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The government last week announced a 4% rise in student grants for next year, representing an increase in personal costs but leaving in the real value of the grant against inflation. Mark Kennedy, President of the Students’ Association, has issued a press statement warning against students’ financial plight.

The value of the student grant has been cut in real terms since the Sixties. This decline, however, has been particularly marked in recent years and it would now require an increase of 17.9% to restore the grant to its 1979 value. This is the size of increase which has been demanded by the National Union of Students, and this claim is made on our behalf by our Senior Students’ Association.

Mr Kennedy’s statement draws attention to particular problems which students face. It estimates that 70% of Edinburgh students who are expected to receive a parental contribution towards their grant do not, in fact, receive the full amount. A problem which its all students is the increasing proportion of the grant consumed by the cost of accommodation. In 1980/81, students in Pollock Halls accounted for 51% of the full grant. On present trends, Hall fees at Edinburgh will account for 60% of the grant in 1983/84. In recent years, students have been cushioned against the full effects of the decline in the value of the grant by the generosity of granting authorities at university facilities. This means of support may well be less readily available in the future as the simultaneous cut in vacation employment and the high unemployment rate of graduate unemployment has led to students being considered a “bad risk”.

The demise of the student grant system has highlighted the split within government ranks over its approach to public spending policy. William Waldegrave, Under-Secretary for Higher Education, recently admitted to a NUS delegation: “Your case is essentially emotional and intellectually you have won the argument.”

Mr Kennedy has urged that students should write to their MPs and encourage their parents to do so as well. “Considering that the Government usually announces the grant increase in February/March,” he said, “we still have time to change the Government’s mind.”

The momentum of the recent cuts in the University’s recurrent grant (which include grants through the Universities Grants Commission) are beginning to be made clear. It now seems likely that there will be no redundancies among staff. The consequence of this will be that the level of funding available for such items as the purchase of books will red end.

An Open Forum on the subject of the cuts in university spending will be held in the George Square Theatre on Monday at 7 pm. The Nector, Principal and Secretary of the University, as well as the senior President of the Students’ Association, will take part.

NATO Attacks Stornoway

Last Monday, the Glasgow Association of Gaelic Students organised a demonstration outside the West St Andrews House in the St James Centre to protest about NATO plans to double the size of the NATO airbase at Stornoway in Lewis.

The decision to proceed with the plans for the airbase has been taken despite strong local opposition. The Stornoway Council voted, also on Monday, by a vote of 6 to 1 to support their opposition to the plans and to call for a public enquiry.

This decision to increase the size of the base shares a similar history to that of other military bases. First, plans for an initially small base are pushed through with assurances that there will be no increase in the size of the base and as little damage to the environment as possible. Later, the need for the base to be increased in size is outlined and implemented. This is what happened for example, with the rocket testing range in South Uist.

There were three speakers at the meeting. Mark Kennedy of EUSA outlined the situation from this democratic society, local democratic groups having been ignored by a government which was not elected by a majority of Scottish voters. Also he stressed the cultural damage which would be caused by this type of ‘development’. Stephen Maxwell for the SNP described how the plan for Stornoway was yet another example of the Government’s lack of commitment to the present escalation in the arms race and that this development would lead to Stornoway becoming a target in the event of war. Mr Maxwell also stressed the damage this would do to the situation which is one of the last ‘Bastions’ of the Gaelic cultural heritage. The fact that this development has been allowed to go ahead was another sign of Gael I impotence when faced by the demands of central government.

The demonstration was attended by approximately 60 people and was a very good humoured gathering despite what at times seemed almost like deliberate provocation from nearby workers: for example, as soon as the speeches commenced there was a marked increase in the noise level of a local pub which was just being opened.

The turnout was good considering it was two o’clock on a Monday afternoon and very cold. After the speeches, a petition was handed in by representatives of various groups who were there - SGN was handed in to New St. Andrews House. A petition was the only option, no one would talk to the demonstrators.

Best Bar None

After renovations costing £15,000, the PGSU Bar is arguably the most attractive bar in the University. The PGSU have placed vinyl chairs that may have replaced by decor of the period. Various wine glasses are prone to be replaced by clear glass, and producing the inevitable arms expenditure figures, he went on to the Russian situation itself. Basically what this amounted to was a report on the Russian-in-the-streets-view of the West which was, Garrison maintained, strikingly similar to the American-in-the-streets-view of Russia. He then set about describing the plight of the USSR, encircled by hostile forces and with vast numbers of nuclear missiles pointing menacingly at its cities. Bearing this in mind, Garrison asked us to try to understand the Soviet dilemma.

The talk was followed by lengthy but fruitless question and answer session which gave Garrison the chance to launch an attack on the “permanent war economy” of the superpowers and their increasing reliance on frighteningly inefficient computer technology. Then came criticism of the British government’s willingness to let us become the USA’s “advanced aircraft carrier” and a somewhat depressing review of Britain’s position in a prospective nuclear war. No dissenting voice was forthcoming from the audience who, judging by the quiet nods throughout the talk and the applause at the end, seemed to agree with everything Garrison said.

Although the new bar doesn’t have an all day licence it does have a late licence on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and on Sunday nights “Nach, [a very good jazz band], provide the entertainment.” On Sunday morning the PGSU serve cooked breakfasts from noon onwards and three choices of hot lunches along with hot snacks are available daily.

It’s quite easy for Pugs to make full use of their Union and the new bar, but it seems that UGs, although “extremely well-received” by the PGSU, can only be admitted signed in by a PG. An understandable measure when one considers that the PGSU is the only Union specifically for PGs. It seems that UGs wishing to visit this very different Union bar will have just have to integrate with the PG students. This, in itself, isn’t a bad idea.

Auld Reekie News

Edinburgh Tony administration plan to cut college spending by £71 million next year. Hardest hit will be recreational facilities with £5,000 on useless tourist brochures. The brochures, in eight different languages, apparently duplicate other pamphlets and were produced by the official something to do.

Two Edinburgh Labour councillors, Neil Lindsay and Alex Wood, were interviewed by Mr. Michael Foot criticising his attack on the contributing to the present escalation in the arms race and that this development would lead to Stornoway becoming a target in the real value of the grant against inflation.

A charity show to raise money for Amnesty International is to be held in the forthcoming months, to include a staged “capture” of the city by armed revolutionary soldiers “in order to give across what Amnesty is trying to do.”

Next year’s Edinburgh Festival Fringe is to last for four weeks with 250 PG groups putting on shows.

Tory councillor Brian Meek has accused officials responsible for tourism in Lothian of wasting £5,000 on useless tourist brochures. The brochures, in eight different languages, apparently duplicate other pamphlets and were produced by the official something to do.
The Flexible Response

Last week the Government awarded students a 4% rise in their grant for next year, well behind the rate of inflation. We can really expect no better from the more corporatist Conservative Government Britain has.

The National Union of Students has called for a week-long "strike" in protest against the Government's short-sightedness. We surely could have expected better from the relatively level-headed leadership currently in charge of NUS. This protest will almost certainly flоп, doing us no good at all.

There are only two credible responses to the Government's offer. One is the Edinburgh Students' Association's approach of presenting reasoned arguments for our case, in the hope that more enlightened leaders will take the reins of power. The other is to cause such a serious threat to public order that the Government is frightened into making concessions.

We suggest that any student worried about the grant offer should follow either of these approaches rather than taking part in the NUS "strike".

Norman Norman Nein Danke

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to read that Norman M. Fraser did not enjoy the AGM of November. A lot of people seem to think he "wasn't for everybody else". Nevertheless I can only share his view in claiming to you the opinion of the majority exec and that of a good two-thirds of the General Meeting.

The bulk of students at General Meetings, I am sure, have no intention to speak, but they are very present and action of voting indicative of their participation in particular or all motions, whether of an intra or extra-mural nature. If these students find the whole process unenjoyable, undemocratic and the monopoly of the hacks, they would not waste their evening by going along. Thus, if "hackless" Norman feels he ought to voice the popular opinion, he should set himself at the head of the 11,600 students who do not go to all, since they are inevitably the ones who do not enjoy these revues of General Meetings.

FCS: The Awful Truth

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the leaflet entitled "The Truth About NUS" which Steve Evans mentioned in his article on "The Changing Face of the FCS". I published in last week's FCS. I found it hard to believe that it was written by anyone with any intellectual capabilities whatsoever. It looked like the sort of material found in teenage magazines such as "The Jacker" and "Oh Boy". At last we know the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) get their ideas from.

Apart from being pathetically abusive to left-wing students it's argument for non-affiliation to the NUS was primitive if not moronic. AGM was completely justified. Seated as I was at the back of the hall, I can really claim that there were a number of people eager to express their views to the General Meeting but who were completely ignored in Kennedy's determined drive to gratify his SRC intimates. It would be boringly typical of the "Roberts", "Kens" and "Barbara Youngs" of this anti-democratic SRC clique to reply to Norman's letter by attacking his personal integrity and defending their right to monopolise an open debate. I am sure the majority of students (dare I say "normal students") would support Norman's view that "an unacceptable degree of nepotism has crept into Kennedy's chairmanship and I am equally convinced that the greater number of students would be anxious to hear the President's justification of his partiality towards his SRC 'bedfellows'. Is this a case of primus parates?

Yours,
Tony Law.

The Great Kit-Kat Defeat

Dear Sir,

I would like, through your paper, to ask the coffee room in the basement of the Main Library to stop putting out their already pitiful gifts.

What am I talking about?

Barbara Young.

Lepra

Sir,

I have recently returned to Scotland after doing two years voluntary work on the small island of Papua, New Guinea. There I had the privilege of meeting first hand leprosy patients. It is a terrible illness which no international aid or drug in the world can cure. Even in Scotland, people who have leprosy are still disabled and can only attend the annual general meetings, like the Federation of Conservative Students, to relieve some of the pain of their disease. They still do not enjoy themselves at General Meetings.

Leper's disease is still incurable. But the disease is treatable and the results are evident. For we have recently returned to Scotland after doing two years voluntary work on the small island of Papua, New Guinea. There I had the privilege of meeting first hand leprosy patients. It is a terrible illness which no international aid or drug in the world can cure. Even in Scotland, people who have leprosy are still disabled and can only attend the annual general meetings, like the Federation of Conservative Students, to relieve some of the pain of their disease. They still do not enjoy themselves at General Meetings.

I should like to add that, apart from the misery of the disease itself, leprosy suffers are often also stigmatised. The portrayal of Woman in most of the popular literature has been that of a disease with leprosy, encouraged by A. A. Milne can be seen in his description of Mrs Piglet and Rabbit. If they were not infested with one of the most contradictory emotions Britain has, they would perhaps have been wiser to have been better informed concerning the character of Piglet and Rabbit. If they had been attending the showings of the Pooh and Tiger Too!" in Tevit on November 22nd, or even the bother to read the original tests, they would have perceived that A. A. Milne's characters don't use such derogative or base language nor are they of violent dispositions. I can only conclude that such derogation of Piglet and Rabbit reflects similar derogation in Tom and John. I was the only person having any power of pleasant imagination and I had to sit through the whole of the show, gibbered by "adults" who had nothing to do but to watch a ***ing orange and black square on an original theme show childish perversion.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary McClintock.

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Sinking Ship

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Rats Join Sinking Ship

The new informal style of lunchtime debates was launched in the Middle Reading Room at Teviot with the motion, "This House believes that the Labour Party is a s a ship" say. The meeting was given an un­ expected boost in the form of MP Norman Buchan, presumably in the role of lifeguard.

Hilary O'Neill was first speaker for the motion, introduced by the chairperson as a "lefty lady", a charge which she admitted going on to describe herself further as a feminist. The Labour Party, she said, had failed on these and other issues, and had been declining steadily since the setting up of the Conservative state. The current disarray of the party could do nothing but contribute to this process of impetus, and was destructive and unproductive.

Mr Buchan opened the debate for the motion. The Labour Party, he felt the difficulty was really a navigation one, and likening the Labour Party to a weapon with the strength of the working class behind it but it was a weapon which needed sharpening and there were inevitables off-cuts in the form of the NDP. The party must take control of wage production for the producers and not the bureaucrats - but thanks to changes and debate within the party the whole community were now in a position to bring back and achieve this. He was fairly optimistic, seeing discussion as healthy, but he pointed out that time was short. If the next election was lost he could envisage the fragmentation of the Labour Party and so the first priority must be to model again for the Tories.

Peter Kraitz, second speaker for the motion, criticised the party for a lack of imagination and its failure to involve "fringe groups" such as the Women's Movement and the CND. He felt that there was too much emphasis on tactics and that the Labour Party was out of touch as a result.

The slick professionalism of the NDP which Mr Kraitz admired was condemned by Maggie Young, the second speaker against the motion. Commitment, she felt, was more important, and she stressed that socialism was still fighting. The Tory Party was not united either, but cracks should not be papered over but filled with solid socialism.

Despite an audience made up largely of Labour Club members, (was the dining side perhaps to overwhelming?) there was a lively exchange from the floor as well as from the bench: the absence of the formal structure and intimidating setting of the Debating Hall seemed to achieve the chain person's aim of bringing back some spontaneity and excitement to student debates, and promised hope for future lunchtime meetings.

Going to the Dogs

Dr. Blythe, who was in charge of the exercise and witnessed the accident himself, did not want to comment in case it was "sensitive judgment".

Meanwhile, Mr Capstick of the Commercial Union, said that the university denied liability, and that there is no law insisting on the use of safety equipment when climbing trees. This statement goes in the face of an International Forestry Science Consultancy Report on the accident which emphasised the importance of the use of safety equipment and that in any event the trees should not have been climbed in the first place. If David had been given a safety harness he would not now be paralysed.

So far the only real financial and moral help David has received has been through the NSS. The negotiated (with March by Hazel Piper the University College Club. Over £5,000 was raised from all over the country, enabling him to buy a specially adapted car. David would like to thank all those involved, and also those who have so readily accepted him back into the community.

At the moment, a summons is about to be issued by David's lawyer and sent to the University to call for a trial. A case will be heard in the High Court, claiming that theedinburghsteamie has to be aphinamousage of Edinburgh public baths in front of the University, having to cope with incommodation and occasional severe pain in his legs, with which he is plagued, will he be made a hero for his whole life?

Getting Up Steam

Earlier this year Edin­ burgh's Tory Council threatened to close down the remaining public wash houses, the "steamies", as genteel use fought back, claiming that although they were money losers the steamies provided an essential service and could be made more popular by effective publicity and encouragement to users.

A special meeting was called by the Labour opposition on the Council and the Tory group was defeated after representations were heard from members of the SOS campaign, including Edinburgh University Students' Association. A reappraisal of one year was won with promises of a campaign to increase use of the steamies and popularise them with a brochure to be distributed to the population. Their image was to be improved and "steamies" replaced with the clinical term "public laundrettes". Despite the moddiness of their equipment they remain "steaming hot" to the Edinburgh folk but call them what you like they're once again under steam.

A massive package of cuts has been proposed by the Tories to bring them into line with government spending guidelines. If these go through, university students could face a severe pain in their pockets. The steamies have been a unique Edinburgh service for the last 100 years, they say, and they must be preserved. This view was supported by the University's tenants and bedsits.

The Feminist Column

by Debbie Fspart

I mean, like, I feel really inti­ mitated by this phallic symbol of a don't I shouldn't be writing for the male-dominated press. But, I mean, really, the good the anti-feminist, vegan collective who probably write this column have given me this great chance, OK, to really show up in the feminist world who read this instrument of male domination. Like, the whole argument is just a piece of meat and dimpled, so women want to write for it have to act like men. You know, that just proves it!

Men!!

And that's another thing. Right, like, the whole activity of lots of women involved in the male-dominated mean it, must be really obvious to everybody, that's the whole argument that it's just an attempt to draw our attention away from the discussion. Like, the whole argument is just a piece of meat and dimpled, so women want to write for it have to act like men. You know, that just proves it!!

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Censorship and Freedom

In the light of the Dressed to Kill con- troversy, Liz Bondi writes on feminism and cens orship.

I wholeheartedly supported the General Meeting motion demanding the withdrawal of "Dressed to Kill" and its supporting film, by the Film Society. I also oppose censorship. Those opposing the motion have invariably refused to acknowledge the latter claim. I reconcile these views not by some sleight of hand or intellectual gymnastics. My argument, as follows, operates on two levels — it is a matter of both theory and practice.

The proponents of censorship typically argue that censorship is necessary in order to protect the moral fibre of society. And they pursue by attempting to harmonise amongst other things, anything related to sex — making no differentiation between, say, enlightened sex education and pornography. On the other hand, censorship is opposed by those seeking to protect the freedom of the individual. Now, I too wish to protect, indeed further, individual freedom. But so in recognition of the fact that our society does not distribute freedom equally, like Orwell's "essential" que, it is a case of some people being more free than others. Therefore, I must ensure that my efforts to further individual liberty do not favour one already privileged group at the expense of others less fortunate. So I favour legislation attempting to protect the (relative) freedom of blacks from racial harassment — I cannot really call the suppression of racism "censorship" and yet in a country like ours it does impose limits upon individual expression. We live in a world as riddled with misogyny as it is with racism. The parallel is simple and direct. Women, unlike men, are not free to conduct their lives without the fear or actuality of sexual harassment. I want to eradicate such harassment in all its forms and further the ability of women to partake in the liberty enjoyed by men. This is not censorship.

Sexual and misogynistic are so pervasive that their eradication means nothing short of social revolution. My aims in demanding the withdrawal of "Dressed to Kill" and similar films are less ameliorative. To end ongoing grotesque violence against women, I want to support a wider double standard where some hand portions to condemn violence, but the other eye can realistically, that when it comes to certain movies, jokes about them isn't to be taken too seriously and rage, well, it provides a good trial for the newspapers to capitulate upon. I want to see a situation in which latter notions simply don't exist — it would then be unnecessary to show and to draw attention to films that incite violence against women. In the meantime I am not interested in legislating against banned films. But I do think it would be useful to establish a university film society to take the responsible choice of not showing films.

A point of the original motion was to make a protest against other films, but to draw attention to those films, to encourage those films in encouraging a particular body of people — students — to take exemplary action.

NUS. The truth

This time the Tory truth from Adrian Linacre.

Four years ago, Edinburgh students overwhelmingly confirmed their previous decision to withdraw from the National Union of Students. With the possibility of another referendum on the question of reaffiliation it is necessary that the two facts about NUS are made known.

Edinburgh University's affiliation fee to NUS would be around £45,000. In return we would receive absolutely nothing.

The services once provided by NUS have been curtailed: NUS have been totally inept, the student government figures) unemployed. If the usual 200 students attend the AGM, let's increase the pressure on the authorities be able to ignore us. If we win, it will give hope and encouragement to universities and colleges throughout the United Kingdom, who in most cases are receiving much worse cuts than we are. It will give hope to the three million (if you believe Government figures) unemployed, who have no future. Laurence Scott's workers are leading the fight by refusing to accept community redundancies. We hope you will all join the fight, before you find that there is no place for you in the post-University Thatcherite Nuclear Age.

It's not too late and die, let's not even die with a whimper, let us get up and make our voice heard. We started in a small way at the AGM, let's increase the pressure on 14th December. If the usual 200 or so activists turn up we will be ignored. You can spare an hour of your revision time for your education, we certainly can!
Chaplaincy in George Square will be run by the Rector of Edinburgh University — Lord Cockburn. The Chaplaincy in George Square will be a boys' home in Glasgow. At last night, Father Anthony Ross is the Rector of Edinburgh University. His own Christmas will certainly be devoted to helping the needy.

On Christmas Day itself he'll be at a boys' home in Glasgow. At least he always get along to the Catholic Chaplaincy in George Square will also be helping to make Christmas a happier time for the poorest children of the city. He has worked for many kindnesses at Christmas. He's an iron that didn't escape Anthony Ross.

He found a poem in a hymn which he made up as he stood back to his lodgings in Budeca Place. This is the poem:

"You know, people wrap Christmas up in holy and mistletoe. They forget that Christmas is all about helping the needy among us, the very young, the very old, and the very poor."

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Go Seek Why Snowman

A Seasonal Short Story by A. Pine

Some men are born to preach for God, and others are born to fight for Honour and Glory. Laurence Oates was born to look for a snowman called Gerald. In this special Yuletide tribute, Student remembers One Man's Idocy.

Lawrence Oates was one of the all-purpose all-time British heroes alongside Gordon of Khartoum, Dougie Bader, Dan Dare et al. A compulsive dietist since the age of 12, he was essentially a loner and used to hide himself away in the family ice-box for days at a time. At the age of seven he suffered a traumatic experience when Gerald, the snowman he had painstakingly created, disappeared overnight. When told by his over-protective parents that Gerald had gone to meet his brothers at the South Pole, Lawrence determined then and there that it would be his life's mission to seek Gerald out and never part from him again.

"For God's sake!" exclaimed Robt. Scott, leader of the Antarctic expedition of which Oates was a member, "how many more times do I have to tell you? Gerald doesn't exist — and if he does, it's probably as a puddle of ditchwater in Stoke Newington."

"I don't care," answered Oates monomanically, "I know that I am right. Gerald is out there somewhere, waiting for me. Waiting to take me to the Kingdom of the Snowmen, where all good snowpeople go. There, their pipes will never fail out, their scarves never blur, and they chop down your dirty grey now. But he isn't gathering winter fuel for his own grisly ends ... I know."

When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even," chanted Scott, grinning ironic and scrutinising the vortices above, "The sleet, the sleet of that winter fuel, "Leverton's Boulders," indicating a half-full bottle of Kraken brandy, "perhaps we ought to explain our presence here," began Helen, warming herself by the fire and saying, "I can see the leaking leaks of some of the inhabitants of the ice-box. It seems to me there goer to be an awful lot of waffles walking around in the middle one of the South Pole. We are supposed to be the first expedition, you know."

"And how far are you away from your goal?"

"We don't know. It's not as if we're going to see a bloody little sign with flashing lights saying This is the South Pole. We'll have an idea there really will be a South Pole — stripped like your bar'et's. Oates thinks that we'll find the Ice Palace of the King of the Snowmen. Lieut. Bowers has this idea that the South Pole is just a sheet of this ice, and that we'll fall straight through it to the centre of the earth."

"Amie Sackneusen!"

"Listen to me," he continued messianically, "Listen to me! Gerald will take us to the Land of the Snowmen — and we shall never again want Christmas!"

"One thing, I remember we got the impression he's not alone."

"And how far are you away from your goal?"

"Well, we're going to see a bloody big walking around in the middle of the South Pole. Yet more snowmen as such, he was a saint of a man."

"But you haven't seen any chance related to Father Christmas?"

"Dame Good and Ogie Bader, Dan Oar and Khartoum, Bower's left boot. We're running."

"No, he's not — he's got dirtier since I saw him last. He's a sort of dirty grey now. But he is there. I tell you! Come on — we're going to follow him! He'll show us where to get food and where the South Pole is, and Everything."

"Oh, Holy Sackneusen!"

"No, not the Snowmen,"

"PC, trained oully," replied Oates sensibly. "Maybe it was Adamson that Helen hit upon an explanation. Maybe it was Adamson that Gerald, he followed him and got lost in the process, she suggested plausibly.

"No, it was Gerald, he followed him and got lost in the process," she suggested plausibly.

"No, I'm sure Adamson left afterwards — the old —"

After breakfast, the expedition began again. At the campsite the men had abated but completely covered the tracks, so that it was impossible to tell whether there were two sets or three. It was three days later when the Norwegian flag was seen ahead of them in the approximate site of the dead center of the South Pole. Yet more puzzling, and infinitely more cryptic to the members of the Scott expedition was a black clay pipe, found at the foot of the flag. It might have been left by a fellow member of the Norwegian expedition, but on the other hand...

"It's too bad," muttered Scott darkly. "Not only because Adamson's lot beaten us, but Oates hasn't even come back with any food from the Snowmen."

ACCOMMODATION

UNIVERSITY HALLS AND HOUSES

There are vacancies for both male and female students in Pollock Halls and in shared rooms in University Student Houses at present and a very limited number of vacancies in shared rooms in Myline's Court.

There will also be additional vacancies arising in Pollock Halls between now and the end of term.

Students interested in any of these vacancies should contact the Student Accommodation Service as soon as possible.

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Film

ABC Edinburgh Film Centre

Thursday 14th December

1. "10" (X) 3:35, 8:10
2. Monty Python’s Life of Brian (AA) 1:30, 5:30, 8:40
3. The Deer Hunter (X) 5:30, 8:15
4. Gregory’s Girl (A) 3:00, 5:20, 8:20

Cameo

The French Lieutenant’s Woman (AA) 3:00, 5:20, 8:20
Once a cult figure, this ageing actress plays the leading role of a woman who has the misfortune to fall for a young man who is already married.

Odeon

Thursday-Saturday

Kramer vs. Kramer (A) 4:30, 8:45
The Academy Award-winning story of a divorced couple (Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep) fighting for custody of child (Justin Henry). Three outstanding performances in a film that is both funny and moving.

Parking

Private Benjamin (AA) 12:00, 6:00
Derek’s sex-symbol debut with a bang! He’s not above a bit of violence to get what he wants.

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Wed 16th Dec

Odeon

Nils Lofgren

An all-American non-posturing non-crotchuitar hero. The sort of musician I’ve never heard of like or dislike.

Fri 13th Dec

JJS

Sophisticated Boom Boom

A Glaswegian riot of colour, fun and sex. Will they appear playing on top of the bar? Plus the sensually wonderful disco.

Fri 11th Dec

Heriot Watt Union

Private I-D

A white reggae band from Aberdeen! Sounds unlikely but in spite of their handicaps they get it right.

Thurs 10th Dec

Soixante Dix

Music

Featuring Tubs, Gastyfam, Klam, Geoffy King and Roger Morris. What? Don’t ask me John, but at least it’s cheap and a viable alternative to Toppy.

Fri 11th Dec

Central Committee SWP

The kids and how to fight them: The Clifft, 1 pm. DHT.

CANUC Day of Action: Picket Edinburgh City District Council 12:30 pm.

Economics Society: Pub lunch at Southside.

Sat Club: Lunch in Ochil Room

Music

Playhouse Theatre

9th and 11th December: “La Traviata” 10th and 12th December: “Die Fledermaus”

Usher Hall

SNO conducted by Kurt Sanderling. Mozart’s Requiem and Symphony No. 25 in G minor. Friday, 11th December.
Exhibitions

The Torrance Gallery
29th Dundas Street
Christmas Exhibition - watercolours and jewellery. Until 24th December.

The Scottish Gallery
26 Castle St
Christmas Exhibition. Until 24th December.

The French Institute
13 Randolph Crescent
Noel en Provence - by Michelle Andree.

Callon Gallery
Christmas Exhibition - British and European watercolours of the 19th and 20th centuries. 11th to 23rd December.

Underneath the Arches
London St
Winter - an exhibition. Until 25th December.

The City Art Centre
Morton House, Blackfriars St
David Roberts, RA - one of Scotland's most famous painters. 11th December to 9th January.

Malcolm Innes Gallery
219 Bruntsfield Place
Prints for Christmas. Until 19th December.

National Gallery of Scotland
Pounce - Sacraments and Bannamains. Bulpin - Until 13th December.

New 57 Gallery
29 Market St
Work by students from Glasgow School of Art. Until 22nd December.

Fruit Market Gallery
Market St
Dutch painter, Ger van Elk. Run until 19th December.

The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art
5th December: 24th January
Kathie Kellow: 'The Graphic Works'.

Stage

"The Happy Prince" Theatre Workshop
Christmas production of Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince". Family show comprising of music, mime, dance, slapstick, pantomime and special effects. Being performed all week and in fact for the whole of December.

"The Dragon of Wantley" Bedlam Theatre
A Eighteenth Century Burlesque complete with Hero, Heroine and Drama. A Panto Christmas Romp. Running for about 20 minutes, this play shouldn't drag on longer than you want it to.

"Born in the Gardens" Royal Lyceum
A last chance to see Peter Nicholas's "The Death of Joe Egg" recent black comedy. To be performed on Thu-Sat. 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th December at 7.30 pm and on Friday (4th) and Saturday (5th) at 8 pm.

"The Jammies" Club DHT
This Saturday, the Jammies take to the stage in aid of Amnesty. Entertainment in aid of Amnesty.

Sport

Thurs 10th Dec
Greytown: Powderhall Stadium
7.30 pm.

'Oustcast' the Forecast
465m - Black, Grotta Prince, Grotta Lime, Greenvale Sandy Grotta, Green Charm.
465m - Watch the Wind, Lady Mistral, Sales Prince, Colonel Fly, Athlete Grouse, Knockout Grouse.
465m - Dark Horse, Thunder Horse, High Ridge, Royal Highness, Wolf, Flyway Happy, Royal Happy, Norway.
465m - Handicap: Handy Drum, Edgery, Rovin' Mick, Night Rider, Handy Orum (Ser), Senga Run, Kathleen Run, Castle Saltire, St. Outcast (11), Salamander Rise (13).
460m - Newby Times, Rowdy Mick, Bright Taylor, Kiessell Fats, Fats Foul, Bird for Life, Earn for Life.
460m - My Basic, Defiance Boy, Gottesking, King, Fast Born, Rowdy Foul, Sales Outreach.
460m - Viking Prince, Woofey Baxley, Donkey Boy Baxley, Blue Playstation, Chuang, Mooki River.
550m - Hillside, Mohawk Special (15), Columbia, Blue Stream, Yellow Stream.
550m - Points: Brusho Prince, Brusho Prince 2, Black Prince, Blue Playstation, Chuang, Mooki River, Sensational.

The last three races on the card look 'promising' for the punters tonight - tracks 6-6-6 looking like they could produce the winner in each case.

Having already shown the ability to produce a fast time, the窄 selection goes to "SOLO'S OUSTCAST" in the 24th. Undoubtedly dropped in class, Oustcast can take advantage of its trap position and the likelihood of inside fast starters interfering with each other to come off the second bend in front and make a procession of the race.

I'm tempted to take Drumbeg Garnet for the one-star selection 16 metres being a helluva start and one which could produce a winning time of 40.61 if Garnet races at top performance, and the dogs behind have no hope of clocking this. However, Mooki River, who made nothing on his handicap rivals in the race to the second bend, could produce the same kind of run tonight -- traps 6-6-6 looking like perhaps the crawling sycophancy of inside fast starters interfering with each other to come off the second bend in front and make a procession of the race.

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Neil K. Drysdale talks to some of the million unemployed youngsters in this country, and wonders whether the Government's "National Service" plan is a good remedy?

More than a million young people in Britain (standing outside the EEC, they aged under 24) are currently out of work. For every school-leaver who has found a proper job, another is still looking. And while it is difficult to put a work, tens of thousands of others, too young and too long-term unemployed, justifiably fear they may never claw their way away from the scrapheap.

Of the multiple causes of youth unemployment today, few are likely to disappear within the next decade, let alone the turbulent output — which hits the young hardest. The one obvious way to stop taking workers on than fire older ones — may conceivably be reversed. The Employment Minister with special responsibility for Youth, Michael Alison, claims that the young will be helped more than ever by the new 

The collapse of law and order in inner city streets all over Britain.

Toxteth and Brixton areas could not have been a frightening increase in the anarchic scenes of violent protest and despair which occurred in the early twenties on the dole as well. Coventry, for example, was the original voice of this "lost generation"— as the newly elected SOP face the prospect of spending their if they had just lost his job — at 58 he was naturally bitter about the Conservative administration's attitude to the plight of unemployment, and he had a stark message for everyone: "The politicians are always telling us about the recession's bottoming out, and that there's light at the end of the tunnel. Well, as someone who's worked for forty years, all I can say is . . . it's been a long fucking tunnel!"

I think that many youngsters in the next decade will discover just how true that statement is.

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The chilling sight of Ian Paisley's hooded men marching through the streets of Newtonards two weeks ago has been likened to a scene from Nazi Germany. Sam Curry, who witnessed this "show of strength", fears for the future of his own country.

Monday, 23rd November, and the crowd in Conway Square, Newtonards, was 3,000 strong. They were throwing the cold night with "The Big Man", as Rev. Ian Paisley is referred to by some.

"But the rhetoric I heard before — I was there to see his force; to see if what had been envisaged by people when they first came to decide that a form of collective security outside of the existing security forces was what was needed. After the usual prayers and a minute's silence for members of the Army, the RUC, the UDR and other loyalist 'dead', Dr Paisley led his Third Force into the Square which had erupted with cheering voices. The first company was the 'elite corps' from the border areas which marched with military precision, all hooded and carrying cudgels and batons. In all estimate there were 5,000-6,000 volunteers on display marching smartly and forcibly in their commanders orders of 'Left, Left, Left, Right, Left.'

The speeches were of typically Paisley fashion — raising the crowd to cheers for Ulster and boos for Mrs Thatcher and Mr Prior. He finally belittled down the microphone the roll of his Third Force.

"We demand that the IRA be exterminated from Ulster. Tonight are men willing to do the job. Recruit them under the Crown and they will do it. If you refuse we will have no other decision to make but to do it ourselves." As for personal political ambitions of Paisley, his cunning character called for Unionist unity, fully confident that it was impossible and added: "but if that evades us I will go on to lead you and those who can come after me"

In summing up he spoke once again of his Third Force in a policing role: "We demand that the handfuls be taken off the security forces. One of my commanders said to me 'any rat will suck eggs in the presence of a chained dog'. That is what the IRA vermin have been doing in the presence of the chained dog of the security forces. If the dog is not unchained we will be the unchained dog." The Third Force: Why?

In 1969 as a result of British public opinion and pressure from Roman Catholic leaders in Northern Ireland, the British Government disbanded the Ulster Special Constabulary, disarmed the RUC and took over security in Northern Ireland by the indiscriminate stoning of troops. Rightly or wrongly the bulk of Protestant opinion was scandalously exploited by the disbanding of the 'SI Specials' and the disarming of the RUC. They acquiesced however, as at least Britain was asserting her sovereignty over Northern Ireland by the presence of troops there. "Thirteen years later there are now over 2,500 dead and over 30,000 injured from an area that is approximtely in size to the county of Yorkshire. Furthermore, the security problem is worsening than rather improving and all the major British political parties have made it plain they seek a solution in a united Ireland. To the Ulster Protestant the last thirteen years and the present solution sought is a great betrayal by the British political parties. This and this disgust has manifested itself in the present anger with the Government and the appearance of the Third Force.

More than anything else however, the Ulster Protestant is most angry over security. To them it is incomprehensible that an army of Britain's might is unable to defeat the IRA terrorists — and today that the Government is perfectly able to defeat the IRA. It just doesn't want to: The call is for greater police powers to 'kill with cold contempt — what cold contempt does a dead man have.' However the Government does not agree. Over the last six years or so the police policy of the government has been to try to win over the support of the Republics living in Catholic areas so they will spurn the police and hopefully turn them over to the police. By removing grass roots support for the terrorist the government argues, he will eventually be defeated. The actuality of this policy has meant that the greater police powers Protestants have been calling for and the more determined military policy to defeat the IRA have not been enforced. In a nutshell then, the unsung but true fact of the thousands of IRA victims as results of the government's 'half-hearted' security policy which is designed to appease the Roman Catholic community rather than to eliminate the IRA.

Other Forces

Thus the IRA have finally broken the back of Unionist reliance on the British security forces. Disillusionment with one government means that people looked for another. In the United Kingdom could offer so many choices as Northern Ireland. The day of action Monday November 17 was not only called by Dr Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, but also by the Official Unionist Party, the Ulster Unionist Party, the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Loyalist Central Co-ordinating Committee. Consequently, for that day Northern Ireland with all its tangled links with Great Britain were closed and the Day of Action was an unquestioned success... but for what?

Re: Paisley closed the Day of Action with a display of force in Newtonards. As usual, the media in typically superficial fashion declared the winner of the day with complete disregard for the protests of the other Unionist groups.

However, Dr Paisley's Third Force is only one such organisation of this nature in Northern Ireland. The Official Unionist Party in South Armagh under the leadership of Rev. John McKinney has arranged a collection of "loyalists" for their own. However, in no way do I mean this to indicate that the media and as it is the biggest force.

The Third Force: What Now?

The past year however has enlightened the Protestant population more than any of the preceding twelve. While the international press, and to some extent international sympathy (e.g. President Mitterand) was centred on the self-inflicted deaths of the ten hunger strikers in the Maze prison, the deaths of 64 people murdered by the IRA in Northern Ireland during the same period passed almost completely unreported — sympathy, it seemed, was being extended to the murderer instead of the murdered. By mid September the hunger striker was over. The IRA having been defeated, resumed their terror campaign with great success in London and even more so on the border. The week from November 15 to November 21 saw six murders culminating in the assassination of Robert Bradfrost. As Protestants saw if the Government was failing to do its most important duty — that of protecting its citizens; therefore it was time for them to defend themselves. Basically then, the reason for the moves to organise 'private army' protection was not widespread feeling that the legality appointed security forces were not being used properly because of weak government policy.

The effect the Third Force will have on the community is not hard to predict (that is of course if Dr Paisley does all he says he is going to do — personally I believe the Third Force will greatly decrease in numbers if anything more dangerous than parading around town streets is requested.) Despite Dr Paisley's assurances that the Third Force is well disciplined and innocent people (Roman Catholic and Protestant) have nothing to fear, it will almost certainly result in a similar collective security policy being adopted in Catholic areas. This will greatly benefit the IRA, Dr Paisley has annoyed many respectable Unionists and Loyalists in Northern Ireland by this frightening show of strength. At a time when people should be afraid of being shot at for not supporting the Government, they are instead sickened by the pictures of masked men on their TV screens. Few Unionists would argue that some form of collective security policy is undesirable. Indeed there is a common agreement that it is necessary. However it should not take the appearance of masked men wielding batons and cudgels and whistling loyalist tunes.

Fundamentally however, faults lies with the government — if they were protecting their citizens properly there would be no need for a Third Force. The sad thing is if the government continues with what Dr Paisley sees as his neglected security policy — the Third Force (or part of it) may take to the streets. Hopefully this will lead to conflict with the forces of the Crown. Will Rev. Paisley still call himself a loyalist, or a unionist, or will he become an Ulsterman and an independent one at that?

We have no option but to make it impossible for Mrs Thatcher to govern the province.

— Ian Paisley

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The Third Force: Loyalists marching through Newtonards.

The First Force — British soldiers patrol British streets.

The Third Force — Loyalists marching through Newtonards.
Go East, Friend

Bedlam

By Jenny Turner

"An elegy for the East End and its inhabitants, it is deeply personal and strongly sentimental." Westockings in east London. "A story about food and memories of 'Howie's' in the East End.

The theme of the 1982 Festival is Otello, exploring the influence of Italian musicians, dramatists and artists on European culture. The programme of events which are to focus on Italy was announced by John Drummond, the Festival Director.

In the third week of next year's Festival the Florence Festival opera will perform two works of Italian opera, Leonardo Vinci's La Zingara (1722) which is said to be a witty burlesque, and Salvadore Scaramelli's Macbeth. One of the "firsts" for the 1982 Festival is the first performance of a full-length puppet opera, "The Hound of the Baskervilles". Unfortunately, their obscene Shakespearean rhetoric demands a response, but what response is there left to make? We can tear or leave the gradual and totalising caption to the relationship between Copper and Ted being the more serious side of the film is complemented by the comic antics of Dinky, the Woodpecker and Dinky the Squirrel in their attempts to capture a caterpillar. All these antics are truly hilarious and both come over as the real stars of the show. The success of the film lies in the fact that each animal is given a human character with which the audience can identify. Everyone knows someone like Chief, the farmer's old dog who after breaking his leg is determined to get as much sympathy as is humanly possible. All in all it's a film well worth going to see - but take your tissues with you because it brought a lump to my throat and I didn't even like foxes.

Mr Drummond assured would-be-Festival-goers that although the flavour of the 1982 Festival is distinctly Italian the Scottish audience will not be left out. He went on to say that this is the first time and will end with the successful production of Marion Lescaut by its energetic waste" - but no oozy desperation. "It's Christmas time again and I just around that students at the Centre receive the flavour of the 1982 Festival is the first performance of a full-length puppet opera, "The Hound of the Baskervilles". Unfortunately, their obscene Shakespearean rhetoric demands a response, but what response is there left to make? We can tear or leave the gradual and totalising caption to the relationship between Copper and Ted being the more serious side of the film is complemented by the comic antics of Dinky, the Woodpecker and Dinky the Squirrel in their attempts to capture a caterpillar. All these antics are truly hilarious and both come over as the real stars of the show. The success of the film lies in the fact that each animal is given a human character with which the audience can identify. Everyone knows someone like Chief, the farmer's old dog who after breaking his leg is determined to get as much sympathy as is humanly possible. All in all it's a film well worth going to see - but take your tissues with you because it brought a lump to my throat and I didn't even like foxes.

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Looking Back

The Arts Page this term has covered almost 30 productions quite a feat for a ten-week term. It has been a surprisingly active winter for the stage, with all the main theatres producing interesting programmes and the smaller companies developing some exciting fringe work. It has been a pleasure, for example, to see the Theatre Workshop focusing its attention on the public, starting back in October with Edinburgh Goes Into Orbit and following with The Decameron, The Zoo Story, Peer Gynt, Golgota and The Happy Prince. Vicky Taylor left The Decameron with no complaints whatsoever about the performance, and Cathy Forin found Peer Gynt "unforgettable and beautiful."

Looking Back

Wondrously unvelled to trumpet over, nothing to joyously respond to or spread the word on. Despite the myriad enthusiasm for The French Lieutenant's Woman or a Heaven's Gate too often there has been the shaken-head-disrail of the empty crassness of Cannibal Run or the hidden depths of Memoirs of a Suicide. While films and video production may be booming, cinema-going, so they tell us, is no longer addictive. In Edinburgh the tell-tale signs are obvious with the recent closing of the Ritz and the news that the existing structure of the Odeon, no longer able to run 10,000 seats at every performance, gave birth to triplets in April, all because of the reasoning that it was impossible to spend Saturday night at the movies. Any film is now a hit or a miss. The middle-ground has caved in and thus whilst the type worked for the uneven History of the World Part I, the box office performance of the likes of the intimate and pleasing Head Over Heels and Melvin and Howard was like a damper blish on Day Friday night. Finally, and by now almost traditionally, I am allowed the indulgence of a personal selection of the film of the week. In terms of acting, Bert Lancaster was in splendid form in Atlantic City whilst the line and tragedy in Chances of Fire. On the dissatisfied Jessie Lange was something of a revelation in The Postman Always Rings Twice and Faye Dunaway made an incredible return to Jack in Atlantic City. The latter was one of the few outings for an adventurous, mature woman and met with critical approval but the usual polite but unexciting response from the audience -- a response, in my experience, reserved for anything unfamiliar and remotely modern. Edinburgh audiences are a conservative lot who alternate between two extremes -- sympathy for the supposed causes loved and restrained disdain for the new. Favourite of the term, however, was the SGO's dramatic and musical performance of Richard Strauss' 'Ein Heldenleben' with its magnificently varied texture and lots of good, old-fashioned excitement.

Looking Back Theatre

By David Stead

The Netherbow started well with a superb Equus but never recovered from a very Raisible Rise of Arturo Ui. Most ambitious of all, however, have been Bedlam who as well as producing several films, University plays have hired out the theatre to outside groups. The first

Looking Back Unmemorable Season

By Frances R. Wood

Worshipping Equus of Raisible and a difficult play well brought to life by the company of The Traverse has been strangely anti-climatic week of new dance. The Decameron has been strangely disappointing, a La Vita Bella and Greens Graced by Leigh Bragi but the Hot Hello did nothing for anybody and As a top film we'll go, in no particular order, for Equus Vibrations; The Dresser. The Traverse has been strangely disappointing, a forthcoming Charming performance of Richard Strauss' 'Ein Heldenleben' with its magnificently varied texture and lots of good, old-fashioned excitement.
The Street

Atypical Girls

The Silts slip into irrelevance. Jim Levi was there.

One of the great joys of visiting the Nite Club is that everyone's drunk or maybe it's just that I'm drunk. I got to talk to the people I know. Anyway, that's how it is when you're there with the band. Despite bad bands, a commodity not as easy to come by these days, I might even go back if they cancelled the gripes, the talk to the people had the right idea.

There was a support band whose name I never got hold of. Dullman in their performance were funny bass and drums — and that's how they sounded. The group was a perfect example of why I have left the club. "Brillinta" it's a multilayered phrase that puts a few words of crad up, I'd be more than happy to try to make this a reality. The sound was like a desire for a tropical steel band.

On stage there's still much looking about and Vo's bass sound continues to throb and sway hypnotically — the atmosphere is one of joy. Yet the songs seem to lack conviction while the who set of packed is one and a group fast running out of ideas.

Nothing The Silts did possessed any beauty, nothing was a mighty scream of defiance and nothing sounded like the product of a woman inspired. The Silts are another component of "rock" that begins the question of what the hell the point is. The answer: none at all, and there's no other activity and arm-forms far more while at the moment. A drunken laugh isn't really enough.

For a second encore they performed Love Do the Spent, an absurdly tuned sound. An Upp forgot the words and the rendition threatened to fall apart. It was the best thing performed all night.

The Slits were a prime example of said purveyors of the unique either an absurdist thrash or the multitude of boring bands that wouldn't dance to it if paid. This lot was unlike the 14-year-olds that have come to define Scottish pop. They have not in short supply on this night — not in short.
Volleyball

MEN

Edinburgh University 2 Fife Thanes 3

Saturday saw the University play host to Fife Thanes, leaders of the Second Division (East) and holders of the Cup. This resulted in a surprisingly close game with the University claiming a 3-2 win. Despite the University leading in the first set, Fife Thanes managed to level the score in the second. With the University in the lead again, Fife Thanes fought back in the third set to make the match more competitive. The University then managed to maintain the lead in the fourth set, securing their win.

FOOTBALL

INTRA MURAL WEDNESDAY LEAGUES

With the winter season now being played, teams and players are gearing up for the upcoming games. The University's football team has been performing well, with many matches won and others lost. The team is looking forward to the next games and hoping to increase their win streak.

That Sinking Feeling

Winter rowing competitions take the form of long distance 'head of river' races, tests of strength, skill and endurance usually raced over three to four miles. On Saturday, EU Boat Club travelled to the River Clyde for the first of these events and had an eventful day.

Top marks must go to the Men's Senior 'A' Four (D. Austin, G. Painter, J. Homan, P. Smith and P. Robson) who clinched a decisive victory in their division after rowing over the course at an incredible rating of 33 strokes per minute. A well deserved and statistically conclusive conclusion to their weeks of intensive training.

Indeed, the Senior 'A' crew also finished fourth overall, seven seconds ahead of the Men's Elite Four in sixth place. Both crews were badly delayed by other boats and put in excellent performances which their finishing positions below.

Delay and collision also hampered the Men's Senior 'C' Four, but they rowed well to finish in 17th place overall.

The Ladies' 1st Four's chances of winning their first race were enhanced by a literal attack on Saturday morning with a dog running behind their boat, adding to their speed. Despite having fought back mid-way through the set, Edinburgh University able to capitalise to move into a 6-2 lead following day.

So it looked as if a shock result was within reach with the clear seven point lead that came their way . culminating in a decisive victory in their division after rowing over the course at an incredible rating of 33 strokes per minute. A well deserved and statistically conclusive conclusion to their weeks of intensive training.

Paul Hall

EUHC 3 Grange 0

Last Sunday, the University took up residence at the University of Edinburgh, playing against the University of Edinburgh in a friendly match. The game was competitive, with both teams putting in a good effort. The University was able to secure a win in the end, showcasing their skills and teamwork.

Blunt Spikes

EUHC II 0-Watsons II

Ladies dropped only 2 points to Falling Stars and Grant House Brewers. Unfortunately, who joins them in the Second Division is not yet known, the match between Falling Stars and Grant House being to a decisive extent which both teams are a source of amusement to all.

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It happens to everyone once in a while — all dressed up but no parties to go to. Not that there is nothing else to do, but real gate-crashing is almost as much fun (and often proves to be better) than the party itself.

There are numerous strategies which can be adopted. Probably the best and most popular is to spend the evening in a pub where you will know people. Clutching the obligatory "carry-out" gives the impression that you have a party already lined up. Then spend the evening being generally sociable, occasionally asking acquaintances what their post-closing time activities are. It may be necessary to pretend that you are already booked up that night — then people are more likely to divulge their party locations. A good excuse is that you must go to a get-together of old friends, then people are more likely to spend the evening in a pub where which unfortunately you can't be necessary to pretend that you losing time activities are. It may extremely boring anyway.

"One of the main problems with gaining unsolicited entry is that you never know quite what sort of party it will be. The worst type is the aged hoppy party — usual ingredients being a kitchen full of half-finished coldsol (home-made) garlic bread and planks from Safeways. If it is really bad the kids will be playing hide and seek around, initially in pyjamas shouting "Mummy, Mummy, someone's just thrown up in my bed.

A clever pretender is a "teenage party" when someone's parents go away for the weekend or every one tries to prove just how drunk they can get. Fortunately, you usually stick out like a sore thumb at these parties and so can humble some excess and wander off into the night — on to the next party.

Bar staff urgently required to work over Christmas and New Year at Playhouse. Phone Mike Paton on 228 7602.

Bicycle: 10 speed, 25", Carlton frame, in good condition, for £12.00. Cell Tony on 228 1915 (home) or 667 1081 ext 2702 (work).

The Rickshaw Boys: "Experience- mentals with Musical Styles" — Tonight at 6 The Pleasance, 7.30 pm. Douk and Funk.

Lost: One legally orientated manipulational wearing bow tie, funny nose and enjoys curling up in ice boxes. If you find him, you can use him (A.G.L.A.A.E).

This year’s Soms-In-Need Award under the patronage of the Mark Kennedy Surrogate Mothers Society goes indubitably to Alan Little. Presentation will be performed by honorary member Mark Kennedy.

Sleep Soundly With A Downer

What an Xmas downer ... George Square discusses barbiturates

Hypocrisy of public attitudes. That is the reality of barbiturate consumption. The topic of drugs is usually a sensitive one to be associated with only a select grouping of chemists who have only their illegitimacy in common.

Barbiturates do not enter this category because they are prescribed by doctors and of course they must know what is safe — or do they?

About 3,000,000 people in Britain die from drug poisoning of all types each year. Of these 3,000,000, 2,000 people die each year of barbiturate poisoning.

About 17,000,000 prescriptions for barbiturates are dispensed each year — about 7% of all NHS prescriptions.

16,000 people are admitted to hospital annually for the treatment of barbiturate poisoning. This being over 2% of all hospital admissions.

You still think these drugs are safe?

With barbiturates we have a social situation which is the reverse of that surrounding the illicit drugs. Here, abuse, addiction and suicide with the drug are taken as normal events of domestic life. Because barbiturates are prescribed by doctors to support the social system by giving people tolerant ways of living that would otherwise be unbearable, society complacently allows almost everyone who would not even be contemplated from other drugs.

Barbiturates cannot cure anything. All they can do is suppress the symptoms of a problem. Further, to keep your problems suppressed necessitates continual use of these drugs.

That they are physically addictive is not doubt, a dose of 0.4g per day will suffice. Indeed the withdrawal symptoms are even more catastrophic than for heroin. This point cannot be stressed too much.

I know for a fact that there are a number of students out there who are regularly prescribed barbiturates. I find this depressing too.

Wee Freses