as one of the most significant developments that have taken place during my time in Castle. Now we have to raise the money. The trustees are working very hard; they deserve much better support from you, the members. You have supported us loyally in the past, please do so again. All universities are taking fund raising very seriously. So is Durham and you may well have heard from the University Alumni Officer. We have one of the largest and most loyal college societies and it would be great to see it proving to be one of the most active in fund-raising. Of course some of you may wish to support the Castle Appeal or another venture in the University in preference to the Society; by all means do so but please do something.

Last February the Chancellor of the University, Dame Margot Fonteyn died. As the University newsletter, Password, commented Dame Margot was for many people a surprise choice for Chancellor. Nevertheless she proved to be an inspired choice. Dame Margot brought to the University her own unique blend of grace, dignity and enthusiasm. She attended all the June graduation ceremonies and insisted on

shaking hands with every new graduate, making graduation a memorable experience for all those involved. She was dedicated to the University and involved herself in all aspect of its work. It will be very difficult to replace her. As I write no decision has been announced as to who her successor will be.

Talking of graduation reminds me that last June the University honoured an old Castleman, Professor James Boulton of Birmingham University, with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of letters. Professor Boulton very kindly presented a set of his works on D.H. Lawrence to the Lowe Library. We are very grateful. Two other honorary graduates who will receive their degrees in the December congregation next week have links with College; Dr Margin Holdgate, a distinguished environmental scientist, was a lecturer at Durham and lived in Castle and Mr Jack Procter, a former Chief Executive of the County and member of the Senior Common Room, will be honoured for his contributions to the musical life of the City and County. I must not forget to add that at the same graduation the Chaplain will be awarded his Ph.D and Elizabeth, his wife, her M.B.A.; quite an achievement!

During the year Governing Body decided to make Albert Cartmel Vice Master. I am very pleased. Albert has been a tower of strength in College and our ability to cope with the increasingly difficult financial situation we have experienced

since 1982 has been due to him.

In June, another old Castleman, Mr. Edward Leigh, Minister for Industry and Consumer Affairs, returned to Durham to give a speech on regional policy to an audience drawn from a wide area in the North East. Mr. Leigh graduated in History in 1972, and as he himself recalled, is remembered for more than being President of the Union Society or Chairman of the Conservative Association.

Dr. Peter Collins, a well-liked College Tutor and an active member of Governing Body and Senior Common Room, finished his spell as Dean of Science last summer and is now Pro-Vice Chancellor. Dr. Clive Preece, a loyal member of the Senior Common Room and one-time resident tutor, took over as Dean of Science. Another old tutor, Dr. David Knight, has

been appointed Professor of History and Philosophy of Science.

Finally on a sad note I must note the deaths of several old students of the College. For me, two in particular stand out. This time last year we were all deeply concerned about the problems that had arisen as a result of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. In the ensuing war, Nigel Elsdon was the pilot of a Tornado that failed to return from an early bombing mission. Wing Commander Elsdon graduated in 1972 in Natural Sciences. I knew him during his first year when he was in the Engineering Department. Andrew Innes was a student in Castle from 1982 to 1986 and one I remember well. He died earlier this year as a result of a most unfortunate accident.



POST-WAR ECHOES

The first edition of Castellum in 1948 shows that expansion and its effects is a concern other Masters also shared:

In these days of expansion and change, the importance of maintaining the Castle tradition is vital. Already the College has expanded from a maximum of about 60 to more than 180 and next year we expect to be over 200. The Durham Division itself is over 800 this year and it is expected that next year there will be more than 1,000 students resident in Durham

The Master's Letter, Castellum No.1, 1948

JOHN FYFE

When John Fyfe arrived in Durham in 1941 as part of one of the early R.A.F. Short Courses to study Zoology, he found that "the Department" was housed in a wooden shed in the grounds of the Science Block. By his own admission he came to Castle with the intention of doing just sufficient work to ensure that, should he survive the hostilities, his place at Castle would be secure. He was also going to enjoy himself. He achieved all three aims.

John brought to Castle the rowing skills that he had gained at Shrewsbury, and after his return after those hostilities he was appointed Captain of the Boat Club and stroked the Senate crew of 1947 which also included such Castle Society stalwarts as Trevor Hibbard and Ray Hall. His style as stroke was that of his life – a quiet authority, a good natured determination to get

on with the job in hand.

While in Durham, John met Dorothy (nee Wright, St. Hilds). They were married during 1950 and after living for a short time on the Wirral moved to Edinburgh which remained their home. John was always conscious of what he gained from Castle and did much to contact former friends to remind them of the existence of the Castle Society. In 1990 he donated a new skiff "Zoology One" to the Boat Club to mark his arrival in the wooden shed almost 50 years earlier.

John died quite suddenly at home on Christmas Eve 1991. To Dorothy, and to his family we offer our deepest sympathy

and condolences.

ANDREW INNES 1963 – 1991

Member of the College 1983 - 1986

University friendships are so often a matter of chance. They can start from the person who has to share a room with you, to a mutual passion for a sport, or simply choosing the same course. So it is that friendships are often formed from chance like beginnings.

For my first meal in Castle I happened to find myself sitting next to Andrew Innes. At the time I gave the matter little thought. My initial impression of Andrew was that he must be in at least his second or third year – he seemed too serious and reflective to me! And that might have seen it except that as we left the dining hall he muttered something about trying to row. One thing led to another and within a week we were both rowing in the same boat.

In the space of a few lines it is a daunting task to pan over the next seven years and I won't even attempt to do so. There are however three vivid memories which seem to bear out Andrew's many qualities.

During our first year Andrew shared a room with another fresher, Tom Pinsent. Midway through the Lent Term, Tom tragically developed leukaemia against which he fought a long unsuccessful battle. It was during these intense emotional moments that Andrew displayed a level of compassion and kindness which was an inspiration and source of strength to us all. It was done in a quiet understated way that was one of his hallmarks.

In the course of our second and third years, Andrew was a leading figure in the Caledonian dancing society, eventually becoming President. He was deeply proud of his heritage and was passionate about all things Scottish. Teaching reels to the Sassenachs is never an easy task, particularly when like myself they have no sense of rhythm. Yet somehow Andrew managed to convey his enthusiasm and love for the dances which brought vast number of people into the society. His success can be measured by the fact that half of Edinburgh wanted to

migrate south in the year was Andrew organised the Ball at

Wynyard Hall.

Moving away from Durham, Andrew turned to accountancy. Taking the typical graduate route, he went through the ordeal of trying to qualify. Some turn to it more quickly than others. For Andrew it was a struggle, something he himself always acknowledged. Yet throughout the highs and lows of his exams, he displayed a real determination to succeed. He stuck unfailingly to the challenge, resolutely determined to qualify. Back in March 1991 he finally succeeded. The last exam finished. a triumph of determination. Death cannot be reasoned away or easily reconciled. Yet if ever there was a moment to go, having succeeded in the exams, and resting in his beloved Scotland, then that was it. He wouldn't have wanted to go in any other way.

Andrew Innes died at home as a result of a domestic accident in March 1991.

LOUIS ALLEN 1922-91

Many members of the College will be sorry to hear of the death on 22nd December 1991, his 69th birthday, of Louis Allen, successively Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Reader in French from 1948 to 1988. Quite a number of them will have experienced the enthusiasm of his teaching, particularly on 20th-century literature and ideas in which he specialised. More will have enjoyed his powerful acting in the Assembly Rooms in productions (such as Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*) by the staff Kemble Society in the 1950's and 1960's, and innumerable members of the university, residents of the city and visitors will have seen him working as they passed his ground-floor book-lined study in Dun Cow Cottage (following Arthur Prowse there when the latter went to be Vice-Master at Lumley) from 1953.

Millions will have heard him as a lively participant for many years on Round Britain and Transatlantic Quiz, and also on Kaleidoscope. Not so many will know that, besides being an authority on the mid-19th-century Oxford Movement and its relations with France, he maintained his knowledge of Japanese, which he had learned on an intensive war-time course and with which he had made a discovery crucial to the defeat of a counter-attack at the end of the Burma campaign. He had gone on to interrogate prisoners, and afterwards pursued research in archives and reminiscences to produce a series of masterly books and articles on the war in south-east Asia. He also developed contacts in Japan, and was President of the British Association for Japanese Studies in 1980. When the now Crown Prince of Japan visited the Castle about that time Louis was one of the guides. While he was not one of those responsible for bringing Teikyo University to Durham his information may have led to the naming of its main building after Lafcadio Hearn (the emigre British author who had been a student at Ushaw). His distinction in this area, which was never officially recognised in the heyday of Durham's Oriental School, as at last, after its dismemberment, acknowledged by his being made Honorary Fellow of the Northumbrian Universities Centre for East Asian Studies.

He was, together with Dr Dennis Wood, leader in the successful struggle in the 1960's to get an adequate say for non-professorial staff in the running of the University, from which

Durham still benefits in comparison with other places.

During his first year here, before getting married, he lived at Lumley and was a popular attender at Castle high table guest nights, when he might perform Japanese songs and dances. Later we saw less of him in college, except with a variety of visitors, for he had a very wide range of acquaintanceships within and beyond the locality, and in his retirement, sadly cut short by cancer, was able to travel and lecture in England and abroad much more, even in a wheel-chair, helped by his sons, until the last fortnight. He will be greatly missed.

REUNION 1991 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the Chair
The President, Dr. E. C. Salthouse, Master of University
College.

Present at the Meeting 72 members of the Society.

Apologies
J. Oakley, L. Hamer, E. Jones, D. Bargman, Rev. P.J. Gregson, G.C. Rawson, K. Johnson, G.B. Donaldson, J.E. Thompson, R. Halton, Prof. J.T. Boulton, W.J. Gunstone, J.H. Bell.

Minutes
The minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting having been circulated in Castellum were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 1. Subscription Increases All members had been informed of the increase and invited to complete and return a Bankers Order form.
- 2. Name Badges These had been made available for anyone who wished to wear one.
- 3. London Dinner Mr. S. Foster, who had suggested the event, explained that owing to the misgivings of certain members the Dinner had not been arranged. He was encouraged by the success of the N.W. Dinner and the fact that it did not appear to have affected the attendance at this reunion, he would organise one and would hope that it would be held in October.

Correspondence

The only letter apart from routine correspondence was one that was received from the University Alumini Officer. This was an invitation to a meeting to consider the relationship of the University and its 'alumini' and the setting up of a Society for graduates of Durham and the arranging of a reunion combining all the reunions of the Colleges. it was felt that the Durham Castle Society had been going for so long that the members' allegience would be to Castle rather than university. It was agreed that we would keep in touch with them without commitment.

Annual Accounts

These were presented by the Treasurer who pointed out the need for the increase as all items had been affected by inflation. The accounts were accepted.

Appointment of Clerical Assistant

The Secretary explained that the amount of work had increased and that the College office could only do the work of the Society as a last resort and even then would have had to charge a fee for the work. It had been decided that it would be better to employ someone directly for half a day a week and would cost about £500 per annum. This was agreed by the meeting.

Membership Drive

The need to increase our membership had been discussed before but with the extra help and the fact that the data base and other lists would enable us to approach eligible persons who were not members or had let their membership lapse, be considered. It was hoped that all the information would be put on one list and everyone approached, possibly by the end of July. Members were encouraged to let the Secretary know of any 'non-members' with up to date addresses.

University College Durham Trust

John Hollier outlined the progress made. £30,000 had been received from various sources which had all been invested and

was showing a healthy return. He said members would be reminded in the next Castellum. He also said that approaches would be made to Charities who had similar interests as well as personal approaches to firms, etc. by Castlemen who had positions of influence. It was thought this would be more effective than general approaches which would not have the same impact.

Election of Officers

The Master proposed from the chair the re-election of the following officers and this was agreed.

Secretary/Treasurer	M.K. Pulling
Editor of Castellum	A.J. Nelson
Representative on Governing Body	J. Hollier
Trustee on U.C.D.T.	A.J. Nelson

Date of next Reunion Friday 20th March 1992 to Sunday 22nd March 1992.

Any Other Business

1. Mr. S. Foster asked why the College Choir had ceased to fluorish and the Master said he would prefer to answer the question later when the problem had been resolved.

2. P.L. Kirby reminded members of the availability of Password to members as well as offering encouragement to the editor of Castellum.

3. John Fyfe asked why Castellum was not sent to the widows of prominent members of the Society. It was explained that some were sent but if widows would like one, efforts would be made to do this.

45th Reunion Dinner Saturday 13th April 1992 GREAT HALL

Hors D'Oeuvre

Champagne Sorbet

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Fillet Steak Dunelm
Roast Potatoes
Courgettes
Tomato Basket with Sweetcorn

Fresh Fruit Salad with Cointreau

Stilton – Brie Fresh Celery

Coffee/Tea

TOASTS

The Queen

The College
Proposed by R.E.H. Heady
Replied to by the Bursar, Wing Commander
A.E. Cartmell

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE DURING THE REUNION

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

The Annual Meeting of Convocation in 1992 will be held on Saturday, March 21st, in the Union Society Debating Chamber, Pemberton Building, Palace Green, Durham at 11.30 a.m. The Vice-Chancellor will give his Annual Report and then there will be an opportunity for questions. Academic dress is not necessary, but a simple black gown is appropriate if desired.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The Durham University Society Luncheon will be held at Hatfield College on Saturday, March 21st. Those attending will be served sherry at 12.45 p.m., and the meal will follow at 1.15 p.m.

The price of £12.00 per head includes sherry, a glass of wine and coffee, and is inclusive of VAT. All Castlemen and their friends will be welcome whether they are members of D.U.S. or not. Please book directly with Lt. Col. D.A. Brown at Eastwood, Princes Street, Durham DH1 4RP, and make cheques payable to the 'Durham University Society'. (Telephone 091 386 4884.)

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

As in previous years, the Department of Geography will remain open on the afternoon of the Annual Meeting of Convocation. Graduates of the Department and others are invited to renew their acquaintance with the buildings and meet each other and some current members of staff.

Tea and Coffee will be provided in the Rockefeller Room on the second floor between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

The JCR 1990-1991

The beginning of the year 1990–1991 saw the intake of freshers for whom the terms 'First Ladies' and 'Last Gentlemen' would mean very little. Castle has completed the change from an allmale institution to a fully mixed College, and for many of us there was a great sense of anticipation as to how the coming year would compare to the years of change.

If there were any fears as to whether Castle was to continue to be the hive of activity and enthusiasm we had come to know they were quickly vanquished as the first years dived head first

into all aspects of College life.

The year may not have been one of the most academically successful the College has ever seen but, as always, Castle remained forceful and committed on the sports field, and the envy of other Colleges in the arts and social spheres.

In sport, UCBC continued to move from strength to strength, with freshers wins in the Hatfield Cup and the

promotion of the mens' eight to senior II status.

The rugby XV endured a lean season but the appointment of a dedicated new captain bodes well for the future whilst College football and hockey continues to flourish. The soccer team was eliminated from the trophy by the eventual winners and finished an impressive second in the league, whereas the womens' hockey team went one better by taking their title.

Castle competed with typical verve in all areas of the sporting scene with varying degrees of success, but always with a will to compete. Notable amongst the rest were the cricket and volleyball teams who both reached their respective

trophy finals.

The College arts week contained a volume and quality of events that few other Colleges could hope to approach, with Claire Davis and her team working unbelievably hard to enhance the reputation of this now well established event. Claire was awarded one of the Ian Graham Memorial Awards for her contribution to University life.

The Social side of College could have reached no greater

heights. The bar team of Ian Cooke, Gareth Taylor and Damian Hind producing such events as the Bierfest and a Burns Night spectacular (the bar now has a range of over 75 whiskies). The evenings were memorable or erased from memory depending on your consumption!

The more grand social occasions fell to the eccentric and inimitable direction of Social Chairman Dougal Wilson and proved to be amongst the best ever seen. Ladies Night and the USA Ball were excellent in themselves but paled in comparison to the June Ball, the biggest and most impressive for many years.

On a more serious note, Government educational legislation made 1990–1991 a tough one for the University, the College and the undergraduates. The College is under pressure to take increased numbers with no increase in resources, and the freshers themselves are finding their grant depleted, and other benefits previously available for students, no longer there.

These problems were clearly manifested when it became necessary for the J.C.R. executive to ballot first years to live out next year. These problems, and others, are going to get worse, and it is only with early planning and co-operation between S.C.R. and J.C.R. that they will be alleviated.

I would like to thank the Master, Bursar and Senior Tutor for their help, open-mindedness and concern over the J.C.R.'s problems in the last year. If the two Common Rooms continue to work together as they have done progress is sure to be made.

It finally falls to me to thank all those members of staff, of the S.C.R. and of the J.C.R. who work so hard to make the College what it is. In particular I'd like to express my gratitude to the J.C.R. Executive who made my job so much simpler, and so much more enjoyable.

THE EXECUTIVE

Rory Cray, Dave Barker, Zoe Nicholson, Dougal Wilson, Ian Cloke, Andrew Wappat, Gareth Taylor, Mike Barker, Malcolm Wood, Miles Stevenson, Alex McGrath, Sarah Laughto and Damian Hind.

Laurence Hill Senior Man 1990–91

Castellum

NIEWS ROUND-UP

Sir Peter Ustinov to be installed as New Chancellor.

The University of Durham held special meetings on 17th January, as Catellum went to press, to choose Sir Peter Ustinov, the celebrated actor, writer, director and Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, as its Chancellor. The new Head of the University succeeds the late Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias who was Chancellor for nearly ten years until her death early in 1991.

Sir Peter's name was proposed at a joint session of the two ruling bodies, Council and Senate. The nomination went immediately to a meeting of Convocation, for final approval. The University has had

Chancellors only since 1909 and Sir Peter will be the tenth.

He has earned international recognition for his work in the performing arts, literature and on behalf of agencies helping children, and has experience in the University system through serving as Rector of Dundee University from 1968–1974. His reaction was 'one of surprise, disbelief and unmitigated delight', and he is due to be installed at a special ceremony in Durham before the next Degree Congregations take place in July.

TRIBUTES TO DAME MARGOT

Representatives of the University joined family, friends and admirers of Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias, Chancellor of

the University 1982–1991, at a Service of Thanksgiving for her Life and Works at Westminster Abbey. Dr. James Barber, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Sub-Warden, represented the Vice-Chancellor, and Mr. Adrian Poole, past President of DSU, took part in the Abbey procession, carrying the academic cap with the distinctive gold tassel which is part of the official dress of the Chancellor. Former Vice-Chancellor, Sir Frederick, spoke on Dame Margot's work in education.

CASTLE NEWS

Castellum regrets to record the deaths of John Fyfe, Andrew Innes and Louis Allen whose obituaries appear in this edition, and also of Vin Cable, who was at the Castle immediately after the War. He was Headmaster of a Comprehensive School in Peterlee, Co. Durham, when ill health forced him to take early retirement a few years ago. He collapsed and died as he was leaving Church after singing with the Choir at a Thanksgiving Service, writes Peggy Hibbard. She remembers him particularly for his voice of calm and thoughtful reason, his sense of humour, his churchmanship, courageous spirit and family pride. He leaves a widow (Betty Wilson of Nevilles), two sons and a daughter. He was thrilled to see his first grandchild born just two weeks before he died.

Rita Maddison, wife of the late John Maddison, was housekeeper at Castle during the 1940s and 1950s, whilst her husband was Steward. She died on August 26th, 1991 at the age of 89 at East Green Home in West Auckland, although before moving there she had lived in Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

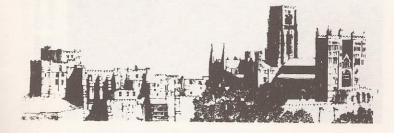
On a happier note, Castellum is delighted to record the marriage in the College of Julie Oliver, now Mrs. Julie Marshall. Julie is a member of the College Office team and assists in the collation of Castellum material amongst her many other duties.

DURHAM 2000: A QUEST FOR GROWTH WITH EXCELLENCE

For the future, the 'Durham 2000 debate continues, considering expansion to 7,500 students, with its many implications for staffing, accommodation and all university services. Proposals put to Council and Senate in December put excellence as the keyword for the future, with the accent on quality in

- keeping and attracting staff
- sustaining the Collegiate structure
- recruiting students from the broadest backgrounds
- teaching, examining and encouraging research
- protecting academic freedom
- strengthening the regional, national and international roles of the University

and attracting the resources for all these activities.





■ Head waiter John Atkin was yesterday the toast of a special lunch in his honour at Durham University College. He is seen here with college principal Dr Edward Salthouse. Picture: GEOFF HEWITT

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This article appeared in the Journal on Saturday, 15th June 1991 to mark the special lunch held in honour of Mr. John Atkin.

Worth waiting for

FOR once, waiter John Atkin was able to look forward to a relaxing lunch.

Over the last 32 years John, head waiter at Durham University College, has served staff and students — as well as Royalty and celebrities.

But yesterday his loyalty to University College, affectionately known as Castle, was rewarded by the special lunch.

Mr Atkin has been at the col-

lege since joining as a 16-year-old with

trainee butler.

"Since then Castle has been my home in fact I actually lived in for 20 years," he said.

Over this time he gradually worked his way up the staff hierarchy to become head waiter six years ago.

But there are no thoughts of retirement and as college principal Dr Edward Salthouse said: "The place wouldn't be the same

without him."

Over the years John, who comes from the Durham area, has waited on the college's VIP guests including The Queen and Princess Royal, former Durham University Chancellor, Dame Chaplin.

"I looked after Dame Margot every time she came for Congregation. She was a charming woman," he remembered.

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KINGSGATE

Amidst the waterfall of letters and cards from friends and family which arrived on your doormat over the Christmas period, you will, I hope, have also heard the slightly heavier thud of Kingsgate, the University's Alumni magazine.

The publication was, I suspect, a surprise and one which I hope you welcome. As members of the Castle Society you are well served by this excellent magazine, Castellum. Kingsgate aims to complement the individual college association newsletters giving news of broader interest concerning the Alumni and what the University itself is currently planning

and researching.

Kingsgate is one of the basic tools of my trade, that is the trade of Alumni Relations. The purpose of my trade is to bring as many of the 46,000 Alumni of the University of Durham back in touch with the University and once that initial link is forged, to inform and interest the Alumni in what the University seeks to achieve. I hope to channel that interest into the College Societies, the Departmental Societies, the Durham University Society, the overseas groups, even the alumni section of the Durham University Campanologists Society!, whatever is of interest to the alumnus/a. Alternatively there may be former students who do not wish to be a part of a particular group or association and these are the people especially served by Kingsgate because by it they retain some link with the institution.

You readers of Castellum are 'old hands' at Alumni Relations. You are part of a core of supporters of University College whose interest in, loyalty and concern for the college and University is crucial to the University. You are, therefore, people whose help and advice I would seek, for ideas about future articles for Kingsgate and comments on this first edition.

The other main activity of my work is that of providing opportunities for Alumni to meet together. The Castle Society has an established and well attended annual reunion. This year, a number of the other Durham Colleges, the Durham

University Society and I have also got together to plan a coordinated reunion in the summer, details of which are given in *Kingsgate*. Perhaps you might manage a second visit to Durham after the Castle reunion in March?

These activities are supported by our continuing efforts to update our records of your addresses. Many of you kindly completed a University College questionnaire mailed out two years ago by my colleague, Adrian Beney. The work on the database goes on and I do hope you will let the College, Society or I know if you change address.

In the meantime may I wish members of the Society the very best for 1992. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you.

Sylvia Brand Alumni Relations Officer





CASTLE APPEAL

Campaign to safeguard the future of one of the North's most famous landmarks

Royal support for Castle appeal

THE Durham Castle Appeal, which is seeking to raise £2.5 million for current and future repairs and restoration, has the support of the Prince of Wales who, in addition to making a private donation to the appeal, provides a personal foreword in the campaign brochure.

A substantial programme of restoration and preservation of its walls, roofs and other historic features is needed to prevent stonework crumbling, lead and other materials wearing out and damp invading the Castle. The University receives no specific grant for the Castle and no allowance is made for the fact that it is much more expensive to maintain than a modern purpose-built college.

As custodian of the Castle, the University of Durham has joined with a group of Northern business executives to found an independent charitable trust which aims to establish an endowment to ensure that the Castle is never put at risk again.

Initial donations for the Appeal totalling more than £138,000 have come from a variety of sources including the Hippodrome Circus who donated the proceeds from one of their performances.

Donations and inquiries to: Mr Malcolm Greaves, Durham Castle Appeal, FREEPOST, Durham, DH1 3YA. Tel: (091) 374 4682.



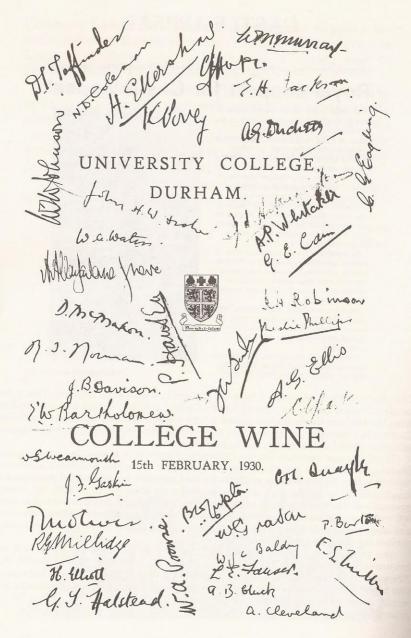
Honeycomb erosion

The above article is reproduced from the University's newsletter *Password*. This is the newly launched University Appeal for the Castle fabric and should be distinguished from the Durham Castle Society appeal for the College and new buildings within the Castle. The University College Durham Trust is therefore entirely separate from this new initiative which has also established its own Trust.

The Campaign brochure for the University Appeal is a 16-page colour document featuring watercolours of the building, and a foreword by the Prince of Wales, who write 'unfortunately, the funds made available for the University for educational purposes are insufficient to meet the cost of safeguarding the fabric of the Castle for future generations'. The brochure refers to the sandstone which was quarried in some cases over 900 years ago and almost all of which has been in position for 400 years. Wind, rain, frost and atmospheric pollution has taken its toll, with stones flaking away, and others having cavities big enough to put a large fist into.

The pre-eminent status of 'World Heritage Site' is conferred on world ranking monuments including the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids, Versailles, Machu Picchu, the Acropolis, the Great Wall of China and Durham Castle, but this status does not ensure that funds will be made available for its preservation. It does, however, emphasise our responsibility to protect this part of our irreplaceable heritage for the sake of future

generations.



IT WAS THE PIT – THE LOWEST EBB!

Arnold Kendall Gibson (1926-30) was one of only four freshmen entering the Castle in the year of the General Strike, and was eventually appointed Senior Man by Henry Ellershaw, Canon of Durham Cathedral and Master of University College, in his final year. There were then only 17 students, with only three dons, but numbers grew to around 40 by 1930. These were no "golden years", and the College held on to existence by very thin threads.

My first contact was March 1926 when I did the scholarship exam, and got one of two awarded in Maths, went up in October 1926, and did the essential Latin and Logic over the first year, then could drop everything and go on with maths. We started as a class of eight, but by Christmas they kicked two out and told them to look elsewhere for qualifications. We got round to the first summer and it looked like a massacre – I was the only one clean through. One other was allowed to continue to with Honours provided he resat Latin, whilst the others were all drafted to alternative courses. He survived the Latin, so we continued as a class of two for the next two years.

What shape was the College in at that time?

There was work on the fabric of the Castle, sticking bits of glass and see which one cracked, they knew that was where the slip was. But we were a College, and being small in numbers I think we were more tightly knit than some of the others. When you've only got 17 blokes, one is a known diabetic, another is a known bronchitic, one was a Hindu from the Indian subcontinent, (a fine cricketer, a useful tennis player but not a damn bit of good on a rugby or soccer field), so you see you just took the College list, crossed out the three duds and put the rest on the field. That's the way we had to pick our team.

I represented my College at everything except tennis to which I couldn't contribute. We always managed to put a crew

into a boat. I got my rowing colours in the first term there, they were so short, I was put in as bow and normally a second year bloke would have got in there with a bit of experience and there was I after three weeks bowing, and by Easter I'd got athletics colours because I'd managed to get in the final of the 440 yards, and in between we just had a go at everything.

The university had been going best part of 100 years by then – it must have been something of a low ebb. Was everyone conscious that this was a university which had been quite strong about the turn of the century?

It was the pit. Hall stairs, Garden Stairs and the Norman Gallery were all closed down and we were all packed into the Keep for economy. Those were the dark ages for undergraduates, for the College, for the University and come to that for the whole country. Oxford and Cambridge were feeling the pinch too, no-one was getting the same numbers. Friends of mine went to Cambridge, and when one came back the only job he could get was a bus conductor. That was the situation that was ruling the employment market. The whole country was at the bottom of the bit, worse that it is now. You could see chaps in Framwellgate with nothing to do but sit on their backsides and spit in the gutter – that was their only entertainment.

Was it hard work as you remember? Was the academic side of the university in good strength?

No – the trouble was that in order to get pupils in they were easy on the admissions, and a lot of people got in, failed the first degree, went back home and did some more swotting, came back and passed on the second attempt and re-entered. So although you were at second year stage you could have been a third or fourth year student from matriculation point. We were four freshmen in 1926: I had a scholarship in Maths, Dean had a scholarship in German, and we both survived quite happily, but there were two other fellows who came with us and after the first year we never saw them again.

A scholar could always have a soft seat at the end of the table, that was one distinction: the others had to sit on a hard form. A scholar had a more elaborate gown so he was noticeable out on the street. Only a scholar was allowed to read the Grace. Scholarships were awarded by the university in March each year by competitive exam, and lasted for as long as you were of

good repute - and passed the exams.

My Maths scholarship gave me £30 towards the fees, which were only £112 a year, there were a few state scholarships, and the local council offered two at £65 per year, and I managed to get one of those, and my school's war memorial after the 1914-19 war was a scholarship fund of £50 a year so I had £145 a year which was just as well because my father couldn't have afforded that. I applied to Durham simply because I couldn't afford Cambridge. To make a bit extra I sometimes took an exeat at the weekend and played the violin in a dance band at

home in Dewsbury!

In 1928/9 I was appointed sub-treasurer of the Union, the Men's Union, and the job was to run the coffee bar, which it was always hoped would make a profit but never did, at least not so far as the records were concerned. However, I thought it would be rather a job checking the takings everyday, so I struck up an acquaintance with a cafe owner in the town, and made an arrangement that he would run the coffee bar. I stipulated that his prices had to be below cafe charges, and he was to give me £5 for the privilege of running it for a term. Well he said he would agree, because he could put a greater throughput through his business. He only stuck it for a year, but I made my profit every term and they made me a life member, and I have the proof here: No 725 Life Membership of Durham Union Society.

That photograph was the summer of 1928, when Ben Hur was the film craze, so Ben Hur and his Charioteers had a race with Ethyl and her Six Carbon Boys – you won't remember the old advert for ethyl petrol which was a new development in '27/'28 – and so we staged a race between Ethyl and Ben Hur.



I was Ben Hur, of course, and the only thing that was authentic was the helmet: a genuine Roman helmet borrowed from a museum which went back in good condition. Bill (W.A.) Prowse was Ethyl, later Lecturer in Physics, and that was one of the set pieces of the Rag.

By 1929, I had a First in Maths – I was told I was only the fourth first in 20 years. The fashion was in those days that if you had a first or a top second you could go and look for a job, but if you had a lower second or a third you made tracks for the nearest Bishop and see if you could get yourself ordained! That was the system.

To be a teacher, the normal practice was to take the Diploma in Theory and Practice of Teaching, but it was held in rather low esteem by students. The Regulations of the Burnham Committee stipulated you could be a qualified teacher if you had either a degree or a training certificate. I had a degree but I

thought I wouldn't mind another year in College, so I switched from arts to science: having done B.A. Maths I switched to B.Sc. Physics. I have this letter:

University of Durham, University Offices, 38 North Bailey, Durham.

6th November, 1929

At a meeting of Senate held on 5th November, the following grace was granted to you: that you be allowed to take an Honours B.Sc. in Physics in one year, and, further, that you be exempted from the auxiliary subjects in Science.

Faithfully yours,

H.G. Theodosius, Registrar

Please retain this letter, it says below, as proof of concession. Just as well you have – they might come checking up on it some day!

Two years later I looked up the regulations and found that I was entitled to an M.A. twice, once because I had a First in Arts, and had waited two years, but any graduate in arts who became a graduate in science could also have an M.A. So I'm an M.A. squared! During 1930 I was President of the Pure Science Society. Another student and I were only the second and third B.Sc's awarded by University College, though of course there were others in Hatfield and elsewhere.

I also received another historic document:

I certify that the name Arnold Kendall Gibson BA has been placed on the register of parliamentary electors of the University of Durham and that the fee of ten shillings has been duly received.

In those days there was a universities constituency in Parliament: E. Rathbone was the sitting member at the time.

You had two votes, a local parish vote and the university vote. I only exercised it couple of times before it was abolished.

So as the College grew again in the late 1920s, what was life like before you left?

Student living conditions were abominable: oil lamps in all student quarters. Breakfast was at 8 o'clock until quarter to nine - if you didn't arrive by quarter to nine you'd had it. The gyps served breakfast, then they came up into the Keep where everyone lived and cleaned and charged all the oil lamps, they hauled coal up to the various landings, the bedmakers made the beds, and the only washing arrangements was the Victorian one: a pottery jugs with a bowl of cold water. If you wanted hot water, you went down to the gyp's kitchen, filled a can of hot water and took it back up. The only way to get a bath was to use a hip bath. Evening dinner was very strictly formal, you had to wear gowns, a full suit, a stiff or a semi-stiff collar and a College tie or a dark tie. Everything was done in solemn assembly week by week one of the scholars went up to read the Grace in Latin, and was solemnly handed the Grace on a card by the butler. After the meal eventually the butler would go to the Senior Man and say "Shall I ask if you can leave, Sir?", and the butler toddled up to High Table and asked the Master or whoever was the head of High Table, and everyone trooped out solemnly. Even at lunch and breakfast we were expected to be fully clothed and in our right mind. Sometimes it seemed a bit much when you'd just got off a rugger field.

In 1928 we got back to an awful shock: instead of oil lamps, we had electric light! Funny little switches with a bit in the middle. In the interests of economy, which was paramount in those days, if you pushed the switch up your bedroom light went on, put it in the middle and it went out, and if you pushed it down and your other room light went on: you couldn't have both on at one time. With only 40W bulbs, we had to dash out and buy small pedestal reading lamps. That way I could tell the difference between a quadratic and a linear equation!

Then in 1929 they had installed fixed baths, and goodbye to

the hip baths which we were glad to see the back of. In fact the cubicles became the social centre of the College, especially at tea time when you were cleaning up after a game. On the arts side there were no afternoon lectures, on the science side you had experimental work in the laboratory at least three afternoons a week, so opportunities for games for science people was limited.

In the last year came the great indignity. A Government Committee came enquiring into the finances, and decided that Hatfield kitchens and domestic side must be closed down, and everybody had to be fed in the Castle. Hatfield felt it worse than we did: there was no ill will between the Colleges, and we made a point of keeping our identities even though we were forced in together – we wouldn't let then amalgamate us. Hatfield stood facing High Table, and we always faced one another across the Hall, and we always kept that idea that we were two separate Colleges. Hatfield made a point of arriving at the last minute, never late, and would depart immediately afterwards. As Senior Man in 1930, I always made a point of having a word with the Senior Man of Hatfield in full view of all to emphasise that there was no ill will between us.

After leaving Mr. Gibson taught in the Quaker School in Kendal which closed in 1932 as a result of the depression, met his future wife there and moved to Gillingham, Kent for five years, then to Challoners School at Amersham until 1949. He then held the Headship of the Grammar School at Bedwellty in Monmouthshire until 1971 when he retired back to Kendal. He has been back to the north-east only twice since 1930.

THE DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st March, 1991

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AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the books of account of The Durham Castle Society and confirm that the foregoing Statements are prepared in accordance therewith.

K. Delaney, FCCA Old Shire Hall, Durham

11 April, 1991

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Dates of 1992 Reunion

Friday 20th March to Sunday 22nd March 1992. The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 21st March 1992.

Dates of 1993 Reunion

Friday 16th April to Sunday 18th April 1993. The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 17th April 1993

Durham University Reunion

In addition to the Castle Society Reunion, the University Alumni Office is arranging a weekend for June 26th to June 28th 1992.

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