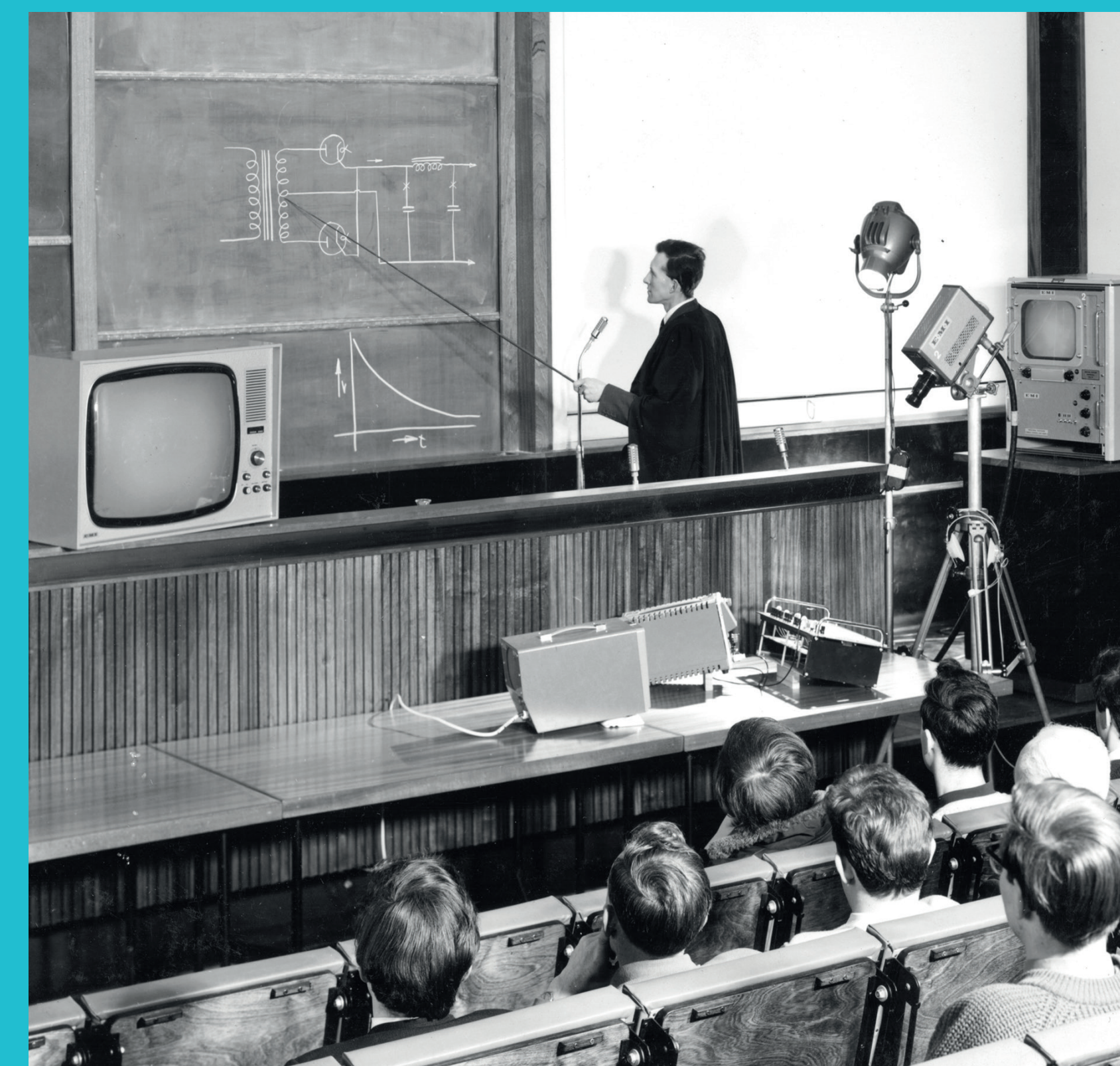


Student Union officers outside the Shakespeare Street buildings, 1923-24. The Union was formed in 1913 'to promote unity, corporate responsibility and interaction between students'. From University Collection, UR 1367



The Science Lecture Theatre in 1965 — an interesting contrast to modern teaching spaces. From University Collection UMP/ACC 1266/75/45



Student volunteers taking part in Community Action escorting pensioners to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Nottingham Playhouse, October 1981. The event was funded from Karnival profits. From University Collection, Acc 904/1



Students enjoying the end of term party on The Downs, June 2011. From *Impact* #211 June 2011, p31. East Midlands Special Collection Periodicals: Not U.

Students are the life and soul of the university. With more than 40,000 students from 150 different nationalities studying at the various campuses, student life is inevitably diverse and varied.

Students — most are undergraduates and a quarter are postgraduates — spend time in lectures, seminars, labs and the library. Shared social and academic experiences help to make friends for life.

From freshers' week to graduation, students have always enjoyed a hugely rewarding social life. In Nottingham social life begins in hall and then spills out into Lenton. The Students' Union, with its headquarters in the Portland Building, is another hub of activity.

"In the late 1950s the Portland Building was the humming centre of all student activities. The entire student population numbered little more than

2000 so one knew most people. The Buttery was always busy and one could guarantee to find friends there on a Saturday lunchtime!"

*John, 1957-62 Zoology*

Clubs and societies range from sport to politics, theatre to radio. Social life includes Karnival, which in the past involved float processions during rag week, and continues to raise funds for charity.

Nottingham has a wealth of bars, pubs, cafes and nightclubs. Together with end-of-term parties on The Downs and the Graduation Ball, there is much to enjoy for students seeking a break from the demands of academic life.

"I remember walking home from the Full Moon Party at Ocean the night after grad ball, when it was nearly sunlight, knowing that it was one of the last times we would all be together as a group of friends was amazing and difficult all at once."

*Tara, 2007-2009 American Studies*

This front cover of *Impact* magazine (1997) provides a London Underground style map of various campus locations and bars, clubs and pubs that were typical of student life in the 1990s. Many of these venues will be unknown to current students such as The Happy Return, The Grove, The Peacock, The Lenton, Tequila's, MGM's and Black Orchid. From *Impact* #102 May 1997, p.1. East Midlands Special Collection Periodicals: Not U

