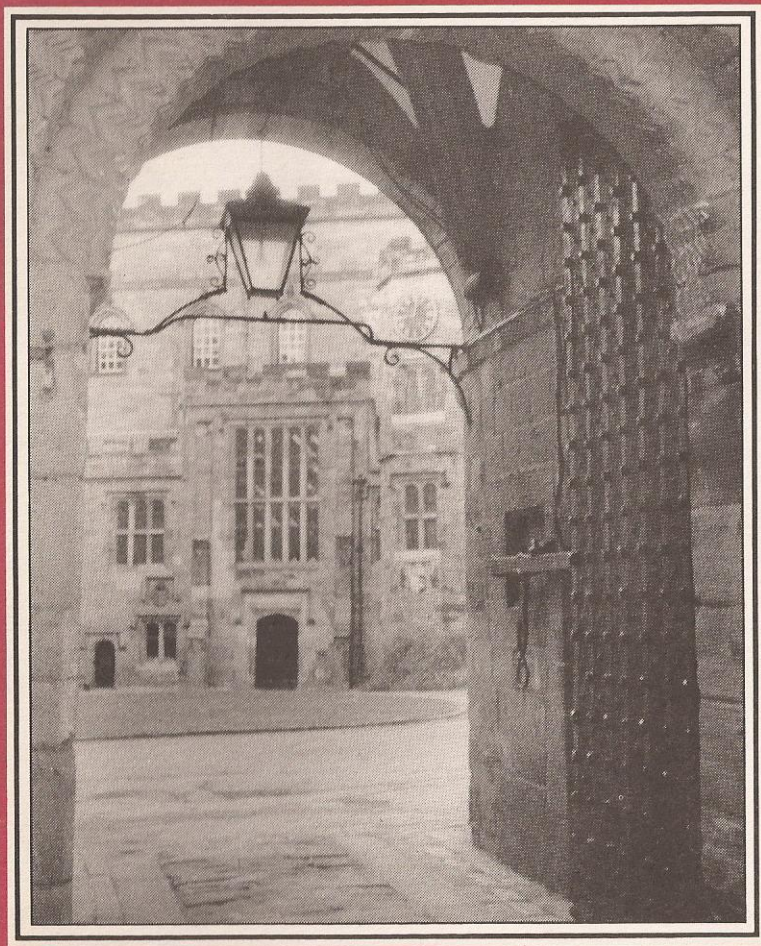
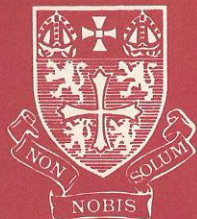


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Communications for the Secretary/Treasurer which are not private should be sent to him c/o the College Office, University College, Durham Castle, where formal matters receive attention.

THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

The Epiphany Term calendar of the Durham Union Society arrived on Saturday morning in the same post as the Master's Letter. I started reading it on the way down to the village shop for sausages and mushrooms for a Castleman friend who was staying overnight following a Hallé Orchestra Concert in Newcastle City Hall.

Inside the calendar was an insert page with six punched holes down the left-hand margin. I mused over its purpose, then quickly realised this was clearly aimed at the Yuppie market: Filofax-compatible calendars are here.

Castellum does not come to you in similar loose-leaf format this year. Perhaps the Society's address list might be produced in this form with annual amendments issued, but for this year the changes are less radical.

This year the magazine carries the masthead 'The Magazine of the Durham Castle Society', and the opportunity has been taken to make minor although significant changes to the layout. I would appreciate your views of the new cover, which replaces one which has served Castellum well for thirty years. The typeface has also changed to the appropriately named Palatino, and it is set by modern typesetting techniques which should make production easier and less time-consuming. Increasingly, articles are first produced by word-processor. A more informal style News Round-up also appears for the first time, drawing heavily on the excellent 'Password' Newsletter circulated by the University.

I feel that 1988 is the year to make these alterations, owing to the fundamental changes wrought upon the Society by three coincident events: the death of Ralph Appleton, a long-standing and loyal servant of the Society whose loss will inevitably mean a search for an adequate replacement; the change of Society name occasioned by the introduction of female members of the College; and a change in the Editorship of Castellum.

Familiar features remain, plus some extracts from the old Castellums which I have perused with much interest, and an

interview with the woman who has probably spent more nights in College than any other woman this century: Miss Cicely Shaw. One noticeable change in Castellum over the past twenty years has been the steep decline in the contributions of news items. In 1966 there were 65 contributions, which had fallen to 35 in 1969, and a mere four in 1982. This year I have the same dearth of contributions and this is one aspect I feel it important to correct.

Please make the time and effort to jot a few notes for next year's edition. Castellum is compiled in January, but contributions can be accepted from now onwards. I have news of my own contemporaries, but it is not my intention that Castellum should appeal only to old Castlemen of one particular era: I should like a complete spread - so please write whether you left two or sixty two years ago. It is an excellent way for your own contemporaries to keep in touch and I look forward to more items next year. Send your items on the printed form or separately, either to the College or direct to me at the address inside the front cover.

Those of you with Filofaxes or similar personal organisers, please put a note in your follow-up system for early January, 1989, now.

Burnopfield, Co. Durham
January 1988

THE MASTER'S LETTER

As I write this we have just seen in the New Year and despite the attempts of the press to make quite sure that we never wish to hear the subject raised again, it is a time when one's thoughts turn to what has happened during the past 12 months and to what might happen this coming year. Last year saw the 'crash', the gales in the S.E. and as far as I personally am concerned, a very good holiday in Burgundy last Easter. I hope I shall have a good holiday this coming year; I rather think I shall need one.

As I am sure everyone is now aware, particularly those of you working in education and those of you with children at school, the Government is determined to reform our education system and has just published the Education Reform Bill, or GERBIL as it has been renamed. Much of this is concerned with our schools and of course what happens in the schools is of direct concern to those of us in Higher Education, but there are very significant changes envisaged for the Universities too. The College Office opened this morning after the Christmas break and I note that I have been appointed to chair the University's Committee which has been set up to prepare our response!

The last three years have been years of questionnaires from the University Grants Committee and elsewhere, all seeking lots of information in a very short time, years of financial cuts, years of statements from government about the need for change; a background against which one might have expected this and other institutions to throw up their hands in horror, but I am pleased to say that in Durham we have got on with the job. We have replied to the questionnaires, we have tackled our financial problems and in addition we have embarked on new ventures. We have had our share of success as well as the disappointments. I do not know what we can expect in the next 12 months but it will be a year of change, a year of new initiatives and inevitably a year of disappointments.

Let me now turn to specific items. First in College we have a new Chaplain and Solway Fellow. The Rev. Richard Marsh is a graduate of Oxford and came to us following a spell as Curate in

Runcorn, Cheshire. He and his Australian wife have moved into the top flat in Cosin's Hall and are rapidly settling into College. The Rev. Peter Hiscock, like many Chaplains before him, has moved on to pastures new and is now rector of Dinnington just to the north of Newcastle and in addition is Rural Dean of Central Newcastle. The latter will prove a very demanding task and the College were united in wishing Peter and his family every success and happiness in their new life. Otherwise there have been no change in the college staff. Cicely is still living in the lodge, Jean is still the College Secretary (although with the increasing demands of the admissions work, she now spends most of her time on that), John Atkin is still with us as is Mrs. Vine and Mr. Watson. Their loyalty and the loyalty of all our staff is to a very large extent responsible for making this college what it is. They have great interest in our students and are delighted to see old students when they return.

Of course this has been the year of The Change and in October we welcomed our first women into college - all 49 of them. They have gone down very well and are rapidly becoming fully integrated into college life -to the extent that some of them wish to be known as Castlemen! For the rowing fraternity I should report that all but a handful have joined the Boat Club and are presently having more success on the river than the men. No doubt the Senior Man's letter will bring you up to date with JCR matters but I would like to single out a couple of other items. The Chapel Choir was asked to sing for the B.B.C. Morning Service which they duly did at the end of last term. It was due to be broadcast live but at the last minute the engineers(!) lost the telephone connection to Manchester so it was recorded and transmitted the following Friday. The Castle Theatre Company took their summer Shakespeare on tour again last summer and I was amused and delighted to see an excellent review in the Hailsham Gazette for July 8th last year. (Does anyone else read the Hailsham Gazette?) All these events do the College and University immense good. Mention of the Boat Club reminds me that not only have they been successful in building up their membership - last year's Captain of Boats managed to win a National Essay Prize.

The Castle has been very much in the news this year as along with the Cathedral it has been designated a World Heritage Site by U.N.E.S.C.O. We are now listed alongside Stonehenge and St. Kilda, the Grand Canyon and the Taj Mahal in a list of some 250 sites which have been so designated. The decision has been commemorated by the erection of a plinth and plaque, duly unveiled by the Minister for the Environment Mr. Colin Moynihan. Inevitably the plinth has been the subject of debate. There are no financial perks associated with this designation, but hopefully it will help with raising money for restoration work in future and I certainly hope it will help to resolve our present funding position as neither the University Grants Committee or English Heritage are willing to admit that this superb building is their responsibility.

May I inject a plea at this stage? If any of you are directly involved with such work either professionally or in a voluntary capacity, perhaps you would drop me a line. On occasion it would be useful to be able to seek advice and possibly to seek help to do a bit of lobbying. Over the past year we have had quite a lot of very careful conservation done on the Norman Arch. It has been very rewarding and interesting. There are presently two very large iron hinges to be seen which had been hidden by plaster some time previously. The University has also completed repairs to the Servedy roof and to the two windows at the N.W. end of the Great Hall.

Turning to the University, I am not going to mention the cuts again this year - they are something we must adjust to and implement by 1990. It is time to look forward into the next decade and try to see where the University might be going. Undoubtedly the Universities will be very different from the way they have looked and worked since Robbins. The Education Reform Bill will be just one of the ingredients making for change. I currently chair the Regulations and Admissions Committee in Durham and we have been looking at the changes which are coming and planning and implementing the necessary alterations to our admissions procedures and regulations.

Perhaps I could single out a couple of topics which have been the subject of much debate and a fair degree of crystal ball

gazing. The number of 18-year-olds in the population is due to fall over the next decade by some 33%, although this drop varies widely with the student's background and is less in families whose children have traditionally attended University. The Government wishes to see a much higher participation rate in Higher Education to compensate for this fall, a change in Robbins from 'courses should be available for all those who are qualified by ability and attainment to pursue them and who wish to do so' to 'courses should be available to all those who are able to benefit from them and who wish to do so'.

Whatever the background to this change the idea of wider access to H.E. has been enthusiastically adopted in some quarters, e.g. the C.B.I. 'The Higher Education system should cater for larger numbers than at present, recruit them from a much wider segment of the population and offer them a diversity of learning processes at different stages of their lives'. The pressure is on to increase the intake of, for example, mature students. This will not be easy in Durham and we may have to adopt quite radical approaches. Older students have a lot to offer and I welcome those who live in College - but the close confines of college and the life style of the 18-22-year-old is not always ideal for the older student who has more responsibilities and who may well be married. Equally they are unlikely to have the same qualifications at entry. Durham sets high standards for entry to many of its courses and older students may well find these difficult to attain. We may well have to go back quite a few years and bring back introductory years in some subjects.

It is not easy to plan for such developments when at the present time we have in many subjects far more applications than we need. On the other hand we really must be prepared for the changes taking place in the schools now. This summer will see the introduction of the new G.C.S.E. examinations. In turn this will mean changes in the A-level syllabuses at a time when the schools are endeavouring to introduce A.S. levels. No doubt even wider changes will occur following the report of the committee looking into A-level examinations and chaired by Gordon Higginson, Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University and until he left Durham a couple of years ago a member of the

College S.C.R. Durham is looking at all these changes. We have made it clear that we will welcome candidates with new qualifications.

There are new developments in the University. The Chancellor Dame Margot on her visit for Graduation at the beginning of July opened the new IBM Computer Teaching Centre in the Geography building, she planted a tree to mark the development of a new Visitor Centre at the Botanic Garden (well worth a visit!) and opened the new engineering building. The Mountjoy Research Centre – our 'Science Park' – jointly developed by the University and English Industrial Estates is filling up rapidly and is home for the University Industrial Research Laboratories (U.D.I.R.L.) as well as Thorn EMI, the Varian European Centre for advanced N.M.R., and the Business and Innovation Support Team among others. We have almost completed negotiations for a large Japanese University to establish a base adjacent to the Oriental Museum. While talking about developments I must add that compiling these notes has been much easier this year. Keith Seacroft has joined the University as Information Officer and we now have an in-house Newsletter called 'Password' which is a very useful source of information on what is going on and is widely distributed around the University.

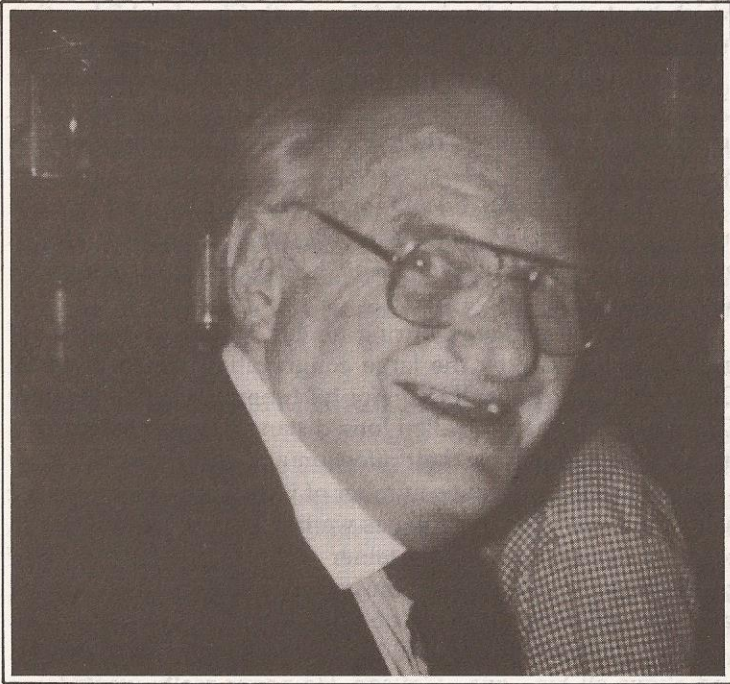
Finally a few words about people. First I am delighted to draw attention to distinctions achieved by two members of the College S.C.R. Professor Rosemary Cramp was awarded the C.B.E. last year and Professor Peter Rhodes was elected Fellow of the British Academy. The University honoured our previous Vice-Chancellor, Sir Derman Christopherson with the honorary degree of D.C.L. and did likewise for Dame Enid Russell-Smith. Dame Enid was, of course, Principal of St. Aidan's. There have been more recent changes in colleges. Dr. Anthony Tuck Principal of Collingwood has left Durham to take up an appointment with the University of Bristol. His successor is Dr. Gerald Blake who was Reader in Geography in Durham. Mr. Bradshaw (Van Mildert), Miss Hindmarsh (St. Aidans) and Miss Etchells (St. Johns) are all retiring this year. Miss Etchells will be replaced by the Rev. Dr. Anthony Thiselton who is presently principal of St. Johns College Nottingham. No appointment has

yet been made to Van Mildert, but I understand that Dr. Peter Clarke from my old department will be the new Principal at St. Aidans. I wish them all luck in their new appointments. Running a College is no sinecure and never has been.

On a sadder note I must record the deaths of Professor Frank Dowrick and Dr. Roy Taylor. Frank Dowrick came to Durham to establish the Law Department and had only just retired when he contracted his illness. Roy Taylor, Reader in Engineering Geology, died suddenly while travelling to Italy. He was an acknowledged expert in ground engineering and was travelling to Italy as part of the team set up to look into the failure of the Stava Dam. He was a good friend to many students and will be sorely missed.

Finally I must mention Ralph Appleton. Ralph's death came as a shock to many of us. He was a very good member of the Society and I valued his help as Secretary and Treasurer and also on Governing Body. I cannot say I will miss him, I do miss him; we all do.

OBITUARY



RALPH APPLETON

Ralph Appleton's death on June 21 st, 1987 not only came as a shock but also brought with it a great sense of loss to many people, not least to the many Castlemen who had become his friends over the last 38 years. He was only 58.

He had been for some years a most distinctive and successful Secretary and Treasurer of the Durham Castle Society, as well as a very active representative on the Governing Body.

Born in Scarborough, Ralph went to Scarborough High School. After National Service in the Royal Signals and the Royal Army Education Corps, he came to Durham in 1949, graduating

in 1952. Then he had a brief spell with Marks and Spencers, but took up teaching again, holding posts in various parts of the country. Finally he moved into educational administration, in which he stayed as a Senior Advisor with Cleveland Education Authority until his early retirement in December 1985.

It was in his first appointment in administration as Schools Organiser for the old Darlington Education Authority that Ralph really started to put down roots. He settled in Darlington with his wife, Margaret, and their two sons.

In everything Ralph did and joined he made his mark. He did nothing by halves - his was always the total commitment. He did not just join an association - and he belonged to many - he always played an active part.

Naturally, he gathered during his life an untold number of friends, as we saw by the large congregation which filled St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington for his funeral. It included many Castlemen who had travelled long distances to pay tribute to a friend who had earned their affection and respect.

Ralph had an enormous number of interests, too many to list here. He loved sport. As long as we had known him he was in constant demand as an entertainer and as a public speaker of great character. He had an unrivalled sense of fun, carrying laughter with him wherever he went.

As a Castleman, Ralph had learned to love Durham deeply, and above all his - our - College. He never really went down from Durham. His work for the College and for the Durham Castle Society will not be forgotten.

Yet throughout his rich, full and active life Ralph remained always a family man, devoted to Margaret and to their two boys, Mark and Timothy, and immensely proud of their grandson, Nicholas. To all of these we offer our deepest sympathy.

Ralph was the lynchpin of a large group of us, his contemporaries and near-contemporaries, faithful attenders at Reunions. For us, Castle Reunions will never be quite the same again.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE DURING THE REUNION

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

The Annual Meeting of Convocation in 1988 will be held on Saturday, April 16th, 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.

Parking will be available on Palace Green (special permits are not required). Coffee will be available in the Almshouses Cafe on Palace Green.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY LUNCHEON

For the first time in several years, the Society Luncheon will be held in the Great Hall of Durham Castle on Saturday, April 16th. Those attending should assemble on the Tunstal Gallery at about 12.30 p.m. for a glass of sherry before the meal which will be served at 1.00 p.m.

The price of £7.50 per head includes sherry, a glass of wine and coffee and is inclusive of V.A.T. All Castlemen and their friends will be welcome whether they are members of D.U.S. or not. Please book directly with W. J. Dey at Copmanroyd, Sharrow Lane, Sharrow, Ripon, HG4 5BN and make cheques payable to the 'Durham University Society'.

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, including Professor John Dewdney (Head of Department) and Professor John Clarke (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Sub-Warden), who hope to attend.

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

REUNION 1987

41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the Chair

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

Present at the Meeting

The President welcomed the 45 members present and apologised for any inconvenience caused by the non-arrival of a number of application forms and cheques. The Post Office would be contacted but it might be necessary for some members to be asked to send a substitute cheque.

Apologies

Mr. W. R. A. Easthope, Mr. D. Holbrook, Mr. J. Hollier, Mr. M. R. Pallister, Mr. P. B. Perry, Mr. J. M. Rutter, The Rev. J. Sell, Mr. P. Jeffrey, Mr. D. J. Crompton, Mr. R. Halton, Mr. R. Coats.

Minutes

The Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of the 1986 AGM. Shortly after commencing, a proposal that they be taken as read was made. This received no support and the Secretary continued to the very end. Only at this point were the minutes accepted.

Jean Oliver

Jean Oliver was invited to join the meeting and the President thanked her for her long and loyal service to the Society. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a suitably inscribed silver tray.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Accounts

1. That the accounts be accepted – Agreed.
2. That the Bursar and Treasurer should transfer monies surplus to immediate requirements from the Society's

Current Account to its account in the Northern Rock Building Society - Agreed.

3. Professor P. L. Kirby respectfully pointed out that the accounts were as yet unaudited and hoped that this would not occur again. The meeting accepted the explanation that the Treasurer's Department of the University had been unable to audit the accounts in time for the AGM.

Recommendations from the Committee

1. That the future name of the Society be The Durham Castle Society.
2. That a small committee be established to consider future appeals and fund raising - Agreed.

The President had explained that College and University finances were under considerable pressure as a result of recent government decisions on University funding. This meant that there was less money available to fund particular College projects. He envisaged a broad-based appeal to provide income, and cited the College Chapel, The Boat Club and other Societies as possible recipients.

That the following form a committee to consider the above:-

The Master, Bursar and Secretary together with the following,

M. K. Pulling

A. J. Nelson

R. Heady

P. L. Kirby

J. G. Bridges

- Agreed.

3. That the First and Third Year Sherry Parties be continued - Agreed. The Secretary paid tribute to the hard work of the College Representative to the Society Mr. R. Workman.

Arising from a query the President explained that an attempt to increase the number of undergraduate members by charging subscription to students' battels had been turned down by the JCR some years ago. The Senior Man promised to do all he could to support the endeavours to increase membership, particularly among third year undergraduates.

4. The President explained that the Committee wished to rationalise both the subscription and address lists. As most of the necessary information was now on the computer this matter was in hand. It was hoped that the exercise would produce information to enable a drive to increase numbers attending the Reunion to be made.

Election of Officers

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| 1) Secretary/Treasurer | Mr. R. F. Appleton | re-elected |
| 2) Editor of Castellum | Mr. A. J. Nelson | |
| 3) Representative on
Governing Body | Mr. R. F. Appleton | re-elected |
| 4) 1 member of Committee
retiring | Mr. E. Jones
Mr. D. C. Cramb | electd |

Any Other Business

1. In response to questions regarding the admission of women students into the College and possible problems which might arise, the President explained that some changes in the present domestic arrangements were planned for October 1987. Beyond that date he felt that women students would make their views known in the same way as their male counterparts had done and that it would be inadvisable to make too many changes before the women had been given an opportunity to express their views.
2. It was suggested that to mark the admission of women in October 1987 the Society might make a gift of a 'feminine' nature to the JCR. It was agreed that this matter should be deferred until next year when a gift appropriate to the occasion and suitable for a 'mixed' College might be considered.
3. Professor P. L. Kirby asked about the enquiry made last year regarding the positioning of the portrait of Lt. Col. McFarlane-Grieve. The President confirmed that the matter had been discussed at Governing Body. It had been Lt. Col. McFarlane-Grieve's wish that his portrait should not be painted in oils and, in consequence, that it should not be hung in the Great

Hall. Governing Body had therefore recommended that the portrait should remain in its present position on the Black Staircase along with a portrait in the same medium. Members accepted this and also the President's view that a portrait in oils copied from the present painting might well produce a disappointing result.

4. That Mr J. Thompson, a qualified Horologist, be asked to inspect the Courtyard Clock with a view to curing its erratic behaviour – Agreed.
5. Professor P. L. Kirby expressed his sorrow that Reg Easthope, one of the Society's oldest members, had not found it possible to be present this year. That the Secretary write to him with the very best wishes of those at the reunion – Agreed.
6. Mr. J. R. Robson respectfully requested that the telephone number of the College is removed from the reply slip and placed on the upper section of the Reunion information where it might serve more purpose.
7. Mr. W. Dey the Northern Representative for the Durham Union Society stated that all present would be most welcome at the Annual Lunch of the DUS which next year was to take place in the Great Hall. Lunch for members of the Society not attending the DUS function would be served elsewhere in College.
8. That a letter of thanks be sent to Derek Holbrook for his many years service as Editor of Castellum and that he be pressed to attend the next reunion when a suitable presentation would be made – Agreed.
9. The President closed the meeting after a timely reminder by Mr B. Siffleet that all present were attending the final AGM of the Durham Castlemen's Society.

SHADOWS FROM THE SIXTIES

From the University of Durham Gazette - December 1961

'The Council of the Durham Colleges have decided to change the title of the post of Secretary of the Durham Colleges to that of Registrar and Secretary. They have appointed Mr Ian E. Graham, the present Secretary, to the post of Registrar and Secretary and they announce their intention that Mr. Graham should be the Registrar and Secretary of the University of Durham from 'the appointed day', if and when the projected separation of the present Durham and Newcastle divisions of the University take place and a new University is established in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.'

From the Master's Letter - 1962

'One of the changes of the past year has been the abandonment of 11.00 p.m. as the time at which the Castle gates were shut at night during the time and after which gentlemen using the gate had to pay a late fee of 3d. The gate now remains open until midnight without charge to gentlemen using it and the College undertakes the payment of the portresses for the late duty from 11.00 p.m. to midnight. It is not known whether the change has had much effect on night-climbers, most of whose activities take place long after midnight!'

From the Master's Letter - 1963

'The high-level footbridge is taking shape as I write and its two sides are to be "swung" to meet (we hope!) over the middle of the river late in September. When the new SRC building is completed on the site adjoining the bridge on the New Elvet side, one can imagine what a lot of pedestrian traffic there will be across the bridge and in Bow Lane which will clearly be a regular route between Palace Green and Elvet.'

Note: Ove Arup, who took personal control for the design of the bridge, passed away in February 1988.

It should be mentioned that among buildings planned for the future is a large engineering department near the science site and two additional Colleges. At first it was thought obvious that of these last two one should be for men and one for women. Then the suggestion was made that we should try "mixed" Colleges for both men and women and this has been taken seriously, at any rate to the extent of a committee being formed to way up the pros and cons.'

'1962-63 was the first year of trial of the new arrangements organised by the University's Central Council for Admissions. I confess I had been hoping that the new system would reduce the number of applications submitted to University College. How wrong I was! The number of applications forms received has grown from 450 in 1953 to almost 2,000 last year. This year the number of forms received was 2,300! What is no less startling is the fact that out of 3,000 applicants for the mens colleges in Durham, rather more than 1,500 put University College first in order of choice amongst those Colleges.'

From the Master's Letter - 1964

'There was strong JCR support for a request that women might be guests at formal meals in the Great Hall, an arrangement for which had been tried quite successfully for some time in Lumley. I agreed that, as an experiment, women could be brought as guests into Hall but on payment, the principle of "meals exchanged" being not granted, although Governing Body would be reconsidering the matter later.'

From the JCR Report - 1965

'The year began with the freshers conference, where we helped our record entry of 107 freshman to find their feet. The Undercroft, never fully used before, makes a large comfortable common room; the gramophone plays continuously, but not to distraction of every occupant as it did in the old JCR; darts and dominoes are as popular a past-time as bridge and the increased bar trade brings extra profit to College and JCR alike. Yet another superlative to add to our list: two medieval castles, a Tudor

house, no less than three chapels (including Lumley), the finest College Hall in the country and now an early medieval undercroft for a common room.'

From the Lumley JCR Report 1966

'The customary peace and tranquility of Lumley was shattered just before Easter when bulldozers took over the far side of the Glen to begin work on an open-cast coal mine on a site which will eventually carry the Durham motorway.'

From the Master's Letter 1967

'Improvements to our building were comparatively small in scale during the year although there was certainly additions to our amenities. We installed new baths and W.C.'s in the old Junction bathroom and put washbasins with running hot and cold water in three of the Junction sets, thus making them amongst the more desirable student rooms in the Castle. Before October, all the Norman Gallery sets will have been fitted with washbasins, running H. and C. and electric sockets and redecorated.'

From the Master's Letter 1968

'Bailey House and Cosins Cottage are now things of the past – raised from the ground as I write. Cosins Hall is a mere shell, hoping that it will not fall down before the substantial reconstruction of its back and interior can be undertaken. Within two years we shall have 120 student rooms, a Cosins Hall containing three staff flats and, in the basement, launderettes and a number of other JCR rooms. What shall we call this? Anyone got any better suggestions "Cosin Court". We could for example, letter the four staircases serving the rooms – one in the successor to Bailey House and three others on the west side of the site and number the rooms. Thus, a future Castleman might have the room Cosins Court C12.'

From the Lumley JCR Report 1969

'Work on the Durham motorway to the east of Lumley has continued at pace and its opening, expected this Autumn, may increase noise in some rooms. The change in University parking regulations and the first payment of an allowance for Lumley car owners in place of a bus contract led to an unprecedented increase in vehicles in the summer term, a total of nearly thirty being registered. The introduction of BST upset many people's habits and in December meant arrival for 9.00 a.m. lectures in Durham in semi-darkness.'

I personally have viewed the growth of the new block on Palace Green with mixed feelings, realising that each day brings nearer the time when Castle finally vacates Lumley. An era of college history will then have ended but I sincerely hope that the unique spirit which Lumley has often fostered will not disappear too.'



THE LADY OF THE LODGE



With a mixed College this year, it is perhaps easy to forget that women have stayed overnight in the College for years. Up until now, only one woman has had the privilege of staying officially – the College Portress, Miss Cicely Shaw, who has lived in the Lodge since 1938. Generations of Castlemen have had a special affection for Cicely, and many – away from the College for some years – express amazement that she is still here.

Your Editor visited Cicely in the Lodge to discuss the changes she has witnessed to the character of the College over the last fifty years. Popular legend has it that Cicely was actually born in the Lodge, but Cicely quickly scotched that!

No, no. In 1938 my father and mother came with my family to live in the Lodge. I was nine at the time – I can remember it reasonably well. My father had been Chauffeur to Mr. Merrett, the Surveyor for the City, and he had been off work for a year or so with heart trouble, and he had to give up the driving, and saw the job advertised. I was very nervous when we first came here about living in the Lodge – I would not go upstairs on my own. It must have seemed rather spooky as a little girl.

At the time there can only have been about 100 students – and they did not have as much freedom as they have now. In the winter months they had to be in by 9p.m. and in the summer by 10p.m. If they were late they got fined: my father used to sit in the Lodge until 11 p.m. and record them in the book, which went to the Censor, Professor Abbott, who lived in a suite of rooms on the Norman Gallery, and he would fine the students. He would also 'gate' them so they could not go out for a number of nights.

Did they climb over the walls much?

Not very often – it was only when they had something special on, and when they had had a few drinks too many! In those days they were not allowed to have drinks in their rooms. If a student was caught carrying beer in then my father had to take it off him. There was no bar, only the Buttery where the Butler served drinks at meal times. They were not supposed to go into pubs in Durham either – the University Policemen used to go round and check! Perhaps now things have gone too far the other way ...

Later on, after the war, they were allowed in the pubs. The students had come back from the services, and had a bit more freedom, and many of them had been officers and they were used to telling other people what to do. They didn't want to be told what to do themselves. The students then were perhaps more mature than now. They did some silly things, but nowadays some of them are away from home for the first time and they don't really know what to expect. Before, many more had come from Boarding Schools which maybe made a difference.

The students had 'gyps' who would take the luggage in, and light the fires through the term. The Bedders used to be in at six in the morning to do the rooms and all the washing-up, and would come back at six at night to turn the beds down. The students were more pampered then, because there were not so many of them. There were no waitresses, they were all men and boys, and only the Bedders were women.

My mother was the first Portress, because my brother took over after my father died, and then he was called up when the war started, so my mother took over, and a man came in to help out. When I left school, I went into the Buttery, and also helped my mother in the Lodge. All in all, I've worked here since 1942/3 - Jean Oliver, the Master's Secretary came a year later and we've worked together ever since.

I've enjoyed all the time here - never thought of going anywhere else. Sometimes you get a bit fed up with some of the things which are happening, but it's soon back on an even keel. The hours are long - but not so long as when my mother was alive. Then we worked seven days a week with no time off. Now I get regular time off: I work from seven to eight in the morning, and from twelve until one when the Porter has his lunch, then from five until midnight Monday to Friday, Saturday I work from seven until eight and then I'm off for the rest of the day, but Sunday is from seven in the morning until twelve o'clock at night during the term time.

These conferences in the vacation are a fairly new thing, started by Mr. Price when he was Bursar here. In the 1950s, everybody used to go and we only used to have the visitors going round the Castle, but Sunday was closed completely.

You spend some time alone in the College through the vacation and have to go round the building: do you ever find it spooky? What do you think about all these ghost stories?

Well, I've been here completely on my own over New Year, and I've certainly never seen anything. It's never entered my head about there being ghosts - I think it's some of the students making things up. One of the old R.A.F. cadets was up on the Norman Gallery and he'd seen a chap walking along the Gallery

with a top hat on, but we always thought he'd had too much to drink!

How did you feel about the College going mixed?

To be truthful, with the girls coming into the College so much, it doesn't matter. It's not as if the girls were never allowed into the Castle - half of them stopped overnight anyway, so really it's now official, isn't it? At one time, if the Students were having lady guests in, they had to sign them in at the Lodge, and they were only allowed visitors from four until six in the afternoon, and a bit different on a Sunday. There were set rules too for the Dons, until the Macfarlane-Grieve era, and they had the same restrictions. There was none of this pyjamas for breakfast in those days.

Many of these old traditions have gone, but it's a question of wages and staff problems, and not all the students want it anyway. It's all progress - but it's a shame to have lost the 'Floreat' now. When they had won a Cup at a Regatta or something, at night over dinner the Cup which they had won was filled with cider and went all round the Hall and everybody had a drink and shouted 'Floreat Castellum'.

Perhaps because the average turnover of students is every three years, traditions become very short term. Something that is done over two or three consecutive years automatically becomes a 'tradition', whilst you can sit back and watch the real traditions emerging.

It's a shame to have lost the formal dinners, and perhaps having a bar in the College makes a change. Students wore collar and tie and gown for dinner in Hall all the time and for lectures, and sometimes wore mortarboards as well. They always wore the maroon blazers in the summer. I think having a bar in the College is a bad idea. I think that's a rather unpopular opinion - I'd better not shout about that or I'll come back one day and find there's no house left!

What's life like in the Lodge, then?

The job isn't actually hard, but you do have to be there all the time to answer the phone and see to people. Sometimes when

there is nothing on the television I can be sitting here and not a soul comes by, and then if there's something I want to watch I can be up and down all night.

In the lodge here I have a living room, and kitchenette and bathroom, and there are three bedrooms across the way upstairs. When we first came here the bathroom was the Porter's bedroom, and we could not all be expected to sleep in that. When my mother came for interview I remember her saying the cobwebs upstairs went from the top to the bottom and they had to do something because Mr. Potts, the previous Porter, only had one daughter and ours was a family of five. So they cleared out the bedrooms upstairs, but we still didn't have a bathroom and when there was nobody in we could use the Bishop's or the Senate Rooms bathroom.

I have three brothers and one sister, and two brothers and a sister are still alive. I'm the fourth one. My sister used to work in the Buttery before she went to Hatfield, and then she got a job in the town. I go down to Milton Keynes to see my younger brother often, and the others live in Durham.

We've had a few very important visitors in the Lodge too: Princess Alexandra came in when she was here. My mother was standing on the step as she went past and she asked what my mother did, and she asked whether my mother would mind if she looked inside the Gatehouse. You see all the important people. Dame Margot hasn't actually been in yet - I've passed the time of day with her, but that's all!

I think the earlier years were my happiest: the College was a lot smaller and it was like a big family. You could get to know the students a lot better - there was more of personal relationship, but with the students now here, half of them don't know each other because there are so many of them. There is no way you can get to know all of the students now, and I don't normally work during the day, except when Ray is off on holiday, so I only get to know a certain few. In the mornings when I start most of them are still asleep! But I like to see people coming back, especially the older ones - I always look forward to the reunion.

CASTELLUM NEWS ROUND-UP

Call to 'fight for Durham'

Former Ambassador and Durham lecturer Sir James Craig, a former member of Castle Senior Common Room, told a gathering of the University's graduates in London that they must fight against any pressure on the University that might damage Durham's distinctiveness.

Sir James, former Ambassador in Saudi Arabia and Syria, was speaking at the Annual Dinner of the Durham University Society held in the Pillar Hall, Olympia. Miss Deborah Lavin, Principal of Trevellyn College, gave an account of recent developments in the University.

Durham Appeal Study

A small working group is being set up to look into the possibility of launching a fund raising appeal for Durham.

The Vice-Chancellor has suggested to Senate and Council that Durham should investigate this as a further source of alternative funding. The working group will report on how an appeal could be integrated into the plans and strategy for the development of the University.

Runners Up In Mens UAU

Durham came second only to the sporting specialists of Loughbrough in the U.A.U. mens Overall Team Championship of 1986-87 after finishing sixth the previous year.

Durham took the Rugby and Orienteering titles and all the Cricket honours. They were third in Athletics, Rowing and Fencing.

Womens teams finished overall eighth equal with Southampton and were runners-up in the Lacrosse, third in Badminton, Hockey and Tennis.

Focus on Hymns

Durham has become the centre for the Study of Hymnology with a new collection of books and other materials in the Library at Palace Green.

The 'Pratt Green Collection' was officially inaugurated by the Rev. Fred Pratt Green (84), former Methodist Minister. It is hoped that a substantial collection of material will be built up fairly quickly and anyone with suitable books or critical works, etc, to donate should contact Professor J. R. Watson, Department of English, University of Durham, Elvet Riverside, New Elvet, Durham, DH1 3JT.

Classics Link With Newcastle?

The University Grants Committee nationwide review of Classics has recommended an 'informal consortium' between staff at Durham and Newcastle University. Durham is already rated outstanding in research by the U.G.C. and is gaining further strength with the transfer of three staff from Bangor.

Doctors of Communication

Three men, all great communicators in their respective fields, received Honorary Doctorates from the Chancellor, Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias, at the last congregation of 1987. Mr. Brian Redhead, the writer and broadcaster best known for his appearances on the Radio 4 'Today' programme, received a D. Litt; Professor Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, the French Historian, also received a D. Litt; and Dr David Jenkins, the controversial Bishop of Durham and Visitor of the University, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Euro-versity Chiefs Focus on North-East

A major conference of university chiefs from all over the continent of Europe is to be staged at Durham in September 1989.

More than 500 delegates are expected to attend the five day event which is the Ninth General Assembly of C.R.E., the Standing Conference of Rectors, Presidents and Vice-Chancellors of European Universities and Higher Education Institutes, which is held every five years. C.R.E., the Standing Conference of Rectors, Presidents and Vice-Chancellors of European Universities and Higher Education Institutes, which is held

every five years. C.R.E. which has headquarters in Geneva, represents more than 360 establishments in 23 countries and the theme of the 1989 conference is 'The University and the Community'.

Castlemen Moving On

Ian H. Forster (1952-6) left the Air Force as an Air Commodore and has recently been appointed as Director of the Careers Advisory Service at the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. Meanwhile D. I. Crompton (1951-5) who also left in the rank of Air Commodore is Bursar of Shrewsbury School.

Denis G. Osborne writes to say he has been appointed British High Commissioner in Malawi, and may be contacted c/o F.C.O. Lilongwe, King Charles Street, London SW1 2AH and has therefore moved from his home in Dulwich Village, London.

The Opening University

Durham is planning to widen access to its courses and resources over the next few years.

Among the ideas already being pursued is an expansion in 1988 of courses under the Government-backed PICKUP programme to help people to bring up to date the skills and knowledge they use in their jobs. Other areas being explored over the next few months include the encouragement of more mature students and public attendance at lectures.

*Castle Graduates who would like to receive PASSWORD on a regular basis should contact Keith Seacroft, the University Information Officer at Old Shire Hall.

J.C.R. REPORT

Knowing that I am the last Senior Man (technically speaking) to write a report for this learned journal, leaves me in a slightly awkward position. The die-hard traditionalists will no doubt mourn the passing of the single-sex era as signalling the end of civilized life in Castle. I have sympathy for this viewpoint, at no time more deeply felt than when a few of us met together for a 'Castlemen only' night in the Undercroft at the end of term, to sing some of the old songs and weep into our last pints of ridiculously cheap Castle Eden. Such nights are testimony to the strength of communal spirit in our college up to the present. Mostly this has been for the good; how often have I felt proud to return from a lecture to Castle, rather than one of the faceless institutions up the hill! On the other hand, if one forgets for a minute the colouring of nostalgia, it must be admitted that petty rivalries and bitchiness have never been stronger in certain sectors of the J.C.R., and it has always been my personal conviction that large numbers of the opposite sex could only be a very good thing for the majority of Castlemen students or otherwise! I am confident that this will prove to be the case in the many successful years which lie ahead.

In the past year, the J.C.R. has seen radical and perhaps unprecedented change, the intention being to pave the way for a smooth transition to its 'bisexual' nature next term. Any residual griping about the moribund state of Castle's mighty traditions has hopefully been channelled into setting up new events and customs - which most recently resulted in the revival of Castle Day.

We have also taken the rather startling step (for Durham colleges) of facing up to reality, and thus making the first of the College's potential female undergraduates feel as welcome as possible in the J.C.R. To this end, a champagne reception was held on the Norman Gallery in the first term for the first of the many 'interviewettes', beautifully handled this year by Senior Freshers' Rep. Robin Sinclair and his eager team of helpers. I hope the young lady in question recovered sufficiently to

impress the powers that be during her interview the next morning!

This term also saw the production of a new college handbook for Freshers, thanks largely to super Sec. Mike Hough (and fiancée Alison). A start was made on the 'Castle Video' – a fifteen minute alternative video aimed at promoting Castle in schools and colleges around the country. Students have been entirely responsible for the scripting, shooting and editing of the video, under the professional direction of film-maker Duncan Eldridge, and for much of the year areas of College have resounded to the whirrs and clicks of the camera and the laughter of actresses from Van Mildert College specially drafted in to give that authentic 'mixed' feeling. Even our esteemed Bursar was persuaded to play a suitable character part. At time of writing, we are putting the final touches to the video, which should be available for hire from the college office in time for the new applications season.

A number of changes were made to the running of J.C.R. affairs from the first term onwards. Attendance at J.C.R. Meetings improved on moving them to Sundays, and reached a record high (if shortlived), after the controversial re-introduction of a scone system. The new emphasis upon J.C.R. committees brought a great many more people into the organization of events formally the preserve of a handful of Exec. officers. The D.U.C.K. (Durham Universities Charities Week) Committee doubled Castle's contribution between 1985–6 and 1986–7, after a series of novel and popular events. These included an amusing auction of Castle slaves, (held appropriately in Trevelyan College), a hitch-hike to Paris, and a disco held in the Buffalo's Head. An interesting example of fund-raising ingenuity occurred in the first term, when the Exec. noticeboard was mysteriously defaced by the scandalous writings of a certain gentleman under the pseudonym of 'Ermold the Black'. After a discreet investigation of various suspects' handwriting styles, the culprit (a junior Lowe Librarian) was brought to justice in a mock trial skillfully organised by the college's undergraduate lawyers. Entry to the trial (held in the Undercroft and publicised widely) was by a small charge payable to D.U.C.K., and after due deliberation by a

jury of soft toys, the defendant was suitably chastised with a pint of the Preventions Officer's choicest maggots (enough said!).

On a more serious note, the Executive found itself fighting a genuine legal battle in the second term, when the long-awaited law suit which Collingwood J.C.R. brought against Castle over the loss of sound equipment at the June Ball in 1985 finally came to court. This matter had occupied most of my time since my election, and left me, at the time, mentally exhausted by a problem which was not of our own making. It was inevitable that we would lose something from a case brought against the incompetence of former Social Chairmen (who were also unavailable for the court hearing). What 'Palatinate' conveniently failed to report however, was that we actually managed to reduce Collingwood's ultimately successful claim by a half (that is, from £600 to £300). In spite of this minor consolation, I remain extremely disappointed that the matter was ever allowed to come to court, and I hope that nothing similar will ever develop again.

Happily, the Social Chairman this year was thoroughly competent in every respect. Tim Fowler chaired an active, revitalized Social Committee which produced more original and creative social events that have been seen in College for a number of years. Highlight of the second term was a 'medieval' Informal - the 'Black Adder's Other Ball'! A fabulous array of medieval knights, ladies, priests and peasants turned out for the candlelit banquet in the Great Hall, replete with minstrels and a boar's head decoration for the High Table. Guests were later entertained by a range of bands and revues, while the more foolhardy were subjected to degrading punishments in the medieval Torture Chamber set up by the Preventions Officer, Mr. Knowles, in the West Courtyard.

The new Staff/Student House Committee, which replaced the Joint Consultative Committee, met for the first time in the second term. With representatives from all areas of the college residences, the committee has proven a useful forum for discussion on necessary improvements before the arrival of women. After the J.C.R. conducted its own survey of facilities with the assistance of Grey's first Senior Woman, a number of

improvement schemes have been put into operation, including the provision of better security in Moatside Court (long overdue!).

Our third term was the busiest for the J.C.R. As the Undercroft was hit by an avalanche of post-exam revellers taking advantage of the new happy hours and late openings, even the normally indefatigable Bar Executive (Mike Porteous, Timothy Palmer and Jim Wright) were stretched to their limits. The rest of the Executive and most of the college, were involved in the preparations for the June Ball, and, in conjunction with its Director Graeme Shimmin, the resurrection of Castle Day in aid of D.U.C.K. The latter event had not been seen in Castle for almost twenty years, after it was dropped by a former Senior Man, Piers Merchant, in favour of promoting the June Ball. With a completely new committee set up to co-ordinate the day's activities, Castle Day 1987 was planned for June 16th, to incorporate the College Luncheon and the last J.C.R. meeting of term. The Castle was duly bedecked with streamers, games were organised, and a jazz orchestra set up beside an inflatable 'Bouncy Castle' in the courtyard, when the skies suddenly opened with one of the worst downpours for years! In spite of the fact that the College Luncheon had to be eaten whilst cowering under dripping tables in the Master's garden, most people were able to see the funny side, and the rest of the day passed off well, ending with a disco in the Great Hall. I hope that with more time to plan next year's event, and with the participation of the new Castlewomen, Castle Day will be able to achieve its full potential once again.

The weather was kinder to us on the occasion of this year's June Ball, which proved to be the best that many people could remember, in any Durham college. An increase in the ticket price was advocated by the Treasurer Mark Newall, and this extra revenue permitted higher quality entertainment without the over-expenditure of former years. There were two main attractions - the Humphrey Lyttleton Jazz Band and the Last Horizon Discotheque/Laser Show, which shared the Great Hall, while a second laser show complemented a steel band in the courtyard. This year's firework display was the undoubted

highlight of the evening – apparently the college is still receiving complaints about the noise! Although the June Ball has risen in price (now 70 guineas for a double ticket), it is still considerably cheaper than the majority of Oxbridge Balls, and must be considered one of the best student entertainments anywhere in the country.

For many in the J.C.R., the June Ball was a fitting conclusion to what has been a remarkably successful year. There have been some notable sporting achievements, particularly for the Boat Club which took both Senior C and Senior B VIII's titles at Durham Regatta. The Boat Club have also worked hard to raise money for a new four this year, holding events such as sponsored aerobics and prize draws. They have successfully matched a J.C.R. contribution, and this money will be added to the £2,000 donation gratefully received from the Castlemen's Society Fund. The rugby squad also deserve a mention, not least because of their innovative 'exchange tour' to Devonshire Hall in Leeds, the college of visiting tutor Ernest Kirkby. This proved to be a successful trip, highly enjoyed by all, and even, apparently, by the member of the rival team taken hostage by the Castle boys!

My final task this year has been the completion of the J.C.R.'s first, legally acceptable constitution. This proved to be a mammoth task, and after having waded through twenty-five years of J.C.R. minutes to extract essential information, I am more than indebted to Postgraduate Rep. Jeremy Hibbins, whose word-processing expertise has converted this information into a substantial, but readable document conveniently stored on floppy disk. Excepting minor alterations still to be made, the J.C.R. now has an accurate, and meaningful record of its various activities, which I hope will prove helpful in years to come.

Overall, this has been a very good year for the Junior Common Room. I owe a large debt of gratitude to a conscientious and supportive Executive, and also to many individual members of the J.C.R. who have given their time and energy far too freely. I believe that we have succeeded in bringing together the Exec. and J.C.R. in a friendly and creative fashion this year, and the fact that we enter the first, exciting year of the College being mixed

with more events and opportunities than any other J.C.R. is a promising sign. I hope that the new Castlemen and Castlewomen, led by an excellent new Executive, will take advantage of these opportunities to make their time here as enjoyable as mine has been.

I would like to thank the J.C.R. of 1986-7 for giving me the privilege of being their Senior Man and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Floreat Castellum!

Jim Hackett (Senior Man 1986-1987)

P.S. Some time after writing this report, I was saddened to learn of the death of Ralph Appleton. I will always remember Ralph as one of the more colourful characters on the Governing Body, distinguished by his practical wisdom and invaluable common-sense. I had particular cause to be grateful for Ralph's genuine and compassionate interest in the affairs of the J.C.R., which he displayed most recently by securing for us much needed funds from the Castlemen's Society, to which he was devoted. Ralph's loss will be deeply felt by many friends in the Boat Club, and by all those who were lucky enough to know him in the J.C.R.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

1987

After a couple of years of relative inactivity the Boat Club was able to re-establish itself in 1987 as one of the most competitive College boat clubs.

This started with success in the summer regatta season, including a Novice Fours win at the Durham City Regatta and a remarkable display at Durham Regatta in winning the Senior C Eights, the Novice Fours and the Senior B Eights.

Success breeds enthusiasm and it quickly became apparent that there was a need for a new restricted Four to cope with the incoming Freshers, who have now brought our list of members to over a hundred - nearly one third of the College. Here the strong encouragement from the Durham Castle Society kept the Club in a competitive situation with a very generous gift, enabling a new boat to be bought. It is to be named 'Raffy' after Ralph Appleton, an old Boat Club member, in appreciation of his great work for the Society.

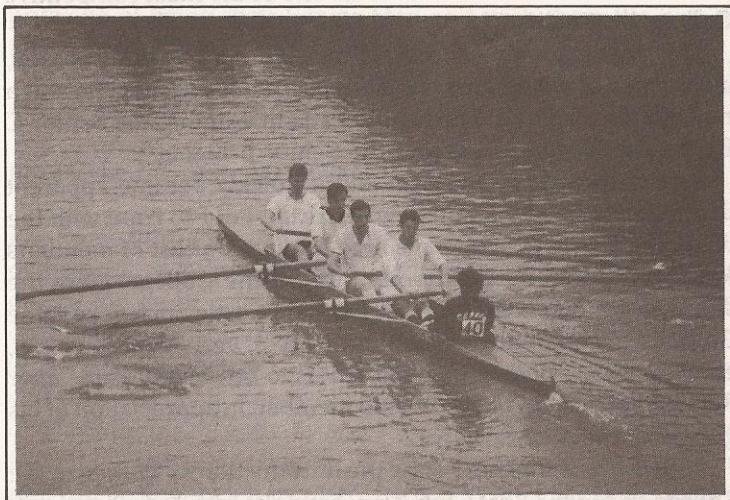
With the new Freshers came the introduction of women to the College and to the Boat Club. They have already made their mark as seen in the results and I am confident that our women can only increase the College's rowing reputation.

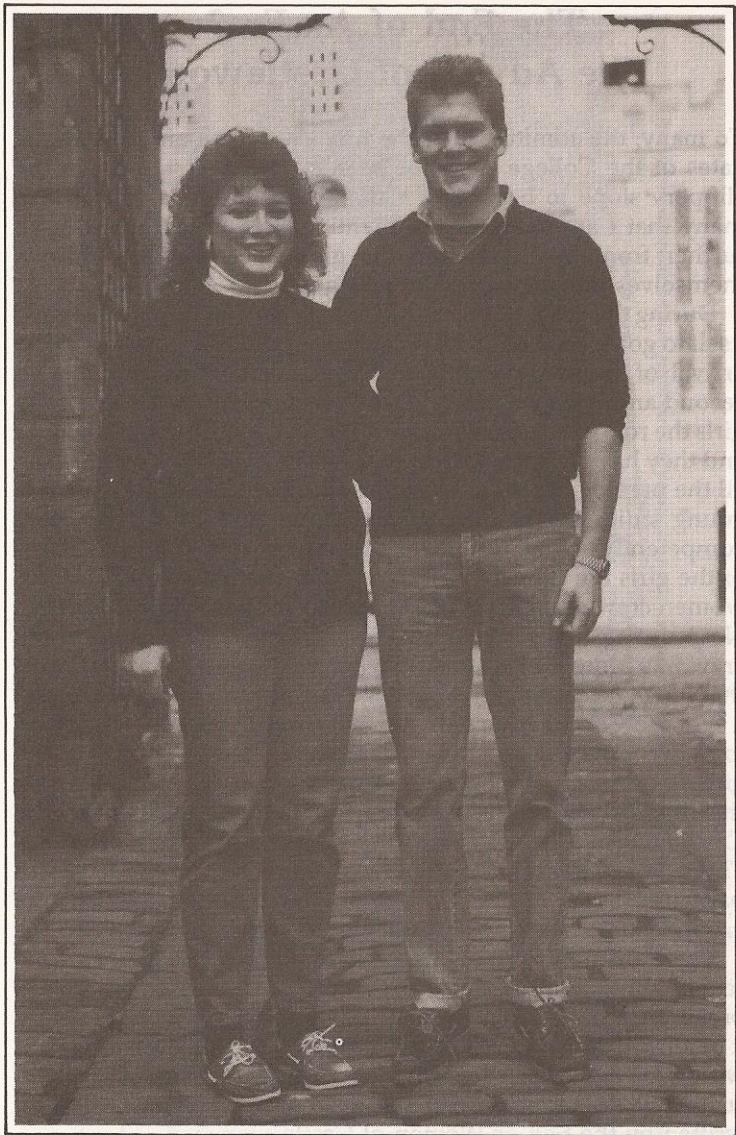
The achievements this Michaelmas Term underlined the quality within the Boat Club and in 'Raffy' which has won three trophies in four competitions. The Northern Universities Regatta saw victory in the Novice Fours. At Wansbeck Head we took the Novice title but missed the Senior B by twelve seconds. In the Intercollegiate Novice Freshers Regatta history was made, Castle women achieved their first ever victory and outclassed all other colleges. Leaving only the Rutherford Head where, unbelievably, our Senior B crew missed glory by a mere twelve seconds again.

The above clearly shows how well the College is represented at all levels but I believe that there is more untapped potential as many frustrated crews often find the boats being used by others; we have only two restricted boats between twenty crews.

We all thank the Durham Castle Society but our appreciation of the Society's help will best be expressed in our continued success.

T. J. M. Green
Captain of Boats





The Senior Man, Jim Wight, welcomes the first female student over the threshold.

The End of An Era? - The Advent of Castlewomen

To many, the admittance of the first Castlewoman through the gates of the College could be seen as the first step down the slippery slope to becoming a characterless mixed college like many that I am too polite to mention! In fact, nothing can be further from the truth, and the girls have willingly thrown themselves into all aspects of college life.

During the past few years the College had not merely resigned itself to going mixed. The JCR had eagerly looked forward to the arrival of women and this was borne out by the number of second and third years who came back early to 'help' show the girls the ropes. There was an intake of forty-eight girls in October and they have already shown themselves capable of conquering all the previous bastions of male supremacy. We now have five young ladies brightening up the Undercroft by serving very competently behind the bar; and on the sporting front all but five of the girls are actively participating in the Boat Club. One all-women crew deserves special mention for winning the Hatfield Novices Cup. This was a remarkable achievement because the crew was competing against all women colleges. It is to be hoped that the male contingent in college can live up to their example!

Very few changes were made to the rooms and other facilities to cater for the women. Moatside is segregated by floor, with the girls floors easily discernable by the tasteful net curtains which the Bursar had kindly provided for them. Unfortunately, the Castlemen in Moatside were not afforded the same privilege! There is no intention to restrict women's accommodation to particular areas of the College in the future through some ground floor rooms are unsuitable for reasons of safety.

The transition from an all-male to a mixed college has gone remarkably smoothly and many a second and third year male is breathing a sigh of relief that he managed to get to Castle before it became the most-applied-for college in Durham. An applicant with two A's and B at 'A' level was turned down last year! I am sure it will not be long before I am reading an article in Castellum written by the Senior Woman of Castle.

Jim Wight
Senior Man 1987-88

College admits women after 155 years

Male bastion falls

DURHAM Castle, the oldest all-male university college in England, has finally fallen to girl conquerors after 155 years.

The first women students moved in this week, leaving only two of Durham University's colleges as all-male establishments — Hatfield and St. Chad's.

Both these colleges will admit women next year, but two all-female colleges, Trevelyan and St. Mary's, have no plans to open their doors to men.

University College has been housed in Durham Castle since it was the founding college of Durham University in 1832.

But recently dons became concerned that the standard of student was falling and pointed an accusing finger at the all-male rule.

They believed the best students were applying for mixed colleges. Only 80 per cent of those who went to University College had applied for it.

The rest had accepted places there after failing to get into other, co-educational colleges. Two years ago the dons decided to let in women. Students were allowed a say and voted 52 per cent for and 48 per cent against.

Yesterday the verdict of both men and women on the arrangement was: "It's great". "We are very conscious of the fact we are making history and are very proud of it," said 18-year-old Ms Sara Baker, from Cambridge, who is studying economics and accountancy.

Ms Anna Meanley, aged 18, from Brighton, who is studying natural sciences, said: "It is great so far. Everybody has been really friendly."

Ms Lois Cliff, aged 18, from Liverpool, reading English and Medieval literature, said there were too many women at the college for them to feel "intimidated."

Senior Man, Mr. Jim White, an engineering student, said: "It is now a much more natural environment."



Anna Meanley



Lois Cliff

THE COLLEGE HISTORY

Castlemen:

What has happened, I hear you ask, to the College History? If I say, 'It's on the way', that could mean my days are spent in marvellous reconstruction of the College in the late 'Forties, when the Castle, as I knew it, conferred on its Initiates a *visio beatifica* such as was vouchsafed the *mystai* at Eleusis as the *Hierophantes* threw open the door of the *Anaktoron*; or it could mean that I am still labouring in the Hungry 'Forties, when the College was in its infancy, the French Revolution and the French Wars that succeeded it were still in the memory of many of those living, and Peel was Prime Minister.

○ But it is on the way – only it has suffered a sea-change. And this is because I saw one day suddenly that my vision of the College, like Newman's vision of Oriel, as a timeless changeless arcadia was an unreal one. For how could the Castle of C. F. Turnbull in 1896, whose undergraduates could call one of their tutors Agag, because 'he trod delicately'; and that of Canon Chase, up in the 'thirties when the College still numbered only a few, and many of those ordinands; and my own Castle of the immediate post-war years, when a bare half-dozen men came up straight from school, and we numbered Army Captains and Naval Commanders and Wing-Commanders among our company – how could these three possibly be the same?

○ For young men are not the same, generation to generation, however we may wish it so. Between the Puritans and the Levellers who would have come up to Durham in 1656, had 'Crummle' had his way and founded a 'University of the North', and the sparkish gallants of the Restoration who would have followed them, and later us of the late 1940's, fresh from wining wars and women, there could never be reconciliation.

○ What was to replace it then, this dispersed phantasm I had lived with since I went down, with leaden heart and lagging foot, in 1951? It can only be, I think, a more real vision: that that *genius loci* which Newman discerned in his Oxford, and of which he wrote so movingly in the *Apologia*, is there, in the Castle, ready to

grant the *visio beatifica* to all who are ready to receive it; who wish Initiation. But the College of itself has a thousand thousand faces: each unique as each undergraduate who comes up to it is unique. And from now on many of those faces it shows will have, as some of us unreasonably feared, female lineaments.

It will then, the History, all be different. It will not suit some of you, who look to it for a chronicle of sporting prowess; or others, who look to it as to a cemetery of sepulchres raised to our famous men; but it will, I can promise you, touch your heart – as this College never fails to touch mine.

Edgar Jones

DURHAM CASTLEMEN'S SOCIETY
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended February 28th, 1987

1985-86	1985-86	1985-86	INCOME	£	£
£	£	£			
1872.23	2112.07	1869.95	Reunion, 1986		2077.73
556.50	425.25		Subscriptions and Contributions		1569.50
51.41	90.20		towards Castellum		2.00
143.99	143.37		(in arrears)		1571.50
					196.00
73.20		1313.41	Less received in advance		
105.00			Interest on Investments		1375.50
	74.00	122.99	Miscellaneous receipts		151.00
		5.64	Donations		5.00
509.66	764.34				
	<u>£3609.23</u>	<u>£3311.99</u>			
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Balance Sheet as on February 28th, 1987

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Contributions towards Castellum received in advance	347.98	Investments	
Sundry Creditors	503.96	Northern Rock Building Society - Preference Shares	2274.09
University College	425.25	As on April 1st, 1986.	1000.00
MacDonald Press Ltd.	<u>929.21</u>	Added during the period	<u>151.00</u>
Capital Account		Interest	3425.09
As on April 1st, 1986	2534.41	Sundry Debtor - University College	191.54
ADD Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	<u>764.34</u>	Cash at Bank	959.31
			<u>£4575.94</u>
			<u>£4575.94</u>

AUDITORS REPORT

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

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Old Shire Hall, Durham

May 6, 1987

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