

Roses triumph puts an end to four years of hurt



• **Additional investment results in biggest Roses of all time**

• **Lancaster win the 46th edition of the competition- their 22nd overall victory**

• **York finally defeated for first time in four years by a 52 point margin**

Liam Richardson
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LANCASTER UNIVERSITY HAS successfully regained the Carter-James Roses trophy, after defeating York University in the 46th edition of the annual competition.

The hosts have endured a miserable time in recent Roses history, suffering away defeats in 2007 and 2009 as well as a morale sapping home defeat in 2008 when York memorably emerged as winners by a slender two point margin.

However, Lancaster returned to form for the contest this year, ultimately triumphing over their cross-pennine rivals by 52 points. The final score was Lancaster 157.5 to York's 105.5.

The victory proved sweet for LUSU VP (Sport) Sue Wynes who has dedicated most of her year in office to triumphing in the competition:

"It has been absolutely brilliant. We started off well on Friday which was absolutely fantastic as we got a good lead then but obviously nothing is guaranteed. The teams pulled out all the stops and I am so proud of every

single one of them. When we finally got those extra points from the canoe slalom to ensure victory that was the highlight for me."

The victory was Lancaster's 22nd overall in the competition and the first since Mike Allewell led the Athletic Union to glory in 2006.

The heartache of recent years has prompted Lancaster University Students' Union (LUSU) to re-evaluate the organisation of the event. External funding was successfully negotiated from UPP, Ernst & Young, the Friends Programme and the University itself. The rough estimate of the cost of Roses

2010 is thought to be in the region of £70,000, which has resulted in a more spectacular and diverse event.

Lancaster built up and maintained their lead from the competition's outset. Twelve points were awarded to the home team after York pulled out of the rowing- the original event which prompted the genesis of Roses. Despite, a dramatic late loss in Thursday's cricket match, Lancaster enjoyed great success over the Bank Holiday Weekend and by Sunday lunchtime were confirmed as Roses Champions- prompting much celebration from Wynes and her tournament executive.

Nurse Unit put on life support by University

Jonnie Critchley

LANCASTER'S NURSE UNIT will no longer have a licence to administer prescriptions from October, following the decision by the University not to register with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

New regulations put in place by the CQC mean that without registration prescriptions cannot be issued under the supervision of the campus GP Practice, as has previously happened. As a result, students will lose a convenient point of contact for emergency contraception.

In a statement to students, the University maintains that "the Nurse Unit is not an emergency service and any emergencies should be dealt with through 999 calls. The Nurse Unit continues to supply the general first aid and advice that it has offered in the past."

Despite this reassurance, LUSU Vice President (Equality, Welfare and Diversity) Torri Crapper still has concerns. "Although no one pretends that it is an emergency service, the support the nurses provide is enormous. These changes not only threaten the wellbeing of the student population, but that of the staff too," she said.

Tom Finnigan, Director of Student Based Services, played down the potential effect upon students, emphasising the point that prescriptions have only ever been issued under supervision of the GP practice. Finnigan said that "the focus should be to provide support for the wellbeing of students and not duplicate services provided by the NHS. As there is a GP practice on campus they should be the source for prescribed drugs."

However, Crapper is critical of this, maintaining that the Nurse Unit offers a unique and useful service. "The Nurse Unit used to be able to hand out emergency contraception to students, and as a service open at the weekends it remained positive in its protection against unwanted pregnancies," she said. "They can no longer provide this service without registering with the

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Roses 2010 was a victory on many levels. We are now maximising the competition's vast potential

This year the media coverage and exposure of the 46-year-old event has shown what our students and what our institution is capable of

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Roses is apparently the biggest inter-varsity event in Europe. It is bigger than the annual Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge. It may be less prestigious but surely warrants some coverage on a BBC that has long lost its crown jewels in terms of cricket and football live footage. However, the BBC aren't interested. They're still looking over the rainbow for Dorothy and other national broadcasters and newspapers are the equivalent of the Kansas dust-bowl in terms of promotion for such a large-scale event. Even our own University has got in on the act. In the most recent edition of LUText, an email newsletter sent to staff, Roses was the second item on the billing- behind a pompously titled Ideas Festival- another opportunity for our own Wizards of Oz to showcase their light bulb moments and justify the money they receive.

It seems that an event between two highly-ranked institutions, based upon

perhaps the most pivotal war in British history and involving over a thousand competitors does not hold a greater currency in the eyes of the media.

Some of the blame for this should be apportioned to Lancaster and York universities themselves. How did they not realise they had an extremely valuable and enticing event to gain widespread media attention? Roses has been in existence for 46 years and most people around the Lancaster area raise their eyebrows and look baffled at the mention of such a contest.

For Roses 2010 a different approach was needed. By working with a PR company, and placing the onus on the student media groups on campus, the competition may be finally be going some way to living up to its billing as the biggest of its kind across Europe. Coverage in various publications is on the cards and greater regional interest in the event is a positive step towards greater publicity. When you have a brand as strong as

Roses, it is vitally important to make as much of it as possible.

However, whilst it is very simple to criticise external bodies for not providing support to the competition, or to those involved in the past internally for not maximising the event's potential it should be noted that student media groups have perhaps not received the support or shown the inclination themselves to make a massive effort for Roses.

Bailrigg FM has been rightly praised and won awards for its coverage in the past, and this year raised the bar even higher by enlivening the atmosphere at the Roses Hub and providing up-to-date and enjoyable coverage of the event across the weekend.

SCAN finally embraced the 21st Century and attempted live text updates on the Roses Live website. Again, this proved highly successful and engaged a vast number of people.

LUTube.TV perhaps made the most

notable step forward. The television station has only been running for three years and without a home of its own or proper funding has struggled to deliver in the past. This weekend, however, thanks to the generosity of our own Vice-Chancellor, LUTube.TV had access to a media truck costing several thousand pounds to give members of the group a real life-changing experience. With assistance from a BBC news reporter, they were able to stream live coverage of most events and broadcast their own live highlights shows.

The success of student media at this event has highlighted the vast potential they have to develop and flourish. By raising the bar at Roses, they deserve the opportunity to upgrade their facilities, training opportunities and funding from the Student Union. Ambition, dedication and potential should be rewarded, honed and developed. Student media at Lancaster will now hopefully move further forwards.

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Grad Ball tickets disappear like rabbits down holes despite controversy

Krissi Roberts

TICKETS FOR THIS year's much anticipated Graduation Ball went on sale on Monday of Week One. Despite controversy over the lack of a headlining artist, they were immediately in high demand, with students queuing for up to 45 minutes to buy them.

The theme for Grad Ball 2010 is Alice in Wonderland, inspired not only by the recent Tim Burton film but also by the scope it gave the organizers to include a range of activities, such as fire-eaters, magicians, contortionists and, of course, rabbits.

The event will be held in the Great Hall, beginning at 9.30pm, although wristbands are available in college bars from 8pm, where students can enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne.

Instead of one main headliner, as last year with Alesha Dixon, this year's line-up features a number of smaller acts, which have been chosen in the hope of offering a wider selection of music than in previous years.

Andy Johnston, LUSU VP (Finance, Events, Democracy and Societies), expressed his excitement at the "really different and exciting acts" that are lined up. He went on to explain that "Fenech-Soler are an amazing band who are about to get really big, and The Cuban Brothers are known worldwide for their mad parties and hosting style."

So far over 1200 tickets have been sold for the event with just a limited number remaining, a marked improvement on last year. Johnston said he felt this vindicated the hard work and decisions behind this event. The tickets this year are considerably cheaper than previously years, at £37.50 with a purple card and £47.50 without. Johnston confirmed that a great deal of thought

went into this decision. "We wanted to make an event that was as open to as many people as possible, and by having a lower ticket price, we have made this possible," he said

However, whilst Grad Ball has been designed to represent value for money, the decision has not been well met by all students. It has sparked controversy amongst some who feel they have been cheated. Many are of the opinion that the reduction in ticket price is at the expense of having a headlining performer, which has come as something of a dissatisfaction.

Third year student Angela Bews said that she is "disappointed that an event that is supposed to symbolise the end of three years of hard work is focusing more on theatrics and less on the music. It feels like a complete anti-climax and although I want to end my degree

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Some students this year feel they have been let down and don't see the reduction in ticket price as sufficient compensation, especially as last year's ball incorporated a funfair into its circus theme.

Current third year Kristopher Gregory felt that the students weren't consulted enough during the organi-



A night less ordinary: Example will be performing at this year's Grad Ball

zational process and should have been allowed more input. "A lot of people haven't heard of any of the acts," he said. "This is a moment people want to remember for the rest of their lives and quality, known artists would contribute greatly to a special day."

Although there is animosity amongst some students, not everyone sees the ball in this way. There are still several things planned to make the event special that have yet to be revealed, and the ethos behind the ball is that it is an opportunity to get together with friends to celebrate the end of three years' hard work, a fact that Lonsdale

student Katie Jamieson reiterates. "I know I'm not paying for a gig, I'm paying for a ball. I'm much more excited about spending time with everyone in the same place for what is likely to be the last time," she said.

In the same way, third-year Daniel Owens acknowledges that he has had good nights out in clubs that play music he doesn't necessarily enjoy. On discovering the line-up, he researched the various acts using YouTube and Spotify. "I listened to what each act had to offer and actually liked it, I was very happy by the way the organizers have tried to cover all the bases," he said.

Mad Hatter students rally from London to Mongolia

Charlotte Urban

TWO LANCASTER STUDENTS will be taking on a huge challenge this summer when they participate in the Mongol Rally. Dubbing themselves the 'Mad Hatters', third year students Aaron Gregory and Joe Rigby will be braving dirt-track roads and mountainous terrain and heading for Mongolia's capital Ulan Bator.

Driving a small one-litre car, the pair will start the rally in London and travel unaided through Poland, Russia and Kazakhstan to reach their destination. They will have to navigate their way through a number of deserts and mountain ranges. Only one of them is qualified to drive and neither have any mechanic skills.

"I want to do something different, unusual and crazy; I want to do something epic," said Rigby.

There are genuine elements of danger which they may encounter on their journey. The group will be travelling through Chernobyl, the location of a major radioactive disaster in 1987. In addition, they may have to deal with bribing officers, roaming bandits and the fact that many of the roads are unmarked, forcing them to rely on primitive forms of navigation. They are also put at risk if they break down, as they will depend on the help of nearby residents and other teams.

"We think it would be good to end our time at uni with a bang, go on a special adventure! We also wanted to do something for charity as well," said Gregory.

The Mad Hatters are aiming to raise as much money as possible for the Christina Nobel Children's Foundation, a charity which provides shelter to homeless children in Asia. They also need sponsorship in order to fund the trip. They are therefore appealing for sponsorship from students and businesses alike. The team hope to organise some fundraising events over the course of the summer term and have suggested that any ideas for raising funds are welcome.

The Mad Hatters will have the opportunity on their travels to see how the money they have raised has helped.

"When we reach Mongolia we are hoping to have time to go visit the charity we are donating to, to see what they have been doing with money, and how it's affected the children," Rigby said.

If you wish to sponsor the Mad Hatters on their rally across Eastern Europe and through Asia, you can do so via their Facebook page 'Mongol Rally 2010 - The Mad Hatters!'

Nurse Unit put on life support by University

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Care Quality Commission, which the University is not allowing them to do."

Crapper remains hopeful that the decision can be successfully contested, emphasising that the University should prioritise the upkeep of the Nurse Unit service over possible cost-cutting or restructuring agendas. She hopes student opposition will be strong. "Here is hoping that the University begins to listen to the students, and actually allows this service to continue," she said.

It is hoped that a formal campaign can be instigated, the responsibility for which will fall largely with the incoming LUSU VP (EWD), Pete Macmillan. Macmillan holds strong views about the role of the Nurse Unit, which he says provides "a fundamental service that the University should be trying its utmost to keep hold of."

Any campaign launched is likely to

be seen before the end of this academic year, with the decision to reduce Nurse Unit services coming into effect from October 2010. "If the campaign gets put together now, that means

once we've secured the profile of the campaign, it gives me the basis to get on the front foot," said Macmillan, who hopes to make progress with the issue for the start of the next academic

year.

Emergency contraception is the service seen by both Crapper and Macmillan as arguably the most important offered by the Nurse Unit. For Macmillan, the easy availability of such a service, along with other vital short-run emergency treatments, is a reassurance for students and parents and a big selling point for the University. Without the Nurse Unit, said Macmillan, "the University is not fulfilling a promise that has potentially brought somebody to that university."

Crapper sent out an advisory reminder to students that for the meantime "colleges and myself have a supply of free condoms available and also a list of the pharmacies in town which do provide free emergency contraception in the interim period, until we know what the University is planning for the Nurse Unit."



Political societies get in the thick of it

Paul Hannah

IN THE RUN-UP to the recent General Election, the University societies that represent the four major political parties, have been working hard to publicise their parties on campus.

Conservative Future, Labour Club, Green Society and Liberal Democrats' Society have all worked closely with the local candidates for their respective parties and have been solidly canvassing for the last few weeks.

James Calder, President of Conservative Future speaking before the election, said of the Conservative candidate, Eric Ollerenshaw: "Eric has been on campus on numerous days, talking to students. I've worked with him a lot, and spent just as much time in the pub with him."

As well as helping Ollerenshaw canvass on campus, the Conservative Future Society has been erecting posters on the Spine and dispensing leaflets under doors. "We have a membership of about 40, with about 25 solid regulars who come to most things," added Calder.

David Willetts, the Conservative Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills was on campus with Conservative Future on Friday Week 21. Willetts outlined the Conservatives' plans to change



Week 3 is a long time in student politics: Political societies have been fighting for your vote (Photo: Josh Bancroft)

the university funding system by introducing early repayment bonuses for graduates who pay off their student loans early. This money would be used to fund extra university places.

"This summer we're going to have tens of thousands of young people who on Labour's plans are not going to get a place – in fact on Labour's plans [there are] going to be six thousand fewer places. What we're saying instead is 'Look, we need to bring extra money into the system so that these young people are

not frustrated'."

Becky Hodgson, Chair of the Labour Club said: "Lancaster University Labour Club is the most active political society on campus, guided by underlying principles and beliefs of social justice, equality, collectivism, unity and tolerance."

She added, speaking before the General Election: "We have brought high-profile visitors to campus, including Eddie Izzard and Ed Miliband, who have spoken about Labour's campaign-

ing message in a way which leaflets and posters just can't do."

Comedian Eddie Izzard, came to Lancaster in Week 21 to promote Labour's campaign. He said: "I just don't want the Tories to get in and I believe that the Labour Party tries its hardest to be fair. Sometimes they make a muck of it but I still stick by them."

"This is an important election. The Tories have a huge war chest and they are threatening to come in. They don't work for students and are not the right


party to be in"


Labour's Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband said of the political societies on campus: "It's good to see student politics is alive and well. There are real risks from a Conservative government in relation to the things students' value."

The Liberal Democrats' Society has also been working hard in the approach to the General Election. "We also work in Lancaster itself with the local party," said Leo Mead, the President of the society. "[But] on campus particularly, we hold stalls in Alex square, which attracts people who might have questions but don't know where else to get their answers from," he added.

"Our numbers are steadily growing and this makes for extremely interesting and often quite animated meetings. We feel that these help us to maintain our working relationship with a larger group of people, which in turn has a positive effect on the types of campaigns and events we are able to organise."

Green Society has also held stalls in the Square, one of which included painting peoples' faces green. "As a society we are going out every day talking to students, leafleting and putting posters up to show people that Green is an option in Lancaster and Fleetwood. So there's a Green presence every day on campus," said James Keir, President of Green Society.





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Students left stranded as travel plans go up in smoke

Khairil Zhafri

THE RECENT AIR travel disruption caused by volcanic eruptions in Iceland has caused chaos for students returning to Lancaster. Many students who travelled abroad during the Easter break had their classes, coursework and examinations interrupted as they were left stranded overseas.

Michelle McShane, a third-year Law student, was due to fly back to the UK from Shanghai the day before term started. However, her flight was delayed and subsequently cancelled, forcing her to stay for two more weeks. She was among 100 UK students on a three-week course in China.

"I considered getting the train to Russia but it takes days and I wasn't sure how hard it would be to acquire the necessary visa for entry," she said. "I stayed in Shanghai to secure my visa extension and be close by to collect it from the embassy during the week."

McShane was concerned about her dissertation and exams, telling SCAN that "[the dissertation] is 15,000-words long and [...] I still had 6,000 words to

finish which I was hoping to do in the two weeks I should have had left when I returned. I'm not sure what will happen with regards to my exams. I've got no revision materials here and I would normally be starting my revision now."

Earth and Environmental Sciences student David Heptinstall was in Sicily with 23 other students and three lecturers on a field trip to Mount Etna. Their flight was cancelled after they boarded the plane.

"Two masters students on the trip were asked to take charge as [the lecturers] went on the other side of the island installing a camera on Mount Etna," he said. "So we stayed in the nearby city of Trapani. When we were reunited with the lecturers they decided to do an additional day in the field up Mount Etna. Alternative transportation routes were initially considered but it was decided to wait until Thursday when our flight was [rescheduled]."

The group eventually returned to Lancaster by coach.

The University's various academic departments received positive comments from students for their responsiveness in overcoming the hurdles caused by the disruption.



John Ang, a first year Accounting and Finance student left stranded in Singapore, said: "My studies were not affected much as I managed to inform my respective departments about my situation and they were very understanding. Besides most lecture notes are online so it was not a problem."

"I missed one week's lectures and tutorials but both department, Economics and Accounting [and Finance] were very helpful," said Chandrika Bengani from Jaipur, in India. "The Economics department postponed a test while the Accounting department postponed a group presentation and a project report submission deadline."

"The university and the [Environmental Science] department were generally brilliant in this case," said Heptinstall. "The morning [after flight cancellation], we got confirmation that the university would pay for all the accommodation expenses. The university agreed to cancel the exam for the volcanics course. The department arranged coursework extensions. The head of the departmental board that reviews the grades given told that if required, she'd fight our case."

Tom Finnigan, Director of Student Based Services said: "We started to monitor the situation from the last week of Easter, once it became appar-

ent that travel would be disrupted.

"I sent an email to departments to remind them that there are already procedures and processes in place to cater for disruption to teaching and examinations so that all students would be treated equitably. Departments will take all steps possible to ameliorate the impact on students," he added.

Departments have been directed to allow second- and third-year students undertaking examinations during this period to take another examination as soon as reasonably possible within this term. In addition, second-year students may be allowed to take alternative assessments.

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In Focus: Roses 2010

Roses lives up to its billing as the biggest event of its kind in Europe



Lauren Hirst

IT WAS CHEERS and celebrations all round as Lancaster University played host to the 46th Battle of Roses and where were crowned victorious after defeating their York rivals by a staggering margin of 52 points.

The past three years have seen the Carter James Trophy taken away from its rightful home but this year the cup was brought back to where it belongs after an intense weekend of intervarsity sporting competitions.

The Roses Hub, assembled next to the football pitches, was at the centre of all the action, surrounded by an array of food and drink for everyone to enjoy. The Pancake Man, The

Smart Coffee Company and Shirley's Homemade Pies each had their own stall serving food throughout the day along with the German Society who were selling a traditional German favourite, the bratwurst. Of course, alcohol was in abundance with the bar becoming the centrepiece of the Roses Hub, allowing students to raise a glass to their success as well as keeping the spectators very well hydrated throughout. The Score Centre, which was positioned in the middle of the Roses Hub, kept a check on Lancaster's progress and gradual climb to victory. Bailrigg FM were also in attendance streaming live music and sporting commentary throughout the weekend, keeping everyone updated on the sporting events which were taking place.

The opening ceremony began at 1pm on Saturday when members from both Lancaster and York's brass bands performed two songs which included the 'Rocky' and 'Match of the Day' theme tune.

On Sunday, students were able to compete in It's a Knock Out which was raising money for the charity, Cancer Care. With a variety of different assault courses, competitors

hit campus Lancaster style, with students challenging each other for prizes and of course the title of It's a Knock Out champion. The games included bouncy basket ball, Nelly the elephant and the mangle, each testing student's strength, courage and lack of embarrassment as they ran, jumped and slid around the course. The winners were awarded for their efforts with certificates and medals and trophies were handed out to the glorious winners. A fun run also took place around campus with students running one of three distances, 10k, 5k or 1.5k with money also going towards Cancer Care. With around 60 runners competing in the fun run and over 300 challenging themselves in It's a Knock Out, James Perrin,

LUVU Projects and Placement Coordinator and organiser for the charity events, commented: "I am hoping to raise a few thousand pounds for Cancer Care. A huge amount of organisation has gone into It's a Knock Out as we have been planning this and Roses events for about four months now."

The closing ceremony was held in the Roses Hub on the Sunday at 4pm and was hosted by Student Media Board Chair, Katie Jamieson, who said that "we would now like to commemorate the many successful achievements of the last three days by presenting the Roses 2010 trophies". The backdrop to the ceremony was a live stream of twitter updates which included tweets such as "Next year

we will kick York's arse again" and "Lancaster won Roses, Lancaster won Roses lalala." A montage, which had been created from footage from LUTube.tv and YSTV, allowed students to witness a visual overview of the success of the Roses weekend. The crowd were then entertained by the energetic Lancaster cheerleading squad who took to the stage combining a mixture of stunts, dancing and fireworks.

This was followed by the presentation of various awards and trophies which were handed out to the sporting clubs and societies who had achieved a Roses victory. LUSU Vice President (Sport), Sue Wynes and her York counterpart Emily Scott were there to congratulate each winning



Victory: Sue Wynes celebrates Lancaster's Roses win (Photo: Ben Robins)

Roses 2010: The Sports Overview

Friday: Day 1

The first day of the Roses tournament saw Lancaster storm into the lead with the equestrian, pool and swimming teams all bringing home the points to ensure that Lancaster got off to a great start. The cricket, who were the only sporting team to play on the Thursday, set the standard for the competition with a close fought out match until the final whistle sounded. All the teams throughout the day showed will and determination creating a strong lead, setting the competition in good stead for that much desired Roses victory. After the final sporting event of the day had finished Lancaster had achieved 62.5 points in comparison to York with 25.5 points.

Saturday: Day 2

Despite a strong lead, there was no guarantee that Lancaster would be victorious and the game was still on for Lancaster sporting teams to bring home the points. With a huge array of sporting events taking place, the day could have gone either way with the weather in true Lancaster style proving predictable in its unpredictability. However, Lancaster proved their sporting prowess by widening the gap making it 126.5 to Lancaster with York becoming a distant second place with 76.5 points. Andrew Johnston, VP (Finance, Events, Democracy & Societies), said: "Sporting wise it has been a massive success and it has shown that the university has put a lot into the sporting side and the competition, has so far proved that we are better than York".

Sunday: Day 3

The final day of Roses was party to a morning of nerves and tension with Lancaster almost within reaching distance of the Carter James Trophy. It was the Canoe Slalom that brought the cup home after beating York by 0.29. Amy Fowler, competitions captain for the canoe slalom, commented "It felt absolutely amazing. I didn't actually know that we needed the canoe clubs points to get the win but Sue Wynes started screaming down the phone to me and I screamed back. It was amazing to think that our club had done it. This is my fifth roses and this year has been amazing and the canoe club have had a brilliant weekend." Lancaster wins the Roses title by an impressive 157.5 to York's 105.5.



Roses Review

I think everyone is enjoying It's A Knockout and everyone has got into the competitive spirit. I have been to three roses and this has been by far the best experience. Absolutely Brilliant!

Ross Brown

I have been able to get involved with the filming and production of the live streaming of it all and it's been brilliant to try something new.

Daniel Willis

Roses has made me want to get more involved with the sports on campus. I've just watched the lacrosse and it was amazing.

Jenny Broadbent

It has been manic but really exciting but it has been so busy. LUTube have had so much to do at Roses. As I'm not very sporty, it was a way that I could get involved without having to play a sport and join in with the team spirit.

Abby Newbery

It's A Knock Out has been brilliant fun and the organisation has been fantastic.

Jayne Bolton

By getting involved with the photography, it has allowed me to be at the front of the action.

Jonathan Kinnear

With Roses away last year I let it slip me by. But this year has been so much fun and I have enjoyed the team spirit.

Catherine Mclearie

team on the Roses stage.

Scott, despite York's defeat and a strained voice due to a weekend of shouting and cheering, was still in high spirits about the event. "I want to say a massive thank you to all the competitors and the competition has been fantastic with the sport of a high quality. Congratulations to Lancaster!"

Wynes then took to the podium to comment on the Roses Weekend. "I went down to watch the cricket which was the first event and even though it didn't go our way it was a brilliant competition and the closest cricket match I've ever seen. It really set the precedent for the weekend ahead". Wynes then went on to chant what has fast become the Lancaster Roses anthem "there is one thing I want to finish off with...Lancaster lalala Lancaster lalala" causing an uproar of cheering and singing from the crowd of spectators.

The ceremony was topped off with a performance from Lancaster dance society who treated the crowd to a dancing extravaganza combining a mixture of different disciplines of dance from jazz to ballet to point.

It was then time for the finale, the presentation of the Carter James Trophy when Jamieson announced that we had reached the final result. "The white and red rose met on the battlefield many centuries ago and still to this day York and Lancaster continue to battle for dominance. There can only be one winner. Ladies and Gentlemen the winner of Roses 2010 is...Lancaster!" With the official announcement of the winner of the battle of Roses, the crowd erupted in a mass of cheering, screaming and chanting followed by the explosion of the confetti cannons. The noise level

was turned up several notches when Wynes raised the Carter James Trophy into the air signalling the return of the cup to Lancaster University.

After the event, Wynes said: "It has been absolutely brilliant. We started off well on Friday which was absolutely fantastic as we got a good lead then but obviously nothing is guaranteed. The teams pulled out all the stops and I am so proud of every single one of them. When we finally got those extra points from the canoe slalom to ensure victory that was the highlight for me."

Although sport will always be at the heart of the Roses tradition, this year Lancaster was able to involve a diverse range of students from across campus allowing budding journalists, TV and radio presenters to get a taste of the media industry and in particular its fast paced nature. Students participated in the Roses media coverage which involved anything from live blogging to photography. Michael Payne, LUSU President, commented "I think the broadcasting which showed the talent of the students, the twitter technology, the live feed and the blogging which the Vice Chancellor commented as he was following it yesterday evening, was absolutely brilliant".

Jamieson, who in addition to hosting the closing ceremony has been presenting on LUTube during Roses said "I think the media coverage went very well, we saw each of the media: LUTube.TV, BFM and SCAN, working very well together and independently too and as the Media Board Chair I was very proud of everyone involved for that. I think it was a really important part of Roses because the competition shouldn't be forgotten if people can't make it there, I'm

glad a lot of time and effort was dedicated to the media coverage".

Behind the scenes, countless hours are put into the organisation of Roses to ensure its success. Oliver Trumble, creative director for the closing ceremony, commented: "I am really glad we won after so many people put lots of effort into the closing ceremony, it would have been a little embarrassing if we hadn't of won. The closing ceremony and final product have been worth all the hard work".

Alisdair Denholme, LUSU Activities Developer, who has been involved with the organisation of Roses from the start, said: "The support throughout the event has been fantastic so everyone has been in high spirits which is what it's all about. It's about getting the whole university, not just those playing, but getting all students together and everybody fighting together to win the competition".

A weekend of festivities were also planned for the sports teams to celebrate their wins. Sugarhouse, the legendary Morecambe-based the Carleton and Barker House Farm, which hosted a Comedy Night, gave

students an array of options to choose from.

The entire Roses event was funded by University Partnership Programme, Ernst and Young and the Alumni Friend's programme who contributed around £40,000 to ensure that Roses 2010 was the best yet as well as Campus Fest and Winter Fest

Roses is one of the most popular events of the student calendar and therefore hundreds of students

from York travelled the 2 and a half hours drive

too Lancaster to participate in the event. Around

300 York students resided

on campus in one of the

George Fox Lecture theatres with

a popular choice being

Lecture theatre 2 -5 due

to the carpeted floor.

Overall, the event allowed

nearly 1,500 students to

showcase their sport-

ing talents in one of the biggest intervarsity competitions in Europe as well as creating numerous opportunities for students to sample the media industry with Lancaster's very own media outlets.

Next year will be York's turn to host the annual Roses tradition and Lancaster will continue to pursue victory and the Carter James Trophy.



Media: The Roses Hub (Photo: Ben Robins)

Ideas flow at festival

Emma Ashley

The third Lancaster University Ideas Festival was held on Thursday, Week 22. The event, which happens every two years, featured presentations by recently-appointed professors on their latest research.

The 13 presentations of the day ran from 10am until 3.45pm, and ranged from 'Getting out of a "sticky situation" – how the Leishmania parasite is transmitted' by Professor Paul Bates of the Department of Biomedical and Life Sciences, to 'A license to Kill?' by Professor Aristotle Kallis of the Department of European Languages and Cultures.

Professor Paul Wellings, Vice-Chancellor of the University, said of



Leishmania parasite

the event: "We'd seen Dundee try this idea and it worked so decided to have a showcase of ideas and research in much smaller doses."

"It allows colleagues to hear excerpts of senior members of staff's work and maybe could lead to new research as often topics crossover. It also shows students a range of what's going on and shifts ways in which new ideas come out," he continued.

Professor John Quinton from the Lancaster Environment Centre gave an interesting presentation entitled, 'A manifesto for soil' which discussed how soil is most important for clean water, food supply and tackling climate change, and how saving soil could help solve hunger and stop malnutrition in under privileged countries. Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband was in the audience for Prof Quinton's lecture.

Professor Steven Jones of the Health Research Faculty gave a presentation on 'Psychosocial perspectives on the understanding and treatment of bipolar disorder.' It gave information on research being conducted in order to help people who are bipolar, including researching the positives of being bipolar.

Film footage of the Ideas Festival for anyone interested in finding out more or watching any of the presentations can be found at: <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/ideasfestival/>

University teams up with Guide Dogs to offer students



Collette McColgan
News Editor

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY HAS been chosen to take part in a competition which will help students boost their career prospects, and give them valuable experience in the world of marketing and communications. The competition, Project Guide Dogs, launched on March 15. Competitors are expected

to come up with up to ten ideas as to how 10,000 18 to 25 year-olds may be persuaded to support Guide Dogs' political campaigns. Guide Dogs is a campaigning charity, which looks to fight for the rights of blind and partially sighted people across the UK. It was ranked as the 11th best UK charity brand last year. Other universities chosen to participate in the competition are Reading, Swansea and Warwick. There will be four winners chosen from

these universities, and prizes include a two-week work placement in the Guide Dogs marketing and communications department, a two-day residential workshop with Guide Dogs' creative staff, £250 vouchers at a shop of their choice, and a reference from the Guide Dogs head of marketing and communications for them to use a future employment. Beverley Poole, Head of Marketing and Communications at Guide Dogs says: "We know students

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Full competition details and how to enter are available at www.project-guidedogs.co.uk and the deadline for entries is Monday, May 31.

City Block residents' seven month wait for internet connection

Emily Turner

AFTER NEARLY 27 weeks of poor internet connection, the residents of City Block have finally received an upgraded internet service.

Since the beginning of the tenancy, students from both Lancaster University and the University of Cumbria living in City Block Two have been experiencing slow internet service which has made research, assignments and exam revision difficult. In some cases, it would take 15-20 minutes to download files off LUVLE.

This has forced people to travel to campus to use the internet, something students feel is unacceptable in accommodation which claims to be 'luxury'.

Emma Lovatt, a history student, has struggled to complete assigned readings and online seminar tasks due to the slow internet connection. "As far as I'm concerned, accommodation for students should have access to the internet. It's just so important for gaining a degree now," she said.

In response to student complaints, City Block management said: "We recognised that there was a heavier demand for bandwidth than usual due to high volumes of data being down-

loaded including music files, films and gaming. A decision was taken to bring forward the planned date for upgrading the internet service in readiness for the main exam period."

Rebecca Devey, a resident of the affected flat, said: "I shouldn't have to worry about other people downloading and limiting my own internet speed. After all, the University manages to cope with people downloading and gaming."

Despite an internet upgrade, students are unhappy with the way the

situation was dealt with. In a letter of complaint to City Block, resident Liz Foster wrote: "As luxury student accommodation, City Block should provide sufficient internet. This has not been provided over the last seven months."

The broadband supplied to City Block is shared broadband internet access, making available bandwidth dependent on usage by other residents. All students are asked to sign a fair usage policy as part of an agreement with City Block. This policy was completed

by students in February 2009.

An attempt to fix the problem involved a student walking around the flat with a laptop to detect a wireless router which may have been in use, something which has been criticised as being unprofessional.

Students are now campaigning for compensation for the unsatisfactory internet connection over the last seven months. However, City Block is refusing to consider a refund because there was no actual downtime with the internet.

"They seem to think it's acceptable for them to upgrade the internet after 26 weeks and expect us to be happy from now on," said Devey. "However, we have had 26 weeks without internet, enough time for this to affect our work."

"We pay enough for the accommodation which is stated as 'luxury', therefore we should have at least received a decent internet service, [which is] essential to any student," said Foster.

In addition to poor internet, students have experienced maintenance problems, including sporadic hot water issues. Last week also saw City Block test the intercom system in the morning with no prior warning. "It was disruptive, rude and disrespectful to us," said Devey. "I think calling this accommodation is luxury is deceitful."



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David Guy

There is nothing more irresponsible than encouraging the ill-informed to use their vote

Political education should be made compulsory for our students, and then ignorance will not be an excuse

I voted once. Stepping inside a booth, I placed an X on a slip of paper, folded it neatly in half and then placed it into a sealed black box. That piece of paper then contributed to the choice of government for this country. For some, that act is regarded as noble and righteous; a bold statement of belief which, when merged with those of the rest of society, fairly determines the future course of the nation. However, that vote, like so many, was cast in ignorance. I had not properly investigated the policies of the party I chose and I knew little about politics in general.

Some think that the democratic voice should be exercised regardless of personal wisdom, but given the wide implications of government, it is irresponsible to promote voting to individuals and groups that are uninformed or apathetic. The complexity and fast pace of politics means it is difficult to keep abreast of current affairs. Knowledge of political philosophy and history is also ideal to gain a real understanding of parties, their policies and the implications their potential governing may have.

Obviously, there is a limit to the



knowledge anyone, even those in power, have of politics, but voters who can not identify the face, or name, of a leader of one of the main parties should not be encouraged to vote. Those who have an interest in this election will already be considering their options for the ballot box. They will, hopefully, be educating and informing themselves about the options and considering how each candi-

date or party might fare in government.

Voter apathy is a worrying element of a democracy. It suggests that voters don't care, don't feel they have a choice or just don't feel they know enough. But, rather than urging as many of these people as possible to vote, the government needs to help educate the population. Political education should be introduced into schools as a compulsory

lesson, in order that everyone has an understanding of British and European government, political parties, ideologies and, importantly, the way the media can manipulate voters. Instead of valuing high voter turn out, the government should be urging the electorate to learn as much as they can in order to make theirs a quality vote. If anyone is not confident in their understanding then they should be advised to keep away from the ballot box.

During this election, the electorate have been fortunate to experience the leader's TV debates. They have been a great way for the main parties to get across their message, challenge each others policies and demonstrate their abilities to communicate effectively. LUSU's promotion, too, of the parliamentary question time will help Lancaster's students make a more informed decision. Recent full time executive officer elections, however, risked candidates being elected for reasons other than their suitability for the role, when e-mails, urging students to vote, promoted rivalry between colleges, with an informal competition for the college which could field the most voters.

Easier accessibility, with online voting, rather than being convenient, may also lead to uninterested students casting a vote for friends or candidates they know little or nothing about. When watching a hustings, it is difficult to imagine how anyone not present is getting quite the insight into the candidate's policies and abilities as those who are present. Perhaps if only those attending were allowed to vote, as well as having to register with their college for each election, then we would have a packed, exciting, hustings, where no one takes their vote for granted. This way, only those with a genuine interest, or who are passionate enough, will make the effort to vote.

When the role of government requires a wide range of decisions to be made that will effect every person, group and institution in the country, as well as people abroad, voters should be extremely cautious about playing a part in electing them. A vote itself is not enough. It is an exercise in liberty which must be backed up with a sound understanding of policies and their potential implications and not based on loyalties, a good speech or a misguided view of democracy in this country.



Michael Payne
LUSU President

The long awaited victory is ours but the momentum must continue

Three weeks ago one of only four Gold Sound Impact Awards given out nationally (recognising environmental impact and campaigning of Students' Unions) was won by LUSU. Last week we also learned of our success in the Best Bar None Awards for the North West (recognising standards of operation for licensed premises, benchmarked against national standards); LUSU's Sugarhouse was commended with a Gold Award for the North West division, placing us in top position and short-listing for a possible nationwide award. Next came the biggest achievement of them all – the return of the prestigious Carter-James Trophy to Lancaster after its three long years in York.

This outstanding achievement was realised with the combined efforts of many at the Students' Union and University but such a conclusive victory would never have been delivered were it not for the astounding talent, commitment and dedication of our Athletic Union.

Roses 2010 proves that when organisations put their full weight behind an event and give every ounce of support available – rewards will be reaped. From the inspiring appearance of our Chancellor, Sir Christian Bonington and Olympic medallist, Steve Parry at our Roses Rally to the exceptional broadcasting and innovative collaboration of LUTube, Bailrigg FM and SCAN on the media coverage, we managed to deliver an event that was unparalleled by any other in recent history for our students.

The infrastructure provided by Lancaster University's Facilities Department and the cutting edge technology offered by ISS contributed significantly to a polished, exciting and ultimately rewarding event.

Not only have we collectively raised the standard of Roses as an event in the sporting calendar, we have laid down the gauntlet to our counterparts across the Pennines. York will have to dig deep next year to meet the standards set this year. We have also created momentum,

with victory in their hands our Athletic Union teams can now focus on the away victory next year; Lancaster has the chance to redress the balance of points in Roses history but it will only achieve such a coup if we begin preparing now. In the coming year we may not be hosting the event, but we must remain united as an organisation, we must work together and work with the University to ensure appropriate support, training and confidence boosting are right at the top of our agenda.

But none of the above could have been achieved if it were not for clear and decisive leadership. Our Vice-President Sports, Sue Wynes has showed courage, tenacity and commitment to the cause from the beginning of planning for the event right to the final moment where remaining points were up for grabs and for that she should be commended and can be immensely proud of her achievements.

Particular thanks should be paid to the Vice-Chancellor for his extra fi-

nancial support, allowing for cutting edge media technology to be utilised by students throughout the weekend.

This victory will be one that remains in the memories of many students and staff for a long time but we should never be complacent. For me the real lesson learned is that sport must always be the absolute focus of Roses, but the Roses Executive and our athletes should not have to be bothered with deciding where best placed the burger should be, or what colour the pyrotechnics for the closing ceremony are. It is the combined efforts of many and the sharing of responsibilities that achieves such a successful event, as demonstrated this year.

To all involved a tremendous well done, to Lancaster University Alumni & Friends thank you for the funding and to UPP a thank you for your continued support and investment. Finally to everyone who helped out, supported and cheered Lancaster to victory thank you so much. Here's to a victory of the Red Rose in 2011.

When our organisations pull together to stage an event the rewards we reap are evident

COMMENT



Liam Kay
Comment Editor

Apathy in Britain is killing our politics

The ability to cast a vote and determine how this nation is run is a powerful civic duty. Failing to use it will only lead to far greater problems and far greater apathy

Are you registered to vote? As the election gathers pace and the dividing lines between the parties begin to widen, it is fast becoming clear that this election is a crucial one; probably the most important for a generation and, with so much to gain and lose if the wrong party is voted into government, to be apathetic to the outcome is criminal.

This election sees debates ranging from how to continue economic recovery, electoral reform, the long-term status of many of our public services and who is best placed to lead the nation for the next five years. This is not an election where people should squander their vote in a haze of apathy.

However, the true threat to our democratic process is exactly that: voter apathy. People are not utilising the chance to have their say in how the country is run. The system that we have needs reform but the failure of the population to support the re-evaluation of both the ways we elect our MPs and the way our House of Lords is populated smacks of sheer disinterest. It is staggering that at such a crucial point in British history, millions are standing back from forcing through the reforms



that we desperately require.

Being able to vote and decide the form that your government will take is an institution that must be supported through its utilisation. I don't accept that the problem over the past few years with MP's expenses and people's disenfranchisement with the three principle parties is an excuse to refuse to partici-

pate in our democracy. What makes our democracy strong is that we can make a difference. It is the refusal to vote in these elections that allows for individuals who would allow the regression of our politics, at the expense of a realisation that the current system has failed us, to gain power. It is the inability of certain people to take on their civic duty and direct the course of our nation's history for the next few decades that could potentially ruin this country.

This latest election has born witness to the first ever televised leaders' debate in Britain and, if the viewing figures are to be believed, they have garnered popularity across the nation with vast swathes of the populace participating in our democracy. But if people want changes, if they want reform, why are they deciding to not vote? What is the benefit of refusing to speak out? Not voting in an election only serves to undermine your own message. It does not send one to the parties involved. People complain that their vote means nothing; they are completely and utterly wrong. There is no better chance to have your voice heard within society today.

To discourage people from voting will only skew election results; it only

allows vastly unpopular parties to gain power and change the course of our history for the worse. Simply by a sweep of your pen you can have a chance to be a part of our democracy, to have a say in who will hold the keys to 10 Downing Street in the aftermath of May 6th. It is vital that we, as citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, use our civic duty and vote for reform. To vote for a step in the right direction rather than a leap into the abyss. It is baffling that at such a perilous junction in our political landscape, people are prepared to abandon all pretence of involvement and cast away their vote on a whim.

The apathy within this country is killing our politics. People no longer want to have a say in how our nation is run and seem happy to accept the problems that are inherent in the system without wanting to combat them. How can any citizen of this great nation refuse to vote? It is with no great benefit to either the country or to the cause they feel they may fight for. Refusing to vote does not and will not send a message to those elected on May 6th. It removes the ability for us to dictate the changes we want from our government.

Science subjects lead to greater opportunity

FASS students get a raw deal from their degree, writes **Sam Newsham**

Iwent to Cambridge for a conference last week – the Women in Maths Day. It's an annual meeting which aims to give female postgrad mathematicians the opportunity to mingle with successful women in maths. As a minority group, it's important to stick together.

It's one of several conferences I've been to since I started my PhD eighteen months ago. I don't necessarily learn a lot from them; it's not uncommon at a maths conference for the only person who really understands the topic to be the one who is talking about it. But, as my supervisor tells me, attending conferences gives me the opportunity to see the work other people are doing, broaden my outlook on maths and become inspired to work harder.

Because of this I'm encouraged to attend conferences whenever I can. Although there's often a lot of travelling involved, I don't have to worry about the costs. Almost all conferences reimburse expenses to postgraduate students, and there's plenty of money in the Maths department to pay for those that don't.

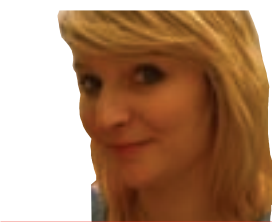
Over in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, however, there's a rather different story. As reported in SCAN two weeks ago, the Faculty has recently had to cut funds to support postgraduate students travelling to conferences because of a lack of money. Whilst several factors have contributed to the shortage, the Faculty has not been helped by the Government's clear bias towards the teaching of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects.

Although the higher education sector as a whole received funding cuts of £449 million last December, when the Budget was announced in March it was arts and humanities that were really feeling the pinch. An extra 20,000 university places, created to deal with an ever-increasing number of applicants, are primarily reserved for STEM students.

Universities who agree to increase their provision of STEM subjects are given extra funding. Of the £7.4 billion which the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has been given to play with, £10 million has been ringfenced to help institutions willing to shift their focus towards STEM. For universities such as Lancaster, this means an entire body of students left unable to afford what is one of the most important parts of a postgraduate and academic career: the chance for discussion and networking with other academics.

The moves are justified by claims that the job market needs more STEM graduates; that an increase in scientists and engineers will strengthen the economy. It's true that at any university you care to name the arts students will outnumber the scientists. So an increase may be needed. But it's certainly not needed at the expense of anything else.

There has been research done into the value of a degree; the extent to which your grade and subject will affect the amount you earn later in life. There's a strong correlation between science subjects and higher wages. With science degrees worth so much more in the eyes of the Government, is there any wonder?



Emily Robertson

Are the television debates really a good thing for democracy?

The Leaders' TV Debate has been grabbing headlines and television ratings for the last few weeks and has been watched by millions. However, is it a good idea? The ninety-minute show gives us a snapshot of the views of our potential leaders and their parties but it may not necessary give a truly fair representation.

The recent so-called 'Clegg-mania' has gripped the country but are these new Nick Clegg fans sure of what he and, more importantly, the Liberal Democrats really stand for? In some respects the debate is one-dimensional in that it only touches on policies and doesn't really get down to the nitty-gritty; the smaller details that those who are knowledgeable of politics would know. These people may vote for Nick Clegg just because he has a pretty face and is a great orator, but not because of what he stands for and what he will do. The TV debate is encouraging what the press are calling a competition of characters; we are voting for which leader we simply like the most on the night and avoiding more regional issues of who will be your local MP. I am sure most viewers are not even aware of their names.

The TV debate is a fantastic means of getting people interested

in politics and the elections, as many will not even consider voting due to their ignorance. However the information given is not enough to make an informed vote; some will only see one of the three debates and base their choice entirely upon it without seeing the whole picture. This is best seen with the raising popularity of Nick Clegg (note that I say Nick Clegg and not the Liberal Democrats) who amongst the majority of the population was previously an unknown. Now due to the debates he is making front page news and topping opinion polls: perhaps the TV debate is having too much of an influence.

The TV debate may not even be encouraging people to vote who know what they are voting for. One first time voter even commented that politics is "not exactly in OK magazine and that's the only thing I read"; I do not think this voter and many like her really understand what they are voting for and its importance. The debates should be viewed as a means of introducing first time voters to politics or of developing our pre-ordained views but it is only with extra research into the history and manifestos of the leading parties that one can vote knowingly.

The next five years, when the candidate we choose will be in gov-

ernment, will possibly be the most important five years of our lives. As students we will be making our first steps into the working world in the coming few years. We will be attempting to get on the property ladders. Many will also be settling down and starting a family. All issues that will be affected by the decision we as a country make on May 6th. So those five years cannot be dictated by just ninety minutes of television. Just being influenced by the leader of a party may result in five terrible years for this country and ourselves personally.

In a positive light, the televised debate is a way in which those who are interested and informed in politics can receive the views of the leading parties to come to an educated conclusion when voting. At least first time voters basing their views on the debate will be much more knowledgeable than those watching the wholly patronising pseudo-political shows chaired by Dermot O'Leary - a man who the BBC must see as trendy enough to entice young voters to blindly vote on May 6th. Unfortunately this is not the case with many of the viewers who will use the debate as their sole influence, and could possibly lead to bad decisions being made in the election.

Superficiality is at the heart of TV politics and many voters will not be able to spot the difference



Why is everyone so down on Management School?

People should be proud of the success it brings to the University as a whole, writes **Joshua Moore**

As you may have noticed, of late there have been numerous articles and comments within SCAN which portray the Management School in a negative light. Such ill-evidenced views achieve nothing but negativity and ebb away at the open and tolerant attitudes held by the majority of students at Lancaster.

The success of the Management School is a success for the University as a whole. Any well reputed and respected faculty is an asset to the entire campus and should be encouraged. Excellent grades, world class teaching staff and a motivated and committed student community make it a thriving part of the campus, which draws in students from all over the world, and both local and international businesses looking for academic partnerships.

Some recent comments have falsely claimed unfair funding practices and inequality with other faculties at the university. The truth is that the School is an efficiently managed faculty that makes the best possible use of its resources, which are allocated on a 'per head' basis like any other department at Lancaster.

Everyone is welcome. Centralised timetabling means, rightly, that the School's teaching spaces are available to all. Some may be surprised that Management School students are just as likely to be taught in Faraday, Bowland and Elizabeth Livingstone lecture theatres as students on any other degree discipline. It's great to see the Hub area commonly used by students from other faculties who realise that such spaces are great for group work. Areas like the Learning Zone have partly come around thanks to the success of the Management School's break-out spaces, constructions which were largely regarded as experimental when they were first developed.

The 'Lancaster Leadership Centre', which contains the Hub area, was funded by the North West Regional Development Agency rather than the University and houses departments which deal predominantly with external relations and projects. Many aren't aware that most of the teaching departments within LUMS are housed in older buildings, which are not of a similar standard. These departments will be relocated to the new 'Waterside' building which is being constructed next to Grizedale accommodation. This development, which forms part of the campus-wide regeneration project, should represent a solid investment by the University in innovative teaching spaces, and environmentally sound construction methods. As with previous Management School building projects, this may have an overwhelmingly positive impact on future developments elsewhere across the campus. Facilities within 'Waterside' will also be available for centralised booking, thus making them accessible to all.

It really is a shame for this world-class, welcoming and integral part of the University to be ill-perceived. We're lucky to have such a Management School so closely linked to the University and it is up to us to help sustain this mutually beneficial relationship which is nothing but advantageous for everyone concerned with Lancaster University.

Two wars and countless deaths. The punishment has not been great enough



Alex Harris
Comment Editor

Foreign policy debate has been conspicuously absent for this election's media narrative

This year's election has been one in which foreign affairs has been conspicuously absent from the media narrative and, possibly, the public's minds. Received wisdom would tell us that the two things most people are interested in are the state of the economy and its recovery and general apathy with politics leading to a deep distrust of politicians in the wake of the expenses scandal and Lobbygate.

Important though these issues are, it serves any country well to consider its role in the world at the time of an election and it was probably one of the saddest moments of the election campaign that the 'national security' debate contained little mention of Afghanistan and only one sentence on Iraq – in which Nick Clegg briefly referenced its illegality.

The question on Iraq is crucial. What this election presents the public with is a real chance to have a referendum on Britain's role in the world, its complicity with international rule of law and its willingness to scrutinise itself. The Iraq inquiry was an attempt to lamely offer some sort of oversight, but it didn't. Nobody making statements to the panel was required to be under oath and legal expertise was absent from the proceedings. The silence was deafening.

There is a fairly widely-accepted legal consensus that, in choosing to side

with America over the invasion of Iraq, the UK acted illegally. Under international law, force can only be given legal approval in either cases of self-defence or with UN security council approval. Britain claimed that the approval given for the first Gulf War had been 'revived', but it's generally thought that this is a bogus argument used to hide the fact that there was no legal justification for the war.

Foreign policy surrounding Iraq and the British government's shady complicity in the torture of illegally detained terrorist suspects has been one of the darkest periods in UK executive action. Yet throughout the election campaign nobody seems to be asking or answering the question sufficiently of whether or not we want to move Britain into a role in which it eventually complies with international law.

It's a real shame that the debate on 22 April contained more discussion of immigration than of government policy surrounding Iraq or Afghanistan. Just a few years ago, with Tony Blair still in office, the British public was bitterly hostile to Blair for having deceived them into supporting a war that had no justification. When the economy collapsed, it seems that anger would be put on hold. Yet what better time is there to remember past grievances than an election?

This isn't a partisan issue, and there was support and opposition for the inva-

sion of Iraq on both sides of the House. Both the Conservative and Labour parties experienced resignation from ministers, although arguably Labour had the most important opposition in the form of Robin Cook's emotional and morbid resignation speech.

The Government would subsequently ignore Mr. Cook's resignation and continue doing what it was always planning to do and commit itself to a unilateral invasion of a country it barely understood. Saddam was easily toppled, but what was left was a society in which a venomous and bitter lust for power by various religious groups would lead to a civil war resulting in the deaths of thousands of British and American servicemen and women and an the deaths of an estimated one million Iraqi civilians. In what sense can this be said to be supporting the troops or bringing peace to the Middle East?

What has happened with Iraq is truly saddening in that a frightened and confused post-9/11 Britain was told systematic lies about the threats that lurked overseas and frenzied them into supporting a bitter and bloody war that was never legal in the first place. Now, after a deeply depressing death toll, the foreign secretary, David Miliband states that the public has "punished us [the government] enough" over Iraq. On the contrary – the punishment hasn't been great enough.

Letters to the Editor



Send your letters to scan@lancaster.ac.uk together with your name and college (even if you would like your letter printed anonymously). SCAN reserves the right to edit your letters for publication.

Consensus forming over Politics merger

Dear Sir,

I am glad that SCAN covered the Politics department in its most recent issue, especially regarding the merger.

As a politics student who is concerned about the merger, I agree that "there was little or no consultation" with students before the Senate's decision was made. I also agree with the staff member who claimed that "no real justification was provided." I am saddened and disappointed by 'one-way' politics of the Politics department and FASS in general.

I would like to thank SCAN for bringing this matter to the attention of students

Sungju Park-Kang
Graduate College

Outrage over Management School winning award for its placement scheme

Dear Sir,

Recently, when reading SCAN I came across an article which totally shocked me. Lancaster University Management School has won an award for their placement scheme! This I am totally amazed by. I am shocked that Lancaster University has won this award considering the total lack of help that students receive and the very few students who actually find placements. It would be interesting to find out who had nominated 'Ann Welsby' for such a prestigious award, giving that she seems to portray very little of this 'tireless effort' to any of her students and is often absent from the office vicinity. Many students this year have complained to LUSU directly that the placement scheme has not been up to standard and that 'handing us a folder full of placements' is not the kind of help we

think we should be receiving. I can tell you that only around 60 people or less this year, out of the 200 and odd students, have actually found placements and half of these did not find it through the placement office but on their own. Many feel like they are receiving very little help and it is unfair for the Management school to take credit for those placements people do find as students are putting in as much effort as graduate students just to find anything. The placement scheme is meant to provide guidance but instead students are not being helped and are forced to change their degree subject in order to continue on at the university. I therefore do not see why Lancaster University were even nominated for this award let alone winning it.

Anonymous
Bowland College

Aspergers project needs your support

Dear Sir,

I am a current second year Geography student here at Lancaster and am presently working on my dissertation.

For the purposes of my work I would like to interview students with Aspergers Syndrome to get a better understanding of their identities and their experiences of the university environment.

In the interview you will be asked to discuss your experiences of having Aspergers Syndrome in relation to how it affects aspects of your university life, such as how you feel in particular places and spaces around the university.

If you are interested in taking part in my dissertation or if you want more information about it please contact me on: n.white@lancaster.ac.uk. I will be very grateful for any help you can offer.

Nina White
Grizedale College

**Eat
Roses,
Sleep
Roses,
Read
Roses**

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Electing a fascist PM will defeat whole notion of democracy

Dear Sir,

Unfortunately it seems that Mr Hutton has misinterpreted my original letter. The letter was about the lack of a student vote turn out at the local elections last year. It is difficult to see how the piece warrants Mr Hutton's response, which is hence rendered irrelevant because he has failed to grasp the clear message of my original letter. I do not 'favour selective democracy' and at no point in my letter do I state or imply this. The letter was about the low student voter turnout and the resulting gains of the BNP).

The BNP have a right to stand as long as they are legal, which they cur-

rently they are and people have the right to vote for them. I, as a democratic citizen also have the right to write to SCAN and say why people should not vote for them. At no point do I state that 'such tolerance and respect [fundamental to democracy] should not be extended to the far right'. And finally, in response to your closing statement '...it is not up to either of them [myself and LUSU] to alienate or discourage voters based on political allegiance' - I have not alienated anyone, but I have the right to discourage do I not? I do feel that my letter has been completely misread and I think I have provided closure to this conversation, however, I do feel I

must challenge Mr Hutton on his description of democracy.

The ultimate aim of democracy, Mr Hutton, is freedom and equality, which are entirely at odds with Fascism. Freedom of speech is limited by well measured legal and moral bounds so that those too few in number and voice are protected from prejudice by the core foundation of democracy which is the upholding of the fundamental human right that everybody is born free and equal. At Fascism's core is the wholly incorrect idea that there is inequality in the human race. The democratic 'validation' of a view that some members of society are lesser is not the 'ultimate aim of de-

mocracy' because it is at odds with the description of democracy. Democracy provides freedom of speech and expression but also secures fundamental rights for all, rights that are betrayed and abused by Fascism as so vividly seen during the Second World War. You state Mr Hutton that 'We have a right to elect a fascist prime minister' - yes fundamentally, but the process of doing so, and the moment we do, we no longer become a democracy. Indeed we will have betrayed everything that democracy stands for; Freedom and Equality.

David McGovern
Graduate College



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Totally Reality Television

Lauren Ronsdale
delves into the history
of lives on TV

REALITY TELEVISION IS everywhere. If you want to be a model, a businessman, a West End star, find the love of your life, loose weight or pretend to be parents for a month, there is a television show for you. Whatever you need/want, you can have it from reality television. It's not only the unsuspecting public that fall victim to the reality curse, so called "celebrities" are at it too. Anyone remember Lisa Scott Lee? No, me neither. But she had her own reality show in 'Totally Scott Lee'. On Wikipedia, in the UK alone, there have been over 240 different types of reality television show. Over 240!? Either someone has way too much free time or we should be worried, mainly because we just might be obsessed with reality television.

When I decided to delve a little deeper into the actual quality of programming I was dismayed by what I saw from British reality TV. Alongside the favourite like 'Britain's Got Talent', 'X Factor' and 'The Apprentice' (my own personal favourite) there were lower rate programmes such as 'Shattered' (where contestants were com-



peting for a £100,000 prize, the winner being determined by who could stay awake the longest) and 'There's something about Miriam' (in which six men attempted to woo Miriam, a Mexican beauty with a secret. I actually YouTube'd the ending, in which the last man standing was told that she was a transsexual; the dawning

realisation on his face is just a picture) But honestly, why do people put themselves through this for fame/money/love/the prize? More importantly, why are we watching it?

Since the 1940's reality television has existed, and since then it has grown within our viewing. George Orwell got it spot on in '1984' in the cre-

ation of the character of 'Big Brother' and 'The Truman Show' created a full movie around the concept of a character being born into reality TV. But why do we watch it? Those in the industry would suggest that escapism may be the reason we watch it, it's something that is removed from the mundane of normal life so the crea-

tion of something more gives us the opportunity to escape. The problem that could occur is that we become so engrossed in this that reality television replaces our conceptions of other relationships and overtakes everything else. Plus, there is always the entertainment value. Who doesn't want to see someone throw a massive hissy fit over their makeover on one of the many 'Top model' series? The episodes with the most controversy are always the most watched in 'Big Brother'. Some may say it could be slightly sadistic to enjoy the humiliation that some contestants face in reality television, and being honest, this would be the only place where you can see this level of embarrassment in people. As we've seen in Susan Boyle (arguably one of the most successful reality stars in British television history) the effects of this "fame" can be huge. What happens when the fame given to these "stars" evaporates? Who clears them up when they fall off the radar?

The implications of reality television are huge, not only for the participants but the viewer also. But with 'Big Brother' making its final return and television shows like "Over the Rainbow" and "Britain's got Talent" currently showing on our screens, the train that is reality television does not appear to be slowing anytime soon. Still, unfortunately I'll be watching.

Surfin the South Wales coast

Jo Taylor
Poppy Goodbrand

WONDERING WHAT TO do this summer when the dreaded exams come to an end? Want to find something that combines sun, sea, sand, surf and music? Well this event could be for you. From June 14-18 this year, Pembrey Country Park, South Wales presents Beach Break Live.

Beach Break Live first made its appearance on the festival circuit in June 2007. With the success of the first festival under their belt the two young entrepreneurs behind the festival, Celia Norowzian and Ian Forshaw both graduates of The University of Birmingham, appeared on BBC2's 'Dragons' Den' programme in November 2007.

They presented their plans and projections for the UK's first student-only festival and won over all four of the tough Dragons and caused a bidding war to arise. Out of the four offers made to them on the show they chose to go with Peter Jones' deal. However, in a bold move, the dynamic duo declined his offer and concluded a deal with Outgoing Ltd.

The festival has grown from 1000 students in its first year, to 5000 in its second, and doubling in its third year to 10,000 and is now looking to sell a mighty 17,500 tickets in 2010.

After more than four years of scouring the UK coastline in search of the perfect home, the mammoth hunt is over, and Pembrey Country Park, Carmarthenshire, South Wales is the brand spanking new home. Nestled behind the silky dunes of the award winning Cefn Sidan Sands beach, and flanked by 2,000 acres of stunning forestry, the breath taking new site has it all. The beach is recognized to be one of Europe's most beautiful and boasts 8 glorious miles of pristine white sand set against the backdrop of the Gower Peninsula. Ian Forshaw, the event organiser said: "Students asked for an event 'As close to a beach as possible', with 'beautiful surroundings', 'hidden areas', 'stages on the sand' and 'good sound levels'. At Pembrey Country Park we can give them all that.

Beach Break Live has not only become well established in the summer line up of festivals, but is now an award winning event having picked up two awards, 'Best Promoter' and 'Best Small Festival' at the UK Festival Awards 2009. Tickets are now available for the student friendly price of £89 per person with affordable boutique camping options available to those who fancy 'splashing out.'

Pick up the next issue of SCAN to find out what this year's festival has to offer, and for your chance to win two FREE tickets to this award-winning event!



Too much too soon



Padded bikinis and low cut tops, **Kristina Beanland** examines the wardrobe of a 21st Century seven-year-old

ALTHOUGH LIVING IN the bubble that is Lancaster University means my access to newspapers, current affairs, or any form of information about the outside world that does not concern my next night out is pretty limited, one recent news story has managed to filter its way down to the likes of me. No, I'm not talking about the vital details of the Ashley/Cheryl split, but the recent scandal over the Primark padded bra.

So it might not be the most important thing going on in the world at the moment, what with general election and volcanoes preventing my Chris Moyles fix in the morning, but it caught the media's attention. Newspapers such as The Mail ran headlines reading, 'What a sick world', whilst The Sun went with 'Peado Heaven on our High Street'. The bikini in question was a low cut, halter neck padded bra. No it's not the most scandalous of outfits, but these bikinis were aimed at children as young as seven years old, and at £4 are easily affordable with a week's pocket money.

Unfortunately though, a padded bikini is just the start of it. Knickers that read 'You've scored' or 'Kiss me', and t-shirts bearing the slogan 'Future WAG' for young girls are a far from unusual sight on your local High Street. The discoveries of overtly sexual clothing has led critics to claim that stores are creating a sexualisation of children,

encouraging them to dress provocatively. However, are these stores simply responding to consumer demand? Primark had agreed to give the profits from the sale of the bikinis to charities, but the fact that any were sold in the first place shows that some children will be strolling around the pool in them by summertime.

So why is it that children so young want to look so old? At seven years old I was donning a very attractive pair of leggings (before they were cool) – my favourite were a pair of lime green florals, with the all important stirrups at the bottom, so what's changed? Well to be fair, you can't blame them when you look at the some of the things influencing them. At just 15, the ever annoying Miley Cyrus did a cover of Vanity Fair half naked, and is now going out with a 20 year old. Her red carpet fashion includes teeny tiny dresses and killer heels. The latest tween craze that is Justin Bieber has just turned 16 but serenades his fans with lyrics such as 'Girl you're my one love, my one life for sure'. He's 16. At the risk of sounding like my mother, I can personally guarantee that this 'shawty' he sings of is not his one and only.

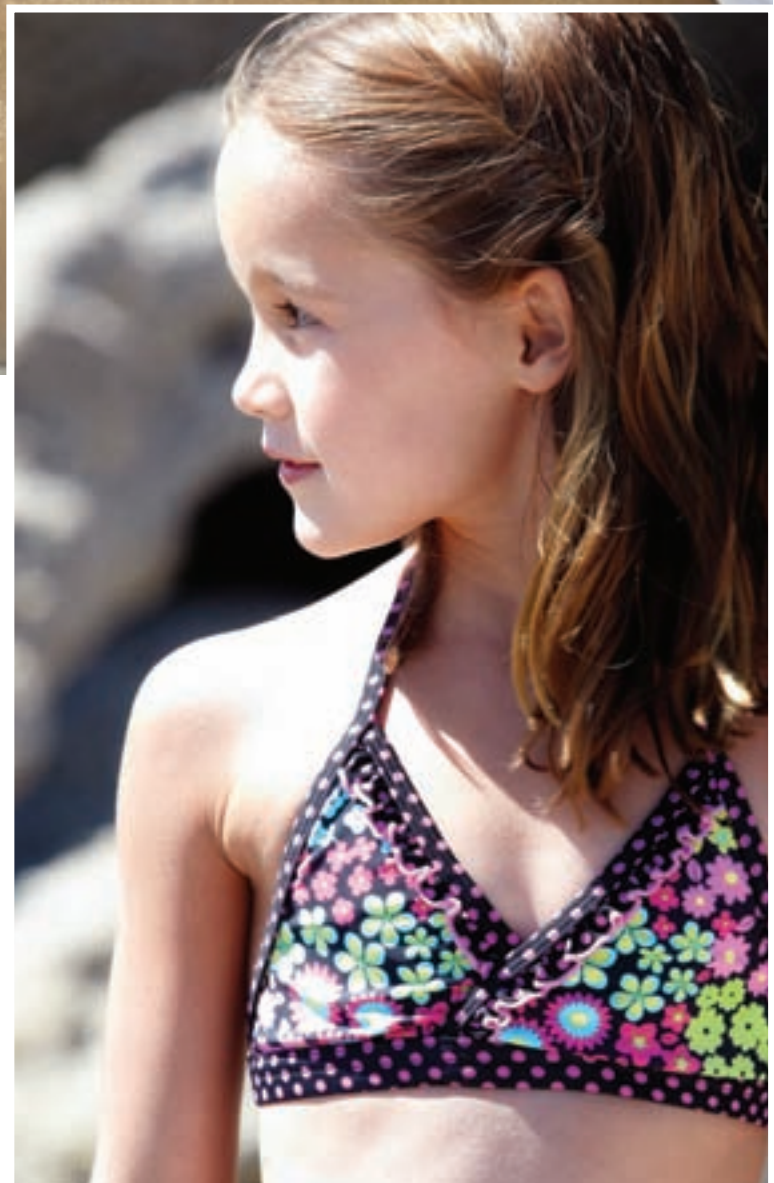
However, we can't just blame Miley and her band of squeaky singers, surely parents should know that parading your daughter around in a mini skirt and heels is not a good idea. Alas

that is not the case. Celeb mums such as Katie Holmes dresses little Suri in high heels, whilst the ever controversial Katie Price has put fake eyelashes

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onto two year old Princess. It seems that mothers today are offloading their own insecurities onto their children, forcing them to look 'pretty'. What's even more horrific is that this means children are become walking adverts to paedophiles. An NSPCC spokesman explained 'sexualising kids and teaching them to behave sexually legitimises the people who want to abuse them.' It makes for pretty sick reading right?

To be honest, I find this stuff so confusing. If children want to look like women, and women are increasingly going under the knife to look like younger versions of themselves, we women today seem to have a weird perception of ourselves. What are we meant to see as the ideal? And why should we even believe that there is an ideal at all? To be honest, I think we



need a reality check. It was less than a 100 years ago when women weren't allowed to vote, only 82 years ago were women given the same political rights as men, and today women are still paid on average 16% less than their male counterparts. I'm no hardcore feminist but even I understand that this is just not right. My great grandmother was a Suffragette. To be honest, I think she'd be pretty disgusted

that in a world where women get paid less than men, we are also encouraged to try and look sexy from as young as seven. Little girls should not be encouraged to advertise themselves as sexual objects, they should be taught about what's really valuable and worth striving for. The shape of their bodies, false eye lashes, high heels and padded bikinis should be on the bottom of that list.

TOP FIVE

LADY GA GA'S OUTFIT ICONS

Looking for a new fancy dress idea? Why not charter your inner GaGa and dress to impress in one of her eccentric outfits!

Police Tape

Featured in her recent 'Telephone' video, I fear it is only a matter of time before it becomes acceptable to go out just wrapped in a bit of 'police line, do not cross' tape. Can't deny it's cool and practical for summer months!

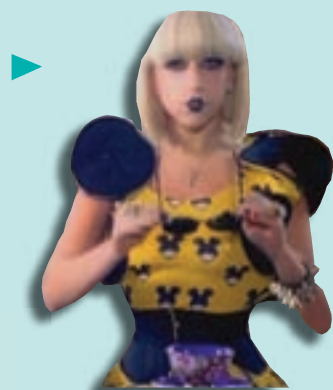


Bow of Hair

This economical choice will have saved her buying hair accessories and keeps her hair up. I'm growing mine until I can try this! Hair spray required!

Paparazzi Video Mouse Jumpsuit

Banana yellow all-in-one, complete with Mickey Mouse style glasses. Walt Disney is dancing in his ice cube.

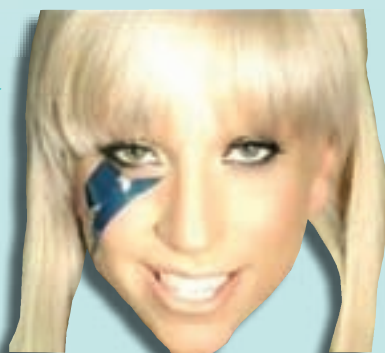


Armour Dress Reminiscent of medieval knights

This dress bulges in all the right places, but it must weigh her down! She'd sure look hot on a 'knight' out mind, see what I did there? Ha...

Bowie Lightning Bolt

Nothing says distinction like a huge sparkly lightning bolt painted over one of your eyes. The Lady may have become infamous for this icon, but don't forget Bowie did it first!



Hot top-tips for the summer months ahead

Lauren Ronsdale

discovers this summer guide to hair and beauty



WITH SUMMER ALMOST officially here, the holiday season begins and with this, it's definitely a time to be looking your best. Unfortunately with summer comes the weather. Frazzled hair and sunburn appear to be the main problems when it comes to holiday time. So, because we're nice like that, we've investigated some of the biggest problems and the best solutions to keep you looking amazingly fresh all summer long (and don't worry boys, there is something for you too)

Humidity (as we saw with Monica in *Friends*) can either make you look like one of the Supremes or can completely weigh it down. A tip to maintain your holiday do when you get attacked with 'Frizz' is to take a tumble dryer sheet (I kid you not) normally thrown in with clothes in a dryer and to run it lightly over your hair. Not only does it remove the static but it gives you a great shine to your hair.

If you're staying at home this summer and still want the beachy looking hair, mix a pinch of salt with some water and spray it over your hair. Leave it to dry naturally and you should be left with some lovely, wavy locks. Make sure that you wash your hair and condition properly after, as too much salt can dry your roots out (this applies after swimming in the sea too!)

As male tips go, whether you're away with the lads or the family, you're probably going to have the same sort of problems. For example, swimming in

chlorinated water provides dry and going to have the same sort of problems. For example, swimming in chlorinated water provides dry and sticky locks. Without having to buy any products, or be seen with the straighteners or anything, simply wet your hair with tap water or in the shower before diving into the pool. Wet hair absorbs less chlorine, therefore you can still take care of yourself without having to splash out (forgive the pun) on products.

Even if you aren't going away, a good old-fashioned British summertime can often bring the same sort of problems. With the increasingly hot weather comes the sun, and those afternoon sessions outside could go horribly wrong if you get caught out and get sunburnt. Plus, lots of sun can sometimes encourage the development of wrinkles. It is always advisable to wear sunscreen to protect yourself from UV rays, even in your own back

garden. For the tan-a-holics out there, maintaining your natural glow is the way forward; moisturising is the key. Buy a good after sun cream and make sure you're applying it often. Your natural tan may begin to fade if you fail to moisturise properly.

Staying hydrated is also really important. The more time you spend in hot environments, the more water you lose from your body. If you're on a holiday with friends where the alcohol will most defiantly be flowing, pace yourself with a glass of water in between. Especially at peak sun time (10AM to 2PM) if you're consuming alcohol, the effects of it will begin to dehydrate you. Top up on the H2O and not only will you keep yourself healthy but probably avoid a killer hangover the next day.

Those are just a few tips for the sun, sea and surf lovers but remember, it's always important to keep yourself healthy over the summertime.

Campus icons

A glimpse into the life of Lancaster's famous faces

NAME: Catherine Harvey

PROFESSION: Greggs Sales Assistant

STARSIGN: Pisces



How long have you worked here?

For the company that runs Greggs, around twelve to thirteen years but I've been on campus for around 6 years. I loose track because they all just run into one!

There is always alot to do and there is alot of multi-tasking involved

If you weren't working here, what would you be doing?

I would like to be a teaching assistant, something that involved working with children

Muffins, I've just had one today actually!

Anything you really hate making?

Not really, there's not much that I don't like making here

What do you enjoy most about working here?

Meeting different people, I also like that there are lots of different jobs.

What is your favourite Greggs based item?

I have to say the Toffee

What is new at Greggs that you like?

I like how there are more healthy options being introduced into our products, that's always good.



Captain Bonny’s world of food

The Mysterious case of the Waterwitch’s empty burger...

NOWZ THEN, BEING Easter, I thought I would venture down for a real treat, and indulge myself into the Waterwitch menu (also I might say with heavy prompting from our beloved Editor). For those who don’t know this well known establishment, it resides on the canal just down from the Infirmary, and has over the years been a good haunt for students, both in terms of ale and food. In the last few years it has made a name for itself as a gastro-pub, winning awards, and putting its prices up, even cutting back on its ales for a period.

On arriving we encountered a school of elderly Morris Dancers, covered in Blanco and bells, (this is a well known haunt for this species it seems) and making our way through we found a table, I say a table as the others were reserved. The service I must say is prompt and friendly, and after quickly scanning the menu, we decided on a



few starters, and a main. My colleague opted for the pan fried king prawns on garlic bruchetta, with red pepper coulis and I for the home made fish cakes with a jalapeno tarter sauce. For our main dish we both decided on the mushroom veggie burger and blue cheese sauce.

It must be said that the Waterwitch is not cheap, nor is it too expensive, it is ideal for that treat, be it for graduation or a birthday, but I certainly couldn’t afford it weekly. So for the price that I paid, I naturally expected a good standard beyond the normal pub food (certainly since all its awards) and of course a decent portion. Well for the starter, this expectation was only partially met, with my friend’s prawn sauce far too thick and definitely not many prawns there, a little lonely they were to say the least. For me, and spending nearly £5 then I had one fish cake, and to be honest, this was not enough, it wasn’t huge, and I felt quite cheated, despite its succulence.

But if we were a little let down by our starters, then it was the main, that left

me rather lost for words. On appearance, our veggie burger, with the bread an Italian herb bap, looked quite pleasing, and the chips I must say, nice and chunky. But on inspection it appeared, that yes, there was a mushroom, yes there was a courgette, and yes, even the blue cheese tarter sauce, but no ruddy burger. That, ladies and gentlemen, was the Waterwitch burger, yes it contained a breaded mushroom, i.e, the mushroom was in bread, but no round thing wedged between these vegetables. It was all very nice, and tasty, but lacked of course the substance! Now for over £7, then one would expect more than a few grilled vegetables and a sauce in a bun, don’t you?

The portions on the dessert improved, with two pieces of hot date and walnut cake; soft, tasty and very tangy, but my heart was still left standing at the main course I’m afraid. This is the fear that I initially had when entering the pub, but despite all the various stories I had heard, I had decided to make up my own mind. Yes we had ordered a limited range from the menu, and did not delve into the meat or fish proper, so that is something that possibly I will venture in again just to be fair.

Recipes for disaster

Poppy Goodbrand puts our culinary skills to the test

The fastest and most delicious cheesecake to get you in a summery mood! Try with strawberries as an alternative or any other kind of summer fruit. Serves 6, Time: 10 preparation, 25 min baking



- Ingredients**
- 2 oz (50 g) butter
 - 8 digestive biscuits
 - 12 (350 g) cream cheese
 - 2 tablespoons of caster sugar + 1 extra teaspoon
 - 2 large eggs
 - 3 drops of vanilla extract
 - 1 x 142 ml tub soured cream
 - 5 oz (150 g) raspberries
 - 1x 200 g jar ready-made raspberry coulis

- Method**
- Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 4, 350°F, 180°C
 - First melt the butter, then crush the biscuits to fine crumbs using a rolling pin and combine them with the melted butter.
 - Press the biscuit mixture evenly over the base of a lightly oiled, 8 inch (20cm) springform tin.
 - In a mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and 2 tablespoons of caster sugar together until smooth and free of lumps.
 - Next beat in the eggs and vanilla extract. Then spoon the mixture into the tin, spreading it out evenly, and bake on the centre shelf for 25-30 minutes or until the mixture feels firm in the middle. The cheesecake will shrink slightly from the sides of the tin but this is normal.

Lecture break

THE QUIZ - True or False

1. More money is printed everyday for Monopoly sets than for the US Treasury.
2. It is impossible to lick your elbow.
3. More than 1 billion photos are uploaded onto Facebook each month.
4. In 2007, the Blackpool Illuminations included characters from Doctor Who.
5. After reading that you can’t lick your own elbow, 10% of people will actually try.

Answers below

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Living in a Cave

By Cal King



This article was going to be about how stupid I thought Lady Gaga was, but during the process of research I've become completely and dangerously obsessed with her. Why didn't anyone tell me she was this good? Her album is like disco smallpox; it might make your skin blister and ultimately kill you, but you'll want to be thrusting your hips right to the very end. The first few tracks of *Fame Monster* are some of the catchiest, campiest and annoyingly fun songs I've heard this year; if you haven't heard it, look up the song 'Pokerface'. It's been stuck in my head for days, and I think I'm actually going mad. Alejandro, ale-alejando...

Initially I thought she was rubbish; to me, she looked like the mad woman you see in town centres wearing a plastic bag and rambling incoherently whilst attempting to direct traffic. Just Dance was so irritating, and I just couldn't get into her second single, 'Pokerface' - a song which seemed to me being repeatedly poked in the face at the Sugarhouse. But having finally got round to listening to the rest of her album, I can quite safely say it's ridiculous... Ridiculous how much I like it, that is.

I'm not saying I've changed my opinion completely though, she still looks like something dreamt up by the writers of *Doctor Who* - something that could destroy the world whilst looking like a soufflé that could've done with another fifteen minutes in the oven. The Daleks are nothing compared to how terrifying she is in the video for *Bad Romance*, which had me cowering behind the sofa until JLS came back on the telly to calm me down.

And it's not just in the music videos that she looks wacky, but it seems that any opportunity will have her raid the local bins in order to find something else to wear. When the camera pans round the audience at awards shows, you see Beyoncé wearing a tasteful dress, you see Justin Timberlake wearing a nice suit, then you see Lady Gaga looking like the love child of Elton John and a raspberry pavlova with a telephone cellotaped to her head. It's not just an accident that she looks like this - she now designs most of her own clothes, which is a bit like saying that accidentally getting a pancake stuck to your ceiling makes you an interior designer.

That said, underneath it all, I'm led to believe she's human, and her touching tribute to late fashion designer Alexander McQueen lent some credibility to this year's Brit Awards, which were otherwise almost totally lacking in that particular department. In less than two years she's risen from almost total obscurity to almost total stardom, which might be thanks to an amazing marketing campaign, her music, or the fact she plays the piano while wearing nothing but a black sparkly leotard. Probably all of the above (but mostly the latter), and I respect her for all her success and can't stop playing her music, even if I will always think she's got the look of a horse that's been told something surprising.

Sacre bleu! World cinema set to dominate

Lauren Ronsdale

WORLD CINEMA, LET'S face it, has never exactly drawn in the masses. There have been stand-outs in the past such as Fellini's *La Dolce Vita* and *Seven Samurai* by Kurosawa that successfully managed the crossover whilst screen icons like Sophia Loren and Brigitte Bardot enticed audiences with their, ahem, talent. On the whole, however, world cinema has been viewed as a secret delight, a small treasure that only a few know about or watch. Yet, since the turn of the century, the popularity of foreign films has received an immense boost.

So, is it that foreign films have suddenly become immediately accessible? Have the surreal, silent images and stylized scenes disappeared? Well, no, not really. You only have to see a Haneke film like *Cache* - incidentally so good that *The Times* voted it the top film of the decade - and you realize that the flair and visceral brutality is still there. And, naturally, the thing that Western audiences fear the most still lingers: the subtitles. Of course, once you actually start watching a subtitled film you don't notice it at all but the overwhelming threat that you may actually have to multitask when watching a film has been an off-putter from the get-go.

Hollywood might have had some bearing upon our recent interest, specifically horror. Remakes of foreign-films haven't exactly been a recent development but the turning point has arguably been the influx of Asian-Horror remakes, kicking off with *The Ring* in 2003, five years after *Ringu* had become a cult hit. The success of



the remake prompted a mass of others, including *The Grudge* and *Dark Water*, all of which were infinitely less original and terrifying than their sources.

Audiences thus began to delve into the remakes' origins. Korean, Japanese and Chinese cinema was unearthed again, releasing a new sort of violent film, like *Oldboy*, adding a breath of fresh air to the genre. Martial arts films were revitalised as well. Who can forget the impact that *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* had on Western audiences?

It's not just Asian cinema that's been celebrated this decade. Europe is becoming a treasure-trove. France, Germany, Italy and Spain have come out top in recent years with films like *Amelie*, *The Lives of Others* and *Volver* receiving the big gold star that is Oscar recognition. Two noticeable remakes

lined up for the Hollywood treatment are already successes without any need for English dialect. The first is *The Orphanage*, a Spanish horror, produced by upcoming *The Hobbit* director, Guillermo Del Toro. The other is *Tell No One*, a French action-thriller adapted from an American novel. Talk about complicated. Of course, this is a double-edged sword. On the one hand it promotes the brilliance of foreign cinema; on the other, it seems mercenary to take a perfectly capable film, already successful in the UK and USA, and use it as a money-making tool.

The Oscars is the big draw for a Western audience. If a film has 'Oscar-nominated' in big letters above the title it looks bloody fantastic. It's even better if foreign films sneak an award nomination or two in the major categories. Think Marion Cotil-

lard winning best actress for *La Vie en Rose*; not only did her film become a hit on DVD, she walked off with starring roles with the hottest directors in Tinseltown.

Naturally, the greatest aide to foreign cinema is word-of mouth. The internet has galvanised the success of world cinema, catapulting cult films like *Pan's Labyrinth* and *Spirited Away* into our living rooms via DVDs. In fact, DVDs, much like the internet, have cemented the true popularity of foreign films rather than ticket stubs at a cinema. The World Cinema section at HMV seems to be forever expanding with more people becoming adventurous with their viewing habits. Rather than being seen as arrogant or artsy, foreign films seem to have finally been accepted by Western audiences. C'est magnifique!

Lancaster lads are tailored to fit

Grace Fitzpatrick

FROM THE CASUAL jam sessions of two Lancaster Uni lads comes *Tailored to Fit*. Yorkshire boys Craig Smith, Richard Jenkins, Dave Moran, and David Findlay are a new band to hit the local music scene. Forming over the last couple of years through Lancaster University they have recently unleashed themselves with their funk rock sound, and have proved themselves to be extremely popular amongst the student crowd. They burst onto the scene when they not only played Lonsdale bar's open mic, but also Stonewall Tavern on a February night, before topping it off with a cheeky bar crawl. Pulling inspiration from The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zepplin, Jamiroquai, and apparently Peter Andre, it's pretty obvious they have a diverse sound accessible to most people.

The songs develop initially from an upbeat musical riff produced by either Craig on bass, or Rich's guitar, taken eventually to David to add a snappy drum beat to complete their funky sound. Their distinctive lyrics are

formulated around their song titles, delivered with feeling by singer Dave Moran. Inspiration is pulled from a number of places, ranging from personal experiences to the band members themselves, particularly Craig who is 'Mr Preparation', which can be heard on their MySpace: www.myspace.com/tailoredtofituk. Winning the battle of the bands at Hustle, Monday of Week 21, against some tough competition including A48 (who have now joined the Atticus tour) won them a guaranteed gig once a month, so keep your eyes peeled and ears open for upcoming shows.

So what's next for the boys? They plan to record some new tracks, and hope to play a summer festival in Blackpool donating all the proceeds to the Tommy Castles Trust (check out www.tommyfest.co.uk/ for more information). Charity gigs seem to be a bit of a trend with the boys, also playing Cartmel's charity night earlier in the year.

This band definitely has a bright future ahead of them, going from strength to strength, and we are sure if you caught them at the Plough's musical bank holiday weekend you will have been pleasantly surprised.

Theatre Group left wanting

Natasha Farnworth
Catherine Holdsworth

A severe lack of actors left Theatre Group facing a difficult decision last weekend when auditions for LUTG's summer term productions began on Saturday 24th April. There were not enough actors to fill the many roles needed for the four proposed plays; *Romeo and Juliet*, *Tea in a China Cup*, *Clockwork Orange* and *Barker and Berkoff back2bac*. and the four productions teams were forced to decide which one of them would have to withdraw their play.

Emily Buttery, director of *Romeo and Juliet*, graciously stepped down to allow the three remaining plays the benefits of a full cast.

Due to the relatively small number of actors auditioning and the large cast demands of the plays, each production would have been left with up to five unfilled roles. The decision to step down was not easy as all the teams had to fight to be selected for the summer term. Each term four plays are selected to perform from around eight that are proposed at LUTG's General Meeting. Both *Tea in a China Cup* and *A Clockwork Orange* were rejected in Lent term and so the directors were unsurprisingly loath to be denied a second

chance.

The audition process is intense as the actors have only half an hour with each production team in which to prove their abilities. Some of this time is also taken up with warm up activities. Actors are put through their paces with intense five minute script readings and must read for a number of different parts, the process is rapid and it is difficult to get your head around a role before being moved onto the next audition. Auditionees are split into four groups and rotated around each production team. The process can go on for as long as six hours, which is physically and emotionally exhausting for all those involved.

The first play to be performed this term, directed by Sabrina McNally, is *Tea in a China Cup*, focuses on the conflict in Ireland and the friendship between a Catholic and a Protestant girl, growing up during the Troubles. David Butler, a former Theatre Group technician, is trying his hand at directing an experimental interpretation of *A Clockwork Orange*. He is teaming the well known story with music. The third play for this term is *Barker and Berkoff back2back*, which is a double bill of the two plays; *Judith: a Parting from the Body* and *In the Penal Colony*, co-directed by Rory Poole and Jamie Ward.

The Reviews

The battle of the bands by Emma Ashley



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throwing sanitary towels out to the audience and in their own words, "promoting female hygiene". Their songs were amusing and the music seemed more developed, with a heavier industrial tone as opposed to the other acts youthful pop punk styles. However, the contrast in musical genres only added to the eclectic nature of the night, bringing together musicians and music lovers of all ages and styles together. I caught up with The Shipman Project after they'd played to ask them what they thought of Livewire Lancaster and local events, to which they responded, "the local scene is so much better for that, it's really helped. It's also good that younger kids can listen to decent music". Following in the wake of The Shipman Project was Arcane Eclipse, who seemed a little darker than some of the previous bands, but in a good way, they chucked out some great guitar solos including the Godfather theme and were a very quick-paced band who received a great audience reaction. Bringing the night to a close was Make Me King, who many of the other musicians said to be honoured to

play alongside.

The winners of the evening's battle were A48, and I'd caught up with Leroy and Daren from the band earlier on in the evening before their performance. When asked why they thought they deserved to win, their response was quite simply, "because we're the best!" and for that night who could argue with them. I also asked what set them apart from other bands and who their influences were, "we're a fun band, we're not scared of playing synth-pop tunes like Busted! Or having a bit of fun on stage, some of our influences are Busted, Greenday and Fightstar."

At the end of the night I couldn't help but think how brilliant the evening had been and what a fantastic chance for younger musicians this evening's event was. I hope that we see many more of them in the future. The Atticus Tour 2010 will be arriving at the Park Hotel on Thursday May 7 where

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the winners A48 will play alongside Ten Second Epic, Blitz Kids and Cars on Fire. Livewire Lancaster also have some other exciting gigs coming up, including Me vs. Hero on June 25, The Smoking Hearts on July 23 and another appearances from The Shipman Project in July.

The Play by Grace Fitzpatrick

The Gift and the Glory



The Gift and Glory, *Glory* are two brand new short plays with a breath of fresh air for Spring.

Together entitled *The Gift and the Glory*, a Dukes original performance shows us how they are going from strength to strength. John Moorhead's *The Gift* follows the walk of Jed and Tom on what we discover to be more than just a ramble, set in the hills above Grasmere. The walk is one very familiar to the pair and this two-hander brings a brilliant friendship dynamic, not only with the characters but with the audience and the play itself. We take a journey which is changing the friend's lives in the time it would usually take me to eat my tea. When the story takes not a completely unexpected sad turn you are fixed to the action, feeling every step and the load which they are carrying. *Glory* was written specifically to follow, by Alison Heffernan and begins with a contrasting new friendship that blossoms before our eyes. Uptight Lizzie and free living Joy are an unlikely couple, but they are surprisingly alike and as they seem to connect their climb seems to take an unexpected and dark turn of its own. Now in a completely different situation the still developing relationship is severely put to the test. Taking you apart in the first half and replacing your belief in the second, a well rounded experience from two completely different plays connected only in setting and production. Pushed along with clever and subtle musical direction the stories continue way after the bows are taken, in my imagination and in the hints onstage. A very clever connected event with brilliant acting and scripted in a beautiful way.

The TV Show by Erin O'Reilly

Cougar Town



From the creators of *Scrubs*, this new laugh out loud sitcom sees Courtney Cox in a wildly frantic, and sexy new light; playing a '30 something' newly divorced mother, Jules. After realising that she spent her twenties raising her son Travis, Jules takes it upon herself to make up for lost time, discovering the ups and downs of dating, drinking, and demoralizing both herself and her son! The seven member ensemble, or 'cul-de-sac crew', are all suitably mad, but their chemistry is unmistakable. Ellie, who you may recognise as Jordan from *Scrubs*, is both Jules' neighbour and best friend, supplying the sarcasm, and the gossip. Andy, her husband, is a hyperactive business man who is as loveable as their baby son Stan; his best friend happens to be Jules' ex-husband, Bobby, the stereotypical hillbilly whose new place of residence is a boat, which resides not in the sea, but in a car park. Despite their recent divorce, Bobby and Jules still have a close relationship, and we get to witness his poor attempts to bond with Travis while also trying to hide the fact that he is still unmistakably in love with Jules. Bobby's competition for Jules' affections is not only an array of attractive aged suitors, but also Grayson, the fun loving bachelor. Travis supplies the refreshing teenage approach to dating and love, and although having a close friendship with his mother, he is relatable in his rational embarrassment over the antics of his parents. The last of the crew is Laurie, Jules' younger colleague, supplying amusing airhead comments and hysterical anecdotes, whilst also sharing a comical relationship with Ellie as they both battle for the role of Jules' best friend. The jokes and subject matter are usually based around sex and dating, and although it could be considered somewhat crude at times, it is refreshing to find a program that doesn't mind being a bit risqué instead of pussyfooting around relevant topics to all ages.

The Album by Grace Fitzpatrick

Kate Nash: My Best Friend is You



Following the success of her first album *Made of Bricks* Kate Nash is showing us she is more than just catchy riffs and imaginative song titles, although this album is full of those too. *My Best Friend is You* is a brave step into a world beyond Foundations. Featuring the single 'Do-Wah-Doo', we are treated to a somewhat more 'parental guidance required' experience. A second album is usually hard, especially after such a successful first one and has to be a statement to move forward, Kate has embraced this in her writing, her melodies and her methods. Still purely Indie Pop this album is full of surprises, in the form of unusual crass language, spoken word, and melody. I feel as though she is now a fully formed, independent artist but Kate is still the girl we know and love. With lines such as "it's a cold shower and

a scramble for a dirty pair of knickers" and "how could your best friends, ex girlfriends younger sisters mate know before I did?" this album is a calculated attack on areas of the world she doesn't seem to approve of. But isn't that what an album should be? One person's view of our world, to open our eyes to things we don't see ourselves. This is something this album does for me, through Kate Nash's eyes we can see the wronged women and the sleazy men of the world in a different light. If you want to feel something for your music this album is definitely for you. A not-holding-anything-back voyeuristic gaze at the world of life, love and dating.



ON THURSDAY APRIL 22, The Park pub in Lancaster played host to Livewire Lancaster's Battle of the Bands 2010. The competition was a chance for bands, hand-picked by Atticus Clothing, to compete against one another for the opportunity to play in the Atticus Tour 2010.

There were six bands competing, Fate Fell Short, Your Last Drive, A48, The Shipman Project, Arcane Eclipse and lastly Make Me King. The event was the latest in the series of gigs organized by James Brockbank and Livewire Lancaster, who looks to be the savior of Lancaster's alternative music scene.

Fate Fell Short played a fairly solid set and despite some problems with the sound and the fear of having to go on first they gave a tenacious and exciting display of talent. Your Last Drive came on stage ready to rock the crowd, opening with a cover of Electric Six's 'Gaybar' and playing many catchy songs that got the crowd dancing. Next up were A48, full of pop-punk enthusiasm, producing an infectiously energetic performance, which explained the huge show of support from their army of a fan base. The band managed to get plenty of audience members participating with singing along to their songs and jumping up and down in the mosh-pit.

Following A48 was The Shipman Project, another local Lancaster band, self-described as "hard-hitting, fun-loving purveyors of period metal". Their humor, often rather blue and

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Bar Sports

Paddy powers men's darts team to victory in Barker House Farm classic

Liam Richardson and Nick O'Malley report on an impressive 16-point haul in darts and pool

Women's Darts	
Lancaster	7
York	2

Men's Darts	
Lancaster	5
York	4

LANCASTER WON BOTH the Men's and Women's darts to secure eight more points towards victory on a night that saw a complete whitewash of York in the bar sports.

Lancaster Women's darts team won 7-2, all the more impressive considering they had to bounce back from going 2-0 down. It was Josie Foster who pulled the score back to 2-2 before Lucy 'Barnaby' Barnard checked out on madhouse (double one) to celebrate her birthday in style by putting Lancaster into the lead for the first time on the night.

The next game was the pivotal moment in the match, it could have seen Lancaster go within 1 game of winning the match, or seen York tie the scores at 3-3. Up stepped Claire Walker, unbeaten all year for Pendle to win convincingly 2-0 to take Lancaster within touching distance of 4 more points.

At 4-2 it was time to call upon a calm head for high pressure game, and none other than LUSU VP (Sports) Sue Wynes was selected to play. She proved her Captain correct by overcoming any potential nerves to secure what seemed a fairly comfortable win 2-0, and took Lancaster into an unassailable 5-2 lead and therefore brought home the invaluable 4 points to add to Lancaster's increasingly hefty total.

The eighth game of the night was in fact the first to go to 1-1, and the only match not to finish 2-0 in the Women's darts all night, before Lancaster made it 6-2.

Fran Heaphy was called upon to round off proceedings in style, easily despatching off her opponent to make the score line 7-2 and finish off the match much faster than anyone could have anticipated. Lancaster's win was

courtesy of a great all round team performance and much more clinical finishing than their opponents.

As the Women had won in double-quick time it meant that the Men's match was starting slightly earlier than anyone would have expected. Up first for the Men was joint university captain Tom Reynolds who was unfortunate to lose the opening game of the night, seeing Lancaster go 1-0 down.

Lancaster had already shown that they were not afraid to go behind though, and that proved to be the case again. Alex Smith, the Lancaster University darts Captain, put in a fantastic performance to make sure Lancaster did not go 2-0 behind and levelled the scores at 1-1.

Pete Watt then lost to see Lancaster go 2-1 down, but that lead was short lived yet again as the team and fans rallied behind the time, before the fight back began. Andrew Parker played the best darts of the night so far to take the score back to 2-2, before Dave Saunders easily picked off his opponent sending the crowd into a frenzy.

Easily the man of the match on the night was Rich Floyd who rarely, if ever, missed the 20, he completely outclassed his opponent, putting Lancaster within touching distance yet again.

Up stepped Roses Captain James Stone to attempt to secure the points for Lancaster. However in spite of his opponent seemingly being singled out for the most 'banter' on the night, his opponent stood firm and unfortunately for Lancaster hit his doubles before Stone did, and in doing so gave York a faint hope of winning the darts.

However this was cut short for York, as Patrick Williamson comprehensively battered his opponent, fearlessly checking out 74 in two darts to win the Match for Lancaster. Ben Staley won the final match of the night to round off a terrific evening for Lancaster University in the bar sports.

Women's Pool	
Lancaster	8
York	1

Men's Pool	
Lancaster	6
York	3

IT IS OFTEN commented that the quality in bar sports is declining each year. If that is the case, this decline must be endemic over in York. Two years ago a

strong team from York were only narrowly defeated. However, this year, Lancaster women's pool team staged their own version of a demolition derby utterly and completely outclassing their opponents.

York simply could not match the skill and intelligence on display from the Lancaster team. At one point it appeared inevitable that Lancaster would win 9-0 and leave York totally embarrassed.

Louise Whitehead opened proceedings with a gritty victory under pressure. This advantage was extended with further victories including an excellent display from Fran Heaphy who outrageously doubled the black to make the score 4-0. Veteran pool player and four times Roses team member Hayat Kara then played a typically efficient and nullifying game to guarantee an emphatic 5-0 scoreline and four crucial points.

There were notable performances from the exceptional Lucy Hartshorn and Rachel Rooney who increased the winning margin. The only Lancaster defeat was for the desperately unfortunate Sarah Jordan of Grizedale, who turned in an impressive display in her first ever Roses appearance. She will undoubtedly return in the future to make up for this defeat.

The men's team also enjoyed a fruitful evening on the baize. York were missing a few of their star players due to exam pressures, yet still had a team capable of doing serious damage to Lancaster. However, the night was characterised by bottle; or more specifically one team lacking it and another having it in abundance. In each of the first three matches, York took a 1-0 lead in the best of three encounters yet lacked the necessary courage to finish off their opponent. Early victories for James Stone, Graeme Gibson and Chris Houston settled the home side's nerves. The manner of their victories: gritty and uncompromising were a real positive for the home side. Jimmy Cinquemani made the score 4-0. Though, the veteran pool player rode his luck a little, it was no more than he deserved after a successful college career which has taken in stints in Cartmel, County and Graduate Colleges. Co-Captain Lee Osborne ended the contest with a clinical performance, but only after Bob Floyd, a player generally considered to be the best on campus slumped to a disappointing defeat.

A further victory for the excellent John Bekalo, also Co-Captain sealed an impressive performance. Lancaster dominated the evening bar sports without breaking sweat.

•A full report from the 2-3 snooker defeat to York is available to read on SCAN Online



SPORTS

Martial Arts

Karate society strike back and enhance top five credentials

Tom O'Rourke
Matt Todd
Ben Smith

LANCASTER PROFITED FROM York's failure to provide fighters for the men's over and under 90kg categories in the judo after being awarded two points. Neither university could compete in the women's under 57kg division, with this contested consequently expunged from the records. Nevertheless, the three bouts would prove vital experience for a society that is restricted to a few national meetings each year.

After the traditional pre-match routine had taken place, Olivier Bertrand was first up for Lancaster facing York's Baker in the under 73kg division. It was a nervy opening as both men tried focused on a sound defensive strategy to get through the opening minute. However, as the fight went on Bertrand's black-belt class saw him begin to dominate. As the fight approached two minutes a crushing throw from Bertrand secured the Ippon that gave him the point needed for victory, and put Lancaster into an unassailable 3-0 lead.

After his contest Bertrand was extremely pleased with his victory and spoke to SCAN. He said: "It's the first time I have fought at this weight category, I usually compete in less than 60kg so it was hard work".



Fighting talk: Lancs enjoyed success in judo at Roses (Photo: Laura Clark)

Looking to build on Bertrand's good work was Mark Wilkinson, in the men's under 81kg category; he faced off against Coe in the second contest. Coe was much the bigger man and this weight advantage was to pay dividends in a short bout. The superior foot movement from Coe proved too much for Wilkinson, who had no answer and succumbed to an Ippon with barely 30 seconds elapsed. This gave York their first point going into the final contest, with the score 3-1 to Lancaster.

The final contested bout saw Lancaster's Lucy Oliver take on Janssens in the women's over 57kg class. Although Oliver's opponent was three ranks above her orange-belt, the fight was extremely close with both women initiating offence. Janssens secured a Wazari but could not score an Ippon as time elapsed, unfortunately Oliver could not register a half-point of her own and was defeated. There are plenty of positives for Oliver, particularly impressive was the ground work that allowed her to

escape from an attempted submission hold. Janssens protracted victory gave the final 3-2 score-line a sense of respectability for York.

The Karate was one of the final events of Roses - this year marked the first time Lancaster Karate Club and Society combined efforts in running the event. It proved to be hotly contested - both in the women's and men's events. It was split into two events, the Kata (choreographed moves performed in a specific sequence) and the Kumite (sparring event).

Of the two events, the Kata kicked things off, with the women going first. Three judges were to decide who won the points on a majority rules basis. York fared well in this event, winning the first two Kata sequences - however, this did not stop Lancaster pulling back a point at the end and maintaining pride. The final score was Lancaster 1-2 York.

Following this, the men's Kata was also equally close - the last sequence would decide which side earned a point for their university in the Roses. Lancaster clinched this one, with all three judges awarding their decision to Lancaster - it was now 1-1.

In the Kumite, the women began as before. Again, York started strong - notching the first victory out of three fights. However, this time Lancaster showed discipline and composure -

winning the remaining two fights convincingly. In particular, Becky Clark managed to completely dominate her opponent - being awarded ten points, while only conceding one.

Lancaster looked to maintain momentum gained from this in the men's Kumite. They did exactly this, obliterating the York competition and winning all four fights. All four competitors out-manoeuvred their opponents with a range of kicks and punches, showing immense confidence and technique. This was acknowledged by the judges - Gareth Dunkerley receiving exceptional praise; Craig Noble, meanwhile, showed no mercy in a powerful 10-1 victory.

Lancaster showed tremendous strength and composure in earning a 3-1 victory overall. The Kumite proved particularly entertaining, and roused the crowd accordingly. Lancaster's Tim Cottis spoke to SCAN about the performance. He stressed that the result "avenged last year's loss and proved why Lancaster are ranked in the top five clubs in the country."

York's Jo Meara echoed this sentiment Lancaster's way, before remarking that she "was already looking forward to next year's competition."

Regarding York's effort, she added: "I'm really proud of the team, especially as preparation has been difficult (due to finals) - but thanks go to Lancaster for being great hosts."

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Fencing

Highly fancied foes fought off by fencing heroes

Nick O'Malley

LANCASTER WON BOTH the Men's and the Women's fencing to add a further 8 points to their Roses tally. The women's win was all the more impressive due to the fact that Lancaster reside in the Northern conference; whereas York are in the Premier league of women's fencing.

The women's fencing began with the Foil. They began brightly by taking an early 25-16 lead. However, York were resilient and fought back in just one three minute bout to take the lead 29 to 26.

It was a match full of twists and turns. As soon as York appeared to be in the ascendancy, Cat Clutterbuck drove Lancaster into a 35-30 lead. Lancaster then continued in this fine form and secured a win in the first weapon 45-36.

Lancaster were surpassing all expectations and dominated right from the outset of the Sabre winning all but one of the nine bouts to secure a 45-21 win, and put Lancaster within 13 points of victory.

In Epee, the final weapon of the day was an extremely tense encounter, with Lancaster struggling initially, but gradually they regained their composure, and edged closer to victory. It was Birte Schulz who secured the vital 13th point of the weapon, to secure the win and the



Expect the unexpected: Lancaster surprisingly defeated York in an epic match (Photo: Ben Robins)

points for Lancaster, with attention immediately switching to the Men's match that had begun over the other side of the hall, only a few moments earlier.

Lancaster ultimately lost the Epee 45-43; however this result was unimportant as Lancaster had already won the overall match.

Club Secretary Cat Clutterbuck spoke to SCAN following the epic encounter.

She said: "I'm extremely happy with the result and I am proud of the team, we will certainly be having champagne tonight."

In the Men's fencing, Lancaster got off to a very shaky start, going 20-10 behind after the initial four bouts. Lancaster managed to pull it back to 40-34, with just one bout remaining in the Sabre. However they still had every chance of winning the whole match.

What happened next was a mini-miracle, as Lancaster were looking to minimise the deficit going into the final two weapons, Chris Dain had other ideas, he grabbed the bull by the horns, and with an excellent display of fencing won the final bout 11-3, to win the Sabre 45-43 for Lancaster, a feat which at one stage seemed almost impossible.

The second weapon in the Men's fenc-

ing was the Foil which Lancaster dominated right from the very start. Captain Seb Wysk won the third bout of the Foil 6-1, taking Lancaster into a 15-11 lead.

Next came some outrageous, unorthodox and amazing exhibitions of fencing, with Lancaster Fencing President, Aaron Gardner, hitting his opponent on two occasions through his own legs. This came before Wysk won his second bout in the foil 5-0, with the fifth and final point of the bout coming from him jumping over his opponents attack and then hitting him on the back.

Both of these moves seem to be rather unorthodox trademarks of two of the most creative fencers in the team. Wysk saw out the victory for Lancaster in the Foil, in what was a very tense encounter, seeing Lancaster win 45-40, leading by seven points going into the final weapon of the day.

Lancaster were fantastic in the Epee, taking control of the match right from the very start, with Chris Clark as the stand out performer, not only because he was the person to clinch the vital point for Lancaster, but courtesy of winning numerous points while giving very few away to his opponents.

Lancaster won all but one of the bouts in Epee, and secured a 45-27 win, seeing Lancaster Men's fencing team whitewash their opponents winning all three of the weapons.

Squash

A perfect season concludes with a fitting treble

Lancaster	5
York	0

Joe Carroll

IF YOU HAD to pick one team that you would bet your life on winning at Roses, chances are you would plump for the Women's squash team. Their invincible team are undoubtedly the favourites for 'Team of the Year' at the upcoming AU Awards Ceremony.

Following an incredible season in which they won every match they competed in, picking up a league and cup double along the way, Lancaster were determined not to tarnish their impressive record.

The team exuded confidence, and rightly so, as they took to court five on Saturday lunchtime. Sam Preston opened the proceedings as the home team took a 1-0 lead, although they were made to work hard for it. Preston's opponent proved to be more formidable than perhaps Lancaster were anticipating, taking the set all the way to five games. Whilst there were moments of uncertainty from Preston, mainly due to fatigue, she never once fell behind and earned a precious 3-2 win to set Lancaster on their way.

Whilst Preston slugged it out on court five, captain Georgina Baum was surprised to find that York had brought with them a fifth seed player which gave the skipper the opportunity to contrib-



Dominating the T: Lancaster women were victorious but the men were whitewashed by their great rivals (Photo: Ben Robins)

ute to her team's success. Baum navigated her way past her opponent with style, dropping just one game in the process.

Picking up on their captain's lead,

Lancaster's remaining three players ensured that their winning record for the season remains intact. Penny Howe did not take long to overcome here opponent, needing just three games to en-

sure Lancaster's win and the coveted 4 Roses points up for grabs.

And there were similar stories for Lancaster's top two seeds, Elanna Herod and Jo Hamlyn. As they expected before the game, Lancaster's two top performers this season were in rampant mood and were relentless in their pursuit of a perfect game. Their respective 3-0 wins ensured an overall score that was both deserving and impressive whilst showcasing the talent that has served them so well this season.

Captain Baum was delighted with her team when she spoke to SCAN. She said: "I think we all played awesomely. I rather liked the fact that it was a surprise to find it was a five girl team as every other match we play is."

The best of the men's team were unable to complete a squash whitewash as they crashed to a disappointing 5-0 defeat.

After the successes of their female counterparts, the onus was upon Lancaster to make it a hat-trick of victories.

James Hill and Dave McGovern were the first two up for Lancaster who have enjoyed a mixed season, finishing mid-table in the BUCS Northern Conference 2A. They were expected to overcome a York side playing in the division below them but the Red Rose side suffered defeat in both games.

The following two seeds succumbed to similar fates. Tony Hinds and captain Ben Holden could do nothing to stop York taking a commanding 4-0 lead and by the time the tie was mathematically beyond Lancaster, top seed Jez Boardman could do nothing but

surrender defeat.

Lancaster Men's 2nd's strolled to a comfortable victory in the first squash event of the weekend, despite the event yielding no points.

What some may have seen as an insignificant friendly due to the lack of points on offer, the Lancaster team saw as an opportunity to get-one-over on their foes from across the Pennines. In Roses, there is no such thing as a friendly.

The desire from both teams was clear from the off-set as their two number fives stepped onto court to do battle. In the confines of a small, walled in squash court temperatures and tempers can rise in an instant. Jack Ross and his opponent appeared to be made of similar stuff as the first two games saw them on level terms. Ross proved his worth in the next two however, running out a 3-1 victor.

Shahbaz Afzal's game followed a similar pattern and ended in the same result giving Lancaster a 2-0 lead. However York responded in due course, as number three Alex Mealing could not prevent his opponent pulling one back for York.

Phil Lowrey was up next knowing that a win would seal his team's victory and he duly obliged with a convincing win that relieved Lancaster's fifth and final player of any pressure that would have befallen him had Lowrey surrendered Lancaster's lead.

Nick Costa took to the court to rack up an easy 3-0 win ensuring an overall 4-1 set victory for Lancaster that was no more than they deserved.

SPORTS

Basketball

Charalambos the saviour as home team secure fo

Joe Carroll on settling old scores and witnessing a stirring victory for the women's team on the basketball courts

Lancaster	65
York	49

LANCASTER MEN'S BASKETBALL team claimed the four points on offer in their Roses encounter with York winning 65-49.

Memories of the disappointing loss at York last year were put to bed on the last day of Roses allowing Lancaster to finish the season on high. The home team will be delighted with the result following an indifferent league campaign that saw them finish mid-table, winning four and losing the same amount.

The game kicked off and it was the home side who were clearly the more up for it. Lancaster stormed into an early lead, leaving a shell shocked York team stunned by the impact of some powerful players in red. BK Sibanda was in confident mood from the first whistle and terrified the York rear-guard with a number of dazzling dribbles. Charalambos Hajitheodosiou was also up for the challenge, and the imposing number 13 launched a tirade of assaults on the York basket.

Charalambos appeared to be finding joy with every foray into his opponents half and was emphatic in his shooting, scoring no less than half of his team's points at the end of the first quarter. With a 21-8 lead, and with the team glistening with confidence it looked inevitable that Lancaster would increase their lead upon returning to the court-and so they did.

Contributions to the scoreline from

Max Jacovella and captain Dan Conway ensured that the tie was quickly beyond any doubt, and that any chance York had of staying within reach of Lancaster was slipping from their grasp. Charalambos carried on his fine performance, wowing the crowd with his free scoring efforts and his effortless dribbling.

Lancaster found themselves 39-24 to the good by the beginning of the third quarter and they were in no mood to stop there. York however were not merely here to roll over, and the visitors did all they could to try to desperately claw their way back into the tie. A flurry of early baskets in the third period did enough to warn the home side that despite their lead there was still work to be done, and that York's revival needed stomping out.

York came within ten points of Lancaster at one stage, and might have looked to close the gap if it weren't for Charalambos. He seemed to be re-introduced to the action whenever Lancaster looked flat and out of ideas. Without him, there did not seem to be an awful lot of difference between the sides, and when the number 13 was present, Lancaster were able to turn possession into points where York were not.

"We're delighted to have finally won the game after losing at the last two Roses. We played really well today."
- Elena Falzon

With plenty of points scored and an array of attacking play on show, captain Conway was understandably delighted: "I was pleased we managed to get the win and with the way we dominated. They weren't a bad side and we were beaten last year so it was pleasing to come out on top."

He continued, "It was also pleasing as it was a whole team effort which managed to get us such a good win- it was a good finish to our year."

Lancaster Women's Basketball



Going through hoops: Both the men's and women's teams enjoyed notable successes in the ba

team were also victorious, beating rivals York 49-34 with a convincing display on the final day.

Lancaster were in fine form as they raced to an early lead that put them out of sight of the visitors who were always playing catch up. It was a victory that never really looked under threat from a timid York side who were rather out of their depth, but that is not to take any of the spotlight away from Lancaster who were both efficient and

stylish in their victory.

After a tight opening period which saw a York awarded a free shot to pull the scores almost level at 4-3, Lancaster began to assert themselves. If there was one player that exemplified Lancaster's style of play, it was number nine Nadvia Davis who was both energetic and powerful in attack and defence. Davis was responsible for most of Lancaster's points throughout the match but she was equally adept

around her own basket and never shirked away from her defensive duties.

The first quarter ended with Lancaster taking a 17-5 lead and were firmly in control. Their willingness to keep the tie tightly within their own grasp was demonstrated as the second quarter got under-way; Davis once again converting on a number of occasions. But to say their win was purely down to the number 9's efforts would

Canoe Polo

York up creek without a paddle despite goalkeeping heroics

Lorna Starkie
Mathew Chard

SATURDAY EVENING SAW the Canoe Polo teams take on York in the swimming pool and the women began proceedings by taking the game to their York rivals. Lancaster went close before taking the lead with a good finish before extending their advantage by going 2-0 up in what began as a desperately scrappy affair.

York were defending resolutely as was the Lancaster goalkeeper who kept Lancaster's healthy lead intact before the attackers broke through and fired in two goals to make the score 4-0 in Lancaster's favour at half time.

The second half saw similar action with the York goalkeeper performing miracles to stop the Lancaster onslaught. However, Lancaster did score two more



Making a splash: A 6-0 women's win in canoe polo (Photo: Matt Capps)

and the final score was 6-0 to the home side in what proved to be a n extremely

one-sided affair.

Next up was the Open Canoe Polo

which began by Lancaster playing the game at the York end of the pool. It was a physical affair with Lancaster capsizing York boats in an attempt to win the ball. In a battle of strength, it was a Lancaster player who came closest by hitting the post, much to the surprise of the lively crowd.

The game continued on the same tone with Lancaster dominating but failing to beat the inspired York goalkeeper. Lancaster became even more aggressive with the number 5 for Lancaster throwing in some strong challenges and upturning a number of York boats.

After the half way point, Lancaster took the lead before York replied with a great finish making the score 1-1. The York side were dealt a blow when a player had to leave the pool injured with a shoulder problem. Lancaster then came close, striking the post before the crowd

was silenced as York scored making it 2-1 causing mass celebrations in the boats.

However, Lancaster equalised in bizarre fashion as a Lancaster boat was capsized before rolling back up and firing the ball into the net making the final score 2-2.

Overall, York were more pleased with the result as their player Luke Smalley said, 'We haven't won for two years so we did well to draw. We played great and the Lancaster number 5 was slightly dirty, but we got through it'. In contrast, Matt Carter stated on behalf of Lancaster, 'It's a disappointment that we drew after a successful season and wanting it too much'.

Despite the setback, it was still positive for Lancaster as they did not allow York to take maximum points in either event.

ur points with stylish display



asketball events (Photos:Alissa Petrelli)



be a poor reflection on the rest of the team. Elena Falzon and Laurie Kremer were particularly impressive in keeping the ball, neither being wasteful in possession.

For their credit, York saw plenty of the ball in the second and third quarter but were slow in attack and seemed unable to pick out the right pass at the right time. Lancaster however were pinpoint in their passing and precise in their shooting and stormed further

ahead, leading 36-23 at the end of the third quarter.

If there was a game that could possibly have summed up the overall Roses contest, it was this. Lancaster had done the hard work in the opening quarter and thus knocked the tempo down to cruise control. Indeed their could not have been anything more demoralising for the visitors than the news sounding from the sports centre P.A that Lancaster had officially won

Roses. What had been known for the past day, was now certain and Lancaster really enjoyed the rest of the game.

Davis continued her player of the match performance, leading Lancaster to a 49-34 victory. After the game Elena Falzon commented on how important the win was: "We're delighted to have finally won the game after losing at the last two Roses. We played really well today".

Canoe Slalom

The Carter-James trophy won in Gartstang

Sam Newsham

LANCASTER'S CANOE CLUB battled through a closely-matched race in the canoe slalom to not only win both the men's and women's events but snatch the final two points needed to clinch the Carter-James trophy after a four year wait.

Following a tense match in the Open Canoe Polo on Saturday night which eventually ended in a draw, the teams were keen to end with a decisive result.

Within the first half-hour Rob Beaumont and Rosie Law quickly clocked up high scores for Lancaster. Law paddled round the course in one minute 34 seconds, whilst Beaumont took just one minute 24 seconds to

complete.

The course itself was a good one, giving a challenge to more experienced paddlers but still allowing novices to compete fully. Each paddler had one run round the course, negotiating their way through a series of gates strung above the river. Penalties were given for missing or hitting a gate.

Canoe Club President Matthew Biggins achieved the quickest and cleanest run of the event, taking one minute 21 seconds and getting just one penalty for hitting a gate. The quickest run in the women's competition was Katie Kemble, who got round the course in one minute 30.

The only real disaster happened when Lancaster's Bridget Coles hit an eddy line and tipped over, coming out of her canoe halfway through the course and having to walk the rest.

Whilst all other competitors made it to the end many had problems with the shallowness of the river, hitting their paddles on the river bed or getting stuck on a rock just in front of the finish line.

Once all paddlers had been round the course there was a tense wait as the judges calculated everyone's time. The three best times for each team were added together to give the overall result.

Finally, the news was given that Lancaster's times were shortest in both events. In the men's a close match meant that Lancaster's three shortest times came to a total of four minutes 15 seconds, compared to four minutes 44 for York. The women managed a more decisive victory, taking four minutes 53 seconds whilst York needed six minutes 49.

Badminton

Rylander sees positives in defeat

Lancaster	3
York	6

Robert Payling
Sports Editor

LANCASTER'S 1ST TEAMS were comprehensively beaten by their great rivals on a weekend of drama and reflection. Although the competition was dominated by the visitors, Lancaster's players learned a lot from the experience.

Men's 1sts Captain Neil Rylander spoke to SCAN on the manner in which his team lost. He said: "We played them in the league this year and since then they've improved even more. To lose 6-3 isn't such a bad thing as they're a good team. We lost, but in a way, we won."

Despite the 6-3 overall score to York, Lancaster competed in some great matches in the Men's 1sts. Tom Huggon and James Mullarkey performed excellently throughout Sunday to win two of their matches. The pairing proved to be a great success, and their intelligent movement allowed both of them to cover as much of the court as possible while also playing their best shots.

York's 1sts Captain James Hor echoed Rylander's earlier statement when he spoke to SCAN. He added: "Lancaster have improved a lot since last time we played. Everyone had to play up a level than they had done in previous years when Lancaster had been much weaker."

Unfortunately the same couldn't be said for the ladies 1sts who were unable to match their opponents and lost 8-1. Despite the overall scoreline, Lancaster's

ladies did provide some great matches though. Mel Neve and Amy Blakemore were able to put any early disappointment behind them to beat York's Nattha Tritasavit and Emma S'ari in a comprehensive 21-10, 21-10 victory.



Getting better: The men's 1sts have improved (Photo: Ben Robins)

Lancaster Ladies' 1sts Captain Mel Neve was understandably despondent and spoke to SCAN after the competition. She said: "They took their opportunity well. They were just a really good side and had the upper hand I think."

York's Ladies' 1sts Captain Rebecca Moore was in a far more bullish mood when she spoke to SCAN though, and already had a victory in 2011 on her mind. She said: "I'm very proud of our team and really relieved to have won. We thought it would've been more of a challenge, but it wasn't in the end. We look forward to mulling them again next year."

The Men's 2nds team won 5-4 in their match whilst the Mixed team lost, like the women, 8-1. Full match reports can be found on SCAN Online.

Table Tennis

Red Rose rally to six point success

Lancaster	10
York	7

Nick O'Malley

LANCASTER SECURED A further six points in the table tennis, with the mixed 1sts winning comfortably 10-7, while the mixed 2nds won 14-3 in a closely contested battle of table tennis.

Stephen Arliss captained the mixed 1sts to glory 10-7 in a closely fought match that was nip and tuck until the end. Lancaster were 6-3 up and looking in control of the match when Arliss came up against York's best player and was edged out 3-1 in what was an exhibition



Serve to victory (Photo: Laura Clark)

of some outstanding table tennis.

York followed this up by winning the next match to create a tense atmosphere, as they brought the score back to 6-5. Lancaster then reasserted their advantage taking the lead 8-5. York were only able to pull one game back before Lancaster secured the vital ninth win that secured 4 more points for Lancaster.

The match ultimately ended up 10-7. Lancaster firsts set out to avenge the fact that York finished one place above them in the league, so will be extremely happy with their 10-7 win.

The mixed 2nds was an interesting encounter as York had out a team that was clearly nowhere near as good as Lancaster's. The hosts cruised into a huge lead with their first loss coming in the eighth of 17 matches, seeing Lancaster go 7-1 up. Lancaster knew that they only had to reach nine wins to secure the two points for Lancaster.

The 2nd team Captain Robert Browne won the all important ninth game for Lancaster defeating his opponent in straight sets. This made the scoreline 9-1 to Lancaster. Ultimately the seconds won 14-3 with Browne winning all of his games on the night. Although Lancaster would have been pleased with the win they would have been disappointed by the standard of their opposition, as some of the games were not even close.

SPORTS

Equestrian Easy riders

Lauren Hirst

THE LANCASTER UNIVERSITY Equestrian team cantered their way to victory after defeating their York rivals by a 57 point margin.

Once each rider had drawn their horse, the competition began with the dressage. The Lancaster A team, which include Theodora Hopkins, Catherine Mclearie, Nina Boex and Gwawr Davis, appeared strong and in total control from the start when performing the dressage test involving movements such as working trot, medium canter stride and pre-walk on a long reign. The York A team rode ineffectively in their dressage test incurring 16 penalty points to Lancaster's 3.

The Lancaster B Team, who were competing in their first competition of the year, widened the gap between Lancaster and York by only receiving 15 penalties to York's 34 giving Lancaster a strong lead going into the show jumping competition. The B team, which comprised of Ros Mogridge, Eleanor Lett, Helen Whittaker and Claire Todd, proved major competition for the York A team as well as the B team.



First past the post: The happy team (Photo: Lauren Hirst)

The jumping event was made up of 8 fences in total and despite a refusal by Linda Lidbourn from York to ride her horse, once again both the Lancaster A and B team proved the stronger of the two. With a minor mistake by Lett at the start when fence 7 was knocked down, the York team's nerves seemed to override their performance after knocking down a total of 5 fences whilst the Lancaster team rode their lines accurately achieving excellent marks for their position. The Lancaster A team scored the highest with only one penalty mark, with joint second being awarded to the Lancaster B and York B team with 29 penalties. The York A team came in last with a distant 44 penalties in total.

With a combined score from the dressage and the jumping, Lancaster A team were awarded the red rosette for a clear first place win, followed by the Lancaster B team in second place. The York B team in third and York A team in fourth. The individual scores saw Lancaster win 5 out of a possible 6 rosettes with team captain, Hopkins, winning the red rosette with zero penalty points and a collective score of 96.

After the competition, Hopkins commented "it has been amazing to finish on a high after two years as captain, as both teams have won by a large margin. The B team have never been able to compete before, due to a lack of funding, and it didn't do them at all and they stepped up brilliantly to the challenge".

Hockey

Heavens open for hockey teams

Kim Megson was at the astroturf to report on the day's hockey action played in heavy downpours

Hockey Men's 1sts

Lancaster

2

York

2

Lancaster and York played out an entertaining 2-2 draw in the pouring rain in the last hockey game of the day.

The match started at a fast pace that never let up. Lancaster, who had been narrowly defeated the day before in the indoor game, dominated the opening exchanges, winning a number of short corners and always looking threatening. However, it was York who looked like they would open the scoring after they were awarded a penalty. The umpire ruled that a Lancaster player's foot had blocked the ball on the goal line. Goalkeeper Sam Quilleash stood tall, and dived to his right to successfully save the penalty from Andy Harris.

Lancaster's confidence grew and they started to press, cheered on by a crowd who were in good voice despite the weather. They were rewarded soon after when the home team managed to create a goal from nothing. Captain Lyam Hollis received the ball on the left wing with a defender closing in. Instinctively, he knocked the ball behind him and span round the York player. He ran through on goal and finished with assurance to cap the goal that his piece of skill deserved.

Lancaster could have scored again minutes later, with Alex Halls unlucky not to double the lead when he sent an effort narrowly wide. York rallied, and the game developed into an even, end to end affair, with chances coming thick and fast. Quilleash in the Lancaster goal was in fine form, making a string of impressive blocks and saves. He was helped by a solid defensive partnership of Ali Cowper and Craig McIntyre, who were doing well to prevent the visitors from drawing level while delivering some fine lifted balls forward which troubled the York backline. Lancaster also looked dangerous on the counter. They have scored a lot of goals this season, and you could sense the understanding shared by the attacking players as they took their time finding the passes to break down the opposition defence. This was all the more impressive considering the slippery conditions, with the wet surface causing several players to lose their balance and inviting hard challenges from the opposition.

"All credit to Lancaster, they made things difficult for us. However, I think that their goals were caused by our mistakes, and losing a man made our job difficult, but we probably edged it today."
- Andy McIlwraith, York Captain

York were being held at bay, but rather than becoming frustrated, they began to play some of their best hockey of the match. A good passing exchange between the York attack led to Henry Meller finding himself in space. He produced a fine shot that cannoned off the left had post. Just before half time,



Share of the spoils: The men's 1sts battled to a creditable 2-2 draw in the rain.

York saw Mark Inman sin binned after swearing at the umpire, handing Lancaster the numerical advantage for the beginning of the second half.

They re-started brightly, and it was not long before they doubled their lead. Philipp Schacht, Lancaster's German International, took on several players with some great work on the wing. He cut inside the area and set up Hollis, who was well placed to score his, and Lancaster's second.

It was hard to see York coming back into the game following the second goal, but to their credit they did not let their heads drop. They continued launching attacks, and James Branton gave the away side hope when his shot from the edge of the area went through a crowd of players and into the goal.

Showing what a difference a goal makes, the contest took on a very different complexion, with Lancaster doing most of the defending. Quilleash

Indoor Hockey

Second half collapse allows York to secure dramatic victory

**Matt Todd
Stephen Ashby**

LANCASTER MEN'S 1STS were sunk by four York strikes in the second half, after restricting York early on.

The match started with controversy as a York defender stopped the ball crossing the line with his foot. The following penalty flick hit the post for Lancaster. The pressure continued, and Lancaster got an early goal from Jack Keating. York leveled the score before half time, with Niko Bode scoring his first of three goals.

After the break, Lancaster netted two quick goals to make the score 3-1, but York instantly replied with two of their own to even it up once more. Lancaster's defence broke down after that, allowing two more goals before the final whistle, meaning York took the points. Lancaster's Lyam Hollis said afterwards, "We were beaten comfortably indoors last year; it seems to be their strength. We're disappointed but confident about tomorrow's game."

Lancaster women's 1sts secured a dramatic draw as York had three goals disallowed in the second half.



York started strongly and has Lancaster defending desperately until the ninth minute when a long-range effort broke the resistance. York continued to dominate possession, with Lancaster's Annika Hall obdurate in defence. Lancaster's counter-attacking style paid dividends on 12 minutes as Natalie Tyson swept home; the teams going in 1-1 at half-time.

The second half provided further

drama as York were denied by the officials on three occasions; on 16 minutes after a foot-fault, 27 minutes for a foul on the keeper and agonisingly with the last shot of the match for a technical violation following a short-corner. The action that surrounded these controversies was full-blooded with Katie Hurrell and Heather Cadd thundering into tackles for Lancaster. The defence held firm and the final whistle brought relief for Lancaster and a share of the spoils.

Lancaster men's 2nds came from behind twice to frustrate York and record a well earned draw.

The game started well for York, with an early goal. Jack Palmer was playing well down Lancaster's left wing, creating a chance that led to the equaliser for the home team. York applied more pressure, sending the Lancaster keeper diving before scoring a second moments later. Tempers began to rise on the pitch; a Lancaster goal was disallowed and the York keeper was forced into some great saves. York's Michael Giblin made crucial blocks in defence. As the seconds ticked away, it looked like a York triumph was inevitable, but the Lancaster team fought

hard in the last moments, grabbing a last minute goal to give Lancaster a share of the points.

Lancaster women's 2nds secured a comprehensive win over York in the indoor hockey thanks to a double from Vicky Griffin.

The opening exchanges saw Lancaster on the backfoot and York capitalised on a short-corner to make it 0-1. In front of a vociferous crowd Vicky Griffin grabbed the equaliser after a good run. The game was played at a frenetic pace, with Lancaster adding further goals through Claire Hockaday and Legley to go into half-time 3-1 up. The lead was anything but comfortable, with York looking dangerous in possession throughout.

York started the second half with purpose and sharp work allowed Knighton to pull it back to 3-2. York piled on the pressure but both the goalkeeper and Hall defended solidly for Lancaster. The failure to equalise seemed to deflate York and with the siege weathered, Lancaster scored a double on the break, first Sacha Duchars after slick work from a short-corner and then Vicky Griffin in the dying seconds.

s as they renew old rivalries in the rain



the evening hockey match and quickly clicked into gear (Photo: Matt Capps)

was forced into making some more good saves, and York were forcing a number of short corners. Eventually, their pressure resulted in the equaliser that the home crowd feared, as Nick Latcham found space in the area to fire into the corner of the goal and complete an impressive comeback.

The game was in its closing stages as the weather brightened slightly and both teams tried to produce a winner. However, when the umpire finally

brought a tight contest to a close, the draw was probably a fair result.

After the game, Hollis said, ‘we didn’t do enough to seal the win, but both sides took their chances well and I am pleased with the effort that we showed today.’

His York counterpoint Andy McIlwraith agreed, saying ‘all credit to Lancaster, they made things difficult for us. However, I think that their goals were caused by our mistakes, and los-

ing a man made our job difficult, but we probably edged it today. I’m proud of the team.’

Lancaster and York saw out a very close game in the torrential rain, battling to a 3-3 stalemate that was overshadowed by an injury to York’s Charlie Bartlett.

York had already won two of the three games played earlier in the day, and they started brightly in this match, taking an early lead through Rachel Faustino. Lancaster looked for a quick response, and came close twice before Aveline Cruickshank managed to grab a well-taken equaliser.

The rain started to fall hard, and the surface became increasingly slippery. It was York who adapted to the conditions better, as they began to pressurise the Lancaster defence. Soon, good work from their midfield created an opportunity for Emily Lucas to put them back in front.

Unfortunately, York’s Charlie Bartlett then received a nasty looking injury to her left eye, after being struck by the ball and her stick. She was taken to hospital and York looked understandably shaken by the incident. However, they did manage to score again, manipulating some anxious Lancaster defending that allowed Faustino, who had continued to threaten all game, to claim her second and York’s third. The goal left Lancaster facing an uphill struggle to gain anything from the match.

The home side though, to their credit, did not look like a demoralised team and began to dominate proceedings. They displayed plenty of desire going forwards, coming close from a short corner and then again in open play.

An incisive move forwards won them a penalty, which Annika Hall coolly converted to give them hope.

The goal buoyed Lancaster, and soon they were on the front foot. The horrendous weather conditions meant that the game sometimes struggled to flow, but with a large and boisterous crowd cheering them on, both teams pushed hard to find another goal.

In the end, the pressing of Lancaster proved too much for York to deal with. They sealed the equaliser when a hit into the area went through a crowd of players, and seemed to deflect off Cruickshank and into the goal. The York players complained that no contact had been made with the ball inside the D, but it looked very close and the umpire was well placed to award the goal.

With the scores level, it was a very tense final ten minutes. Lancaster were well and truly in the ascendancy now, forcing more short corners and looking the more likely to grab a winner.

However, they were running out of time, and after a good defensive block ended a promising attacking move, the umpire blew the final whistle to ensure that the teams finished with a share of the spoils. It was a remarkable comeback though, and a deserved one, and the Lancaster players looked delighted.

After the game, Captain Hannah-Beth Robertson said ‘I am very proud of the effort put in by the girls today.’ She added that she was pleased with the end result, but disappointed that they had not been able to take all their chances to secure a victory.

• In the Men’s 2nds York earned a 1-0 victory earning two points. However, the men’s 3rds won 4-3 in an entertaining match. The match was, however, this year played as an exhibition. The women’s 2nds also lost 2-3. Full reports can be found on SCAN Online.



High score draw: An exciting 3-3 encounter for the women (Photo: Capps)

Cricket

Batting masterclass pips home side to post in Roses opener

Lancaster	188
York	190
(York win by three wickets)	

Matt Todd

LANCASTER AND YORK contested a keenly fought opening contest of this year’s Roses, with the visitors clinching victory in a nail-biting final over.

Lancaster won the toss and elected to bat, a decision which looked ominous at 2-1 in the third over after James Purvis departed for one. This left Kiren Uppoor and Hasnain Rajkotwala facing a difficult period, with the ball seaming notably and York’s bowlers buoyed. The tricky conditions affected both sides, with York conceding a number of extras (39) and a variable bounce making batsmen fight for every run. However, patient knocks from Uppoor (58) and Raskotwala (22) stabilised Lancaster’s innings and at 73-1 after 20 overs, the home side would have been expecting a



Stumped: Heartbreak for the home side (Photo: Sam Birkinshaw)

big score.

The match turned when Hudson had Raskotwala caught in the deep with the score on 73. The middle of the innings was frustrating for Lancaster with York’s bowlers keeping the runs tight and wickets falling at regular intervals to leave Lancaster on 142-6 with 10

overs remaining. A rueful Phil Hughes later admitted that the “middle order collapse was disappointing after such a positive start”.

Despite the setback, the Lancaster tail tore into the York bowlers and only some excellent cover fielding prevented Lancaster reaching 200, Paul Startin played a watchful innings for his 21 with Mike Walton blasting his way to a quickfire 20. Lancaster were eventually all-out for 188 from their 50 overs with Bueno taking 3-30 and the economical Hudson 2-19. Uppoor’s innings of 58 proved vital for Lancaster, his superb range of shots allowing him to find the boundary on eight occasions.

After a short break, Walton carried on from where he left off as York’s reply got off to a poor start. After ripping out Hudson’s off stump, he trapped Barrett LBW as York toiled. By the sixth over they had been reduced to 25-3, Matt Weller clean bowling Wilson.

As with Lancaster’s innings, one partnership proved the catalyst for York. Kirkwood and Davies took their side to 102-3 by the 32nd over, managing to negotiate some disciplined bowl-

ing from Nick Guest (1-15) and Carl Purvis (0-21). After Kirkwood departed for a fine 65 the match was finely balanced at 102-3 with 17 overs remaining.

Davies was looking untroubled until he presented Purvis a difficult caught and bowled opportunity in the 32nd over, the Lancaster bowler was unable to hold on to what would have been a huge wicket. Adam Humphreys had Davies LBW in the 41st over, but the York batsmen had hit 40 valuable runs.

More tight bowling from Weller and Humphreys restricted York, and with three overs remaining they needed 20 to win with three wickets in hand. However, a tired looking Lancaster could not make the break through and Hoggart struck the winning boundary with just three balls to spare.

After the game Lancaster’s captain Hughes praised York’s batsmen for their performance given the difficult conditions. He conceded that his side were a “bit flat” in the field but sought to take the positives from the game, “I think we have a strong bowling attack and if we improve other aspects of our game we will have a good season”.

Climbing



Hang tough (Photo: Barbara Lutz)

SIR CHRIS BONINGTON, the University Chancellor and famous mountaineer was unable to attend Roses 2010 but will be pleased to know his favourite team retained the trophy he specially commissioned for this event. The mixed A team scored 303 to York’s 292 to collect the points. The mixed C team also won but the B team slumped to defeat. If they had won, their points would have confirmed Lancaster’s status as Roses Champions.

SPORTS

Archery

Target practice

Lorna Starkie
Mathew Chard

SATURDAY MORNING SAW the Archery competition take place on the college pitches. The morning began with all archers taking sighter arrows in order to adjust to the conditions that seemed perfect for Archery.

Surprisingly, York only had five competitors available on the day as three members of their Archery squad were unable to travel on the morning of the event, putting their team at a disadvantage before the action even started. Even the York coach, Lottie Boatman, who has had ten years archery experience, said that she was 'not optimistic for a result'. Despite this almost guaranteeing Lancaster victory in the team events the archery commenced.



Taking Aim (Photo: Laura Clark)

The action was all interlinked with scores being taken for novices and seniors and scores were collated for individual males and females as well as a collective team score.

The day began with archers shooting at a 60m target and as the morning went on the archers became more consistent with their aim. Both teams were shoot-out consistently by the fourth round of arrows outlining the skill that the individuals possessed.

In particular, John Lane began firing accurately for Lancaster with many arrows finding the inner ten target whilst Deborah Bell, also of Lancaster, was becoming increasingly accurate.

The action then moved on to 50m before the archers fired at a 40m target with the accuracy levels of each person becoming increasingly impressive.

Despite the non-attendance of team members, York did win the Novice female event 502-323 whilst the Senior female event was also taken by York with scores ending 690-572 earning York two points in the overall Roses competition.

However, Lancaster's Men did reply by taking the Novice and the Senior by scores of 599-462 and 791-743 respectively. As for the team events, Lancaster took honours as expected due to their numerical advantage by taking the Novice mixed team and the Senior mixed team events comfortably.

Overall, the archery event was taken by Lancaster earning the University eight points out of a possible ten available outlining the dedication and success of the team and individuals.

Football

Treacherous conditions not a problem

Steve Feekins and Julian Surface made it onto the pitches to view a footballing masterclass by the home teams

Football Men's 1sts		
Lancaster	3	
York	1	

Football Women's team		
Lancaster	5	
York	0	

WHAT CAN BE lightly described as treacherous conditions on the football pitch, ended with Lancaster completing their whitewash of York on the grass. Lancaster's 1st Men's team has been incredibly successful this year, winning both league and cup in the BUCS competition. There were 18 points available for all the footballing events that took place over the Roses weekend and it was essential for the first team to put their mark on the Roses competition.

After a surprising loss in the Men's 1st's Indoor event, the team had something to prove, and never relented in the pouring rain and worsening wind. In the first half, it was very much a war of attrition between the two sides and both came out with a goal each.

The second half was dominated by Lancaster as they regained a 2-1 lead. Showing the effective stamina, procured from intense fitness regimes, Lancaster kept running until the final whistle. A cross was picked up by the Lancaster striker and the

York goalkeeper managed to block the first but was powerless to stop the rebounded finish. The game ended 3-1 to the home side, and it was no less than a professional performance by the team.

Sue Wynes put the York defence to the sword with a fantastic hat-trick, leading Lancaster to victory in the Women's 1st team match on Saturday afternoon.

The opening goal came from Wynes as she ran down York's right and slotted home to open the floodgates in what proved to be a one-sided affair. The second was the result of an in-swinging corner which was tucked away by Lancaster, leaving York's goalkeeper with little chance.

The heavens opened which resulted in difficult conditions for the players, no problem for Wynes though as she struck the crossbar after creating an opening in the York defence.

The half-time whistle gave York some respite but Lancaster continued to dominate possession in the second half with York defending doggedly at first before three goals in the closing stages saw the result put beyond doubt.

The third came from good work in the box, a good piece of skill setting up Wynes to tuck away her second of the afternoon. Wynes was rampant and completed her hat-trick after a quick break left the York defence dazed and confused, resulting in the Lancaster striker rounding the keeper to score in spite of a slight deflection.

The fifth for Lancaster, came after a valiant effort from the unfortunate York goalkeeper who got a touch on the ball but could not prevent the outgoing VP (Sports) from completing the rout and sending the Lancaster fans who had stayed to brave the weather into raptures at the final whistle.

A battling performance in spite of the difficult conditions saw Lancaster come away with yet another victory in the football with a 3-1 vic-



Feed the Wynes and she will score: LU door match the previ

tory in the Men's 2nd team match on Saturday afternoon.

The opening few seconds of the match saw a frantic start, as Lancaster broke and saw a good strike saved before a York defender successfully cleared off the line to keep the scores level.

There was little action in the first half, and the opening goal came from a corner for Lancaster, swung over to the near post where the Lancaster captain got the last touch after a

slight goalmouth scramble, putting Lancaster ahead.

Half-time saw the teams regroup and try to create new battle plans for the torrential rain that was facing them in the second half.

It was Griffiths who became the star of the show scoring twice, one of which was a superb lob from outside the area, catching the goalkeeper off his line.

It was a solid result for the team that had shown so much promise

Indoor Football

Rowland puts defeat down to missed chances after indoor defeat

Kim Megson

LANCASTER MEN'S 2NDS sealed a comfortable victory over their York counterparts.

The only real chance afforded the visitors was a shot that his the crossbar early on, after some hesitant goal-keeping. Eight minutes into the half an hour contest, Simon Thompson scored with a great long range effort to make it 1-0 to Lancaster. Only two minutes later they doubled the lead with another effort from distance, which the keeper should really have kept out. York needed a response, and they gave one by immediately going up and grabbing back a goal, courtesy of a neat finish from Peti-

colline, who then fluffed a golden opportunity to equalise. In the second half Lancaster started well, and soon restored their two goal advantage, Thompson again firing into the right hand corner of the goal. From that point forward it never looked like York would get back in it, and Griffiths and Whittingham soon effectively finished the game. There was still time for Thompson to seal his hat-trick. A late consolation for York was ruled out, and Lancaster finished 6-1 winners.

Next up was the Women's 1sts, and they too scored twice early on, with Lancaster's VP (Sport) Sue Wynes grabbing both the goals, before being denied an impressive first half hat-trick by the base of the post. York then missed a penalty, awarded

after Lancaster's keeper touched the ball outside the penalty area. In the second half York looked a different team, and they soon won another penalty in similar circumstances. This time there was no mistake, and the spot-kick was converted to put the pressure on the home side. In the dying minutes Lancaster had a shot cannon down off the crossbar and onto the line, but it did not cross. Lancaster held on to secure a 2-1 win and another valuable point.

In the final indoor football game, Lancaster Men's 1sts became the first team to succumb to defeat. York took the lead with a penalty, and scored again soon after. Lancaster looked promising going forward, but lacked a cutting edge in front of goal. Just after half time they did pull one back

however, and this lifted the team, who began taking control of possession. An impressive comeback was on the cards when they grabbed an equalizer as the game entered the final third. However, a competitive York side did not collapse, and managed to regain the lead after a quick counter attack. They sealed a 4-2 win minutes later. After the game, injured football captain Lewis Rowland said 'we missed too many chances today, but we will do better in the outdoor game.'

•In the other indoor football matches, played at the Sports Centre, the men's 3rd team secured an impressive 5-1 win to take the solitary point on offer. The women's 2nd team did likewise after beating York 3-0. Full reports written by Joe Carroll can be found on SCAN Online.

as they walk on water in whitewash



USU VP (Sport) scored three goals out of five in the women's football match. This was in addition to the two she scored in the previous day. The results represent a whitewash for the teams against their great rivals (Photo: Laura Clark)



this year.

The first of the games to be played on a full Saturday of football at the pitches, Lancaster men's 3rd team looked strong throughout the game and the score did not do justice to a stalwart performance.

The game opened with both sides calmly retaining possession and waiting to pick up on each others' weaknesses. It was Lancaster who upped the tempo and after a corner was clumsily dealt with, lined up for

a sequence of shots that needed to be blocked by sliding York defenders. After hitting the crossbar and a superb save from the York goalkeeper, low to his right, it appeared that this might not be Lancaster's day. However, a superb low cross was misjudged by the Goalkeeper and subsequently slid in by the approaching striker. It put Lancaster into a deserved lead and it was almost doubled moments later when the York goalkeeper again underes-

timated the flight of the ball, and it took a defender's clearance to prevent the ball from bouncing over his head and into the net.

Although, York managed to equalise, Lancaster again put themselves in front with the ball scrambled over the line, as York and Lancaster players crammed into the area.

It remained 2-1 for the home side and although Lancaster might have felt aggrieved that two additional goals were ruled off for various rea-

sons, it was an essential win that dictated the subsequent victories on the pitches.

After opening the scoring with a superb header at the near post from a well-placed corner, Lancaster's Fylde College 1st team lost momentum in the rest of the game. Many of the players had played, in the previous thirds match on Saturday and appeared to be feeling the effects.

York's team battled to a strong 4-1 victory after regaining their lead.

Rugby Union 7s

Disappointing whitewash an ominous sign for Sunday matches

**Matt Todd
Lorna Starkie
Mathew Chard
Ben Smith**

PERHAPS IT WAS a case of pathetic fallacy as the heavy clouds rolled in. Or perhaps it was down to luck. Either way it was the same story as last year, as Lancaster were whitewashed in the men's rugby 7s. The women's side restored some pride with a battling draw.

Lancaster and York women's rugby teams went into battle with the home side drawing first blood with a great breakaway and a conversion putting them 7-0 up.

York did reply with a try followed



Bad day: All three men's teams were beaten (Photo: Fred Thomas)

by a successful to even the scores at 7-7 just before the half time break in a physical encounter.

Despite this, the drama was not over as the York player failed an easy conversion and the score ended 12-12.

Post-match Lancaster's captain stated how "it was a good result but York will feel the full power of Lancaster women on the Sunday".

Despite both the 3rds and the 2nds suffering defeats, Lancaster 1st's captain Dave Wrightson said his team was feeling, "confident and positive" going into this match, having spent 3 weeks intensively training for Roses, including a total booze ban.

An organised and well disciplined Lancaster defence however could not stop a 5th minute York try. Having taken first blood in this tense game, York caught Lancaster napping in the ruck and strolled to a second try, converting

the kick. In a game of limited chances, neither side took full control. Despite 2 tactical changes at half time for Lancaster, they went on to lose 12-7.

Whilst it may appear on the surface that this was simply a repeat of last year, as Wrightson stated, there are indeed many positives to take away from this. He complimented the crop of freshers, "they're a much stronger bunch this year". Wrightson added that once the "little things" that have been the thorn in Lancaster's side are removed, they will be a better side for it.

In the other Rugby 7s matches the men's 2nds were defeated 17-29. This event was worth two points. Perhaps it was for the best that the men's 3rds was an exhibition as a 19-24 defeat was the result. Full reports on SCAN Online.

Tennis

Three year hoodoo lifted

**Robert Payling
Sports Editor**

YORK DOMINATED LANCASTER in a but one of the weekend's tennis events to take 12 of the 14 points on offer.

Saturday began horribly for the Men's 2nds with each of their three doubles pairings well beaten. However, it was in the singles that their fortunes changed. Chris Wally's 6-4, 6-4 victory over Jamie Nutter set a standard which Nathan Worrell then bettered with an unforgiving win over York's Sam Francis during which he only dropped a single game.

York's Bradley Hudson then gave the visitors a two point advantage with a convincing 6-0, 6-1 victory to take the score to 4-3 in York's favour. That meant York needed only one more win from the remaining two matches so it was up to Vladimir Topencharov and Jeremy Cain to stage a fight back.

Both players won the first set of their matches against Peter Strachan and Matt Holland, respectively. However, they were both beaten 6-3 in the second set and faced an uphill battle to win Lancaster the points. Something had to give.

That something came when rain clouds appeared over Lancaster and within minutes the tennis courts were flooded. The players had to react quickly to the conditions and Topencharov did so best to take the final set 6-3.

The overall score was tied at 4-4 and despite the rain falling harder, Cain and Holland continued to play. Neither competitor could strike the ball with the accuracy they had done earlier, but Cain found the edge to take the final two games and a 6-4 win. After a truly dismal morning in the sunshine, Lancaster staged an enthralling comeback in the rain to win 5-4 overall.

Captain Akshay Janakiram was delighted with the turnaround. He said: "It's the first time we've won in three years. It's a big turnaround from last year when we didn't even win a set. It all came down to Jeremy and Vlad though, so big thanks to them."

The heavy downpour meant the Mixed Doubles was moved to Sunday. Lancaster's Felix Buchbinder and Andrea Gunz along with Alen Bramley and Gurt Gutmanis were the only couples to put points on the board for Lancaster. York went onto win the event 4-2 overall.

Although Lancaster's Ladies 1sts lost their event 12-3 overall, the contest featured some great results for the red roses including Andre Gunz' emphatic 6-0, 6-0 win. The stand out performer in the Ladies matches was York's Cat Hanrahan though, who served brilliantly and outclassed Courtney Napurski in every department to win 6-2, 6-1.

As York won another three singles matches the win was guaranteed, and the final contest between Dan Dugmore and Chris McDonald was at risk of becoming an exhibition event. Neither player allowed that to happen though.

The first set ended 7-6 to Dugmore, and the two continued to exchange some intense rallies in the second to level the set at 4-4. Ultimately though, Dugmore had the shots take him to another level and after a superb lob he went up 5-4 to set up the chance to serve out the match. He duly obliged to seal the win.

Ballroom Dancing Waltzing their way to success

Lauren Hirst

THE LANCASTER UNIVERSITY Ballroom society invaded the Great Hall on Sunday, yet despite their best efforts, were unable to steal the title from last year's winners, York.

The competition began with the walk-on where the competitors of all standards can join together as a form of introduction to the audience. The competition was spilt into four sections: Beginners Ballroom, Beginners Latin, Advanced Ballroom and Advanced Latin. For each competition, dancers from both Lancaster and York would position themselves on the stage ready to showcase their dancing moves to a waiting judge.

The Beginners Ballroom saw couples dance to the waltz and the quickstep. Yet despite Lancaster couples Jennifer Hughes and Caroline Cropper winning first place for their waltz and Ben Marshall and Alice Burrow being awarded first place in the quickstep, Lancaster were unable to score a win with York receiving 18 points to York's 24 points.

The Beginners Latin included the cha cha and the jive with two of Lancaster's own couples securing first place positions. Waltz winners, Marshall and Burrows continued their success by winning the cha cha whilst Lucy Fisher and Rachel Price were awarded first place for their jive. Overall, Lancaster was able to bring home a point with Lancaster scoring a total of 23 points to York's 19 points.

The Advanced Ballroom was spilt into three different dances: the waltz, the tango and the quickstep. Taking part in the Advanced Ballroom section was York's Luke Malkin, who has not been defeated at Roses yet winning the previous two years. Despite this Lancaster were able to secure two out of three of the top places knocking Malkin from his winning strike with Andrew Pickup and Jodie Waggoner winning both the tango and the quickstep. Sadly, this was not enough to score Lancaster a high mark and York won the point with 34 points to Lancaster's 29.

The final competition was Advanced Latin which included the cha cha, the rumba and the jive. Serial winners, Pickup and Waggoner were able to add another two trophies to their collection after winning first place in the cha cha and the rumba meaning that they had won every event that they had competed in. Anthony Cook and Deborah Flitcroft from Lancaster secured first place in the jive. However, once again despite Lancaster sweeping the board for first place, they were beaten by rivals York scoring 35 points to Lancaster's 28.

In spite of their defeat, the Lancaster team appeared in high spirit claiming they had doubled their points from the previous team. Four times winners, Pickup and Waggoner commented "We only started dancing together two weeks before we broke up for Easter and we've have put in lots of practice since then so we are really happy with our wins".

Rugby

Final outing for Roses veterans ends in

Matt Todd and Andrew Maggs on a day where York dominated and a terrible injury disrupted proceedings

Rugby Union Men's 1sts	
Lancaster	17
York	19

THE RUGBY UNION proved frustrating for Lancaster as York dominated, with only the women's team gaining a creditable draw.

Lancaster men's firsts took York all the way in an entertaining game, but could not avoid slipping to a 19-17 defeat. This despite a bright start which saw Lancaster take a 3-0 lead after Tony Coulson kicked a tricky penalty. The home side were also looking dangerous in open play, on seven minutes a powerful burst from Warren Wharton gained 30 yards before he was finally upended. Almost straight from the restart Spencer Brennand made a burst for the York line as Lancaster continued to dominate.

York's first meaningful attack owed much to the windy conditions; with a Lancaster kick not reaching half-way, York besieged the try line with multiple phases being repelled just a few metres short. A huge tackle from Tim Holloway put Lancaster on the break and forced York back onto their ten metre line, where they conceded a scrum. Lancaster could not convert this into further points as York's defence held firm.

With points at a premium, the positive decision from York's fly-half to kick for touch when presented with a penalty 30 metres out was to pay dividends. From the resulting lineout, they were

able to maintain possession and notch the game's first try. It should have been a seven point score, but Coulson dragged his conversion to the left and Lancaster trailed 5-3.

Lancaster stood firm after the try and hit back on 23 minutes as Coulson kicked a penalty after York had been caught offside. Both sides were threatening to score each time they attacked and superb handling from Holloway allowed him to ground the ball as a grubber from York snuck over Lancaster try line.

York continued to play positive rugby and kicked a 30 metre penalty to within yards of the try line to put Lancaster under huge pressure. Fortunately Lancaster were able to steal the ball and gain territory. This reprieve would not last long however, as a powerful York scrum provided a platform for a break down the right-wing, earning York seven points and a 12-6 lead. They would hold this lead until half-time, although both sides had chances to score. York's Grant missed a penalty right on 40 minutes and before that Coulson fell short with an effort from all of 40 metres. However, with the York defence static Nick Thompson pounced on the bouncing ball and almost scored a cheeky try for Lancaster.

Lancaster could not be too disappointed with their first half performance and were in touch despite trailing 12-6. The second period saw both teams squander try scoring opportunities early on. Lancaster were guilty of knocking on after a slick lineout and York did the same just ten metres from the try line. Errors crept in to the game as 50 minutes passed, with Lancaster in particular giving away a penalty for not releasing the ball and then failing to deliver a straight ball in the lineout.

Just as the pace began to slow, a superb ten pass move let Terence McCaw crash over the York line in the corner to send the crowd wild and bring Lancaster to within a point, with the conversion to come. Unfortunately Coulson could not add the two points and Lancaster trailed 11-12 with 20 minutes left.



Valiant effort: Despite a stirring performance Lancaster could not avoid slipping

This scare seemed to galvanise York as they pressurised Lancaster territory for five minutes with their best spell of the match. Indeed they would have broken through immediately had Gabriel not inexplicably dropped the ball as he crossed the try line. York's possession was to tell though, as they bundled the ball over from a scrum to extend their lead to 19-11.

With nine minutes to go, a huge effort was required by Lancaster to get themselves back into the match. By maintaining possession for long periods, they forced York into giving away two penalties, both of which Coulson converted

confidently to make it 17-19. Despite a final push it was not to be as York held on, kicking the ball into touch with 80 minutes gone to claim a narrow victory.

After the game Lancaster's captain Dave Wrightson was full of praise for the "excellent effort we put in". He was particularly pleased with his sides comeback to lose by just two points, "to come back from 12-6 down at half-time and 19-11 (with 15 minutes left) was a great effort and I can't fault the team for that". He went on to confidently predict a victory next year, "as long as we can iron a few things out". In what was the final game for many third year students, Wrightson

Frisbee

York pay price for failing to get Carter in high octane affair

Lancaster	15
York	11

Joe Carroll

LANCASTER WERE TRIUMPHANT in the Open Frisbee event, winning a close and exciting encounter 15-11 on the opening day.

Lancaster looked in confident mood ahead of the game and were buoyed by a large crowd that grew larger and larger as the game progressed. With four points up for grabs, Lancaster's faithful following clearly saw this event as a good opportunity to extend the home side's early Roses lead.

York began the game the brighter side, taking an early 3-1 advantage. It seemed that Lancaster were struggling to find their feet in a game that could have



Safe pair of hands: Success buoyed home support (Photo: Laura Clark)

quickly run away from them if it wasn't for a few mistakes from the visitors that allowed Lancaster to keep their opponents within sight.

Lancaster were slack and sloppy in

their passing and it seemed they needed a few points in order to calm them down. They eventually began to assert themselves and their undoubted quality in the final third began to show as they turned

around a two goal deficit at 4-2. They steadily increased their lead and by half time found themselves 8-4 to the good.

After a stern word from their captain, York came out for the second half believing that this game was not beyond them and a brief spell of possession saw them cut the deficit, and at 11-9 it was impossible to say which way the tide would turn.

A rallying cry from Lancaster captain Charles Cranston jerked his team from their momentary lapse and jolted them into action. Jon Carter was the man converting chances when Lancaster needed it most and with the scoreline poised at 14-11, the home team needed just one more point to win the game. Step forward that man of moment Carter who destroyed any hopes York had of rescuing the game.

Lancaster won 9-5 and 10-9 in the mixed and open indoor frisbee respectively. The mixed event was worth no points but two points were claimed in the Open. Full reports on SCAN Online.

plucky defeat to a dominant York side



g to a 17-19 defeat to the team from across the Pennines (Photos: Jonny Kinnear)

highlighted the importance of their “experience and leadership”. He thanked Thompson, Taylor, Reid, Lambert and Brenand for their hard work over three years.

The women’s game saw solid defending from both sides but the evenly matched game was abandoned at 5-5 due to a serious neck injury.

Lancaster opened up the scoring early in the game, a loose ball was intercepted and Lancaster were on the break, leaving the York team trailing behind, turning into a sprint towards the try line. The follow up conversion struck the bar leaving the home side 5-0 up. York instantly

responded to the early set back nearly grabbing a try of their own but last ditch tackling from Lancaster prevented York cancelling out Lancaster’s early advantage.

Lancaster adopted the short line out approach due to the windy conditions, a tactic which caught the York team off guard. The game died down in the middle of the first half, with neither team holding on to possession with the play stuck in the middle part of the pitch, with both teams guilty of mishandling the ball to gift possession to the other team. Five minutes from the end of the first half, York had two great chances to level the

score but they were held back by great defending from the home side. However on the third attempt York finally managed to break the Lancaster’s defence, running through a gap to score an easy try. The subsequent conversion went wide of the target to level the score at 5-5 going into half time.

The beginning of the second half nearly saw a repeat of the first, with Lancaster running through the heart of the York team and it was another case of a sprint finish towards the York line; however Lancaster didn’t have the pace this time and York were able to prevent Lancaster from sprinting away and take the lead for the second time in the game.

The game was abandoned as a draw after 60 minutes due to a serious neck injury to a York player. St Johns Ambulance was on hand to provide medical care whilst the ambulance and helicopter arrived. The Men’s firsts rugby game had to be delayed to allow the ambulance to access the stricken player.

The Men’s seconds was a one sided affair. It was York who emerged victorious after scoring 43 unanswered points. Their superior movement and offloading in the tackle made Lancaster toil for 80 minutes.

The game opened with York on the offensive from the off, a flowing move had them in the Lancaster 22 before the referee called a forward pass to prevent the first score of the match. This would become the pattern of the first half, with Lancaster struggling to put any meaningful pressure on York’s try-line. The York lineout was also functioning effectively and they kicked two penalties into touch deep into Lancaster’s half to give themselves great scoring chances. The pressure told on nine minutes when a York switched play from the left and a well placed kick over the top was fumbled straight into the hands of the onrushing winger for the opening try which was well converted (0-7).

Lancaster looked determined from the restart but inexplicably gave the ball away on the right wing and York broke

with ease to put themselves 12-0 ahead. Finally Lancaster came into the game, with Matt Beard driving through the mid-field and gaining ground on a number of occasions. The period of Lancaster pressure ended with York turning over possession, a feature of the game. All the good work in the middle period of the half was wasted after poor tackling allowed York to walk through the defence and make their lead 19-0 with five minutes of the half to go. It could have been worse but for some heroic tackling from Nick Halstead as York broke with the last play of the first half.

Going into half-time 19-0 the Lancaster had much work to do against a side who were moving the ball better and breaking effectively. However, within two minutes of the restart a Lancaster attack broke down and York broke to make the lead 26-0. The situation was not improved when Neil Chitty had to be replaced through injury after bravely battling on for 48 minutes.

Lancaster’s forward line was severely weakened and York were able to take advantage with powerful ruck and maul tactics giving them a fifth try. Mistakes were creeping into the Lancaster game, with several lineouts stolen and Williamson struggling to gain territory with his kicks. In contrast York came on strong, drawing Lancaster into tackles before superb handling allowed them to break and add a converted try to their points haul.

Into the last ten minutes and Lancaster looked resigned to a heavy defeat, their mood not helped when York strung together multiple phases of attack to give them a 43-0 lead. Despite the heavy defeat, there are positives to be taken from the game. Although his kicking game was affected by the tricky conditions, Williamson was heavily involved in Lancaster’s attacking phases. Halstead also put in a good performance, tackling like a man possessed to prevent York breaking the 50 point barrier.

• The men’s 3rd team also suffered defeat to complete a whitewash in the day’s rugby. The final score was 34-22.

Lacrosse

York taking the stick

Stephen Ashby

YORK EXTENDED THEIR stranglehold over Roses Lacrosse, with the men’s team emerging victorious for the fifth year in succession.

Traditionally, the sport is a safe store of points for the White Rose team, but luckily for Lancaster, on this occasion the women’s match did not carry points.

In the men’s match, after a finely balanced first 10 minutes the scores were even at 2-2, but the Lancaster defence soon fell apart and began to haemorrhage goals. After the home team’s keeper gifted York a goal, the visitors finished the quarter 6-2 up having created all the chances. In the second period Lancaster fought back with a goal of their own and their keeper redeemed himself, making some excellent saves to deny York. The pressure was too much, though, and Lancaster conceded three before the break.

The third quarter was York’s again, and Lancaster looked on as the visitors bombarded their goal. The best goal of the game came from York’s number 44, who flicked the ball deftly over his shoulder and into the net, bamboozling the keeper and drawing applause from the begrudging Lancaster crowd. Towards the end Lancaster managed to recover, but York’s small attackman Krishana Balan, was incredible for the visitors, scoring 5 of their 18 goals in a wonderful display. York won 18-6.

One Lancaster player said after the match, “We’re happy with the result. Last year we were beaten 28-0 or something, so this is a great improvement. York are a great team, and we congratulate them.”

• The women’s team were also soundly beaten 18-3, whilst York also dominated in the mixed event, claiming 4 points in a 17-8 victory. Extended reports can be found on SCAN Online.

American Football

Explosive display from the Bombers as they win war against Centurions

Lancaster	22
York	6

Nick O’Malley

LANCASTER BOMBERS NEVER looked like losing as they cruised to a 22-6 victory over York Centurions. Lancaster dominated right from the opening fiery exchanges to the full time whistle.

It was Kevin Bohn who got Lancaster off to a flyer running the ball home from 15 yards to secure the first touchdown of the day. Lancaster were unable to make the two point conversion as the ball was intercepted in the far corner of the pitch. York were unable to make an impression on the game, not managing to make a single meaningful attack in the first quarter, struggling to make it out of their own half, predominantly due to the



Detonation: The Bombers made the most of their opportunities in a feisty encounter, worth points for the first time (Photo: Laura Clark)

outstanding defence of Lancaster.

The start of the second quarter saw York’s first attack with any real purpose

in the match resulting in a touchdown, with their number 29 gratefully receiving the ball in yards of space. York failed

to make their two point conversion and as a result saw the score line remained level at 6-6. Lancaster responded immediately, taking control of the rest of the second quarter, courtesy of some outstanding runs from Bohn who was a threat to the York defence all game long, charging through the smallest of gaps, helping Lancaster gradually progress up the pitch. In spite of Lancaster’s dominance the score remained 6-6 until half-time, which on the balance of play was very flattering to York.

Lancaster reasserted their advantage at the very start of the third quarter with a clever fake and run from Craig Jantzen splitting their defence to steal in for a touchdown. This time Lancaster took full advantage of their conversion attempt, with Barnett charging into yards of space to receive Jantzen’s pinpoint pass, after cleverly evading an onrushing member of the York defence, making the score 14-6. Following a 45 minute delay due to an injury in the women’s rugby

play recommenced. This was obviously an amazing test of all the players’ involved concentration. It was agreed that the match would recommence from the start of the fourth quarter. York’s huge kick to start was fumbled by a Lancaster player, who made amends by going on a mazy run making up just over 30 yards for Lancaster. Jantzen then picked out Jack Whitehead with the throw of the day, a 30 yard diagonal ball that was comfortably held to give Lancaster their third touchdown of the match and all but confirm the match result. It was clear to see that York thought they had lost it too, as on Lancaster’s conversion attempt, their defence parted like the red sea for Jantzen to swoop in, and pick up two more points for Lancaster, 22-6 with three minutes remaining. After the victory, the President of American Football Matt Neve had this to say: “It was a great all round performance. It’s hard to pick out one stand out player, as the whole team was fantastic today”.

SPORTS

Netball

Sharp shooting firsts seal victory with storming display against York

Robbie Pickles was at the netball courts to witness an afternoon of mixed fortunes for Lancaster's three netball teams

Netball 1sts	
Lancaster	51
York	27
Netball 2nds	
Lancaster	26
York	44
Netball 3rds	
Lancaster	34
York	42

ALL THREE LANCASTER teams put in an extremely confident performance on Saturday afternoon. The First team were able to score a decisive victory, securing four points, but for the Second and Third teams York proved too hard to catch.

Lancaster Firsts took an early lead with five goals in the first three minutes of the game, with an impressive performance from goal shooter Claire Riddlestone backed up by team captain Claire Higgins. Over the entire first quarter Lancaster continued to run rings around York with neither Sophie Dodd (Centre) or Gemma Pearson (Wing Attack) allowing possession to fall to the White Rose. After only five minutes of play, eight goals had been scored in what proved to be a fast and furious opening gambit for dominance- sadly for York, only one of these went their way, the score standing at 7-1. Emily Hinz (Goal Defence) was lightning fast and, along-

side Rachael Taylor (Wing Defence), gave York only limited opportunity to shoot. After a period of stalemate, Higgins finally broke through to bring the score to 9-2 and York continued to offer limited resistance. The pace only started to slow after a few missed Lancaster shots caused a moment of hesitation, allowing a slight York fight back and finishing the quarter 13-4.

The second quarter had a slower start with a few more unfortunate misses on the Lancaster side. However, York were unable to make good this advantage which they followed with a hat-trick of poor shots from their Goal Shooter. Riddlestone followed up with two leisurely goals and the score moved up to 17-6. Hinz continued to prove her worth, blocking the York counter attacks time after time. However, this quarter proved to be slightly more balance with Lancaster perhaps a little tired after their punishing early efforts. The second quarter closed on 28-13.

“York always bring it on the day, but [all three teams] were really good and gave an excellent performance.”
- Claire Higgins, 1sts Captain

The third quarter saw Taylor move into the Centre and Turner coming on in Wing Defence. Despite these changes, the third quarter had a much slower start with neither team capturing a significant advantage. York continued to show their inability to place even the easiest of shots and their attacks crumble in the face of Josephine Tyas's (Goal Keeper) exceptional marking. York finally started to make a comeback in this half of the game, edging upwards to bring the score to 32-18, although they never looked capable of catching Lancaster. A sensational block by Higgins put York on the back foot followed by an exceptional goal which put an end to any sense of fight from the White Rose. The quarter ended 35-21.

In the final quarter, Lancaster once again dominated with two early goals



Captain fantastic: Claire Higgins was ecstatic following her team's superb win over York. However, the other teams suffered.

with all attempts of a fightback by York being matched goal for goal by the Red Rose. Even with both teams exhausted Lancaster continued to pile on the pressure taking the score to 43-24. Hinz continued to prove invaluable to the team by blocking almost every attempt by York to move

towards the goal ring. In the closing moments of the game, York's defence crumbled completely, and a fast volley of shots saw Lancaster claim 6 goals in only 3 minutes. A final goal by York in the last minute proved a shallow attempt to save face and the game ended with a spectacular victory to Lancaster.



Volleyball

Women show resolve and grit as they battle back from the brink of defeat

Lancaster	3
York	2

Joe Carroll

LAURA DAVIES MASTERMINDED Lancaster's sole victory in the volleyball events winning 3-2 after a remarkable comeback in the Ladies event.

Lancaster were staring defeat square in the face after York clinched the opening two sets 25-16 and 25-12 and as the teams lined up for the third set they seemed to be only one outcome. However the girls were determined not to let the Red Rose suffer a complete York

whitewash and rallied superbly in the remaining 3 sets to stage the comeback of the tournament.

Erika Pedersen was the beating heart of everything good about Lancaster's play and they would surely have succumbed to defeat without her. Her ferocious serve came in particularly handy and Lancaster owed much to her, not least of all for her ingenuity in attack as she displayed some clever feigns to outwit a strong York side.

After claiming the third and fourth sets, Lancaster headed into the final set the more confident side, yet York were still in it and it seemed impossible to separate the teams. Lancaster's luck held out however and they clinched a nerve-racking set 16-14 to win the game. Captain Davies was ecstatic after the



Best not enough: Men's Volleyball were unable to emulate the women's comeback.

comeback: "I'm just relieved," she added: 'We've not won anything all Roses so

we needed this. We always believed the comeback was on."

The Men's Volleyball was unfortunately more of a dressing down than a match up, as York began with a bang and appeared to thrive on their opponents uncertainty. Failing to make it over the net from key positions cost Lancaster early on and after York took the lead they never looked back.

After claiming the first set 25-17 they again took the initiative in the second despite Lancaster making a closer tie of it. There was certainly endeavour and determination among the Lancaster ranks and an early lead in the third set was testament to this. But sadly they had to admit defeat to a stronger and more vocal York side who came from behind in the final set to seal victory. Lancaster.

gainst sloppy York side



ered narrow defeats (Photo: Jonny Kinnear)

make the same gains that their York rival could despite a number of excellent shots which demonstrated the skills of both. The second quarter ended with York in the lead with 19-11. In the third quarter, Zoe Wren stepped in as Goal and quickly made her presence felt, and Vicky Ferri put in a very competent performance as Goal Keeper.

However, by this point York's lead was simply too large and they ended the third quarter with a lead of 32-18. In the final quarter, Charlotte Ellingham returned and scored almost immediately. Grace Biggins proved to be a strong centre, blocking a number of advances, but nothing was able to prevent York's Goal Shooter from putting York in the lead, with a final score of 41-26.

Netball Thirds had an unlucky game again a fairly evenly matched foe. After a strong first quarter, York made a comeback which put them in the lead. A closely fought third quarter saw Lancaster make their presence felt once again with the quarter ending on an extremely close 33-27. However, in the final quarter and despite a very strong defence, York surged ahead to claim a stronger lead. Goals in the final minutes from Megan Lamb and Rosemary Spencer proved an admirable final attempt to regain victory but the game closed on 42-34 to York.

Speaking afterwards, Claire Higgins (Captain of the First team) said that she felt all the netball teams had fought extremely hard and that it was worth the amount of training which had been put in: "York always bring it on the day, but [all three teams] were really good and gave an excellent performance."

The Captain of York Firsts was unavailable for comment but Captain of York Third team said she was "really proud of the girls from York for fighting so hard against a strong opposition" especially as they were playing away from home.

• Two further netball matches took place on Sunday featuring league champions Fylde and a college select team. Both sides won 37-22 and 24-11 respectively. There were no points up for grabs in either game.

nk to bring points home

ter Captain, Martin Joynson admitted his team were beaten by the better side but remained upbeat in defeat. He said: "I'm not disappointed to lose the game. We knew they were a good team, we had a good laugh and we did the best we could."

The mixed volleyball event kicked-off day two of Roses and Lancaster will be disappointed that they surrendered a two set lead to ultimately lose 3-2.

After an even opening, Lancaster began to pull away in convincing style. Lancaster's number 11 and Men's captain Martin Joynson led the charge, blocking well on a number of occasions to deny York any chance of retrieving the set which ended 25-16 to the home side.

The second set followed a similar pattern of play to the first; a tight opening

Sport	Event	Day	Location	Score		Points	
				Lancs	York	Lancs	York
American Football	Men's	Sun	Astroturf 2	22	6	4	0
	Novice Female	Sat	Colleges Pitches	323	502	0	1
	Novice Male	Sat	Colleges Pitches	599	462	1	0
	Novice Mixed Team	Sat	Colleges Pitches	1528	964	2	0
	Senior Female	Sat	Colleges Pitches	572	690	0	1
	Senior Male	Sat	Colleges Pitches	791	743	1	0
Badminton	Senior Mixed Team	Sat	Colleges Pitches	2968	2501	4	0
	Men's 1st	Sat	Main Sports Hall	3	6	0	4
	Men's 2nd	Fri	Main Sports Hall	5	4	2	0
	Mixed	Fri	Main Sports Hall	1	8	0	4
Ballroom Dancing	Women's 1st	Sat	Main Sports Hall	1	8	0	4
	Advanced Ballroom	Sun	Great Hall	29	34	0	1
	Advanced Latin	Sun	Great Hall	28	35	0	1
	Beginners Ballroom	Sun	Great Hall	18	28	0	1
Basketball	Beginners Latin	Sun	Great Hall	23	19	1	0
	Men	Sun	Main Sports Hall	65	49	4	0
	Women	Sun	Main Sports Hall	49	34	4	0
	Canoe Polo	Sat	Swimming Pool	2	2	1	1
Canoe Slalom	Polo Women's	Sat	Swimming Pool	6	0	2	0
	Men's	Sun	Garstang	2	0	2	0
	Women's	Sun	Garstang	2	0	2	0
Clay Pigeon Shooting	Open	Sun	Bobbin Mill Shooting Ground	104	91	Exhibition	
Climbing	Mixed A Team	Sun	Bouldering Room	303	292	4	0
	Mixed B Team	Sun	Bouldering Room	231	277	0	2
	Mixed C Team	Sun	Bouldering Room	207	118	Exhibition	
Cricket	Men's 1st	Thurs	Lancaster Cricket Ground	188	192	0	4
Cycling	Mixed	Sat	SW Campus	14	1	Exhibition	
Darts	Men	Fri	Barker House Farm	5	4	4	0
	Women	Fri	Barker House Farm	7	2	4	0
Equestrian	1st Team	Fri	Riding School	4	60	4	0
	2nd Team	Fri	Riding School	44	47	2	0
Fencing	Men	Sat	Minor Sports Hall	135	110	4	0
	Women	Sat	Minor Sports Hall	133	102	4	0
Football	College Winners	Sun	Football Pitch 1	1	4	Exhibition	
	Men's 1st	Sat	Football Pitch 1	3	1	4	0
	Men's 2nd	Sat	Football Pitch 2	3	1	2	0
	Men's 3rd/College Select	Sat	Football Pitch 2	2	1	1	0
Frisbee	Women's	Sat	Football Pitch 1	5	0	4	0
	Open	Fri	Colleges Pitches	15	11	4	0
	Men's 1st	Sat	Astroturf 1	2	2	2	2
	Men's 2nd	Sat	Astroturf 1	0	1	0	2
Hockey	Men's 3rd	Sat	Astroturf 1	4	3	1	0
	Women's 1st	Sat	Astroturf 1	3	3	2	2
	Women's 2nd	Sat	Astroturf 1	2	3	0	2
	Men's 1st	Fri	Main Sports Hall	2	4	0	2
Indoor Football	Men's 2nd	Fri	Main Sports Hall	6	1	1	0
	Men's 3rd	Fri	Main Sports Hall	5	1	1	0
	Women's 1st	Fri	Main Sports Hall	2	1	2	0
	Women's 2nd	Fri	Main Sports Hall	3	0	1	0
Indoor Frisbee	Mixed	Fri	Main Sports Hall	9	5	Exhibition	
	Open	Fri	Main Sports Hall	10	9	2	0
Indoor Hockey	Men's 1st	Fri	Main Sports Hall	3	5	0	2
	Men's 2nd	Fri	Main Sports Hall	2	2	0.5	0.5
	Women's 1st	Fri	Main Sports Hall	1	1	1	1
	Women's 2nd	Fri	Main Sports Hall	5	2	1	0
Judo	Men's Over 90kg	Fri	Minor Sports Hall	10	0	1	0
	Men's Under 73kg	Fri	Minor Sports Hall	10	0	1	0
	Men's Under 81kg	Fri	Minor Sports Hall	0	10	0	1
	Men's Under 90kg	Fri	Minor Sports Hall	10	0	1	0
	Women's Over 57kg	Fri	Minor Sports Hall	0	10	0	1
	Kata & Kumite	Sun	Minor Sports Hall	3	1	4	0
Karate	Men	Sun	Football Pitch 1	6	18	0	4
	Mixed	Sat	Football Pitch 2	8	17	0	4
	Women	Sun	Football Pitch 2	3	18	Exhibition	
	1st Team	Sat	Main Sports Hall	51	27	4	0
Netball	2nd Team	Sat	Main Sports Hall	26	44	0	2
	3rd Team	Sat	Main Sports Hall	34	42	0	1
	4th Team/College Select	Sun	Netball Courts	24	11	Exhibition	
	College Winners	Sun	Netball Courts	37	22	Exhibition	
Pool	Men	Fri	Barker House Farm	6	3	4	0
	Women	Fri	Barker House Farm	8	1	4	0
Rounders	Mixed	Sun	Colleges Pitches	21	7.5	Exhibition	
Rowing	York Withdrawn	Pre Roses	-	1	0	9	0
	York Withdrawn	Pre Roses	-	1	0	3	0
Rugby Union	Men's 1st	Sun	Rugby Pitch 1	17	19	0	4
	Men's 2nd	Sun	Rugby Pitch 1	0	45	0	2
	Men's 3rds	Sun	Rugby Pitch 2	22	34	Exhibition	
	Women's	Sun	Rugby Pitch 2	5	5	2	2
Rugby Union 7s	Men's 1st	Sat	Rugby Pitch 1	7	12	0	2
	Men's 2nd	Sat	Rugby Pitch 1	17	29	0	1
	Men's 3rd	Sat	Rugby Pitch 1	19	24	0	1
	Women's 1st	Sat	Rugby Pitch 1	12	12	1	1
Sailing	Open	Sat	Bolton	0	3	0	4
Snooker	Mixed	Sat	Squires	2	3	0	4
	Skiing Mixed	Fri	Rossendale	0	4	0	4
	Skiing Womens	Fri	Rossendale	0	4	0	4
	Snowboard	Fri	Rossendale	2	2	2	2
Squash	Snowboard	Fri	Rossendale	2	2	2	2
	Men's 1st	Sat	Squash Courts	0	5	0	4
	Men's 2nd	Sat	Squash Courts	4	1	Exhibition	
	Women's	Sat	Squash Courts	5	0	4	0
Swimming	Men	Fri	Swimming Pool	64	48	4	0
	Women	Fri	Swimming Pool	76	34	4	0
Table Tennis	Mixed 1st (Open)	Sat	Minor Sports Hall	10	7	4	0
	Mixed 2nds (Open)	Sat	Minor Sports Hall	14	3	2	0
Tennis	Men's 1st	Sat	Tennis Courts	6	9	0	4
	Men's 2nd	Sat	Tennis Courts	9	6	2	0
	Mixed	Sat	Tennis Courts	2	4	0	4
	Women's 1st	Sat	Tennis Courts	3	12	0	4
Trampoline	Novice, Intermediate & Advanced	Sat	Lancaster & Morecambe College	148.6	147.5	4	0
	Men	Sat	Main Sports Hall	0	3	0	4
Volleyball	Mixed	Sat	Main Sports Hall	2	3	0	4
	Women	Sun	Main Sports Hall	3	2	4	0
Water Polo	Men	Sat	Swimming Pool	19	10	4	0
	Women	Sat	Swimming Pool	4	1	4	0



Well what can I say? We did it, we got our Trophy back! For those of you who have had your eyes and ears shut on campus for the last 4 days, I'm talking about the spectacular Roses 2010. Everything kicked off on Thursday with Cricket being the first event. I went down to watch the match and I have never in my life seen a closer game. York won it in the last over, but it was an amazing performance by Lancaster. The match really set a precedent for the rest of the competition and all weekend I saw our teams working hard and battling it out for the red rose. There is not a single competitor that I am not proud of; you have all earned this victory for Lancaster and I couldn't have asked for more from you all. Not only did we emerge as champions, but we did it with absolute passion and pride.

I think one of the best moments of the weekend was when we finally got the points that took us to the victory. We built up an amazing lead on the first day, but nobody wanted to get their hopes up too much in case it all went horribly wrong. On the Saturday, it started off a bit slower, but then the points came flying in, so much so, that it was hard to keep track of the up to date score. It was a brilliant feeling on the Saturday night knowing at that point we were only 5.5 points away from clinching it. On the Sunday, everyone was gathered round the Roses hub waiting for those last few golden points which would take us to our target. The event that took us into that lead was Canoe Slalom, which both Men and Women won. I was tensely waiting by the phone for them to ring in the score and when it finally came through, the celebrations began. So pleased for the Canoe club, with it being an off campus event they may have felt a bit out of the action, but they were certainly in the thick of it when their fantastic victories made us champions. Every single event won us Roses, and every single team has played their part, I couldn't ask for more from you all.

I just want to finish off by saying a few thanks. I want to thank my Roses team; you've been absolutely brilliant all weekend and all year, couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to all the staff from both LUSU and the University who worked incredibly hard to make the event happen. Thanks to all our sponsors, UPP, Ernst & Young, Friends Programme and the University, for giving us the funds to be able to put on a real show. Thank you to all Lancaster students and staff for some amazing support. And thank you to York, for bringing our trophy back.

Swimming

York left with sinking feeling as home side show class in the pool



Different strokes for different folks: Lancaster's teams enjoyed fine victories to secure the 8 points available for these events (Photo: Ben Robins)

Mathew Chard and Lorna Starkie were down at the pool where everything went swimmingly for the Red Rose side

Men's Swimming	
Lancaster	64
York	48

Women's Swimming	
Lancaster	76
York	34

FRIDAY EVENING SAW York and Lancaster go head to head in both men's and women's swimming events. A healthy crowd gathered as Lancaster started as they meant to go on by taking 1st place in the male and female 200m freestyle events whilst both the men's and women's 100m medley events came up with similar results.

Next up was the 50m butterfly where Lancaster eased to 1st and 2nd place comfortably. However, drama ensued when a York swimmer ended the race suffering from an asthma attack. The event was delayed much to the competitor's frustration. Despite this a buoyant Becky Turner, placed 2nd in her particular heat, stated how 'things couldn't have gone any better so far for Lancaster'.

After a 20 minute break, swimmers were allowed to access the pool area and began re-warming up. Despite being a competitor down, York replied to the early Lancaster charge by coming out on top of a tightly fought men's 50m butterfly. Determined not to let this set them back, Lancaster continued where they left off before the delay by taking honours in a female 50m backstroke event that concluded with a nail-biting finish. This seemed to galvanize Lancaster whose male competitor, not wanting to be outdone by his female counterpart, ran away with the 50m backstroke with a quick start and a powerful race.

Next up was the 50m breaststroke where both male and female heats ended with Lancaster finishing 1st and 3rd in both races. The men's race was a thrilling contest with the lead changing hands endless numbers of times before the Lancaster competitor found the stamina to take the 1st place.

Arguably the fastest race of the evening was the female and male 50m freestyle where Lancaster cruised to victory in the female event with an assured performance leaving the Lancaster competitor a fair distance ahead of the chasing pack. The men's event was tightly contested with Simon Rigby coming out on top after a quality turn provided a good platform to power home to victory.

With this being the end of the singles events and York only having one 1st placed finish, a break was called allowing both camps to discuss the team relay events. Lancaster seemed in good spirits with many swimmers staying in the pool waiting for their

next event.

The first relay events were the men's and women's 4x50m freestyle. The women set the tone and after 100m of the race were well ahead which eventually led to the whole team ending with a 25m victory. Not to be outdone the male competitors powered home to victory with the 2nd of the four swimmers opening up a healthy lead for his team mates to capitalise on.

After this, a 100m female butterfly heat ensued with Lancaster dominating the event from beginning to end and taking both 1st and 2nd place. The male 100m butterfly ended in Lancaster victory despite being closely fought with a York competitor who, despite not ending in 1st place in any of his heats, can be proud of his determined performance.

However, drama ensued when a York swimmer ended the race suffering from an asthma attack. The event was delayed much to the competitor's frustration.

With the longer distances taking place, it was time for the 100m backstroke and the result seemed inevitable when a female from York delayed her entry to the pool by failing to react to starter's orders. Despite this, the battle for 2nd place was close between Lancaster and York but Lancaster just edged York to the post and took 1st and 2nd places. In the men's 100m backstroke, York seemed to have the stronger competitors in this event as they ran away with 1st and 2nd places

with a respectable margin from the 3rd and 4th place Lancaster competitors.

Both the men's and women's 100m breaststroke followed and were tightly fought affairs. However, rallied by their team mates from the side of the pool, Lancaster swimmers edged their York rivals in order to take 1st place.

The 100m freestyle events were highly anticipated to be a speedy affair. Lancaster took 1st and 2nd place in both the men's and women's races with the men's race being interesting as both Lancaster males battled it out for 1st place in an intense affair.

The final two races saw both female and male swimming teams form into teams of four, for the 4x50m medley. The races were fiercely contested despite both teams sharing banter at the starter's blocks before the race. However, both events saw Lancaster lead at the half way point and this margin was too much for York to overcome with Lancaster finishing the race with a comfortable distance from their rivals.

Overall, Lancaster men's swimming team claimed a 64-48 victory whilst the females emphatically won 76-34 leading to Lancaster claiming all eight points available at the pool. Lancaster put in some high quality performances but it must also be mentioned that a bit of extra quality from York may have turned a large number of 2nd and 3rd places into 1st places.

Post-race a delighted Andrew Bar- ratclough said: 'it was a fantastic swim from everyone. We stuck together as a team over the course of the year and this is what you get. The training paid off'.

Water polo success leaves York afraid to enter the water

Men's Water Polo

Lancaster	19
York	10

Women's Water Polo

Lancaster	4
York	1

Lorna Starkie
Mathew Chard

WATER POLO BEGAN on Saturday evening with the Women's team taking on their York rivals. The action was end to end and an early goal for Lancaster seemed to settle the ladies nerves. Both goalkeepers were performing admirably keeping the score line low.

The second quarter began in similar fashion and the score remained 2-0 until the third when York had a player sent from play for 20 seconds allowing Lancaster to put more pressure on the away team and take a 2-0 lead. York, struggling to gain any ground on the Lancaster lead, did call a time out just before the next quarter but the score remained 2-0 in Lancaster's favour.

York were gaining a foothold in the game but struggled to test the Lancaster goalkeeper until a good effort hit

the Lancaster post. The warning shot from York was soon followed by a goal by York making it 2-1 and setting up a frenzied finish.

However, it was Lancaster who finished the game in style despite missing a penalty that crashed against the York post. York's goalkeeper was keeping her side in the game with some great blocks but Lancaster scored 2 late goals, both by the same player, to make the final score 4-1.

After the tense match, a delighted Lancaster competitor said 'York were harder than we thought and they had an extremely competitive AU president playing for them. A great result.'

After the jubilation of the female match, the men gathered in the centre of the pool and seemed excited for the occasion as they went into battle with York. The match started with good passing exchanges for both teams until Lancaster went ahead with a quick fire double from Captain Simon Rigby who used the skip shot to great effect throughout the match. York did reply with a good effort but Lancaster soon regained their lead, taking advantage of a goalkeeping error to make it 3-1.

Lancaster soon added two more goals on the counter attack showing their effective use of the long ball. York did again reply to make it 5-3 but a foul by the York defender allowed Lancaster to fire in powerful strike to make it 6-3. Lancaster were unlucky to enter the sec-



Glory: Victory for both teams (Photo: Helena Jones)

ond quarter only 6-3 up as the referee deemed Lancaster not to have scored a seventh just after he had blown for the end of the quarter, much to the disappointment of the raucous Lancaster crowd.

After a short gathering of ideas, play commenced in the second quarter and Lancaster did deservedly get their goal as they punished another goalkeeping error making it 7-3. York did put this be-

hind them and scored two goals of their own, with both coming from the same player, as the score reached 7-5.

This scare did seem to fire Lancaster up and was arguably the turning point of the game as Lancaster responded strongly and managed four goals in quick succession to punish York for their lacklustre defending. York did not let the game go out of sight as just before the half time interval they scored, despite there being

questions over whether the ball entered the goal. This made the half time score 11-6 in Lancaster's favour.

Lancaster regrouped at half time and despite a good early save by the York goalkeeper Lancaster direct three early goals to make York pay for a missed penalty that was fantastically saved by the goalkeeper. With the scores standing at 14-6, Lancaster did concede a sloppy goal as they switched off for a second and were punished by the York player.

Lancaster did see out the quarter though, and scored a quick reply making the score 15-7. With many supporters encouraging Lancaster, York threatened a comeback as they fired in two more goals from close range. However, with one more goal going to both sides, before the end of the quarter, Lancaster entered the fourth quarter with the score standing at 16-10.

With Lancaster in the lead they did not rest on their laurels and continued to score three more goals to make the score 19-10. York fought bravely to try and gain a foothold in the match but the Lancaster goalkeeper and defence stood firm and the match ended with Lancaster winning 19-10. A delighted Stewart Moore commented, 'It's really good to win so convincingly. After training so hard for this massive match we looked forward to it and it was an absolute treat. It was great to see the whole team playing well and the captain Si bagging 10 goals'.

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Lancaster defeat York in epic Roses battle

Lancaster	157.5 pts
York	105.5 pts
(Lancaster win Roses)	

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Sports Editor

IT WAS YORK who went into the main Roses weekend with the lead. They also had the benefit and confidence that comes with winning three successive Roses tournaments. Surely they would not make it an unprecedented fourth and in doing so, claim only the ninth away victory in the competition's long, illustrious history. They did indeed emerge victorious in the opening event staged on the Thursday. Lancaster were narrowly beaten in the cricket match, and the four points made their way onto the York scoreboard. However, it was the only stage at which York found themselves leading throughout the weekend, through a series of professional and outstandingly proficient results that gave Lancaster victory in the Roses.

On Friday morning, Lancaster's tournament executive had proven York to have withdrawn from the Rowing illegally and the twelve points were given to the home side. A decision had been made days previously following wrangling between the two Unions. Eventually, the 12 point settlement was ratified and Lancaster officially took the lead in Roses. It was a great shame that the event that originally inspired the creation of Roses was absent this time around and the club themselves were desperately disappointed not to be competing.

Meanwhile, Lancaster responded with the desire to win, in spite of these extra points and to prove that the sports played are what mattered. Immediately, the opening 4 Indoor Football results put Lancaster back in front 17-4 and the Open Frisbee game cancelled out the Cricket loss. The day progressed with the Equestrian victory as well as dominant performances in swimming and all the bar sports, whilst York only managed level performances

in Indoor Hockey and Badminton. On the Saturday, points were flying in Lancaster's direction. However, after early results from Water Polo and Archery went Lancaster's way, the heavens opened and the pitches became drenched and harsh conditions for Football, one of our proudest sports. However, the Football teams showed their prowess, managing a full 11 point whitewash against York. It was these results that appeared to demoralize York and they never truly recovered.

Despite Rugby 7s going York's way, Lancaster's fencing team managed both men's and women's triumphs, of which the women's result was an incredible upset against a powerful York team. In addition, Squash provided Lancaster with more than the necessary points required for their lead and the second day ended with Lancaster maintaining a massive advantage. Indeed, they were now only 5.5 points away from securing the Roses title.

The pressure was fully on Lancaster on Sunday, not only to win, but prove that the 12 points appropriated from the Rowing, would not be the deciding factor. Both Volleyball and Tennis were not going in Lancaster's favour but it was the result from Garstang that confirmed the victory. Canoe Slalom had been won by Lancaster and the cheers reverberated around the pitches and sports halls. Determined not to settle, the Rugby Union was certainly a consolation for York as they dominated throughout the weekend, but a lack of sporting diversity showed itself. Basketball and American Football showed that not only did Lancaster win, but they won in style with 52 points the difference at the end of the competition.

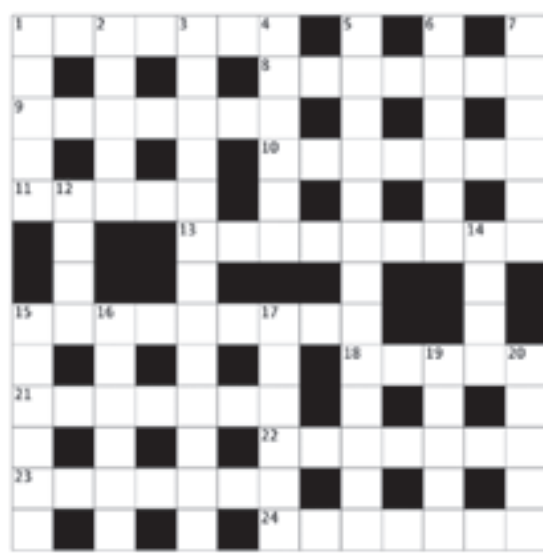
In a weekend of a competition that Lancaster has struggled with for so long, there was a unity of spirit between teams and fans that culminated in a phenomenal atmosphere. The Sports Hall roared and the pitches cheered, with Lancaster goals and wins, and the victory appeared inevitable as the weekend progressed. The Carter James Trophy was lifted with pride by an elated Sue Wynes, VP (Sport), and Lancaster was deservedly victorious after four years of hurt.

The Carter-James Trophy returns



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Across

- 1 Heating and lighting fuel (4,3)
- 8 Independent Islamic state (7)
- 9 Polish (7)
- 10 Meantime (7)
- 11 Nautical map (5)
- 13 "The Old Man And The Sea" man (9)
- 15 Forecasting (9)
- 18 Spirit – core (5)
- 21 Generously nourished (4,3)
- 22 Certificate (7)
- 23 Self-inflicted damage (3,4)
- 24 Christmas wood (4,3)

Down

- 1 With six equal faces (5)
- 2 Field of battle (5)
- 3 Follow the crowd (downstream?) (2,4,3,4)
- 4 Discrimination (against women?) (6)
- 5 Part of the Vatican with a Michelangelo ceiling (7,6)
- 6 Soft bone tissue (6)
- 7 Becoming (6)
- 12 German man's title (4)
- 14 Not quite shut (4)
- 15 Informal conference (6)
- 16 Shape (6)
- 17 Woosy (6)
- 19 He is soon parted from his gold (1,4)
- 20 Nasal quality – strumming noise (5)

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