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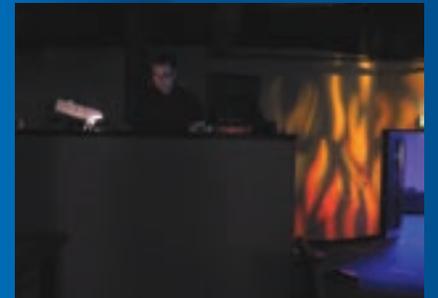
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Photos by Will Veitch

By Ben Bailey
Editor

The Sugarhouse, Lancaster University Students' Union nightclub, has just undergone a massive renovation costing LUSU over £400,000. Work began last July and was completed just in time for this year's fresher's week.

The venue itself has been split in two, with a smaller capacity bar, 'The Front Room' and larger capacity 'Main Room' being divided by a new curved wall. In essence the two original smaller rooms have been merged and extended. The curved wall utilises the space and creates an unusual feature with the new LED lighting. This illuminates both sides of the wall, changing the mood as you move from rooms.

One of the most unexciting but hugely important changes to the venue is the work done to the toilets. The Sugarhouse toilets were a vile place, arguably the worst nightclub toilets in the country. Thus, the women's toilets have been vastly improved and extended. The complete overhaul is

aimed to provide a brighter and cleaner environment, as well hopefully combating that ever-present problem of queuing.

'The Front Room' has had an entirely new sound system installed, and the existing equipment in the 'Main Room' has been improved and reconfigured to get the best possible sound. In addition new high tables and bar stools accompany the existing sofas and chairs, adding a different level and dynamic to the venue. The old bottle bar has been removed and a new bar has been put in the 'Main Room' to provide a faster service, with a new array of drinks.

The Sugarhouse has been no stranger to refurbishment in recent times. Two years ago leaking problems led to the installation of a new roof. Last year a new ventilation system was installed, bringing the internal temperature and air quality down to a comfortable level. Together with this major refurbishment LUSU are attempting to bring The Sugarhouse into the 21st Century (skipping the 20th Century altogether). The completion of this summer's work brings to an end a period of sporadic and much needed transformation. What Lancaster University students will face this year is

a nightclub that befits the most popular student venue in Lancaster.

This development creates a more flexible space that can be used for a wider variety of events, allowing The Sugarhouse to be open all week. Monday to Wednesday it is open from 8pm - 12am. Monday is newly named 'Suspect', an indie and live music event. Tuesday is now 'Bar Juicy', a gay friendly space while Wednesday has become 'Basic', with weekly quizzes, karaoke and more. 'Popscore' remains on a Thursday, with 'Trash the Front Room' providing a rock alternative. 'Flirt', 'The Big Friday Night Give Away' and 'Sunday's For Sleeping' are the busiest party nights in Lancaster.

Lou Davies, Sugarhouse Manager said: "It's great to run a venue that can really meet the expectations of students. The Sugarhouse has always been popular, but now it is the safest, biggest and best venue in the city."

Sooz Palmer, LUSU President commented: "The 'new' Sugarhouse is an amazing venue, yet retains all of the same values. It is a credit to the Union and my thanks go to all involved in the planning and delivery."

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LANCASTER, UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR, NEARLY!

**LANCASTER IS SHORTLISTED
BY THE SUNDAY TIMES FOR
UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR**

By Anita Vukomanovic
News Editor

Lancaster University fought off numerous other universities around the UK to gain their position on the shortlist for the prestigious *Sunday Times University Guide*, released on September 10th. Lancaster was one of the leading contenders but was pipped to the post by Manchester University who instead received the title.

The *Sunday Times* told readers "Among the most valuable legacies of the 1960s are institutions such as Lancaster, founded in 1964 and today one of the most respected academic communities in the world. It is in the top 10 nationally for research quality, top 25 for student satisfaction and has teaching excellence in 19 subjects covering most disciplines. All of which helps it to a short listing for our University of the Year title."

The winner of the title of Top University in the Northwest was also won by Manchester, with Lancaster gaining second place above Liverpool and Salford. Lancaster was ranked at number 21 in the UK, an improvement of seven places from last year, and its highest position in the tables since 2001. Lancaster has also achieved much recognition for its fine research, which was noted in many fields including Law, English Literature, Linguistics, Computer Science, Business and Management Studies and Sociology. The University received mention in the highly sought after Gold Standard Centres

STUDENTS TOLD STICK TO BUDGET

By Rosanna Silverlight
News Editor

Students starting courses this year will be the first to face the additional costs of tuition, as universities across the UK introduce top-up fees. Just nine educational establishments are choosing not to charge the maximum amount, but

of Excellence for both Business and Management and Sociology.

Degrees of Student Satisfaction bode well again for Lancaster, with an impressive score of 72.3% for overall satisfaction, just beating Lancaster rival, York, who gained a still respectable 72.0%

The *Sunday Times* said: "In just 40 years, [Lancaster] University has established itself as one of our finest research

others are using different means to soften the blow of additional debt.

Anglia Ruskin University is offering £2,000 'cash-back' to those who accept a place through clearing, while the University of Surrey is giving computing students brand new laptops for free. Meanwhile, studies into how students keep track of their finances have revealed interesting results. Four out of five students do not keep track of their finances, and one-fifth do not know

universities, ranking ninth in the last research assessments for breadth and depth of world-class research." Professor Bob McKinlay, Deputy Vice-Chancellor said: "It is an achievement to be shortlisted with Manchester, King's College London, St Andrews and Exeter for the *Sunday Times* good university award. Our ranking reflects Lancaster's high research quality, teaching excellence and positive student experience."

within £100 what their financial situation is, according to research from IFA Promotion.

The advice being given by IFA is to work out a budget and stick to it. David Elms, chief executive of IFA Promotion, said: "There are a lot more exciting things to do at university than sit down and work out a financial budget, but it can make such a huge difference to your post-graduation life, which seems so far away in Fresher's Week."



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PERVERT STUDENT CHARGED WITH COUNTS OF VOYEURISM!

By Anita Vukomanovic
News Editor

Further details have been released regarding a student who has faced multiple charges on account of committing voyeurism. The student, who last year attended University of Wales, Bangor, has since admitted six voyeurism charges, and was recently sentenced at Caernarfon Crown Court by Judge Merfyn Hughes.

Student, Charles Greaves, 19 from Wellington in Shropshire was accused of hiding a minute digital camera within an adapted bottle of shower gel in the shower area of his halls of residence in order to gain images without the consent of the victims.

The student has since admitted to a total of six charges relating to the installation digital technology in order to obtain images

PRESIDENT ENROLES AT UNIVERSITY

One of the newest 'normal' international students at the National University of Ireland, Galway, is far better known for walking the corridors in *The West Wing* for playing President Jed Bartlet in the popular U.S. drama.

Martin Sheen is swapping the Oval Office for a lecture theatre for the next 15 weeks as he undertakes a semester of study in English literature, philosophy and oceanography. Sheen skipped university

for personal use and 'sexual gratification'. A female occupier of the halls of residence noticed the hidden camera, and notified the police immediately. Greaves was later arrested and his laptop was seized. When studied for evidence it was later found to contain images of three female victims from the University's halls.

After secretly filming women in the shared bathroom in the Bangor University Halls of residence, Greaves has since been given a suspended sentence, and will remain under supervision for twelve months. He will also be registered as a sex offender for the next ten years.

Counseling has been offered by the University of Wales, Bangor, to the students who were affected by Greaves' misconduct.

A Bangor University spokesman said: "Following the guilty pleas the University will now deal with the matter formally through our internal disciplinary procedures."

to seek his fortune as an actor, and is now making up for this by resuming his studies in Ireland. He avoided studying in U.S. universities as he was reportedly worried that he would prove to be a distraction for younger students in his home country.

So far, Sheen's stay at the University has drawn admiration for his down-to-earth and polite manner. He drove himself from the airport, held doors open for students and acts "gentlemanly" and "not up himself at all", according to one student.

WELSH STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WARNED AGAINST FRESHER'S FAIR TERROR RECRUITMENT

By Rosanna Silverlight
News Editor

Last August the Welsh Liberal Democrat Education Spokesperson Peter Black, warned that new students to Welsh campuses may have to be on their guard against more than drink spiking and theft this autumn.

Mr. Black warned that fresher's fairs could potentially be used as recruiting grounds for Islamic Extremist groups across the country. This warning was backed up by similar claims from The Times educational supplement.

In the paper Shiraz Maher, a former member of the radical group Hizb ut-Tahrir warned that universities are "bread-and-butter" recruiting grounds for extremist groups. He particularly warned about fresher's fairs at UCL, School of Oriental and African Studies as well as the LSE.

According to Mr. Black, Welsh students going to other colleges also need to be aware. At least one of those alleged to have been involved in the recent foiled terrorist attack, in which extremists plotted to blow up transatlantic jets, was a student.



Photo by Jude D'Souza

"Thermobaric bomb, Sir?"

POLICE TAKE SHINY FRESHERS ON NEW SAFETY ORIENTATION

Thousands of new students starting their studies in Yorkshire universities will get an early grounding in crime prevention by the West Yorkshire Police Force in a major crime prevention and awareness campaign, dubbed 'Think Smart, Be Safe'.

As well as carrying out special operations around the universities, colleges and student haunts, the police will also be using new technology to deliver their message. A series of audio Podcasts featuring basic safety advice is being introduced, the idea being that students download them and

play them back at a convenient time.

New students in Bradford are being given bags containing student essentials such as wallcharts and stationery as well as a property marking pack, lanyard and identity card logo. All the merchandise features the 'Think Smart, Be Safe' logo and emergency telephone numbers.

Students can be seen as easy targets for crime, and police forces in student areas are putting crime prevention high on their agendas at this time when thousands of freshers will be starting at universities all over the UK.

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NICE DAY AT THE OFFICE, DEAR?

MORECAMBE'S FIRST LAP DANCING CLUB HAS JUST OPENED UP

By Will Veitch
Assistant Editor

Morecambe's first lap dancing club opened last Friday, and is run by current St Martin's student Lucy Milner. Situated at 240 Marine Road Central, The Office (formerly the Whistling Oyster), according to its licence, offers "full nude" and "full physical contact". The latter though doesn't mean that you can touch the girls, merely that they can touch you and are allowed to sit on your lap etc.

The Office offers "full nude" and "full physical contact"

Downstairs, a "chillout" bar opens at 5pm, Wednesday to Saturday, with the club properly opening at 7pm. Bar prices are very reasonable, a pint will set you back around £1.95 and a glass of wine £2.50. For the big spenders among you, champagne

ranges from £39 to £115 and the licence allows them to stay open until 4am.

As you go into the club, the bar area is populated by topless girls. If you require something a little more... naked, you can pay for a nude lap dance, which is performed in a separate area. On top of this, parties can hire a private area,

again at extra cost, with one or more of the ladies attending to them, dependant I presume on inclination as well as budget.

At present The Office employs around 30 girls, on both a part-time and full-time basis; they are a mixture of professional dancers, first time girls and students.

A faux-casino featuring blackjack, roulette

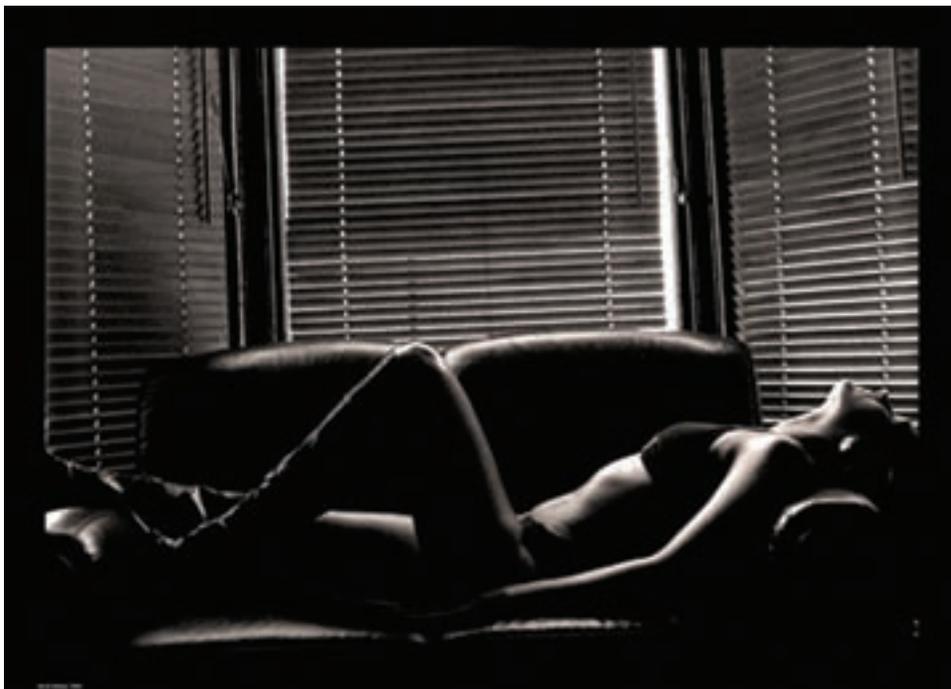
and other games will also come into operation in the bar area, with "winnings" able to be transferred for drinks or even dances. This will give the club more of a balanced feel, it was said. If people want to get dressed up a la Vegas, they will not only be encouraged, but will feel right at home.

The Office is definitely not a man-only haunt though. "Women are more than welcome to go along for the night, with their male friends or without" said Alan Crookall, the self-proclaimed go-to guy for The Office, who also runs Lancaster's Crows Restaurant.

Mr. Crookall went on to say: "The million dollar question is whether there's a market in Morecambe for this kind of thing." Perhaps the influx of curious freshers may affect business. Though as Mr. Crookall said: "As is always the case though, only time will tell."

The Office definitely makes for an interesting addition to the student experience, and I'm sure will generate lots of discussion over kitchen tables. Would your parents approve of you having your 21st there? Would your mates?!

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CREATIVE COCK-UP!

Dear **SCAN**,

As a Lancaster student going into my third year I think it is disgusting that we still don't have our Creative Writing portfolios properly marked.

After doing it in my first year I got my work back and all it had was a mark written on in pencil- no feedback whatsoever and it was nearly 10,000 words long! I thought though that because we were only first years and might not be continuing the next year they didn't want to waste their time.

The problem is though that I did take it again and the whole year long we were again given no indication of what mark we might be given, just a few words of encouragement and discussion of our work with fellow students of massively varying intelligence.

Again though this year we were told the same thing would happen- just a mark on a piece of paper- no indication of where we went right or wrong and how we could improve. Before I came to university I did an adult education course and the feedback we got there was a million times more helpful! At university we pay a hell of a lot more money and we seem to get very little for it. In the case of Creative Writing though it is DISGUSTING! I don't think many students across the country would take it and I don't know why we do.

Creative Writing- please get your act together. I love writing but I would suggest to other students that they just do it in their spare time- it's a hell of a lot cheaper and maybe your friends will take the time to actually read your work.
Yours,

A Disappointed Furnessian

OUT OF BOUNDS

Dear **SCAN**,

For those students who are first reading your good pages, welcome and for those of you have returned for your second, third or even fourth year welcome back. I'm writing to you to inform the student body what the state of play is concerning the pitches, or lack of, on campus and the reasons why we really need to protect them this year.

Although the initial impression of the lack of a grass facility for recreational football may be disappointing the University are investing over £150 000 on the pitches over the next three years. This project should create a first class service for our students. However, to get to this point there

needs to be a little sacrifice. This year three of the pitches are undergoing serious work, meaning that we only have 3 football pitches on line. We need to keep these pitches in the best condition possible.

I'm aware that when the sun's out, or even when it's not, the temptation of a goal mouth down on either the College or the Uni pitches can seem irresistible. Nevertheless, as any past student will tell you, the damage to the goalmouths of our pitches has been disastrous to both the University and College football leagues. We need everyone to take into consideration the longer term goals of these projects, the well being of the pitches and the fortunes of our University and College teams this year and stay off the pitches.

Ultimately the pitches were not designed for recreational use but are there for competitive matches. The sports centre has two astroturfs available for hire, as well as two indoor halls. On top of this the A.U. and Estates are working on a proposal to create a recreational area for football with 3 or 4 7-a-side pitches on the area behind the tennis courts. We hope that this will soon become a reality and the pressure will relent on the pitches. Until then please respect the facility and keep off them.

Sorry to sound a tad harsh but this is vital to the fortunes of our teams this year and I'm sure you'll agree that we all want the best for Lancaster University and the A.U.

Kind Regards,

Dave Greenshields
Athletic Union President

H Cornforth
Furness

WEBSITE WONDERS

Dear **SCAN**,

I've been reading the website over the holiday and I just wanted to congratulate you on actually bothering to put stuff on there. It really helped me to continue to feel a part of Lancaster Uni even though I was all the way back home in Devon.

Although some of the news was sad I had enjoyed my first year so much that I didn't want to just forget it all when the holidays began.

So again, thanks,

The Pendle Wizard

STROPPY SHOP STAFF

Dear **SCAN**,

I was pleasantly surprised today when I went to the LUSU

shop and was served by someone who was polite, attentive and friendly. Previously I have been served by staff who seemed to lack any customer service skills. Last year the staff seemed to lack even the ability to smile and so it was a relief and a pleasure to see that LUSU have been more discerning in their choice of staff this year.

This may seem a small issue, but the LUSU shop reflects on the University itself, and visitors to the University will take more note of the service they receive in the LUSU shop, as opposed to the other facilities on campus, such as Spar or Diggles. Last year I was always astonished at how dismissive the staff could be and when not left waiting for the staff to finish their conversations and come to the counter, I would be served by someone who seemed irritated by the fact I wanted to buy something. It wasn't one specific staff member, but seemed to be a condition suffered by nearly all - so much so that when I mentioned it to friends, it resulted in a swapping of horror stories - including one Bowland male's retelling of the time he approached the girl at the counter, only to have her ignore him, and shout to another staff member to serve because she was going to throw up!

Please let's have staff who are professional and friendly; not just because they are often the first impression new and prospective Lancaster students have of our University, but also because our campus should be a happy, welcoming environment to live, socialise and study in!

Editors note. LUSU has admitted that the standard of customer service was a bit rubbish sometimes last year and we aim to do better and make it awesome this year.

NOT ASTRO PHYSICS

Dear **SCAN**,

Haven't heard anything about the second astro in a while and was wondering what's going on there? All last year we were told it was going to be ready and it wasn't the whole year.

Now a new year dawns. Will it just be empty promises again or will the muppets pull their finger out and give us our much needed astro turf?

A disgruntled hockey player

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BAD ASSED BOWLAND COLLEGE

By Tom Halstead

Bowland College President

Hello there Bowlanders old and new, (particularly the new). I have been ordered by the venerable (and hairy) illustrious SCAN editor to write a brief yet all encompassing description of Bowland College, one that explains all that is bright and beautiful as well as dark and dirty about the oldest and universally

recognized best College in Lancaster University. So here goes....

There is a terrible rumour going around that College spirit is dying out – could this be true? Bowland has so much of the stuff that it compensates for other *not-quite-so-good-some-might-say-worse-colleges*. As we are the smallest college we have an extremely friendly vibe, everyone is a familiar face and there isn't anyone left-out, nor are there 'cliques' or elitist social groups. In fact sometimes people from Bowland will even sink as low as to talk to

people from other Colleges in an attempt to sate their urgent desire to socialise.

As this is the fresher's week edition of SCAN I think it would be good to point out that Bowland pioneered the corridor rep system where every kitchen has a dedicated set of second and third years to show freshers around, carry stuff to rooms and be a friendly face during a quite intense week.

Our academic support is excellent, with personal tutors for every College member and student support inside our College. We don't have a posh bar. Our residences are not plush pent houses with air conditioning and room service. We are not the 'sporting College'. (A title coined by some other place- what was the name again? Who cares....) Our bar is always full. Our residences are always over subscribed. We are holders of the Carter Shield (beating every other college on campus), we won the Founders Series between Bowland and Lonsdale, we hold the darts, pool and most eminently the dominoes shields.

Location-wise our college is sorted. As we were here before everyone else (yes, even you Lonsdale) everything else is built around us so everywhere is pretty close- except South West campus but hey. We are right next to Alexandra Square which is the hub of campus. We are near the Great and Minor hall; University House; we let the English and Creative Writing department

live in our halls (in exchange for first class degrees) and the Uni cinema (but we never get a free ticket) and most importantly we are very close to the newsagents and to Greggs.

Bowland is the College that deep down everyone would like to be in. We show up for every event and we always have masses of support. All the College officers are friendly and approachable and anxious to help you out. It really is the most fun College to be in no matter what you're into. We have various different songs that point this out to various different Colleges in various imaginative ways- most of which probably can't get printed, but I'm sure you'll hear them soon. See you around.

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: THE TROUGH OF BOWLAND

BIGGEST RIVAL: LONSDALE



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CARTMEL: ALL ABOUT THE ERTZ!

By Ed White

Cartmel College President

Cartmel College, located right at the bottom of campus, is a College that has not only great people, but has also got a fantastic College spirit. Back in 2003 Cartmel used to be located in what is now County College, but despite the move Cartmel is still standing strong. The Alexandra Park Complex is Cartmel's home and after several successful festivals over the past few years, is the home of a growing community. Nothing I can say here will ever give Cartmel College the justice that it deserves due to the fact the I only have 500 words and due to the unique ability of the College to be whatever it is you want it to be.

Personally, I have had an amazing time here, and I cannot wait for the next two years to come. Cartmel has had a real mixed bag of characters giving us a fantastic atmosphere individual to Cartmel College.

So what is Cartmel and what do we do best? Cartmel has never been a College which makes you fit into a category or a box. We are who we want to be and proud of it. We generally want to enjoy ourselves and have great socials, but also join together with a tremendous fighting spirit competing in sport and participating at all University events.

We have three main social spaces down in southwest campus; our JCR, bar, and food court area. The JCR is a great place to relax- shoot some pool, as well as enjoy 'Request Fest' socials. Cartmel bar is one of those places that people should visit more.

SCAN's College review last year highlighted the fact that Cartmel bar is often forgotten about, but is actually one of the finest bars on campus. The bar features live music as often as possible, a fun atmosphere, as well as having the best quiz on campus on a Sunday night. The bar and JCR, along with the foot court area, is fast becoming the new home for sporting events on campus. During the World Cup last year it was the best place to watch the events unfold, with two large screens, food available and seating for all. If I say so myself there is no better place on campus. This year, Cartmel bar will continue to show all major sporting events, (and the odd unusual event) as well as screening films, hosting quizzes and having themed nights.

This year there are around 700 on-campus Cartmellians, and around 270 of those will be freshers. To those few congratulations, you did it, now that you chose Cartmel let your University experience begin. As that great film once said 'University is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your gonna get.' Well something to that effect...for those of

you who did not choose Cartmel we do hope you will come and pay us a visit, even if it is just to have a look at what you missed out on....

Live Cartmel, live the dream, and don't forget to 'ERTZ'.

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: THE WINNING POST

BIGGEST RIVAL: COUNTY



COUNTY: TREE LICKIN' GOOD

By Natasha Hope

County College Entertainments Officer

County College knows what it means to have a sense of community, and it doesn't take a clever clogs to see this. Firstly we have the tree. County tree stands tall in the centre of the County Main quad. People living there have to pass it whether they're off to town, lectures, night outs or wherever. Many times have I witnessed drunken County students coming home after a night out and singing County anthems at the top of

their lungs whilst prancing around that tree. They may look like prats and keep you awake, but it's great to have that sense of loyalty and community within a college.

County bar is the newest and largest bar on campus, and is absolutely fantastic! There are four separate areas in which to socialise, including a non-smoking area with leather sofas, a giant TV projector-which came in very handy with the World Cup (not to mention the Eurovision Song contest), there are also pool tables, table football, a dart board and a quiet study room all incorporated.

The café is

awesome, open every weekday and very cheap indeed. You can get yourself a full cooked breakfast for around £3! County students adorn the café in the morning, picking up bacon baps and veggie burgers (great to soak up the booze) before morning lectures.

Finally County plays host to many a great night of live music. We have Sunday quizzes, discos, karaoke, themed nights, and much, much more thanks to the excellent County JCR. Last year we held a Wild, Wild West Extrav in the summer term; much drinking, singing and dancing was had by all. County members once again gathered round the tree yelling 'I'm County till I die' and 'There's only one County College' at the tops of their voices until some stupid hour of the morning.

Another awesome aspect of living here is the County Field where summer days are spent sunbathing, barbecuing, playing football, Frisbee, or even just having a quiet beer under the blazing sun. In the winter snowball fights and snowmen competitions are rife. Last Christmas County quad witnessed one of the biggest snow balls ever to be rolled, it didn't melt for days and the snow was a constant source of fun and merriment for all.

County is very much an all-rounder College. By this I mean as well as being big drinkers and hard partiers we have a modest sport record. We have had massive netball and football success in recent years and with many other achievements under our belt, we hope this year's new intake of freshers

helps to strengthen the squads and keeps the County sport machine going!

Despite there being something for everyone in County I think it's our great pride and endless supply of energy that sets us apart from the rest. So you may walk into your County Main room with a dismal face thinking 'cell' (I know I did), but remember it is the people you meet, the many parties you have, and the great community spirit within County that makes the time special and gives you the best experience you could ask for!

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: THE NORTHERN OAK

BIGGEST RIVAL: CARTMEL



WHY IT'S ALL ABOUT FURNESS...



By Jonny Huck

Furness College President

To all who have got a place in Furness, I salute you. To the rest; unlucky, I suggest you transfer immediately. Now I'm aware how bold that comment is but believe me people, our motto is everywhere else is nowhere for a reason!

One of Furness' greatest assets is its prime location bang in the middle of our ever-growing campus. Whilst certain Colleges have to set aside a good half-hour to walk up to their lectures, your average Furnessian may rest assured that they can easily navigate their way to even the most remote lecture within a matter of minutes- often seconds!

This means that Furness can get down to some seriously good lying-in of a morning or afternoon, and believe me Lancaster, we need it! Why you ask? Well because of our

high-flying social life of course! Whatever you like to do to relax you can be sure to be well catered for in this most glorious of Colleges. Whether you be a fan of kicking back on a gentle cruise round the beautiful Lake Windermere whilst sipping champagne and listening to our private jazz band; partying hard on a 15-hour bar crawl around Lancaster; dominating the bar sports at the massive Slatter Pool Competition; shaking your ass at one of our many on and off-campus socials or just chillin' out to some live music in the bar, you can be sure that Furness has more of what you want than even your dreams will allow. Trust me people, there's a reason that almost twice the amount of people that were in our College turned up to our Summer extrav.

The heart of our social scene is, of course, our beloved bar 'Trevor' which is the only undergraduate bar in Lancaster to be featured in the Good Beer Guide and houses by far the best selection of drinks on campus. But the thing that really makes our bar so amazing has to be the relaxed friendly atmosphere. There are Colleges on this campus who claim to have 'the best bar' because it is bigger or more shiny, but what do they know? Who wants to drink in a huge faceless bar where no-one knows your name and you're scared to sit down lest you mark the glossy upholstery? Not me sister! When it comes to your local, it's all about the comfort and it certainly does not get more comfortable than our Trevor. Enough said, I'll see you in there tonight.

But after all that socialising and comfortable drinking, you'll really need some good rooms to walk back to, and what a short walk it is! Not only that, but when you get there you realise that you're not in some poky little student room, but in fact you are in the College that features both some of the newest and largest rooms on campus (if you don't believe me have a look in the tower, you could seriously fit two or three rooms from those other colleges that I can't remember the names of in those bad-boys!) Our residences are also not only all close together (and close to

the bar itself) but actually incorporate the campus Spar, and are also within seconds walk of the cinema and library, as well as theatre and sports centre.

It is for these reasons- and so many more- that it really is all about Furness College. Long live Furness, and remember that everywhere else is nowhere.

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: TREVOR

BIGGEST RIVAL: FYLDE



FYLDE: THE HOME OF SPORT

By Tim Roca

Fylde College President

Fylde has one of the most colourful histories of all the Colleges, and has changed massively over the years. It was formed by a group of left-wing students and lecturers in the late 1960s, who wanted the new blocks to be named after socialist heroes such as Lenin and Che Guevara. Today Fylde is perhaps known best for its sporting prowess on the field, not to mention the infamous Fylde Gallon Challenge off it!

The Gallon Challenge is one of the highlights of the College year, an annual event in which entrance is seen as gospel by many in the College. The complexity astounds most, it involves drinking a gallon of booze; 5 ales, a stout (Guinness to you and me) a cider followed by a lager, and that's about it! The boards of those successful in completing the challenge adorn Fylde JCR for all to see.

Students returning to Fylde this year will notice that the demolition of the old Fylde blocks has been completed, and that the new ones are ready and being used. This means that the most anticipated reunification since the Berlin Wall came down has finally taken place and the College is as one again. The old Fylde blocks were due to be demolished two years ago, but were saved from destruction when it became clear that Lonsdale students destined for their new accommodation in southwest campus had been well and truly shafted by some building geniuses, and needed a place to sleep in the meantime.

These buildings alone were home to many a tale of intrigue. Rumours from past Fylde Presidents suggest that whilst still in its infancy the College was subject to several raids from the Police. During one such raid, a student hid a small but valuable stash of drugs in the ceiling space of one of the old blocks, but subsequently forgot where (no doubt he was under the influence), and unless it has been found in the thirty years since, it is more than possible that the builders leading the demolition came across this stash. It would go a long way to explaining why half the main College building seems to have just missed being accidentally demolished itself!

To go with our new swanky blocks, the University now seems committed to refurbishing Fylde JCR, and with further makeover plans in store for Fylde porter's lodge and Fylde foyer it seems that after

some difficult times, Fylde might well become one of the nicer looking Colleges on campus.

Despite the recent changes to the College, Fylde has remained one of the most tight-knit Colleges in the University. The Fylde spirit has been characterised by the outstanding record the College has had in the two sporting competitions, the Carter Shield and George Wyatt Cup. Fylde has dominated both competitions over the years and despite coming second in the Carter Shield last year Fylde still has, and always will have, the reputation for being the 'sporty' College- something we are

extremely proud of.

The new accommodation, combined with a new Principal, means that hopefully the College can now get back to doing what it does best, winning the Carter Shield and creating the kind of atmosphere and community which has made it the most successful and controversial College in the University's history.

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: THE WINDMILL

BIGGEST RIVAL: FURNESS



EASY tiger!

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for a
soft drink



Nightsafe
Reducing alcohol
related violent crime



ACCOMMODATION TALKS IN YOUR COLLEGE

WEEK 3

Mon : Bowland, Faraday LT, 6pm

Tues : Cartmel, Barker House Farm, 1pm

Weds : Cartmel, Barker House Farm, 6pm

Thurs : Furness, George Fox LT I, 6pm

WEEK 4

Mon : County, Great Hall, 1pm

Mon : Fylde, Faraday LT, 6pm

Thurs : Grizedale, Barker House Farm, 1pm

Thurs : Pendle, George Fox LT I, 6pm

GRADUATE: THE JOLLY ROGERS!

By Davey Garland
Vice-President GSA

The Jolly Roger, flying high in Grad Bar, epitomises the mood of the College. Graduate is the most cosmopolitan and diverse on campus and strives to provide many events and activities for its students. This is a place where independence rules and outrageous behaviour is rife! If you want wild times and non-conformist attitudes then this is the place, especially Grad Bar! The mad working habits of Graduate students results in one of the most unique styles of partying and rule-breaking on campus!

At Grad we don't have silly DJs or 'cheesy discos'. Grad Bar is the place where both on and off-campus students come together. Other Colleges may lay claim to having the best bar on campus but they sadly fail to acknowledge that Grad Bar is one of the only university bars in the country listed in the Real Ale Pub Guide for its outstanding ales, ciders and wide range of foreign beers.

As well as its place as day-to-day hub of College life Grad Bar also hosts a large Beer Festival in summer term and a Celtic Beer Festival around Halloween. The bar is also the location for live music, which tends to happen once or twice a



week. Student and local bands play, plus the odd band on a national tour. We have rock, jazz, blues, indie, in fact whatever tickles your fancy! Even a ceiliegh is bound to be on at some point during the year!

Despite all this though the college is far from being just about drinking. At any one time you may hear six or seven different

languages floating around the college and this creates a fantastic community spirit which helps us all to share in both the events we put on and our all-encompassing cultural celebrations.

At the end of the Summer Term we have

Gradstock, a mini music extravaganza. This is a great day-long event for everyone, with free stalls and fairground rides as well as food and bands.

For those with a slightly more sober approach to life, Graduate College boasts a real bar quiz to push the brain cells to the limit. It features questions that would send Einstein to the drugs cabinet!

To keep our students sane, the college offers coach trips every two weeks to various cities, the seaside, as well as other places of cultural interest. These provide a chance to see at least some of the surrounding area whilst studying here. And for overseas students this is an opportunity to really get an insight into the history and culture of Britain without spending too much money.

All in all, Grad College is the forgotten Shangri-La of Lancaster University, a place that offers something a little different from the undergraduate Colleges. Come down and try it for yourself.



NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: GRAD BAR

BIGGEST RIVAL: DON'T NEED ANYONE!

GRIZEDALE: IT'S THE SHITE!

By Chris Cottam & Anna Boden
Grizedale College Presidents

Hello all! Welcome to Lancaster University, and more importantly welcome to Grizedale College, your home for the next three years. The most important thing you need to know about your College is that it is and will remain the best thing about your University experience. You are also guaranteed to feel a sense of belonging and allegiance to it.

There are nine Colleges at Lancaster University and of course Grizedale is the best! Here are a few reasons why: firstly we have the reputation for being the most social College with trips across the region to Blackpool, nights out in Manchester and Preston not to mention nights into the lovely city centre of Lancaster itself.



Every term we hold the ever successful Grizedale Shite Disco which lives up to its name for being probably the crappiest scene alive (our College song is after all, *Take That* 'Never Forget'. Despite this it still remains extremely popular amongst hardcore Grizedalians and is a fun night out with your friends when your too tired to go to town on a Friday night! All this is held in the College bar, also known as Depravos'. The bar has a lively day and night scene, attracting people of all academic levels and nationalities. It has proved to be one of the most popular bars on campus with its idyllic location and setting within the University.

Possibly our proudest social achievement as a College is our annual Extrav- a huge outdoor summer party which always sells out and proves to be the most popular of all the Colleges. Finally as well as having the reputation for being the most social College we also have a good reputation in the University's sports cup, the Carter Shield which we impressively won in 2005. So if sport, socialising or Shite discos are your thing, this is a good College for you.

The collegiate system is a major part of Lancaster University life, and as I'm sure everyone agrees, creates some much needed healthy competition and a sense of belonging when you need it most. Grizedale also has a very strong network when you need help or someone to talk



to. We have our JCR, which is a student elect who organise the social events and provide a welfare network for those who need a bit of guidance at times. Because we are a strong College, this network is particularly strong and many students feel very safe with us.

Next year the College buildings are undergoing a massive regeneration and so as a site we are very split up. It is up to you and the remaining Grizedale students to keep the College spirit alive

in these difficult times but we're sure this will be done easily and Grizedale as a community will remain strong and proud (unlike the buildings). I hope you have a wonderful time in Grizedale and at Lancaster University, and never forget GZ loves you!

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: DEPRAVOS'

BIGGEST RIVAL: PENDLE

LONSDALE: SIMPLY THE BEST!

By Michael Liffen & Jo Kilburn

Lonsdale College Presidents

For those of you who chose Lonsdale, congratulations on choosing the College that as our motto says, is 'Simply the Best'. Lonsdale has everything a good College should have- a great bar, plenty of socials and events throughout the year, friendly College staff and great College spirit. Lonsdale bar tends to be the main hub of activity around the College; it is also widely thought that we do have the best bar on campus. We have College socials every week, the infamous

Lonsdale quiz on Sundays and on Friday we host 'Sorted'. 'Sorted' is an R 'n' B and Dance night which has packed out the bar every Friday night since it began. If this wasn't enough we're the only bar on campus open til midnight on a Friday. Thus our reputation as the party College lives on.

Even though we know how to throw a good party at Lonsdale, we're so much more than just a College bar. We take part in all the inter-College sports events and also compete in the Founders Series - a weekend long sports tournament against Bowland, as one of the two founding Colleges of the University. Although Lonsdale is not renowned for its sporting achievements, our football A-team won the College league last year. Could this be the start of something for Lonsdale? With sport comes the odd bit of friendly College rivalry - obviously Bowland are one of our main rivals, closely followed by Cartmel. With Lonsdale and Cartmel being the only two undergraduate Colleges in Alexandra Park a bit of competition is to be expected.

The only slight disadvantage to Lonsdale is the distance you will have to walk to get to Alex Square or your classes at the top end of campus, but it's something everyone soon gets used to. It has been said that students living in Alexandra Park are too removed from the rest of the campus and suffer from a lack

of community. However we have Festivals twice a year in Alexandra Park, and they get bigger and better each time. The atmosphere at last year's summer festival was incredible, and it showed without a doubt that we down in Alexandra Park have a strong sense of community.

Another great thing about Lonsdale is our fabulous College staff. We have the four best porters on campus in Les, John, Arthur and Ben. You can always rely on them to look out for you and help you with anything. Then we have Marilyn and Laraine our College mums. They are the people who sort your problems and make everything seem better.

If you ask anyone in Lonsdale,

they'll say it's the best College. What makes it special is that it's a great College all round. Not only do we have the best socials but also great accommodation and facilities, we have a supportive SCR and a hardworking JCR, this combined makes for a great College. As our motto states, Lonsdale is just 'Simply the Best'.

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: MANE PLACE

BIGGEST RIVAL: BOWLAND



PENDLE: VENUE OF LEGENDS!

By Karl Wilson

Pendle College General Secretary

For starters, Pendle ain't no ordinary college! We're like a little village. One of those little communities where curtains twitch as someone walks past. Everyone knows everyone else. It may sound scary and a little backwards, but it is not. Pendle's closeness is really comforting, especially when you leave home and everyone is a stranger. Having a community around you makes such a difference. The design of Pendle is a quad with most of the kitchens facing each other. It feels a bit like living in a fish bowl, but it's reassuring.

year divide. All year groups are mixed within the accommodation from the start, and the system works really well. First years are not only surrounded by fellow freshers who are going through the same daunting experiences, but there is also the ever enthusiastic old guard of third years who are more than happy to guide them through those difficult times. This includes taking them to the nursing unit when they're ill, showing them all the good bars (that's their forte) when they're bored and hopefully helping them with all those dreaded essays.

Pendle socials speak for themselves. Our bar-crawls have become legendary. A personal favourite of mine is the three-legged crawl which is much more difficult than it sounds, especially after a couple of drinks. The Bra Crawl was a delight. I didn't know that wearing a bra over my clothes would so liberating. The university should make wearing underwear over

clothing compulsory! Our bar crawls are always ace, however I have to stress that Pendle is not a hotbed for alcoholics. Our socials provide much more than alcoholism as we have other trips and activities such as ice-skating, shopping, go-karting and clubbing in Blackpool. Not to mention the fact that our plays host to regular open-mic nights and weekly live bands courtesy of Lancaster University Live Unsigned Music Society. Our socials help to show that we're not afraid to try something new or different.

Our sporting record is not spectacular, but it's certainly special. We are not always the best at sport, but we have a great time competing anyway. I remember being woken at "stupid o'clock" on a Sunday morning for an inter-college Korfball tournament. We weren't the best team, (and I am still not sure what Korfball is) but everyone on our team loved it and in essence it acted as another Pendle social occasion. If only we could have transformed our team spirit (and hangovers) into goals, we would have emerged victorious. Saying that, our sporting record is hardly shameful. Pendle were women's hockey and

ultimate frisbee champions in 2005/6 and last year we came 5th in the Carter shield. Go Pendle!

Pendle is called 'The Venue of Legends' for a reason. We don't follow the rules. We break the mould. We have a great time whatever we do. We're different from the others, and we're proud of it!

NAME OF COLLEGE BAR: PENDLE BAR

BIGGEST RIVAL: GRIZEDALE



One aspect that sets Pendle aside is the complete lack of any fresher/third

A QUICK GUIDE TO STAYING SAFE

WHETHER YOU ARE POPPING OUT TO GET SOME MILK OR HITTING THE TOWN FOR A NIGHT OF BOOGEYING ON DOWN, REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE AROUND LANCASTER

SAFE DRINKING

Be sure to drink plenty of water throughout the night as well as when you get home. It will ease the hangover no end. Eat well before you drink alcohol and your body will be better equipped to soak up the stuff. Go for food that takes a long time to digest, such as bread, cheese, potato and pasta, as this will line your stomach. Start off with a soft drink and try not to mix your drinks too much!

Although drink spiking is rare, it is on the increase and there have been reported incidents from students in Lancaster. Drink spiking is when a substance is added to someone's drink without their knowledge. Drink spiking can be malicious with the intent to "date rape". Victims are often left with no memory of what happened the morning after.

Tips for avoiding drink spiking: Stay with your friends so you can all watch out for each other. Do not leave your drink unattended, even when going to the toilet or to dance.

Don't not accept drinks for a stranger. If someone offers you a drink go to the bar with them. Bottles are harder to spike than glasses. Don't drink something you didn't see opened or poured. Do not share or exchange drinks.

If the bar has 'spikeys' (devices in tops of bottles that only leave room for a straw) use them. Consider very carefully if you should leave the pub, club or party with someone you have just met. If you are unsure about a drink -leave it.

If you feel dizzy, or sick, ask someone you trust to take you to a safe place, if you are alone or cannot find your friends tell a member of bar staff.



SAFE SEX

If you're going to have sex, use a condom. It is fresher's week and you are going to meet a lot of new people and chances are you will meet a few you'll like more than others. The consequences of not using a condom could include a sexually transmitted infection (some of which are incurable) or an unwanted pregnancy. This is probably not your ideal start to university!

Finding a condom here is easy, your JCR will have them. If you run out or need more then you can get them from the LUSU Shop or vending machines in many toilets on campus as well as during the day in the LUSU Advice Centre (where you can also pick up lube).

The GUM Clinic in Lancaster or various internet sites are also good places to get condoms. Remember to check for the Kite Mark and always check the date on the condom.

COURSE REPS

The Course Rep system needs you! The system allows student voices to be heard within your department, bring about improvements and to ensure you are getting what you need and pay for out of your course.

A Course Rep can be any student who is willing to listen and represent others. Why not let that be you? Stand for election within your department in week one and then come along to the LUSU annual Course Rep Conference held in week three. We'll train you up and ensure you have the help and support you need to successfully represent your students to your department.

Being a course rep provides you with the chance to develop many skills such as public speaking, negotiation and team work, all things you can record in your Personal Development Planner. But remember it's just as important to use your Course Rep, if you don't want to be one!

If you want any more information about becoming a course rep go to www.lusu.co.uk/advice/coursereps or contact edandwelf@lancaster.ac.uk

THE WOMEN'S BUS

This is a service 'just for girls'. There is a flat fee of 85p or you can use the Women's Bus for free with a return ticket or your Unirider bus pass. You can take the bus to anywhere you want, to your favourite pub, to your front door or even to your mate's house, it's just like a taxi but costs you much less!

It leaves the underpass every hour, on the half hour from the 17:30 until 23:30, and departs from southwest campus five minutes later! It departs Lancaster Bus Station on the hour from 18:00 until 24:00. It runs Monday to Friday in term time, bus number 66X. Any queries email Cat at su-womens@lancaster.ac.uk



PERSONAL SAFETY

Whilst Lancaster is a relatively safe place to live, it is by no means crime free. The thing to remember is to have fun but take precautions. Don't be afraid to leave your room but don't go wandering the streets of Lancaster on your own whilst drunk. Here are some tips for staying safe in fresher's week and beyond:

Always lock your bedroom door whether in or out of your room, even if you've just gone for a quick shower. When out always carry a personal attack alarm- available for just £1 from the Women's office or LUSU reception.

Try not to walk alone at night. Stick with friends and stick to main, well-lit areas. Make sure a friend always knows where you are going and when you are expected back.

Do not go back with strangers after a night out. Take them back to yours or make sure a friend knows where you are going.

Last but not least, ladies, use the women's bus! It will take you to your own front door!

MISS HOME?

Change is stressful and chances are there have been a lot of changes in your life recently. You're not the only one who is missing home right now.

You can try phoning home to hear the familiar voice but try not to phone more than once a day because you may find that it's harder to settle in. Keep busy - there is loads going on in fresher's week so get involved, do all the trips with your JCR, get dressed up for nights out and try talking to as many people as possible. Remember that no one knows each other and you all want to make friends so don't be shy!

If you need to talk during the day find a member of your JCR - they are there for you. Nightline is a confidential listening service and runs from 10pm - 8am. It is run by students for students, call them on 94444 on your internal phone. From an external line it is 01524 594444.

YOUR SABB TEAM: WHO ARE THEY, AND WHERE ARE THEY?



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WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR UNION?

YOU CAN FIND ALL OF YOUR SABBATICAL OFFICERS IN THE LUSU BUILDING ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN 10AM-5PM

PUT IT ON BEFORE YOU GET IT ON

Welcome to University, most of you will be busy settling into your new life, figuring your way around campus and making new friends, Fresher week is a time to enjoy yourself but be safe while you do...

"What's your sexual health worth?" campaign involves a series of posters highlighting safe sex and ways to protect yourself from Sexually Transmitted Infections....

There will be posters with choice reminders of the potential consequences of not playing safe. One such poster will be entitled "Gob full of Gonorrhoea?"..... The posters will be displayed in colleges all over campus during weeks 1-4 alternating to cover different STI'S and related issues about looking after your sexual health.

In addition to this there will be local sexual health guides, containing details of how to obtain the morning after pill, local GUM clinics in town and health services on campus. You can pick the guides up from your JCR, or LUSU Advice, the Health Centre Counselling service, or ask your Education & Welfare Officer.

The guides are easy to use and you get a free condom!!!!
So remember put it on before you get it on!!!

Sabbatical Officers are leading this campaign and you can contact either of them if you need any further information:

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what's your
sexual health worth

THE DOME
MORECAMBE



COMING SOON:

DOMES SHOWS

Friday 6th October
HOWARD MARKS
Howard returns with a new show and a new book
8pm £12.50

Saturday 7th October
NICK HARPER
8pm £10

Thursday 12th October
STIFF LITTLE FINGERS
8pm £15

Wednesday 18th October
WALTER TROUT & THE RADICALS
8pm £12.50

PLATFORM SHOWS

Friday 6th October
CHRIS DIFFORD 
8pm £12/£10

Friday 13th October
MIDGE URE
8pm £14/£12

Friday 20th October
DENNIS ROLLINS - BADBONE & CO 
Groove based funky jazz
8pm £12/£10

Saturday 28th October
ANTONIO FORCIONE QUARTET
8pm £13/£11

ROCKETS - On selected shows at the Platform, a 50% reduction will be available on the evening of the performance to students with NUS card. These tickets are available only on the evening of the performance and ticket availability therefore cannot be guaranteed. Look for the rocket symbol.

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Get About – Get a Unirider

Welcome to all students attending Lancaster University. We hope you enjoy your time in Lancaster and we want you to get as much out of your stay as possible. There will be many things on your mind in the next few weeks. Making friends, going out, going to lectures, saving money. Stagecoach will help you do all of these by ensuring that getting around is easy and if you invest in a Unirider, the saving money part is taken care of!

We run regular buses from the University Underpass – Services 2/2A/X2, 3/X3/X4 & X1. Services 3/X3/4 operate between the South West Campus and the Underpass, then onto town. Services 2/2A, 4 & X1, operate past St Martins College. Service X1 operates between the Underpass and Lancaster Rail Station.



exchange students to meet and socialise with both British and other foreign students in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, through our weekly socials, Christmas dinner and other trips. Come and join us!

19. European Union (Friday)

Email lancseusoc@yahoo.co.uk

This society gives you the opportunity to learn more about Europe! Through discussion rounds and guest speakers we are trying to deal with current political issues which are of interest to us students. You can participate in debates, challenge opinions or simply lean back and learn from others.

20. Evangelical Christian Union (Thursday)

Website www.luecu.org.uk

Email luecu@lancs.ac.uk

We meet on Tuesday evenings as a whole CU for bible teaching, prayer, worship and evangelism training. On Thursday evenings we have college Bible Studies, geared towards equipping you for evangelism. We hold weekly prayer meetings and lunch bars, regular evangelism events and a mission week once a year.

21. Finnish

Email lu_finn@hotmail.com

22. Foundation of Associate Film Makers (Friday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/filmmakers

Email lufafm@hotmail.com

23. Freefall (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/freefall

Email lancasterfreefall@gmail.com

Want to prove to yourself (and your mates!) that you've got what it takes to throw yourself out of a plane? Skydiving provides you with an immense sense of achievement! Regular socials, plenty of skydiving and a great sense of community will guarantee you a warm welcome and lots of FUN!

24. Friends of Palestine (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/lufop/

Email lanc_palestine@yahoo.co.uk

The Friends of Palestine Society aims to raise awareness about Palestine- about the history of this piece of land, of the occupation and of the current situation there, as well as issues affecting the daily lives of people such as the Wall, the security checks, the curfews, house demolitions etc.

25. Gospel Choir (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/~choirg/

Email gospel-choir@lancaster.ac.uk

Oh happy day! A new university term signals the return of Lancaster University's fantastic Gospel Choir. Singing songs both sacred and secular, from 'Amazing Grace' to 'Lean on me' we aim to cater for everybody. So whether singer or musician come along and join the fun!

26. Hellenic (Friday)

27. Hiking (Friday)

Website www.luhc.org.uk

Email luhc@luhc.org.uk

The Hiking Club is the largest and one of the most active societies at Lancaster University. It's a great way to meet new people through our socials and trips every week, including the Lakes, Scotland and Wales! Join us at Fresher's Fair or weekdays 1-2pm in Faraday Foyer. Check our yellow posters for more info!

28. History (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/histsoc/

Email historysociety@mail.com

We are a student society who wants to show people that history is a lot more than just an academic subject, it's fun too! Each term we organise many different social events for everyone to get together. It's not just for history majors, we are open to anyone interested in history. Come along to one of our events and see what you think!

29. Investment (Friday)

Email lu_iis@hotmail.com

30. Islamic (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/islamic/

Email islamicsoc@lancaster.ac.uk

Islamic Society aims to provide spiritual and social welfare of Muslim Students and promotes understanding of Islam through religious and social activities. We provide a great opportunity to interact with students in the spirit of the universal brotherhood of Islam.

31. Jewish (Thursday)

Website www.lancaster.ac.uk/socs/jsoc/

Email jsoc@lancaster.ac.uk

Running Jewish religious, cultural and social events the JSoc provide a home away from home for Jewish students and a chance for other students who are interested to learn a little about Judaism, usually while enjoying some great food.

Meets: Jewish Rooms, Chaplaincy Center.

32. Jugglers (Thursday)

Website www.sluj.org.uk

Email Exec@sluj.org.uk

Do you want to achieve something really constructive during your time at university that will dazzle the living-daylights out of any potential employers? Learn to juggle, do Diablo, and mess with fire!

33. Kickboxing (Thursday)

Email lancasterbudokan@hotmail.com

The Kickboxing Society aims to teach you effective, easy, safe techniques that all build up into one or more of many areas: points fighting; continuous fighting; freestyle forms and tricks (mint!). Also weaponry (if you're incredibly good boys and girls); or just help to create a stronger, fitter, much more flexible you!

34. Labour (Thursday)

Website www.labourclub.org.uk

Email mail@labourclub.org.uk

Labour Club is independent of the Labour Party and the most active political society on campus; we are a campaigning left-wing forum for democratic socialists who also know how to have a good time, putting the social back into socialism. Apart from Laser Quest we actively promote women's involvement by running women-only socials such as cocktail evenings. We meet Wednesdays at 5pm in Fylde Coffee Shop.

35. LAN Gaming

Website www.lulgs.org/

Email contact@lulgs.org

36. Latin America (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/latinam/

Email Latinamerican@lancs.ac.uk

37. Law (Friday)

Email law.society@lancaster.ac.uk

Lancaster Law Society offers a wide range of activities - some which might be of help in any future legal career and some which are there solely to give a well needed and deserved break from stressful studies or just an excuse to party! Look out for our socials, career talks, pro-bono schemes, sports activities, mooted competitions and of course the popular annual Law Ball.

38. Liberal Democrats (Friday)

Email lulibdems@hotmail.co.uk

If you agree with making Britain fairer, greener and in restoring trust in people then join the Lib Dems. As well as widening your knowledge of the party and politics, we aim to make it that little bit more interesting; debates, guest speakers, inter-society events and the occasional social should make you wonder why you never got interested in politics before!

39. Linguistics and English Language

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/englang

Email laelsociety@lancs.ac.uk

The Linguistics and English language Society is a society for all current students of linguistics or English language, and anyone with an interest in the subjects. As well as regular socials, the society hosts guest lectures on diverse topics within the field. Previous speakers have included Prof. David Crystal.

40. LULUMS (Live Unsigned Music) (Friday)

Website www.lulums.org.uk/

Email lulumsoc@hotmail.com

The Lancaster University Live Unsigned Music Society (LULUMS) is a society set up not only for people who like listening to music and finding out about bands, but for those who want to get out to gigs and hear what the local scene is like first hand. We help you start your own band, show you how to run P.A systems and organise open-mic nights in town.

41. LUMAS (Manga and Anime) (Thursday)

Website lumas.affordable-anime.co.uk

Email lumas@lancaster.ac.uk

Anime. Ever heard of it? Either way, you're



welcome at LUMAS, for anime screenings, manga reading, discussions and much, much more!

42. LURPS (Role Playing)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/lurps

Email lurps@lancs.ac.uk

43. Malaysian (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/malayss

Email malaysian.soc@lancaster.ac.uk

44. Management Consultancy (Friday)

Email lancaster.mcs@gmail.com

45. Motoring (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/motoring

Email themotoringclub@hotmail.com

46. Mountaineering (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/~lumc

Email lumc1@hotmail.com

47. Music (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/~ulms

Email ulms@lancaster.ac.uk

48. Nightline (Both days)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/nightline

Email nightline@lancaster.ac.uk

Nightline is a Listening and Information service, run by students – for students. We're open every night of term from 10pm until 8am, and we can be contacted by phone on 94444 or 01524 59444 or by e-mail at nightline@lancaster.ac.uk. We're looking for volunteers to train to help run the service.

49. Pagan (Thursday)

Email lancaster_pagans@hotmail.com

We are a society for all pagan faiths and those interested in finding out about paganism, the occult, divination and magic. We hold workshops and talks given by society members or invited speakers. We also hold rituals for anyone who wants to celebrate the moon phases or the sabbats.

50. People and Planet (Thursday)

Website www.lancasterpeopleandplanet.cjb.net/

Email peopleandplanet@lancaster.ac.uk

Lancaster People & Planet is part of the largest, student network in Britain campaigning to alleviate world poverty, defend human rights and protect the environment. This year we are hoping to see Lancaster University gain Fair Trade status. We meet every Wednesday at 6pm in Fylde LT 2.

51. Photographic (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/lups/

Email lups@lancaster.ac.uk

The Photographic Society (LUPS) is open to anyone interested in photography, from professionals to complete amateurs. Throughout the year we offer tutorials on photographic techniques (both film and digital), exhibitions of members' work, training in how to use our darkroom, photographic expeditions and much more besides.

52. Poker

52. Pulsar (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/pulsar

Email pulsarnews@gmail.com

PULSAR stands for Peoples of the University of Lancaster's Society for Alternate Realities. If you like science-fiction, fantasy and supernatural horror then this society is for you! We have showings of great films and TV series and have good socials every week. Find us at the Fresher's Fair!

54. RAG (Both days)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/rag

Email ragsoc@hotmail.com

RAG stands for Raising and Giving which is exactly what we do! RAG is a sub-committee of the student's union that raises money for local and national charities whilst having as much fun as possible on the way! We support three charities nominated each year by the current RAG. So if you have a particular charity you want to raise money for, why not join us and nominate this year!

55. Real Ale and Cider (Thursday)

Website spaces.msn.com/luracs

Email realalesociety@hotmail.co.uk

Our society is aimed at people who actually like to taste their drinks, support small, local businesses and are interested in preserving and learning about the wonderful traditional beverages that have graced our fair isle for many centuries. Oh and of course, join in the banter down the pub and on our various trips!

56. Respect (Friday)

57. Roc Soc (Thursday)

Website www.rocsoc.org/

Email rocsoc@lancaster.ac.uk

The RocSoc are a group of people that enjoy a heavier taste in music. We're here to look out for the interests of any Rockers, Metal



Heads, Goths, Punks, and the rest of you who like that kind of thing. We endeavour to take you to all the best gigs and clubs; we live to provide you a place to hangout without having to put up with the abysmal music in Lancaster.

58. Running (Thursday)

Website www.lurc.co.uk

Email info@lurc.co.uk

Want to get fit? Join Lancaster University Running Club! Running is the easiest way of 'getting fit' and we invite experienced runners, beginners and everyone in between. Besides running on and off campus, we organise socials and other events. We're about getting fit and having fun.

59. Russian

Email lu.rus.soc@gmail.com

60. SARR (Student Assembly Against Racism) (Friday)

Email lusaar@gmail.com

Student Assembly Against Racism (SAAR) is the student wing of the National Assembly Against Racism. We campaign, lobby and letter write against racism and fascism, and are an active voice against the BNP. Recent campaigns have included keeping the BNP off Lancaster City Council when they stood in a by-election. We need you to get involved!

61. Scandinavian (Friday)

Email scandinavian-society@hotmail.com

Come join the Scandinavian society. It's open to all as long as you are willing to have a good time and experience new things. We will be organising events like dinners, parties, bar crawls, and celebrating Scandinavian holidays.

62. Singapore Students (Thursday)

Email lussa_society@hotmail.com

63. Spanish

64. SSAGO (Student Scout And Guide) (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/ssago/

Email Issago@hotmail.com

Student Scout And Guide Organisation is a national club with clubs at most unis, which meet up at least once a term. Even if you've never been involved as a scout and a guide you can still join. We meet once or twice a week and have regular activities on and off campus.

65. Sub Aqua (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/subaqua/

Email subaquaclub@gmail.com

The University Sub-Aqua Club welcomes qualified and unqualified divers alike! We meet on Monday evenings in Furness Back Bar and run regular trips and socials. There will be a Try Dive on Sunday 8th October.

66. Taekwondo (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/taekwon/

Email taekwondo@lancaster.ac.uk

67. Ten Pin Bowling (Friday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/bowling

Email unitenpin@hotmail.com

68. Theatre Group (Friday)

Website www.theatregroup.co.uk

Email theatregroup@lancaster.ac.uk

69. Trampolining (Thursday)

Email lancstrampolining@hotmail.co.uk

70. UN (United Nations)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/luuna/

Email luuna@lancs.ac.uk

Lancaster University United Nations Association is a meeting place for British and International students interested in cultural exchange, topical debate and working for a peaceful, just and sustainable world. Our fortnightly meetings are engaging and cover a wide range of domestic and international issues.

71. Wing Chun (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/wingchun/

Email wingchun@lancs.ac.uk

Wing Chun is a scientific martial art designed to help people of all sizes defend themselves. It is a friendly society and so it is a great place to meet new people whilst learning to defend yourself in a simple and effective way.

72. Writers Guild (Thursday)

Email writers_guild@hotmail.com

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73. Young Entrepreneurs (Thursday)

Website www.luyes.org.uk/

Email yeslancaster@hotmail.com



1. American Football (Thursday)

Website www.bombers.org.uk
Email lancasterbombers@aol.com
 The Lancaster Bombers play collegiate American Football within a national competitive league structure (BCAFL)
Equipment All safety equipment is supplied apart from gum shields and football boots.

2. Archery (Friday)

Website www.luac.org.uk
Email archery@lancs.ac.uk
 The club provides all training equipment.
Equipment If you already own your own then we do allow you to use that at all sessions and competitions.

3. Badminton (Friday)

Email lubc_exec@yahoo.co.uk

4. Basketball Men's (Thursday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/basketball
Email lubc@lancaster.ac.uk

5. Basketball Women's (Thursday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/basketball/beavers

Equipment A pair of basketball shoes if you intend to try out for the squad.

6. Boat (Thursday)

Website www.Lubc.co.uk
Email Lancasterunibc@yahoo.co.uk

7. Canoe (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/canoe/Intro.htm
Email lancasteruniversitycanoecub@hotmail.com
 Despite being the canoe club we're mostly into Kayaking. Confused? Come find us.

8. Cricket (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/lumcc/
Email lumcc@lancs.ac.uk

9. Equestrian (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/horse/index.html
Email lancasterequestrianclub@yahoo.co.uk
 We have an A and B team for experienced horse riders and lessons for those not in the teams. Lessons are run every week during the first two terms at Wrea Green Equestrian Centre near Blackpool. In the summer term we set up hacks in the Lake District and the beach.
Equipment Helmets, boots and jodhpurs are useful but not essential. Helmets are provided by Wrea Green.

10. Fencing (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/fencing
Email fencing@lancaster.ac.uk
Equipment Trainers/joggings bottoms

11. Football Men's (Friday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/lumfc

12. Football Women's (Friday)

Website www.luwfc.f2o.org
Email luwfc@lancaster.ac.uk
Equipment A pair of trainers with a good grip or astro turf shoes for training and a pair of football boots and shinpads for matches.

13. Golf (Thursday)

Email lumhcxec@hotmail.com
 We play most Wednesday afternoons and any other time a member would like to arrange a game with another member(s) of club.
Equipment Club polo shirts for members of the team.

14. Hockey Men's (Thursday)

Website www.lumhc.com
Email lumhc@hotmail.com
 We have 4 teams. 1st XI play NW Division 3 on a Saturday and BUSA on a Wednesday along with the 2nds and 3rds. The 4th XI is for complete beginners and get occasional friendlies.

15. Hockey Women's (Thursday)

Email luwhc@hotmail.com
 Matches for all 3 teams on Wednesday afternoons and the 1st XI also play in a local league on Saturday. In addition, Wednesday and Saturday night socials for all members.
Equipment just basic hockey kit - ie a stick and shin pads

16. Karate (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/karate
Email karate@lancaster.ac.uk
 We practise Shotokan Karate and train in the sports hall, use professional instructors and represent the University at BUSA and Roses.
Equipment Members would need to purchase a Gi (karate uniform) and apply for a KUGB license.

17. Korfball (Thursday)

Website www.lancskorfball.tk/
Email korfball@lancs.ac.uk
 Korfball originates from Holland. It is a mixed team sport where a team consists of 4 males and 4 females and the game is a



Photo by David Molyneux

mix of both basketball and netball.

18. Lacrosse (Friday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/lacrosse
Email lancaster.uni.lacrosse@gmail.com

19. Netball (Friday)

Website www.lusu.co.uk/netball
Email Lunc2001@yahoo.co.uk
Equipment For all league matches all players will require kit, consisting of a skirt and top, which the club will provide for a contribution of £20.

20. Rugby League (Friday)

21. Rugby Union Men's (Thursday)

Website Rugby.union@lancs.ac.uk
 Rugby playing experience is encouraged but not a necessity. However, plying standards of the teams are fairly high.
Equipment None required.

22. Rugby Union Women's (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/luwrufc/
Email luwrufc_exec@hotmail.com
Equipment Rugby boots, red socks, rugby shorts.

23. Sailing (Friday)

Website www.lusc.org.uk
Email lusc@lancs.ac.uk
Equipment The club provides buoyancy aids and wetsuits for members that want them, additionally all that's needed is a waterproof jacket and trainers.

24. Ski and Snowboard (Thursday)

Website www.lusasc.org.uk
Email publicity@lusasc.org.uk
 We have one session of ski or snowboard lessons per week with buses typically leaving at 5 and returning for 10. This includes 1 hour's lesson and one to two hours recreational depending on whether or not you have a lesson. Race teams train at the same time but obviously put more hours in at weekends etc.



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Equipment You can hire skis and snowboards or bring your own, you really only need warm clothes - salopettes are a good idea and you must have gloves every time you go to the dry ski slopes.

25. Squash (Thursday)

Website www.lancaster.ac.uk/socs/squash/
Email squash@lancaster.ac.uk

26. Swimming (LUST) (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/swimming
Email swimming@lancaster.ac.uk

27. Table Tennis (Thursday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/luttc/
Email luttc@lancs.ac.uk
Equipment Although we provide members with bats during the training sessions they are owned by the club and have to be returned. So if you have your own bat, it would be great if you'd bring it along!

28. Tennis (Friday)

Email a.riehl@lancs.ac.uk

29. Ultimate Frisbee (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/ultimate/
Email lancasterultimate@hotmail.com
 We don't just chuck a Frisbee around we are the fast American game and represent the University at tournaments all over the country.

30. Volleyball (Friday)

Website www.lancs.ac.uk/socs/luvcl

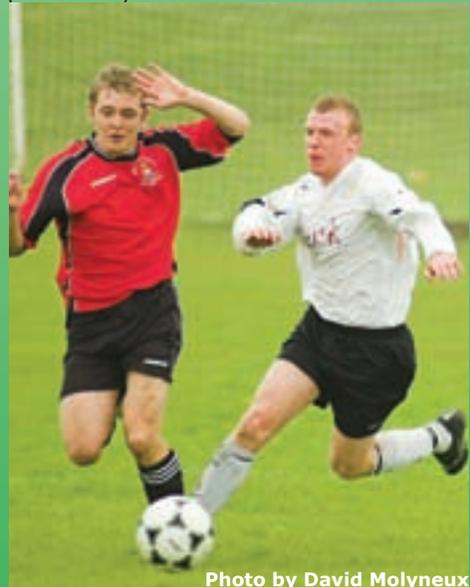


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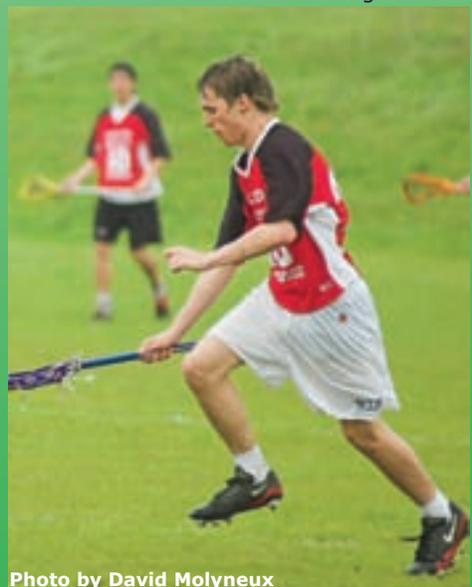


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WHAT I WISH I HAD KNOWN... AS A FRESHER

SCAN FEATURES OFFERS UP THEIR ADVICE ON WHAT THEY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE KNOWN AS A FRESHER

By Simon Fogg
Features Editor

I remember the days when I was a plucky young fresher; red cheeks, wet behind the ears, and all that jazz. Thinking back I wish I had known that trashing one's kitchen would result in the loss of one's deposit, and then some. I applied to Lonsdale two years ago, which meant I had to live in temporary accommodation, which to be blunt, was a dump. We therefore treated it as such. This, when combined with alcohol, progressed to quite a lot of needless destruction.

After moving into a new block it was quite difficult to break the habits we had created. Imagine surfing on ironing boards, and turning a mattress and three swivel chairs into an ingenious vehicle for courtyard use. Please do not try and imagine the state of our kitchen, but do picture the disgruntled workman standing in it and asking us if we were familiar with the expression 'don't shit in your own back yard' (thank you kind sage, I didn't know they still did that up north).

We probably still owe the College repair money, and we're banned from campus accommodation. Oops. You might not want to make this mistake...



By Hannah Lickert
Features Editor

I wish I had known that all the good pubs and bars aren't the ones that are shoved down your throat in the form of brightly coloured ads for WKD. Go beyond the Liquid and Lounge repertoire, and seek out quiet, quality gems such as Ye Olde John O'Gaunt, or the Yorkshire House.

Also you should know what that if you live in Lonsdale or Cartmel, you can open any flat in the college with your key. It's all in the wrist. You didn't hear it from me though...

By Laura Crossley

Be aware of the terrifying goal known as 'The Bubble' and do not allow yourself to be imprisoned in it. Since we are a campus university in a small city each and



every Lancaster student could easily be excused for spending their days in complete ignorance of everything that exists in the scary world known only as 'Outside Lancaster'. To this end, do everything you can to find out about the great world that exists outside Lancaster and make the most of the fact that many broadsheets are available on campus for 20p.

As The Bubble contains a rather limited population, its inhabitants also have the nasty habit of gossiping shamelessly about each other and forming opinions of other Bubble dwellers based on idle chit chat as opposed to solid truths. Combat this by 1) Refusing to get sucked into ridiculous 'politics' about fellow Bubbleites. 2) Understanding that people are usually wildly different to the gossip spread about them, and taking people as you find them (a simple concept that is easily forgotten in Bubbleworld). 3) Remembering that, should you find yourself the subject of the gossips,



you are clearly of such great importance that people simply cannot stop talking about you. Et voila! You will successfully survive Bubble life and, who knows, even stop Lancaster University from being such a Bubble altogether.

By Caroline Tilley

What I wish I'd known in fresher's week: Corridor reps are only after one thing, so unless you want to help them with their F.A.F.ing, stay well away. Unless, of course, you're interested, in which case, choose early and wisely.

Editors Note. SCAN does not take responsibility for anyone trashing kitchens, breaking into Lonsdale or Cartmel, and in no way encourages you to sleep with your corridor reps. Thank you, Ben Bailey.

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Photo by Weird Dan

By Weird Dan

Whilst Ruxton's pub is not a venue most students would choose to stumble into on a pub-crawl, there is more to it than initially meets the eye. As is common knowledge amongst lorrhcal forrrk, the pub is named after a pair of infamous murders which occurred in the mid 1930's. Indian born Doctor Buck Ruxton, who practised from 2 Dalton Square, became increasingly jealous of his socialite wife Isabella Kerr.

On 15th September 1935, he strangled her with his bare hands and then (well aware that women do like a natter) bumped off his housemaid- Dr. B wasn't taking any chances. As we know, our Buck was pretty good with his hands, and was also conveniently a doctor. He therefore surgically mutilated and sliced up the bodies, cleverly removing the fingertips to prevent them from being identified. The bath he used is still intact, and is now used as a horse trough at Lancashire Police Headquarters, Preston.

Isabella and the unfortunate housekeeper were found by a dog walker (aren't all

WEIRD LANCASTER!

SCAN'S OWN 'WEIRD DAN' LOOKS INTO MURDER, MUTILATION AND RUXTON'S, BEFORE ENJOYING A RATHER NICE PINT!

bodies?) 100 miles from Lancaster in Moffat, Scotland, in a ditch known to locals even today as 'Ruxton's dump'. Not so cleverly, however, the plank had wrapped the bodies in The Sunday Graphic newspaper, which was only sold in Lancaster. It was a schoolboy error that cost him his life.

On 15th September 1935, Dr Ruxton strangled his wife with his bare hands and then (well aware that women do like a natter) bumped off his housemaid too!

Despite admitting his guilt and being "very sorry", he was sentenced to death and hanged at Strangeways Prison, Manchester, May 1936. Won't be dong that again. Today 2 Dalton Square is spookily disused- it has never been used as a practice since, and according to most accounts various body parts are still missing. Nice.

Whilst I would rather stick my gonads in a beehive than go into Ruxton's and say "Tally ho chaps, I'm from the student paper," I did decide to pop in for a swift one. I found a whole series of framed 1930's newspaper

cuttings about the murders that are well worth a read.

I would rather stick my gonads in a beehive than go into Ruxton's and say "Tally ho chaps, I'm from the student paper"

The atmosphere in the pub is actually warm and lively, even friendly in a 'proper pub' kind of way. It has to be said it was rather nice, though I wouldn't go in discussing philosophy and pestering for an NUS discount.

DO YOU HAVE A WEIRD STORY ABOUT LANCASTER? If so, email Weird Dan at shakethosebuns101@hotmail.com



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A NIGHT ON LANCASTER'S TILES

By Simon Fogg
& Hannah Lickert
Features Editors

The Water Witch 6:30pm

Officially this is the best pub in the country, and I'm not going to argue with that. To say the drinks list is impressive would be an understatement. There's a massive selection of beers and spirits from all over the world, each more delicious than the last (except that weird beer, which tastes like incense sticks and has elephants on the label). The food is also excellent, but neither drinks nor edibles come cheap. Nonetheless, nothing beats sitting here on a summer afternoon, sharing a cheese board, and drinking something you can't pronounce.

LA One 7:25pm

A shiny, pseudo-Wetherspoon's experience of a bar, except with more music and less cheap drinks. Open-mic night is always popular, and the décor is modern without being gaudy. Its location makes it a wise choice for pre-Hustle or Lounge drinks, and it is in my book for selling Desperados, lime and everything. The seats are comfy and drinks are varied, a good choice for a first date.

The Brown Cow 8:00pm

A bit Royston Vasey in its attitudes to "outsiders," but if you like your pubs with wooden beams, well-kept ales and vomit coloured carpet, then the Brown Cow might be for you. As with most authentic pub experiences, you pay a bit more, but then at least it's not heaving with pre-Lounge pissheads. Just don't expect to be taken seriously if you order a Smirnoff Ice and a pint of Foster's.

The Bobbin 8:50pm

Lancaster's very own "goth" pub, complete with white-faced regulars, The Cure on the jukebox and multi-coloured bottles of Jack Daniels. Dirt-cheap drinks and a Tuesday pub quiz make this a very amiable place to be, and there's plenty of room to accommodate the largest Halloween bar crawl. A pool table provides further entertainment, as if you needed any more.

The Yorkshire House 9:32pm

A down-to-earth alternative pub that is less well known than The Bobbin. A legendary jukebox and vintage football table go nicely with the range of local ales and unusual spirits- I recommend Jägermeister in a testube for a quid. There are frequent live gigs with quality local bands, which are more than reasonably priced, and the bar staff are good-looking and friendly.

Cuba 10:05pm

This is Lancaster's newest, and most pretentious, bar which is tucked away from the main high street. If you find it, expect expensive but tasty drinks, and also some of the most qualified bar staff in town. This isn't really bar crawl fodder, but if you're looking for a relaxing venue that isn't filled with jaded locals or fellow students, then chill out here for a bit.

Revolution 10:57pm

Affectionately known as "Revs" to anyone who frequents this vodka bar, it is packed to the rafters most nights of the week. Its cocktails are lethal mixtures based on the eighty or so flavours of vodka, which themselves range from Birthday Cake to Parma Violet. Different music each night means that most tastes are catered for, and if you visit it in the daylight hours, you'll have one of the best meals in Lancaster.

Hustle 12:02am

Hustle is pretty much The Lounge but in stupid colours. Did I say stupid? I meant retro. Bright, retro, funky colours. Therefore expect lots of cheesy music nights and bartenders in silly outfits. It is owned by The Lounge, so the drinks offers are great, although the cocktail menu isn't as good. It also functions as a club, although without air conditioning it does get rather claustrophobic when packed with sweaty locals. It's still great fun though, and the novelty seating just begs to be stolen.

The Lounge 02:35am

With its extremely late nights and 6am close, The Lounge is also a great place for cheap drinks. Last time I checked, Wednesday is two for one on cocktails and you can get house spirits and mixers for next to nothing. The décor is pretty stylish (by Lancaster standards) and upstairs turns into a club. Add some live music, and you have one of the town's most popular bars, for students and locals alike.

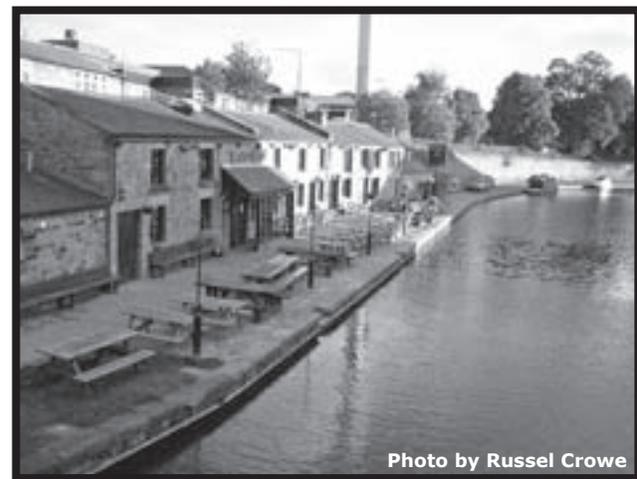


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BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

DOES FRESHER'S WEEK ENCOURAGE BINGE DRINKING?

HANNAH LICKERT LOOKS AT WHY FRESHER'S WEEK ENCOURAGES BINGE DRINKING

By Hannah Lickert
Features Editor

If you ask a second or third year student what they remember from their fresher's week, the answer will probably be something like "the first five minutes of the Carleton," or "oh that thing, you know, the beer thing" or even "fresher's week?" For the overwhelming majority of students, the first week of term is dominated by alcohol, the must have accessory of the fresher. Rarely is one seen without a pint or bottle in their hand, and if you examine the attitudes of the drinking establishments both on and off campus, it's not difficult to see why.

On average, one in three advertisements a fresher sees is for alcohol. The town bars and pubs wage a fierce price war, offering deal after deal in order to get their hands on as much student loan as they can. The result sees students bombarded with vouchers and loyalty cards, and they are all too pleased to take full advantage of it all. The offers are frequently conditional on the student

buying large quantities of drink in order to receive even more for free, and promoting that the more you buy, the cheaper it is.

This alcohol drive does not just occur off campus. The massive week of liver-abuse is rampant on campus with many socials organised by the colleges with the intention of getting freshers socialising. The majority of the time these socials are centred around alcohol with the rare event that occurs in a non-alcoholic environment.

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Socials are usually themed bar crawls, trips to town (to drink), with fresher life in general being centred around the college bars. Seemingly, the best way to get to know your new college mates is by drinking, and although that sounds a bit bloody obvious, it's not exactly favourable circumstances to those who don't always want to drink. Personally, I think that in order for the university to be able to defend itself on this one, the total wall and leaflet space given to promoting drinking in moderation, or even not drinking at all, would have to equal the amount devoted to alcohol.

In recent years the colleges have made an effort to include at least one night of the week that is dedicated to teetotal activities, though while this is certainly progress



it is in itself a sad reflection on the very nature of fresher's week being an extended period of time that is dedicated to drinking. This year LUSU's Easy Tiger campaign will be seen around campus with the intention of making people pause for a soft drink. Incidentally this campaign was run last year where certain soft drinks were being given away free in The Sugarhouse. Unfortunately most people simply bought a shot of vodka and poured it into their lemonade. Only time will tell if it works this year.

Perhaps every daytime event in Fresher's Week should be organised for 8am, to encourage less indulgence the night before. Unfair? Wait till you see your loan in two months.

FRESHER'S WEEK DOES NOT ENCOURAGE BINGE DRINKING!

SIMON FOGG EXPLAINS WHY THE 'LARGE PISSUP' DOESN'T ENCOURAGE BINGE DRINKING

By Simon Fogg
Features Editor

Iremember my first night at this university. From the moment a friendly intro week helper gave a presentation to our kitchen on how attaching a pipe to a funnel allows one to consume liquid at greater pace, I knew that I would spend most of the following week in a chemically induced state of flawless depravity, or unconscious with vomit on my shirt. It has probably taken you, the fresher, several days to discover our lovely newspaper, but by now I am sure you would understand if I described fresher's week as one large piss up. And I say why not, it's a fantastic way to start the year. Drinking copious amounts of delicious poisonous fluid will give you some brilliant anecdotes, help you make new friends (maybe some enemies, but that's their problem) and make this cold, wet, swamp of a town feel just like home, and so it should.

Hang on, surely I am meant to be condemning binge drinking, or portraying this as a sober environment? Fresher's week is definitely a time when binge drinking occurs, but it merely provides a safe environment for it to



take place, it does not actually promote it. LUSU is currently running numerous campaigns to make you (us) bastards ration our alcohol and alternate with soft drinks.

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Also, although your boisterous JCR rep will undoubtedly try to make you wear an angel or devil outfit, and regale you with debauched tales from last year, you are under

no obligation to humour him/her. You will also be told about the numerous non alcoholic alternatives that are available, but you can still tag along for the main activities drinking lemonade. If you are of the school who believe it does not take alcohol to enjoy oneself, then dressing up like a fool and meeting new people will be fun anyway. Granted, some will try and pressure you to drink, but the blame lies on society, not fresher's week.

Yes, if we are not being bombarded by images of young people fighting and pissing all over town centres at night, then we are caught in a maelstrom of adverts for sugary fruit flavoured alcoholic drinks that will make you fat as well as drunk. Like many others, I saw fresher's week as an excuse to binge drink and relax before I eased into academic life, and I embraced this.

"I certainly did not jolly up to the main gate in a halo, only to have my rainbow pissed upon by corrupt unseen forces trying to lure me into a life where responsibility, like water, is for pussies."

I certainly did not jolly up to the main gate in a halo, only to have my rainbow pissed upon by corrupt unseen forces trying to lure me into a life where responsibility, like water, is for pussies. Better do it on campus before we buckle down to some serious work, than in a random city centre unsupervised with the rest of the nation.

This week provides a safe, friendly atmosphere to enjoy an existing social problem. Fresher's week does NOT encourage binge drinking, it merely facilitates it. I'll drink to that.

DVD
RENT (12)
 DIRECTED BY CHRIS COLUMBUS
 BY WILL VEITCH
 ASSISTANT EDITOR



THEATRE
DINNER
 THE GRAND, LANCASTER
 11TH SEPTEMBER
 BY JEMMA SMITH
 ARTS EDITOR

Having seen the stage production of *Rent* in London's West End I was both wary and excited when I heard about this project. Directed by Chris Columbus the movie begins with a horribly twee pastiche of what in the theatre production is the opening to Act 2. Immediately alarm bells rang; had Mr Columbus completely missed the point?

Although the film begins in a stylized and highly sanitised New York City, Columbus' direction moves away from the lazy opening scenes and begins to live outside itself. He starts to let his supremely talented cast do some of the work for him, and immediately where they seemed stifled they become more expressive.

Incidentally many of the cast appeared in the original Broadway production; only Daphne Rubin-Vega and Fredi Walker were replaced (in the parts of Mimi and Joanne) by Rosario Dawson and Tracie Toms. Some of the minor roles were also obviously recast.

This character continuance really shines through. Taye Diggs is nothing short of fantastic playing Benny. The driving force of the movie, Mark Cohen, is excellently portrayed by Anthony Rapp. Unfortunately I took a long time to warm to Adam Pascal's

Jon Bon Jovi-a-like Roger, although he did get there in the end. Idina Menzel- who can at the moment be seen as Elpheba in the West End production of *Wicked*- makes an immediate impression, she manages to sustain the narrative and emotional resonance of a highly politicised and sexualised role.

The dynamism and spontaneity of the stage is obviously absent but the message is still the same: act up, fight AIDS. Even though I know the plot well the story still tugs on the old heart strings. *Rent* is definitely not for non musical fans. Although it is a depiction of gritty New York life and death, it's hardly Scorsese, but it does grow on you.

With primordial soup first on the menu, let the dinner from hell begin. Moira Buffini's play is a comedy chiller yet the Footlight's production didn't seem to find the balance between delivering dark humour and plain overacting. Perhaps they were anticipating that the audience may have overlooked the subtleties but their attempt to compensate proved annoying.

Paige, the female protagonist, is a mesmerising character yet her attributes were pushed to such excess that she became unrealistic. Tony Young (Hal the Scientist) did not deliver the character's quirks in a fluid way and so appeared unnatural. Naturalness of speech proved difficult for many of the actors; Paul Collins (Lars) being the main exception. His deadpan delivery suited the character and he maintained a conversational and believable tone throughout.

The rigidity of the performers spoils the play as a whole. Instead of seeing each character reach an epiphany as a consequence of the dinner party, what prevailed was a strong sense of distance from and between the characters. This discomfort was exacerbated by frequent lost lines. Instead of improvising and showing a bit of ingenuity the actors would backtrack until

it was word perfect. Clinging to the script in this way only highlighted mistakes that could otherwise have gone unnoticed.

Admittedly this was an amateur production so I didn't expect a flawless performance but it was poorly executed and lacked artistic innovation.



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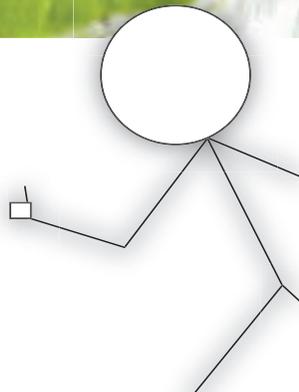
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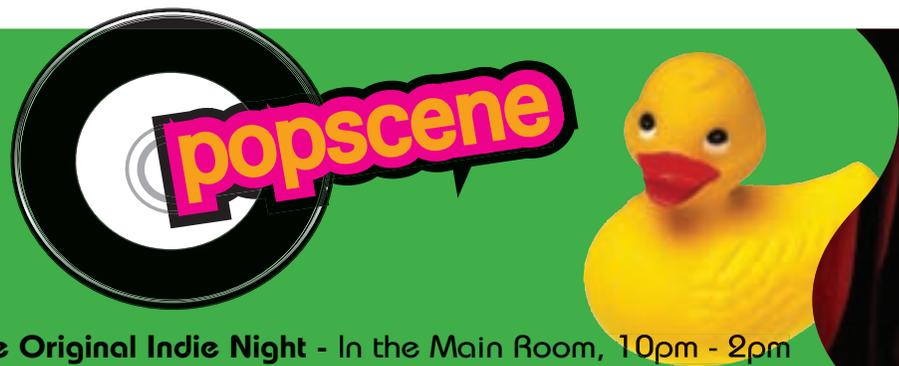
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 BY HELEN QUAYLE

If there's one thing you can expect from Avenue Q, it's the unexpected. It sounds an unlikely idea for a musical; a half human, half puppet cast and songs including 'The Internet is for Porn' and 'Everyone's a Little Bit Racist'. This play certainly does not categorise as traditional West End. However, Avenue Q is more than a wacky idea with some hilariously rude songs. If you search beneath the humour there is an optimistic musical that will leave any audience smiling.

Between catchy songs the play tells the story of a run-down street in New York. Avenue Q is home to both puppets and humans who are introduced through the eyes of Princeton, a new arrival to the street. As Princeton searches for his purpose- while wondering what to do with a BA in English, the lives of the other characters are explored at the same time through dialogue and songs.

Ultimately this is a boy-meets-girl story but multiple subplots keep the musical moving

until you are left caring about all the characters. After the first few minutes even the fact they're only puppets is forgotten.

That isn't to say the musical doesn't have a few problems. Originally American,



some jokes may go unnoticed by a predominantly British audience. Avenue Q has a fun, refreshing take on things that affect everyday life but it may not be for everyone. It's a pity because underneath the shock tactics, Avenue Q carries a feel-good message about human nature that everyone will recognise.

"Our intent was to leave audiences with a hug," says co-creator Jeff Marx. "Wherever you are in life, it's going to be okay."

DEBATE CORNER



Every issue we want to start a debate about contentious issues relating to all things arty. Here is an idea to start it off: does a film ruin the original novel it comes from or does the film make the book even better? For example *Pride and Prejudice* has been re-made so many times I've lost count, but do you prefer the Jane Austen book or the BBC version, or even the latest one starring Kiera Knightley?

Many people are more likely to watch the film than to read the book. This can be a way to become familiar with writers many people have not heard about. Although a well loved book can be ruined as films may change parts of the book. What are your thoughts and comments? Let us know by emailing us at scanarts@hotmail.com and we will post some on the website and in the next issue of SCAN. Thank you!

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THE RICKY GERVAIS SHOW
'OOH, CHIMPANZEE THAT, HE'S TALKING SHIT AGAIN'
 BY JENNY SHELTON

He went to school with kids with webbed hands. His mother shaved the family cat to stop it being sick, and on his childhood estate lived a woman who pushed around a pram containing a bucket with a face on. He is a fascinating little man and he's back for the third series of *The Ricky Gervais Show*.

August 23rd saw the awaited return of the half-hour podcasts in which Ricky Gervais and co-writer of *The Office* Steven Merchant extract more obscure thoughts from the round-headed, monotone phenomena that is Karl Pilkington.

Since its launch in December last year the popularity of the show, by means of the internet and word of mouth, has rapidly spread, in turn promoting the fairly new media of podcasting. In its first month, *The Ricky Gervais Show* averaged 261,670 downloads per week and has now gained

a place in the Guinness Book of Records 2007 as the most downloaded show ever.

One of the greatest questions surrounding these podcasts is whether or not Karl Pilkington is a scripted character or, in fact, naturally ludicrous. His general conversation is summed up by Gervais as 'the ramblings of a person who you'd find on their own, in a hospital, eating flies' and I am sure none of them are genius enough to come up with such a character.

The show is not scripted, and I feel Karl's absurdity is totally genuine, if only perhaps a bit exaggerated for comedy value. Mr Pilkington's own argument is fairly dubious, having stated: "I am a real person; if I was just made up you wouldn't be able to see me."

The trio are possibly struggling for material in this series, but if you laughed at the last ones you can't fail to enjoy these too. Includes quality banter from Ricky and Steven, further extracts from Karl's diary, but what has happened to Monkey News?

The Ricky Gervais Show can be download at: www.rickygervais.com



THE FUTURE'S BLEAK

FILM
CHILDREN OF MEN
 DIRECTOR: ALFONSO CUARON
 CAST: CLIVE OWEN, JULIANNE MOORE, CLARE-HOPE ASHTEY
 BY LYLA NEVESH

It is 2027 and the youngest person on Earth has just died. He was 18. This is the start of Alfonso Cuaron's new film *Children of Men*, based on the PD James 1992 novel of the same name. Set in futuristic dystopian London, academic loner Theo (Clive Owen), along with his

ex-girlfriend Julian (Julianne Moore) have the problematic task of keeping a powerful secret.

Faced with the probability that man will become extinct within a few decades, the world has turned into a war zone, where Big Brother is watching. Theo holds the hope of the world as he meticulously

becomes involved with the work of 'The Fishes' (Freedom Fighters), who have in their possession the first pregnant woman in almost twenty years.

The hope of man living for more generations could be dashed if the pregnant Kee (Clare-Hope Ashitey) falls into the wrong hands, and so the film follows the group as they carefully help to deliver the unborn child.

Underlining the whole film are massive cultural references. It suggests that however hard man tries to save the planet (screaming advertisements in the film shout that avoiding fertility tests is a crime and couples are urged to try and pro-create), it will inevitably be nature,

and again God that will take it all away.

This concealed message sends shudders down the spines of those who may have also recently seen Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth', a documentary which tells of the horrors of climate change, and how we as the Earth's inhabitants should be doing more to stop the horror.

A well-timed release makes this film all the more horrifying. Horror fans will be enticed by the thought of mass extinction becoming a reality, action fans won't be disappointed with the war-type special effects and love-story fans will be warmed by the on screen chemistry between Owen and Moore.

THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHARLIE KAUFMAN

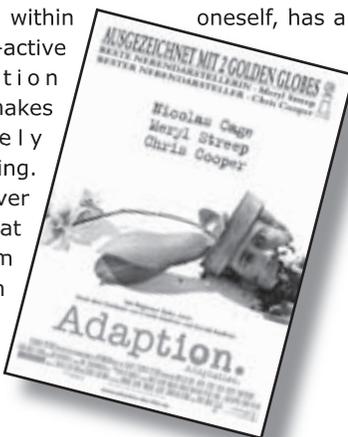
FILM
THE WORK OF CHARLIE KAUFMAN
 BY RACHEL DUNN

I'm a fan of Charlie Kaufman's work. 'Charlie who?' you may ask. Kaufman is a screenwriter behind critically acclaimed films such as 'Being John Malkovich', 'Adaptation' and 'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind'. They seem to make the ordinary and mundane seem ridiculous, puzzling the viewer with a unique blend of disorientation and intelligence.

Each of these films have one major thing in common. They all include characters who are inherently introspective. 'Adaptation', based on Kaufman's own insecurities about Hollywood, tells the story of a man trying to turn a book into a film, and the difficulties he encounters. I love the fact this film discusses itself and Hollywood from an outsider's point of view. The inclusion of the 'Being John Malkovich' scene is especially

enjoyable. 'Being John Malkovich' itself features a puppeteer discovering a portal into John Malkovich's head. Finally 'Eternal Sunshine of The Spotless Mind' is about a couple erasing their memory of each other in a hope to move on.

Audiences are forced to think about everyday issues in a very inflective way. Kaufman, who seems obsessed with looking within oneself, has a very over-active imagination which makes extremely good viewing. You can never expect what to get from a Kaufman film- and that's the best part.



DOCTOR OF BOOKS

BOOKS
DOCTOR WHO: THE NOVELS
THE SYCORAX
 AUTHOR: DAVID TENNANT
 BY HELEN QUAYLE

With the success of the re-launched *Doctor Who* series comes a new range of tie-in novels. David Tennant's name on the cover was the main reason I read one, I wasn't expecting the next bestseller, and I didn't get it, but instead got a well-written, entertaining book that was impossible to put down.

The plot leaned towards unbelievable, but this is *Doctor Who* and suspending disbelief comes as standard. What I found most surprising was that it wasn't attempting to take advantage of the show's success with sub-standard writing by someone who'd never watched an episode. In story and characterisation there was nothing separating it in quality from the series.

Impressed, I tried another one, only to

discover the main problem with the tie-in novel. Each book is written by a different author, which means there is no guarantee they will be consistently good.

Additionally, constraints placed on the authors limit what the novels cover. While reading what feels like extra episodes of the series makes them enjoyable, they are over almost as fast, and since the casual viewer is unlikely to even realise the novels exist, nothing can happen that may affect the characters on-screen. For most viewers, this means they probably aren't interesting enough to buy. The novels are highly entertaining but for fans they are not a crucial purchase.

Interestingly, when compared with the novels linked to earlier Doctors, they are a much more demanding read. They also deal with more serious themes and are longer. In light of that, perhaps the newer novels can become less 'lightweight' in future. Until then they'll probably stay only on the shopping lists of the dedicated.

THE LANCASTER LIVE MUSIC SCENE

By Ian Keyte
Music Editor

When I first arrived at Lancaster last year, one of my biggest fears was that there would not be a sufficient supply of live music, something I had become accustomed to living my whole life in a large city. On the face of things, it might seem that Lancaster doesn't have that much going for it. You're hardly likely to find Chris Marin telling the rest of *Coldplay*, "We're just sticking to the big cities for this tour, lads: London, New York, Paris, Tokyo and Lancaster". However, throughout the year I discovered that Lancaster does indeed have a lot to offer in the way of live music, though you have to look in the right places.

Down in Lancaster town centre, there are a vast array of pubs that offer regular live music ranging from alternative/indie to jazz and blues. Some of these include The Bobbin, Wagon and Horses, John O'Gaunt and The Farmer's Arms, but by far the best live music can be found at the legendary Yorkshire House on Parliament Street. Not only is it one of the finest pubs in town, it is also the home of LAWMM (Little Argument With Myself), a collective of music promoters who support some of the best new alternative artists, both local and from all over the world. Their gigs are always reasonably priced and, for fans of alternative music, they are a vital component of the Lancaster experience.

If you don't feel like leaving the cosy confines of campus, fear not, the people at LULUMS (Lancaster University Live Unsigned Music Society) will bring the action to you. The society brings excellent live music to the student community, putting on weekly gigs at Pendle Bar, which showcase the



Photo by Ben Bailey

The Yorkie- a vibrant part of Lancaster's live scene. finest local talent and student bands as well as some acts from further afield. They also organise open mic nights at Fibber McGee's (behind M&S in town) every Monday night, where anyone is welcome to come and perform. The best part is that most of these events are totally free. You don't even need to be a member of the society, just show up and enjoy! Whether you fancy a shot at performing or are just in search of a decent (free) gig, LULUMS have got it covered - for more details, check out www.lulums.org.uk or go to www.myspace.com/lulums.

Some more famous acts do occasionally come through town as well. Last year *The Coral* and *The Ordinary Boys* played

at The Sugarhouse and since the club's refurbishment this summer, it will hopefully attract some more big names. However, if you are looking for more established artists on a regular basis, chances are you'll have to venture further afield than Lancaster. Luckily for you Lancaster is situated not too far away from some larger cities so you can get your fix.

Head south to Blackpool and Preston where big names visit frequently. Blackpool's famous Empress Ballroom is one of the country's finest venues. It has attracted huge names such as *Radiohead* and *The White Stripes* in the past and will see performances from *New Order* and *The Flaming Lips* later this year. Preston's premier live venue is 53 Degrees (their equivalent of The Sugarhouse), which is regularly visited by indie music's brightest stars. *Dirty Pretty Things* played an awesome show there recently and it'll soon host the likes of *Boy Kill Boy* and *Graham Coxon*.

Travel down to Manchester and you will be rewarded with a wide variety of live venues, ranging from the tiny Night and Day Café and Roundhouse up to the Apollo and MEN Arena. The difficulty in getting to these venues is obviously transport. If you don't have a car then you have to rely on buses and trains. Unfortunately trains coming back from places like Preston and Manchester don't run very late so getting back can be problematic, but don't panic, the good folks at National Express have coaches that depart in the small hours that will get you home safely.

So there really are a lot of options open to you. If you get involved and make an effort to get to these gigs, you will be rewarded with some seriously good live music and if you are a fan then you will certainly not regret coming to Lancaster. *SCAN* will also be providing regular listings of what's going on around town and on campus so you've got no excuses. Have fun!

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THE CREAM OF DANCE MUSIC

By Peter Watt
Music Editor

Since 2000, the bank holiday headquarters for all British clubbers has been Merseyside; where an isolated airfield is filled with the fastest, loudest, filthiest dance music, which is played, mixed and perverted by the best DJ's in the business. Creamfields has never failed to sell out to its 40 000 capacity, which begs the question, why did they change the venue for 2006?

In hindsight, the benefits of moving away from Merseyside were justified; reducing the fence jumping, phone nicking scalleys- who have the word "clubber" synonymous with "pill-heads". However, this didn't stop the more sentimental of us questioning whether the embryonic legacy of British Creamfields would be aborted. To make matters worse, the line-up was diluted by the likes of *The Zutons* (eh hem, how rave!) *Gnarls Barkley*, and *The Prodigy*; who have split dance music down the middle since their 1999 appearance on the Kerrang! front-cover.

The Zutons, who don't sit too well alongside *Mylo*, *Pendulum*, *Coldcut*, Paul Van Dyk and Roger Sanchez, to name a few, were justified by the organisers as "perfect for a chilled out sunny afternoon". This optimistic spout of ignorance, not only fated the miserably grey and wet afternoon, but implied a sweeping comment that Creamfields would accept any band that they were told to. A brave assumption indeed, considering the brutally hard-to-please assembly that Creamfields brings.

Unfortunately, the reckoned "highlight of the day" *Gnarls Barkley* did not perform, due to illness. More upsetting than the absence was the lack of communication about



Keith Flint rocking the show, the crazy bastard.

the set gap, which was adequately filled by the up-tempo, adjacent stage of *Galaxy FM*. A success last year as well!

Not only did the likes of *The Zutons* distance educated dance-heads, with their radio-freindly sound, but unlike the two-deck, one mixer arrangement of your average DJ, the Zutons brought a set change that resembled waiting in queue at Alton Towers for the wrong ride.

There always seems a time for the purer minded of us to wander through the festival, while the obliged wait for their pharmaceutical-cocktails to take effect. It is this part of the festivals that I truly love. Not only does the wander help you absorb the atmosphere, seeing the many sub-genres of dance music, from the fluorescent fluffiness of the House fans, to the camouflaged rude boys of Drum and Bass, but you can see the bands that intrigue you up to a point but not enough to pay to see them. It is because of the festival that I was able to understand *Joey Negro*, experience *Mylo* and cringe at *Just Jack*.

Some time during this wander, I took a step back and

flicking through the itinerary, there appeared to be a problem; it was evident that as darkness fell on Daresbury, and *The Prodigy* took the main-stage, so too (in another tent) would DJ Shadow. I solved my dilemma by convincing myself that the upcoming release of Shadow's new album would mean him touring in the near future, and that *The Prodigy* would no doubt electrify me as they did at V2005.

So, after seeing the overrated splendor, and hearing the glorified talent of Alison Goldfrapp's closing notes on the way to the mainstage, Creamfields awaited techno's finest to hack their way into the headlining set. One minute Goldfrapp left, and next, *Prodigy* were gracing the stage like a pack of hungry wolves. However, even with the animalistic spitting and movement of Keith and Maxim, I felt the "WOW" of being in the presence of greatness was engulfed by the enormity of the expectation, the lack of short-term suspense, and the resonance-deficiency of the sound system. It was a *deja-vu* of the *Faithless* performance last year. Indeed, something must be done about the main stage sound system for next year.

For me, the body of Creamfields had its heart in *The Scratch Perverts* "Beatdown Tent", which scheduled such Drum and Bass delights as DJ Hype, Andy C and no other than the turntable trip hop maestro himself, Sir DJ Shadow who accomplished in filling the expectation with a very Old Skool set (so I heard). The bass that flowed through and beyond that tent until 6:00am is still playing decadent havoc with the eardrums of all who attended.

So, although, the arriving vibe was one of scepticism at the change of venue, the "highlight" was absent, and the sound system couldn't keep up, the atmosphere, music range, and general attitude of all who went created an amazing end to Dance Music's long hot summer! May Creamfields Legacy Live On!

WORLD GATHERS FOR GLOBAL

By Peter Watt
Music Editor

To be a very important person at Global Gathering 2006, it costs twenty quid on top of the weekend ticket. I entered Long Marston Airfield, with my car windows down, my sunnies on, and my recently purchased Hed Kandi summer sampler blaring. With the VIP ticket in my glove box I drove past the General Admission parking with a feeling of arrogant superiority. Parking a chavs stone throw from the entrance, I marched on past a stationary queue to priority entrance and was met by a dozen policemen armed with sniffer dogs and M16's. Drug Amnesty is common even at the family festivals of V and Lovebox, but at Global Gathering, the extent of security would have made a nun feel guilty.

After a good sniffing from a panting hound, I entered the campsite, and the atmosphere hit harder than the July heat. Setting up my two-man tent in a space not fit for a one-man, I noticed I was surrounded by Americans, Australians, Scousers and London preppies. A global gathering indeed. Upon entering the arena on a few warm beers, the promised hedonistic values anticipated were apparent as I came to the lap dancing tent, followed then by a lavishly inappropriate jeep that had an entire wall of subwoofer and HD T.V. screens in the boot. The arena held a Beach Stage, a pirate ship with hammocks, and 16 tents far more spacious than those at other festivals.

My summer concern of not going anywhere near a beach was more than forgotten as I took my shoes and socks off at the Radio 1 Beach Stage. This is where the real partying began; in a sweltering heat, the sand grains between my

toes vibrating to the sounds of Pete Tong, Sasha and the almighty *Groove Armada*!

Adjacent to the Beach stage was the Hed kandi VIP section, which served fantastic coffee, had plush loos (no joke - at a festival!), a pirate ship with hammocks, and of course a background sound of Hed Kandi's finest soulful beats. As the first evening moved on I made our way to the Electric tent where I caught the last half an hour of Erol Alkan's velvety remixes of proclaimed "Queen of the summer" Lilly Allen, and other electronic sounds that throbbed at our temples like a sensuous hangover.

Next on were *Daft Punk*, painfully anticipated as the first show they had played in Britain in seven years. If waiting



seven years is what it takes, bring on 2013! Remixing old with new, new with old, teasing us with reworked samples throughout, the Robot Frenchies definitely outdid themselves as the masters of Electronica. The lighting show alone tantalised the pupils and complemented the aural take-over. Merci!

The second day started in the VIP tent sipping coffee, with a quick blast at the oxygen tent before heading to The Accelerated Culture Tent to marvel at the speed and execution of MC Skibadees rhymes over Bryan Gees offensive pitch. Later in the night Shabba appeared over DJ Hype which was well worth drying out to after the heavens opened over Fatboy Slim's Beach Stage performance.

Unfortunately, Sunday was the day that brought the "one day people", who stood out a mile, having not danced till four in the morning keeping clean with only a wet wipe or two. It was with these clean bastards that we moseyed over to the beach stage, where a fantastic Utterly Butterly air show was taking place over *The Audio Bullies*!

As *The Audio Bully's* cockney banter ended their set, a push surged spectators off the beach, causing many gritty sandy mouthfuls for those who lost their balance. However, being thrown in the air by Fatboy's street team were thousands of his famous 3D glasses. I snatched a pair and wore then to watch the fireworks that ended his set, seeing a multitude of smiley faces crowding every light in eyeshot.

Words cannot describe what Mr Cook can do with two decks, a mixer and a stack of vinyl. Taking choice favourite with *Gorillaz*, 'Feel Good Inc.', *Gnarls Barkley's* 'Crazy', and his own 'Rockerfella skank' brought a colossal end. With all songs going at the same time, at different pace, though still slotting together brought a rainy end to a fantastic Global Gathering. Thank you Norman.

GETTING JIGGY AT JERSEY LIVE!

By Will Veitch
Assistant Editor

Whilst it may not be Reading, Glastonbury or V, Jersey Live, now in its 3rd year, is really making a name for itself on the British festival circuit. This year's line-up included Editors, The Zutons and Snow Patrol and in previous years the Royal Jersey Showground has been host to Kasabian, The Kooks and The Subways, amongst many others. This gives a good indication of the style of the event, but also the ambition shown by the organisers, who have recently told the press that they could be on the cusp of something really big next year. Keep your eyes open!

7,500 people descended on the parish of Trinity on Saturday 2nd September- that's 1 out of 11 islanders(!) and even though the rain, as expected, didn't hold off, the atmosphere was nothing short of fantastic with a crowd who just wanted to enjoy themselves.

Local bands got a chance to play perhaps the biggest crowd of their careers earlier in the day, *The Valentines* being the best of the bunch. The first UK band, *The On/Offs* were well received but ultimately hanging on the coat tails of their superiors and



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Festival headliners *Snow Patrol* wowing Jersey with their Eyes Open!

offered very little. *The Paddingtons* were up next and similarly the most interesting thing about them was their friendship with Pete Doherty.

Hope Of The States pulled out, adding fuel to the rumours of their demise, and the *Editors* played next. This slot proved to be one of the organisers' only mistakes of the day. A dark and brooding band by nature, the overcast sky helped, but 5 o'clock is just too early for a band this good. Happily

though, they played an absolutely storming set which proved to be real favourite of many people's. 'Munich' and 'Blood' were especially epic.

2ManyDJs and *Scratch Perverts* have previously wowed the Jersey massive in the Dance Arena. With this view in mind I was off there to see world champion turntablists *C2C*. The well-respected French four-piece were sadly disappointing, relying on bona-fide crowd favourites and not taking the

risks that usually make them a must-see.

Back on the main stage *iForward Russia!* came out in their trademark "i!" t-shirts and proved as impressive and energetic as everyone who knew them said they would be. By the time night had fallen the crowd had swelled to somewhere near capacity (tickets sold out in a day). All of *The Zutons*- not just saxophonist Abi Harding, looked great on stage and sound-wise they did not disappoint. 'Valerie' was almost certainly the performance of the day.

And then it was down to *Snow Patrol* to all but wrap the day's proceedings up. Some complained the band were a little static but their's is not pogoing music and they let their enthusiasm and songs do the work. Frontman Gary Lightbody suffered with mic problems early on but handled this with consummate professionalism and without a hint of arrogance. He, his band and in fact everyone just looked genuinely happy to be there.

Zane Lowe, calling on the departing crowd to "turn round, you should be coming this way" played on the decks until the midnight curfew and then Jersey Live was over for another year! With a cracking atmosphere, backstage Jacuzzis, and free line-up necklaces Jersey Live is the place to be next year. As Edith Bowman says: "It has more pulling power than any other small festival". So there.

GIGS, GIGS, GIGS

By Joe Beech
LULUMS Events Coordinator

This year the Lancaster University Live and Unsigned Musicians Society (LULUMS) brings you the best in live music from Lancaster and beyond, with everything from dance to indie, rock, pop and ska. These diverse musical tastes are catered for in the ever popular... Pendle Bar! As well this there is a popular open mic night in town at Fibber McGee's every Monday night.

This year the society has returned stronger than ever to guarantee you the best live performances in years. Previous acts to play the uni include Gary Glitter (don't have to like the man to love the music!), *The Damned*, Eric Clapton, *Pink Floyd*... even bloody Geldof!

First term in Pendle bar is as follows (with support from local acts, all TBC):

- October 7th: LULUMS Freshers Fest '06
- October 14th: TBC
- October 21st: The Effect
- October 28th: Out From Animals
- November 4th: TBC
- November 11th: Meg
- November 18th: The Spells
- November 25th: Untitled Musical Project
- December 2nd: Fight The Bear

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and learn about upcoming events visit www.lulums.org.uk, visit www.myspace.com/lulums, join us at fresher's fair or ask one of the friendly faces in a LULUMS t-shirt at one of our gigs every Saturday night in Pendle Bar.

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-13th - Otra Mano + far From The Dance + Missonaries @ The Yorkshire House

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LANCASTER SPORT: GET INVOLVED

By Paul Collins
Sport Editor

The years spent at university are full of opportunity in all areas, social, cultural and sporting wise. Whether it is through a society, certain newspaper, or sports team, the chances to get involved at university are endless. Here at Lancaster we are particularly lucky to have both representative University Sport and the collegiate system, which provides various kinds of inter-college activities.

On the sporting field, (pardon the pun), there are two competitions, spanning a

wide range of sports. Lancaster competes in the national BUSA league, an inter university sports competition between 147 universities in the UK and based on forty three different sports. It is an integral part of university life, in which every Wednesday afternoon, one million students from all over the country are representing 3200 teams. Keep your eye out for the fixtures and results column in *SCAN* this year.

Lancaster University also competes in two other significant competitions. January sees the Lancashire Cup, a one day tournament against UCLAN. The two universities compete in events such as football, rugby, netball and hockey. Whilst being a competitive day out, it's generally seen by many as the pre-cursor to the biggest

event of the sporting calendar, Roses!

Roses, an annual tournament, held over a weekend every May is named after the famous battle of the Roses between the House of Lancaster and the House of York. Today's competition between the two universities is just as fierce and is keenly contested over 80 events. From football to ballroom dancing, Roses has it all including fun-filled social events! The competition began as a boat race 40 years ago, based on the famous annual Oxford/Cambridge race. Lancaster won the first time, and the competition has grown every year since. The venue alternates every year. 2006 saw Lancaster host and win the event, so 2007 will see a mass exodus from Lancaster across the Pennines with the aim of

retaining the trophy.

Within Inter College there is the prestigious Carter Shield in which the colleges compete in games such as football, rugby, hockey and the more unconventional korfbal or aeroball. To get involved in any of the sports teams you should seek out the Sports Reps from your College.

Running along side the Carter Shield are Football & Netball leagues and the George Wyatt competition. This is based on bar sports, such as darts and pool. Again, seek the Sports Reps from your College on how to join, and when trials are. Fresher's week is the best time to do this as trials are usually in the first few weeks of term.

A.U. PRESIDENT TALKS THE TALK

ATHLETIC UNION PRESIDENT DAVE GREENSHIELDS TALKS ABOUT WHAT SPORTING CHANGES WE WILL BE SEEING OVER THE NEXT YEAR

By Ben Bailey
Editor

What realistic changes to the Athletic Union and in particular, Lancaster's sports facilities do you think we will see over the coming year?

The year ahead will see the beginning of a major renovation of the pitches down on the Barker House Farm site, with two of the existing pitches having new drainage installed and a further pitch being created. With three pitches being lost to renovation we can't afford to see the others deteriorate as we have seen in the past so we are currently working on a place where we can create a recreational pitch.

Why have what appear to be small jobs, such as sorting out the state of the University's sports pitches, taken so long to come to do in the past?

In reality sorting out the pitches is not a small job at all, the project to renovate them is going to cost the university in excess of £150k. However, this shouldn't be an excuse. It would be fair to say that in the past the University has not seen Sport as a priority. The A.U. are hopeful that this is changing and we have a year ahead of pushing sport to the top of the agenda here at Lancaster.

Is it possible that there may not be any A team football this year due to the new work scheduled to be done to the pitches?

Categorically not. The A team football league is, in my eyes at least, critical to sport on campus at Lancaster and to maintaining the mystical College spirit we all talk about. However, there are simply not enough pitches for all the sport that takes place here. Alternative solutions are being explored and it's been suggested that the second Astroturf is used on a Wednesday afternoon.

Why could the work not have been

done in the off season- like over the summer when students were not at University?

Projects like the renovation of the pitches cost a fortune and consequently the planning for them has to be spot on before the green light is given. The timeline for this project is also six to eight months so, even if they had started work on the Monday after we all left they still wouldn't be ready!

Do you think the improvement of sports facilities has traditionally been of low priority to the University?

I think it's arguable that sport as a whole has spent a long time at the bottom of the agenda at this University. However, we're hopeful that this is changing and I intend to make sure it does in my year in office.

How and more importantly why has this come to change in the recent years?

I think that there has been a recognition that sport plays a huge role in student life and that, with the rising costs of just being a student, we should be competing with the best in the private sector to provide for you guys. LUSU has cared about sport for a long, long time- as the existence of my position shows. However, the Uni is changing slowly.

Last year's AU president Mike Allewell was extremely popular within the A.U. and was highly regarded by most of the sports clubs on campus. Why do you think this was and do you think you will be able to replicate this success?

I think Mike was honest with each and every club and attempted to make sure everyone got the air time that they deserved. Over the summer I've laid everything out in front of the clubs, some stuff came off and some stuff didn't. But I don't intend to stop giving them all the information I get. We need the A.U. to work together with all that's going on and I suppose it's my job to pull everyone from their different places and push them in the same direction. I

think it's going to be an incredible year for Lancaster and we want as many people as possible to be involved in it.

Tell me about the new sports centre. Is this a realistic venture?

The new sports centre will happen, but probably not all at once and not at the same time. It's looking increasingly likely that the project will be two phased but eventually we should have a top notch facility. Hopefully phase one of the project will be ready for the summer of 2008.

If students are serious about their sport why should they come to Lancaster when there are the likes of Loughborough offering considerably better facilities?

Loughborough offers an incredible amount, that can't be disputed. But here at Lancaster we're becoming more and more performance orientated and the AU are backing this up by providing 8 new development coaches and campaigning long and hard for better facilities. We want our clubs to realise they are the best that Lancaster has to offer. They should be proud of this because we're proud of them.

What are your hopes and expectations for BUSA this year?

Last year was an excellent one for Lancaster, seeing us leap a number of places in the BUSA league table, finishing in 42nd. I believe that, with the restructuring of BUSA points scoring, the investment in development coaching and the talent we have, that we can jump into the top 30 this year.

Roses is away in York next May. There is a tradition that the away team loses in the competition- usually due to sleeping in lecture theatres and drinking all night long. Bearing this in mind, how highly do you rate Lancaster's chances?

I am going to say, and have done since I was elected into this job, that we will win Roses this year. We, as an office and as a Union, are thinking about creative solutions to things like the sleeping arrangements and hope that we can take a more professional attitude to Roses than we have done in the past. If we can paste them at home we can paste them away, we just need to get our heads right and I believe that we will.

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THE KABADDI DOES DODGEBALL!

By Ian Waterhouse
Sports Editor

Kabaddi is an Asian sport combining wrestling and rugby, with the point being to capture members of the opposing team whilst chanting the word 'Kabaddi'. Whilst it may not be available at Lancaster University (yet), some other more unusual sports are. A.U. President Dave Greenshields tells SCAN about Dodgeball.

How can students get involved?

As this is the first year that Dodgeball is being offered, there will be a number of free taster sessions in the Sports Hall during the first term, where anyone who is interested is encouraged to turn up. These will take place on 15th October, 19th and 26th November as well as 3rd December. There will then be an end of term competition the following week.

How does the game work?

It is remarkably similar to the film! One team stands along a wall and throws three balls at the members of the opposite team. When a ball strikes an opposing player anywhere on their body, that player is out. However if the player manages to catch the ball, they then win the right to bring another player back into the game. There are six people on each team.

Will there be matches this year?

Depending on the number of people who come to the initial taster sessions, we hope to run a competition over the second and third terms. This competition will take place on an informal basis, although it will be played as an organised league system, probably along similar lines to the current six-a-side football league.

What skills are most called upon?

Good reactions, spatial awareness and teamwork are important. Also being able to throw and catch a ball will help, although players of any ability are encouraged to take part and have fun.

Is the sport open to players of both sexes?

There are no gender restrictions on the game. This means that a team can be made up of six males or six females, or any mix between the two.

Sum up the sport in three words.

Don't get hit!

Who should people contact to find out more?

The e-mail address for people who are interested in playing Dodgeball is aupres@lancaster.ac.uk.

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CANOE CLUB MAKE BIG SPLASH!

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK A REVENGE NITRO CARBON KEVLAR CANOE POLO KAYAK COSTS? IAN WATERHOUSE LOOKS AT THE CANOE CLUB'S NEWEST MEMBERS

By Ian Waterhouse
Sports Editor

Lancaster University's Canoe Polo team have received a massive boost for the forthcoming season with the arrival of eight special purpose kayaks at a cost of £5,000.

The Canoe Polo team is one of Lancaster's youngest, having been in existence for only two years, but despite this lack of experience results in the BUSA league have been encouraging. After a 19th place finish in their debut season, the men's team finished a creditable 9th last season out of the 28 competing universities, whilst the ladies' team also improved to finish in 11th place. The squad also competed in a number of additional events throughout the year, including the prestigious Merseyside International Canoe Polo Tournament, which draws in competitors from across Europe, including national teams.

The game itself involves two teams of five players, each seated in their own kayak, attempting to propel the ball towards suspended nets situated at either end of the pool. Players may only hold on to the ball for five seconds at a time, before either attempting a shot or passing to a teammate. Dribbling is also permitted, by throwing the ball in front of the kayak and then paddling after it.

Games typically consist of two halves of 10 minutes play, with two referees monitoring the action from the security of dry land. Contrary to what the uninitiated may believe, tackling an opponent by pushing them over in the kayak is allowed.

The new boats themselves – technically termed 'Revenge Nitro Carbon Kevlar Canoe Polo kayaks' – provide a significant improvement on the more general-purpose equipment previously used by the team, offering greater flexibility and manoeuvrability, which can prove all-important in a somewhat crowded playing area.

With this improvement in equipment, a corresponding improvement in results is now to be expected, a point not lost on AU President Dave Greenshields. He told SCAN that he hoped that a top-six finish would be within reach of the team this year, and that the new boats should help to promote a "performance attitude" amongst the squad. With these aims in mind the team plan to expand their

portfolio of competitions further afield during the coming 12 months.

Through these exciting new developments within its Canoe Polo section, the Canoe Club is hoping to build on its success over the past year, which brought two silver medals in the K1 Class at the BUSA White Water Championships. Towards this goal, a further £1,500 has been spent on multi-purpose equipment such as spray decks and paddles, which will benefit not only the Canoe Polo squad, but also the rest of the Club in their drive for success.

These wider benefits have even presented the possibility of Lancaster University developing itself into an elite centre for watersports, with rumoured plans for a new swimming pool within the Sports Centre, which would complement the facilities already available along the River Lune.

Whether or not this long-term plan comes to fruition, the future certainly looks brighter in the short-term thanks to this substantial investment from Lancaster University Students' Union, which should provide the springboard for great things over the coming months.

The Canoe Club is currently on the lookout for new members. If you would like to join, or simply wish to know more about the Club, please visit www.lucc.co.uk.



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