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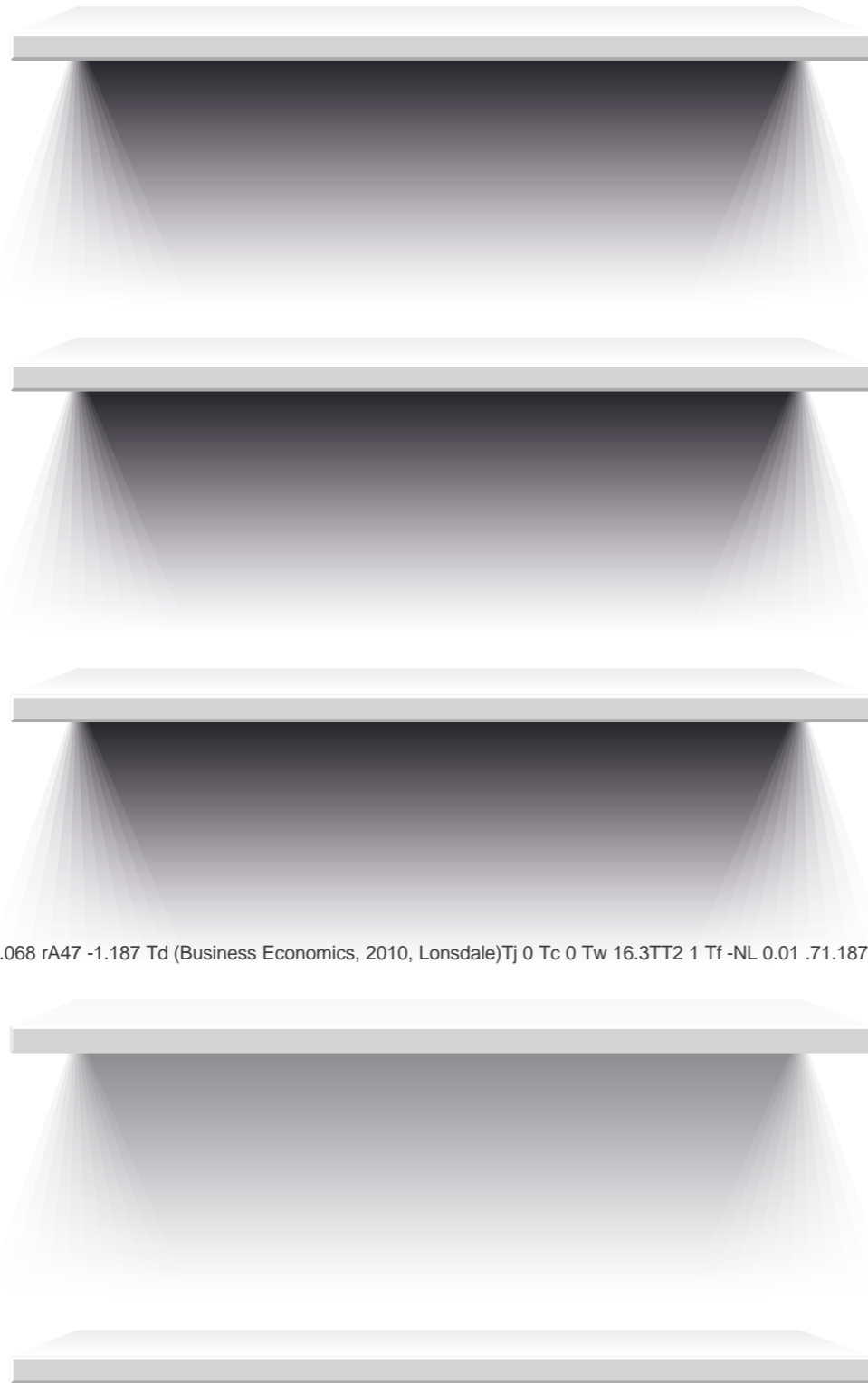
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Now an established stand-up comedian, Tez laughs as he remembers the way that life exploded for him that first week, escorted by more savvy Furness student 'minders' to discos, bars and clubs and looking on at students being students – he was the only person who was not drinking alcohol.

"It was mad and I really enjoyed it," says Tez. "They were the best years of my life. Coming from a quite insular Asian community, Lancaster really broadened my horizons."

He gained something of a local reputation as a dancer in his four years at Lancaster, going clubbing two to three times a week, and also as a joker. One night he even managed to persuade a female admirer at The Carleton that he had been a backing dancer in Michael Jackson's final tour - which would have made him about 40 years old, had it been true! It was also a way for him to fit in with his student peers - and to keep his weight down given his diet of curries and pizzas.

Tez is completely honest in confessing that he did not set out to go to Lancaster University. Born in England, of Pakistani heritage, he wanted to go to medical school but did not get the A-level grades. But he is clear that his place through clearing to do Biochemistry at Lancaster was the best thing that could have happened to him. In fact, he enjoyed it so much that he didn't want to leave and stayed on another year to do a Master's degree in Management.

Lectures were never a big draw, and Tez admits he only went to about 15% of them and relied on the good friends he'd made to lend him notes. But he loved the lab practicals and the potential for having fun. However, he quickly realised that a life in science was not for him, but that he could make people laugh and he enjoyed the attention.

Management studies came much more easily and aspects of marketing have proved invaluable to his career as a self-employed comedian. He also learned to express himself on paper and realised he loved writing.

College life at Furness was a joy for Tez - with the added fun of discovering fellow students sharing the same names as racing star Eddie Jordan, cartoon character Charlie Brown, and musician Phil Collins. He instantly saw Furness' social potential. He was one of the first of his cohort to join the JCR, and went on to become International Student Welfare Officer and Male Education and Welfare Officer, which brought him friends, kept him in the loop of student goings on, and gave him an audience he was learning to enjoy entertaining.

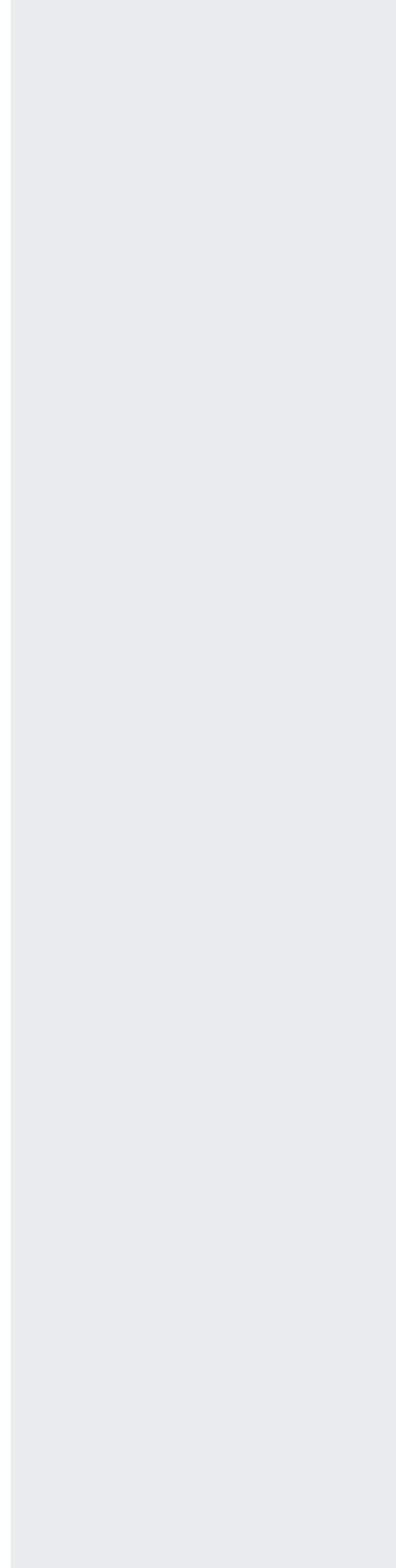
He also seized some of the job opportunities the University offered, including working for the alumni office on the fundraising call team and working on summer camps with school kids who would not otherwise have considered university. He says: "That was really fun, and it gave me great experience of how to talk to people."

When the time came to leave Lancaster, Tez took a graduate job, winning a sought-after place on the Civil Service Fast Stream, beginning in Croydon. However, he was not a born Home Office Civil Servant, as he freely admits, although he enjoyed placements



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The project brought local people, academics and students together through an exciting programme of free and interactive activities, which aimed to challenge, inspire and inform.

A wide variety of events took place, beginning with an exciting launch day including reptiles, a 3D tour of the human body, circus performers and activities related to immunology and bacteria.

Many of the University's departments were represented during the five-week programme, which covered topics as diverse as child development, the history of medicine, Chinese culture and practical legal advice.

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"I spent three wonderful years at Lancaster as an undergraduate between 1986 and 1989. My choice of university was determined by the



Dr Peter Metcalfe

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