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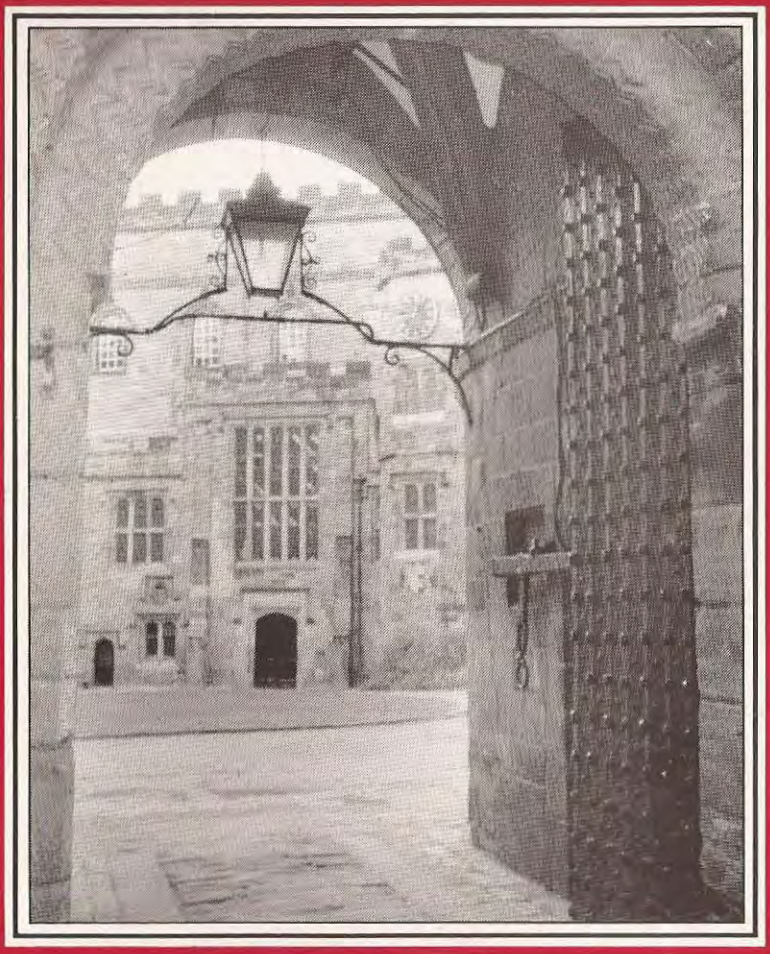

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THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

As I write, County Durham is covered in snow. A major incentive to finish the compilation of Castellum is that I can't get out of the house, and even my Russian border guard's hat (purchased near Checkpoint Charlie last year) couldn't keep out the cold in last night's blizzard.

Still, it was a glorious summer. Durham University, and the Castle in particular, was filled with tourists in the region for the National Garden Festival which attracted 3.1 million visitors, most of whom came from outside the region. Castle's bed and breakfast accommodation was well used, and the Tourist Board are hoping that the current recession and international situation and the enthusiasm stimulated for the North-East by the Festival will lead to another good year for regional tourism. Why not start off the season with a spring visit to Durham?

Every year since I have been Editor of Castellum, I have published an obituary of a leading old Castleman. First, Ralph Appleton, the former Secretary, then Reg Easthope and last year Duncan Cramb. This year, I have the sad duty to report the death of Trevor Davies-Hibbard and Bill Dey, both leading members of the Society.

It would be a sad day indeed if the Durham Castle Society became simply a club for old men, diminishing in stature each year. Luckily, the Society is not like that, and there is a fresh influx of new blood each year, mixing with the graduates of earlier generations. One or two people attend Reunions for the first few years after graduation, then there seems to be a falling off for a short while before the 'second wind' sees old faces back.

We appear to have two major groups gathering for a session in the Undercroft. Student unrest was relatively unknown in Durham in the late 1960s, but Roger Lilley and Chris Morrison are trying to get together 'a star-studded cast' from the period 1967–72. Meanwhile, David Shepherd has been undertaking a major manhunt to attract the men who started at Castle in 1962, and at the time of writing had 27 left to track down. David Watson had better stand by to receive extra demand into the

small hours. Since members of the Society are all resident for the reunion, licensing hours have never needed to restrict the activities of the reunion, and the piano in the Undercroft has seen sterling service in recent years.

But you don't have to come in a group. Hunter Davies wrote in Punch (reprinted in Castellum) a couple of years ago that he didn't return to Durham to meet a pile of total strangers. Strangely, that need not be a daunting experience. Last November, I went up to Perth for the first Scottish Reunion of my old school, Dulwich College in South London. Now, I haven't been back to Dulwich for six years, and I left ten years ago, but I was the most recent leaver there. Most of those present were considerably older, but in that small dining room in the Royal Golfing Society in Perth we all had something in common and it was a highly convivial evening: even with total strangers.

Of course, far more embarrassing than meeting total strangers is the situation of being greeted heartily by an apparent total stranger who greets you as a long-lost friend. Indeed, you may be, but even if you suddenly recognise the face, the name is totally gone. That's why Professor Peter Kirby's often suggested but never implemented idea of name badges at the reunion is so important. Your editor will try to make sure it happens to save him the any problems this year . . . There are those I meet every year at the Reunion who I never met at Durham as an undergraduate, but although I have a reasonably good memory for names, two days association in 365 isn't always enough to store names away in instant recall mode!

I hope the 1991 Reunion will be something special: our membership is growing, and the first ladies are now eligible to join the Durham Castle Society following graduation. The Master didn't lead one of his special excursions last year, but there is still hope.

Burnopfield, Co. Durham
February 1991

MASTERS LETTER 1990

Just before the Christmas break I had the pleasure of joining with other members of the Society for a dinner organised by Canon Geoffrey Williams for members from Blackburn and the North-West. We had a very pleasant evening in the conference centre at Whalley Abbey and I was able to outline the College's plans and describe the new developments which we have underway and which are closely related to the 'appeal' we sent to all members some months ago. I enjoyed meeting a number of members I had not seen for quite a few years and others I did not meet before. The evening also proved useful in that I was able to answer queries from several members about university entrance. From time to time I have suggested through this letter that members with sons or daughters who are likely to apply to the College should drop me a line. Perhaps I should add that I am more than happy to discuss admissions with any school teacher who wishes to get in touch. Some doubts were raised at the Annual Reunion in Durham last year that local gatherings might have an adverse effect on attendance at Durham. With experience of the meeting at Whalley I do not think this will occur and, as I have said, the meeting was not just a social gathering but was aimed to reinforce the fund-raising work being undertaken by the Society. If any other member feels that they would like to organise a meeting for the same purpose in their part of the country then I or the Bursar or Senior Tutor will be happy to come along and talk about developments in College.

In this context I would like to turn to a decision taken at the Annual Meeting in Durham last April and which I regard as very important. Over recent years members of the Society have contributed to several fund-raining appeals, e.g. in connection with Moatside Court and the West Courtyard Common Room. At the re-union those present decided that fund-raising for the College would in future be part of the role of the Society. Fund-raising would be initiated by the Society and would become an on-going activity, no longer confined to

specific projects. With this in mind a Trust has been established, independent of the University, to look after the funds donated by members, to oversee their investment and to allocate interest to specific projects in the College. You will be aware from the initial circulation to members, the Trust has as its first objective to assist with new residential accommodation in the Castle. I regard the Society's decision as a most important development and I hope you will support it fully. Much of the groundwork has been done by John Hollier, your representative on the Governing Body, and our sincere thanks are due to him and also to Neville Pearson who put considerable effort into drawing up the Trust deed. John Hollier has contributed a note on progress to date which I hope you will read with interest.

As I mentioned above the College has embarked on a project which will allow us to increase the accommodation in College and, more importantly, to increase the number of rooms available in the Castle itself. The aim is to convert the Garden Stairs area which is presently used for the College offices. We should be able to accommodate around 20 additional students and this will alleviate the pressure on the College due to the University's wish to expand to around 6,000 students in total. To accommodate this increase the Durham Colleges have been asked by Senate to increase the number of students they admit even though this may result in students having to live out of College. Until last year we were able to guarantee accommodation for all three years of a student's course; following a decision of the Senate of the University, accommodation can only be guaranteed for a student's first and third years. While I understand the reasons for this change, I am personally disappointed that it has been necessary. One of Durham's strengths over the past 20 years has been the ability to offer accommodation for all three years. Hopefully the number of students wishing to live out of College will be adequate and I will not have to force students to live out who would prefer not too. This year and next will be the most difficult – if our plans for Garden Stairs run according to schedule we should be in a better situation thereafter.

The Whalley Abbey meeting reminded me that one of the more interesting aspects of the job of Master is meeting old students of the College – not just at reunions. My wife and I were lucky enough to join the American AIA (Association for Industrial Archaeology) Fall Tour of the Yukon Gold Fields last summer. We visited most of the towns associated with the 1889 Gold Rush and eventually arrived at Dawson City. Some of the party who visited one area before we did cheerfully informed me that they had met a Durham student. Needless to say he was a Castleman and an engineer, Captain Gareth Jones who graduated about 1979, the year I came to College. He joined the Royal Engineers and is presently working with the Canadian Army who gave him the very interesting job he was doing in the Yukon. I don't know who was more surprised – Gareth to see me or vice versa!

Just a couple of pieces of University news. Our new Vice-Chancellor joined the University during the summer. Professor Evelyn Ebsworth is a chemist and was Dean of Science at Edinburgh before coming to Durham. He seems to have settled in very well and celebrated his arrival with his marriage in the Norman Chapel. Our previous Vice-Chancellor, Professor Holliday was knighted following the New Year's honours list last year and left Durham as Sir Fred Holliday. There were numerous farewells and we all wished him and Lady Holliday a very happy retirement – not that he is going to have much free time from the number of posts he has taken on-board.

I must also mention that Professor Arnold Wolfendale, a member of our Senior Common Room and Professor of Physics, has been appointed Astronomer Royal. This is a considerable distinction and excellent for the University. As Professor Wolfendale pointed out to me, I am sure Temple Chevalier would have been pleased.

Elsewhere you will see that Trevor Davies-Hibbard has died. I found this very sad. Trevor had only recently remarried and of course he bought a new eight for the boat club last year. At least he was able to see it in action. He will be missed at re-unions. I am also very conscious at this time, having just talked

to one of our present students whose brother is involved, that some of our students, past and present, are stationed in the Gulf, or have relatives there awaiting the outbreak of war. Our thoughts go out to them.

LIVING OUT

This year's Master's Letter notes the College's inability to guarantee accommodation in College. The 1949 Castellum gave a post-war perspective to the problem:

Post-Graduate students are having to live in lodgings, owing to the extreme pressure on accommodation. Unlike the other residential universities, Durham has never had any tradition of lodgings suitable for students, nor of landladies with pride in long-established connections with the Colleges. However, the citizens of Durham responded nobly to the numerous appeals. In most cases it has worked out that students have had to take all meals in Hall and pay 25/- (£1.25) a week for a room only and often have to walk as much as two miles across Durham for a Castle breakfast.

Yes, 25/- a week for a room – sometimes for the privilege of sharing a room – furnished with broken-down furniture, hung with pictures which offend all the rules of taste, often dirty, in dirty houses where bird-cages are washed out in the bath, where wireless sets blare forth all day and night, where there are screaming children and loud-mouthed grown-ups – in short 25/- a week for living in conditions scarcely tolerable.

'Castlemen in Lodgings' by L.N.,
Castellum No. 2, 1949

Trevor Davies Hibbard 1925-1990

'A big man in every way; big in stature; big of heart; big in generosity, though that was known to few beyond its recipients; big in learning and education, in music and in enthusiasm for life itself'.

These words spoken at his funeral service are entirely appropriate to Trevor Davies Hibbard who died during October at the age of 65 after a short illness. But the tribute omits a major dimension of his life and character. He was a great Castleman.

Coming up in 1943 from Ebbw Vale County School, he read an Honours German degree, graduated in 1946 and took his Dip Ed the following year. He was College organist throughout this time and a fervent upholder of Castle traditions. He used his weight to significant effect in the Castle crew which dominated the 1947 Senate races even though his idea of training was to reduce his cigarette intake from over twenty a day to under ten.

His professional career reflected his considerable abilities. After posts in Durham, Penrith and Holyhead, he gained his first Headship in Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1961. Six years later he was appointed Head of Netherhall School, Maryport, a post he held until his retirement on health grounds in 1980. In 1960 he gained his MA with a thesis on Beethoven and the Concerto. At abouth the same time he obtained his private pilot's licence and was playing an active part in the local community, encouraging particularly the Maryport Army Cadet Force.

Trevor married three times, maintaining strong Durham ties throughout. On the death of Beryl (nee Harding, St Mary's) he married Katie, (nee Milligan, St Mary's) and when she died, he married Peggy, the widow of another Castleman, Ray Hall.

Castle owes Trevor a great debt. He donated the eighteenth century piano which stands outside the S.C.R. He presented the Boat Club with B.K.M., the state-of-the-art eight which is

the pride of the boathouse. Above all, he gave fellowship and warmth in generous measure to all who knew him, his contemporaries and those who met him at re-unions over such a long period.

To Peggy and her family we offer our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Norman Butterworth

The new scull 'Zoology One' on the River Wear at its launch in November 1990.

W. J. DEY

Bill Dey, as he was affectionately known, was Senior Man at the Castle when I arrived as a fresher in 1934. His gaunt figure, self-confidence and strongly held opinions coupled with his obvious high-standing in student affairs made an immediate impression: yet such was the Castle that he was soon able to make the newcomer feel at home in his company, and for me lay the foundation of a life-long friendship. He was a true Yorkshireman from Wakefield Grammar School, a fine classicist and a loyal Castleman. His career in education is well-known and his contribution to London University acknowledged. For many years he gave inspiration and leadership to the Durham University Association and was a founder member of the Castle Society. All who met him throughout the years found the same qualities in Bill Dey as I had experienced in 1934, and many were grateful for his friendly advice. His character was supremely shown in the care and attention he gave his wife in later years and one was always glad to see him at Reunions with her. May he rest in peace – and to her we send our sympathy with memories were are glad to record.

Canon F.S.M. Chase

REUNION 1990
44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

24 March 1990

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

Present at the Meeting
72 members of the Society.

Apologies
Mr. L. Slater (Vice-President), Dr. D. Bythell, Mr. E. Forman, Mr. S. Foster, Mr. J. Lawes, Mr. P. J. Ibbotson, Mr. D. Wesson and Mr. D. Holbrook

Minutes
The minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising
1. There were no matters arising other than those which arose from items on the Agenda.

Correspondence
2. The Secretary had received letters of thanks from three members of staff who had been presented with retiring gifts at the last Annual General Meeting i.e. Cicely Shaw, Mary Vine and Jean Oliver. Mrs. D. C. Cramb had written to inform the Society of Duncan's death in May. The Secretary had replied appropriately on behalf of the Society. A relative of L. P. Wenham (in residence in early thirties) had informed the Society of Mr. Wenham's death earlier this year. It was also reported that J. A. Clayton (1950-53) had died recently.

Annual Accounts

3. The Bursar presented the statement of accounts for 1989-90. These were accepted. There had been a small surplus of income expenditure in the year's transaction (£142.26). The printing costs of Castellum were in line with the budget figure agreed. Investments in the Northern Rock Building Society amounted to £5269.74 after interest.

Recommendations for Committee

4 a) *Membership:* It was agreed that sherry parties for the first and third year undergraduates should continue in order to try to persuade as many undergraduates as possible to join the Society. All leavers would be given a copy of the latest editon of Castellum at the sherry party preceding the College Lunch.

b) *Annual Subscriptions:* The Society intended to become more active in a number of areas e.g. fund raising, increased membership etc., and this generated additional secretarial work which could not be undertaken by the College office. The present subscription of £2.00 covered only the cost of printing and distribution of Castellum. It was therefore agreed that the annual subscriptions should be increased to £5.00 and that this increase should be used, in part, to employ secretarial help for Society matters as and when required. It was furthermore agreed that members should be asked to pay by direct debit rather than by banker's order.

c) *Sociey Stationery:* It was agreed that the Sociey should have its own note paper. A more attractive application form would also be designed. Both note paper and applicaion form would incorporate the College coat of arms.

Fund Raising

5. Mr. John Hollier described work carried out in preparation for the setting up of an Endowment Fund, the interest from which would be used to finance projects which

would benefit the members of the College. The first project to be so funded would be the development of Garden Stairs, the construction of a building in the Fellows Garden, and the relocation of the Lodge. Legal advice from Mr. N. Pearson (1959-62) and both the Charities Commissioners and Inland Revenue had established that Colleges of the University of Durham were exempt from the requirement to register as a Charity under Section 2 of the Charities Act 1960. After discussion the following decisions were made:

a) A charitable trust should be set up by the Durham Castle Sociey for the purposes outlined in the Trust Deed which had been prepared for it and accepted by the Meeting.
b) The following should be Trustees: Master, Bursar, Secretary of the Society (Mr. M. K. Pulling 1950-2), Mr. John Hollier (1949-52) and Mr. Alex Nelson (1980-83), Mr. Neville Pearson (1959-62) and one other to be named from 1960/70 era. Meetings would be held at least once per year.
c) The Trustees authorised to operate the bank account (Barclays Account No. 21156985) opened on behalf of the Endowment Fund should be the Master, the Bursar, Mr. Hollier. Two signatures would be requiered for cheques.
d) Copies of the brochure, covenant, and a covering letter from the Master and Mr. Hollier inviting contributions would be sent to all members of the Society in May 1990.
e) Arrangements should be made for an appropriate sum of money to be transferred from the Castlemen's Society Project Fund to the Endowment Fund Account.

London Dinner

6 A letter from Stephen Foster (1985-88) had suggested that a dinner (or other form of gathering) for members of the

Society should be held in September each year. Although not received unfavourably the suggestion raised fears that many people might regard this as an alternative to the Reunion. With that caveat, it was agreed that a list should be circulated at the AGM and the names of those wishing to attend sent to Stephen Foster.

Election of Committee Members

7. The Master proposed that the following should be re-elected: Secretary/Treasurer (M. K. Pulling) (1950-52), Editor of Castellum (Alex Nelson) (1980-83) and representative on Governing Body (John Hollier) (1949-52). The nominations were seconded and agreed. In addition, J. W. Nicholls (1951-55) and K. M. Hawes (1977-80) were elected to replace Mr. E. Jones (1947) and Mr. D. Cramb (deceased).

Date of 1990-91 Reunion

8. The 1990-91 Reunion would be held from Friday 12 April to Saturday 13 April 1991. The format would be as in previous years. It was noted that Convocation would be held on Saturday 13 April 1991. The Durham University Society Luncheon would be held in the Great Hall on 13 April 1991.

Any Other Business

9 a) *Name Badges:* Peter Kirby (1942-44) again raised the suggestion that name badges should be worn by members attending. The Committee agreed to consider the matter.

b) *Password:* Peter Kirby asked for names of those who wished to obtain copies of Password.

c) *Membership List:* Further work on this was necessary. The Master had the matter in hand.

d) *Courtyard Clock:* The Courtyard clock was again inaccurate. The history of unsuccessful attempts to persuade the clock to keep good time were outlined. The matter would be pursued.

e) *Barbican:* The suitability of the south west corner of the Barbican as a site for a Porter's lodge (see item 5) was raised. The Chairman emphasised that planning permission would be obtained from the appropriate authorites, and that English Heritage had not objected in principle.

f) *Women:* It was obseved that no women members of the Society were present at the 1990 Reunion. The 'first ladies' would graduate in 1990; it was hoped that some would return for the 1991 Reunion.

g) *Costing of Castellum:* The Editor of Castellum currently worked within a financial constraint of £1000. More copies would have to be produced in future years, costs were escalating with inflation, and it was hoped to make Castellum increasingly interesting. It was therefore agreed that the Editor should be given an additional £500 per year towards the cost of Castellum. Some of these costs would be recouped from sales to new members.

44th Reunion Dinner
Saturday 24th March 1990
GREAT HALL

Salmon Mayonnaise

★ ★ ★

Cream of Celery Soup with Croutons

★ ★ ★

Entrecote Bordelaise
Noisette Potatoes
Courgettes
Cauliflower Polonaise

★ ★ ★

Raspberry Syllabub

★ ★ ★

Cheese – Biscuits

★ ★ ★

Coffee

TOASTS

The Queen

The College
Proposed by Edgar Jones
Replied to by The Chaplain, Rev. R. Marsh

A toast was also proposed to absent friends

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE DURING THE REUNION

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

The Annual Meeting of Convocation in 1991 will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 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 in the Great Hall of Durham Castle on Saturday, April 13th. Those attending will be served sherry at 12.45 p.m., and the meal will follow at 1.15p.m..

The price of £10.75 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, 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.

UNIVERSITY AIR SQUADRON 1941-1946

During the past few years a number of Castlemen have contributed to the collection of memoirs of those who, either were members of the RAF Short Courses Nos. 1–10 or, members of the U.A.S. longer term.

Sooner or later a line has to be drawn in terms of time if the items so far collected are to be published in a more permanent form. That time is not now far from being reached and therefore may I most earnestly request those who so far have not contributed but are able to, to put pen to paper and commit their thoughts and reactions to Durham and in particular, the Castle as they met it in those War Years.

1991 is the 50th anniversary of the first of these U.A.S. courses and the formation of, as it was then, Durham University Air Squadron.

Any memorabilia such as nominal rolls, photographs, publications and the like will be more than welcome.

Please send them to me at the College where they will be collated with the material already received.

Roy Heady

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The JCR 1989-1990

The academic year 1989-1990 saw University College fully mixed after two years of transformation and it was with great pride that I was able to carry out the duties of Senior man in this landmark year of the College's history. I must firstly thank all members of the JCR executive for a job well done, it was through their never ending hard work and enthusiasm that the JCR with its associated events and facilities continued to run as smoothly as it did.

Maybe now the JCR can now look with hindsight and assess the reality of going mixed. To do this we must look upon the achievements of the JCR both as a whole and by individuals.

On the social front (as in all other matters) University College remained the envy of the University. Events such as Ladies Night, the Naughty Nineties Ball and as ever the June Ball all proved a great success made memorable as much by the antics of those attending as by the efforts of the organisers. A large congratulations must go to Thomas Grieves and his team for keeping us entertained in one way or another over the year.

An institution which now seems to have taken a firm hold in the Castle Year is Arts week, this year superbly run by Tanya Wilson and Co. It appears to bring culture to parts of the Castle that other Cultures can't reach! In all seriousness it brings home just how great the range of talent is within the College and I wish it every success in the future.

The bar spent the year as popular as ever with Martin Pratt presiding over a clinically efficient team of barpersons. Events such as the Bierfest ensured that drinking habits could be varied just a little.

On the sporting front Castle competed with just as much zest as previous years: athletics, bridge, rowing, basketball, cricket, croquet, darts, football, hockey and rugby being some of the sports represented. The standards reached by all concerned were admirably high with the rowing crews record-

ing some impressive wins and the mens' basketball team narrowly beaten in the final. On behalf of the boat club I would like to offer thanks to Mr. John Fyfe for his donation of a new single scull. Castle now competes in nearly all sports on two fronts both men and women and can even boast the Womens' University Rugby Captain for this year and next! It is encouraging to see the mens' squads remaining strong with the women building on impressive results.

One matter ever present for both the JCR and SCR was that of Finance and whilst it was encouraging to see the maintenance fee settled amicably, it is becoming increasingly clear that major changes must be made for the College to support itself financially. To this end I must thank both Dr. Salthouse and Wing Commander Cartmell for their openness in maintenance fee discussions and also the Castle Society for their positive steps towards creating a fund which will provide money for projects of worth within the College. I am sure that the JCR and SCR will be able to continue with a sensible dialogue on the matter of funding and realistic progress can be made in the future.

I must thank all members of the College staff and SCR without whose help and support the majority of our events would not be possible. On behalf of the JCR I would like to wish Dr. Bythell all the best now he has stepped down as Senior Tutor and thank him for all his work in the past. Finally my congratulations and thanks to the JCR without whom the College would not be all that it is.

THE EXECUTIVE

Lisa Jones, Juliet Dickey, Tom Grieves, Martin Pratt, Ian Macredie, Martin Leyland, Richard Steele, Matthew Wade, David Wetherall, Claire Jackson, Mike Barker, Tim Surridge, Andy McMeeking.

Colin Bell
Senior Man 1989-1990

Castellum

NEWS ROUND-UP

CASTLEMAN PILOT MISSING IN GULF

Wing Commander T.N.C. (Nick) Elsdon, who was a student at Castle from 1969 to 1972, has been reported missing on flying duties with the RAF in the Gulf. It is understood that he was involved in one of the first Tornado strikes of the war to liberate Kuwait. At the time Castellum went to press, there was no news of his whereabouts.

A NEW TRACER FOR THE BOAT CLUB

The Boat Club has received a new boat through the generosity of Mr. J.C.H. Fyfe. Mr. John Fyfe was a close friend of Trevor Davies-Hibbard, who died last year, and also donated a boat to the U.C.B.C. Mr Fyfe's gift is a tracer (training-racer) which is now used in inter-Collegiate racing. The single seater scull is named Zoology One. The reason for this name is that in 1941, John Fyfe together with another Castleman and one other were the first three Zoology students received into Durham University. The tracer has been used since the beginning of this academic year, and was formally presented to U.C.B.C. by John Fyfe, who now lives in Edinburgh, in November.

1920's M.A. HOOD OFFERED TO CASTLE

Mrs. Nancie E. Geipel has written to the Master reporting the death at the age of 90 of her husband, Cecil Geipel, who was a Castleman discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant from the Durham Light Infantry in 1919, at the age of 20, having been severely wounded. In that year he became a student at the Castle, reading Honours Theology. Mrs. Geipel was herself a student at St. Mary's (1925–8), now living at 220 Barton Hill Road, Torquay, Devon TQ2 8LX. Surprisingly, Mrs. Geipel, still had her husband's M.A. hood, supplied by Greys, and now returned to Castle. Her nephew, Prof. Peter Wiseman, of Exeter has recently received an honorary doctorate at Durham and suggested the University might be able to make use of it.

OBITUARIES

We regret to record the deaths of other Castlemen last year. Two leading members of the Society, Trevor Davies-Hibbard and Bill Dey passed away, and their obituaries appear earlier in the magazine. W.E. (Waldo) Porter (1950–1953) also died in December 1990. On the staff side, Professor Hilary Seton Offler died early in 1991.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR RETIRING VICE-CHANCELLOR

Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, Vice Chancellor and Warden from January 1980 to September 1990 retired having received a Knighthood in the 1990 Queens' Birthday Honours List. He said he regarded it as an award to the whole University for its record of maintaining

quality in traditional areas and bringing the same quality to innovative work.

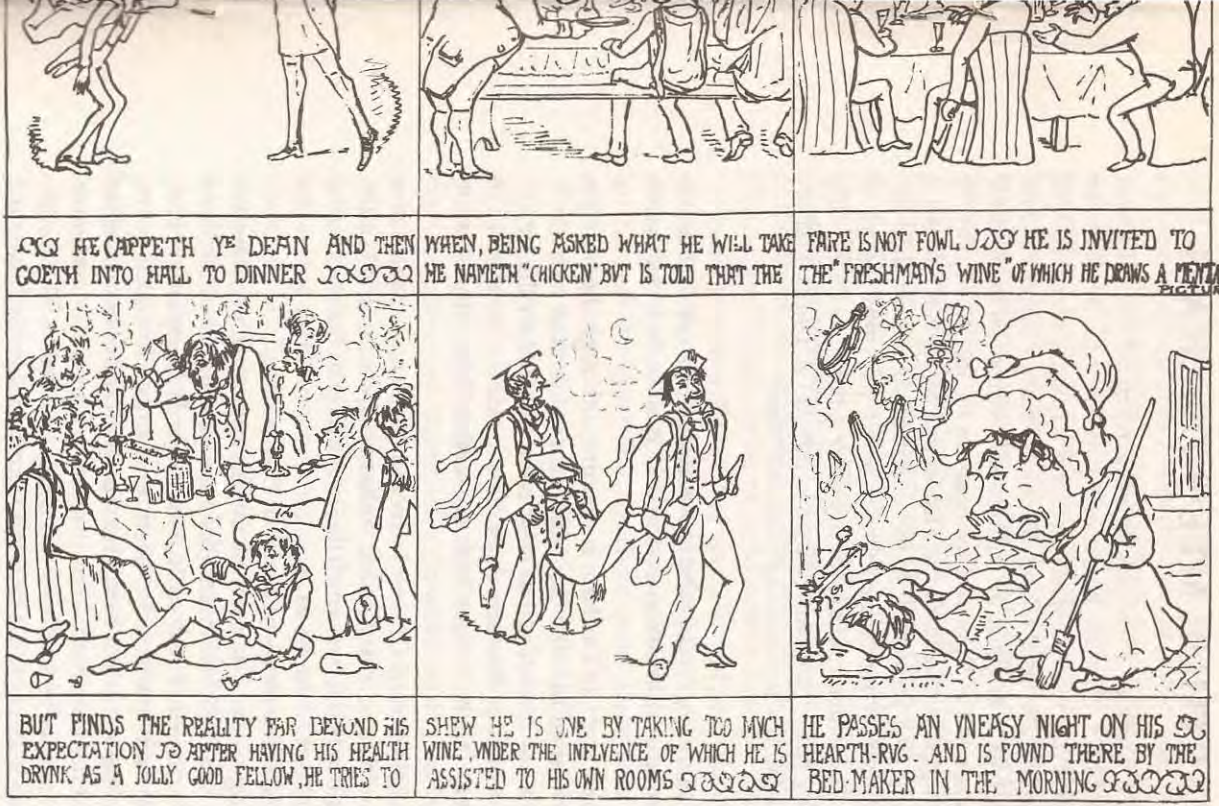
As 'Chief Executive' of the University, he based his approach on four key principles: being as open as possible with information but handling personal matters of individuals in strict confidence; using time effectively and being punctual; being able to see things from the other person's point of view; and living within a budget. This last point, he said, is an obsession which dates from his early family life in a Midlands working-class family where every expenditure had to be carefully assessed. The same holds for a University.

Sir Frederick and Lady Holliday have retired to Scotland, although he will be active with his other interests, including Chairman of the new Joint Committee of the Nature Conservancy Councils. Two major events in his term of office were the election of Dame Margot Fonteyn as Chancellor and the University's 150th Anniversary, but there have been new buildings, the Mountjoy Research Centre and Teikyo University in Durham, together with careful budgeting to adapt to the cuts in funding.

BID FOR 1990's FUNDING UNDER EVALUATION

The Universities Funding Council is completing evaluation of Durham's bid for 1990's funding, submitted in June after nine months preparation. The results amount to over 2,500 pages. Durham is proposing expansion to 6,000 full-time students by 1994–45, together with new places offered through the Teesside Business Initiative and growth in the Business School. Bids have to be submitted based on a local price per student place per subject. Durham and all other universities are submitting their own confidential prices to compete for shares of the U.F.C. 'cake'.

CUTHBERT BEDE PRINTS, Part 2



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ARTHUR MEE'S DURHAM

The King's England Press has recently reprinted the celebrated guidebook to Co. Durham produced by Arthur Mee in the series which offered 'the most complete picture of a country ever presented to its people'. The idea behind the series was to present a new Domesday book of England: an indispensible companion to the motor age. Research on the Durham book began in the late 1930s, but the war interrupted publication until Hodder and Stoughton released it in 1953. By kind permission of the new publishers, Castellum has been permitted to reproduce extracts about the early history of Durham. The volume contains much greater detail of the Castle, City and seventy other towns and villages in the old Co. Durham (before parts were lost to Cleveland and Tyne and Wear).

Durham. *This city is celebrated in the whole Empire of the Britons.* So begins an Anglo-Saxon poem; and it is no less celebrated today.

The early story of Durham is obscure, although the remains of the fort called Maiden Castle on the promontory to the east of the city are evidence that men have dwelled in the neighbourhood since prehistoric days. Less shadowy beginnings of community life here date back no further than Anglo-Saxon times.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle records the consecration of a bishop in 762 at a place called Aelfet ee (Swan Island) in the district still called Elvet which lies in the loop of the river to the east of the cathedral. Here arose an Anglian village served by St. Oswald's, the mother church of Durham.

Nothing more is known of the history of this settlement until the year 995, when monks were bearing St. Cuthbert's body, after its brief stay at Ripon, towards Chester-le-Street, where it had previously been enshrined for 113 years. Northumbria was then being harried by the Danes as well as Scots, and the holy men were anxious to find a new and more secure headquarters. When the party arrived in the neighbourhood of Elvet, the island hill (Dunholme, which we now

call Durham) must have struck them as an ideal spot, and after a pause for discussion it was decided to settle there.

Legend tells of the coffin suddenly becoming immovable at a neighbouring hill until the saint announced his intention of resting at Dunholme; and of how, not knowing the place, the travellers were lucky enough to overhear a milkmaid tell another that her lost cow was in Dunholme, and by this means found the spot.

For three days the body lay in a small wattled church built for the purpose on the site of the present church of St. Mary-le-Bow, and then for three years rested in another building called the White Church. During this time Aldhun, Bishop of Chester-le-Street, induced his son-in-law, Uchtred, later Earl of Northumbria, to make a forced levy on the people between Coquet and Tees in order to build a more fitting shrine.

By September 998 they had built the first part of their Saxon cathedral, and it was dedicated in the presence of the thankful gathering of workmen. Cuthbert's coffin was duly transferred to the new building, and Durham soon became a place of pilgrimage.

Shortly after the year 1000, the city had to be fortified avenge it he spared the city but attacked its surroundings with fire and sword. The monks had once again fled with the sacred relics, this time to Lindisfarne, and none were left to attend to the wounded and dying who crowded to the cathedral for sanctuary.

In 1072 the Conqueror came to Durham to confirm the privileges granted by Canute, and there is a story of him being smitten with a fever when about to inspect the body of St. Cuthbert at High Mass. He is said to have rushed from the cathedral, and to have ridden down Dun Cow Lane, fording the Wear and not stopping until he reached the Tees.

The Conqueror had outlawed the Saxon Bishop Ethelwin, and in his p!ace had appointed Walcher of Lorraine, a canon of Liege, described as an amiable, honourable man with pleasant manners.

Walcher was friendly with Waltheof, the new Earl of Northumbria, and in the year of William's visit had persuaded

the Earl to build a stronger castle of stone. This work, with the aid of a forced levy, he had begun.

When Waltheof died Walcher succeeded him as Earl – he is said to have paid £400 for the title – and the bishopric was thus endowed with political sovereignity over a vast domain; for centuries the bishop was the representative of the sovereign (though not always with the sovereign's goodwill) and as such he was called Count Palatine, or Prince Palatine, overlord of a county palatine.

In 1080 Walcher was killed by a Gateshead mob for condoning the murder of Liulph, Saxon ancestor of the Lumleys of Lumley Castle; and he was succeeded by William de St. Carileph, a priest from Bayeux, who with Duke Robert conspired to overthrow William Rufus and was banished for three years to Normandy.

William Rufus kept the See vacant for three years before appointing his favourite, Ralph Flambard, a great builder and a man of vision, who did more for the city than any other bishop, making it stronger and far more imposing. He constructed a stouter and higher city wall, of stone in place of earth, built a wall from the choir of the cathedral to the castle keep, and dug a moat. He also cleared Palace Green of dwellings, probably moving the inhabitants to the new suburb of Framwellgate which lay immediately west of the city, adjoining Crossgate, the original trading centre of Durham. Certainly Framwellgate Bridge was built by him.

The next bishop, The learned Galfrid Rufus, was appointed in 1133 and two years later set up his mint at the north-east corner of Palace Green, where it continued for 400 years.

In 1136 King Stephen occupied the castle, and while there arranged with David of Scotland the withdrawal of the Scottish troops who were supporting the Empress Maud and had been threatening to take the city. Three years later the Treaty of Durham was signed in the castle, and the bishopric became for a time an oasis in a Scottish Northumbria.

Bishop Rufus died in the castle in 1140 and was buried in the chapter house he had built. William Cumin, the Scottish Chancellor, made an immediate bid for the See. With the aid of

the barons he took possession of the castle, and although the monks would have none of him it was two years before a band of them could slip away to York to elect a lawful bishop, William de St. Barbara. Bishop de St. Barbara then proceeded to occupy Bishopton Castle with the help of Roger Conyers, ex-Constable of Durham.

All this so enraged Cumin that he ejected the monks who would not support him, tortured the citizens, and filled the castle with plunder from the surrounding countryside. He then forged letters from Rome substantiating his claims to the bishopric.

After fleeing to Jarrow and then to Lindisfarne, de St. Barbara managed to collect an army and marched to Durham, setting up a fortification at the church of St. Giles. Cumin thereupon wreaked his vengeance on the remaining monks by bursting into the locked cathedral while they were at prayer and enforcing the closing of the building for over a year. Not until 1144 was the usurper driven out, and then not before he had razed the suburbs of Elvet and St. Giles.

BISHOP HUGH PUDSEY

Nine years later de St. Barbara was succeeded by the 25-year-old Hugh Pudsey, a relative of King Stephen. The Archbishop of York objected violently to the appointment, so Pudsey proceeded to Rome with a magnificent escort and was consecrated by the Pope.

In 1179 or 1180 Pudsey granted Durham its first charter (still treasured in the city) giving his borough of St. Nicholas with Framwellgate 'all the free privileges as the burgesses of Newcastle possess'. He practically rebuilt the castle after a disastrous fire of which traces still remain on the buttresses of the North Terrace. He renewed the city wall along the river – the foundations of it can still be discerned. He rebuilt the destroyed borough of Elvet, and united this suburb to the city by building Elvet Bridge. He also refounded Kepier Hospital and rebuilt the church of St. Giles; but his crowning

work was the completion of the Galilee Chapel of Durham Cathedral.

Hugh Pudsey died at Howden in Yorkshire in 1195 while on his way to London, having been bishop for 42 years.

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Members of the Society might like a copy of the Co. Durham book (or indeed other books in the series). Three have already been published, and six more are due in 1991 with the eventual intention of producing facsimiles of all 41 volumes. (Apparently, Durham is the best-seller so far.)

The Durham book has 208 pages including 70 plates, and is available through booksellers for £11.95. Alternatively, it may be obtained by mail order from King's England Press, 37 Crookes Lane, Carlton, Nr. Barnsley, South Yorkshire S71 3JR. Tel: (0226) 722529 for £11.95 + £1.05 postage. It would be helpful if members would mention Castellum if ordering direct.

THE COLLEGE APPEAL

You will have received the details of the appeal which has been launched to establish an endowment fund for the College. This fund will provide the College with an independent source of finance which it has not had in the past. Equally important, it will be controlled by a board of trustees, chaired by the Master with half the trustees elected by the AGM of the Castle Society. It is the firm intention of the Trustees to use only the interest from the capital, not the capital itself, so that future generations of the College will have at their disposal independent funds to finance improvements to the College. This will rectify omissions of the past which has resulted in the College being continually short of money, particularly for amenity improvements for which no Government, Local Authority or University source can be used. The College income comes from the student maintenance fee and from conference and visitors charges. The Endowment Fund will provide a third important leg to the finances as the years go by.

We have established charitable status with the Charity Commissioners and the Inland Revenue. The Trust Deed has been prepared by Neville Pearson (1959-62) without whose help we would not be so far advanced. Neville worked extremely hard and we are fortunate in having a good lawyer amongst us. The Deed has been placed with great confidence in front of the Inland Revenue for final approval! The first two meetings of the Trustees have been held and Schroders Investment Management have been appointed to handle the investments.

Everybody who receives Castellum should have had a letter from the Master and myself outlining the aims of the Fund and asking for donations. Other possible sources of donations are being examined. We have concentrated initially on encouraging people to enter into four year covenants but with Inland Revenue changes, lump sum payments can be made on which the fund can reclaim tax but the sum has to be over £600. Some

people may find this method of making a donation more convenient.

We have 900 former members of the College who are members of the Castle Society and of these approximately one hundred are hyper-active and attend the Reunion each year. The aim of the Trustees is to persuade all the 900 who read Castellum to give as much as they can afford to the Fund. If they do so the target of £250,000 is attainable in a relatively short time. Each £100 is worth £133 to the Fund after tax is reclaimed. A £100 per year covenanted for four years generates £533 for the Fund. We are urging all those who have not made a contribution to consider if they can, and if so, complete the form enclosed with this copy of Castellum. A good response in 1991 will bring us to, or near to our target of £250,000.

The Garden Stairs redevelopment is the first of the College improvements with which we are involved. A new building in the Fellows Garden alongside the Barbican Wall will provide offices for the College administration and several much needed meeting rooms for the use by members of the College. The vacated Garden Stairs will be redesigned to accommodate students. These students create a significant nett income. This makes good commercial sense and improves the long term viability of the College by increasing the number of students in the Castle.

Finally, and at the risk of being accused of repetition, I believe that the Endowment Fund will give the College the scope for doing things which, through lack of money, had been impossible in the past. There is no Government money available either centrally or from Local Authorities or indeed from the University, to pay for improvements in Collegiate living. All this money has to come from the College. It can be borrowed but it has to be repaid. If we want the College to continue as an independent body we have to create the financial where-with-all.

John Hollier

HILARY SETON OFFLER

3 February 1913 to 24 January 1991

Professor of Medieval History

1956 to 1978

Members of the Society will be saddened to learn that Hilary Seton Offler, Professor of History at Durham from 1956 – 1978, died on 24 January 1991. The following is the text of the Funeral Address given by Mr A. J. Piper. Professor Offler came to Durham as a Reader in Medieval History in 1947 and was a longstanding member of the Senior Common Room of University College.

For most of us here today Professor Offler has been one of the most enduring figures in Durham: he has been here like a great venerable oak-tree for as long as we can remember. Of course in the University and the wider world of scholarship he was a very considerable public figure, a man of weighty utterance, regretting on occasion the overwhelming effectiveness of his onslaughts on meddling and muddle. But it was humbug that he really could not stomach and maybe that is why he had reservations about churches and clergymen: they seemed to lay claim to truth so easily and for him the pursuit of truth was an arduous business to which he gave all his energies. Manuscripts were painstakingly scrutinized and puzzled over before a text was established, evidence thoroughly sifted before a synthesis might be formed. Yet those who were there will never forget the winter's evening in the Monks' Dormitory when he brought that scoundrel Ranulf Flambard, Bishop of Durham at the start of the twelfth century, so alive that he all but danced to the music of time. But then he was generally indulgent of scamps, amazingly indulgent given the standards of uprightness that he set himself. Though perhaps that is not so surprising, for he was a sensitive man who had experienced much adversity.

His gruelling service in the artillery during the Second World War took him right across the North African Desert into

Sicily, and he found the events of the past two weeks profoundly depressing. He was perplexed by the severe handicap of his younger son and hurt by ill-considered rough treatment of his major scholarly undertakings. Of such matters he very rarely spoke, never mentioned for instance the Croix de Guerre that he received from the Free French; he was a very private man, not a man to be called lightly by his first name. Yet that is not to say that he was cold or unapproachable. Quite the reverse. He was extremely affable and extraordinarily kind. And it is for these eternal qualities that he holds so firm a place in our affections, just as he won it among his fellow-soldiers, one of whom took the trouble to telephone (me) on Saturday night to speak of it. Most of us will have known his smile as he saluted us with his stick when we encountered him on his regular walks. Some will have enjoyed his patience with our foolishness and his quiet quizzical humour at the lunch table or across a pint of beer. Others will have shared his appreciation of a well-conceived and well-executed move on the rugby-field or a fine performance at cricket.

For a goodly number of us who came to work in the University young, green and inexperienced he holds a very special place in our affections: he took great interest in our work and gave unstintingly of his time and experience to guide us gently away from the slap-dash and ill-judged towards paths of wiser and sounder scholarship, helping us to shape our aspirations and showing us how to come closer to achieving them. For these and his many many other kindnesses we salute him and we would want his family to know in their sorrow that we hold him in our hearts. We share their grief at the loss of his steady kindly presence. We shall miss him sorely.

A WORD ABOUT ALUMNI

After living in New York for 17 years and attending New York University Graduate School of Business Administration, I guess I've acquired some knowledge of the University Alumni System.

I noted with interest Adrian Beney's article in last year's Castellum and applaud loudly the start being made at Durham. (P.S. Adrian, I for one never received the Castlemen mailing!) As Ted Salthouse can vouch, I've raised the issue on several occasions in the past and from a contribution viewpoint, have made a modest annual gift to University College for the last 15 years or so.

Based on the Government's moves of pushing English Universities towards greater financial independence, it is imperative from my viewpoint that Durham, and Castle in particular, galvanize themselves into a pro-active program. You will note in my submission to 'News of Old Castlemen' that I'm actively involved in the effort being conducted by the University of Leeds. I was appointed as President of the recently formed 'American Foundation for the University of Leeds', an extension of the UK fundraising foundation. One might ask why did I choose Leeds over Durham – since it is true that University College is equally important to me as Leeds? The answer is that I was impressed by the pro-active efforts being started by Leeds and their degree of commitment and desire to reach out overseas for help and support. At the time, Durham, to my dismay, had not made any serious effort to get started, in spite of the clear cut need to do something: at least that has now changed.

The question is how to proceed and build a successful alumni program. I would like to offer the following four-point program to get started.

(1) Educate the academic and college faculty/staff on why an alumni association is needed, and their role in supporting and 'selling' the concept to undergraduate and postgrad-

uate students. Develop a format to help them accomplish this.

(2) Seek to appoint alumni representatives (volunteers) by faculty in the current final undergraduate year. Through these representatives, reach out to all final year students and obtain some kind of future commitment – however small – to get started. By way of example, my wife's nephew in the U.S. graduated in 1989. His graduating year class all committed to contribute $89.00 spread over 3 years to the University in honour of graduating and starting as alumni.

(3) Seek to appoint a well-organised alumni chairman and secretary (volunteers) in the current final year to be responsible through the Development Office for keeping track of alumni and issuing annual reports on their 'year' and any other interim mailings of interest during the year.

(4) Actively seek out old alumni to build a database as quickly as possible for soliciting help, ideas and of course contributions.

Why not endow two Masters Degree programs in Sociology dedicated to the Development Office. The task for their theses could be devoted to the practical and valuable exercise of tracing alumni – 'social sleuthing' so to speak. If not this idea, then a similar creative idea could help enormously in this daunting task.

I consider points (2) and (3) very important. It will take at least 5 to 10 years to develop a decent alumni association for each and every academic year going forward. Therefore, if a start isn't made, the hope of reaching a 'critical mass' needed to provide the ongoing momentum that exists in the U.S. system, will always be in the distant future.

Points (2) and (3) have to be repeated every year for each final undergraduate/postgraduate year, It will require patience and total commitment on the part of the Development Office to keep going during the first few years when interest is likely to be very low, at best, amongst undergraduates.

I could go on to other ideas and concepts that would help, but the above four points provide a good start. The key is to decide what to do, then do it aggressively and with commitment in a pro-active manner to ensure success. As Mr. Beney said – alumni is an ugly word in England, I believe the time has arrived when that needs to change – and fast.

Good luck to all involved in the effort.

John E. Crowther (1961-64)
B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., A.P.C.

THE DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 28th February, 1990

1988–89	EXPENDITURE			1988–89	INCOME		
£		£	£	£		£	£
1737.10	Reunion Expenses		2640.58	1721.25	Reunion, 1989		2587.47
1005.60	Printing: Castellum, 1989		1018.90		Subscriptions and Contributions		
19.08	Stationery etc.		148.58	1546.49	towards Castellum	1657.08	
136.56	Postages		297.93		Less received in advance	26.00	1631.08
	Miscellaneous Expenses						
125.55	Receptions for students	136.72		180.40	Interest on Investments		301.19
46.00	Presentations etc.	163.82			Miscellaneous receipts		
	Photographs etc.	328.09	628.63	220.00	Donations		
					Photographs	328.09	
64.50					Life Membership	29.05	357.14
	Balance being excess of income						
598.25	over Expenditure, for the period		142.26				
£3668.14			£4876.88	£3668.14			£4876.88

Balance Sheet as on 28th February, 1990

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Contributions towards Castellum received in advance		125.41	Investments		
Sundry Creditors			Northern Rock Building Society – Preference Shares		
University College	751.53		As on 1st April, 1989	4968.55	
Tyne Valley Offset	576.15		Interest	301.19	5269.74
Tech-Set	442.75				
Bailes Fastprint	175.66	1946.09			
Capital Account			Sundry Debtors		
As on 1st April, 1989	4213.11		University College		188.99
ADD Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	142.26	4355.37	Cash at Bank		968.14
		£6426.87			£6426.87

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. Delanoy
Old Shire Hall, Durham 23 March, 1990

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Dates of 1991 Reunion

Friday 12th April to Sunday 14th April 1991.
The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 13th April 1991.

Dates of 1992 Reunion

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

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