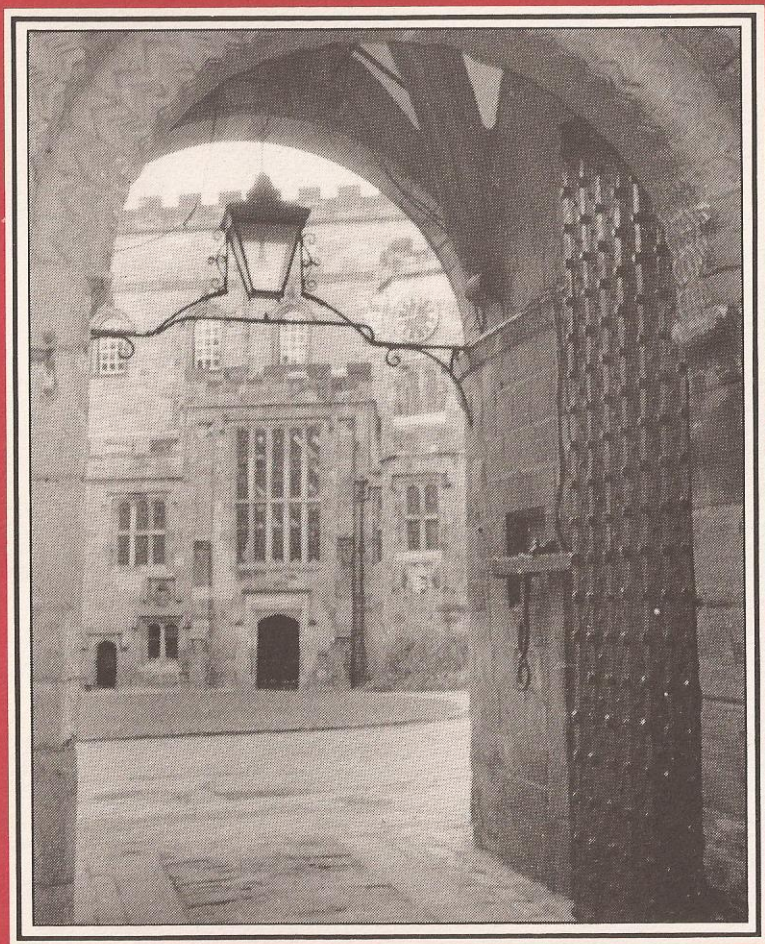
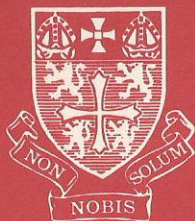


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THE EDITOR'S JOTTING

This is my second editorial written in 1989. The reunion is earlier this year, which has meant that it has been necessary to get Castellum to the printers much earlier. It's complicated by the fact that I am away on holiday in January, and by the time you read this I hope to have reached Durham in North Carolina, USA. Not quite as pleasant as the original, I hear, but there is a University there.

Please feel free to send in your own writings. The vast majority get printed, and I'm grateful to all correspondents. I sometimes have to hold things over for reasons of space or balance, but the wider the range of contributors the better. There's a form at the back of the magazine, but don't be bound by that: the backs of envelopes or illuminated parchment manuscripts will equally suffice if you don't want to damage your magazine! I have a nasty feeling that I may get re-elected as Editor at the next reunion, but holding down a busy job and doing a masters degree (at Newcastle University, I'm afraid - King's College to some of you) I would be happy to hand the reins over if there are any budding journalists or other interested parties in the wings.

This year's reunion does not coincide with the usual events (and the standard page detailing university events during the reunion is missing for the first time in many years). As an alternative, I've tried unsuccessfully to persuade the Master to lead a guided tour on to the Castle roof to follow the well-worn footpaths up there but he has declined. Instead there may be a trip to Newcastle Quayside, the MetroCentre, National Garden Festival site and Lumley Castle to fill in the Saturday afternoon for those (one or two) who might want an alternative to The Shakespeare.

Even if you don't make the reunion this year, remember this is the summer of the National Garden Festival in Gateshead (May to October), and both the County and the University have a major presence on the site. A local bus company with which your editor has a connection will be offering inclusive admission from Durham to the Festival for the same price as the 'at the gate' price

of £6 for adults, with reduced rates for children and particularly Old Castlemen. So take up the Bursar's offer of discounted B&B rates in the Castle and see the new Great North at its best.

Burnopfield, Co. Durham

December 1989

ATTENTION CASTLEMEN IN LONDON

A number of recent and not-so-recent Castlemen graduates from the 1980s are now meeting regularly in London socially. The group has been christened 'The Cardinal Club' because they meet in a pub called The Cardinal. In the Master's letter accompanying the questionnaire sent out this year, he raised the idea of a branch of the Castlemen's Society in London - and this group could be the embryo of such a project.

Steven Foster, now on the Society Committee, has volunteered to co-ordinate the organisation of a Dinner in London, perhaps to be held in September/October. Apart from being nicely separated from the reunion in the spring, it could act as a useful introduction for Castlemen graduates newly moved to London. The idea will be floated at the 1990 reunion, but interested members are welcome to contact Steven direct at St. Michael's Vicarage, 39, Oakfield Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 2UX. Tel: 01-680 8413 (home), or 01-629 9495 ext 293 (work).

MASTER'S LETTER

When I put pen to paper this time last year, the College was at the beginning of a series of staff changes which for many, would change the College more than any others which have taken place in recent years. Mary Vine retired at the end of the Epiphany term and Jean Oliver and Cicely Shaw at the end of the Easter term. They were fêted by all, their departure was noted in the local papers and on TV and I am delighted to record that, to crown it all, Jean Oliver was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours list published this week. They all contributed greatly to the college and I have no hesitation in expressing my thanks to them again. I and many others in the University, not all associated with this College, were particularly pleased that Jean Oliver's outstanding contribution to the College and University has been properly rewarded.

However time marches on and we are looking forward to a new decade and for some, to a new century. I must say I find the latter a shade premature - there will be challenges enough in the next ten years, never mind the next hundred or thousand. The 1980's have seen a lot of change and elsewhere I have tried to put down how this has affected the College. It has been a difficult period and it is not over: the changes introduced by the Education Reform Bill have certainly not worked their way through the system as yet. Some changes to come are clearly signposted; 1992 and, hopefully, the completion of the Channel Tunnel. The University is already strengthening its many links with the continent and these will increase. I, as you might expect, am looking forward to high speed rail links between Durham and the main European cities. No doubt these will materialise in due course, but the present delays in determining the route through London are a source of considerable worry to the North East and no doubt to Scotland and Northern Ireland as well.

I am digressing. The College does not have a large staff and with the loss of several key people at the same time the opportunity was taken to review our arrangements. We have now filled the posts and to a large extent completed the

reorganisation we planned. Mrs Lynne Carrick is the new College Secretary. Lynne has settled in very well – with the large number of applications being seen by the College that is a considerable relief. Fortunately she was admissions secretary at Grey before she joined us and her experience is standing us in good stead. Mrs Marina Chayter has been appointed as accomodations officer and as such has taken over the role of housekeeper, but is also helping with conference bookings and arrangements. Again we have been fortunate, Marina has fitted in well and we are benefitting from her previous experience gained, I have to admit, at Hatfield. The Bursar has a new secretary, Mrs Ann Seed, another demanding role (no comment on the Bursar!) and I can only say that had I known this time last year how events would turn out, I would have been much less worried than I was.

The College is making increased use of information technology or whatever you like to call it. The Bursar has achieved his aim of getting all bookings for conferences etc., onto computer; he is now tackling the preparation of battels accounts and in due course I expect we will have another look at the computerisation of the College Accounts. This will in any case have to wait for some time, as the method of analysing and reporting College accounts is under review by the University. For some time the student records have been on disk and this year I have been extending this to cover admissions. There is still a lot of work to do, but I hope by the beginning of the next admissions season, we will have transferred to the new system completely.

We have also established a computer room for student use in College and this is proving a very useful facility. This is integrated with the University's initiative to ensure that all Durham graduates have had the opportunity to become computer literate. I must record my thanks to Mr Tom Edge, a member of the Senior Common Room, who at my request undertook a limited fund raising campaign for this purpose and which has raised some £15,000 from members of the SCR and others who have used the College for conferences and other activities.

The University received some good news from English Heritage just before Christmas, when we heard that they would consider assisting with repairs to the Castle. This is a considerable step forward for, as you know, we have been pressing for this for several years past. Such a grant was originally impossible under the Treasury rules concerning double funding but as the University Grants Committee and the Department of Education and Science made it quite clear that they did not provide funds for such purposes, the way was opened for us to apply to English Heritage. Apparently the Department of the Environment, who look after English Heritage, did not find this an easy decision to adjust to and it has taken longer than we would have hoped for a decision to be reached. However we have now heard and look forward to receiving assistance in the next round of grants. The decision has other benefits. Over the years we have had good working relationships with the officers of English Heritage and the strain which the impasse placed on such relations has been eased. More important it enables the University to proceed with its fund raising plans for the Castle which is not just the home of this College, but is a building of local, national and international importance as was recognised when together the Castle and Cathedral were designated a World Heritage site. Incidentally this designation is just that – contrary to what is often assumed it brings no funding – and so far contrary to what I had hoped it has not made fund raising any easier.

You will all, I hope, have received a form to complete from the University's development office. This is the first step in finding out where our graduates are and what they are doing. In common with all universities we will be looking to old students to continue their association with the University in a more defined way and in due course inviting them to assist with time and money! Let me say right away, we are not sending out a fund-raising document by return when we receive your replies – that should in any case be obvious from the slowness of my response to some of the queries raised. The immediate aim is to complete the register, but I know that many of you want to help the College and University and in fact do so regularly. I have

already mentioned Tom Edge's work in connection with the computer room and it is worth bearing in mind that Tom is not an old student, but I must also note the magnificent gesture from Trevor Hibbert Davies who has bought a new eight for the Boat Club. It took rather longer than the Boat Club would have liked to get it into the water, but it is now performing very well and they are very pleased with it. We had a very pleasant naming ceremony at the end of last term - I will leave it to Trevor to explain the significance of the chosen name. This and the gifts from Canon Williams are the cream - we hope for many more! I need hardly say that I am only too happy to hear from anyone who wishes to help in any way. I shall stop at this point. If you read my article on the last ten years that will be more than enough for one year.

E. C. Salthouse

Duncan Cramb

Those who had just left for home from the 1989 reunion were very saddened to hear of the death of Duncan Cramb. I had had the pleasure of dining with him on Friday evening in Castle and although he was not perhaps as well as he might have been it was only with a sense of great loss that I learned of his death.

Duncan was an East Fifer a product of Kirkaldy High School who after attending a short course in Castle in the mid forties graduated in Politics and Economics in 1951. He led a full and active life in college a prominent oarsman and a keen supporter of a whole range of sporting activities, but it was as Secretary of the Junior Common Room that he truly came into his own. As Senior Man I couldn't have asked for a better partner on Norman Gallery. I like to think that we never had a cross word and our friendship was cemented which persisted for nearly forty years the high light of which was being his best man at Hetton le Hole in 1953.

Thereafter I knew Duncan the careers master at Hulme Grammar School and could often find him carousing after a rugby match in Lancashire or a rain affected cricket match in the Manchester Association. Rump steak and draught bass as I recall was his staple diet.

For the next twenty years or so I met him annually from Slough at the Reunion and he never lost his good humour and his quality of reminiscence was always brought to bear on the proceedings.

To Sadie and her two sons Duncan and Alistair I extend sincere condolences and trust that Sadie will continue in the teaching profession which he had graced with such distinction. I am sure that is what Duncan would have wished.

R. Coats

REUNION 1989

43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the Chair

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

Present at the Meeting

60 members of the Society.

Apologies

Dr. D. W. MacDowall (Vice President), Dr. D. Bythell (Senior Tutor), Mr. R. Halton, Mr. J. Oakley and Mr. J. Fyfe

Minutes

The minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting as printed in Castellum were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising

1. a) Derek Holbrook had been given a print of the Castle and the Master's house; Mr John Hollier was thanked for delivering it to him. Derek Holbrook thanked the meeting for the gift and commented on its appropriateness.
- b) The Secretary/Treasurer noted that the cheque for £50 for purchase of an item to mark the admission of women had not been presented to the bank and was now statute barred. The JCR would look into the matter and report back.

Correspondence

2. The Secretary/Treasurer referred to the death of Reginald Easthope. He had sent a suitable letter of condolence to his widow and had received a reply. The Master asked the meeting to stand as a mark of respect to his memory.

Annual Accounts

3. The Bursar presented the annual statement of accounts and these were accepted. The printing costs of Castellum were only marginally above the target figure suggested last year. There was no necessity to increase the subscriptions. Because of the difficulties experienced in operating the bank and building society accounts on two signatures, each account would in future have three signatories, any two of which would be acceptable. The signatories would be the Master, the Bursar and Secretary/Treasurer.

Recommendations for Committee

4. a) *Presentation:* Jean Oliver, Cicely Shaw and Mary Vine were to retire and it was proposed that the Society should mark their service to generations of members with farewell gifts and bouquets of flowers. The Presentation would follow immediately after the meeting with a photograph with members on the Castle steps. Passed unanimously.
- b) *Membership Drive:* It was suggested that steps be taken to increase membership not only from those already in residence but from 'past' Castlemen. For those in residence the sherry parties for first and third years would continue. Those present were asked to take membership forms from the meeting, and to send them to members of their acquaintances who had not joined or whose membership had lapsed.

Fund Raising

5. Mr John Hollier outlined a suggestion for an Endowment Fund, of perhaps £500 000, to provide an income to enable the College to support undergraduate projects. This was intended to be complementary to, but quite separate from, the appeal which was about to be launched by the University for the restoration of the Castle. He did not expect to raise the capital from Castlemen alone but hoped that Castlemen who had discretion over the disposal of funds to charitable trusts etc. might well contribute. Additionally, firms looking

for Durham graduates would be asked for help. It was essential for the fund to have charitable status and legal advice was being sought from Castlemen on the setting up of such a charitable trust. The Master referred to the Committee which was formed in 1987 to assist fund raising and suggested that it should meet with Mr. Hollier for further discussion. The meeting was reminded that the Committee consisted of the Master, the Bursar, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. R. Heady, Mr. A. J. Nelson, Professor P. L. Kirby, Mr. J. G. Bridges.

Election of Officers

6. The Master proposed that the Secretary/Treasurer, Editor of Castellum and the Representative of the Governing Body be re-elected. This was seconded and passed. Mr. J. G. Bridges and Mr. S. Foster were elected to the committee to replace the retiring members, Mr. J. A. Robson and Mr. R. Halton.

Dates of 1990 Reunion

7. The Reunion would be from Friday 23 March to 25 March 1990, with the Dinner on Saturday, 24 March 1990. It was observed that this did not coincide with either the Hatfield or the St. Mary's Reunions but as the College was already booked for the later weekend the dates would stand.

Any Other Business

8. a) It was suggested that the 50th Anniversary of the first R.A.F. Short Course should be marked with a suitable celebration; and it would be appreciated if the publication of Roy Heady's history of these courses could be published at the same time. Both would be discussed at the next Reunion.
- b) Professor Kirby suggested that a photographic record of College Life might be made. He appealed to anyone having old photographs of the Castle and Castlemen to send them to the Secretary. He asked when an up-to-date

address list might be expected and noted that the Courtyard clock was still not working correctly.

After the meeting the Master presented gifts and bouquets to Jean Oliver, Cicely Shaw and Mary Vine. A photograph of members with the three retiring members of staff was taken on the Castle steps.



The end of an Era. Bouquets and gifts were presented on behalf of the Society to Mary Vine, housekeeper, Cicely Shaw, portress and Jean Oliver, the Master's Secretary. Jean was awarded the MBE in the 1990 New Year's Honours List.

**43rd Reunion Dinner
Saturday 15th April 1989**

MENU

Grilled Trout with Almonds

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Cream of Celery and Stilton- Granary Rolls

★ ★ ★

Rump Steak with Black Peppercorns

New Potatoes

French Beans

Cauliflower Polonaise

★ ★ ★

Pineapple Alexandra

★ ★ ★

Coffee and Mints

TOASTS

Following the Loyal Toast, the toast to The College was proposed by Mr. D. Holbrook, former Editor of Castellum, and replied to by The Master, Dr. E.C. Salthouse. The Toast was also proposed to Absent Friends.

BOATING MEMORIES

The University College Boat Club has received a new Eight thanks to the incredible generosity of Mr. Trevor Davies-Hibbard. Rowing Castlemen retain, it would appear, a particular affection for the Peninsula, and Castellum is delighted to publish this poem written around 1951 by Miss Lily Maynard, now married to Len Hamer, submitted by Mr. C. S. Metcalfe.

In Durham City cold and bleak,
There stands a castle women seek,
Not for its structure or its moats,
But for its men who row in boats.

These men there are a heartless lot,
Forsaking all for a pewter pot,
But still they are my heart's ambition,
And so I send this card, my mission.

I've listened to your tales so long,
Of how and why and where you're wrong.
I've even missed my weekend match,
To save the boat another patch.

I find it hard to choose a beau,
From all these heroes who do row,
And so my plea is to you all,
Please, don't neglect my yearning call.

There's Chuck¹ and Mac², they both
are there,

John Hollier with his gorgeous hair,
There's Bridges, Bell and Micky Rutter,
To all these men my prayer I utter.

And at one end, either bow or stern,
I'm ignorant, I really must learn
Which end is which, screaming beyond all
ken,
Sils swathed in scarves, one known as
Len³

Whilst Bill⁴, the coach he must lose
pounds,
Cycling, and bellowing curious sounds,
Along the banks endangering life,
To try and win this mortal strife.

These men they are a hardy lot,
They take the river, cold or hot,
Indeed they take of every sort,
From Chads, and pubs and even court!

They hang their loot on walls 'n' things,
To prove their worth is more than
'Kings'.⁵

Oh, would it were my happy state,
To hang with these and share their fate.

Long may these gods invade the Wear,
Deriding all the females' fear,
That one fine day they will depart,
Having gained degrees, hard work to
start.

One curse only on Johnny Bridges,
May all his crew be bit by midges,
If, when Sunderland play the cup,
He refuses to give my boyfriend up!

Footnotes

1. Chuck (C.S.) Metcalfe
2. R.D. McKenzie
3. Len Hamer
4. Bill Burdess
5. Kings College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne



A NEW EIGHT FOR THE BOAT CLUB

In the murky darkness of University College Boathouse there lurks a shining new addition to the Castle flotilla: B.K.M., from her carbon fibre reinforced hull to her bright red shoe laces is a brand new eight. Built locally at Browns boathouse, she owes her existence to the outstanding generosity of Mr. Trevor Davies Hibbard, old Castleman, who, learning that Castle had to share a very dilapidated eight with all the other colleges, answered the prayers of the college rowers and donated this fine rowing thoroughbred to the college.

Launched three days before Durham Regatta, she is equipped with a brand new set of blades which the boatclub was able to purchase thanks to a generous bequest from the late Reg Easthope. Thus, on a bright sunny day, with the crowds lining the banks, the mens Senior 3 crew stormed to the finish to win the event, thereby being promoted to Senior 2 status.

It was a moving victory indeed since, without the generosity of Castlemen such as Mr. Hibbard and Mr. Easthope, the eight members of the crew would never have had the opportunity to row their way to victory. B.K.M., striding home to take the cup, was a living example of the warm community spirit which Castle has always engendered, and for which the present members of the college are extremely grateful.

The Boat Club itself has not been inactive this year. Both a men's and a women's eight went down to London to compete in the Head of the River Race on the Thames, whilst the men's VIII also competed in Nottingham City Regatta. Apart from the VIII at Durham Regatta, Castle's victories include the men's sculling event at Durham Regatta, the mens fours at Wansbeck, the mens eight at Tyne Head and the women's fours at Hatfield Cup, in which the men also reached the final. Novice fours also competed in head races at Rutherford, Wansbeck, Tyne and Durham and in regattas at Tyne, Wansbeck, Durham City, South Hylton, Durham and York.

An eventful year, then, notable for the high profile which the College has maintained in local competitions, but notable especially for the new – and unspeakably welcome – addition to the college boathouse. *Floreat Castellum!*

Ben Thomas

JOHN ATKIN

With the retirement of Jean Oliver, Cicely Shaw and Mary Vine in the same year, the College's longest-serving member of staff is now the Steward, Mr. John Atkin. To continue its Profile series, Castellum interviewed John Atkin about his career at the Castle.

My first day at the College was in 1959, just before Congregation. It was the day of the tea in the garden. I was just past 15, and I had left school the previous November. That December I had a job in a hotel for three months. Originally I was going into hairdressing with Browns Hairdressing at Framwelgate Moor, but it didn't work out so Joe Bryce asked if would like to come to the Castle. Mr. Harley was the Catering Manager, and Arthur was the High Table gyp. I got the job here, and I might as well tell you when I first came here I hated this place: I wasn't coming back no more. It's a love-hate relationship that you have with this place but it does grow on you. You can go all the way round the world and come back to Durham Castle, and it's still as lovely as ever.

When Grey College was due to open, Sid Holgate was going to be the first Master of Grey and they were going to send me up there but I said I didn't want to leave because by then I had become used to this place by then and I liked it.

We've had a number of Catering Managers in my time: Mr. Harley, Mr. Maddison, Mr. Sanderson then David Watson – and he's worked here twenty years. He and I have our ups and downs – it isn't a smooth run. A clash of personalities is definitely what we are, but on the whole everyone works together.

Special Meals

The Catering Manager and his staff are responsible for the excellent standard of cuisine. If I was making a menu, I would always put on what I like. The thing is not to do that but to think of the customer. The personal touch which we give is what makes us so good. If I was making up my favourite menu we would have cream of cauliflour soup, then we might have scampi, then chicken in lemon and strawberry malakoff. I don't like cheese

and biscuits so I wouldn't put it on for anybody. But the College is able to provide professional advice which ensures success.

It used to be the case that term time was quieter than the vacations, because doing student meals only you can get into a routine. We knew we would be busy over the vacation and we looked forward to the term time, but now there is no slack period because there are so many special dinners that we do during the term time, so there is no difference. We are constantly on the go all the time, but the Colleges need this even if the staff don't!

Of course you get the chance to meet many famous people like Charlie Chaplin - I still have his autograph. Also many political figures: Margaret Thatcher has been here on a number of occasions, from the time she was Minister of Education, then Shirley Williams, Ted Heath, Quintin Hogg, Barbara Castle, Piers Merchant . . .

A Royal Visit

In the sixties Sir James Duff happened to say 'Do you think you could look after the Queen?', as it was being arranged that she would come to Durham to give the Maundy Money out. My mother never walked down the street any prouder than to think that her son was going to look after the Queen. It was one of the highlights of my life - electrifying. The Castle was decked out: Mrs. Slater did the flowers and I gave her a hand. The Hall was set out and the staff got new overalls. We were in the Courtyard to receive her, and then they went upstairs to the Senate Suite before processing to the Cathedral for the ceremony and then came back here for lunch.

I always remember the Lord High Almoner - who I think was the Bishop of St. Albans at the time - coming up to me and 'Now you're going to look after the Queen: just think of it as a bride coming in for her dinner. She's only a lady but a very good lady so don't be nervous.' It seemed as if all the butterflies just disappeared. She was very nice - in fact every member of Royalty that we've ever met have been extremely nice. Princess Anne had a reputation for being abrupt to people, but when we went to serve her she turned and looked at us and spoke to us personally. We all met Princess Alexandra after a dinner on the stairs. She asked

to meet the staff. When she came into the courtyard Cicely's mother was standing at the doorway of the Lodge and she asked if she lived there and went with Mrs. Shaw into the house. It was really a nice gesture. I have also particularly enjoyed serving Dame Margot Fonteyn during her visits to the University, and I can remember meeting Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, David Attenborough and the Archbishop of Canterbury when they received their honorary degrees.

Students and Traditions

Students over the years have definitely changed. When I came here the students came direct out of the forces, having done their National Service, and they were a bit more polished than students of today who have less respect for the place they live in. They may think Durham Castle is a wonderful place but it is a monument and they don't respect it as a monument. I suppose younger people don't think of it as part of their heritage as older people do.

But it's not all for the worse. Students used to get up on the table and sing the Castle song. There's a fine balance between fun and vandalism. Fun goes from the sublime to the ridiculous and becomes vandalism and I take exception to that. Students used to have a notion to plaster the walls with food, and Christmas dinners were dreadful things. We had to bring dustbins into the Hall to clear up the muck they had left behind. That sort of behaviour has got better.

Students today don't think it is a tradition to mess up the place which was the accepted thing a few years ago. The best thing we ever did was to stamp it out. Some 'traditions' have been brought in by students from their old schools, which are not traditions of the University. Even 'banging in' is not a College tradition. When they bang with cutlery they dent the tables which is bad because we like to keep the Hall looking good for visitors. When tables are damaged we have to cover them up with cloths; hammering on the tables with fists is tolerable I suppose.

I'm proud of the Hall - part of my job is to keep it looking nice. We are open to the public, and the staff do an excellent job in keeping it clean at all times. Lots of tourists poke their head

round the door of the buttery and say they have never seen a premises looking so clean. We have to keep it clean because the muck would very quickly build up otherwise, but the kitchen itself is kept spotless.

When it was first suggested that lady students come in, I said we would treat them just the same as the men, but with perhaps a little bit more finesse. Our girls over the three years that we have had them in have been very good. We have had some very nice girls: on balance I thought it was an excellent thing for them to come in, and its a sign of the way of the world is changing. They have integrated very well. We had a few hiccups at the beginning with a few of the students who didn't want women in at all, and they had to be put straight. The women are now proving to be a dominant force in every sphere of life and work. There a few women on the S.C.R. On the whole everybody has accepted the fact, which is a good thing.

Moving Out

I lived here in College for 19 years until about five years ago when I made the decision to move out. There I was, becoming 40, and I thought it was about time that I put my foot outside the door. There was a plan to refurbish the servery demolishing the old one and taking all the roof away, so where I lived was going to be unavailable. It just so happened that I got a flat from the council and I moved in to the flat just before the alterations to the servery began. It's the best thing that I ever did in my life - I should have done it years ago.

I used to think that being on the job I was the lucky one. After being at work all day I just had to go down the stairs to bed, whilst everyone else has to go and get a bus or get in a car and drive home, but the nicest thing that I ever had to say to Mr. Watson when I left here was 'I am putting my coat on - I am going home.' And to give David Watson his due, I went over home and the phone rang and he asked if I was all right because I went out of here with a heavy heart after 20 years, and he must have known that, so he rang up at 11.30 at night to check up because it was the first time while working that I had slept outside the Cas-

tle for 20 years. Since that I've never looked back, and I've enjoyed living out very much.

I travel a lot too, mostly to Canada because I met people here from the Wilfred Laurier University in Kitchener, Ontario, who used to come every year, and we've kept a friendship up for the last 16 years. Every second year I go to Canada to visit them. The majority of them are university people and schoolteachers.

Faces from the Past

I keep in contact with a few Castlemen, and they come back and say it's nice to come back just to see me here. I can recognise people coming back and now I am meeting Castlemen's sons. A young man went past and I said 'Was your brother here the other year' and he said no, it was his dad! One old student was in the Hall and he looked exactly the same, and I went up and spoke to him, and he said he was convinced that I wouldn't know who he was, but I never forget a face when you see them again. You see a face and you remember an incident to recall them by, such as one formal dinner when they put a sheep in the Great Hall and it was running around.

Students come back from years gone by and say I look no different, but I have changed. (I know I'm a little bit more plumpish - I used to be very thin at one time.) It is amazing how many people do come back and they do know you and they bring their wives and families. I've now got to the point where I don't say that I know the wife until I'm introduced, because nine times out of ten it wasn't the girl he went out with when he was here! You think it is so-and-so and it isn't at all!

When eventually I leave I shall take away with me from this place a lot of contentment and a good deal of friendship. There will be an enormous amount of heartache. You make friends all the time, and sometimes people never ever forget you.

Castellum

NEWS ROUND-UP

DURHAM APPOINTS A NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR

Professor Evelyn Ebsworth of the University of Edinburgh, has been chosen by Senate and Council to be the next Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham. Prof. Ebsworth is the Crum Brown Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh, and he takes over as Vice-Chancellor in October 1990 on the retirement of Prof. Fred Holliday, who by that time will have completed a full decade in the job. He is a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal Society of Chemistry. His interests are multi-disciplinary, and include music, history and the Church.

FIRST WORLD WAR CASTLEMAN DIES

One of the last known Old Castlemen to have stayed lived in the College during the First World War died on 18th December 1989. W.G. 'Billy' Perkins had celebrated his 90th birthday earlier this year, living in Eastbourne, East Sussex where he was a retired senior partner of the Mayo and Perkins solicitors practice. Mr. Perkins had been invited by Castellum to record his reminiscences of his time at Castle but died before these could be completed.

RESEARCH INCOME SETS NEW RECORD

The University's income from research grants and contracts reached a new high level of almost £6 million during 1988-9,

accounting for 16% of the total income of £37.4 million. £689,000 came from overseas sources, particularly from the European Commission.

DISCOVER THE NATURE OF CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL

A major exhibition organised by the Durham University and four other north-east education establishments is to be staged at the 1990 National Garden Festival under the banner 'Discover the Nature of Change'. The Biological Sciences Department is responsible for displays on micropropagation and plant generic engineering.

The exhibition will occupy houses provided by Shepherd Homes and will feature life-sized environmental reproductions and audio-visual displays. Students and staff are being recruited to man the exhibit over the 157 days of the festival from 18th May to 21st October. The objective of the exhibition is to raise awareness of how important environmental issues are to our planet's future, and provide information on positive work being done to meet the challenges and consequences of global warming.

TOURIST CONNECTIONS FOR THE GARDEN FESTIVAL

The University is promoting its Colleges as an ideal base for Garden Festival visitors in 1990. Four million visitors are

expected, and the University is expanding its Tourism Unit, selling holidays under the 'Northumbria Experience' banner. Advance bookings for 1990 are very healthy, and the Colleges are jointly offering special prices for one- or two-night Garden Festival breaks. Go-Ahead Northern will be offering free travel to and from the Garden Festival on its buses from Durham to Gateshead to visitors buying inclusive admission tickets on the bus. Other holidays concentrate on Northumbria's heritage and country walking. Enquiries about all holidays and breaks to Andrew Duff, Marketing Officer, Old Shire Hall, Durham (091-374 3454).

POISON PLANT PURGE

The University's ground maintenance staff have dealt with several cases of Deadly Nightshade growing in the centre of Durham at St. Cuthbert's garden, St. John's College and Grey College. One plant was three feet high and five feet across. Deadly nightshade (*atropa belladonna*) had not been reported in County Durham for 40 years until one small plant was recently found behind Lloyds Bank in Durham.

IUCC MAKES ITS HOME IN DURHAM

The first permanent secretariat of the Inter-University Committee on Computing will be located in the University Computer Centre. Dr. Robert Smith has been appointed part-time Executive Officer. IUCC represents computing interests in British universities and works with bodies in the UK, Europe and the United States.

FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGES

The third North-East Festival of Languages, a joint project involving Durham University, the Northern

Development Company and many companies won the Business Education Section of the 1989 Northern Business Awards. Held in July, 1989, it launched a joint initiative to bring together 5th form pupils and teachers with companies in the region at the 'Great North Eurolinks Roadshow'.

FIRST CLASS CRICKET IN DURHAM

Durham County Cricket team has submitted a bid for first class cricket status to the men at Lords. One of the premier counties in the 'minor counties' league. Plans include a new stadium to be built by the riverside in Chester-le-Street, under the shadow of Lumley Castle. Durham's plans are supported by the County and District council. Meanwhile, Durham graduates Nasser Hussain and John Stephenson of Essex were selected for England in the sixth Test match against Australia.

GEOGRAPHER RETURNS

Dr. David Sadler returned to Durham as a Lecturer in Geography from a position as Lecturer at St. David's College, Lampeter. A Castleman, he graduated in 1981 and was University College JCR Bar Chairman in 1980-1.

CONGREGATIONS OF DISTINCTION

The 1989 Summer Congregations saw five honorary degrees awarded at a ceremony which saw a number of added features including video recording and live organ music. Colour programmes described the ceremony and other features of the university. The Chancellor, Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias, conferred more than 1400 degrees, including actress Ann Todd, jazz artist Humphrey Lyttelton, geographer Prof. Peter Haggett, physicist Prof. Charles Joachain and Lord Glenomara, formerly minister and MP Ted Short.

JCR REPORT

Firstly I must apologise for the format of this report, in that it is not a report of the educational year of 1988-89, but I have taken the liberty of attempting to summarise a varying number of my own personal views after three years of experience of the University and in particular University College. Much of this may be just a repetition of papers past, but there is no harm in their being repeated.

I look upon the University years of a student's life as ones that should provide not only an academic education, but also a broader education of the self. This is achieved by participation in a range of activities and by meeting different people. The role the College hopes to play in this is to provide enough amenities and services to live and to also provide the chance for all College members to enjoy many activities and sports which they would be unable to do upon the University scene. When people are not good enough or have not the time for University activities the College should be able to fill the gap. The University Clubs will offer more variety and have more money, and it is very healthy to participate out of the often closed doors of one's own College (after all, there are some great people out there too!) The wholeness of education is also greatly influenced by the people we meet and associate with, making it important to maintain a wide cross section of student's backgrounds; so not inhibiting those who cannot afford to come, different sexes, races etc. This gets onto very politically complicated grounds, so I will only make the statement.

Turning to the College which attempts to achieve those spoke of ideals. The College is neither the students nor the staff; but both together, Porters, Cleaners, Kitchen staff, Offices staff, Workmen, Gardeners, SCR, JCR and Old College Members make a College, and not one group can be left out. The Students are meant to be the reason for the institution; but after that they become less important. It is the whole College staff that contribute the most to a College's character, subtly, but due to their continuity, they exert most influence. Thus I urge anyone

who feels that staff and students are segregated, to change their views and live together, to benefit and enjoy life more. Noticeably there is room for the SCR and Castle Society to increase (and be allowed to) their influence in many activities within the student body – this would hopefully benefit the students by giving continuity to varying clubs, and would also be of satisfaction and enjoyment to all those involved.

The Castle Society Reunion is an example of Old Members, SCR and a few lucky students all having a very good night. Another example is the College Orchestra formed in this year by Students and SCR, though in its infancy it is successful and has great potential. Other new arrivals this year are the College Year Book and Leavers Book which were both excellent, giving much pleasure to both producers and owners alike. May they continue to thrive. Also the arrival of the College Computer Centre, provided by the College with help from the JCR, is a step to keep abreast with the modern world. It will provide students with very useful and much needed facilities, and will hopefully increase the Colleges' attractiveness in the highly competitive conference trade. The conference trade is essential to the College and it will take a lot of work and cooperation to make the most of the wonderful setting we have.

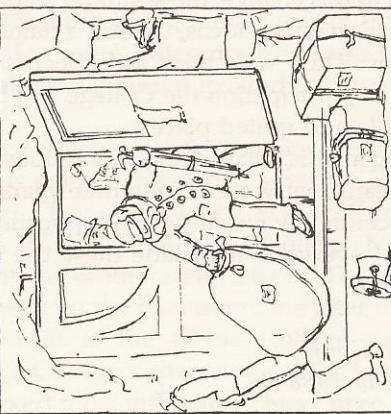
The JCR and all College Staff can work and play together much more, benefiting both. There are many unnecessary, unsupported and useless dogmatic traditions which produce barriers to this change, these should step down, making way for more rationalised ideas, whilst retaining living, supported traditions. Then with the Castle Society's integrated financial and social participation the College will be a more educational, fun, stable and united place.

Saying all this, I have had a marvellous time here and I would like to thank everyone for my three years at University College. Most recently my Executive for supporting me through this last year, but everyone has made these the Best Years of my Life. Thank you.

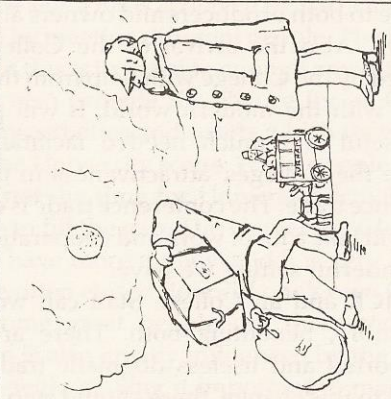
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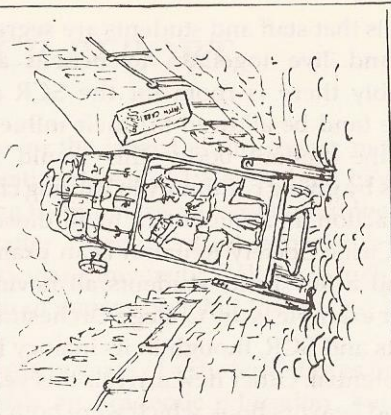
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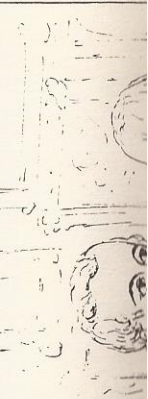
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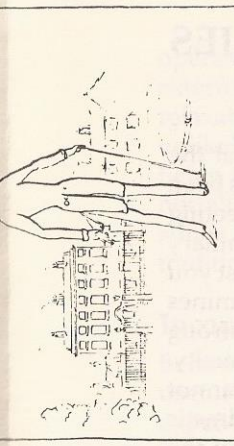




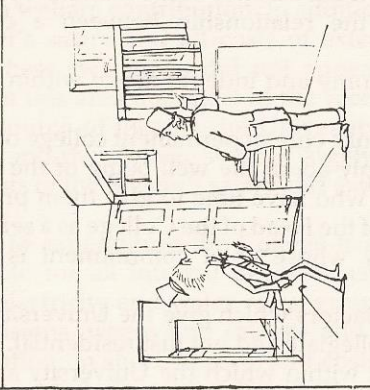
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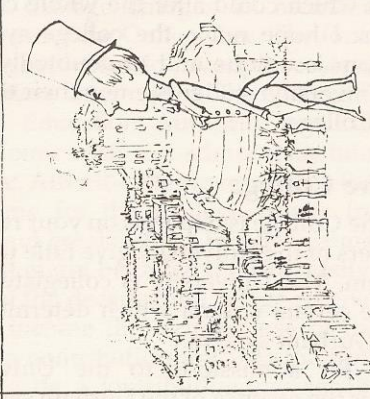
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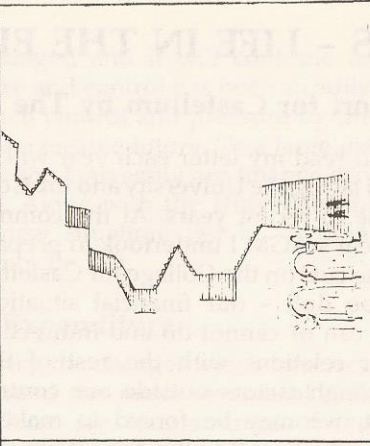
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THE CUTS – LIFE IN THE EIGHTIES

A Special Report for Castellum by The Master

Those of you who read my letter each year will recall that the financial situation facing the University and the College has been a recurring theme in recent years. At the committee meeting preceeding last year's AGM I undertook to prepare a summary of the effects of the cuts on the College for Castellum. I trust you do not find it too dull – our financial situation determines directly what we can or cannot do and indirectly has a strong influence on our relations with the rest of the University. Ultimately if, through factors outside our control, we cannot make ends meet, we may be forced to make quite drastic changes, changes which could alter the whole character of the Durham Colleges. I hope not – the college system as it has evolved in Durham is unique and undoubtedly attracts good students to the University: students enjoy their time at Durham and their life in College.

The Role of the College

What you think the College is depends on your relationship to it and many members of the University give little thought to what defines the system. The University is collegiate by statute: in practice there are certain criteria which determine the unique character of the Durham system.

1. Responsibility for admissions to the University by the Colleges. This is the essence of the Durham system and it is at the heart of the relationship between a college and its members.
2. College autonomy and independence within the University statutes.
3. The existence of a core of permanent college officers and staff who care deeply about the well-being of the college and its members and who have time to give them proper attention.
4. The position of the Head of the College as a senior member of the University whose chief commitment is to his or her college.

These are the factors which give the University the authority to say that it is collegiate and not just residential. In recent years the environment within which the University and the College

operate has changed and it will continue to change. Overt, external pressure and control has been steadily increased and a relaxation of such control and pressure by the Government is unlikely in the foreseeable future. To a large extent the changes being forced on the University are finance driven and they are not all positive. Along with the University the Colleges must adjust to the new situation, but in so doing the collegiate tradition must not be lost.

Income and Expenditure

Before considering the changes which have occurred, it might be useful if I outlined the main sources of college income and expenditure. There are four sources of income which are important. The College charges its members two fees, the Maintenance Fee and the College Fee. The former is paid by the student and covers (or should cover) the costs of living in college i.e. accommodation, catering etc. The College Fee is paid by the student's Local Education Authority and covers (or should cover) the academic costs, i.e. admissions, tutor's stipends and emoluments, etc. After the Maintenance Fee the most important source of income for the College comes from conferences, functions, bed and breakfast etc. Finally income comes from the University, what might be called the University contribution. At the beginning of the decade the College received compensation for the loss of income through the use of the Great Hall for congregations, a contribution towards the upkeep of the State Rooms in the Castle, a contribution towards the cost of heating the Castle and a welfare contribution. In addition the University paid the Master's salary and all costs of external repairs and maintenance; these two items did not appear in the college accounts. It is in this area that most of the recent changes have occurred; as a source of income the University contribution is much reduced and the College is now largely responsible for meeting the costs of the Master's salary and external repairs and maintenance.

With regard to expenditure the College has for many years been responsible for all internal decorations and repairs, all heating costs, electricity and water rates, ground maintenance, food and provisions, wages and salaries and costs associated with administration; in short all recurrent costs except external repairs and the Master's salary. In addition the College is

expected to make annual transfers to two funds, one for redecoration and the other for renewals. Expenditure under both headings can be high as for example when the College kitchens were refurbished. During the time that I have been Master the College has only been able to make the recommended level of transfer on a couple of occasions. In other years it has been the practice to transfer the difference between income and expenditure.

The Effects of Expenditure Cuts

The situation we now face is the result of two rounds of cuts which have been imposed on the universities, in 1981 and in 1986. In addition Government spending on the universities has not kept pace with inflation. Insofar as Durham has been affected the second round of cuts have been the most severe, but the first round affected this College in particular and the economies introduced by the University then, the removal of the contributions to the cost of heating Durham Castle and to the cost of maintaining the State Rooms were cuts in income that the other colleges did not suffer. The costs of heating the Castle are a particular cause for concern and the loss of these two contributions early in the decade has made it more difficult for University College to adjust to the more recent changes.

The second round of cuts hit the University hard across the whole spectrum of its activities. In response the University adopted the policy of reflecting the UGC method of calculating university grants, when allocating funds to individual departments. At the same time departments became responsible for their staff budgets, academic, secretarial and technical. The level of the allocation reflected the UGC research rating of the department and the amount of external funding generated by the department. No department came out of the exercise as well as it would have wished and some have been very badly hit. Staff costs form the largest item in any department's spending and to reduce this there have been a large number of early retirements. Over the same period the UGC introduced subject reviews, the most notorious probably being in Geology. As a result several Geology departments have been closed and staff transferred elsewhere. Durham has come out of most of the reviews which have taken place quite well. In the case of Geology the department has expanded quite significantly. It is clear that the

positive approach to restructuring our finances adopted by the University and the acknowledged quality of our students helped considerably with this.

11In this process the colleges have not been spared. Some £500,000 was removed from college reserves as a contribution towards re-structuring; this was a one-off transfer and in the event has been used for re-structuring costs associated with the colleges. In addition the colleges have had to take responsibility for the recurrent costs associated with the salary of the Master or Principal and external repairs and maintenance. Comparing the situation in University contribution have reduced College income by some £20,000 per annum. The extra costs associated with the Master's salary and external repairs and maintenance have increased expenditure by around £80,000. It is difficult to give a precise figure for the latter as this is the first financial year in which we have had to cover all the additional costs. To put these figures in perspective total College income for the last full financial year, 1988-89, was £761,714 with 51% from the Maintenance Fee, 6.5% from the College Fee, 40% from conferences, functions etc, and just over 2% from all other sources, including the remaining University contribution. In 1980-81 the Maintenance Fee accounted for 58% of total income and income from conferences etc., 25%.

Evaluation of the Effects on the College

At this stage it is difficult to assess the consequences of the additional charges as they are only just coming into effect. This year's accounts will provide the first full picture. My guess is that we will just balance income and expenditure with no allocations being made to the funds for redecoration or renewals. This is most unsatisfactory. Much of our income depends on conferences and related activities (40%) and our customers will soon object if basic standards are not met. It is in any case becoming increasingly difficult to balance the requirements of the conference business with those of the College. We now accept as many bookings as possible through the Christmas and Easter vacations and these can cause problems for those students who wish to remain in Durham to work. We must also bear in mind that the College has already made quite a number of economies to improve our position. David Watson has no regular assistant, the position of Senior Tutor is now Honorary

and there is no help for the College Secretary with admissions. Some of these economies cannot be continued indefinitely. We are relying on the goodwill of the staff concerned and in several areas there is no adequate back-up; illness or accident would have serious consequences.

Clearly the College must take every step it can to increase income. Over the past ten years income from conferences and related activities has increased steadily as shown by the figures above but the income from the Maintenance Fee has fallen behind. This will have to increase, and the 8% rise awarded last year following external arbitration is a help. Understandably any such increase will be resisted by our students: since 1980 the student grant has been under continuous review by the Government. It has not kept pace with inflation and the decision has now been taken to phase the grant out and replace it with a loan scheme. Regrettably it will be more expensive to go away to University and the effect that this will have on the Colleges and Durham are unclear. One option that we are actively pursuing is to increase the number of rooms in College, and at the same time to increase the quality of some. This will bring additional income throughout the year and is in accord with the University's wish to increase in size.

Challenges of the 1990s

Looking forward to the 1990's I am reasonably confident that we can adjust to the new situation. It will be difficult but if the unique character imparted to Durham by its colleges can be maintained it will be worthwhile. We are not out of the wood yet and I must admit that I am concerned about the future of the College Fee which is now only charged by Oxford, Cambridge and Durham – no doubt it will come under scrutiny again. The loss of the fee in the immediate future would be difficult to adjust to and could strike at the core of the present system by removing the income designed to support the academic role of the colleges. Our plans are not solely finance driven. In planning for the 1990's the University has decided that it would be in the best interests of the University if its size increased. At present there are over 5,000 students in Durham – the aim is to grow to 6,000. This will put considerable pressure on the accommodation available in the colleges and in the neighbouring area. The number of students living out will increase and this factor, combined with the

difficulty of judging accurately the number of new students entering the first year as a result of the new UCCA arrangements means that the College can no longer guarantee accomodation for all three years. I regret this but with experience we should at least be able to manage the system so that the number of students who have to live out, as distinct to those who choose to will be kept to an absolute minimum. This is another reason why we would like to see the number of rooms increase.

In today's parlance there is, I am lead to understand, no such thing as a problem, they are all challenges. If so, I can safely say that the 1990's give every indication of being just as challenging as the eighties. Nevertheless, where there is a will there is a way, and throughout the University the will is still strong. No doubt you will hear from me in future letters about the particular challenge of the time and our response to it. I can't help wondering what, if I am still around, I shall write at the end of the nineties!

The National Garden Festival will be held in Gateshead during 1990 and is expected to be the biggest event in Europe, attracting four million visitors. Castlemen are invited to visit the Festival staying in the College over the summer vacation. Book by telephone or by writing to ensure a room is available, but this is not always necessary.

The Thirties Revisited

Canon G. A. Williams told the following enjoyable story at the 1988 reunion, which is now published for a wider audience.

A Surprise Visitor – and a Surprised Censor

By far the most thriving society in the University was the Student Christian Movement, which arranged many events including visiting speakers. One of these visitors was William Temple, at that time the Archbishop of York. On that occasion, I was the President of the Durham Colleges SCM and Canon Quick had offered to provide hospitality for the Archbishop but when we were informed that His Grace would be coming by train (third class) and that he would arrive at a quarter before three o'clock in the afternoon to speak at the meeting which had been arranged for a quarter past five, Canon Quick said that I would have to entertain him to tea as he would not be able to do so. This information filled me with alarm and I did not advertise the tea party which had been forced upon me.

I ordered a taxi to take me to the station and I am sure the garage proprietor in New Elvet which ran a taxi service thought it was for some student who was trying to impress his girlfriend and provided me with the most decrepit vehicle on his rank. Now everyone in the country at that time knew what the Archbishop of York looked like with his ever-gaitered legs, his rotund figure, his boyish open smiling face and his constant companion of an unrolled umbrella bound at the waist with the tape provided. He was a gift to all newspaper caricaturists. As soon as this familiar figure stepped on to the platform even the porters recognised him as did the taxi driver. In those days, at least in Durham, railway porters and taxi-drivers knew to address an Archbishop as 'Your Grace'.

We arrived on Palace Green a few seconds before three o'clock and as the taxi driver turned into the Castle barbican, Professor Abbot was approaching the Gatehouse from the Courtyard, punctually as ever setting out for his afternoon constitutional, pince-nez superiorly clipped to his nose, silver topped walking stick in his hand. It soon became quite clear that the taxi and the Canon would meet in the somewhat narrow

structures of the archway. Professor Abbot did not yield to intending taxi cabs and taxi drivers conveying the Archbishop of York did not give place to Professors of English. Rapid speculation was racing through my thoughts with a somewhat diminution of my attention to the prelate's conversation. Excitement mounted and the seconds required for a motorised vehicle to cover the distance from the gate to the gatehouse extended into what seemed like minutes. The taxi, being rather more powerful, was victorious and the Canon was forced to stretch himself flatly against the Porter's door.

Dr Abbot's face was purple with annoyance and it was tinged with not a little element of surprise. But when he recognised the other occupant of the cab, for the first and only time in all the four years I spent in the Castle, I saw the Canon's jaw drop. The taxi sped on its way, swung round the oval lawn and drew up at Hall steps (my rooms were on the top floor of Hall Stairs). I jumped out of the vehicle, helped his Grace to alight and gave the driver his fee. Stealing a glance - I hoped imperceptibly - towards the Gatehouse, I still saw Claude open-mouthed in astonishment. Trying to give the impression that I was in the habit of entertaining establishment figures I escorted the Archbishop into the Castle and up the stairs.

There is a tailpiece to the story. Some weeks later the King and Queen were visiting Durham on their post-Coronation tour of the provincial towns. They were due to arrive at the station in the Royal Train at ten o'clock in the forenoon and, having fulfilled a host of engagements in the area were scheduled to leave the station at five o'clock in the afternoon. I was alone in my room the previous evening doing some work when I heard a single knock on my door and the visitor did not - as was usual - forthwith enter. He did come in in answer to my invitation and revealed himself to be Dr Abbot in person. He civilly refused my invitation to sit down but said that he apologised for the interruption but he wished to make an enquiry: 'I would like to see their Majesties tomorrow,' he said, 'but I do not wish to stand in the crowds which will be on the street. I wonder whether you would be so kind as to tell me the hour at which they will be coming to drink tea with you?'

CHAPLAINCY REPORT

During the last twelve months, worship has been faithfully offered in the Chapels of University College. As with any such fluid community the form of that worship has had to develop, but at the same time it has retained its traditional underpinning of the Daily Office and frequent celebrations of Eucharist. The College now has a form of Evening Prayer which has been specially constructed to relate to our special needs with the help of Fr. George Guiver CR. Sunday morning has benefitted greatly from the gift of hymn-books from the Master but its choral bias has now outlived its usefulness and from the beginning of this academic year, this, the main weekly act of worship will be entirely congregational.

The choir under Michael Holdsworth has acquitted itself well and although it is invidious to single out examples, the singing of Faure's Requiem on All Soul's Day was especially remarkable. But the choir also sang services in Durham Cathedral, York Minster, and HM Prison Durham before spending a week in residence at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, during the Long Vacation.

A part of any Chaplaincy is its didactic function. This is achieved within the context of worship by the preachers, and there have been made.

Care is taken that there should be a great a range of preachers as possible and although there have been occasional mishaps on the whole preaching is of a high standard. We also have informal study-groups, and this is an area which could be extended.

The traditional Chapel Card was abandoned in favour of a 'newspaper' some months ago in order to offer greater co-ordination among the Christian groups within the Castle. This has been a qualified success, students being on the whole unwilling to contribute enough copy and the Chaplain forced to 'ghost' some of the more contentious articles himself. The appointment of a student editor will, it is hoped, encourage a more general commitment from those whom it is intended to serve. At the same time, some sort of termly card will be reinstated.

The Chaplain's pastoral work takes him well beyond the boundaries of the Chapel or Christian groups being available to the whole of the Castle community. This is as it should be, and there is no place in a brief report such as this to elucidate as to the frequency and nature of such encounters.

Much of what Chaplains or Chapels do is unquantifiable. Our efforts look on appraisal to be paltry or at best irrelevant but still we continue, convinced that there is an important place for a Christian ministry which is directly responsive to the College community.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Most Castlemen will have received a letter from the Master enclosing a questionnaire about their activities. This information is being collated at Old Shire Hall and Catellum invited Adrian P. Beney, the co-ordinator of the project on behalf of the University, to write about it.

Traditionally, Universities have been rather lax about their graduates once they received their degree certificates. Many institutions have societies for graduates (or alumni – more of that term later), and these are, in most cases, organised by interested graduates, with a varying amount of support from the parent institution.

Centrally, the University has realised that its graduates are one of its greatest assets. They are, after all, both the customers of the University's services and, from an employer's point of view, its main product!

The only problem, then, was to find out exactly who and where all the graduates are! As a result of its successful tender to the Universities Funding Council, we have recently received £125,000 to help set up a Development Office. Part of this will be spent on employing the University's first Alumni Officer and a further part on financing the questionnaires which I hope you have all received. (Spares available from me at Old Shire Hall.)

The next question is why do we want to know all this? There are a number of reasons, as follows: We want to be able to let you know where your former colleagues are, and to share their news with you (I didn't think he would ever do so well, or, is he really a vicar?); we want to be able to help societies organise reunions more effectively; we want to be able to tell employers how many Durham graduates they have (often they don't know). This last reason is very important in the other part of my work, which is raising money from trusts and from industry.

I hope this has given you a brief idea of what it's all about, and we hope to be able to organise some sort of newsletter with 'highlights' of the responses to the questionnaire. Before I give you some assorted statistics, a word about the word ALUMNI.

It's ugly, and generally thought of as un-English, but if anyone can find me a better word that encompasses all those who have attended the institution (but are not necessarily graduates), I shall buy him or her a drink! ('Old Castlemen' does not count as a suitably inclusive alternative, as there are those who object to being called old!)

Adrian P. Beney

STATISTICS

Only two colleges have received questionnaires so far, and the Castle has elicited a greater response rate. Some potted statistics are as follows:

2666 Alumni
807 (30%) replied
233 (29% of respondents) had moved, and the letter was forwarded
222 (8.3% of total) never received their questionnaire as the letter was returned unopened. We are now trying to find these people!

Of those who responded:

2 are freemen of the City of London, and one of Berwick upon Tweed
4 work for BP, while 6 work for BT
25 are clergymen, and 32, accountants.
96 are directors of companies
6 work for GEC, and 1 for NASA
60 are retired, 23 self employed and 9 unemployed
55 have stayed in the academic world and work for Universities of Polytechnics.

OPERATION SKYSCRAPER

Mrs. Olwen Dixon writes:

I have recently had published a book by my late husband Tom Dixon, who graduated from the Castle in the early 1930s. It was written during the first year of his retirement from the incumbency of the Parish of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, London. He became ill shortly after completing the writing and died at the end of 1979. Titled 'Operation Skyscraper', the book gives an account of ten years demolition and rebuilding undertaken in the Parish by the London Borough of Camden, of the immense social upheaval which resulted, and the efforts of the small Anglican congregation, co-operating with the Roman Catholic priest and local organisations, to maintain and rebuild some semblance of community life. 'Operation Skyscraper' was published by Churchman Publishing Ltd. at £3.95 in January 1989. It was very favourably reviewed by Douglas Brown in the Church Times on March 10th 1989. Tom Dixon was Vicar of St. John's, Shildon, 1939-48, and held other incumbencies in England, and Chaplaincies in Europe.

Further details can be obtained from Mrs. Dixon at 5, Prince's Court, 68, Pilgrims Lane, London NW3 1SP.

THE DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY
Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st March, 1989

	1987-88 £	EXPENDITURE	£	1987-88 £	INCOME	£
	1120.65	Reunion Expenses	1737.10	1106.35	Reunion, 1988	1721.25
	1017.75	Printing: Castellum, 1988	1005.60		Subscriptions and Contributions	
	92.82	Stationery etc.	19.08		towards Castellum	
	186.21	Postages	136.56	1522.50	Less received in advance	1585.49
		Miscellaneous Expenses				39.00
		Receptions for students etc.	125.55		Interest on Investments	
		Presentation	46.00	163.06	receipts	
	64.50		171.55	6.13	Donations	180.40
		Balance being excess of Income				220.00
	316.11	over Expenditure, for the period	598.25			
	<u>£2798.04</u>		<u>£3668.14</u>	<u>£2798.04</u>		<u>£3668.14</u>

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 1989

LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
Contributions towards Castellum received in advance	223.99	Investments			
Sundry Creditors		Northern Rock Building Society - Preference Shares	3588.15		
University College	537.20	As on 1st April, 1988	1200.00		
Astro Print	633.00	Added during the period	180.40		
Capital Account	3614.86	Interest		4968.55	
As on 1st April, 1988					
ADD Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	598.25	Sundry debtors		158.70	
	4213.11	University College		479.87	
		Cash at bank		£5607.12	
				£5607.12	

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
April, 1989

COLLEGE OFFICERS, 1988-89

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BURSAR

Wing Commander A. E. Cartmell, B.A., M.A.

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Dates of 1990 Reunion

Friday 23rd March to Sunday 25th March 1990.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 24th March 1990.

Dates of 1991 Reunion

Friday 12th April to Sunday 14th April 1991.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 13th April 1991.

Members are advised of the new telephone numbers of the College as follows:-

General Enquiries	091 374 3800
College Office	091 374 3863
University Main Switchboard	091 374 2000