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WHEN THE WIND BLOWS?

Y Seren reports on the demonstration against the CEGB's plan to shut off the reactor cooling system at Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station.

On the 22nd January 100 people, including members of UCNW Students' Union, attended a demonstration at Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station against the planned 'experiment' which the CEGB wanted to take place on the 12th February. Since then the CEGB has "postponed" the experiment due to "public concern" pending a review by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate. The protest had been organised at short notice, and took place on the day after a reactor had to be shut down due to a fault. While the gates were picketted, a consignment of spent fuel, due to leave for Sellafield, stayed in the plant, and its departure was rescheduled. A speaker made a call for a 'day of action' everywhere on 6th February - targets include the local electricity board shops. Another initiative to stop the test is a boycott of school on the day of the 'test', as the CEGB prefer to call it.

A demonstrator commented: "With this 'experiment' it is our lives that are casually put on the line by the government, who are in fact slowly killing us all the time with the nuclear programme - Due to Sellafield the Irish Sea is the

most radioactive in the world. The only sane attitude to the irresponsible experiment planned for February 12th is opposition, just as the only sane thing to do with nuclear power stations is shut them down."

On Saturday 30 January, Top College was the site of an anti-nuclear demonstration as about 150 people made their opposition to both the "Chernobyl-type experiment" and nuclear power

in general clear. At the symposium on nuclear power, given in the Main Arts Lecture Theatre, talks by various nuclear industry speakers (including the operational manager of the Trawsfynydd plant, and UKAEA and NIREX representatives) aroused at times strong feelings amongst the audience of 100 or so. Claims that the experiment and the nuclear industry were 'safe' met with loud groans from a

majority of the listeners. The frequency at which embarrassing questions (eg. on the cost-effectiveness and 'safety' of nuclear power) were side-stepped was remarkable. The debate goes on...

It was announced that a report broadcast on RTE radio that the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate had withdrawn permission for the 'test' was denied by the CEGB press office.



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Sex, Drugs, Rock'n'Roll, Politics, Scandal, Corruption, Music, News, Views, Student Politics (Yawn), Orgies, Condoms, More music, Thatcher, Kinnoek and Purcell...

...Welcome to the new regular column, "GRAPEVINE", the column that tells you everything that you never wanted to know. The column that takes the piss out of everything and everyone.

...summing up of 1987: The biggest disaster yet, the re-election of Maggie on June 11th for another four/five years... Brylcream man Kenneth Baker lets the Gerbil out of its cage on its path to destroy what is still reasonable in our education system, even after eight years of Thatcherism... Thatcher claims that we are spending record amounts of money on the NHS yet kids like David Barber, hole-in-the-heart baby, still has his operation cancelled five times, and then dies... well over 50,000 people in London and 5,000 in Cardiff demonstrate against the inhumane imprisonment of 8,000 children in South Africa, and against the continuing horrors of Apartheid. But the British government does sweet FA...

so does Martin Purcell. He just about manages to write to Safeways asking them to withdraw South African goods but fails to take the initiative and write to all the other local outlets of South African goods (Kwiksave, Lo-cost). And why not get other local colleges to put pressure on, eg Gwynedd Tech... Everyone thinks they're really cool buying lots of shares in everything the government decides to sell off until BP - the Big Piss-up of '87, and then they realise they're all Big Pr**ks... Labour - the 'socialist' party starts its 'selling-out' policy. Neil Kinnoek and Bryan Gould go all yuppy. Labour Party Sales section introduce their own version of the Filofax called 'LEFAX'! What a joke! Contains 'vital party info pages including details about HQ staff.' A must for M15 and M16... Conservative Party Products have put on sale mugs marked 'Tory Tea' in their mail order catalogue. The letter from the Central Office asks you to "support this initiative. By doing so you are helping the Tory Party to develop its work through the country." Interesting... Music and crime together again. '87 saw the rise to fame of the Beastie Boys and the rise in

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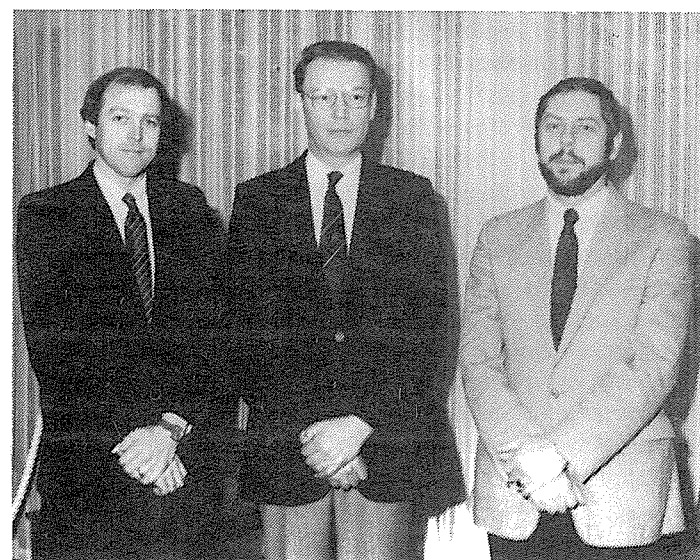
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Administrative Reshuffle



Dr. David Roberts, Mr David M. Hannah
and Mr Malcolm Swann

On January 1, 1988, UCNW Bangor restructured its senior administration. Mr David Hannah was appointed to the new post of Bursar, in which capacity he will be responsible to the Registrar for the administration and management of all the financial and physical resources of the College. Assisting him in this task will be former Estates and Buildings Officer, Mr Malcolm Swann, who now becomes Deputy Bursar as well as Estates Officer.

Dr David Roberts has taken charge of the Academic Office, succeeding Mr Alf Jones Williams who has retired after 14 years in this post. The Academic Office is responsible for the administration of the academic affairs of the College,

including all matters related to student admissions and courses.

Announcing these appointments, College Principal Professor Eric Sunderland observed "These new arrangements will streamline the administration of the affairs of the College and make us better able to husband our scarce resources".

The news was greeted with a mixed reception by members of the SU Executive, one member describing Mr Hannah as "a schemer".

Union President Martin Purcell said "Such a move concerns me in that individuals within the College administration now have far greater executive powers - so there will be less discussion and representation before College decisions are made".

Free Bar ruling reversed

At Thursday's General Meeting, a motion was passed such that there need no longer be a bar offering free access to students on any night of the week. Thus, if there's an event in the Mandela Bar, there may well be one in the Jazz Room as well.

This should see the use of the Jazz Room much increased, which would justify the money

spent on it last year. Also clubs and societies as well as individuals will now have a better chance of booking rooms for events, while the few individuals who have so far gained from the Free Bar ruling still have Fat Freddy's as a refuge/meeting place (alcohol sold here along with purchases of food.)

MARTIN PURCELL

NMR Facility opens

On the 14th January, the Principal declared open the College's new high field nuclear magnetic resonance facility in the Department of Chemistry.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry is an extremely important technique which makes 'visible' many of the constituent atoms of molecules and reveals the ways in which they are arranged. The heart of the instrument is an extremely powerful magnet which has to be kept at -269 C in liquid helium.

The spectrometer has been installed at a cost of over £150,000 with funds provided by the Science and Engineering Research Council and the College's Development Fund, and with contributions from the Departments of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Ocean Sciences, Animal Biology, Engineering Science, Forestry and Wood Science. It is much the most powerful facility of its kind

in Wales north of Glamorgan.

Professor Eric Sunderland, Principal of UCNW, said, "As part of the College's plans, as well as those of the University of Wales, Chemistry at Bangor is to expand to a size considered viable by the University Grants Committee. The successful obtaining of these awards, with other research grants, demonstrates the wisdom of that decision".

Martin Purcell, President of UCNW SU, said, "Such a development is to be welcomed in that the Chemistry Department in Bangor is becoming one of the best equipped in the country. However, the cost of concentrating resources on our science departments, as welcomed by the Principal, has been devastating in the Faculty of Arts. Such investments must therefore be recieved in a realistic, less optimistic manner".

More research grants for UCNW

Despite the widely reported cutbacks in the support for university research in Britain, two scientists at UCNW have been awarded grants totalling £120,000 by the Agricultural and Food Research Council (AFRC). Professor John Payne and Dr David Laidman in College's Department of Biochemistry and Soil Science will investigate the formation and functions of cellular membranes in germinating cereal grains.

One research group directed by Professor Payne will be studying the molecular mechanism concerned with the absorption of peptide nutrients by germinating barley embryos, and the other group led by Dr Laidman will study the genetic and hormonal control of membrane assembly in germinating wheat. The two groups will be collaborating to apply modern methods of

molecular biology to plant membrane research.

Dr Laidman said, "The Bangor projects are part of a national programme of research to improve basic understanding about biomolecular processes that occur in germinating seeds. Detailed knowledge about these processes is necessary for the future breeding of improved seeds for British agriculture".

Mr John Jones, Assistant Registrar said, "The new research awards are particularly gratifying for the College since they come at a time of increasing competition for diminishing available funds. The awards also come on top of similar grants awarded by the AFRC to Drs John Farrar and Deri Tomos and they will maintain the status of UCNW as an important research centre for plant biochemistry".



Don't Panic!

Although there have been a number of prosecutions for non-payment of TV licences in the area during the last year, panic is not necessarily a valid reason for paying out a large chunk of your grant. TV sets operated by "batteries situated within the casing" and not running on mains are exempt anyway. Also, in private rented accommodation, TV sets in communal areas or installed by the landlord/lady do NOT need licences bought by the tenant unless so instructed by the landlord/lady. Should you forget to obtain a licence for a set needing one, the following information may be of use.

(1) TV detector personnel do NOT have right of entry to your home without a warrant from a magistrate. So the first time they come, it may be wise not to invite them in. Many people are unaware of their right to refuse entry, and, in a state of surprise, let them in. Remember, to invite them in could mean a fine!

(2) A warrant can be granted by a magistrate, usually when there is enough evidence, eg. when TV detector personnel have heard, seen or mechanically detected a TV set in use. When this has been granted, you may get another visit.

(3) When snoopers come into your home, they will not find a TV set if you have taken it somewhere else (eg. since

their first attempt to gain entry to the premises). Should there be an unlicensed TV set in your home, there are a number of signs they may look for to establish whether a TV is being used.

(a) Is it in a 'receivable state'? (eg. is electricity connected or an aerial attached?)

(b) Is it in a 'viewing position' (eg. facing chairs/sofas)?

(c) Is the set warm?

So removing any aerials, disconnecting the plug and putting the TV in a non-viewing position (eg. a cupboard) are possible. (WARNING: mains electricity is dangerous - always disconnect before any job is attempted!)

When a new set is bought, the retailer passes on the buyer's name and address to the TV licencing centre in Bristol. This may lead to you receiving a reminder note and then a visit from a detector van. It may be possible for someone already having a licence to buy a set for you (after considering whether having the set serviced at their address would cause problems!).

The fines for non-payment are often heavy, although 'leniency' may be shown to those buying a licence immediately they have been detected, pleading guilty and saying they just forgot. The proportion of those who do not pay and are not get caught is not certain.

New Ocean Sciences building opens

The Mayors of Anglesey and Menai Bridge, accompanied by their executive staff joined the Principal, Professor Eric Sunderland, and other UCNW staff at the recent commissioning of new laboratories for the School of Ocean Sciences in Menai Bridge.

Professor Denzil Taylor Smith, Head of the School of Ocean Sciences said "One of the exciting features of the

accommodation is a hydrodynamics laboratory where waves and currents can be examined by the use of a range of water circulating tanks. Of particular interest during the opening ceremony was a special 10 metre trough called a flume in which both waves and currents are generated. The effect of these waves and currents can clearly be seen in the way sediment is transported at the bottom of the sea".

GM Report

Probably the best advertised GM since I've been in Bangor (which is an incredulously long time now!), with people given leaflets at Registration and posters in the usual spots. So where was everybody? In all honesty, the standard of debate was pretty high - all issues being discussed having plenty of sometimes emotional exchanges.

It was explained that two of the three speakers from Palestine were detained by Israeli authorities the night before they were to fly to the UK; the third had his visa rescinded by the Home Office officials on his arrival in the UK. Thus we were denied the right to hear exactly what is happening in the West Bank and Gaza strip regions; perhaps they have been denied their right to live by now - who can tell? Anyway, the G.M agreed to submit a motion to NUS's National Conference at Easter calling for the rights of Palestinians to autonomous self-government of the state of Palestine.

Human Rights were further debated as a motion opposing Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill (which stops local councils "promoting homosexuality" - a deliberately vague term perhaps?) was passed. Lesbian and Gay Rights, which were equated in the debate to all sexual rights and to human rights, got the support of the

GM, and the Lesbian and Gay Group are to receive appropriate support from the Union.

An emergency motion opposing the proposed test at Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power station (only 40 miles away) on February 12th was passed. This test involves cutting off the cooling system for eight hours "to see what happens" (!?), and is similar to the test at Chernobyl, which had such dire consequences world-wide (I will have my ear far away on February 12th if the test is allowed to go ahead!)

Support was given to the Comic Relief Red Nose Day on February 5th, in an effort to raise money for the starving in Ethiopia and Mozambique - where "it's all happening again". The debate accepted that such attempts to raise money for charities fall far short of the mark, but that it was better than nothing in terms of relieving the famine.

The Central America Awareness Week also got support, so look out for info on this (events in March).

In all, this was an interesting meeting, covering a wide range of issues - the only drawback being the relatively small attendance. Your loss, my friend, your loss.

The Ear That Hears

Safeway Contaminated with Apartheid

Following the motion on South Africa, supporting the struggle against apartheid and exploitation, which was carried by a Union GM last term, a letter was sent to Safeway stating the Union policy and requesting the withdrawal of South African goods from sale in the Safeway store in Bangor. The Union received a reply from Safeway's public affairs manager which claimed that:

"Safeway is not in a position to make... political decisions;... it does not wish... politicians (or anyone else) to usurp the prerogative of customers to make purchasing decisions."

The Anti-Apartheid Group affiliated to the Union commented:

"In view of the fact that thousands have been killed or detained without trial recently in South Africa, of the importance of foreign trade to the apartheid economy, and also of the disgusting conditions that the farm workers who produce Safeway's goods have to live in (they are paid starvation wages), Safeway's statement of 'innocence' simply means that South Africans are free to starve, therefore they are free. Are we seriously expected to believe that it is not a political decision to stock goods from South Africa?"

In the letter, Safeway went on to claim that it was "illogical" to pick on them, because food exports from

South Africa are less than mineral and precious metal exports. The AA Group have challenged this statement: "The use of this 'red herring' as an argument may be a sign that they are worried about the growing protests they face. Their argument is superfluous because it is clearly unethical to stock any goods from South Africa, and any company doing it deserves to lose sales (and profits)."

Along with International, Gateway, Waitrose, Boots and Marks & Spencer, Safeway are among the stores who so far have not responded positively to calls for a boycott. Those who have reduced South African goods and offer alternative produce when available are: Tesco, Sainsbury, Presto and Fine Fare. Stores that have ended all contracts for South African goods are: BHS, Littlewoods, Argos, Harris, Queensway, Next, Co-op and Leos. In Bangor, Kwiksave and Lo-cost are known to stock South African goods, so look at the label! (By law, the country of origin must be on the packaging - if it is not, you can complain.)

The Anti-Apartheid Group can be contacted c/o the Student's Union. A picket of Safeway will take place on Saturday 20 February from 10 am to 1 pm, and your participation is welcomed. A spokesperson for the AA Group said: "Every effort to isolate racist South Africa adds strength to the struggle against oppression."

Red Face Day?

Isn't it ironic that 'Wimpy's, who are responsible for stealing land and food from people in the underdeveloped world, and who contribute to overproduction of meat (which is inefficient compared to grain or soya crops), and destruction of natural resources, are sponsoring 'Red Nose Day'.

In the first week of term, I had a visit from the local constabulary, who informed me of a worrying rise in crimes reported from members of the Union. And these thefts are of coats, jumpers, purses and more, stolen when left unattended in the Union, usually on disco nights.



3 Students Fined After Language Protest

On Tuesday January 26th three members of the Welsh Language Society who are second and first year students at this university - Brengain Stephens, Marianne Williams and Heledd Stephens appeared before Bangor magistrates as part of the WLS's campaign calling for a Welsh language education development body.

The three members were arrested following a protest here in Bangor on Saturday November 21st 1987 for painting slogans on a wall of a property in Bangor belonging to the Welsh Office. They were fined £20 each and compensation costing £40 each.

Aids - Can you help?

As more people in our area become infected with the virus that causes Aids, there will be an increasing need for help from anyone who is thinking of working in a voluntary capacity as a befriender, a visitor, perhaps even as a counsellor or "buddy" with someone whose life has been affected by Aids, either because s/he has tested

Ar Dydd 26ain o Ionawr ymddangosodd dair aelod o Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraeg sy'n fyfyrwyr ail blwyddyn a cyntaf yn y Brifysgol yma-Brengain Stephens, Marianne Williams, Heledd Stephens yn Llys Ynadon Bangor fel rhan o'r ymgyrch Cymdeithas Yr Iaith dros Gorff Datblygu Addysg Gymraeg.

Arestiuwyd y dair yn dilyn protest weithredol yma yn Mangor ar Dydd Sadwrn Tachwedd 21ain 1987 am beintio slogannau ar mur adeilad Y Swyddfa Gymreig. Cafodd y dair dirwy o £20 yr un, a talu costau a iawndal o £41 yr un - cyfanswm o £61 yr un felly.

positive to HIV or because of being related to someone who is infected.

If you feel that this is the sort of work which you might like to undertake, please get in touch with

Michael Johnson
German Department

who will drop you a note with more particulars.

Watch Out: There's a Thief about!

The PC suggested that we start running a cloakroom - and was suprised to hear that we already have one in operation! On Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Community Action volunteers run this facility in the table tennis room on the ground floor of the Union. The charge is nominal, the money all goes

to charity and your chances of losing your possessions is somewhat reduced!

SO - IF YOU WANT TO FOIL THE THIEVES, THEN USE THE CLOAKROOM. It will save you the grief, me and the porters the worry, and the police the time involved in filing reports and tracing lost property.

AIDS - Don't Die of Poverty

The letter, 'The Truth about AIDS?' from FJH in 'Write to Reply', 5 Dec. made a number of points which need a reply. It claimed that:-

(1) the article 'AIDS - Don't Die of Politics' was "left-wing propaganda" showing no concern for the fear of AIDS;

(2) it is more than coincidence that Edinburgh is both "drugs capital of Europe" (?) and a main centre of AIDS;

(3) we have been adequately informed through the media;

(4) a cure would make "immoral behaviour seem more acceptable";

(5) the economic conditions of capitalism are beneficial to the search for a cure;

(6) 'homosexuals and drug addicts' "are spreading the disease and should take some... responsibility for preventing its spread."

As regards point (1), I quite agree that my first article might seem "left-wing" compared to the official so-called 'information campaign' which has a 'hidden' right-wing and authoritarian ideological content (eg. a paternalistic attitude of 'we know what's best for you'). FJH also wrote that no concern was shown for the fear about AIDS. This is untrue: not only did I attempt to counter the hysteria which presents a considerable barrier to rational thinking on the subject, but I also identified its source - the mass-media's 'hyped-up' reports, which play into the hands of those advocating repressive measures as a 'solution'.

(2) Although claiming to feel "adequately informed", FJH called AIDS a "somewhat mysterious illness". The trouble with informing yourself through the media is that the 'information' on AIDS is carefully selected, as it is intended to isolate groups such as lesbians and gays and to justify the sexual repression that is inherent in the kind of society we live in. One example of the media's inadequacy is that we are told to "use a condom every time". This assumes that we are incapable of deciding ourselves. If condoms turn you off, you may prefer living with the risk of AIDS to an unhappy sex life... but the title, 'Don't Die of Ignorance', brands us as 'ignorant' if we exercise choice over our sex lives.

(3) From FJH's statement that "a cure would serve as a standby for making immoral behaviour seem more acceptable..." it would appear that maintaining arbitrary 'moral standards' is judged more important than the lives threatened by AIDS.

(4) This reflects precisely the values of the official media. The idea that in the search for a cure, capitalism can only be beneficial is based on cock-eyed logic. Is it beneficial that:

(a) research is uncoordinated and inefficient, and;

(b) vast resources are wasted on useless projects? (eg. waging imperialist war around the world has a far higher priority than AIDS research.)

(5) This point raises wider issues. AIDS is not spread by membership of, or contact with, certain groups, but by very specific activities (eg. sex, sharing needles) with HIV-infected people. This comes back to point (2). Incidentally, very little mention is made in the media of haemophiliacs (who have a high rate of HIV-infection). Could this be because there is no moralistic or reactionary purpose served by attacking this group?

The accusation that "homosexuality and drug addiction... are spreading the disease..." is untrue. There is strong medical and statistical evidence that AIDS, like other illnesses, is spread by poor living conditions. No-one would dispute that improvements in living conditions have been a crucial factor in combatting tuberculosis (TB). As the diagram shows, this has drastically reduced its incidence before cures were available. The official anti-AIDS campaign makes several assumptions: AIDS is an 'individual problem' ('it only takes a few precautions') therefore it's 'your own fault' if you get it. This is completely the opposite of the usual attitude of sympathy for ill or dying people. The campaign also makes it seem as if 100% of those who come into contact with HIV become infected, and that 100% of them get full-blown AIDS. This is false: an estimated 30-80% of people coming into contact with HIV become infected. To illustrate this, many sexual partners of haemophiliacs have not become infected, even though they took no special precautions against infection. It has been suggested that the state of the body's immune-system at the time of contact is a decisive factor, just as with other infections. The risk of HIV-infection is increased when the immune-system is already damaged

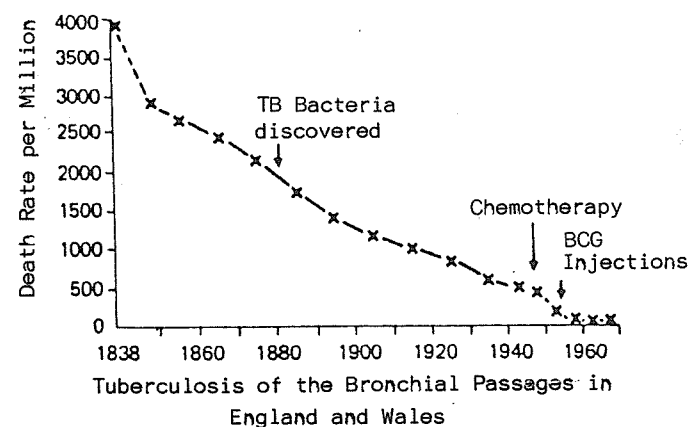
through other illnesses, eg. herpes. It has been suggested that the following factors increase the risk of AIDS:-

- environmental pollution, chemical wastes, radioactive substances;
- unhealthy nutrition, smoking, narcotics, strong sunlight or ultraviolet light;
- psychological burdens, eg. stress, unsatisfying living-conditions.

Physical exhaustion would also play a part in weakening the immune-system.

There are statistics to back up this general theory: in the USA, AIDS occurs more frequently in the poor ghettos (eg. Harlem and Lower East Side in New York) and in the cities with slums (LA, San Francisco). There are more AIDS cases than average in Haitian areas - but it is only those Haitians from the second immigration wave who are affected. These people came from Haiti's poorest social groups and have to live in the worst conditions in the USA. A black woman is 13 times more at risk than a white woman. 91% of infected children are non-white. Blacks and "hispanics" make up 20% of the population but 39% of Persons with AIDS (PWAs). These US figures show that the poorest social groups have the highest proportions of PWAs. Is this more than a coincidence?

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The Alton Bill

Mary Bonner and Eileen Mannion give their views in support.

Now that the second reading of David Alton's Bill has been passed by the House of Commons and will be subject to close scrutiny, further discussion and possible amendment, controversy still reigns.

The Bill wants to establish an 18 week limit beyond which it will be illegal to perform an abortion in any pregnancy except to save the life of the mother or if the child is likely to be born so handicapped that it would be incapable of a sustained independent life. In this article we don't intend to preach but to offer an alternative point of view in support of the Bill, which is rarely expressed. The common arguments against the Bill are that it will be detrimental to women's rights and that the baby is only a potential human being.

AIDS - Don't Die of Poverty
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It also seems more than a coincidence that the first deaths due to AIDS were in 1981, just when the restructuring was starting to have a serious effect on working and living conditions (cuts in income of the lowest wage brackets, rationalisation causing heavy work pressure and unemployment). Piece-work, shift-work, work with poisonous substances, low wages etc. are not ideal conditions for a healthy immune system. The struggle against flexibilisation, for better working and living conditions is crucial in the fight against AIDS. Bearing in mind that the capitalists are responsible for causing the conditions which enable AIDS to spread quickly, it is only natural that the 'anti-AIDS campaign' is used to shift the blame away from them and onto us, we should see through the con, fight the repression that the government justifies by the excuse of "combatting AIDS".

Llygodyn Fawr

Pro-abortionists argue that women should have control over their reproductive rights and that the Bill would take these basic rights away. However, no mention is ever made of a child's right to live. At conception the genetic make-up of the new human being is complete - the colour of hair and eyes, build, gifts and talents are all established at this point. From the very beginning each new human being is a unique individual. Abortion is not the removal of anonymous foetal material - it takes the life of a human person. By 18 weeks the unborn child is a fully formed unique human being, with all its major organs, apart from the lungs, functioning. At this stage it is responsive to light, warmth, touch, sound and pain and is even getting to know its mother's voice.

Pro-abortionists argue that a ban on late abortions would mean that women would return to the backstreets. David Steel who sponsored the Abortion Act, admitted during the debates in 1967 that

A Busy Term Ahead...

Traditionally, the second term is the big busy - work to catch up on, beer to drink, Rag Week, Union elections and campaigns to get involved in.

This year, perhaps more than ever, we as students and humans (loosely speaking!) are under a huge amount of pressure from our mistresses/masters - those nice people in the government. How on earth can we organise a defence against such Bills cutting back on Education, Social Security, Council Autonomy, and imposing restraints in the form of Poll Tax and new police powers? Admittedly, some of these Bills have already been passed, but are not to be effected immediately and tech-

backstreet abortionists did not terminate late pregnancies because the risks were much too high, "it is true that the bulk of illegal abortions, the backstreet abortions, which go on today occur not at the stage where the foetus is fairly advanced... but at an early age." (Hansard 13.7.67) It is claimed that the Bill would prevent abortions of pregnancies which result from rape or in which the continuation of the pregnancy would endanger the mother's life. Between 1982-6 there were only 13 abortions out of about 40,000 at 18 weeks to save the mother's life and for rape (Hansard 26.10.87). Whereas it is obviously distressing for the rape cases involved the fact remains that they represent a minute proportion of late abortions carried out. Indeed the physical and psychological effects of the termination of a late pregnancy as a result of rape may add to the mother's problems.

Opposers of the Bill have claimed that David Alton has suddenly developed a love for handicapped people in order to arouse sympathy for his Bill. However, this is not true, as he believes that all abortion is wrong and that every child should have an

nically we could oppose their imposition.

Obviously, in this position, we have to prioritise our efforts, and as students the Education Bill must still remain no. 1. Thus, there will be a series of meetings around the campus to discuss the issues, and a referendum of all members to see what action we ought to take - if any. There is a National Demonstration in London on February 27 - coaches will take supporters from the Union - and support on this day is vital to show the government that this Bill is ludicrous and unworkable. Take part in the "speakeasies" and debates, and register your views on February 4, so that as an executive we can take action as directed by the members.

We have also initiated an Anti-Racism campaign - starting with a conference on Sunday

equal right to live. There are plenty of people willing to adopt handicapped children and give them the love they need. David Alton has been accused also of over-emotionalism but there is nothing more tragic than killing a baby, whether healthy or otherwise.

It is ironic that some babies have been aborted at 28 weeks whilst with others who are born prematurely great care is taken to save their lives. We recognise that an abortion is a traumatic experience for a woman to go through, but the baby's rights still remain. Those who claim the superiority of the woman's rights over the child on the subject of abortion are forgetting that in abortion the rights of future women are being forfeited. What pro-abortionists are essentially saying is that the woman has a right to choose on behalf of the baby whether he or she is born and these very people accuse their opponents of trying to impose their views on other people. We realise that abortions will still continue regardless of the Bill, but it is one step in abolishing abortion and at least it will reduce the number of babies killed.

January 31, and followed by other events later in the term. These will tie in with Equal Opportunities Week (Women, Disabled, Lesbians, Gay Men and oppressed minorities being given a forum to highlight their problems) and Welsh Awareness Week. The success of all our campaigns and events this term depends entirely on your involvement. We are trying to tie the campaigns in with specific, related entertainments to mix the serious bits with some fun. So, come along and see what it's all about, learn something, contribute something and enjoy yourselves. Above all, have a good term, and remember that we are here to help you in any way we can - either as individuals or through the various committees of College and the Union.

Martin

BRBS

Rag Week is on its way, which means Bangor Rag Broadcasting System will be back on the air for its fortieth (yes 40th) Rag Week! BRBS was started in 1948 as Bangor's very own unlicensed radio station, linked to Rag to act as a publicity organ and as another source of the fun, mayhem, interest and entertainment that makes Rag Week what it is.

As BRBS is having its Ruby anniversary, it is actually the world's oldest pirate radio station. Not only that, but honours go to BRBS for the world's first stereo broadcasts - even before that other institution, the BBC, was able to get it together!

There are other important areas where BRBS excels over and above Radio One or any other comparables - independent or otherwise. These can be summed up as "true variety" - within a complete week's broadcasting there are slots dedicated to chart music, rock, alternative, folk, classical, jazz, reggae and much more. That is not to say that there is no overall format to the week - there is.

BRBS broadcasts between Saturday 13th and Sunday 21st February. At weekends the system is on the air from 9am to 1am the following morning - in other words fifteen hours of continuous fun every Saturday and Sunday. During the week things are slightly different - BRBS is on the air from 8am to 10am each morning but then closes down until 5pm when broadcasts resume until 1am the following morning.

Within these times there are various set shows. The 8-10 Breakfast Show features music, scandal, gossip, humour, requests and general fun. The tea-time slot is like-

wise a fairly silly show playing generalised chart music, again with many requests and mayhem. After about 7pm, more specialised shows are on the air, such as George Hanou, with his local music, the Rankin Reverend Tyrone Reggae Show and John Edwards with a selection of more obscure contemporary music tracks - and so on.

Saturday and Sunday also give rise to interesting shows - this year sees a two part, four hour full history of the Pink Floyd presented by Bill Ravenhead, there's the alternative ear treatment of Herbert Anchovie or Sunday lunch with the madcap clichéd DJ Bill McGregor.

The shows mentioned above are just a taste of the selection BRBS has to offer in the way of awe-inspiring aural entertainment!

There are a couple of things to remember though!

1 The wavelengths to tune to are 96.1 MHz FM Stereo or 227m Medium Wave (otherwise known as 1332 kHz AM)
2 BRBS is YOUR very own Pirate Radio Station so send it requests, letters, info, news, views, gossip - basically anything you want putting into these shows - the way to do that is to place the request or whatever into the letter Z of the Union letter rack or any suitably marked Ballot Boxes.

3 The first Sunday of Rag Week is St Valentine's Day so send all your Valentines messages in for transmission. Bill McGregor will be doing a special lunchtime show just for all the heart felt tales to tantalise and titillate this Rag Week!

4 Watch out for and pick up a timetable of shows when it's published!

5 Switch on
Tune in
Have Fun!

Bill McGregor on the Radio!!
Yes, that's right friends and lovers, the Clichéd DJ himself will be on air SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY from 11am to 1pm - the Valentine's Snog Slot will be in action.

So... send in your dedications, testimonials, anonymous messages and words of affection for the person of your desire - all will be broadcast by the Radio Lounge Lizard - Bill McGregor!!

Rag Week Timetable

Day		Evening
Fri 12	Stunts	Mandela Bar: Live bands Jazz Room: Reggae Disco
Sat 13	Rag Day in Bangor Stunts	Mega Valentine Disco Prehistoric Fancy Dress (Milk Tray Stall - Boo for Valentines Day)
Sun 14	Milk Tray Person	Valentines Night Wine and Cocktails Roving Minstrel (Candle lit informal evening)
Mon 15	Gnome Service Kidnaps Human Jukebox Sketches Stunts	Pub Crawl
Tue 16	Gnome Service Kidnaps Human Jukebox Sketches Stunts Stocks	Talent Contest (Entries by Wed 10)
Wed 17	Gnome Service Kidnaps Human Jukebox Sketches Stunts	Little Chief + Disco (Alternative White Reggae Band)
Thu 18	Gnome Service Kidnaps Stocks Sketches Human Jukebox Stunts	Promotion night and Auctions (and general debauchery)
Fri 19	Kidnaps Gnome Service Human Jukebox Sketches Stunts	Pyjama Party with apple bobbing and party games
Sat 20	Rag Day in Llandudno and Conwy Collection in High Street Stunts	Rag Ball!! Zoot and the Roots
Sun 21	Treasure Hunt	

As usual the cuddly crusader of the cock and bull will be full of the gossip, scandle, Sunday sham, horoscopes, soap info, charts and much, much more.

So don't forget to send in all your Valentines messages - via the Union letter racks and personally addressed to Bill McGregor - then tune in to 96.1MHz FM Stereo or 227m/1332kHz MW.



Community Action Working with Kids

Projects with kids seem to be ones which many of the volunteers are involved in. Why should this be? What is it about kids which attracts us to them? Whatever it is there is always work which can be done and which can not only be useful, but essential for the benefit of the children, and also, perhaps, the people they live with.

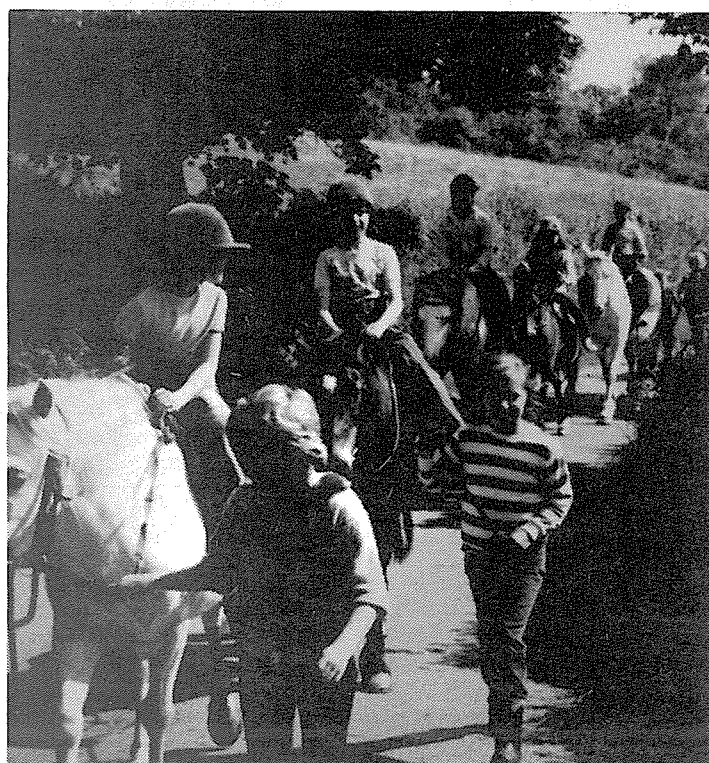
Problems

Cast your mind back all those years - what was it like to be a kid? Children are told what to do, what to learn, how to behave - this may not necessarily be a problem - it is not often brought into question. But as they have little or no control over what they do, or their income, or their welfare, and as they have few rights, they therefore have very little responsibility placed on them. With no or little say over how their lives go or what happens to them, kids are open to emotional and physical abuse which adults rarely face and wouldn't accept if they did.

These problems face all children of all backgrounds to a certain extent, but some face severe problems as well, such as emotional deprivation, disabilities, or being placed in 'homes' or institutions because of 'unacceptable' social behavior or 'unsuitable' family background.

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There are kids in Bangor who are faced with all these problems, but it is a small city and offers few facilities. There is a lack of play areas and youth clubs for the kids to enjoy, and which would allow them to work off their energy/frustration in a 'socially acceptable' manner.



Action

Ideally, we should not need to do anything. Play and child-care facilities should be provided by the 'powers that be', but they are not, and sadly we can not assume that these responsibilities will be taken on by the parents.

Community Action

Obviously there is little that CA can do to change the underlying trends that put children in this situation - all we can do is to try to alleviate some of the problems, to provide some of the facilities and to provide a little freedom from the strictness of institutional homes and schools.

Projects

As with anything, the more you put into working with kids, the more you will get out. If you see them as an easy option, remember that although they can be fun, refreshing, and enjoyable, they can also be frustrating. We try to create a non-school atmosphere which can be exhausting, but with a certain amount of regular commitment, strong relationships are built up.

We have projects with kids between the ages of 4 and 7 (Indoor Splodge), 7 and 11 (Outdoor Splodge), 11 and 16 (Maestryfan and Fun Club), projects with girls (Girls Club), perhaps a project with boys (depending on interest), kids from an 'assessment centre' (Ty'r Felin), one-to-one projects with kids from a special school (Treborth), and projects with disabled kids (Riding for the Disabled and Gateway)

For more information, just ask at the CA Office in the Students' Union.

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THE START OF A GREAT NEW PARTNERSHIP

FATAL ATTRACTION reviews by Emma Clayton (top) and Paul Rigby

You'd have to have been the MoonMan to escape the hype and hysteria circling Fatal Attraction. The film that actually brought a queue to Bangor's Plaza has had so much attention pinpointed on it that I decided to see for myself just what it's all about.

Mixed critical response greeted its American opening and, from what I've seen, the same is true of its arrival here. Feminist reactions have slated the way all sympathy swings towards our poor misguided hero, while the woman on the receiving end of his quick-screw-and-goodbye hangs in our memories as a vicious lunatic. My sympathy for Glenn Close's Alex remained throughout the film, even though she managed to frighten me to death by the time it had finished. I'd been informed, courtesy of Barry Norman et al, that I would lose all sympathy for Close, while the Pro-fidelity theme striking out from every angle would win my affections. But I couldn't help feeling sorry for her, as a victim of Michael Douglas' casual flirtation. Surely most of us

By the time you read this I suspect most of Bangor will have seen this film. If you are one of the odd ones out and it is still showing, take a trip down to the Plaza and see for yourself just what all the fuss is about.

'Fatal Attraction' has been described as "the most provocative film of the year" and its treatment of marital infidelity has apparently sent middle-aged Americans rushing back to their wives in panic. Michael Douglas's unfaithfulness, however, serves only as a launching pad for the film, which is not concerned with the anguish and complexities that can arise from such an act. This is just as well because none of the characters are real enough to

have suffered at the hands of a little obsession, (if there is such a thing as a 'little obsession'), and to see it stretched to its extreme on the Big Screen can only really serve to endear its victim towards those of us who can sympathise.

Of course, violent revenge isn't exactly a Term of Endearment, and much of the film's impact comes from Close's jealous rage, but I did feel that she personified some kind of extreme aggression, the seeds of which anyone in her position would've gone through, and I think this must speak out against both 'casual sex' and extra-marital deception.

The film was swamped with heavy symbolism; from Close's first red-nailed claw embedded firmly into Douglas' life, to the violent reflections of earlier parts of the film in the final scenes. In effect, I suppose, Close portrayed the Aids virus and its effect on family life, though the fact that she - as a woman - should inject so much aggression into the life of a married man, hinted at sexually related themes of infidelity, rather

care about. Douglas's wife and child are too cute for their own and the film's good and the supposedly complex Alex Forrest has a hint of Norman Bates about her right from the start. Only Douglas himself, as the man slowly being destroyed by regret and fear is given the chance to display any credible emotion, but it is only his anger which is truly convincing.

Despite this, 'Fatal Attraction' succeeds as a psychological thriller (although the emphasis is more on the thrills than psychology). The film is like a rollercoaster, building on the anticipation and fear of its audience until finally propelling them at high speed to the end of the ride.

than just its threat to matrimony.

The theme of infidelity reminded me of 'Heartburn', - in fact Fatal Attraction could be described as a kind of violent 'Heartburn' - but the affair here is much shorter, and tackled from a different angle. I often found myself confused, while watching the film, as to which character I cared about more. Douglas is our obvious 'hero', but I detested his casual treatment of the women, and the way his cosy family life should steal our affections from the sad and lonely life of Alex. One of the best lines of the film came from the latter, when she told Douglas she wouldn't allow him to treat her like a cheap slut he could "bang a couple of times, then throw away with the garbage". The fact that she should become such an evil bitch, up to her eyeballs in rage, madness, jealousy and revenge, annoyed me because this took sympathy away from her, so that it became almost acceptable for this man to use her, before returning to his loving wife.

I suppose the film was quite ambivalent in its treatment of

The fear aspect is more strongly based on shock moments rather than the increasing suspense, however. There are about half a dozen of these, becoming steadily more horrifying. The predictability of these shocks is perhaps a little disappointing, but 'Fatal Attraction' is not a subtle film and if accepted on the level of an entertaining thriller it will not disappoint.

There are touches of humour in the film which widen its appeal. One of the funniest moments is the sight of Michael Douglas attempting to transport Miss Forrest from kitchen sink to bed with his trousers around his ankles, a scene which may have destroyed

extra-marital sex - wrong for the family, and don't expect to get away with it - but it seems to be quite a paradoxical way of scaring men into being faithful, since it is the unfaithful man who conveys more attractive qualities than the woman he left.

I did enjoy the film, and found the violence - though often quite predictable, particularly when wound up with suspense - effective, because it was portrayed realistically, rather than sensationally.

A good cast - including a surprisingly unprecocious little girl - effective dialogue, and clever direction all contributed towards its successful effect, for me, but the lingering themes of the film are most thought provoking, and linger long after the credits have rolled. If you're one of the few who haven't seen the film, I recommend it - even if just to see the ending without already knowing what it is, because sooner or later some critical post mortem is going to let the cat out of the bag. I know I nearly did.

his image as a sex symbol and revolutionized ideas about washing dishes. Watch out, also for a brief appearance by Fred 'Herman Munster' Gwynne about half way through the film.

'Fatal Attraction' is definitely good value for the price of a student ticket. Despite its shortcomings it is an energetic thriller which builds up to a horrifying and powerful climax which will leave you exhausted. If you are prepared to queue in the Bangor rain for half an hour you will almost certainly be rewarded. A word of warning though - if you find yourself sitting next to a blonde in her thirties who keeps smiling at you, get out of there quick!

PETER DONOHOE review by Jon Gill

Peter Donohoe's flawless technique and vast musical command earned him a capacity audience in Powis Hall on Thursday night, for a recital that reflected his worldwide reputation as one of Britain's most reliable and stimulating pianists.

The programme for the concert, which began this term's Thursday night series, consisted mainly of twentieth century French music. Debussy's 'Images' (bk II), received a reading of careful poetic execution: the wandering imaginative spirit of the music was fully revealed in a performance which clearly demonstrated each and every subtle contrast

of sonority. Particularly memorable was the third piece 'Poissons d'or' in which Donohoe brilliantly captured the mood, skillfully obtaining the contrasts of trills and tremolos and executing, with apparent ease, the playfull clicking of gracenotes and swiftly leaping arpeggios. The effect was quite magical. Messiaen's 'Canteyodjaya' employs some of the material from the monumental Turangalia Symphonie, although its opulent sound world is left behind. The mosaic-like construction of the music is often misconstrued as being without any form of development, when in truth the

work has an incredible accumulative power. Donohoe's athletic brilliance combined with his profound and deeply intensive playing cannot really be done justice to here.

After Ravel's Sonatina the programme concluded with Schubert's Sonata in A major (D959). Written in the last year of his life, this truly great work is on a massive scale: beneath a deceptive classical simplicity lies considerable turmoil and tragedy which were suitably reflected in Donohoe's authoritative account. By this point in the concert the piano was considerably worse for

wear: the upper register lost much of its brilliance and one of the lower notes adamantly refused to project a reasonable standard of sound. Also, the sustained rattle of sweet papers provoked a glare from the stage and the annoyance of the rest of the audience. Mercifully Peter Donohoe conquered these distractions and, save several unfortunate slips, delivered a performance which captured one's attention from the tremendous opening fanfare to its pianissimo repitition at the end of the finale.

The audience was treated to an encore to conclude a stimulating and exciting evening of music.

DEKKER REVIEW by Ian Gerrard

"Are you ready for Desmond Dekker?" inquired the backing singer, resplendent in white baseball cap.

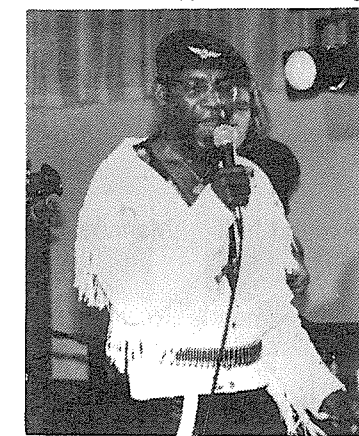
Bangor was. Unfortunately I wasn't.

Reggae is, as far as I can gather, a form of music that either invokes heartfelt devotion or equally sincere loathing. It was obvious that the majority of the Christmas revellers were great fans, so the refectory was packed with people anticipating a good time. It appeared as though few were disappointed.

Desmond, decked out in white jacket (complete with naff attachments) topped with a black beret, appeared after a lengthy introduction (which

was the best bit of the performance) and launched into a string of stirring reggae anthems (stirring different parts of different people) all of which were completely indistinguishable from each other. I am reliably informed, though, that his hits "The Israelites" and "007" (covered by Musical Youth which as far as I'm concerned speaks volumes about his songs) were performed. Each song was greeted with approval - even the one which may well have contained the worst guitar solo ever(!) - and most were more than willing to respond to Desmond's audience participation tactics (where were all these people when the

infinitely more deserving GODFATHERS appeared during



Welcome Week?)

My selective deafness (to which some people can testify) prevented me from picking out any of the lyrics other than the standard reggae phrases

such as "Yeah", "Na-na-na-na" and "Ah-ah-ah", (you get the picture). Perhaps the extracts above were surrounded by gems of social comment, humour, coherence even - but if so then they eluded me. The emphasis was on entertainment, (but not my definition of it), which was probably fair enough it being the Christmas Ball and all that. Desmond Dekker provided the great majority with what they wanted and I suppose you can't really expect more than that. The Ents Committee should be congratulated for their choice of Christmas bands - though that shouldn't be regarded as a demand for more reggae (God forbid!).

ANRHEFEN TAKE BERLIN BY STORM

Early in January, 'Yr Anrhefn' toured W.Germany, and one of Y Seren's roving reporters was there to witness the group's appearance in West Berlin.

As I got to 'KOB', a well-known venue in a legalised squat, there were nearly 100 people standing outside still hoping to hear the group play - the place was

already packed full, news travels fast on the grapevine. The people on the door wouldn't let me in, even though I told them I came from the same the same town as the band, "a really long way away". Then I had a stroke of luck - Sion saw me and got me in, so I joined the excited crowd, waiting impatiently for Anrhefn to come on (they had

arrived late due to getting lost somewhere along the Wall). As soon as the music started, the crowd flung themselves about wildly, and in spite of Sion's cold ('Schnupfen'), the group's consistent musical quality was maintained, in Sion's case with the help of a paper hanky kindly donated by a spectator. Judging by the mass of bodies heaving about more or less in time with the music, it looked

like everyone enjoyed it, to put it mildly. Encores were played. Afterwards the group was full of praise for the crowd's outstanding performance: Rhys commented to the effect that they were livelier than in Cologne. A brilliant gig, somewhat enhanced by the absence of HTV.

By Y Seren's European Correspondent.

Rowing Club Report

For the stuffy and witless majority of students in Britain, the name of Bangor University is a cause for much mirth; ignorance engenders the idea of a third rate establishment, with few notable achievements, and an enigmatic reputation.

To the present day, sport in the University has recieved little fame, both within the bounds of the University's media, and also with other agents in the sporting world. Thus it may be of some interest to the reader to find that the University's boat club has represented the

establishment in events, winning for it an honourable reputation in the rowing world of the Midlands. Our achievements seem to be more remarkable when one considers that we are smaller than most university rowing clubs, with fewer boats, and lesser quality equipment. We have shown that dedecation can breach the impediments left by poor equipment, and adverse physical conditions encountered on the Menai Straits, preventing many crucial practice rows from taking place.

To give some idea of our

achievements during the past year, (since this is more an introduction to Rowing at the University than an updated news article) one needs firstly to explain the system whereby the grades of rowers are categorised. Briefly, a rower new to the sport, or without a win to-date, is classed as a 'novice'. After one win during the summer regattas, he attains the grade of 'senior C'; two more wins and he becomes 'senior B'. This continues in this fashion until one reaches the dizzy heights of 'elite'. During the winter months however, wins do not instigate a rise in grade; the races themselves, known commonly as 'Head of the River Races' or 'Heads', are longer and require greater stamina than the summer regattas. Thus explained, though with economy of detail, we can progress to describing the club's performance in competitive events.

Last summer proved a successful season, beginning with a win for the Women's Senior C at the Merseyside Regatta; the Senior B and Novice crews reaching the semi-finals. At Sefton, the Men's Novice crews proved a formidable squad, attaining results of first, second and third for Bangor; the winning crew, of course, were promoted to Senior C. Many of the clubs beaten at these and various other events last summer, were University teams including Birmingham and Liverpool; establishments that have by far the largest student populations in this area of the country, from which to draw and choose their rowing teams.

In the first term of this academic year, a significant start brought victory for the senior C and novice crews at Runcorn; the winning senior C closely followed by the second Bangor senior C. Then later, at Shrewsbury, the longest of

the terms heads, totaling 6.5 miles, another agreeable result appeared: Bangor was positioned first and second in the Senior C category, whilst the men's novice crew gained a respectable second place.

Unusually, this year two crews attended the Watney's Head in London; an event usually omitted from our circuit. There is constantly the idea shadowing northern rowers that southern events are of a better standard. However, in this instance, Bangor proved itself a capable university, with respectable results from the senior B and novice crews, who fought off such distinguished clubs as Bristol and Kent Universities, and arrived comfortably in the upper half of the field.

Near the end of term, an ambitious effort successfully saw the entry of 8 crews at the Evesham Head race, leaving us with an impressive result of first and third places in the senior C; third position in the men's and second in the women's Novice category. A brave effort from the three new fresher novice crews, despite the lack of experience in the competitive rowing demonstrated their potential for the coming years.

In the last event of 1987, staged at Leicester namely the Midland Universities Regatta, Bangor won the men's novice 4 heats, against such opposition as the sports-orientated University of Loughborough, and the larger establishments of Birmingham and Leicester Universities ending the term on a note of success.

For those who wish to be given the chance to row at a competitive level, and experience the prestige of one of the most successful and expanding sports in the country, then come along to training on either Tuesday or Thursday evening at 6p.m. at the sport's centre and enrol. Justin Neal

A U CALENDAR U A U

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
February 28	Indoor Hockey Final Tournament (Men)	Reading
March 2	Hockey Finals	Willesden
5	Indoor Archery (Team and Individual)	Manchester
6	Indoor Cricket Final Tournament Orienteering (Team and Individual) Rowing VIII's Head of the River Race	Newcastle London

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DATE	EVENT
February 13 - 14	UAU Mens and Womens Soccer 5 a side
19 - 20	Scout and Guide National Meet
20 - 21	UAU Championship Finals Weekend - Badminton, Squash, Table Tennis, Fencing, Netball.
March 27	UW Judo (Individual and Team)
6	Ladies Soccer 5 a Side
16	Block Fixture - Liverpool

Horoscope

AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 19

A period of under achievement is over, with the sun behind you Aquarius you should be on top of the world. New ideas and financial stability will enable you to make the most of next month. Ignore conscience pangs and indulge yourself wholeheartedly.

PISCES

Feb 20 - March 20

It is vital that you face the need to make and act upon an important decision. Listen to advice from close friends, their intuition will be correct. February promises romantic attachments that could be long lasting.

ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Aim high and ignore those who mock your ambitious nature. Jupiter the planet of opportunity is passing through your sign so be daring. You may soon be startled

with a piece of unexpected news - perhaps your past is catching up with you.

TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

February is likely to be a tiring month. Your impulsive nature may steer you into difficulties but do not despair, you will come out on top. An unlikely suitor may surprise you with hidden depths, do not let these frighten you away.

GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

If you have an urge to do something unpredictable, go ahead you may be pleasantly suprised at the consequences. Relationships look stormy so tread carefully and let the tactful side of your nature prevail.

CANCER

June 22 - July 23

If you are still having difficulties with last years unresolved traumas now is the time to make a fresh start. Have confidence in yourself, a new relationship is waiting to knock you off your feet.

Prize Crossword

Set by Fraser Platt

Entries to be handed in to Y Seren Office. The Editor's decision is final.

ACROSS

- 1: Dry Company served at Burlington House.(5)
- 4: Generate Monday perhaps?(6)
- 9: Descry stalactites holding this mineral form.(7)
- 10: Doctor, a scholar for this stage play.(5)
- 11: 13 across, with love, is the word.(4)
- 12: We five make a gin cocktail whilst staggering home.(7)
- 13: She's religious either way.(3)
- 14: The parties are over for this bird!(4)
- 16: She's found in the firmament.(4)
- 18: Bore, the lot say!(3)
- 20: Titles love to make an understatement.(7)
- 21: Adjacent to the returned instrument.(4)
- 24: Ophidian agent returns with four.(5)
- 25: Right gear in the lobe?(7)
- 26: Dennis Senior provided wartime accommodation.(6)
- 27: Stadium around the northern area.(5)

DOWN

- 1, 17: B team, once seen around the veld.(6,6)
- 2: Aquatic rodent is a shy put up job.(5)
- 3: Goatskin container for the porridge.(4)
- 5: Mixed-up day girls in Scandanavian legend that binds heaven and earth.(8)

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LEO

July 24 - Aug 23

Take care to research your financial investments and you will not be disappointed by the returns. Travel is in the air, if you have foreign connections use them to further your prospects.

VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 23

Take time to plan ahead especially where money is concerned. Whatever you lose from a personal disappointment you will gain in time from unexpected sources. A promising period is just beginning.

LIBRA

Sept 24 - Oct 23

Librans react strongly to their surroundings, so make sure yours are pleasant. If you are thinking of moving house take the initiative now, or perhaps you just need a change of scenery. If relationships are stale think of making a break.

SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22

At times your cynicism can be a disadvantage, but if used wisely it could prove profitable this week. A wrong decision made in 1987 may be causing you grief, let this be an example of how not to handle members of the opposite sex.

SAGITTARIUS

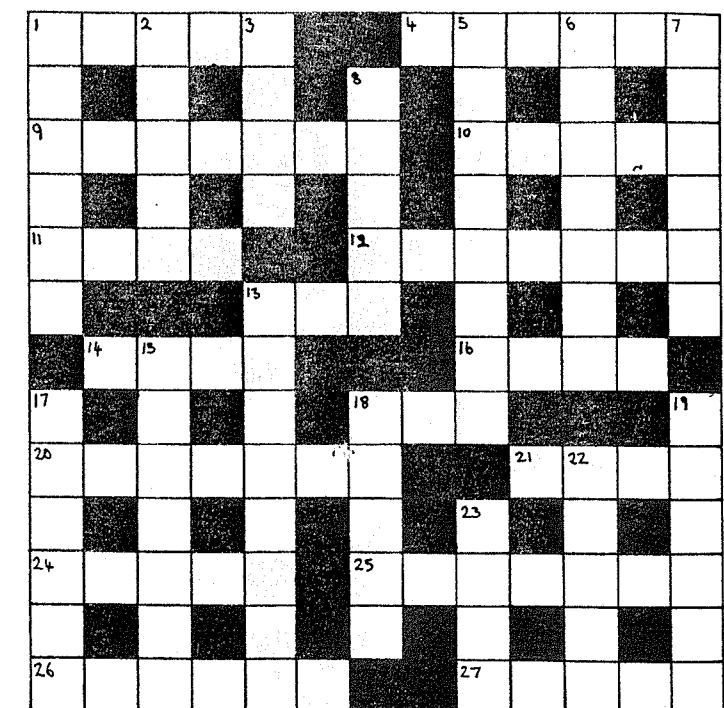
Nov 23 - Dec 21

Who do you think you are Sagittarius?!! You cannot use people and expect them to see you in the same light afterwards. Perhaps a bit of consideration could be teamed with your sense of ambition. Career opportunities are excellent.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20

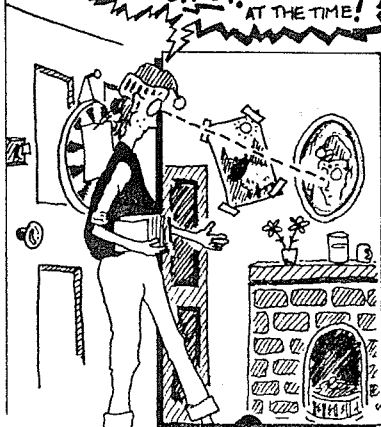
Your ruler, Saturn, may give you a glimpse this week of what the year holds. If the hectic pace of life is alarming you, relax and enjoy it because it won't last long. Money matters are at the forefront, a new venture will prove profitable.



- 6: Mavis joined the Territorial Army and reverted to type.(7)
- 7: No scope for kings colour!(6)
- 8: Loud apprentice has left the coop!(5)
- 13: Encounter out east provides dreamy music.(8)
- 15: Southern coup arranged to produce this cephalopod.(7)
- 17: see 1 down.
- 18: On a slope? Like the garden.(5)
- 19: Stylish pollen collector.(6)
- 22: Railway in eastern salt water.(5)
- 23: For a Malayan craft.(4)

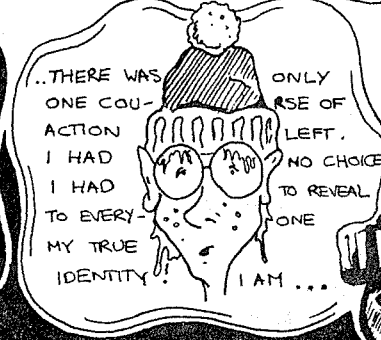
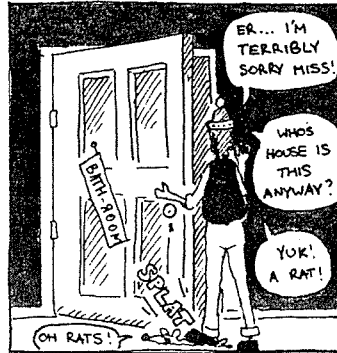
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OH SHEEP! LOOK AT THE TIME!



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